

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Thursday unsettled, probably rain; normal temperature.

Twenty-Fifth Year

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

A Big Discussion.
It Will Be Twins.
He Came and Jumped.
Kemal Wins, Allah Loses.

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The big discussion of the moment concerns relief of Americans in need and how to go about it, if at all. There seems to be more hesitation about relieving Americans, by the way, than there was about relieving Armenians and other foreigners in a war that we did not start. We did start this depression war.

Senator Borah in a savagely magnificent speech that might make him president some day if he is not careful, tells of a mother and her children eating "grease and sour meal that you would not give to a dog."

Not only would Borah have an extra session if necessary, but, says he: "Let us stay here until every starving child and woman has been taken care of by the government, whose duty it is to take care of its suffering citizens."

The fight is on between Borah and President Hoover and their respective adherents.

Yesterday the president issued a statement saying that the government should not do anything until charity, meaning the Red Cross, has failed.

The people should rely on mutual self help, says President Hoover, quoting the words of Grover Cleveland under similar circumstances. "It is for the people to support the government, the government should not support the people."

Senator Borah might and probably will reply, "That was not said to the hungry Armenians, or Russians, or the European nations that needed ten thousand millions of our money to continue murdering each other."

Senator Borah says the Red Cross is not strong enough to carry through the job. The government could certainly do it more cheaply, and efficiently, by employing men of the army and navy, as might be shown by printing the payroll of the Red Cross for the past year or so, showing how much of the money spent reaches salaried individuals, and not starving stomachs.

If congress means to do anything for those in want and should hand the money directly to them, regardless of that terrible word "dole," the money would be spent in stores, would help pay clerks

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Abe Martin



Of course it costs money to say it with flowers, but it's well worth the difference if you don't use good English. Herbert Hoover has furnished about as much food for thought as he did for the allies.

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MEMPHIS MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD OREGON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1931.

Temperature

Highest yesterday	55
Lowest this morning	28
Precipitation	0.00
To 5 p. m. yesterday	0.00
To 5 a. m. today	0.00

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OPEN TRIAL FOR SLAYER OF OFFICER

Kingsley Enters Plea of Not Guilty in Murder of Sam Prescott—Special Verdict Called—May Get Verdict Late Thursday.

Selection of a jury in the trial of James E. Kingsley, alias J. C. Adams, charged with first degree murder, for the alleged slaying of Sam Prescott, Ashland policeman, began in the circuit court this afternoon before Circuit Judge H. D. Norton.

The examination was slow owing to the exhaustive questioning of each juror by both state and defense. Up to three o'clock, only six jurors had been examined.

Herbert F. Upton, of Central Point, the first juror, claimed scruples against capital punishment. Under questioning by the court it was shown his views were not sufficiently fixed to prevent rendering a verdict in accordance with the law and the evidence.

Jens Jensen, Medford, under questioning claimed that he was biased against ex-convicts, and that it would influence his verdict.

Opinions Fixed.
D. C. Goddard of Talent and A. C. Mittelsteadt of Eagle Point, declared they had formed fixed opinions from reading newspaper accounts of the tragedy.

J. M. Lively of Gold Hill, in his younger days a sheriff of a southern Ohio county, qualified and was satisfactory to both sides, but informed the court he had a severe cold in his head which affected his hearing. The court questioned the juror, and withheld discharging him for physical disability.

The defense questioning concerned views upon capital punishment, if they had been prejudiced by newspaper accounts of the killing, if they or any of their kin or friends, had ever been affected by a homicide, if the report that the defendant was a "maniac" would affect their verdict, and if they would hold to their honest opinion in the juryroom against different opinions.

The state questions were confined to views of capital punishment and knowledge of the crime.

Courtroom Crowded.
The remaining jurors, all subject to challenge are: B. L. Nutting, Medford, Charles B. Carlton, Medford, E. T. Pottenger, Medford, C. W. Fortmiller, Ashland, Frank W. Druzen, Phoenix, and Miles Stuart, Medford.

