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# 3.2 PCT. BEER VOTED BY HOUSE

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
BEFORE the cold spell that visited the Pacific Coast recently—providing us, for a few days, with something other than the depression to talk about—cabbage was selling at retail for around a cent pound. It is now selling for around SEVEN cents a pound.

**WHY?**  
Well, this is the story: Here on the Pacific Coast, we don't store cabbage in root cellars, but leave it outside; weather cold enough to damage cabbage not being expected here. But this winter the cold weather came, and the cabbage crop of Oregon, Washington and California was extensively damaged.

The damage reduced supply, and in response to the reduced supply the price WENT UP.  
LAW after law could have been passed, and if nothing had happened to change the existing relationship between supply and demand the price of cabbage would have remained low.

The farm board could have spent millions of dollars in market-sustaining operations, as it did in the case of wheat and cotton, but if nothing had happened the price of cabbage would STILL HAVE REMAINED LOW.

But along comes a freeze and damage cabbage extensively, thus CHANGING the relationship between supply and demand by reducing the available supply, and IMMEDIATELY the price of cabbage goes up sharply.

**WE CAN** talk until we are black in the face about why prices of farm products are low and who is responsible for it, and congress can pass laws from now until doomsday in an effort to provide relief, but the fact remains that SUPPLY AND DEMAND control prices.

When there are more sellers than buyers, prices will be low and will STAY low. But when something happens to bring more buyers than sellers into the market, prices will RISE.

That always has been the case, and it always will be.  
LAST year, onions were high in price, whereas for years previously they had been low. Why? Well, for many years the price of onions was so low that it didn't pay to raise them, so production fell off. Then, all of a sudden, it was discovered that the supply of onions was low, and at once more buyers than sellers appeared in the markets. That is to say, the demand was greater than the supply.

So the price WENT UP.  
THE price of wheat is disastrously low, and has remained so for years, in spite of costly and world-wide efforts to raise it, such as our half-billion dollar farm board enterprise.

Why has the price of wheat remained low?  
HERE are some figures that tell the story.

For the five years before the war, wheat acreage in the United States averaged 50,829,000 acres. The price the price average at Chicago for these five years was 79.4 cents per bushel.

## ACTION CLIMAXES LONG WRANGLING O'ER AMENDMENT

Advocates of Foaming Stein Carry Final Roll Call, 230 to 165—First Direct Vote to Loosen Laws

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Upon passage of the beer bill by the house, senate leaders announced that prompt consideration would be given to the measure by their branch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The house passed the Collier beer bill today with votes to spare.

In a crushing finale to two days of tumultuous debate, the representatives went on record for legalizing of beer containing 3.2 per cent of alcohol by weight, an amount equal to 4 per cent by volume.

The final roll call came upon the heels of an overwhelming refusal to send the bill back to the committee, an action which topped a day-long procession of votes to beat back every single amendment offered.

**First Direct Vote**  
The action marked the first time since adoption of the Volstead Act that either branch of congress had held a vote directly on the issue of relaxing the fundamental prohibition enforcement law.

The beer advocates piled up a comfortable majority on the first roll call of the roll, as compared with the defeat last year of a beer measure 228 to 169.

The chamber was crowded during the progress of the roll. The galleries were sprinkled with many representatives of wet and dry organizations.

The bill was passed by a vote of 230 to 165.

Senate leaders announced plans for prompt consideration of the beer bill. Senator Robinson, Democratic leader, said he would ask to have the measure referred to the judiciary committee and then to the finance committee.

He said he saw no reason for delay in either committee, and gave assurance the bill would be given "prompt action."

Chairman Norris of the judiciary committee said unless there were objections to it, he would refer the bill to the same subcommittee now considering prohibition repeal legislation, headed by Senator Blaine (R., W.).

Republicans voting against the bill included Hawley of Oregon.

**BT. FALLS SEEKS FEDERAL MONEY**  
The city of Butte Falls today prepared an application to the Federal Reconstruction corporation, for a loan of \$4000, to be used in construction of a water system.

