The Weather
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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE THREE counties of Lake, Harney and Malheur are referred to often as the lost counties of Oregon. They are lost because so little is known of them in the more thickly settled areas that they might not be a part of the state at all.

Yet they contain a wealth of interesting material.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Over in Harney county there is a mountain of diatomaceous earth. Diatomaceous earth is a substance similar to chalk, composed of the fossilized skeletons of countless billions of marine insects.

Diatomaceous earth is one of the most efficient of all known insulating materials.

INSULATION against heat and cold is one of the latest developments in house building.

Insulation KEEPS HEAT IN in winter, thus reducing fuel bills, and KEEPS HEAT OUT in summer, thus making homes more comfortable in the hot season.

As the advantages of this process become better known, insulating materials are going to be in great demand.

HERE is the way they use diatomaceous earth in small house building:

They build a frame house, exactly according to the usual method. Then they pack in diatomaceous earth between the rafters and fill it into the walls between the lath and the weatherboarding. The result is a low-cost wooden house that will resist heat and cold, as well as expensive brick construction.

That, you see, provides an additional argument for wooden homes, thus aiding the lumberman.

IN LAKE COUNTY, fairly well down on Quartz mountain, is a deposit of curious material known as opalized wood. It is formed by a process similar to petrification, but instead of silica iron, aluminum and other metals have been the preserving agents.

The result is an opalescent, marble-like substance of astonishing beauty. Some of the big fountain pen companies are investigating it as a possible material for the manufacture of fountain pens.

IF YOU are familiar with this country at all, you know all about Indian picture writing, examples of which are widely scattered over Eastern Oregon and Northeastern California. Most of it is supposed to be comparatively recent.

But at the Yellowstone Cut-off banquet in Lakeview the other night, referred to in this column yesterday, H. M. Nolte, of Lakeview, exhibited a photograph of picture writings found near Bly, on the Lake county side of the Klamath-Lake boundary, that are radically different from the ordinary Indian picture writing.

These symbols, Mr. Nolte pointed out, are closely similar to those found in Aztec and Maya ruins in Mexico and Central America.

WHAT a fund of fascinating speculation that opens up!

Did these ancient peoples wander as far north as interior Southern Oregon? The scientists would like to know.

If Mr. Nolte's pictures get to the right places, we may be seeing famous scientific expeditions here in Southern Oregon.

AND THEY have other things over in the lost counties. There is the musical moonshiner, the tale of whose strange career was poured into this writer's ear.

He had a lonely cabin, it appears, located on the side of a lonely mountain—a rude, rough cabin, containing few of the niceties of modern civilization.

And he had also, or was suspected to have, a still, and by all reports it was an industrious still.

SO ONE NIGHT the prohibition officers descended upon this cabin in the hills; descended in force and surrounded it and took possession of it, forcing the door when they got no answer to their knocks.

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Hoover Economy Plan Is Favored

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The senate expenditures committee today reported favorably on the Jones resolution to create a special economy commission as requested by President Hoover in a recent message to congress.

BOURBON LEADERS CLANG TOCSIN AT JEFFERSON RALLY

Roosevelt Strangely Absent As Party Notables Gather in Capital — Al Smith Speaks Banquet Tonight

WASHINGTON, April 13. — (AP) — A gathering of Democratic notables swarmed into the capital today for a tocsin-ringing rally of the party in a big drive to take possession of the government next year.

It was a Jefferson day they celebrated, the birthday anniversary of the third president, who founded their party. But all thoughts were turned to the future. Eleven of the party leaders were on the list of speakers, with Alfred E. Smith, 1928's presidential candidate, heading the list.

Conspicuously absent was Franklin D. Roosevelt, the leading candidate for the nomination, who with others not attending gave prior engagements as the reason for staying away. Speaker Garner, much talked of but unresponsive as a presidential nominee, was expected at tonight's banquet, but was not down for a talk.

Have Program for Relief.

A six-point economic relief program, including abandonment of "prohibitive" tariffs and sharp reduction in the cost of government, was advanced today by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, at the Jefferson day luncheon rally.

Joining Representative Rainey of Illinois, the house majority leader; Representative Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, and Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, vice-chairman of the party's national committee, in a severe arraignment of Republican promises and policies, the senate's Democratic chieftain also called for:

Rigid enforcement of the anti-trust laws, use of American capital at home, a policy of non-cancellation of foreign debts, and no readjustment of debts except in the interest of America, and reestablishment of higher commodities prices through orderly disposition of existing surpluses, readjustments in domestic production and other processes.

