

The Weather

Forecast: Occasional rain tonight and Thursday, clearing Thursday.

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ROOSEVELT KILLS SALES TAX IDEA

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

PORTLAND GROCER, working after hours in his store, opens door to admit what appears to be a customer, then turns his back to get on his shelves what is wanted.

NIGHT WATCHMAN in a food warehouse in Boston takes his ear-of-iron son along for company.

"DAFTER" BANDIT, we read, should hold a clerk in a football agency in Pasadena, seizes \$800 and makes his escape.

LOT of good people will give up a lot of money to see that game, will think nothing of it.

PEAKING of California weather, this writer came in on New Year's, 1931, from Long Beach to Pasadena.

dry weather that is quite all right, and in wet weather they can't say anything about it.

WELL, one guesses that the others of these restaurants had failed to pay tribute to the gangsters, and were being shown that it DIDN'T pay.

CENTURIES ago, the banks of the river Rhine, in Germany, were dotted with castles whose owners, the celebrated robber barons, so intimidated passing traders as to compel them to pay tribute to the owners of the castles.

Fundamentally, things haven't changed that much in all these years. (Continued on Page Four.)

BOURBON LEADERS SEARCH FOR NEW REVENUE SOURCES

Word From Albany Nips Plan to Legislate Levy On Manufacturers — Still Hopeful Balancing Budget

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—One word from Albany has turned the minds of democratic leaders away from a general sales tax today and set them searching for new sources of revenue.

The report that President-elect Roosevelt was "horrified" at reports that he had endorsed a general sales tax was interpreted by Speaker Garner and Chairman Collier of the house ways and means committee as virtually killing the sales tax proposal at this season.

Revenue Bill Delay Seen Representative Rainey of Illinois, the democratic leader, said: "I don't think there will be a general revenue bill passed at this session. We'll probably continue the federal gasoline tax for another year. It expires on June 30."

Collier announced postponement of the meeting of the ways and means committee called to survey the fiscal affairs of the federal government, from January 3, to January 4.

He added he had not discussed the revenue situation with President-elect Roosevelt, although some dispatches had "indicated" he was speaking for him.

Has License Tax Plan The Mississippian said he would submit to the ways and means committee a proposition previously sponsored by Representative McKee, (D., Okla.), to levy a privilege or business tax of one per cent on business done by chain stores, and similar retail businesses.

Meanwhile, Representative Britten (R., Ill.), in a formal statement said: "The first great disappointment of the American people over the election of a democratic president occurred this morning when it was broadcast throughout the nation that President-elect Roosevelt was opposed to the

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GUARDS TO GET BIG PAYROLL ON FINE TURNOUTS The largest payroll in many years will be distributed to Company A of Medford next month, as a result of the fine attendance record established for December, it was announced last night, following the quarterly drill of Company A and Headquarters company held at the Medford armory.

Loose Auto Wheel Bumps Pedestrian On Portland Span

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—While Dr. W. K. Ross of LaGrande was driving on the Ross Island bridge late yesterday a wheel spun loose from his automobile, rolled 75 feet and struck Adolph Roepert, a pedestrian. Roepert suffered a severe leg laceration and was sent to a hospital.

Although his car was thrown against the curbing by the loss of the wheel, Dr. Ross was uninjured.

AFFLICTED FAMILY IN NEED OF STOVE TO PREPARE FOOD

A father afflicted with cancer, a mother with a painful girth, and their four children, three boys and a little girl aged three, are among Medford's little colony of tent folk who are finding the winds of winter and a depression diet something more than courage alone can conquer.

Ruddled together over a worn-out heating stove, which the Red Cross had already replaced with a better one this afternoon, the family of six extended a cordial greeting to guests as a cold wind tugged at the tent ropes, coming in with an occasional flurry through the many patches, which dot the top in uneven pattern.

Just back of the stove, filling the greater portion of the tent, two beds, one flat on the floor, have been arranged. Upon them, for lack of other space, children and parents play, lounge and work, then sleep and ght comes.

In a neighboring tent, unfloored and without siding, on an even more dilapidated stove, the mother prepares food for the six and washes clothes. She did not complain yesterday except of the stove, in which she finds it impossible to bake, and of her tent home, which is far from dry and in which she is afraid her children will become unhealthy.

She also spoke of a need for milk and clothing, which was supplied today as soon as Miss Lillian Roberts of the Red Cross was notified. A shelter and a cook stove, however, the Red Cross is unable to supply, funds being entirely inadequate, and a call for aid is being issued to the public in the belief that this case constitutes an emergency in view of the ill health of the parents, who are robbed of jobs by something far more discouraging than depression.

Happy Marriages Object Of Class at University INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—(AP)—To prepare for matrimony, or to solve family problems of the already wedded, Butler university today announced it will offer a course in marriage.

