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Forecast: Occasional rains tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 51
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SENATE POSTPONES BEER VOTE

Comment on the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS
A vote of 239 to 165, the house of representatives passes the bill for 3.2 per cent beer. Last year, a bill providing for beer was DEFEATED by a vote of 228 to 169.

People change their minds, don't they?

The beer bill passed by the house carries a tax of \$3 a barrel, which is expected to bring a lot of money into the federal treasury.

Will it? Nobody, of course, can answer that question at the present moment. But there are grave doubts. The beer, if it is legal, will contain only 3.2 per cent alcohol, which is pretty tame compared to the home brew people have been drinking—drinking people, that is.

Do you reckon the beer drinkers who have been drinking high-powered home brew will pay real money for 3.2 per cent beer?

THERE is a temporary shortage of turkeys on the California markets—due to the recent cold weather, which had a tendency to keep producers from killing birds in normal numbers.

The shortage, of course, will be quickly made up, for there are plenty of turkeys in the country. But it results immediately in rush orders from California for Oregon turkeys.

THE cold weather prevents turkeys from reaching California markets in normal numbers, and so buying IMMEDIATELY picks up. Supply, you see, falls temporarily below demand.

When that happens, there is always a rush to buy. If supply to meet the demand is not forthcoming, PRICES RISE.

SUPPLY and demand rule the price. From time to time, we try to kid ourselves that this isn't the case, but we are only kidding ourselves.

AT A mass meeting at Tillamook, the highway commission is criticized sharply for its newly announced policy of retrenchment—which is expected to result, temporarily, at least in abandonment of construction of the Wilson River road.

Tillamook WANTS the Wilson River road.

WE WANT what we want when we want it. But if we get everything we want in the way of public service, taxes are going to remain high.

AND it will have to be remembered that if we are going to reduce automobile license fees we'll have to DO WITHOUT something.

That is the way of the world.

D. GEORGES HARET—pronounced Zhorzh Haray—agent of French rediography, dies at the age of 88 as a result of X-ray burns sustained in the course of his work.

Previously, as a result of X-ray burns, the fingers of his right hand and then his entire right arm had been amputated. But these mutilations didn't cause him to cease his work.

One's admiration goes out ungrudgingly to men of courage like that. It is their breed that keeps the world going forward.

A FRIEND said yesterday to this writer:

"I was up Tennessee Gulch the other day, and in the course of less than three miles I ran across five men panning the gravel for gold. I asked one of them: 'How are you getting out?' and he answered: 'Oh, making by and getting enough to eat, but that's about all. Some days I make 50 cents, and on a few lucky days I've panned out as much as \$3. Then, on a lot of other days I make nothing at all. But I'm not complaining.'"

Tennessee Gulch is a tributary of Cow Creek, which runs into the South Umpqua. It was quite a famous mining district in the big gold days of Southern Oregon.

"GETTING BY and getting enough to eat!" Not very much in the way of achievement, according to the standards of a few years ago, is it?

But, according to the standards of today, it is a LOT. For these men who are taking a few cents in gold per day out of the stream beds of Southern Oregon are working out their own salvation, taking care of THEMSELVES, according to the good old American standards of self-reliance that made this country what it is.

BILL MUST TAKE COMMITTEE PATH PARTISANS AGREE

Bingham's Move For Immediate Consideration Defeated 48 To 23—Ballot Not Considered As Test.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Senate action on the beer was postponed until after the New Year today when it rejected a move to get immediate consideration for the house 3.2 per cent beer measure.

Members of both parties joined in voting down, 48 to 23, a motion by Senator Bingham, Connecticut Republican and long time beer advocate, to take up the question without committee consideration.

Not a Test
The vote was not considered by senate leaders as a test on the issue, but to be merely a decision that the house bill must go through the usual routine study.

Chairman Norris has called a meeting of the judiciary committee for Monday to begin this procedure, but with a quorum that will go over until after the Christmas recess beginning today. Norris has predicted passage of the bill but whether President Hoover would sign it is a subject of speculation.

Democrats Agreed
Shortly before the senate met, Democratic members agreed at a conference to oppose the Bingham motion, and send the question to committee.