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PRIMARY BALLOT OF RECORD SIZE IN PREPARATION

The county clerk's office today started the work of preparing the ballots for the May primary and it will be the longest ballot in the memory of the oldest voter. It will contain close to 50 names on the Republican ticket, and 40 on the Democratic ballot. A full ticket of precinct committeemen on both tickets has been mustered, and all their names will adorn the ballot. The ballot will also be lengthened out by printing the slogans, none of which are snappy, and all reach the size of a paragraph. The ballot promises to be an unwieldy piece of paper. The state candidate list is also prolific.

Registrations continued brisk again yesterday, both major parties showing gains, with prospects that County Clerk Delilah Stevens Meyer's prediction that the registration would pass the 16,000 mark would come to pass ere the end of the week. The registrants are evenly divided between city and country.

County Assessor J. B. Coleman figures that with a registration of 16,000 between 40 and 50 per cent of the voters will make it to the polls on election day. The average primary vote in this county is between 15 and 20 per cent and in a general election, in 1920, 60 per cent of the voters voted.

Registration books close April 19 and a rush is anticipated in the final hours.

REPORT AIRPLANE CRASH IN WILDS

GRANGEVILLE, Ida., April 13.—(AP)—The telephone operator at Lucille, south of here, advised Sheriff Walter Altman of Grangeville that an unidentified airplane crashed on Fiddle creek, east of Lucille, late yesterday. She had no other details.

Sheriff Altman and Pearl Dye, Grangeville aviator, left at once by automobile to investigate.

Fiddle creek is in rugged mountain country, in accessible except by horse or foot travel, and is dotted with small mines. Aviators recently have been active in the region, transporting supplies to the mines.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—A business committe of Klamath Indians last night voted to reject the petition of sportsmen for fishing rights in reservation streams. The promise of the sportsmen to stock the streams and pay a tax was vetoed as a commercial venture.

Arthur M. Fish, assistant state game supervisor, said that inasmuch as the white men were not using the waters, no more fish will be planted on reservation territory.

Less Drunkenness Found In Findland With Legal Liquor

HELSINGFORS, Finland, April 13.—(AP)—Police statistics released today noted a slight falling off in the number of cases arising from alcoholic liquor since the abandonment of prohibition last month.

The figures of the police for the last week of the prohibition regime showed 524 arrests for drunkenness. Under the new liquor laws during the first week of their enforcement, 411 persons were arrested for the same offense.

RENEW DEALINGS WITH KIDNAPERS LINDBERGH BABY

Dr. Condon Convinced of Contact—Mystery Note Is Clue — Police Are Silent On Anne's Condition

ST. THOMAS, Ont., April 13.—(AP)—A man claiming to be D. D. Dickerson of New York City was arrested here today in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping. Police said he carried letters addressed to Col. Lindbergh and Mrs. Dwight Morrow, mother of Mrs. Lindbergh together with carbon copies of telegrams believed to have been sent to Col. Lindbergh.

NEWARK, N. J., April 13.—(AP)—The News said today the first authentic bill frmo the Lindbergh ransom money to come into the hands of the authorities was in possession of secret service operatives in New York City.

The operatives were said to be trying to trace the note, a $20 bill, to its source. The story was based on what the News called "unimpeachable authority."

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 13.—(AP)—Dr. John F. Condon indicated today he had renewed negotiations with the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby, to whom he has already paid a $50,000 ransom and police disclosed they had received a "mysterious message," telling where definite information of the baby's whereabouts might be obtained.

"I'm convinced I had contact with the kidnapers and I still have contact with them." Dr. Condon, who negotiated with the criminals through a series of advertisements signed "Jafsie," said today after a mysterious night journey.

Later Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, superintendent of state police, announced the latest clue.

Message Is Clue.

"A mysterious anonymous message was received," he said, advising that definite information of the kidnapers and the whereabouts of the child would be available on a boat on or near the property of the A. A. C. and company of Chrome, N. J.

"Details of troopers, together with a detail of the Carteret police, searched all boats in and near the A. C. dock and found only six barges. Two barges had just unloaded coal and four empty barges were about to be filled with fertilizer. All other boats at neighboring docks were examined, but nothing of any importance was discovered.

"This investigation is being continued."

Get Line On Gangster.

Col Schwarzkopf also said that Harry Fleischer, Detroit gangster sought for questioning about the kidnaping was reported planning to sail for England from Nova Scotia.

"Reports were received last night," he said, "that Fleischer was seen during the past week in St. Johns and is making his way to Halifax. Authorities at St. Johns and Halifax have been requested to watch for him and a careful survey of passengers leaving Halifax has also been requested."

