

The Weather  
Sunny cloudy, probably with showers; not much change in temperature.  
Highest yesterday 62  
Lowest yesterday 41

Twenty-Seventh Year

# Comment on the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS  
FOR several days, this column has dealt with events in the great interior country of Southeastern Oregon, across the mountains from the green and flowering Rogue River valley.  
You may say to yourself: "That is a long way off. Why talk about it here?"

LONG way off, possibly, by certain standards. If you start out to walk, for example, it will take you many, many weary days.  
But if you will go out to Medford's great airport and charter a plane, you can be set down in Lakeview or Burns in an hour and a half to two hours, depending upon the speed of the plane you charter.  
In a moderately swift automobile, if you are a fair driver, you can make it to Lakeview in somewhat less than five hours.  
So, you see, even on the basis of distance and time alone, the great interior country isn't so far away.

HISTORICALLY, the great Southeastern Oregon plateau is exceedingly close to the Rogue River valley.  
It was by the Old South Road, you will remember, that a very large number of the early settlers reached this beautiful country of the Rogue.  
The Old South Road, departing from the Oregon Trail somewhere near the present site of Boise, crossed this Southeastern Oregon country, then wound back and forth across the present boundary between Oregon and California, passed the Link river between the two lakes at what is now Klamath Falls, and eventually reached this valley.

It was for this valley of the Rogue that most of those who traveled it were headed.

THE Old South Road, you must also recall, was pioneered by the Applegate brothers, Lindsey and Jesse, and it was their thought that if the emigrants heading for the Oregon country could be made familiar with the truth about this country down here, they would take the southern route instead of the northern one, and so reach in time this lovely Southern Oregon country, where they couldn't help but be happy.

We STILL feel, as did the Applegate brothers, that we are doing people a favor when we bring them into this country of ours.  
THERE are other ties of association, very close ties indeed, between the Rogue River valley and the great interior country.  
There was a time when the present counties of Jackson, Klamath and Lake were all ONE vast county, with its seat at Jacksonville. What a county that was!

What changes have been wrought since that time!  
HERE is another thought:  
This Old South Road, laid out by the Applegate brothers, was admittedly a shorter and better and more pleasant route to the Oregon country than the northern route by the Columbia.

But it was a DANGEROUS route. It lay through a country of warlike tribes, and those who chose it took their lives in their hands.  
Too often, the lives thus risked were lost.

THERE is the story, for example, of Fandango pass, in Modoc county in Northeastern California, which is alleged to have taken its name from this circumstance:  
A body of emigrants, heading over this Old South Road, came over a low rise and into sight of Goose lake, then a considerable body of water. In the rosy light of late evening, they mistook Goose lake for the Pacific ocean, and thought they had reached their journey's end.  
So they staged a great celebration, and by the light of blazing campfires they danced the fandango and made merry. In the dark hours of the ensuing morning, just before the dawn, they were set upon by one of the warlike bands of Indians that roved that great country and slain to the last individual.

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**TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE FOR SCHOOL MERGER**  
SALEM, April 16.—(AP)—An initiative measure authorizing the consolidation of the University of Oregon and the Oregon State college into one institution will be on the ballot next November, according to plans announced here Friday night by the Marion county tax reduction and Marion county tax reduction and

## INSANITY DEFENSE PATH PREPARED IN HONOLULU SLAYING

### Lieut. Massie Admits Confronting Wife's Alleged Attacker With Gun—Mind a Blank After Episode

By William H. Ewing  
Associated Press Staff Correspondent  
HONOLULU, April 16.—(AP)—Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie testified today he confronted Joseph Kahahawai with a pistol in the home of Mrs. Grenville Fortescue last Jan. 8 and that the last thing he remembered of the tragedy was the native's alleged confession of attacking Mrs. Massie.  
The navy officer thus took upon his slight shoulders the responsibility for the lynching that shook the social and political strata of Hawaii, and paved the way for his insanity defense by telling how the attack and "vile rumors" about his wife had goaded him into action.  
Tells Abduction Plot  
Leading up to the killing by telling how he and the other defendant, Mrs. Granville Fortescue, Albert O. Jones and E. J. Lord had plotted the abduction of Kahahawai with the intention of getting confession, Massie climaxed his story thus: "I drove to Mrs. Fortescue's house (scene of the killing) and when I went in I remembered I left a pistol on the table so I put it in my pocket."  
Then I called out 'come in, Major' (head of the Territorial police) is here," I heard Kahahawai sit down in a chair in the front room. "I took off my glasses and went in and confronted him with a gun."  
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## EMPIRE HOLDING WITNESSES WILL CONTINUE STORY

