

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday: Cloudy and mild.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1931.

Temperature

Table with temperature data: Highest yesterday 53, Lowest this morning 31, Precipitation: To 5 a.m. yesterday .01, To 5 a.m. today .02

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By Arthur Briabane

Desert Bootleg Stills. Power From Mercury. New Cosmic Eye. Billy Sunday Fights On.

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LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 26.—You find contrasts here, at the edge of the Pacific, coming through the mountain pass an hour to the east, a wind, freezing cold blows down from the snow covered mountains.

A few minutes later at the bottom of the pass you open all the automobile windows, take off your overcoat, and see near Azusa men picking ripe strawberries in a really hot climate.

On the narrow desert trails: surprising number of new automobiles, their drivers in fine "store" clothes, replace the old third-hand cars held together by straps and pieces of rope that you once saw on the same trails.

That is not, you are told, the result of prohibition closing the saloons, and "keeping dad from spending his money on drink."

Prohibition nevertheless is responsible. "In remote parts of the desert, wherever there is water there is a whiskey still."

Some of those cars early customers going out to buy. Others carry the bootleg manufacturers.

Prohibition develops a strange prosperity of its own.

Gerard Swope, president of General Electric, is here to inspect the enlargement of one of his company's numerous Pacific Coast plants, and also to inspect the R. K. O. moving picture concern in which General Electric is interested.

He sees, in the morning paper, news from his Schenectady factory of the world's strangest plant for generating power.

Vapor from mercury is used in place of steam, 250,000 pounds of mercury in a gigantic boiler will generate power at low cost. Waterfalls may find themselves out of fashion before they are fairly put to work.

Ancient scientists seeking vainly to solidify mercury, because they did not know how to produce a sufficiently low temperature, little thought that the strange metal, raised to the boiling point, would be used to create artificial lighting.

More interesting than bigger manufacturing plants, greater moving picture studios, or even generating power, with vapor from mercury, is the giant 200-inch telescope for Mount Wilson observatory.

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Abe Martin



Women have made marvelous strides, an' excel at about everything now, 'cept talkin' one at a time. A garb breath makes a dandy chaparron.

RIVAL RAILS WILL ENTER S. F. REGION

Western Pacific Is Granted All-Rail Entrance to City Over Opposition of S. P.—Means Completion of Strategic Coast Link.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The Western Pacific railroad was given permission today by the Interstate Commerce commission to build its own all-rail entrance into San Francisco.

The commission set aside the strenuous opposition to the extension which was instituted by the Southern Pacific system.

By the decision, the Western Pacific gained full authority to complete a strategic railroad extension through the Pacific coast, in which enterprise it had the direct cooperation of the Great Northern railroad.

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The city's petition also asks for a crossing over Fourth St., which matter will be heard at the same time and information also sets forth the need of the opening of that street, but efforts will be concentrated on seeking to obtain the Eighth St. opening as the greater immediate necessity.

The city officials know that the Southern Pacific will make a hard fight against a crossing over Eighth St., but think it will not resist as hard against the asked for Fourth St. crossing, as the latter would not affect its yard.

If this arrangement is made, the cost of the Western Pacific new construction will be reduced to about \$3,500,000.

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Dancer Dies



Mrs. Anna Pavlova, world famous interpreter and ballet dancer who died recently in Holland as a result of pneumonia contracted while on tour.

CITY PREPARED TO BATTLE FOR RAIL CROSSINGS

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ASK BAN ON PRODUCT OF RED TOILER

Union and Farm Spokesmen Seek Tightening of Provisions Against Forced Labor Products—Hawley Has Inside Facts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Labor and farm federation representatives today urged barring of Russian forced labor products before the house ways and means committee.

The hearing was on proposals specifically to bar all Russian products or to exclude them as forced labor products.

Clayton Gray of the American farm bureau federation urged passage of a bill which would tighten provisions against forced labor products.

Edward P. McGrady of the American Federation of Labor, advocates exclusion of all "Russian forced labor" products.

Asked if direct exclusion of Russian products would not be better, Gray said that certain products from certain other countries should be kept out. He mentioned Liberia, France, Morocco, and Czechoslovakia.

