

The Weather

Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday with occasional rains. Normal temperature. Highest yesterday 45. Lowest this morning 37.

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LOWE, WALKER, GLENN, DEPUTIES

SCHERMERHORN IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE NAMES NEW AIDES

Phil Lowe, A. W. Walker Appointed — John Glenn Is Jailer—Recount Awaited for Permanent Choice.

Sheriff Ralph Jennings at eight o'clock this morning, turned over the keys of the sheriff's office to Gordon L. Schermerhorn. Transfer of the records and cash will be made tomorrow.



Gordon L. Schermerhorn

John Glenn of Ashland, jailer, "for the time being" A. W. Walker of Central Point was also named a deputy sheriff.

"Until the recount matter is settled," Mr. Schermerhorn said, "these appointments are necessarily temporary. I would like to have it made plain they are temporary, until the recount matter is settled."

The transfer of the keys was made in the manner of two old friends. "The men went into the sheriff's office and sat down and talked for nearly an hour."

"I could ask for no better treat, than I received at the hands of Ralph," said Mr. Schermerhorn. "He was gentlemanly, and extended every courtesy. We have known each other for many years. Thursday he will turn over the books and the money and tell me how things work."

At an informal reception in the county court room to County Judge Earl H. Fehl, Schermerhorn publicly praised Sheriff Jennings for the "courteous and gentlemanly treatment given me by Ralph, both during the campaign and this morning, and at all other times."

Phil Lowe, the chief deputy named by Schermerhorn, is a resident of this city. He was a candidate for sheriff at the spring primary, and was defeated by a slim margin by Everett L. Beeson of Talent.



Phil Lowe has lived in this county for several years.

Amos W. Walker of Central Point, the other temporary appointment of Schermerhorn, is an old-time resident of the valley, and well-known. He formerly operated a livery stable here, and was one of the first auto dealers in the valley. For the past five or six years he has been a resident of the Central Point district.

MATHEWS STAGES BATTLE AT HOME IN EAGLE POINT

State police were called to the Nathan Mathews residence at Eagle Point last night about 10:15 o'clock, where five Mathews, a son of Nathan, and a friend named Woolsey were allegedly drunk, and had started a fight involving Mrs. Mathews. The five men could not be located by police.

Officers who investigated the report said that Mrs. Mathews' arm was injured and that the house showed signs of a disturbance. Being called upstairs from the floor and disorderly.

The young Mathews boy, according to officers, had the gun in the house, and was in the neighborhood, saying that his brother and friend were at the house and that he feared they would kill his father, who was ill.

Bullets Fly During New Year Brawl in Home Here

JOHN HIGLEY IS KILLED IN AUTO CRASH NEAR CITY

Machine Hits Car Driven By Rev. Belknap on Highway — Three Suffer Injuries — Left-Hand Turn Blamed.

John (Jack) Higley, 48, a resident of the Coleman creek district, met death on the Pacific highway, a mile south of this city, about 5 p. m. Sunday when the auto he was driving crashed into the machine of the Rev. L. P. Belknap of the Phoenix district, according to the authorities, was attempting to turn across the highway into his drive.

Higley sustained a badly crushed chest and other injuries and died before reaching the hospital.

William Bauer, 45, and his daughter Millie, 15, occupants of the Higley car also sustained injuries. The girl left the hospital last night. Bauer, whose hurts were more serious, was still under a physician's care. His condition is not regarded as serious.

According to the state police who investigated the tragedy, the Higley auto was traveling north on the Pacific highway, and the accident occurred when Belknap attempted to make a "left-hand" turn, in the lane leading to his home near the fair grounds.

Higley, according to Coroner H. W. Conger, sustained a broken jaw and a crushed chest, and death was nearly instantaneous.

Belknap, a man of 70 years, and was county judge at 10 a. m. today, and was the recipient of an informal reception from friends and admirers. None of the commissioners was present at the session. Later, Commissioner Ralph Billings of Ashland arrived. County Judge Fehl announced that Billings had been named senior commissioner, and would serve as county judge during his absence.

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Constitutional speeches were made by Attorney E. E. Kelly of this city, Attorney M. O. Wilkins of Ashland, Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman, County Clerk George A. Carter, Treasurer A. C. Walker, Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn and Assessor J. B. Coleman.

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Following the brief ceremony, all present shook hands with the new county judge.