The application will be filed with the finance corporation branch at Portland. Attorney Porter J. Neff compiled the papers for the loan, and said it would be forwarded to Portland tomorrow.

If the application is granted, the money sought will be available within a month.

The loan is sought by Butte Falls through its city council, under the Finance Corporation clause covering municipal public works.

## Oldest Scoutmaster



Lester M. Hall of St. Louis, called the oldest active scoutmaster in the United States, was congratulated by President Hoover on his eightieth birthday anniversary. (Associated Press Photo)

## FLU EPIDEMIC IN SEVERE FORM HAS OREGON IN GRASP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Influenza in probably the most virulent form since the plague of 1918, now is sweeping over Oregon and southwestern Washington, health officials said today. Probably a dozen schools in the section are closed and the sick list is estimated at several thousands.

Deaths are believed to have reached 50 or 25, three having been reported from The Dalles within a week.

In Portland estimates of those ill from influenza range from 300 to 400. At The Dalles physicians said they had treated 500 or 600. More than 300 pupils and 13 teachers there were absent. Salem had more than 200 students ill, and at Corvallis nearly that number were ill. More than 600 children in Vancouver were influenza victims, with normal absences running about 100 a day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A growing spread of influenza now totaling 33,823 reported cases, was announced today by the public health service.

There were 3,086 cases November 19; 6,036 cases November 30; 14,291 cases December 3; 26,144 cases December 10. The disease has been mostly mild and the deaths few.

On the west coast the disease is on the decline.

**Journalism Class Inspects Job Shop**  
The journalism class of the Medford high school visited the job department of the Mail Tribune this morning, accompanied by Ralph Bailey, instructor, and devoted the full class hour to viewing equipment in the shop and watching progress of the 11 Times school paper, published by the job department on Grape street. There were 30 students in the delegation.

**REFUSE EXTRADITION CHAIN GANG FUGITIVE**  
TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Governor A. Harry Moore today refused to extradite Robert Elliott Burns, fugitive auto thief, to Georgia, where he twice escaped from a chain gang.

Sheridan—V. E. Fraker and Roy Neely opening card room and radio and sporting goods store in old Ideal Cafe building.

**6 SCARLET FEVER CASES, CENTRAL PT.**  
Dr. G. I. Drummond, county physician, stated this morning that about six cases of scarlet fever are under quarantine at the present time in Central Point, with two cases "quite severe." The epidemic, he stated, has been prevalent there since early in the fall, and has not been cleared up "as a result of carelessness of the people who have it, and fail to report, in order that they might be placed under quarantine."

Dr. Drummond said that several who had been quarantined did not observe the restrictions, thereby spreading the illness.

**Voorhies Attends Credit Board Meet**  
Colonel Gordon Voorhies, local orchardist and member of the regional agricultural credit corporation board, left last night for Portland for a meeting of the board. He took with him an application form made up here for consideration of the board. The application blank is recommended for use in obtaining loans.

## SEVERE TREMBLOR SHAKES WESTERN STATES IN NIGHT

Series of Shocks, Starting at 10:10 P. M., Center in Nevada—California Startled by Pronounced Rocking

As far as could be ascertained in Medford today, no one in this vicinity felt the earthquake which visited western territory last night.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A strong earthquake shook virtually the entire western United States, embracing about a fifth of the nation, last night. Seismologists said it was the most severe in the area since 1923.

No serious damage was reported from the series of shocks which began at 10:10 p. m. (Pacific Standard time) and continued with diminishing intensity until 11:15 o'clock. The quake centered in Nevada where windows of some buildings were shattered.

Wide Area Rocked.  
Clocks were stopped in cities as widely separated as Salt Lake City, Utah, and Fresno, Cal. Chandeliers swayed, pictures were thrown away and some crockery broken.

A few minutes later newspapers in the area received hundreds of telephone calls asking the source of the shocks. Most of the queries came from persons reporting awfully chandeliers or stopped clocks.