DALLAS, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Twenty-five witnesses were heard during the first week of the Empire Holding Corporation trial before Judge Arlie C. Walker here. The state will resume its parade of witnesses Monday morning in the particular case against Frank J. Keller, Jr., former Empire official and the first of five ex-officers being tried on charges of devising a scheme to defraud. The court adjourned last night until that time.  
The testimony has been practically the same, except for the amount the witness paid to the concern and has been grouped for the most part around statements made that the officers of the company had each subscribed for or had paid for \$20,000 worth of stock, that the money for the most part was to be deposited or used to purchase securities which would be deposited with the state, and that no salaries would be paid to the officers of the corporation until the subsidiary and subsidiary company had been formed and were earning enough to pay such salaries.

## AUCKLAND TENSE FOLLOWING RIOT

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, April 16.—(AP)—Auckland, scene of numerous riots by jobless men this week was like a besieged city tonight.  
In obedience to a warning from the mayor, most of the citizens stayed in their homes. Occasional groups of rowdies were kept on the move by police. British naval pickets were on duty at strategic points and motor patrols roiled incessantly through the city and suburbs.  
Rumors that the homes of prominent citizens might be set afire caused considerable apprehension. Special guards were posted.

## FIGHT ON TARIFF ADDITIONS LOOMS

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—A fight against including tariffs in the billion dollar tax bill was promised by a Democratic member today as the senate finance committee moved ahead through tumultuous testimony on the question of taxing oil imports.  
From Senator Cordell Hull of Tennessee—implacable foe of protective tariffs—came the assertion to newspapermen that immediately on conclusion of the hearings he will move to strike out the import duties and bind the committee not to add any more.  
Last Grain Leaves  
PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—The Danish moonship Nordbo is scheduled to leave Portland early tomorrow with the last full cereal cargo to be exported from the Pacific northwest for flood relief in China.

## Massie Shoulders Blame



Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie, U. S. N. (right) shown with his wife, Mrs. Thalia Massie, has been indicted by defense counsel, Clarence Darrow, as the slayer of Joseph Kahahawai, alleged attacker of Mrs. Massie in Honolulu. Massie's mother-in-law and two other navy men are on trial.

## NERVOUS TOURIST ROUSES SUSPICION IN LOCAL MARKET

Two well-dressed women in a car bearing New York license plates, attempted to cash a \$20 bill late Friday afternoon at the Ivy street market, and when ready money was not available in change they became nervous and left hurriedly, George S. Barton of the market reported to Chief of Police Claitous McCredie.  
Mr. Barton said that when the women became anxious to leave, he immediately thought the bill might be part of the Lindbergh ransom money, so questioned them. The serial number of the money was not obtained.  
One of the women, whom Mr. Barton described as stout, neatly dressed and about 45 years of age, ordered some lettuce and cucumbers from Edward A. Evanson and gave him a \$20 bill in payment.  
While Mr. Evanson was looking for change, Mr. Barton entered the

## DISMISSAL LOOMS FOR INDICTMENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Dismissal of indictments charging Mayor George L. Baker and Alfred A. Hampson, Portland attorney, with advocating a bribe will be asked by the district attorney's office.  
A statement issued yesterday by Louis L. Langley, district attorney, said dismissal of the indictments probably would be asked today.  
The statement added, however, that it was the "firm conviction" of the district attorney that an indictment charging the mayor with malfeasance and negligence in office "must be tried out before a jury."

## IOWAN TO SOUND G. O. P. KEYNOTE

CHICAGO, April 16.—(AP)—The voice of L. J. Dickinson, junior senator from Iowa and champion of the administration's farm relief policies, will sound the call to arms of the "Republican party next June."  
Senator Dickinson was selected keynote and temporary chairman today by the convention arrangements committee of the Republican national committee. His was the only name suggested.  
The keynote was elected to the senate only two years ago, but his leadership in the farm relief movement dates back much farther.

## ASHLAND COUPLE BURGLAR SUSPECTS

Dean Booth, 29, of Ashland, confessed late last night to state police that he had entered the K. P. hall in Medford the first of November and again about the first of December, the latter time accompanied by his wife, formerly Thelma Eula Burnett of Talent.  
Mrs. Booth is being sought by officers as an accomplice, as young Booth said that she had been with him on all of the cases since their marriage. Booth's confession showed that he had gone into the business as a racket, and had made beer to sell, having said he stole the materials with which to make it.  
He was arrested last night by Ashland police at an alleged drunken brawl at his home and was turned over to state police last night.