It will take the greater part of the afternoon to select a jury and make the opening statements.

A packed courtroom, including many from Ashland, viewed the proceedings.

Kingsley, looking younger than the 21 years he claims, neatly groomed and wearing a close fitting, late style brown suit, with folded hands, beside attorney Herbert K. Hanna, in manifested a respectful, but not keen interest in the proceedings, and watched his juror closely while under questioning.

James E. Kingsley, alias J. C. Adams, admitted slayer of Sam Prescott, Ashland policeman, on January 24, while resisting detention for questioning on the ownership of the stolen automobile in which he was riding, entered a plea of not guilty in circuit court and this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock went on trial on a first degree murder charge.

Conviction carries with it the extreme penalty of death or life imprisonment, if the jury so recommends.

A special venire of 25 citizens was ordered drawn by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton to augment the regular jury list. The court anticipates it will encounter objection to capital punishment.

It is possible to extend a speedy trial to Kingsley as actions pending are all set for next week.

Kingsley, if convicted, will be rushed by the sheriff to the state prison at Salem by train.

The prisoner was represented in court by Attorney Herbert K. Hanna, and his free volunteer counsel, Attorney E. B. Kelly and T. J. Enright.

The state is represented by District Attorney George A. Coddington and Deputy District Attorney George Neuben.

ASKS JUDGMENT AGAINST COPCO

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A judgment of \$79,250 against the California-Oregon Power company and four other defendants has been filed in federal court here by Robert P. Oliver and his wife, Agnes, residents of Klamath county.

The other defendants are the American Trust company, C. M. Brewer, John C. Boyle and H. P. Bosworth Jr.

The Oliver's seek redress for alleged damages to riparian rights.

Blind Man's Dog Leads To Scene Of Suicide Shot

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Neighbors watching firemen in a futile battle to put out the flames consuming the home of George Meyers, 75-year-old blind man, tried to quiet the dog that has led him about for years.

And when he would not be still, they followed him to a thicket not far away. In a clump of bushes they found Meyers, dying from a shot-gun wound. Meyers set fire to his home; then shot himself.

BANK HEAD HITS BONUS CASH PLAN

President American Bankers Says Payment to Vets Would Retard Business Recovery—Alternative Plans Less Harmful.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Rome C. Stephenson, president of the American Bankers' association, testified today that cashing veterans' service certificates would make hopes of gradual business recovery seem "ill founded."

Before the house ways and means committee, the banker reiterated his belief the "nation is now headed back toward economic recovery."

"However," he added, "if this bonus plan payment is to eventuate, it would seem that those hopes are ill founded."

Stephenson termed the nation's present condition "one of the greatest business depressions of its history."

Upholding Secretary Mellon's opposition to cash redemption of the veterans' adjusted compensation certificates, he said he spoke "not primarily for the banks or for any particular interests, but essentially for the far greater welfare of all of our people."

Enactment of plans to pay cash for certificates now, he warned, might in the future hinder enactment of "other really deserving bills for the relief of the world war veterans."

"The nation has suffered enough economic adversity already," he declared.

Alternatives Seen.
Stephenson went on to give the opinion, however, that two substitutes for full cash redemption of soldiers certificates could be executed "without serious injury to business."

Representative Hadley, Republican, Washington, asked what would result from taking \$384,000,000 of the treasury reserve for application toward retirement of the certificates, and floating a billion dollar bond issue for part payment.

"It would not be so disastrous," was the answer.

"You think that would have less effect on the market?" Hadley questioned.

"If arrangements for that could be made so as to spread it over some months," the banker answered, "I believe it could be done without serious injury."

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JAIL LA GRANDE EX-TREASURER AS DEFAULTER

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Mrs. Emma Fowler, 50, former city treasurer here, whose accounts officials declare, are \$112,000 short, today waived all preliminary and announced her readiness to appear in circuit court later in the day on direct information. She has been charged with larceny of public funds.