Center in Nevada.  
Seismologists agreed the quake centered in Nevada, where several minor (Continued on Page Four)

## JOBLESS PLANNING THURSDAY BALL IN SEARCH OF FUNDS

The Medford Association of the Unemployed announce today through the manager, Harry G. Moore, that the work on the group will continue throughout the winter, and that, in order to assist in the financing of given on Thursday evening, December 22, at Dreamland hall, in the Childers building. Music for the occasion will be provided by the Oregon Lumberjacks.

The organization has been in existence since early last summer, and numbers nearly 500 residents of Medford in its membership, nearly all of whom are heads of families, many of them home owners. The association is organized for the purpose of aiding each member in the solution of mutual problems, and a great deal of constructive work has already been accomplished, according to general reports.

The association's work has been carried on largely without a great deal of publicity, but through its efforts several thousand hours of work have been provided to the members of the group. It has secured and distributed to its members over 150 tons of foodstuffs, during the fall and early winter months, and maintains a commissary department, located in the old city hall building, where material is gathered for distribution to the unemployed.

The funds derived from the dance Thursday evening will be used to further increase the supply of materials in the commissary, and to provide additional work for many of the unemployed in the city, according to Mr. Moore, and a generous response on the part of the public is urged.

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## Free Christmas Matinee Monday For All Children

In order that southern Oregon kiddies may enjoy the fine Christmas services to be featured Sunday by Medford churches, the Mail Tribune's free Christmas matinee has been postponed until Monday morning. This change was arranged through the cooperation of Don Geddes, manager of the Fox Craterian, and Eino Hemmila, manager of the Fox Rialto.

The same program will be presented at both theaters at 10:30 a. m. Monday, both houses being provided by the Fox Theaters so that all Rogue River valley kiddies may enjoy this special movie treat.

A carefully selected holiday program has been secured Geddes and Hemmila for the free Christmas matinee. The feature picture will be "Forbidden Adventure," with a fine cast, sure to appeal to the juvenile audience. This cast will include such favorites as Edna May Oliver, Milton Green, Jackie Scarles and Louise Pasenda. A popular Mickey McGuire comedy, "Mickey's Helping Hand," and a clever cartoon comedy will top off the fine Tribune matinee bill.

All children will be welcome at the Craterian and Rialto theaters Monday morning at this holiday show.

## NAB AUTO THIEVES AFTER WILD CHASE NEAR CENTRAL PT.

Otto Rutzler, 23, of Central Point, paroled three years ago in local courts on a burglary charge; Arthur Rod, 23, a transient, who arrived here two weeks ago from Minnesota; and Gladys Gwin, 16, of Jacksonville, were arrested by state police about two o'clock this morning in a barnyard near Central Point, following a wild auto chase over country roads in a stolen car, during which shots were fired by the law.

The state police allege that Rutzler, driver of a stolen auto, desperately endeavored to elude the pursuers by forcing their car off road embankments. Five or six shots were fired in an effort to stop the fugitives. They finally drove into a barnyard, and were cornered. Whenever the state police auto drove alongside the fleeing auto, Rutzler refused to stop, and, according to reports, tried to force them into the ditch.

The trio were in an auto belonging to Sanford Richardson of Central Point. It had been stolen from South Central avenue, near the Craterian theater earlier in the evening.

One of the shots fired by the state police struck the back of the Richardson car. The Gwin girl became frightened during the wild ride. During its height she attempted to stop the auto by turning off the switch, but instead turned off the lights. She told police she laid down on the floor of the auto and begged Rutzler to stop.

The chase was along the lanes and roads between the Midway Highway and the Pacific Highway, north of Central Point, and the hubbub and shots roused the countryside.

According to the state police, the trio the past two weeks have stolen four cars, from the streets of this city, and valley towns, and the city police are checking to determine if more local autos were not taken by them.

Besides the Richardson auto, stolen last night, they are accused of taking the auto belonging to William R. Bullock, 615 Columbus avenue, this city, from in front of the Methodist church last Sunday; an auto belonging to Mrs. Gladys Cassaway of Fort Jones, Calif., from in front of the Community hospital, and an auto belonging to Dewey Acree of the Central Point district. The Acree car was stolen first by a Chico, Calif., youth, visiting kin in the valley, and then by the arrested group, the state police aver.