Col. Schwarzkopf did not answer a question sent to him before he issued his bulletin asking for "a clear statement on the true conditions of Mrs. Lindbergh's health." An earlier police statement had said there was "no perceptible change" in her condition. Previously denial had been made of reports that the missing baby's mother had collapsed.

OPEN GRANGE MEETING ATTRACTS CANDIDATES

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., April 13.—(Spl.)—Many attended the open Grange meeting April 8. About 80 per cent of the registered county candidates responded to the invitation of Worthy Master Arnold Bohnert to attend. The program consisted of musical numbers, several of which were given by the Medford accordian club, led by Hugo Lange. Others were by the Grange orchestra and a group of songs by Miss Doris Richardson, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Mable Simms. These numbers were interspersed by the introduction of candidates.

Miss Richardson sang "Candidates" in her pleasing manner, which proved the hit of the evening.

The pie social was a success, with Judge Lamkin in charge.

Tillamook.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Saunders opened barber shop and beauty parlor in Marell building, 109 Second street.

ALFALFA BOOMS DENIAL CAMPAIGN TRIP CALLED OFF

'Anyway,' Says Oklahoman 'I'm Conducting Crusade, Not Campaign'—Hurries to Oklahoma From Oregon

POCATELLO, Ida., April 13.—(AP)—Important matters which need his attention at home, have caused Governor William H. Murray of Oklahoma to cut short his speaking tour of Oregon in the interests of his presidential campaign and today he was speeding to Oklahoma City.

The governor, who left Portland after an address Monday night, without explaining his absence, passed through here last night by train, and declined to add to a comment that urgent matters had called him home. He was en route to Denver, from where he planned to continue his trip to the Oklahoma capital by air.

Murray had three speaking engagements in Oregon yesterday, at Klamath Falls in the morning, Medford in the afternoon and Roseburg in the evening. After he failed to appear at Klamath Falls, where a large crowd had gathered to meet him, prominent Portland Democrats said they were unable to explain his disappearance.

Speculation flooded the Oklahoma capital, most of which centered around action Monday by Acting Governor Robert Burns, who demanded a report on reasons for alleged over-production of oil by "certain companies" in the Oklahoma City field.

DENVER, Colo., April 13.—(AP)—Governor William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma has not called off his stumping campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Murray indicated this in an emphatic statement when he arrived here today en route to Oklahoma City from Oregon.

When told that Attorney General J. Berry King of Oklahoma had said Murray had halted his campaign the governor declared:

"A hell of a lot the attorney general knows about my plans."

Few of Them Left

In a booming voice which could be heard all over the station platform the Oklahoma governor declared that "there are a lot of people in the world who forget there are a few men and women left who are more interested in the public welfare than they are in personal gain.

"Anyway," he went on with a flourish of his cigar, "I'm not con-

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FABER'S STORE ROBBED AGAIN

Burglars last night entered the general store of E. C. Faber at Central Point, by boring a hole through the floor, with an auger, and stole $4 in small change from the till, two cartons of cigarettes, 12 boxes of Copenhagen snuff and two gunnysacks full of provisions. The Faber store has been robbed on an average of twice a year for the past 20 years.

The robbers gained entrance through a vent in the side of the foundation and once under the floor driller a score of auger holes to make an entry, an operation that required at least an hour.

The state police are investigating and have strong clues.

KIDNAPED, ROBBED BY HITCH-HIKERS

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 13.—(AP)—K. A. Swanson, Everett theater man, told authorities here last night he had been kidnaped, robbed of $25, drugged and thrown from his car, which later was burned north of here.

Swanson said he picked up two hitch-hikers while en route here, and as soon as they entered his automobile a sack was thrown over his head and his car commandeered. The theater man said he was driven into Hoquiam and after some time the two men drove about five miles north of here, where Swanson was pushed out of the machine.

Authorities investigating the fire found Swanson near the burning automobile, and revived him.

BEER TAX URGED TO AID REVENUE

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Beer as a source of revenue was thrust back into the tax dispute today before the senate finance committee.

James A. Emery counsel for the National Association of Manufacturers, called for amendment of the Volstead act and the regulated manufacture of a cereal beverage which he said would produce $270,000,000 annually of revenue.

"We are concerned neither with the pros and cons of prohibition," he said. "The only issue is whether we shall have beer, with or without revenue."