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R. E. Neelson of the Table Rock district, named county commissioner Saturday to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Barnsbury, was not present. Commissioner Neelson was married last night at 8 o'clock, and was in the midst of a short honeymoon. He will make his official bow Wednesday.

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FIVE BURN TO DEATH IN ELKS LODGE AT VALLEJO

VALLEJO, Calif., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Five known deaths from a New Year's morning blaze which destroyed the Elks' lodge club here were listed today as firemen searched the smoldering ruins to determine if any other persons lost their lives.

Another man was known to have been seriously burned by the fire which raged through the three-story wooden structure yesterday after a night of revelry incident to welcoming the arrival of 1933.

The known dead, who firemen said were trapped in their beds, were: R. C. Fogarty, 43, draughtsman at Mare Island navy yard; Edward Oetting, 46, retired real estate dealer and barber; and G. S. Gray, 60, caretaker of the club.

Faces Deportation



Duncan Renaldo, who deserted a stoker's job aboard a French steamship in 1921 and became a leading man in the films, was found guilty by a Los Angeles jury of falsely representing himself as an American citizen. He faces deportation. (Associated Press Photo)

EARL FEHL TAKES CHAIR AS JUDGE JACKSON COUNTY

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Many Hold Sound Basis For Recovery Now Laid; See Rough Road Ahead

Business Leaders of Country Express Views on Prospect of Recovery For Trade in Coming Year

By J. R. BRACKETT, Associated Press Business Writer. NEW YORK.—(AP)—America's business leaders view 1933 with cautious optimism and with a critical appraisal of the economic structure, statements to the Associated Press indicate. There were, however, no unqualified predictions of business prosperity for the new year.

One hundred and fifteen industrialists, financiers and economists were asked for year-end statements. Expressions were received from a substantial majority.

Here are pertinent quotations from some of the authorized statements:

A. C. Needles, president, Norfolk & Western Railway—"There is a quiet but steadily increasing optimism throughout the rank and file of the people. This gradual change of outlook—the belief that the worst is over and that business is on the upturn—has a healthy effect upon the general situation."

James A. Farrell, chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council and former president of the United States Steel Company—"The first requisite to world recovery is the stabilization of prices. It is clearly apparent that only measures designed to increasing the volume of international trade rather than to restrict it still further, will have salutary effects in the present situation."

Walter W. Smith, president, First National Bank of St. Louis, Mo.—"If we are willing to face the facts, re-order our governmental activities and restructure our economic and industrial corporations, and harmonize our personal expenditures to the new conditions prevailing, our people will again enjoy that measure of well-being which we have enjoyed in the past and have a right to expect in the future."

World Recovering from Panic. Victor M. Cutler, president, United Fruit Company—"Hope for the future lies in the fact that the world has recovered from a period of unreasonable pessimism. Although we face further financial and economic setbacks there is no reason to abandon hope."

Lawrence H. Sloan, vice-president Standard Statistics Co.—"No one can be unconscious of the fact that, slowly and painfully, the fundamental adjustments are being made which will permit later recovery. The underlying financial situation has been vastly strengthened during the past six months. Business has at least paused in its headlong decline."

Frank A. Vanderlip, former president, National City Bank—"I predict that the most serious worry of the coming year will be concerned with the various proposals for liquidating indebtedness through some form of dollar devaluation. As the alternative seems to be that of widespread bankruptcy, neither horn of the dilemma is pleasant."

Carleton H. Palmer, president, E. R. Squibb & Sons—"Thousands of retailers are facing bankruptcy. Their real hope lies in a return to sanity."

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U. S. GOING AHEAD WITH FIRM STEP IS DOLLAR'S VIEW

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The United States is going ahead "with a firm, steady stride which eventually will lead to the goal of 'good times,'" said R. Stanley Dollar in a year-end statement.

Dollar, who is president of the steamship lines that bear his name and of the United States Lines and the American Mail line, said "the present rate of gain shown in American shipping is indicative of a material upward trend in business of the world."

"That shipping is looking better and better is an opinion I have reiterated frequently in the past few months. Volume is increasing gradually and I believe will continue to pick up steadily. Ship owners and operators can afford to take cheer in the trend of the last few months. It is a certainty that we could not have reached a much lower level than observed some six months back."

"This country's history is that we never stay on one level long; we move up or down. We had about reached our limit of descent, so upward was our natural course."