All the stolen vehicles, according to the authorities, had keys left in them, which made theft easy. The gang would use the machines for "joyriding," and then abandon them. The state police allege articles left in the autos were taken.

Police records show that Rutzler was arrested in 1929 for burglarizing the Durans garage in this city, and was sentenced to three years in state prison, and paroled. He is still under the parole.

Rod arrived in this section two weeks ago from Minnesota, and little is known of his record, if any. He is said to have relatives living in this county.

State police say the Gwin girl has been under observation for several months. A Sams Valley girl of tender years, is also involved, but the state police are satisfied she knew nothing of the criminal operations, and is the victim of bad companions. She was told the auto was rented. Her name is withheld from publication.

The Gwin girl is held in the woman's ward at the county jail; Rutzler and Rod in the city jail.

## MEIER INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSY OVER COL. LIBBY

Telegram From Steiwer Says Federal Status Withdrawn at Request of Governor and State Adjutant

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The name of Governor Meier appeared today in the controversy surrounding the withdrawal of federal recognition of Colonel Eugene C. Libby of the Oregon National Guard.

Although the governor said "I stayed out of the mess," and declared he had made no recommendations in the Libby case, a telegram received today from Senator Frederick Steiwer said the war department withdrew recognition of Libby at the request of the governor and the state adjutant.

The telegram was addressed to Paul Doyle of the disabled American veterans of the World War, who had asked Steiwer to investigate the case.

Governor Meier said if his name had been used in the Libby controversy it was used without his authority.

The telegram from Senator Steiwer said: "Have talked with chief of militia concerning Colonel Libby and he advises me action was taken after recommendation made by the governor and state adjutant. Advises file indicates a thorough investigation was made and it was consensus of opinion among officers of regiment that Libby was temperamentally unfit for the post. I have asked that a written report covering reasons for the action be furnished me, and when it is received I will communicate with you further. Assure you of my desire to correct any injustice done."

Libby here today declared: "I propose to let this thing through, and will ask for a complete investigation into administration of the Oregon National Guard, as well as the conduct of this case against me."

"It smacks too much of pure 'rail roading' to be let go by without a challenge, especially after my 21 years of active service."

## BUDGETS TESTIFY TO POPULAR CRY FOR EXPENSE CUT

The definite tendency of Medford people to reduce expenditures for the coming year to fit their pocketbooks is evidenced in the budgets filed by city and schools at the county assessor's office, and the same tendency is shown in the proposed budget for Jackson county, public meeting on which will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the court house.

The city budget for 1933, filed yesterday, provides for an expenditure of \$167,194.65. Last year the budget of district tax to be levied, according to this year's budget, is \$179,705.21 as against \$254,021.31 for last year, representing a reduction of \$74,316.00, which means that the school levy alone will be more than eight mills less than last year.

This saving was made by a cut of \$43,851.00 in operating expense and a cut of better than \$30,000.00 in the debt load.

The Jackson county budget as proposed for the coming year is \$392,871.22 against \$483,920.66 for last year, representing a saving of \$90,949.44.

Burns—Charleston Oil Co. contracted to begin drilling for oil on leases about 11 miles from here.

**Use of Wheat for Money Held Prosperity Remedy**  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The use of wheat as a basis for money would double the price of grain and provide a swift avenue for return of prosperity, believes J. F. Oarling, a director of the Midland bank, one of England's important financial institutions.

Darling, who would link wheat to gold and silver, believes "that in wheat as a basis for currency we possess an even more powerful instrument for raising prices and stimulating world trade."

"Wheat," he declared when announcing the plan, "has in a marked degree one of the qualities of a currency basis in that it is in universal demand and has a world-wide market."

