

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Thursday fair and continued cold.
Temperature.
Highest yesterday 42
Lowest this morning 13

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FEHL NOW JUDGE IS LAW OPINION

CO. JUDGE-ELECT ASSERTS PRESENT COURT IS ILLEGAL

Incumbent Named by Governor Supposed to Hold Office Only 10 Days After Election, Is Legal View

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—According to the best information obtainable here, when the position of county judge for any reason becomes vacant, and the governor names a successor, that successor only holds office for ten days following the naming of a new county judge at the next general election, or until the certificate of election of the new judge is issued.

This interpretation, if legally correct, and opinion in high circles here is that it is legally correct, means that in Jackson county Earl Fehl has in fact been county judge since the 18th of November, although according to reports from there he has not assumed office, and will not do so until January 1st.

The above dispatch promises to act as a political bombshell in Jackson county for it means that Earl Fehl has been the legal county judge for nearly a month, although no one apparently was aware of the fact.

When informed of this dispatch today, Earl Fehl declared that when he was legally county judge, but that when he returned here no one in authority confirmed this interpretation of the law.

"It is my belief" said Mr. Fehl, "that County Judge Lamkin has been holding his office illegally ever since November 18th, and all acts of the county court since that time have been illegal."

"As there are only two weeks remaining however," Judge Lamkin's term I feel disposed to let the matter ride, and not assume office until the first of the year, also conditions may develop which will necessitate my abandoning this course.

"The matter of unemployment relief and care of the needy and suffering is supremely important. I do feel that the present county court is wasting the tax payers money, and trying to render my task as county judge more difficult than it naturally would be. I am seriously considering calling a meeting of the large tax payers and representative business men to consider the problem, and give me their ideas of the best course to pursue."

DENTAL AUTHORITY URGES SUPPORT IN HEALTH CAMPAIGN

Urging support of Oregon's health education program and voicing a plea for the handicapped child, Dr. Chas. A. Sweet of Oakland, Cal., nationally known authority on children's dentistry and secretary of the national association for promotion of preventive dentistry among children, addressed the Chamber of Commerce forum at the Hotel Medford today noon. A large and enthusiastic crowd from the chamber and various service clubs of the city heard and applauded him.

Dr. Sweet, who arrived yesterday from Oakland, was honor guest last night at a banquet given by Medford and Ashland dentists and is speaking again this afternoon under auspices of the Jackson County Public Health association.

The importance of health education from a dollar and cent standpoint was stressed by Dr. Sweet in the figures showing the amount of money lost in the school through absences resulting from ill health. The same condition, he stated, exists in all other organizations where the operating expense continues while the worker is indisposed.

Money to be saved in prevention of disease was also introduced in figures, showing that the cure always costs twice as much as the preventive. In dentistry, is the next step in prevention, the speaker quoted Dr. Mayo as stating, and showed why this is correct. Seven out of ten diseases entering the human body enter by way of the mouth, Dr. Sweet stated, and introduced tests made to prove his stand.

Turning to the handicaps resulting from bad teeth, he declared in conclusion: "No child should be allowed to grow up with a deformity which modern science can correct."

L. Pennington, president of the Lions club, and A. F. Johnson, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce forum, presided at the luncheon. Reports were given by C. L. MacDonald, J. C. Thompson and Hamilton Paston, and Mr. X, mystery man of the Mail Tribune, entertained with a number of card tricks.

Oregon with its fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday; moderate east winds offshore.

County Merger To Cut Expense Will Be Urged

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Consolidation of Oregon's 36 counties into only eight counties, abolition of county sheriffs' offices and the direction of the state police to take over this law enforcement work, will be urged to the state legislature at its regular session in January. U. L. Upson of Portland is the sponsor of the idea.

The groupings of counties under the Upson plan would be:
1. Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill.
2. Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion.
3. Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, Wheeler.

4. Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine.
5. Klamath, Lake.
6. Grant, Morrow, Umatilla.
7. Baker, Union, Wallowa.
8. Harney, Malheur.

PORTLAND OUTFIT LOW BIDDERS ON HIGHWAY PROJECT

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Bids on 16 state highway projects amounting to about \$525,000, were opened by the highway commission here today.