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Wedding Bells



Mel Harder, youthful pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, is shown with his bride, formerly Hazel Schmidt of Omaha, Neb. (Associated Press Photo)

LEGISLATORS TO CAUCUS TONIGHT BEFORE SESSION

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Members of Oregon's 1933 legislature were coming today and by night it was expected all 90 representatives and senators, accompanied by wives, secretaries and scores of people hopeful of being employed during the session, would be in the capital city.

The pre-session caucus tonight will be held at the capitol building. Even at the capitol it appeared anything but a holiday. The executive office staff was at work, the superintendent of buildings had a crew busy putting the finishing touches on material preparation for the assembly, and other departments, particularly the printing plant, were at work.

The special session, called by Governor Julius L. Meier for the purpose of considering legislation for the solution of the state's financial problem, will meet at 10:30 tomorrow morning. But much organization will be transacted at the Marion hotel here tonight.

Ernl Snell will be chosen as speaker of the house. Only the formality of the election at the opening session tomorrow will remain. Fred E. Kiddle will be chosen president of the senate. Then the main clerical jobs will be let and committee assignments considered.

Divers Probe Mud For Schlesinger

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The disappearance of Lee Schlesinger, prominent store executive and sportsman of Portland, continued a mystery today as divers began another search on the muddy bottom of the Columbia river, near Vancouver, Wash., for his body today.

FERNANDINA, Fla., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The coast guard, flying boat Arcticus, forced down Sunday at sea, 10 miles off Port Pierce, with six men aboard, washed ashore in a badly damaged condition at San Sebastian creek today, Commander John McCann of the coast guard base here was advised by radio. The crew was safe.

HOOVERS SPEEDING BACK TO CAPITAL

ABOARD PRESIDENT HOOVER'S TRAIN EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Concluding a nine-day fishing expedition, the president and Mrs. Hoover and their guests were speeding swiftly north today after leaving Palm Beach, Fla., at 9:49 a. m.

ALONZO STAGG HAS SEVERE INFLUENZA

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Amos Alonzo Stagg, retired, this fall as head football coach at the University of Chicago, was confined to the Medical Arts hospital today with a severe case of influenza complicated with bronchial pneumonia. Despite his age, 71 years, doctors in charge said his case was not serious.

MIRACLE SAVES PARTICIPANT AS PANTS PIERCED

Bill Fold In Hip Pocket of Milton Sexton Stops Lead Pellet—Father and Sons Are Lodged in Lockup

A bullet through the billfold in Milton Burley Sexton's hip pocket was the only near-casualty of the New Year's eve celebration, which took place at a "free-for-all" fight at the Tony Sonecoco home west of Medford, shortly after midnight Saturday. Several other shots fired by Sexton's son lodged in a dianaphant of chicken, a chair and the wall, according to investigating officers.

Milton Burley Sexton, 44, and his two sons, Mason Burley Sexton, 31, and Wilbur Milton Sexton, 18, are both being held in the county jail as a result of the fight.

Police stated that Mr. and Mrs. Sonecoco had invited Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Culbertson and Sexton's estranged wife to a midnight chicken dinner at their home. The Sexton residence is across the street from the Sonecoco home, and seeing a light there, Sonecoco went over and invited Sexton to the party, he told officers.

Apparently "armed for trouble," Sexton had a piece of conduit concealed in his pocket, they said.

Shortly after Sexton went to the neighbors, the two Sexton boys came into the house, and said they were "going to clean up the place," officers quoted them as saying. One of the youths then allegedly knocked Sonecoco down, and a general fight ensued, with Sexton getting struck over the head with a stove poker, and Mrs. Sonecoco suffering a severe gash over the right eye, allegedly from the piece of conduit.

The young men gave as their reason for breaking into the place, that they thought their mother should be home with her family, instead of at the neighbors, according to police. Mrs. Sexton has not resided at home, they stated, for nearly three weeks.

One of the boys fired several shots in the midst of the battle, one bullet piercing the billfold in the elder Sexton's pocket. The leather purse had holes in each end as a result of the shot.

K. F. MAYOR-ELECT WANTS COPCO QUIZ

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—W. E. Mahoney, mayor-elect of Klamath Falls, who passed through Portland today on his way to southern Oregon, issued a demand that C. M. Thomas, state utilities commissioner, institute at once an investigation of the California-Oregon Power company's rates and activities in Klamath Falls. He said he would reach Klamath Falls Tuesday morning "and take my seat as mayor."