Twenty-one Republicans joined with 26 Democrats and Senator Simpson, lone Farmer-Laborite, in forcing the matter, 48 to 23. Elected Republicans and 12 Democrats voted for the Bingham motion.

The vote was followed by assurance from Senator Robinson of Arkansas, minority leader, that the Democrats were not delaying action. He said he was warranted in promising speedy committee consideration.

Despite the announced plan of Bingham for a "snap vote" on the issue, the senate galleries were only partially filled.

TWO LIVES LOST AS GRAIN BURNS

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Two men were burned to death and several others injured today as a six-story grain elevator was destroyed by fire.

The blaze ruined the elevator and probably a million bushels of wheat and other grains at a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

A dust explosion in the cupola atop the structure apparently touched off the fire and became a flaming torch.

In less than an hour, the blaze had swept from top to bottom, mending near structures. One man was carried, fatally burned, from the elevator and another body was thrown to a dock on the nearby Chicago river by an explosion.

TO RETURN CONTROL PORTLAND ELECTRIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Plans for restoring control and management of the Portland General Electric company to Pacific coast interests were speeded today when it was revealed that the Chase National bank of New York had agreed to advance a loan of \$7,500,000 for that purpose.

The loan will be used to pay off a like amount of the company's 4 per cent gold bonds, which mature on January 1, and control, it was said, will be transferred by a group of capitalists, headed by E. A. Pierce & Co., interests, to northwestern utility operators.

CHILD CHOKED TO DEATH BY RELIGIOUS 'HEALERS'

LINDEN, Tex., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Despite a purported confession, officers today continued an investigation of the death of a five-year-old girl, allegedly at the hands of two itinerant preachers who sought to "drive out the devil" they believed against her.

Murder charges were filed against two Oklahoma preachers and their brother, Coy Oaks, and precautions taken to prevent possible mob vengeance. Sheriff Nat Crighton said the two accused men, described by him as of the Apostolic faith, admitted they had choked the child to death in an attempt to cure her.

Officers said the preachers came to Cass county several months ago from another section of Texas, had been holding meetings in rural communities and had preached on the subject of faith healing. The child's father and Mrs. W. J. Clay-

France Launches Direct Debt Negotiation

SLIGHT CHANGES ASKED AT AIRING COUNTY BUDGET

Elimination Of \$3000 Expense Item For Sale Of County-owned Land Urged—Dead Indian Rd Argued.

Elimination from the 1932 budget estimates of a \$3000 item for expense of sale of county-owned land, and the changing of wording of the "Estimated Delinquency for 1933," to read "Outstanding Warrants," was the principal changes urged at the annual public hearing held this morning in the auditorium of the courthouse. Close to 100 taxpayers representing all sections of the county were present.

The total estimated budget, county, state and schools is \$332,871.22. Two-thirds of this amount is for schools, sub-divided as follows:
High schools and county schools, \$143,650.60;
Elementary schools, \$60,000.

The balance is for county government and its branches.
The school appointments are classified as fixed by law.

The meeting lasted until 12:30. It was delayed 40 minutes at the start by County Judge C. B. Lamkin being tardy. The meeting adjourned upon motion of W. T. Grieve of Prospect, which carried, though C. C. Hoover of the West Side wanted to voice a motion thanking the Budget committee for its work and George Iverson of Medford wanted the reductions for the year read.

Urged By Grand Jury
The elimination of the \$3000 land sale item, was in accordance with a recent recommendation of the grand jury.

A motion for the merging of the watermaster's and the county auditor's office was voted down, after Mike Hanley of Lake Creek, declared, "I have as much, if not more to do with irrigation and the watermaster's office than any man in the county, and they should be left as they are. I know the watermaster is on the jump and earns his money."

Appropriation of \$15,000 for the grading of the Dead Indian road was protested by L. M. Sweet of Sams Valley and Mike Hanley of Lake Creek and upheld by Budget Committee member Henry G. Enders of Ashland, and others from the south end of the county, and George Iverson of this city who said the Chamber of Commerce committee had investigated the matter, and "that it was just a question of protecting money already invested and that it would aid farmers and sawmill operators of the district."

L. M. Sweet of Sams Valley favored cutting the item to \$12,000 and Chairman Ben E. Harder entered the discussion with the declaration "that the Sams Valley district has received more road money per population than any section of the state."