## YOUNG, LA GUARDIA JOIN PROTEST ON BONUS PAYMENTS

### Added Strength for Bi-Partisan Battle Against Cash Outlay Fails to Shake Sponsors of Legislation

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Bi-partisan forces battling the two billion dollar soldiers' bonus outlay gained new strength today but failed to lessen confidence of ultimate victory among sponsors of a new money payment.  
From Owen D. Young, financier and prominent Democrat, came word that to print money to pay the bonus was not "the sound helpful way," toward a desirable increase in money volume. This message was made public by Representative Patman (D., Texas), leading sponsor of the bonus payment, just as Acting Chairman Crisp disclosed that Representative Leaguards of New York, dynamic progressive leader, would be a leading opposition witness before the ways and means committee.  
Young's telegram, which was received by Patman as "very favorable to our cause" reiterated his sympathy "toward prepayment of adjusted service certificates to meet the needs of veterans."  
Advocates of the bonus payment admitted administration and Democratic leaders "played a trump card" in gaining the support of La Guardia in the bonus fight. The New Yorker is a veteran with air service experience and only recently demonstrated his power in the house by leading the successful effort to defeat a general sales tax in the revenue bill.  
Patman announced, however, that cashing the bonus now was more certain than ever.  
Crisp said Young would be invited to testify.

## SHERIFF SAVES SLAYER OF GIRL FROM LYNCHING

COLBY, Kansas, April 16.—(AP)—After confessing he kidnaped and killed Dorothy Hunter, 8-year-old Selden, Kansas, school girl, Richard Reed, 53, was saved from mob vengeance today by Sheriff Ed McGinley of Thomas county.  
Reed led a group of officers to the hiding place of the violated body of his small victim in a haystack near the neighboring town of Achilles. A moment later McGinley was speeding away from an approaching mob of Selden citizens, traveling in 50 motor cars.  
The slayer, an ex-convict, was thus saved from lynching for the second time in a dozen hours. The excited citizens began to disperse several hours later after the coroner had ordered the bruised little body in disheveled school clothes removed to Atwood.  
After a preliminary examination, Dr. Charles E. Henninger, coroner of Hamilton county, said the girl had been attacked and later slain by a blow on the head which caused a skull fracture.  
She was kidnaped Thursday evening as she left the school grounds in Selden. She returned to the building for a forgotten lunch kit.

## FURTHER DELAY IN PROSPECT ON SAVING PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Further delay in presenting a \$200,000,000 retrenchment program before the house loomed today while the economy committee struggled to reach an agreement on an omnibus bill embodying President Hoover's and its own recommendations.  
Indications were that the chief executive's proposals for a five-day work week and annual leave without pay for federal employees were preferred over the McDuffie plan for a salary cut, after Director Rupp of the budget explained the administration bill to the committee.  
Unable to make sufficient progress to assure completion of the entire program by Monday, the committee sought to agree on a plan to postpone reporting it Tuesday as a rider to the legislative supply bill that carries salaries for members of congress.  
The appropriations committee tentatively planned to place the naval supply bill before the house as a substitute for the legislative measure.  
At the White House a memorandum was issued in which it was said the omnibus bill sent last night to the economy committee embodied "ultimately reduced expenditures by upwards of \$225,000,000 and possibly \$250,000,000."  
On the president's employment plan, the memorandum said, "it establishes the principle of the five-day week in the government; maintains the present scale of salaries and would save around \$13,000,000 more than the straight pay-cut proposals."

## Shoup Sights Definite Business Improvement

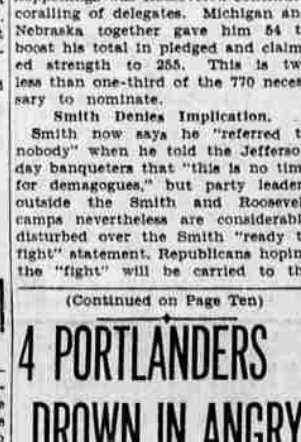
That the fundamental economic conditions of the country are better than they were six months ago and that they will improve even more rapidly when congress balances the budget in a business like way and adjourns, was the word brought to Medford yesterday by President Paul Shoup of the Southern Pacific railroad, who came here to consult with local fruit growers about the problem of financing Utah's year crop.  
Mr. Shoup, who had a conference with President Hoover in Washington a few weeks ago, believes the administration's reconstruction finance corporation, has materially benefited the general business situation and prevented a devastating liquidation, which would have shaken the entire economic structure to its foundations.  
"We should not dwell upon how bad present conditions are," said Shoup, "but should try to appreciate how much worse they might be, if the administration had not taken the drastic action it did. The reason the recovery has not been as rapid as many of us expected, lies in the fact of the tax uncertainty caused by the confusion in congress. The balancing of the budget must be done, but it should be done in a fair and equitable way, and the en-