ASHLAND-TALENT HIGHWAY PROJECT GAINS APPROVAL

Highway Comm. Pigeonholes Siskiyou and Two Other Major Jobs Account of Uncertain Car Revenue

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Shortage of funds, a prospective further decrease in revenue, and doubt as to what the legislature may do on revenue has resulted in temporary abandonment of the Wolf Creek, Siskiyou rebuild and Wilson River highway projects.

Legislative leaders and members of the state highway commission met here Tuesday and the formal announcement was made last night. Practically all the legislators agreed with the commission upon the course of action taken.

The credit of the state was declared to be of first and paramount importance. Funds Not Available. Members of the commission declared they are in full sympathy with the three large projects mentioned, but funds with which to carry on the work simply are not available.

Anticipated cuts in license fees, together with decreased revenue from gas tax, made present work impossible, it was said. Although some predicted that with a smaller license fee, gas tax would increase, it was said that gas tax receipts in Washington have declined even with a 43 percent increase, and it was predicted the same situation would exist in Oregon.

The belief that no more than 225,000 automobiles would be used in Oregon in 1933 was expressed by Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the commission. Many persons, he said, who are operating old cars now, will not be able to keep them in repair and will be unable to buy newer models.

Chairman Scott and Commissioner E. R. Aldrich of Pendleton voted for postponement of work on the three projects, while Commissioner Carl (Continued on Page Three)

DRUG STORE LOOT FOUND; 2 ARRESTED Mark Wilkinson, 37, and Robert Langenbacher, 22, residents of the Jacksonville district, are held by the state police on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of the Chitwood Drug store at Jacksonville two weeks ago.

LENS STONE TAKEN BY HEART STROKE Len Stone passed away very suddenly of heart trouble at his home at Murphy, Ore., Monday at 5:30 p. m.

RUTH JUDD GIVEN CHANCE TO TELL 'TRUTH' OF CRIME

Trunk Murdress Called Before Grand Jury in Surprise Move—Revelations, if Any, Remain Secret

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Winifred Ruth Judd, condemned to die Feb. 17 for the slaying of Agnes Lerol, regarding which she repeatedly has said the "whole truth" never has been told, was given a chance to talk today by a surprise move of the Maricopa county grand jury.

What she related, if anything, in connection with the "trunk murders" of Mrs. Lerol, for whose death she was convicted and sentenced, and Hedvig Samuelson, for slaying of whom a murder information still pending against her, remained a secret behind the locked doors of the grand jury room.

State Takes Initiative While Mrs. Judd's unexpected appearance before the inquisitorial body followed recently renewed hints of both herself and her husband, Dr. William C. Judd, to "tell all," the initiative in today's move was taken by the grand jury itself.

Mrs. Judd was brought to Phoenix in response to a grand jury subpoena served upon her and state prison officials at Florence this morning. She did not know, officials said, until she was well on her way to Phoenix by automobile from Florence—a 47-mile trip—the purpose of her removal to prison, or what her destination was to be.

High Voice Heard For an hour and a half she remained in the grand jury room. Occasionally her strident voice was heard beyond the heavy oak doors in the courthouse corridors, although the words were unintelligible.

As she emerged she appeared smiling, surrounded by her guards. "Are you ready to go back to Florence with us now?" a guard asked as she was led away to the office of Sheriff McFadden.

JORDAN RELEASED ON BAIL TO WAIT TRIAL IN SLAYING Albert E. Jordan, Ashland merchant, charged with manslaughter, for the death of Walter F. Long, Dunsmuir, Calif., Christmas day, as a tragic climax to a trivial quarrel, was released yesterday afternoon on \$3000 bonds, furnished by his brother, Sam Jordan, and Robert W. Johnson, both residents of Ashland.

PENTHOUSE DWELLER IN 5-STORY LEAP TO DEATH NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Malcolm Little Whitman, 38, a member of the firm of Leiber & Whitman, a 5 former national tennis champion, committed suicide today by leaping from his penthouse atop a 5-story apartment house.

What Did Ruth Judd Tell?



Winifred Ruth Judd, convicted slayer of two women companions, whose often repeated threat to "tell the whole truth," was met today by the state's surprise summons before grand jury. What was divulged by the prisoner, who is sentenced to die February 17, was not divulged. Mrs. Judd is shown above as she appeared in the course of her trial at Phoenix, Ariz. (Associated Press Photo).

SAFE LANDING IN SHASTA BLIZZARD BY PILOT TYLER

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 28.—(Sp.)—The tri-motored Pacific Air Transport plane that made a forced landing at Mt. Shasta Friday was dismantled and taken to the Weed airport Tuesday morning, where it will again be assembled and continue its journey north.

The plane was forced down Friday in a heavy snowstorm and could not take off again because of the two and one-half feet of snow on the ground. Tractors were used in an effort to pack the snow solid enough for the plane to take off but this could not be done.