Mrs. Fowler was arrested in Pendleton late yesterday after failing to turn over the city funds to the new treasurer.

City officials today were endeavoring to check up on the loss and recover whatever part of the money they can.

Sheriff James Freshour said Mrs. Fowler told his office the money was in a safety deposit vault in a Portland bank, but the bank wired the sheriff the woman has no funds on deposit, and no safety box has been issued to her.

WARNS OF ECONOMIC PERIL



Andrew W. Mellon (left), secretary of the treasury, shown when he appeared before the senate finance committee, warn that cash redemption of the soldiers' bonus would retard business recovery and prolong unemployment. He is shown with Senator James E. Watson, acting chairman of the committee.

ROGUE NETTERS FREE BOOKS IN MAY ASK VOTE SCHOOLS URGED ENTIRE STATE BY PTA LEADERS

Call for Referendum Would Necessitate Gathering of 10,000 Names By Petition, Is Law.

Now that the state legislature has voted to close the Rogue river to commercial fishing, there is some possibility that Roderick Macleay, canner who has been operating for sometime at the mouth of the stream, may take steps to call a referendum to refer the closing measure to the people at the next general election in two years.

Local sportsmen believe there is little question that Governor Julius Meier will sign the bill.

If Macleay decides to call a referendum, made possible by circulating petitions to obtain 10,000 names, he will be permitted to fish in the stream for the next two years.

However, due to the low market price canned salmon is now bringing, as shown by the action of Alaska canners to can only half of the possible output this season, it is thought Macleay will not go to the expense.

It is generally accepted that if the referendum is called to reopen the river, voters of Oregon will vote it down by a big majority.

CALIFORNIA HAS HEAVY RAINFALL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—(AP)—On the heels of the heaviest rainstorm of the year in southern California yesterday, generally unsettled weather conditions with probable rain was forecast for today over the entire Pacific coast.

Yesterday's storm also caused heavy tides all along the California coast and resulted in the death of a fisherman, Frank McDaniels, 30, who was drowned in the mouth of the Klamath river, north of Eureka, when his small boat was swept to sea and capsized by a breaker.

AMERICAN NET TEAM WILL PLAY MEXICANS

PARIS, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Surrounded by ambassadors and ministers to Paris, President Doumergue, of France, today drew from the great silver bowl known as the Davis cup, the pairings for the international tennis play.

The draw in the North American zone pits the United States against Mexico, the winner to play Canada in the zone finals.

Chicago Stool Pigeon Has Hectic Night at Hands of Gangsters In Grave Yard

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Acting on information given them by George Whitbrod, 34, whom they found in a coffin-like box on a lonely road early today, police arrested seven youths for questioning on charges of kidnapping Whitbrod, torturing him and then leaving him in an open grave.

The youths, Albert Ehmman, 20, George Schimmel, 19, Joe Kloppe, 19, Michael Kuhn, 19, Fred Cost, 21, Richard Morawetz, 21, and William Madry, confessed the abduction of Whitbrod, when his small boat was swept to sea and capsized by a breaker.

Whitbrod, whose left hand is crippled, said that seven men took him from a pool room as a "practical joke" and put him in an automobile and drove to the cemetery. He lost consciousness for a time but when he woke up he found himself tied to a stone cross in the graveyard. They threw clods of dirt at him. When he jerked one of his hands free the men found a wooden box, the kind in which caskets are kept, near the newly dug grave. After gagging him they forced him into it, nailed down the lid and tried to throw it into the grave.

The box, however, did not fit well, so the abductors tied a rope to the box, fastening the other end to the automobile, and dragged it to the point where Whitbrod was found.

CITY WILL EYE NEEDS ON SEWAGE

New Disposal Plant Looms As Necessity in Near Future—Survey Ordered By Council—Sidewalk Installation Deferred.

After years of discussion by various city administrations concerning need of a new sewage disposal plant in the city, the first concrete movement to bring it about was the vote of the city council last night to appropriate \$1500 to make a thorough survey of the situation to learn just what is needed and what kind of a new plant is best, preliminary to calling a bond issue election some time in the future for from \$125,000 to \$150,000 with which to build a new plant.