## BOURBOISCORD SWEET MUSIC TO REPUBLICAN EARS

### Smith's Challenge to Roosevelt Candidacy Holds Large Possibilities for Warlike Developments

By D. HAROLD OLIVER  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—The presidential election choosing nears the half-way mark with the Democrats in discord over Alfred E. Smith's challenge to the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Republicans hoping the disharmony will continue.  
The intimation, if not the threat, contained in the Smith Jefferson day address of such a battle over the Democratic presidential nomination and platform as would vividly recall the Madison Square Garden conflict of 1924, easily stood as the feature political development of the past week.  
Proth Plank Interests.  
Sharing interest was the proposal of former Governor Harry F. Byrd of Virginia of a compromise prohibition referendum plank and the favorable wet and dry reaction to it. Also outstanding was the threat of former Senator Joseph I. France of Maryland, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, to challenge at Chicago a block of delegates claimed for President Hoover and Hoover's filing today in the Maryland primary, assuring a clean-cut contest between the two May 2.  
Mingled with all these and other happenings was Roosevelt's continued coralling of delegates. Michigan and Nebraska together gave him 54 to boost his total in pledged and claimed strength to 255. This is two less than one-third of the 770 necessary to nominate.  
Smith Denies Implication.  
Smith now says he "referred to nobody" when he told the Jefferson day banqueters that "this is no time for demagogues," but party leaders outside the Smith and Roosevelt camps nevertheless are considerably disturbed over the Smith "ready to fight" statement. Republicans hoping the "fight" will be carried to the

## ACCLAIMED GENIUS



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## 4 PORTLANDERS DROWN IN ANGRY ROCKAWAY SEAS

WHEELER, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Four Portland residents were drowned today when heavy seas swamped their rowboat at the mouth of Nehalem bay.  
The dead:  
John T. O'Kief, Jr., 42.  
Mrs. Spencer Greatwood, 28.  
Marjorie Spour, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spour.  
Frederic Greatwood.  
Only Mrs. Greatwood's body had been found late today. She had removed her clothing and apparently had swum nearly a mile through the waves before she became exhausted. Her body was found by coast guardsmen, who continued to patrol the beach in a search for other bodies.  
Mr. and Mrs. O'Kief, their daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Greatwood, and Greatwood's father, Fredric Greatwood, and Miss Spour, were spending a few days at Rockaway. Early today they rented two rowboats to go crab fishing. Alex Steenson, owner of the boats, warned them against the ebbing tide and rough seas.  
Boath boats soon began drifting seaward, but Spencer Greatwood managed to land his boat with Mrs. O'Kief and Ruth O'Kief on the rocks of the south jetty. The other boat drifted past the jetty and was swamped.

## SHORT CHANGERS WORK IN ASHLAND

"Short change artists" operated in Ashland late Saturday afternoon, at least one effort being rewarded with success, according to reports to state police. The "sneakers," when the alarm was spread, headed north.  
The method was to enter a service station or store, make a small purchase and offer a \$20 bill in payment. In the shuffle, the "short change man" got the \$20 bill back, along with the change.  
A watch was kept along the highway late yesterday for the trio. Two were described as young men about 25 years old, accompanied by a woman of 55 years.

## Six Meet Death In Tenement Fire

NEW YORK, April 16.—(AP)—Fire, sweeping through a Bronx tenement in which many families slept, killed two adults and four children today. It was the second tragic tenement fire of the week. A mother and five children died when fire trapped them in their fifth floor quarters Wednesday evening.

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## MEDFORD'S BAND PLACES SEVENTH IN STATE TESTS

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Jefferson high school of Portland won the state high school band championship here today. Eight class A bands participated in the contest.  
The Jefferson band was led by L. E. Wright.  
La Grande's band, led by W. W. Nischbaum, placed second with Corvallis third and Klamath Falls fourth. Albany, last year's champion, had been expected to finish well in front this year, but had to be content with fifth place. Eugene, Medford and Salem placed sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively.  
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## WIFE OF ANGELL IN PARIS SUICIDE

PARIS, April 16.—(AP)—Katsuko Angell, 23-year old Japanese wife of Joseph Angell, of Gold Beach, Ore., jumped or fell from a window of the American hospital at Neuilly-sur-Seine last night and was killed.  
The police at Neuilly said she committed suicide as a result of financial troubles and difficulties over her recently denied reentry into the United States on account of the immigration laws. The couple were married at Gold Beach several months ago and came to Paris to study. Mr. Angell French and his wife painting.  
Mr. Angell was understood to be the son of a minister in Gold Beach.