Pilot Tyler was ill with the flu and immediately upon landing was taken to the hotel and put to bed. Much credit is due him for the perfect landing he made. As he was unable to sight an airport and the gas supply was getting low, he had the other occupants go to the back end of the ship so that it wouldn't nose over, and landed in a field near the depot.

UNIFORM SALES TAX FOR THREE STATES SOUGHT

SALEM, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A uniform sales tax along the line of the proposed Oregon plan calling for a general two per cent tax on retail purchases and labor, was under consideration here today by representatives of Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

L. M. Parsons of the Idaho state chamber of commerce, who suggested the conference, and Ben Defendorf, commissioner of finance of Idaho, were in attendance at the conference along with George Y. Yanita, who was expected to be elected speaker of the house of representatives in Washington. The visitors from the two states declared they were open-minded as to the form of revenue raising measure, but were of the opinion that uniform sales tax for the three states appeared the only solution to financial problems in all three states.

The Oregon plan, which was discussed during most of the day's session, would call for a two per cent tax on retail sales and expenditure for labor for a period of 26 months. No exemptions were provided in the proposal, nor would there be an increase in the tax on selective goods. This proposal will be one of several, it was declared, which will be presented to the special session of the Oregon legislature called for January 3 to consider some means of raising revenue to replace the state ad valorem tax.

PARSONS and Commissioner Defendorf both stated that Idaho was strongly considering a sales tax for enactment at the coming session, while Yanita declared Washington was forced to seek some new revenue because of the ad valorem tax limitation of 40 mills. Parsons said he suggested the conference in order that some uniform plan may be adopted to protect industries and business of their state as well as Oregon and Washington against "bootlegging" from a neighboring state which did not have a sales tax.

Indian John, 120, Off to Happy Hunting Grounds

RED WING, Minn., Dec. 28.—(AP)—The tom wings are stifled — Indian John, 120-year-old Sioux, who was reared to the tune of his war drums and the battle cry of his ancestors, was joined the "great spirit."

HOOVER FEELING BITTER ON DEBT ATTITUDE OF F. R.

President Thinks Roosevelt Let Him Down — Few Know Details — Say Wall St. Advised French Default

BY PAUL MALLON. (Copyrighted by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Bitter feeling has developed at the White House toward Gov. Roosevelt since the war debt misunderstanding.

Mr. Hoover thought Roosevelt let him down. He felt sure he had Roosevelt's approval when he sent his debt message to congress. That is why he changed his mind at the last minute and decided to send a public message instead of keeping the matter under cover.

His hair turned two shades lighter when inspired critical dispatches began to come out of Albany.

Not more than three men in Washington know the details. Their lips are sealed. The full story may not be told until Mr. Hoover writes his memoirs. But enough of it has leaked to the inner circle to give an indication of what transpired.

It appears that Warren Delano Robinson of the state department (despite his necessary diplomatic details) was sent to Albany as an emissary of the president. He carried certain documents. There is good reason for believing the main negotiations were carried on by telephone between the White House and the governor's mansion. The misunderstanding apparently developed on the "phone."

A stenographic record of such calls is usually kept at the White House so the facts may eventually be developed.

Those in a position to speak for Gov. Roosevelt have wired confidentially to Washington that there was no room for misunderstanding. They claim the president was trying to push Roosevelt into the commission debt policy as he pushed congress into the moratorium pledge. They insist Roosevelt did not commit himself. They point to the Hoover message which says Mr. Hoover "proposes to seek the co-operation" of Roosevelt. That is an admission, they say, that there was no pledge.

There is very definite information in the best diplomatic circles here that high Wall Street men advised the French to default. That is a new angle to the yarn. (Continued on Page Six)

COACHES WILL FORM RULE MAKING BODY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Football Coaches association today voted unanimously to set up its own rules making body of 20 members to accept suggestions and formulate requests for presentation to the rules committee of the National Collegiate Athletic association.

No change was sought in their present status of advisory membership on the national body.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 28.—Best story in paper today, and there was many of fine charitable acts on Christmas, but away out on the Escalante desert, between Los Angeles and Salt Lake—I have flown over it many times; it's one of the most desolate places you ever saw—is one lonely ranch. The father had died and the mother had a whole house full of children.

Well, the pilots on the Western air gun took up a purse of \$80 and got the children clothes and toys and then flew low on Christmas day and dropped 'em.

What a godsend the plane and the radio is to out-of-the-way places. Yours, Will Rogers.



WILL ROGERS says: SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 28.—Best story in paper today, and there was many of fine charitable acts on Christmas, but away out on the Escalante desert, between Los Angeles and Salt Lake—I have flown over it many times; it's one of the most desolate places you ever saw—is one lonely ranch.