This action was taken after the council heard testimony from W. W. Allen, chairman, and C. C. Darby of that committee, with City Superintendent Scheffel had made a visit to the old disposal plant and recommended that such a survey be made. J. O. Grey is the other member of the committee. Mayor E. M. Wilson and the councilmen, all of whom were present except M. Kershaw, were unanimous in this move.

Defers Sidewalks.
The matter of ordering in new sidewalks, a number of which were recently ordered in, was deferred for six months, following a recommendation of such procedure by the council committee on finance, C. A. Meeker, chairman, which time a new method of financing payment for sidewalks ordered put in by property owners will either be provided by the present legislature, or will be devised by the council.

Mayor Wilson reappointed the present personnel of the city boxing commission to serve another year, which appointment was confirmed. The council also voted approval to the legislature of the various bills that have been introduced in that body by the League of Oregon Cities, of which City Attorney F. P. Farrell is on the legislative committee and who left for Salem the other day to aid in getting passage for these bills.

Open Sewer Bids.
Bids were opened for the construction of 4-inch sewers in Glen Oak court, Modoc avenue, Keene Way and Oakwood avenue. There were only two bidders, the Medford Concrete and Construction company and R. L. Stewart & Son. The winning bid, after a study of both, was to have been awarded this afternoon.

It was decided to give notice of intention to build a petition for power by property owners in the Herridale district, and the contract with R. L. Stewart & Son for sewer or street work out Berkeley Way was ratified. A number of minor ordinances were passed and considerable routine business transacted.

A petition signed by 36 property owners on Fourth street between Oakdale and Hiversdale protested the assessment levied for the paving for that street, for the reason that there is included in it the expense of changing the radius of the corners of all intersections; also the inclusion of paving of alleys crossing the street, and other items of expense which do not properly belong to the paving that had been petitioned for, the protesters claim.

The petitioners hold that the said corners and sidewalks have already been paid for once by the property owners.

PROTECTION IN HARD TIMES IS COUNTRIES NEED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Amendment to the constitution to protect the American people from a recurrence of present unstable banking conditions was held today by Owen D. Young, New York financier, to be the only recourse if it is found the federal government "has no authority" to apply corrective measures.

Testifying before the senate banking investigating committee, Young said:

"We have seen thousands of bank failures and it is a great reflection on the American people if they can't get protection against this condition. And this is a period of prosperity, of disturbed economic conditions, true, but of prosperity."

Tourists visiting Sequoia national park in California during the season numbered 129,221.

Co. s Dance Is Co. s Revenge On The Boy Friends

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Powdered noses were held high at Waynesburg college today, as dainty co-ed "snubbed" college boys and the "zero hour" in this school's campus "war" drew night.

Tonight's the night of the girls' "madness" dance—the penalty imposed by the co-eds because the boys escorted non-college girls to a recent campus social event.

There was much whispering among the boys. Some of them are going to attempt to "crash" the dance disguised as girls.

3 SLAIN BY HUSBAND IN FAMILY ROW

SEATTLE, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Three persons were killed today by William Laverne Clark, 23, farmer of Kent, Wash., reported dying in the City hospital after firing a bullet into his own brain.

The dead are Mrs. Clark, his wife; Gloria Clark, 4, his daughter; and Jack H. Anthony, his brother-in-law. Police said domestic troubles had maddened him.

Officers said Clark, armed with a pistol and with a receipt in his pocket for \$10 paid into court December 27 as costs of his and his wife's divorce case, went to the house on Yester Way, where the shootings occurred, and found his brother-in-law entering the dry cleaning shop Anthony operated.

Clark ordered Anthony back to the house, marching along behind his captive, pistol in hand. He told Anthony to stop at the first door of the main hallway inside the house, which opens into a room occupied by Anthony and his wife, Mrs. Fannie M. Anthony.