## SWING WITH AX BARES FORTUNE

GALENA, Ill., April 16.—(AP)—Ambrose Harle gave a hefty swing with his ax and things began to happen.  
The handle broke. He found an old iron soil pipe in a junk heap and used it to drive the ax blade through a piece of wood.  
A cement plug flew out of the end of the iron pipe. After the cement came too baking powder cans.  
In the cans he found \$3,500 in gold pieces, hidden by the late J. A. Hack who once owned the building where Harle has a fruit store.

## Spokane Banks Calm Situation

SPOKANE, Wash., April 16.—(AP)—Public agitation over closing of three small banks here settled down considerably today as all other institutions calmly paid off nervous depositors, most bank officials saying they were well prepared for any contingency.

## German Spokesman Reassures America

BERLIN, April 16.—(AP)—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former president of the Reichsbank, reassured America in a radio broadcast tonight that German private debts would be repaid, even if a temporary moratorium was necessary but on condition that "the present mental stagnation must be overcome."

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## OPTIMISM AGAIN FEATURES HUNT FOR LINDY'S SON

### Utmost Confidence in 'Jaf-sie' Noted in Dogged Search for Missing Child—Unable Find Gangster

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 16.—(AP)—The optimism of three Virginia intermediaries in the Lindbergh kidnaping, and indications of Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh's utmost confidence in the "Jaf-sie" of the case were the centers of interest today in the dogged hunt for the missing child.  
For most of the week, Col. Henry Breckinridge, the famous flier's attorney and advisor, has been making periodic visits to the New York home of Dr. J. F. Condon, who paid the \$50,000 ransom to a man in the shadow of a Bronx cemetery April 2, but failed to obtain the return of the baby.  
It was late last night before the lawyer left. He was back at the Condon home again today.  
Made Out Contact  
He made it clear the 72-year old educator is seeking by every means possible to re-establish the contact he made through notes and advertisements.  
Then he said Dr. Condon had made the only direct contact there had been with the criminals.  
While Col. Breckinridge came and went from the Condon home, Colonel Lindbergh's own movements were cloaked in the secrecy he himself had requested. For nearly seven weeks he and his attorney have been directing the private attempts to regain the child.  
Official developments were all of a negative nature.  
Unable Find Gangster  
Customs and immigration men searched in vain for Harry Fleischer, Detroit Purple gang member, among the passengers of the British steamer Fernfield on its arrival at Boston from Halifax, N. S. Fleischer has been the object of a hunt that has spread beyond the borders of the country since he was named a suspect in the case.  
Two bulletins issued from the Lindbergh house by Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, state police head, told of numerous leads which had been followed into "blind alleys."  
Regarding a conversation Colonel Lindbergh had last night with a woman, Greta Gray, who visited the Sourland mountains home, Schwarzkopf said "nothing of significance in this case" was reported to us by the colonel.

## KIDNAPERS ASSURE PARENTS OF CHILD

WILMINGTON, Del., April 16.—(AP) Hilda Brodsky, nine years old, who disappeared yesterday while on her way to school and is believed to have been kidnaped, was still missing tonight.  
Police said, however, they had a report that she would be returned to her parents within a few hours. A telephone call, the police said, was received at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brodsky this afternoon, that the child is safe and well and for the family not to worry as she would be returned.  
Police announced they have been unable to find a definite motive for the abduction. It has not been definitely established that the child was kidnaped by strangers.

## Navy Oarsmen Defeat Tigers

PRINCETON, N. J., April 16.—(AP)—Navy's eight oared crew, with only one of the Poulikkepe champions in the shell, defeated Princeton by a scant length over a mile and three quarters course on Lake Carnegie today to open the crew season. Navy's time was 9 minutes 15 seconds.  
Oregon Weather  
Fair Sunday except cloudy and unsettled in northwest portion; Monday generally unsettled with rains in the west portion; moderate temperature; moderate southerly winds.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 15.—The Democrats met Wednesday night to consciously drink a toast to Thomas Jefferson and unconsciously elected Herbert Hoover.  
It's been the same every year, only this fall it's going to be harder for the Democrats to elect a Republican than it's generally been.  
The reason it's tough is there are hundreds of people this year that are going to vote the Democratic ticket in spite of the Democratic party.  
Will Rogers