DEFENDANTS UNSMILING AFTER FIRST DAY IN COURT

Associated Press Photo

The four persons who are on trial in Honolulu on charges of killing a native in front of the Judiciary Building awaiting to enter automobiles to take them to Pearl Harbor navy yard. Left to right: Albert O. Jones, Edmund J. Lord, Lt. Thomas H. Massie, U.S.N., and Mrs. Granville Fortescue. In the background are Robert Bell and Mrs. Helen Ripley, brother and sister of Mrs. Fortescue.

HAWAII ASSAULT VICTIM AIDED LYNCHING IS HINT

HONOLULU, April 13.—(AP)—A hint that Mrs. Thalia Massie might possibly have been an accomplice in or an accessory to the lynching of Joseph Kahahawai, one of her supposed attackers, was made by the prosecution today in the trial of four others for the killing.

Appearing more cheerful than at any other time since the trial started, Mrs. Granville Fortescue conversed in whispers with her brother and sister as the prosecution began today the final phase of its effort to convict her and three navy men of the lynching of Kahahawai.

Continuing its version of what happened at the Fortescue home, alleged scene of the lynching, the prosecution first called Samuel Lau, young Chinese detective. He was one of those who searched the house the day of the killing.

"Is there any distinguishing mark about that rope?" prosecutor John C. Kelley asked Lau, handing him a coil of new hempen line.

"Yes," replied Lau, "it has a purple string in the center."

With this purple strand Kelley hopes to weave one of the strongest links in his chain of circumstantial evidence against the quartet. Half a dozen witnesses testified the rope found about the sheeted body of Kahahawai in possession of three of the defendants had a purple thread woven into it.

The coil of new rope found in the Fortescue home was marked by this same purple cord.

Arthur Stagbar, another detective, testified he had found in the Fortescue bath room two small pearl buttons, to one of which a thread was hanging.

This thread, Stagbar said, corresponded with the material in the underwear found bundled in the death car with Kahahawai's body. The buttons, he said, were identical with those on the clothing.

SOUTHERN OREGON COIN MAKERS GET PRISON SENTENCES

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 13.—(AP)—Pleas of guilty to an indictment charging conspiracy to counterfeit money that were made by four men in the federal court here today resulted in Judge A. F. St. Sure sentencing three of the men and postponing sentence of the fourth until Saturday.

Melbourne Dunn of Yreka was sentenced to serve five years in prison; Harry Jennings will have to serve two years in prison and his father, Frank C. Jennings, was sentenced to serve one year. The Jennings are prospectors and said they have a mining claim in southern Oregon.

Benjamin W. Batten of Medford, Ore., made a strong plea for probation and his remarks to the court were so impressive that Judge St. Sure postponed until Saturday any sentence.

The four men were involved in counterfeiting in northern California, principally around Yreka.

STEEL TRADE HAS BRIGHTER ASPECT

NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—A few bright spots are apparent in the steel trade in spite of a further decline in ingot production to 21 per cent of capacity from the 22 per cent average of the last two weeks, "Iron age" reported today.

Indications of improvement are seen in slightly larger orders for rails and track supplies, a gain in orders for structural steel, and a stepping up of automobile schedules.

The Ford Motor Co. has issued inquiries for sheets, strip, bars and wire, but has not yet placed the tonnage necessary to produce the 300,000 cars for which it has orders.

RANK AND FILE OF VETS WANT CASH ON BONUS

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Darold D. DeCoe, national commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, told the house ways and means committee today that "perhaps 98 percent of the rank and file of the World War veterns" are behind the bonus payment proposal.

DeCoe, who came from Sacramento, Cal., to sponsor the two billion dollar cash payment, said: "Conditions are serious and the veterans need the money."

'General Hines, veterans' administrator, estimated that last year's loan advances were spent 65 per cent on the necessities of life; 20 per cent on investments; 8 per cent on automobiles and only 7 per cent on purposes from which no benefit was received," DeCoe said.

He was introduced by Representative Patman (D., Tex.), who told newspaper men just before the third day'as hearing began he believed Tuesday's meeting of the federal reserve board with the governors of the 12 reserve banks had dealt with the bonus question.

"I believe the board discussed creating a pretense at reflation of the currency for the purpose of offsetting the movement to pay the soldiers' bonus," Patman slad.

BASEBALL RESULTS

National.

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	3	7	0
Cincinnati	2	6	2

Malone and Hemsley; Carroll and Lombardi.

American.

	R.	H.	E.
Washington	7	8	0
Boston	6	8	1

Marberry, Brown, Fisher and Spencer; Russell and Berry.

EMPIRE HOLDING AGENT'S HISTORY MAY ENTER CASE

DALLAS, April 13.—(AP)—Hints that the prosecution would turn a spotlight on the past of Frank J. Keller, Jr., in connection with reference to a "Denver episode" gave promise today that the trial of Keller, the first defendant of five ex-officers of the Empire Holding Corporation to be heard would be enlivened in the future. This developed during the cross examination of George Robinson of Portland, former salesman for the defendants.

