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# HOOVER ORDERS CUT IN BUREAUS

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WOOL GROWERS of Oregon, gathered at their 36th annual convention, go on record overwhelmingly in favor of a retail sales tax as the best way to meet the financial problem that is facing the state of Oregon.

Walter M. Pierce, former governor and newly-elected congressman from Eastern Oregon, dissents. He thinks the sales tax is wrong.

MR. PIERCE you may remember, was elected governor on an economy platform. One of his campaign devices, when appearing before audiences, was to tear a tax receipt in two, thus suggesting dramatically that if elected governor he would cut taxes in half.

He DIDN'T. If this writer's memory is accurate, he didn't reduce taxes at all.

MR. PIERCE favors a severance tax, or yield tax, on timber. That is to say, he favors taxing timber only when it is CUT.

He told the wool growers the other day that levying against timber when it is cut, and NOT UNTIL THEN, is the only just tax for timber owners.

He had that same idea when he was governor.

LET'S see how such a tax would work under existing conditions. Under a severance tax, or yield tax, only the timber that is CUT would yield revenue, the vast bodies of timber standing UNCUT yielding no tax at all—that is, if the yield tax were the only tax levied against timber.

At present—and the emergency we are facing is a PRESENT one—very little timber is being cut.

THE cold, plain fact is that if we were to change our method of taxing timber from the general property tax to the yield tax—which, as already stated, is a tax only on that timber which is cut—every county in Oregon would be bankrupt.

No practical person denies that for a moment. Even timber owners, who in the present emergency would be enormously benefited by a change from the general property tax to a yield tax, realize that such a change couldn't be brought about at once without ruining the state.

THE yield tax is SOUND IN THEORY. Timber is a crop. It yields a return to its owner only when it is harvested. The burden of paying a property tax on timber every year, in spite of the fact that it brings in revenue to its owner only when it is cut, is seriously hampering our great lumber industry. Unless this burden is lightened, the industry may be destroyed.

But practical minds realize clearly that we can't do away with the property tax all at once, taxing timber only when it is cut, without wrecking the whole structure of government in Oregon.

THE point is that Mr. Pierce HASN'T a practical mind. Since he is long on theory and short on practice, he opposes a sales tax because THEORETICALLY the sales tax levies on the poor man at the same RATE as the rich man—although, of course, the poor man pays far less than the rich man, because he SPENDS LESS.

He overlooks entirely the fact that in the present emergency, when the property tax falls down because property isn't producing revenue enough to enable its owner to pay his taxes and when the income tax is seriously handicapped as a revenue producer by LACK OF INCOMES, the sales tax offers a way out of the woods.

THIS writer, also, has opposed the sales tax in principle in the past. But, borrowing an old expression, we are facing now not a theory but a CONDITION. The condition is this: Property taxpayers are letting their taxes go to an alarming extent. The income tax is falling as an adequate revenue producer through lack of net incomes.

As a result, the state, the counties, the cities, the school districts—every unit of government, in fact, for the nation can be added to the list—are running heavily behind.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The senate this afternoon adopted an amendment to the Hawes-Cutting Philippine independence bill providing for total exclusion of Filipinos from the United States, instead of allowing an annual quota of 100.

## REORGANIZATION PLANNED FOR 58 EXECUTIVE UNITS

### 15 Independent Agencies of Government Weeded Out — Effective in 60 Days Unless Congress Balks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—President Hoover's orders for reorganization and consolidation of government activities, issued today will, unless congress intervenes, go into effect on February 9 of next year, barely more than three weeks before Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Congress has retained the authority within the intervening sixty days to approve the executive orders and thus put them into immediate effect, or suspend them entirely by passage of an appropriate resolution, or alter them by passing consolidating legislation of its own.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—In a bulky message, President Hoover today placed before congress a series of recommendations for partially reorganizing the federal government by reshaping 58 executive branches in a new pattern and reducing the number of independent agencies by fifteen.

The mass of proposals called for no additional offices, but regrouped the duties of four assistant secretaries in the "little cabinet." The new titles would be assistant secretary of the interior for public works; of the interior for education, health and recreation; or agriculture for land utilization; and of commerce or merchant marine.

Consolidated Bureaus Under them would be consolidated agencies and bureaus now spread throughout the government, although after conducting similar work.

Simultaneously with the outlining of this reorganization plan, the president submitted 11 executive orders for carrying it into effect. If no congressional objection is raised within 60 days the reorganization will go forward as proposed.

Senators and representatives of both parties were busy at immediate formal comment pending study of the message. There was early speculation, however, that some block might be placed in the path of the president's plan by Democratic leaders, particularly in view of the recent announcement by President-elect Roosevelt that he intended calling in experts for a pre-inauguration study designed to produce a reorganization plan of his own.