"Russia has a well defined policy," said McGrady, "to make things so embarrassing—by breaking down wage scales, by breaking down markets—as to create havoc in the United States and other countries."

He said the present unemployment crisis would not be settled quickly. "There are no new manufactures appearing to give work to 3,500,000 workers whose jobs have been destroyed by machinery," he commented.

Chairman Hawley of the committee said he had been informed virtually all labor in Russia was forced.

Exile of Doorn Congratulated Upon Birthday

DOORN, Holland, Jan. 27.—(AP)—His once imperial majesty, William Hohenzollern, today celebrated his seventieth birthday quietly at Doorn House in the Dutch village of his exile.

SITE INSPECTOR GIVES ASHLAND COLD SHOULDER

General Wood Rouses Resentment by Refusal to Stop for Veterans' Home Consideration.

ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Guy Applewhite, commander of the American Legion post here, said today protests had been forwarded to the Oregon delegation in congress against the action of General George H. Wood in refusing to view a site offered by Ashland for the proposed soldiers home in the Pacific northwest.

Applewhite said the general had promised to view the local site, but shortly before he was due to arrive he notified Ashland he would be unable to stop longer than 15 minutes, the duration of his train stop.

Although Ashland had entreated Roseburg as first choice for the home in Oregon, this city offered its site in event Roseburg was not selected.

ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(Sp.)—Refusal of General George H. Wood, chairman of the board of managers of national soldiers homes, to stop in Ashland yesterday to inspect this city's site for the proposed two million dollar home for the northwest in causing widespread resentment in this end of the valley.

General Wood claimed the Ashland site was too far removed from the center of the northwest to make it a feasible location for the home.

Learning of the general's plans to pass thru without stopping, Guy Applewhite, American Legion post commander and a delegation of members, motored to Grants Pass to meet General Wood in that city to induce him to at least show the courtesy of viewing the 200-acre site, south of this city.

TRIAL SOON FOR SLAYER OF OFFICER

Kingsley May Face Court Before End of Month—Bound Over to Grand Jury at Hearing Today—Witness Held On Heavy Bail.

Every effort will be made to bring James E. Kingsley, self-confessed slayer of Sam G. Prescott, Ashland police officer, in Ashland Saturday morning, to an early trial, the district attorney's office said today.

Kingsley was questioned this forenoon by State Traffic Captain C. P. Talent and told of incidents surrounding the theft in Salt Lake City of the De Soto sedan, which he was driving when he arrived in Ashland. He related the car was taken by himself and a partner, named "Irish," and the attack of the driver when a short distance out of the city. Irish is alleged to have struck the driver on the head and the pair thought they had killed him, but nevertheless they tied him up and drove north to near Idaho and Washington.

He denied of having been connected with any other deeds of violence. Kingsley is content to have the law take its course, but is anxious over the probability of hanging. He prefers life imprisonment, but it is improbable that he will receive such consideration in view of the cold blooded manner by which he brought about the officer's death.

He also said he had never been to a circus and had never owned more than one suit, pair of shoes and overcoat at one time. He has a weakness for cigars and prefers them to cigarettes.

Waives Examination He was brought to justice court this forenoon handcuffed to Oscar Dunford and accompanied by Sheriff Jennings and Deputy Paul Jennings. He was told his rights by Judge Glenn O. Taylor and was advised he could hire a lawyer. He waived examination and after being bound over to the grand jury was hurried back to his cell in the county jail.

While no mob violence is expected, special precautions are being taken to prevent a possible lynching, about which mutterings were in the air at day Saturday.

Prescott's funeral was held this afternoon in Ashland and was attended by a large delegation of local county and city officers who had learned to know him as one of the most conscientious young men in southern Oregon.

Following reports from Edgar N. Smith, a rancher seven miles south-west of Dufur, and further corroborative testimony of the flight of a plane across the fog enshrouded sky of the neighborhood, Seth Davidson, commercial pilot and war comrade of Case, flew over the upper Fifteen Mile creek today. On his return he discovered he had not covered the territory in which Case's plane is thought to have fallen.