Chairman Harder at the start of the meeting, explained to the meeting that any vote they might take was not mandatory, but any suggestions would be considered by the county court.

L. M. Sweet of Sams Valley urged that the salary of the rural school supervisor of \$840 be made the same as the salary of the chief deputy in sheriff's office at \$1220 per year. Sweet also favored the clipping of the chief deputy in the treasurer's office to \$80 per month from \$100. Sweet argued that "a good looking girl could be secured to do the work for that sum."

Women Back Agent
A delegation of rural district women opposed the proposal to abolish the office of home Demonstration agent. It was finally agreed after some argument that "item be left as it is." The proposal to cut the first nurse's pay in the health department to \$1200 did not reach the argument.

The principal speakers at the session were: William T. Grieve of Prospect, W. N. Farmer, Billy Carl of the Applegate, L. M. Sweet of Sams Valley, Emmett Nealon of Sams Valley, Henry Schultz of Sams Valley, George Iverson of Medford and George Andrews of Bellevue. Many of the leading farmers of the valley were present at the start, but left at dinner-time.

The suggestions made at the meeting will be considered by the county court. The budget's office will be turned over to the assessor's office by December 31.

Elmer Ellsworth Passes in Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Elmer E. Ellsworth, for many years prominent in the lumber industry of the state, died at the Pacific Christian Hospital here early this morning. He was 66 years old.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Eva Ellsworth, and a son, Harris Ellsworth, editor of the Roseburg News-Review.

Post Office Open All Day Saturday For Christmas Mailing

Due to Christmas falling on Sunday this year the postoffice will clean up all package deliveries Saturday night and will keep the stamp, general delivery, special delivery and registry windows open until 8 o'clock in the evening for the convenience of patrons. There will be no delivery of mail Sunday and Monday, unless it bears a special delivery stamp.

Although the volume of mail handled this Christmas season has been below normal, postoffice officials report a surprisingly large number of outgoing packages.

JOB RACKETEERING TIRES WATER, HE SHOOT UNION MEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Benjamin Glatt, a waiter out of a job, believes that in real life—as well as in Greek tragedies—the violent action should take place offstage.

Five hundred members of Western Union, Local No. 1, gathered last night at Beethoven hall on the East Side to nominate officers. As the meeting swung into action, Glatt tipped up an axle, and mounted the stage.

"Could I see you outside a moment?" he whispered to business agent Jack Lasher and Morris Tucker. "They said yes. He ushered them into an ante room, closed the door softly, and drew a pistol.

"I didn't want to talk to you," police quoted him as saying, "I wanted to give it to you."

Then, so police were told, he fired two shots that dropped the business agents. One was wounded in the groin and the other in the thigh. Fiercely now, Glatt stalked back onto the stage, the smoking gun in his hand.

"I gave it to 'em," he announced, before the 600. "I took them outside so you fellows wouldn't get into trouble. I'll make the sacrifice for you men."

There were a few scattered cries from the audience.
"Scram! someone shouted. "Run for it before the cops get here."

At the back of the hall a policeman appeared.
"Drop that gun," he commanded, "or I will kill you."

"Come on!" said Glatt, laying down the gun. "I won't run away." At a police station, he said: "I haven't had a job for two years. My wife is starving, my daughter Sylvia has to live with her grandmother in Chicago. I pleaded with Lasher and Tucker six weeks ago to get something for me. They said they couldn't help it, they couldn't do it."

The next day, he asserted, a man who identified himself as a "go-between" visited him and said he could get him a job if he gave him several hundred dollars. Glatt said that infuriated him.

Police were told two factions in the union have been at odds. Detectives said some members declared that to get jobs they had to pay persons who held the office in the union. Others said these statements were made by a faction seeking office.

Glatt, the police were told, came here four years ago from Chicago where he had been business agent of a local.

ate stage. Sweet sought out on many items of salary and said that the requests were made upon "the unanimous vote of the Sams Valley Grange."

It was also suggested that the \$6000 appropriation be cut to \$3000. The question of an emergency fund abolition was also discussed, but dropped when it was explained that it "took care of unforeseen happenings, such as floods."