Would Group Patrols In addition to the consolidation under the four new titles, the president contemplated other groupings, such as the consolidation into the coast guard of the border patrol of the labor department's immigration service, and the border patrol of the treasury department's customs service.

The weather bureau of the department of agriculture would be shifted to the department of commerce, while the powers and duties of the federal oil conservation board would

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## MOSLEM SABBATH CHANGE FAVORED

ISTANBUL — (AP) — A plebiscite conducted by the semi-official daily Cumhuriyet shows that Istanbul readers favor changing the Moslem day of rest from Friday to Sunday.

## MEDFORD NAMED FOR HORTICULTURAL MEET

SALEM, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The state horticulture society chose Medford for its meeting place next year and elected W. Carlton of Central Point president, at the group's business session here late yesterday.

## LEAVENWORTH ESCAPE ADDS TWENTY YEARS

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Harold Fontaine was sentenced today to serve 20 years in a federal penitentiary on his conviction yesterday on a charge of assault with intent to kill, growing out of the Leavenworth prison break a year ago.

## To Press Wine Bill



Rep. Clarence F. Lea of California said he would introduce legislation in congress to legalize light wines and would press for its approval before the ways and means committee. (Associated Press Photo)

## MEDFORD SHIVERS AS MERCURY HITS TEN ABOVE ZERO

Ten degrees above zero was the minimum temperature recorded for Medford this morning by the local branch of the U. S. weather bureau, between the hours of 5:40 and 7:45 o'clock, the coldest here since January 15, 1930, when a minimum of 2 degrees was listed.

At the time the lowest temperature was reached today the sun was shining brilliantly. The maximum for the day was recorded at 11:40, when the point struck 24 degrees. At 1:15 it had receded one marker and was the same at 2:30. Some of the remaining snow and ice on the streets and vacant lots was melting early in the afternoon.

A report brought back from the Skokypis by the state police patrol stated that the thermometer registered 3 below zero on the mountain at 10 o'clock. Some of the snow had melted and then frozen into a thin sheet of ice on a major part of the mountain highway.

Chains are not necessary to make the trip, according to the officer, but are advisable. The state highway department has kept the highway cleared on the more dangerous curves, adding to the safety of travel.

Eight degrees above zero was reported in Ashland this morning and a minimum of 12 degrees above at the Southern Oregon experiment station located at Talent.

Today's extreme cold snap brought forth statistics on previous spells of extreme weather in the Rogue River valley, with the coldest on the federal bureau's records listed on December 13, 1916, when 10 degrees below zero was reached and the following day 6 below, December 18 and 19, 1924, 9 above was recorded, the same on January 10, 1922.

## SAFETY STORES PLAN EXPANSION

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Directors of the Safety Stores Corp. declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents a common share today, reducing the share price from \$10 to \$9.50.

## GUST OF WIND SAVES STRANGLING WOMAN

BEND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The sage beginning "It's an ill wind," had a new ring of truth today for Mrs. Deschutes of Bend.

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## HINES WOULD HALT AID FOR VETS NOT DISABLED BY DUTY

### Administrator Tells Committeemen No Warrant for Compensation in Non-Service Connected Cases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, today told a joint congressional committee he could "see no reasonable justification" for a veteran whose disabilities are not connected with service duty applying to his government for aid when he is able to provide for himself.

The first witness to appear before the group studying all veterans' legislation and possible economies, Hines made his statement before a room crowded with representatives of veterans' organizations opposing any changes in existing laws.

National Policy Tended. He put before the committee a national policy of veterans' relief, resting on equality in benefits; consideration of the degree of disability, and financial need for government aid.

The policy, Hines continued, should extend aid first to those having disabilities incurred in or aggravated by military service.

"Second," he continued, "to those who, while not suffering from disability directly attributable to military service, have become through age or disability, unable to carry on for themselves.

## LODGE LOTTERY MEANS PEN AND FINES FOR TRIO

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Conrad H. Mann, president of the Kansas City chamber of commerce, was sentenced today to serve five months imprisonment and pay a fine of \$12,000 for violation of the federal lottery laws in connection with "frolica" of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Frank E. Hering, who was editor of the Eagles' magazine, was sentenced to four months imprisonment and fined \$4,000.

Bernard C. McGuire, one of the promoters, was sentenced to serve a year and a day and was fined \$12,000.

## STAGG SEEKS COACH POSITION ON COAST

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Amos Alonzo Stagg, football coach at the University of Chicago for 40 years, is a candidate for a coaching position at the college of Pacific, it became known here today.