## Dies In Flames



Claire Vance, crack flyer and veteran of the air mail lines, who had flown 7,800 hours in his career, was found dead in the burned wreckage of his plane in the Contra Costa, Cal., hills. He crashed a few minutes after leaving Oakland Airport in a heavy storm, bound for Reno, Nev. (Associated Press Photo)

## LAMKIN WEDDINGS DECLARED LEGAL IN ALL RESPECTS

A report, widely circulated over the state and northern California that all marriages performed by County Judge C. B. Lamkin since November 18 were illegal and not binding, is a false and sensational statement, not based on the law, according to the state attorney-general, in an opinion on the point which holds the Judge Lamkin knot-tying is legal, valid, constitutional, and according to Dan Cupitt, the attorney-general ruled that Judge Lamkin was appointed by Governor Meier to serve until January 2, 1933, when the new county judge will be sworn in.

It had been argued that under the Oregon law, County Judge-elect Fehel was entitled to assume office November 18. The attorney-general in his ruling, cited Oregon law, and held that Fehel had filed for the regular term, which starts January 2, and not for the unexpired term of the late Judge Alex Sparrow, which would expire in January, 1933.

Thirty-four couples have been wed by Judge Lamkin since November 19, according to the county clerk's office. A majority of the newlyweds hailed from northern California points. The county clerk's office reported today that the past week there had been a lull, and that the usual Christmas rush from California had not been manifested. The clerk attributed this to the depression and storms in the Northwest, rather than any fear that Judge Lamkin knots were not secure and legal.

## GREENLEAF, RUDOLPH IN BILLIARD FINALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The national pocket billiard championship lies strictly between Ralph Greenleaf of New York and Erwin Rudolph of Cleveland, with the other eight hopefuls definitely also-rans.

Greenleaf's seventh successive victory of the current championship tournament, a 13 to 9 triumph over 22-year-old Jimmy Garas last night, together with Rudolph's sixth winning game in seven starts, left these two veteran masters of the game the sole remaining contenders for the crown now held by Greenleaf.

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## JIM WADSWORTH ALREADY BEING GROOMED FOR '36

New York's Ex-Senator Now G. O. P. Hope to Beat Roosevelt 4 Years Hence; Cannon Trying Comeback

By PAUL MALLON. (Copyright, McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Some eastern Republican wets are organizing a sub-rosa insurance against their party floor leader, Bert Snell. They have been quietly buttonholing their brethren in dark corners, sounding out the chances of Representative James W. Wadsworth for Snell's job. So far they have met with a fairly good response.

If they get far enough along with their movement they will pit Wadsworth against Snell when leaders of the new congress are chosen, after March 4.

The wets seem to feel Snell has not given the Republican party in the house the kind of leadership it ought to have. He voted for the Garner repeal resolution, but he did not try to push the resolution through. Up to this time he has always been considered a dry.

Back in their minds also is the idea of pushing Wadsworth forward as a presidential candidate in 1936. They think they can build him up to that prominence if they can get the leadership.

Wadsworth is thoroughly capable. There is no doubt about that. He was in the senate for many years. He lost out when Republican dries in his state rebelled against his wet stand. Now the times seem dead for him.

Snell got the leadership two years ago by kicking out Tillson. He has been very successful. Both he and Wadsworth are conservative.

Snell has not heard about the movement against him, but when he does the fur will fly.

Mister Stimson was peevish about the New York Times saying that laughter came from the room where he and Treasury Secretary Mills were writing the second debt note to the British.

The secretary of state let it be known that he thought such a trivial thing should not appear in newspapers. He declined to indicate what the laughter was about.

## NO PARDONS FOR PEN CHRISTMAS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Oregon's governor, Julius L. Meier, will not issue Christmas presents to penitentiary inmates in the form of pardons. The governor today reiterated the statement, made last year, that no additional clemency because of Christmas would be considered.

The governor further stated he was giving consideration to pardon recommendations now before him in the usual form and that he would not alter his procedure because of the holiday season. Last year the executive did not announce any additional pardons at Christmas time.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—See where France has Paul Boncour to form a new cabinet. Six years ago in Geneva at a disarmament conference he was head of France's delegation and I saw quite a lot of him. He is very able. I have always wondered since then why they never used him more.

France will pay and it can't possibly hurt them as bad as it will some of our writers and American financiers. I never saw people so broken-hearted over our country receiving a little dab of money.

Congress voting on beer again. It passed the people, but they can't get it through congress.

Will Rogers