The suggestions made at the meeting will be considered by the county court. The budget's office will be turned over to the assessor's office by December 31.

PREMIER MAKES DRAMATIC CALL ON AMBASSADOR

Paul Boncour Requests Edge To Take Matter Up With Washington For Solution As Soon As Possible.

PARIS, France, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Paul-Boncour, suddenly and dramatically virtually launched debt negotiations with America today by personally calling upon U. S. Ambassador Edge at the embassy.

He asked that Mr. Edge take the matter up with Washington so that France may help in reaching a solution of the debts question.

Mr. Edge had let it be known to M. Paul-Boncour he would be pleased if the premier could receive him so Edge might convey his respects to the new premier and foreign minister.

The foreign office sent no reply to this request during the day. Calls on Ambassador Sudden M. Paul-Boncour, accompanied by Pierre de Froquiere, director of protocol, arrived at the embassy chancery and asked to see Mr. Edge.

Information from American sources indicates that M. Paul-Boncour expressed a desire to receive any assistance possible from the embassy and the Washington government which would enable him to take up the debt question with the chamber of deputies and enable the government and the chamber to reach a solution of the question as soon as possible.

Plain Talk Used
It is stated there was no mincing of words throughout the conference, which was characterized by the finest spirit of goodwill on both sides, and that the conversations did much to clear the atmosphere.

Apparently, M. Paul-Boncour refrained from making any prediction as to when the chamber might alter its attitude concerning postponement of the December payment.

However, it was understood, he did intimate to Mr. Edge his fervent hope that Mr. Edge would take the matter up with the Washington government so negotiations might be continued uninterrupted.

M. Paul-Boncour's call was the first of a series of calls he made to the chiefs of diplomatic missions. It was the first concrete step of the new government in fulfillment of its policy announced yesterday in the chamber of deputies to continue negotiations with the United States.

Gets Chamber Backing
Without a battle or even a skirmish, M. Paul-Boncour obtained a substantial majority yesterday in the chamber of deputies authorizing him to pursue debt negotiations within limits already set by its vote, and as far as was ascertainable, however, few, if any, deputies knew of the Hoover-Roosevelt correspondence made public yesterday, before they voted. (President Hoover abandoned)

PINE PRODUCTION HITS LOW MARK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Pine production in the west dropped to a new low in the week ending December 17th, the Western Pine association reported today. New business was slightly higher than for the previous week, but about 53 per cent under the three-year average for December. Orders increased slightly and were about 1 per cent of sawmill capacity. Shipments about balanced orders.

New business totaled 19,907,000 feet for the week, 3 per cent better than the previous week. Of 116 mills reporting to the association, only 30 were operating.

Shipments were 19,736,000 feet, and production, 18,255,000 feet. Production was 9.5 per cent of capacity as compared with 12.6 per cent for the previous week, and 19 per cent for the year to date.

LITTLE CHANGE IN BUTLER'S CONDITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Members of the office force of Representative Robert B. Butler, critically ill with pneumonia, said today there had been apparent change in his condition during the night.

The Oregon representative called slightly yesterday after physicians had pronounced his condition grave and the change for the better revived hope for his recovery.

GIRL SCOUTS HONOR MRS. HOOVER



Girl scouts entertained Mrs. Hoover with Christmas carols at a pre-Christmas party, and Suzanne Boone, daughter of the White House physician, is shown presenting the first lady with a gift. (Associated Press Photo.)

DEPOSITORS GET \$8,624,985 FROM FEDERAL SOURCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The comptroller of the currency today announced that \$8,624,985 in cash will be distributed immediately to depositors of 59 suspended national banks throughout the country.

The amount, largest in any month for some time, was obtained partly by the comptroller borrowing from the Reconstruction Finance corporation, so as to get as much money as possible in the Christmas stockings of depositors.

The loans were obtained on the good assets of some of the closed banks and will be repaid as the affairs of these suspended institutions are liquidated. All the payments will be made by tomorrow night.

All the money, in checks, said F. G. Awall, acting comptroller, will be available at the offices of receivers of the banks and if depositors do not get it, it will be only because they fail to call.

He did not, however, name the institutions for which the dividends are being made, neither did he disclose the amount borrowed from the Reconstruction corporation.