Youngest General



Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea of Salem, Ore., is believed to be the youngest general in the army. He has been assigned command of the Eighty-second Brigade, composed entirely of Oregon troops.

MRS. BRUCE IS INJURED WHEN PLANE UPSETS

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Mildred Bruce, British flyer on a world trip, was injured this afternoon when her plane overturned at the Glenn L. Martin airport as she started to leave for Washington.

The accident occurred as the plane's wheels bogged in mud off the runway. The plane turned completely over but Mrs. Bruce climbed out almost immediately as spectators ran up.

She apparently suffered only a few cuts and bruises and the plane did not seem badly damaged.

On landing here this morning after a flight from Tappanhook, where she was forced down late yesterday on her way from Pittsburgh, the wheels of the plane stuck in the mud in a corner of the field.

Mrs. Bruce damaged her plane in a bad landing on Medford airport recently.

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FAVORABLE REPORT ON ROGUE BILL

Three Committee Members Withhold Vote for Final Bill in Senate—Miller, Dunn and Eberhard Are Strong in Support.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Without a minority adverse report the senate committee on the senate bill providing for the closing of Rogue river to commercial fishing. There was, however, no assurance that all members of the committee would vote for the bill when it goes to final passage on the floor.

Senator Spaulding of Marion county declined to vote on the question whether the committee should report favorably, and declared he was deeply impressed by the argument of the commercial interests at the public hearing last week.

Senators Carson and Billingsley reserved the right to vote as they pleased when the bill goes to vote in the senate. Senators Miller and Dunn, both of whose names are on the bill, and Senator Eberhard are unqualifiedly for it and it appeared certain that Senator Schumacher would support it.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—By a vote of 36 to 24 the house today refused to adopt the minority report of the Multnomah county delegation against the rejection of the bill providing for appointment of the Port of Portland commission by the governor.

The Multnomah delegation last night, by a vote of 19 to 4, rejected the house bill upon which the governor earlier yesterday in a special message urged support. The measure would give the governor power to appoint nine members of the port commission.

The minority report, signed by Representatives Herbert Gordon, D. E. Kenney, John H. Lewis and R. W. Gill, urged the passage of the bill.

Farm Department Urged A bill which would create a state department of agriculture, which has been much discussed since the opening of the legislature, was introduced in the senate today. It would consolidate all existing departments and agencies pertaining to agriculture, horticulture and livestock.

Repeat of the state market road tax levy is called for in a bill introduced by Senators Kiddle and Eddy. It would require the state highway commission to apportion to the counties amounts of money each year equal to at least 1 mill on the assessed valuation of the counties. No county could receive in excess of 19 per cent above the 1 mill.

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TIRE DANDHI GETS OVATION AFTER PRISON

BOMBAY, India, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Mahatma Gandhi, released last night from a British prison at Poona, today urged the authorities to liberate the thousands of Indian nationalists still in jail, emphasizing the necessity for general political amnesty if peace is to be restored in India.

Tumultuous multitudes surrounded Gandhi upon his arrival from Yeroda prison today and gave him one of the greatest ovations of his strange career.

Only after hours of cheering and acclamation could he break away, pleading with them: "If you love me, go home. Go and spin yarn and bring it to me. This is the greatest service that you can render India and myself. I am weary and tired after my sleepless night on the train, and if you are merciful you will disperse."

Approve Nomination, WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The nomination of David Burnett of Ohio as collector of internal revenue to succeed Robert H. Lucas was approved unanimously today by the senate finance committee.

MISSING PILOT CRASHED NEAR DUFUR IS CLUE

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Report that a plane was heard Thursday night northwest of Dufur, and that a short time later a crash was heard in a nearby canyon, sent searching parties into the district today in the belief that Walter E. Case, missing Varney pilot, may have crashed in the vicinity.

Following reports from Edgar N. Smith, a rancher seven miles southwest of Dufur, and further corroborative testimony of the flight of a plane across the fog enshrouded sky of the neighborhood, Seth Davidson, commercial pilot and war comrade of Case, flew over the upper Fifteen Mile creek today. On his return he discovered he had not covered the territory in which Case's plane is thought to have fallen.