Injunction proceedings have been instituted to prevent Mahoney taking the office, on the grounds that charter provisions regarding length of residence have not been complied with.

BAD WEATHER OPENS OREGON'S NEW YEAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—A raging wind, heavy rain in some sections and heavy rains in others, swept Oregon yesterday as the weatherman's first 1933 offering to the populace. Calmer weather with less rain prevailed today.

Tillamook, on the Oregon coast, reported a 70-mile gale and three rivers in that section out of their banks, blocking the highway at one point. Heavy rainfall continued to add menace to the flooding streams.

HIBERNIA ABSORBED BY FIRST NATIONAL

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Hibernia Commercial and Savings Bank, one of the oldest banking institutions in Portland, will be absorbed by the First National Bank of Portland Tuesday, officials of the First National announced Sunday.

The Hibernia closed in December, 1931, but was reopened last April.

Senate Rum Bill Ready Wednesday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A meeting of the prohibition repeal sub-committee of the senate was called today by Chairman Blaine for Wednesday. With the prediction that a resolution would be agreed upon at that time.

GARNER PLAYING POKER ON SALES TAX LEGISLATION

Democrats And Republicans In Senate Trying To Force Other To "Take Rap" For Unpopular Method.

Copyright by McClure Newspaper Syndicate. By Paul Matton. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Garner is playing poker with the sales tax. That is the explanation behind the confused statements you have seen from the Democratic side recently. The speaker wants to force the Republicans in the senate to take the rap for such an unpopular but apparently necessary way of balancing the budget.

The senate Republicans know Garner's plans and will not play. They do not intend to let their sales tax be appended to the beer bill. They would like to see the thing delayed until the Democrats come in. Then the Democrats would have to bear the political responsibility for it.

All this backstage backpadding leaves the essential situation just where it was weeks ago. The sales tax will have to be passed before June 30 to balance the budget. It may pass the House at this session. It cannot get through the Senate. The long-winded Huey Long alone could stop it even if the regular Republicans let it go. He would have able assistance in a filibuster from irregular Republicans who are constitutionally opposed to the tax even as a last resort.

That means the issue must wait until there is more time — in the Roosevelt special session after March 4.

Democratic Chairman Collier announced last Saturday the sales tax would not be passed. On Monday he announced it would be passed. Between times he heard from Garner.

His second statement was a trial balloon put out by Garner's inspiration in order to sound out the votes. The reaction was not so good. More promotion work will have to be done on it.

You may be surprised by the absence of New Year's statements issued by statement this year.

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PORTLAND RAINS CAUSE BIG SLIDE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—As a result of Portland's heavy rain and windstorm of yesterday, a strip along the side of Sullivan's gulch at East Tenth street rolled down early today, damaging eight shacks of unemployed men and seriously hurting Joe Belich, 50, who occupied one of the shacks. Belich, when the slide started, was found with only his head sticking out of the water-soaked clay soil. Patrolmen Russell and Brothers, with the help of ambulance men, dug him out.

Biggest Liar in Country Is Chosen at Club Meet

BURLINGTON, Wis., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The biggest liar in the United States—the prettiest pre-emption — is Phil McCarthy of Denver, judge of the Burlington Liar's club decided Saturday night.

McCarthy, who is a heating contractor, if there is any truth in his letterhead, submitted the tallest tale to officials of the club, which on the last day of every year settles the national fishing championship.

The championship was conferred on McCarthy as club officials sat about the old stove in the police station to pass expert judgment on 25 lies, chosen earlier in the day as the most promising of the 1,200 specimens of fibbing which had been submitted from all parts of the United States and some provinces of Canada.

Here is the impressive story McCarthy submitted.

"I used to be an engineer in a flour mill, and you know how the mice like grain. I got me a cat, but as a mousetrap was a failure. One day he got one of his front paws in some gears. The leg was severed, but the cat did pretty well with the peg-leg I made.

"And after that he was death on mice. He caught them at the rate of four an hour, and finally I stopped stringing old rats."

Mrs. Lean Clough, Peoria, Ill., submitted what the judges regarded the second best lie of 1932. She told of a man who made a pet of a rattlesnake and taught it to hum the air of "Marching Through Georgia" with its rattles.

"Imagine my surprise," wrote Mrs. Clough, "when 25 years later I heard of the little rattlesnake rattling that stringing old rats."