Today's projects and the low bidder in each case included:
Clatsop and Tillamook counties: Jack Horner creek-Mohler section of Oregon coast highway, furnishing 5000 cubic yards of crushed gravel in stock piles, A. S. Wallace, Roseburg, \$6050.

Coos county: White bridge section secondary highway 0.3 mile grading and surfacing, M. L. O'Neill and Son, Eugene, \$2738.

Jackson county: Central Point-Medford section Pacific highway, 2.08 miles grading and concrete paving, Jacobson-Jensen company, Portland, \$68,934.

Nell creek section, Pacific highway, 1.05 miles grading, F. H. Slate, Portland, \$66,791.

McCallister section of Little Butte secondary highway, 4.17 miles clearing and grubbing and 1.38 miles grading, Von der Hellen and Pleson, \$15,007.

Bridges—Grant county: Three bridges on Long creek-Flower gulch section, John Day-Franklin highway, Starr and McCall, Klamath Falls, \$14,928.

Klamath county: Three bridges, Odell lake-Walker mountain section Willamette highway, Starr and McCall, Klamath Falls, \$16,811.

CHILOQUIN COUPLE DIE FROM FUMES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—The bodies of a man and a woman were found in a hotel room here today, apparently the accidental victims of gas fumes. They were Little Stokes, about 45, an Indian, an unidentified Indian man, about 35, and Ed Mattila, about 40, a sailor. The Indians were residents of Chiloquin. Police detectives said they believed the three, partly drunk, had been overcome by gas when the flame in a heater had blown out. They said it appeared that Mattila had shut the gas off before stumbling into a hallway where his body was found. Samples of liquor found in the room were held for analysis.

KMED WILL RECEIVE REQUESTS ANYTIME

All requests in the KMED-Mail Tribune holiday broadcast to aid local charity may be sent in advance of the program, scheduled for Friday evening between 7 and 9 o'clock. It was announced today. Contributions will be sent with requests and the amount is entirely up to the individual as every little bit will be appreciated and used to make a more cheery Christmas for many children and families.

The "Goodfellow" committee will work directly with all authorized charity organizations in the judicial distribution of funds. Letters should be addressed to "Goodfellow," care of Radio KMED, Medford, Ore., stating the name of request number and the artist desired to present it. Contributions must be enclosed with the requests.

Chapin Nomination Has Confirmation
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The nomination of Roy D. Chapin of Michigan as secretary of commerce was confirmed by the senate today after the Democrats had blocked consideration of other presidential appointments.

HERRIOTT CABINET QUILTS WHEN DEBT PAYMENT REFUSED

French Premier Informs U. S. No Longer Qualified to Carry On Negotiations—Italy and England to Pay

PARIS, France, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Premier Herriot instructed Ambassador Claudet at Washington this evening to inform the American government that as a result of yesterday's vote in the chamber of deputies he no longer is qualified to carry on negotiations concerning the debt payment due tomorrow.

In his present status he is simply carrying on current affairs, the premier said, and as the situation now stands it is up to the next government to conduct the debt negotiations with America.

ROME, Italy, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Announcement was made today that Italy has paid the \$1,246,437 interest installment due tomorrow on the American debt.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Neville Chamberlain told the house of commons today that payment of England's \$95,550,000 debt installment will be made in gold in New York tomorrow, or by arrangement between the Federal Reserve bank and the Bank of England.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Premier Edouard Herriot and his cabinet resigned today after the chamber of deputies postponed the payment of less than \$20,000,000 interest due the United States tomorrow.

The chamber decided to defer the debt payment until an international debt conference can be held. An overwhelming 380 to 97 vote approved the action. The premier's plan for payment with reservations was defeated shortly before by a vote of 402 to 187.

Left Before Vote—Because of this vote, the Herriot cabinet submitted its resignation. Many of his supporters left the chamber before the second vote was taken early this morning. Deferment of the payment was proposed by the chamber's foreign affairs and finance committees over the premier's protests.

move to make Herriot premier again, despite his overthrow, became manifest today as President Albert Lebrun began consultations with political leaders.