Hoover's Christmas On Island Is Plan

SEA ISLAND, Ga., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A telegram received here today from Howard Coffin in New York said President Hoover will spend Christmas night as Coffin's guest on Sapelo Island. Coffin is expected at his home here tonight.

BODY OF MURDERED GIRL FOUND STUFFED INTO BAG

MOLINE, Ill., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Who killed Miss Rose Gendler, 22-year-old department store clerk, and why, were questions that puzzled investigators today as they sifted, and few known facts about her death in the hope of solving the mystery. Her body, stuffed in a burlap sack, was found yesterday beneath a river bridge. Her skull was crushed.

The investigators knew she had telephoned her dressmaker from the store where she was employed about a bright Christmas dress last Wednesday night, that she also talked to an unidentified man with whom she made an appointment, but whether she ever kept it or not remained unknown, but they did know that she never kept an appointment with the dressmaker, whose Christmas dress will be "Miss Gendler's shroud."

The police said they were convinced that ransom was not the motive for the brutal slaying, although a note demanding \$2,000 was found by her

UNKNOWN SANTA OUTFITS FAMILY AT LOCAL STORE

It happens seldom, except in fairyland or in the stories that story-tellers tell—but it happened in Medford yesterday and no one was dreaming. The family whisked from rags into nice warm clothing, was sure of that this morning, in possession of the gifts of yesterday.

From their father's estate in this city, modest, father and five children were taken down by a "fairy godfather" and into a shop, where clothing for each and every one was purchased.

Shoes, underclothes, shirts, overalls and stockings were bought to replace the ill-fitting, ragged ones worn and to warm toes, snugned stockings into all were in desperate need of what they got. School equipment was also bought for those attending school, and honest-to-goodness Santa Claus, having told the merchant to "give them everything they need; I'll come back and pay the bill."

As he went out the door, the father turned to the merchant to ask in bewilderment, "Who is that man?" He was told, and the merchant, telling the story, named him as adding, "There is a name and a man I shall never forget."

Returning to the shop to pay the bill, the man, whose name the merchant also refused to reveal today, explained that he had planned to take his family south for the holidays, but upon second thought decided it would be more fun to make someone else happy for Christmas.

Wallora—Mrs. Ella Wilks preparing to move into the Gillespie building.

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Time and worry over a debt is before you get it, not after you got four-fifths of it. So arguing over the debt now is just like arguing over the last election.

Yours,
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HIGH SOCIETY IN WASHINGTON MAD AT MRS. HOOVER

Lorgnette Circle In Frenzy Over Diplomatic Reception—Secretary Mills Thinks Too Fast For His Enemies

By PAUL MALLON.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The lorgnette circle of highest Washington society is in a frenzy at Mrs. Hoover.

It seems the First Lady invited too many ladies from out in the country to attend the diplomatic reception this year. About 1,800 invitations were sent out. They went mainly to those who were kind to Mrs. Hoover during her recent campaign travels. As a result, few invitations were sent to Washington society.

The how was heavy to them. They always hold parties at their homes after the reception. This year they had to sit on their hands until the reception was over and the diplomatic guests arrived from the White House.

Retaliation is now being discussed. Certain senators are planning to break some more or less sensational evidence shortly concerning Wall Streeters who cheated on their income tax returns.

That is the motive behind reopening of the stock market committee. Investigators have found that some additional pool and stock syndicate

OFFICERS ASSUME CHAIRS JANUARY 2

SALEM, Dec. 23.—(AP)—All officers elected November 8, with the exception of the state legislature, will assume office January 2 this year. Attorney-General I. H. Van Winkle held in an opinion here late yesterday.

The question was raised by Wasco county because of the fact that January 2, the first Monday, will be observed as a holiday. The law provides that such officers elected on the previous November, with the exception of governor and legislators, assume office the first Monday in January.

Senate Relents On Appointments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Democrats in the senate relented today in their campaign against appointees of President Hoover and permitted confirmation of officers in the army, navy and marine corps for various promotions.

HARRIET JAY, WRITER PASSES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, ENGLAND, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Harriet Jay, 69, novelist and dramatist, died today.

She wrote "A Marriage of Convenience" and other novels. Among her plays was "When Knights Were Bold."

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