There he ordered Anthony to stop and wait. Mrs. Anthony called to him.

Brother-in-Law Shot.
Then Clark told her to put on her bath robe and come out. He turned to a door across the hall and kicked it in with his feet. Anthony dodged into another vacant room, but Clark followed him, police said and shot him dead with one bullet.

Running back into the hall Clark tried another door which he found locked. Inside his wife and two little children were asleep. Gloria in a crib, and Mrs. Clark and their 15 months old son, Billy, together in another bed.

Firing three shots, Clark blasted the work from the door, he met his wife coming toward him and killed her with another shot.

Turning to the crib he sent a bullet through Gloria's head, killing her instantly. His last bullet he used on himself, sending it through his right temple.

Boy Unharmed.
Terror stricken, Mrs. Anthony telephoned police. A. J. Hill and P. I. Green found Clark lying in the bedroom with his dead wife and daughter. The little boy was screaming. At first he was thought wounded and taken to the hospital with his father, but he was unharmed.

Clark had been out of work for sometime, accumulating \$1,000 in debt, and his only means of support was compensation received from the state of Oregon for injuries in an industrial accident there last year.

Ad Funds Grew.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The Red Cross today had raised \$5,952,432 in its campaign for a \$10,000,000 drought relief fund.

HYDRO BILL DISCUSSED AT HEARING

Both Houses Defer Sessions to Attend Public Airing of Meier Pet Measure—Utility Heads Present During Debate.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Regular sessions of the house and senate were delayed until 11 o'clock to make way for the public hearing on the administration hydro-electric power commission measure. The hearing prevented a quorum in the house at the regular time and the regular business was put over an hour. The senate had previously arranged for a later session.

The power hearing, attended by representatives of large utility companies, as well as supporters of the measure, centered its attention upon the federal water power act, which interferes with state control of undeveloped resources in the federal domain in the state, and criticism of the proposed state act as being unnecessary.

A. E. Clark, one of the drafters of the bill, after declaring the measure set forth the views of Governor Julius L. Meier, explained its provisions.

SALEM, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A new tunnel measure, creating an extra commission to construct and maintain such project, will be introduced in the senate today, it was announced last night following the withdrawal by its authors of the tunnel measure already introduced.

The one withdrawn would put such projects in the hands of the highway commission and tunnels would be taken over by that department.

The direct purpose of such a bill is for the construction of the so-called Tualatin tunnel connecting Washington and Multnomah counties. The cost of such a project is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Meier To Sign Fish Bill.
The Rogue river fish bill, which last week passed the senate, was successfully put through the house late yesterday by a vote of 44 to 16. The signature of Governor Julius L. Meier is anticipated since the closing of the river to commercial fishing, as provided in his political campaign. The bill was approved after a public hearing and two prolonged debates, one each in the house and the senate. It was sponsored by the Jackson and Josephine delegations, while the brunt of the opposition fell upon Coos and Curry counties.

Twelve speakers were heard on either side of the Rogue river argument, opened and closed by Representative J. T. Chinneck, of Josephine county, who emphasized the tourist attraction of the river, made famous through the pen of novelists of western lore. It was through its "hospitality" program that Jackson and Josephine counties built up an increase of 65 percent in population during the past ten years, he said.

Angell For Compromise.
Representative Homer D. Angell,

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 4.—Back to the old home state, and despite all the evils that have hit the whole world, she looks pretty good.

The worst thing that can happen to you in Oklahoma City is to hit an oil well, for you can't sell the oil.

Appeared before the Oklahoma legislature Monday in joint session and injected a little seriousness into what for one month has been a comedy de l'axe.

Had a couple of hours of food and conversation with "Alfalfa" Bill Murray, America's most colorful governor. They will never impeach this baby. He's too slick for 'em. He's got lots of common sense, and if the people want a good government he will give it to 'em. Sometimes I doubt if they do. But watch old "Alfalfa" he will grow right in that capitol.

Will Rogers