## Medford Boys and Girls Set New School Record In Spite of Depression

Medford boys and girls still want an education, and are going to get it, depression or none. Their characteristic ambition to gain knowledge has not been seriously hampered by hard times, according to report from the city school offices, made today following a thorough survey of the 1932-33 census report.

## Newsie Refuses Mayor Credit on Paper For Day

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—(AP)—J. Hampton Moore is mayor, but to a certain newspaper boy he's just another customer. The mayor, hurrying into city hall, ordered a newspaper from the young newsie. Then he fumbled in his pockets, failed to find any funds, clutched the paper and dashed toward his office, saying: "I'll pay you tomorrow."

## STATEWIDE CHILL SHOWS NO SIGNS RELEASING GRIP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Cold weather, with east and north-easterly winds adding sharpness and bitterness to extreme chill temperatures, continued in prospect over the Oregon country today. The cold wave that now envelops the Pacific northwest has shown no indication of breaking.

Temperatures retreated further in many cities and towns of Oregon during the night, with the town of Mescham at the top of the Blue Mountains in eastern Oregon, leading off on the weather toboggan slide, with a minimum of 28 degrees below zero. At Enterprise it was 10 below.

Showing that cold break is statewide, extreme cold resulted in the freezing over of Upper Klamath lake, Klamath Falls' minimum for the night was 6 degrees below zero. Chemult, nearby, had a minimum of 10 below.

Roseburg, with a low of 9 above, experienced the coldest weather in 33 years.

At Crane Prairie in central Oregon, the mercury skidded to 17 below, and at Crescent it was three degrees colder. Bend had a minimum of 7 degrees below.

Other Oregon minimum temperatures included Pendleton, 5 below; Lapine, 14 below; Eugene, 9 above; Baker, 12 below; Medford, 19 above; Marshfield, 20 above; Portland, 18 above; Wolf Creek, 8 above; Salem, 13 above; Albany, 14 above.

Spokane had a minimum of 4 above; Seattle, 20 above, and Walla Walla, 2 degrees above zero.

## MELTING POT WORKS FAST FOR THIS ONE

COLUMBUS — (AP) — Leslie Lovass is one who can testify to the efficiency of the American "melting pot." Born in Hungary, he came to this country 11 years ago, unable to either read or write English. Now he is a graduate assistant in economics and an honor student at Ohio State university, and has been an editor of foreign language and English newspapers, a banker and a United States postmaster in a small town in Kentucky.

## County Agent's Pay Threatened

SALEM, Dec. 9.—(AP)—State funds to the amount of \$115,000 for extension work used to match county funds in the employment of agricultural agents are included in the continuing appropriations for state institutions of higher learning, which the budget department is recommending the legislature eliminate, it was revealed here today.

In an announcement yesterday the budget department stated it would recommend repeal of \$308,896 continuing appropriations for the state board of higher education. If this recommendation is carried out, in addition to eliminating funds for county agent work in various counties, it would likewise result in the closing of eight experiment stations, unless money now being used for other educational purposes is diverted to that use.

## School Districts Submit Budgets

Two more Jackson county school districts today filed their school budgets for the coming year. The Laurel district submitted a budget for \$648, and the Rogue River district for \$694.45. There are 101 school districts in the county, and two-thirds of the number have submitted budget requirements to date for the coming year.

## FARMER DEMANDS GIVEN PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Before President Hoover and congress today were laid demands for a \$500,000,000 federal fund for distressed farmers—the program of the National Farmers' Relief conference.

## First Citizen

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Raymond B. Wilcox, financier, was today designated by the Portland realty board as Portland's "first citizen." The award is made annually. Wilcox, former president of the chamber of commerce here, and a student of foreign travel, manages the Wilcox estate and is president of Wilcox-Hayes company.

## LIQUOR LOBBYISTS WARNED TO LEAVE CONGRESS ALONE

### Brewers and Distillers Injuring Cause of Repeal by Washington Activities, Declares Rep. LaGuardia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Representative LaGuardia, one of the most persistent opponents of national prohibition, testified in the house ways and means committee beer hearing this afternoon that "the quicker the brewers and distillers get out and stay out of Washington, the better off the anti-prohibition movement would be."

The stock New York Republican, appearing after Chairman Collier had told newspaper men he believed the committee soon would approve a beer bill, turned to face the crowded audience at the hearing and said:

"There is one thing you must understand. That this bill is not being considered with a view to enhancing the profits of the distillers and brewers."

"The distillers and brewers are up to their old activities which brought about prohibition. 'Brewers and distillers have no right to draft a bill to modify the Volstead law,' declared LaGuardia, while many in the room sat up and took notice.

Representative Rainey of Illinois, the Democratic floor leader, interrupted LaGuardia at one point to say:

"The brewers and distillers are all here at the invitation of the committee."