The action of the chamber, concluding 14 hours' debate, was interrupted in 14 hours' debate against the attitude of the American government on the debt issue, rather than against the radical socialist party leader, who has been head of

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ELKS CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY

Just off the press is the December issue of "The Medford Elk," announcing the lodge's big annual Christmas party, December 15, in the temple basement, at which time the Christmas dinner will be held and gifts will be distributed. The party will begin at 7:30 p. m. and will feature a variety of entertainment, including a musical program, a play, and a dance. The party is open to all members of the lodge and their families. Tickets are \$1.00 in advance and \$1.50 at the door. Reservations should be made at once. Write to the lodge, 15th and Commercial streets, Medford, Ore.

"Doc" Butler is in charge of the general distribution, being assisted in the Medford district by T. E. Daniels, W. O. Webster, Nick Young, William Eads, Harry Marx, J. T. Davis, O. M. Selsby, George Porter, Dave Wood, Ralph Kooser, J. D. Bell, A. B. Cunningham and William Hammett.

In the outlying districts, Miles Cantrell will be in charge of the Applegate; Paul Godward, Jacksonville; Dewey Hill, Prospect; Earl Stoner, Eagle Point; A. Hearn, Phoenix; H. D. Reed, Gold Hill, and Ernest Rostel, Central Point.

MEDICAL LIQUOR PERMITS SOUGHT

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Roy Lyle, superior of industrial alcohol in the prohibition division here, said the first permits to drugists to handle prescription liquor since the initiative repealing the dry law became effective Thursday, were sent to Tacoma today.

He said his office was flooded with applications from physicians and druggists for permission to handle liquor. Complicating the work, he added, was the diversity of local laws being on the liquor question.

Mr. X Comes to Singer's Aid



When Mrs. R. H. Schramm, noted vocalist of Glendale, Cal., wanted music suitable for a charity concert, she called in Mr. X, who was in the city at the time. He is shown composing the music requested, which incidentally, critics mentioned as very good. Mr. X is in Medford to help Mail Tribune readers solve their problems.

Mr. X Goes Into Action Thursday Morning With Many Hard Jobs Ahead

Mr. X's Program for Thursday
11 A. M.—Open the silent auction sale of a Majestic Radio at the Palmer Electric Shop.
Noon—Luncheon.
1 P. M.—Repair a typewriter at 506 Beatty street.
2 P. M.—Find cure for a sick cat for Shelby Tuttle, Central Point, Ore.
3 P. M.—Fashion an evening gown on a living model out of Gaymode hosiery in the display windows of the J. C. Penney store.
4 P. M.—Give a man advice on a private matter.
5 P. M.—Find the trouble in an automobile generator for James Walters, 79 Merrick place.
6:30 P. M.—Dinner.

Relax everybody, Mr. X, the man of a thousand trades, will be on the job bright and early Thursday morning to do the bidding of the thousands of readers of The Mail Tribune, and his services are free to everybody. Just mail the coupon in to him at this office and he will be on the job for you. The Mail Tribune foots the bill, just another little service for its readers.

Although Mr. X does not officially start work until tomorrow, he spent a busy day on Monday selecting a new automobile in which to travel from city to city and task to task in pursuit of his unique occupation.

His selection was made while he was visiting the local Ford plant, and needless to say he chose the new Ford V-8. "Speed, durability and the fact that the car can be driven hour after hour at its utmost speed made me decide on this model," said Mr. X. So Mr. X in his new Ford eight will be a familiar sight on the streets of Medford during his visit here.

The most difficult problems are, so to speak, "duck soup" to Mr. X, who will be in Medford for five days, starting Thursday, to offer his assistance to Medford residents in unraveling knotty problems and performing unusual tasks. If you have the job for him to perform, no matter how difficult, fill out the coupon below and send it to the Mail Tribune.

MR. X COUPON

To Mr. X of The Mail Tribune:
I hereby apply for your services. The job I have for you is _____
and should require _____ hours.
This service to be performed free.
Name _____
Phone No. _____ Address _____

PORTLAND SHIP STOPS HERE AT EARLY HOUR
Bill Young and Bill Foster of the Portland Airways stopped at the Medford municipal airport at 2:40 o'clock this morning for gas before continuing their flight to the Oakland airport. They were transporting parts of the new Chevrolet car which has been on display in Portland during the past several days.

GRIEVE REPORTED IN IMPROVED CONDITION
Ludo Grievé, 42, who slipped on an icy platform at Prospect yesterday, falling down a 12-foot embankment, received a fracture of the forearm, a severe scalp wound, and a wrenched back, according to report of the attending physician, following examination of X-rays taken yesterday afternoon.