Smith said he heard the plane, flying low and hidden by clouds. The motor seemed to be missing. A long crew at Springer Mill, four miles beyond Smith's place, reported hearing a crash a short time later.

Fire Under Knife, NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Irene Castle McLaughlin, the former dancer and now wife of a Chicago sportsman and coffee manufacturer, was recovering here today from an operation for varicose veins, performed last week end at a private sanitarium on East 6th street.

Chicago Shoppers Witness Battle Against Bandits in Department Store Holdup

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Five men were held by the police today in connection with a hold robbery yesterday of \$19,280 by five gunmen at the Weibold department store, Lincoln and Ashland avenue. The money was seized during an exchange of shots which caused scores of customers to flee in fear. Three men were wounded.

RELIEF WHEAT TO BE TALKED BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The house agriculture committee tomorrow will take up the senate bill to make 20,000,000 bushels of the farm board's wheat available for relief purposes.

Announcing the decision, Chairman Hagen today registered opposition to any bill for relief "at the expense of the farmers."

"That bill defeats the purpose of the farm board because by turning this wheat loose it breaks the price the board has been trying to stabilize," he said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Over the opposition of a Wisconsin Republican and a North Carolina Democrat, the house today approved a \$100,000,000 appropriation for the farm board, the last installment of its \$500,000,000 revolving fund.

HEAR COMMISSION ABOLITION FRIDAY

SALEM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The administration bill for abolition of the public service commission as it now exists and the creation of a one-man commission will be the subject of a public hearing next Friday night before the joint senate and house committees on railroads and utilities.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the senate committee on roads and highways will hold a hearing on bills providing against the use of billboards and other advertising matter along public highways and prohibiting the gathering of plants and flowers along the highways.

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DISPUTE POSITION OF BOOZE RUNNER

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A dispute as to the position of the Canadian rum-runner Josephine K. when she was shipped by the coast guard Saturday night and her master fatally wounded added to the international complications today.

At the arraignment of the crew before United States commissioner Carter yesterday, Assistant United States Attorney Robert H. Watts demanded high bail on the ground that the vessel was sighted within the 12-mile limit.

SALEM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Prevention of illegal traffic in narcotics in Oregon through educational work pertaining to alcohol, stimulants and narcotics beyond the public schools and the enforcement of needed statutes is recommended to the 33rd legislature in a report of the state narcotic commission. Measures pertaining to the recommendations have already been prepared or are under preparation.

MARSHFIELD ENJOYS WARM JANUARY DAY

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—The warmest January day in 29 years was enjoyed by Cass Day residents today. The temperature at noon was 70 degrees. In January, 1902, the same temperature was reached.

MEN TO START CLEARING WORK ON SCHOOL SITE

A crew of about 12 men will be set to work Wednesday morning by Supt. E. M. Hedrick clearing up the Oakdale high school site preparatory to building the new high school there.

The board's plan is to widen Oakdale avenue 20 feet in front of the school site and to take out the cottonwood trees now on the site so it will be possible to put in a lawn. The large oaks, the redwood, cedar, sycamores and maple will be left on the site, except where it may be necessary to remove some of the smaller ones to effect street widening.

Only married men with children are being employed for this job, which is expected to last three or four days. More than enough men are already on the list, according to Supt. Hedrick.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(AP)—For wailing his 26-month-old daughter with a stick because she wouldn't eat, C. L. Lewis was given a 90-day suspended jail sentence today. Police said the child's body was covered with black and blue marks.

WILL ROGERS says:

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 27.—The Wickersham report has divided parties and individuals into the following classifications: the "retainers," that's the ones that want to retain the amendment and the liquor that goes with it; the "abolitionists," those are the ones that want the amendment abolished, and retain the liquor; then there are the "appropriationists." They want some money appropriated whether it's abolished or retained. Then there is the "state riters." They want their state to handle the revenue that comes from liquor under the present plan, or under any proposed plan. Then the big majority belong to the "willing to be convinced as soon as they see how the people will vote" plan. Kind of got Mr. Hoover hanging on the fringes of that group.

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