"I know it," LaGuardia shouted again, "and they haven't any right to help congress draft any bill dealing with liquor."

"I want to advise the wets right now that if this bill becomes a law and abuse results, the 18th amendment will never be repealed."

## FREIGHTS PERIL FRUIT INDUSTRY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A probable increase in car requirements for the movement of fir lumber products during the first quarter of 1932, as compared with the first quarter of this year, was predicted here today by W. B. Greeley, secretary-manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Greeley met with the Pacific northwest railroad advisory board today. The meeting was attended by about 375 railroad men and shippers and was presided over by J. A. Swallow of Seattle, president, with Paul A. Scherer of Medford, executive secretary.

Reporting for the fresh fruits industry, B. A. Perham pleaded for reduced freight rates if the industry is to be saved from disaster. He said that during the past two or three years growers have received less for their fruit than they paid for production.

## WALL STREET IS INCLINED TOWARD BACKING CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Informed New York accepts as sound the reason for Congressional stubbornness about the debts. Any concessions to the foreign nations would let down the flood gates for a torrent of bonus and the dele propostions. Advocates of printing press currency are alert for an opportunity to strengthen their case and we might find sound money sold down the river overnight.

## Confesses Slaying



John Eichorst, 53-year-old farmer of Ladysmith, Wis., confessed he beat his 33-year-old wife to death with a shovel and fork in their barnyard. (Associated Press Photo)

## BOND BUNGO TRIO WHICH OPERATED HERE, IN CUSTODY

State police were advised this morning that the trio of alleged transient bunco artists who last August are said to have attempted to swindle several residents of this city and southern Oregon counties, out of California Water Bonds, and Cooz Bay Water Bonds, are held in custody at Marysville, Calif.

The men are: Joseph G. Bass, Lord Stewart and Raymond W. Brune. They were captured through the efforts of the southern Oregon branch of the Oregon state police, on their trail since their hurried departure on the eve of capture four months ago.

The bond swindlers are charged with attempting to secure possession of valuable negotiable paper, through the medium of bogus checks issued on the Pacific-Washington National bank of San Francisco. The method of the gang, according to the state police, was to approach a holder of bonds, with a proposition to buy at an attractive figure. An agreement would be made to complete the sale the next day.

In a few hours the bondholder would receive a telephone message stating the bond buyer had been unexpectedly called away, but that a messenger would come with a certified check for the bonds and requesting delivery of the same.

In all cases reported in this city, the bondholders became suspicious and refused to deliver to the messenger.

Among those approached here were Mr. and Mrs. S. Sumpter Smith. The same methods were used with S. C. Kellett of Grants Pass. Kellett kept the \$5445 bogus check, proffered for the bonds, but refused to deliver them. The check was later used as evidence.

According to the state police records, Dr. H. C. Church of Roseburg, Prof. English, superintendent of schools at Myrtle Creek, and a number of people at Eugene, were approached. At Eugene, the buncoists endeavored to operate through the First National bank of that city.

The asserted confidence men will be brought back to this state for trial, in all probability. It was learned today that they are wanted in Washington and Idaho for alleged swindling attempts.

## R. F. C. FUNDS FOR HARNEY COUNTY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Emergency relief funds totaling \$618,950 today were voted by the reconstruction corporation to five states, Georgia getting \$4680 for Polk county; North Carolina \$571,000 for the entire state; Kentucky \$25,000 for five counties; Nevada \$16,000 for Washoe county and Oregon \$3000 for Harney county.

Washoe county, Nevada, reported that closing of banks had contributed largely to the necessity for a loan, county public funds being impounded. Harney county Oregon, also advanced similar reasons.

## QUEEN TO REIGN AT HIGH SCHOOL FIESTA TONIGHT

The stage is all set for the annual Medford high school carnival to be held at the senior high school tonight and an evening of hilarious entertainment is promised the public. The name of Medford's queen, which has been concealed since the final counting of votes, will be announced in "The Yellow Tiger," which will be on sale at the carnival.

The coronation of the chosen beauty will be one of the outstanding features of the evening, and townpeople as well as students are eagerly awaiting news of the winner.

## QUEEN TO REIGN AT HIGH SCHOOL FIESTA TONIGHT

A clever vaudeville program with the coronation as its leading interest will be the initial number on the program, which promises to constitute Medford's "bigger and better" carnival. The vaudeville will go on at 7:30 o'clock and will be followed by the carnival proper. A variety of attractions, aimed to please all types of people, will be offered and range from side shows to dancing.

While weather conditions prevented holding the regular carnival parade, a balhoo parade by the high school students is announced as the gay event of this evening.

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All townpeople are urged to attend the carnival tonight and give their support to this annual school activity and are promised an evening of real fun and no waste of time.