RAINEY AND MILLS IN HOT EXCHANGE ON TAX DEFICIT

Treasury Secretary Shouts Denials in Hearing—Urges Sales Tax—Beer Would Bring in \$125,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Secretary Mills gave the house ways and means committee today an estimate of the revenue a beer bill might bring in and let it to draw its own conclusions as to whether the president would give the signature that would start beer to flowing.

The treasury secretary said legalization of beer would not produce enough revenue by itself to balance the budget. He estimated it would bring in between \$125,000,000 and \$150,000,000 a year.

The Collier bill's beer provisions were described as a practicable of administration—the wine section "impossible."

Urges Sales Tax—Mills urged a non-partisan program to balance the budget by adoption of a general manufacturers sales tax.

Representative Rainey of Illinois, the committee's ranking democrat, asked Mills:

"Will President Hoover sign this bill?"

"Oh, Mr. Rainey," replied Mills with a shrug, "you know no one speaks for the president."

"Do I understand that the administration favors the bill?" pursued Rainey.

"I am not here to give the administration's attitude. I am here only to discuss the revenue features of the legislation."

Discussion Heats—Switching then to a discussion of the treasury's stand on the sales tax that was before the committee last week, Rainey, engaged in a heated discussion with Mills over the accuracy of treasury estimates of the deficit that might be expected.

Shifting to Mills' recommendations (Continued on Page Three)

\$5 AUTO LICENSE, SALES TAX URGED BY CO. OFFICIALS

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Recommendation for a \$5 automobile license, support of a general sales tax in Oregon, and a favorable vote on the proposal that taxes be paid in monthly installments, were given the approval of the association of county judges and commissioners of Oregon in the concluding session here yesterday of their annual convention.

All officers were re-elected. Marion county Judge M. R. Bigns of Crook county, president; J. E. Smith, Marion county commissioner, secretary, and Judge F. L. Phipps, Wasco county, vice-president.

The association likewise advocated that counties be given full control of the secondary highway system, and urged revision of the referendum, initiation and recall laws.

The recommendation for a state sales tax was introduced by the resolutions committee, of which Judge J. M. Schanep of Umatilla county is chairman. There was only one dissenting vote. The resolution recommended that this law be enacted at the special session of the legislature, called for January 3.

TRIES SUICIDE TO ESCAPE SENTENCE

KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Theodore Jordan, negro, who was convicted of the first degree murder of F. T. Sullivan in a sensational trial here last week, today was sentenced to hang on Circuit 3. Sentence was pronounced by Circuit Judge W. N. Duncan after Jordan was brought into court following an attempted suicide.

Jordan stabbed himself eight times over the heart with a wooden penholder which he had sharpened to a fine point. All the wounds were superficial, however, and on advice of the county physician the negro was taken into court for sentence, which passed without incident.

Sidney Fox Weds New York Writer

HARRISON, N. Y., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Sidney Fox, motion picture actress, was married at 4 o'clock this morning to Charles Beahan, a writer of New York city.

Miss Fox and Beahan, with a party of friends, arrived by automobile and awoke Justice of the Peace Allen, who performed the ceremony.

Prohibition Only Solution For Rum Question Is View

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee today concluded hearings on beer legislation, and will meet tomorrow to begin drafting a bill. F. Scott McElree, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, presented to the committee resolutions adopted by the board of directors, reaffirming the organization's "faith in the policy of national, constitutional prohibition as the only practical solution of the beverage alcoholic problem."

"We are opposed to beer because it is an intoxicating liquor," he said.

COLD EAST WIND BLASTS HOPE OF BREAK IN CHILL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—A booming east wind today blasted whatever scant hope Oregonians held for a break in the bitter cold weather that has had the country in its grasp the last week.

The official forecast was for continued east wind and little change in temperature today and tomorrow.

Temperatures over the state were generally a little higher than on the previous night but the difference was slight as to bring little enjoyment.

The chilling east wind continued today, carrying with it some sand and dust from the eastern section of the state. Ice conditions in the Willamette river became aggravating.

The stream was blocked from Salem to deep water in Portland, where tug boats and the harbor patrol succeeded in keeping it broken up in the harbor.