Robinson testified that to ascertain if Keller's past connections were ethical before Judge Walter H. Evans of Portland, invested in the Empire company, Evans had written to Denver and was "not satisfied with replies received. Judge Evans at that time was being mentioned as a presidential possibility as was Justice George H. Roesman, of the state supreme court, he said. He denied that he had heard that Evans was seeking a federal judgeship in New York City, a position he now holds.

Offers of 40 per cent commission for sale of stock in the Westerner, a magazine published in the interests of the Empire concern, caused him to refuse to sell stock in the publication, Robinson told the jury. His decision was reached in conjunction with offering the stock without a permit. Stock that pays as high a rate as 40 per cent commission was regarded as "bad stock" by the witness, he replied to inquiry from Barnett Goldstein, special prosecutor.

Under cross examination by defense counsel, Frank Lonergan, Robinson said that C. J. Keller was under sales contract to handle stock in the Empire company and was to receive 15 per cent as commission.

WOMAN DIES IN AUTO SMASHUP

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Mrs. James Dalton, about 55, of North Powder, was fatally injured and her husband and their son, Wiley, were hurt seriously in an automobile accident about noon today near Telocaset.

Mrs. Dalton died while an ambulance was rushing her to the Hot Lake Sanatorium.

The car, driven by the older man, crashed into the guard railing of a highway viaduct.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS LAUD GIBSON'S PLAN

PARIS, April 13.—(AP)—French socialists today welcomed the American disarmament proposals made at Geneva yesterday.

"We applaud the Gibson plan without reservations," said Leon Blum, socialist leader, in the newspaper Le Populaire.

"For the first time it opens before the conference a way which can lead to the goal, if followed with perseverance and courage."

CHOOSE MEDFORD SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR COMING YEAR

Fourteen of Faculty Dropped by Board's Action to Reduce School Costs—Saving Program Is Outlined

Teachers, numbering 92, were elected for the coming year by the Medford school board in session last night. This number represents a decrease of 14 in the school staff, necessitated by financial retrenchments resulting from general conditions. In addition to the decrease in staff the teachers' salaries are being cut 12½ per cent, provided, however, that no teacher will as a result receive less than $100 per month. These reductions and others to be carried out in maintenance expenses are expected to lower the school budget for the next year $50,000.

Saving Program Adopted

Economies on the school program have been mostly made by crowding up classes. In some cases, however, eliminations were made. The following were ordered suspended by the board for one year:

1. Special room for subnormal and atypical children at the Washington school.
2. Elementary Spanish at the high school.
3. Agriculture at the high school, which has the highest per capita cost of any course in the school system. Very few pupils have enrolled in it for the past several years.
4. Supervision of girls' physical education will also be cut. The teaching of girls' physical education will continue as usual, but it will not bear a supervisory cost. This puts it on a par with the boys' work in that department which has carried only teaching but no supervisory costs.

The teachers for whom the board is unable to find employment now will be placed upon a reserve list and vacancies filled as they arise through the spring and summer months, insofar as possible, from that list. It is hoped that many and perhaps most of the teachers can be placed before school opens this fall.

Teachers Co-operate

The spirit of teachers in helping to meet the emergency," according to Superintendent Hedrick, "has been wonderful. A number of them, while stating they needed to teach, have voluntarily offered to step aside to aid the board in making the necessary adjustments."

The following is a list of the

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THOMAS ALSO HOPEFUL P.E.P. RATE REDUCTION

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Charles M. Thomas, state utilities commissioner, who is attempting to force the Northwestern Electric company to a lower rate schedule, said today that if he is successful in the present hearing in obtaining a reduction for Northwestern Electric company users, the Portland Electric Power company here will be forced to a similar reduction.

INTERIOR FUND BILL ADOPTED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The senate today passed the sharply cut interior department appropriation bill carrying $45,000,000.

It was the first of the annual supply bills to be slashed 10 per cent below house approved totals. The senate passed it without record vote.

The bill now goes to conference between the two houses. As passed by the house it carried $50,000,000.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Apr. 12.—After Wall Street had been dead for a couple of years and everybody that had so generously contributed to the funeral was just about to go to work and forget about it, why now the U. S. senate, who investigates everything after it's dead, is going to dig up the body and hold an autopsy.

They will find out exactly what everyone else already knows, "deceased died from overgorging while the gorging was gorgeous."

Will Rogers

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