The upper Columbia is frozen over and ferry service has been stopped. Baker had a minimum of 6 below last night; Roseburg was 10 above, and Medford 15 above. Wolf Creek had a minimum of 8 above, and Portland 26 above. The Eugene minimum was 6 above, Salem 13 above and Albany 11 degrees above zero.

MEDFORD ENJOYS WEATHER CHANGE

At 1:40 this afternoon, a maximum of 41 degrees above zero, the highest since a week ago Tuesday, was recorded by the local branch of the U. S. weather bureau at the Medford municipal airport. A maximum of 44 has been recorded December 8.

The minimum for today, according to the report, was 15 above, at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The mercury remained at that point only a very few minutes, the tabulations show. Prediction issued for Medford and vicinity tonight and Thursday was "fair, and continued cold."

The wind had died down, and a brilliant sun made the day one of the pleasantest of the month.

FIVE BIKES FOUND BY CITY OFFICERS

With a number of bicycles being reported stolen throughout the city Monday, the city police today found five for which they have not yet found owners. Three were located at the Four Corners service station, one in back of the Jackson hotel, and the other on the Millwright road.

It is expected a complaint will be filed against the grade school youth who was recently paroled on a charge of stealing bicycles. He was apprehended yesterday by the city police in connection with numerous reports that he had been seen riding bicycles Monday afternoon. He does not own a wheel of his own, the officers stated.

BUDGET HEARING THURSDAY NIGHT

Public hearing on the Medford budget for the coming year will be held at the city hall tomorrow evening in the council chambers and all persons interested in the budget are invited to attend the meeting. The budget, as recommended by the budget committee, will be presented and all proposed changes and other suggestions will be heard.

The meeting will open at 7:30 and a general invitation is extended the public.

Any Hopes for Oran.
GEO. French West, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Amy Johnson, who is flying from Cape Town to England, left here today for Oran, which she planned to reach tonight.

BANKS SHOCKED BY PRESIDENT'S REFORM APPEAL

Wall Street Worried by Hoover Message—Fear Glass Bill Revival—Currency Inflation Is Live Issue

By James McFadden.
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NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—New York snapped to attention at three points in President Hoover's message to congress.

The stress he laid on immediate banking legislation was something of a shock. The banks had hoped they had headed it off. But under cover protection and several important banks has hotted up in the last few months. Failure of commercial credit to expand, in spite of Federal Reserve efforts to give it a boost is a very sore point.

Local bankers are worried about possible reprisals—although they claim the re-issuing of the Federal Reserve theory is no fault of theirs.

The big question now is, "What does he mean—banking legislation?" If it is a master of forcing all banks into the Federal Reserve system and permitting the extension of branch banking, he won't hear many complaints from here. But revival of the main features of the Glass bill would be a fish with different fins.

The President's plan to extend the five-day week among government employees was generally applauded. If he can make it stick it ought to hasten general adoption of the plan by industry. Also its inclusion in the message is interpreted here as an effort to appease the Federation of

DUCKS AND GEESSE SAVED FROM ICE

KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 14.—Approximately 3000 ducks and geese have been frozen in the ice of Upper Klamath lake, Game Protector Hugh Worcester said today.

Salvage crews were immediately organized and have saved and placed in government pens on Lake river 548 Thuddy ducks and river ducks. Birds that have perished have been turned over for relief meat supplies. Salvage crews are still at work. They are equipped with skates and use hatches to chop the birds out of the ice. It was one of the largest errands of mercy of feathered creatures ever attempted in this area.

Mildred Ruling Against

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Mildred (Bess) Diddaco, versatile girl athlete, termed "grossly unfair" her suspension from the Amateur Athletic union on grounds she allowed a motor car manufacturer to use her picture and testimonial in an advertisement.

Her criticism was made last night in a statement after the resignation committee of the Southern A. A. U. at New Orleans yesterday suspended her from further competition as an amateur.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 13.—Well, the Democrats made good out here. I don't know what they promised in the rest of the country, but Roosevelt promised us rain, and by golly he made good.

The rest of the country can be excited over prohibition, disarmament, war loans or the new cabinet, but this is a desert country and if we don't get rain we are blowed up.

We can show you oranges growing, and flowers, but if you look under the bush you will see a hose. A sprinkling can is our national emblem. Rain is never a nuisance here, it's a miracle.

So the Democrats have made good. Yours,

Will Rogers.
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