

Forecast: Cloudy with occasional light rains tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Highest yesterday 44. Lowest this morning 34.

'SALES TAX UNAVOIDABLE' - MEIER

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. THE ANCIENT Egyptians possessed the art of making purple gold—or, to speak more accurately, they knew how to change the natural yellow color of gold to a deep purple. An American scientist, we read, has just learned how they did it. They used iron, arsenic, red heat and hammering. It took him a long time to find the lost secret, but he managed it. Presumably, he feels quite set up over it.

W H A T does it prove? Well, about all it proves is that there were fads then, just as there are fads now. The Ancient Egyptians, seeking novelty, produced purple gold, and because it was a novelty probably preferred it to yellow gold. Seeking novelty similarly, we produce white gold, which looks so much like silver, a far less precious metal, that only experts can tell the difference. Fads are queer things, aren't they?

B U T don't sneer too much at fads and fancies. Fads and fancies make people want things, and wanting things is a powerful incentive toward progress. About all the progress we have made in this world has come about because somebody wanted something we didn't have. And the least progressive people in the world are the people who want the least.

U P IN VANCOUVER, across the Columbia in Washington, a man narrowly escapes death from carbon monoxide poisoning. He was warming up his car by letting the engine run in a closed garage. A deadly gas, known as carbon monoxide gas, comes from the exhaust of a gasoline engine. Letting the engine of your car run in a closed room is far more dangerous than fooling with a loaded gun.

I N NUMERABLE instances against this practice have been printed and uttered, and it would seem that anyone who can read or hear would know better. But hardly a month passes that we do not read of a death, or death, from carbon monoxide gas poisoning caused by warming up cars in closed garages. People are astonishingly reckless with their lives.

MESSAGE TELLS SPECIAL SESSION GOVERNOR'S VIEWS

Study of Oregon's Financial Problems Shows Sales Tax Only Recourse, Word - Drop Prejudice, Plea

SALEM, Jan. 3.—(AP)—While not committing himself to any specific remedy to solve Oregon's financial problems, Governor Julius L. Meier told the extraordinary session of the 37th legislative assembly here today that "My study of the subject has led me to the conclusion that a general sales tax is unavoidable." The governor's 1800-word message was delivered to the joint session of the house and senate, called together for that purpose, following organization of the two houses. He reiterated that he called them into special session to raise revenue for state purposes to relieve the state property tax, and to provide unemployment relief.

Offers Only Relief. In discussing the general sales tax, Governor Meier said he had been advised by the state tax commission that in its opinion "a general sales tax, patterned after the sales tax adopted by Mississippi in 1932 to solve its financial and tax difficulties, offers the only means of providing sufficient revenue to permit the cancellation of the state levy on property."

On the second purpose for which he called the special session, the governor recommended that not less than \$500,000 should be made available for relief purposes during the special session. There are approximately \$7,078 unemployed in the state, he said, and held that "the problem of affording relief to those unfortunate men, women and children is as much a duty of the state as of the federal government."

Introducing his appeal for the legislature to take some definite step. (Continued on Page Two)

CIGARET PRICES CUT BY MAKERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Cigarette prices were back today where they were two years ago as a result of cuts announced by most of the leading manufacturers. From a price of \$6.85 per thousand, the B. J. Reynolds, American Tobacco and Liggett and Myers companies have lowered their quotation to \$6. The new price is subject to the usual discounts allowed jobbers.

MARLENE BARRED FROM OTHER JOBS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Marlene Dietrich, exotic German born film star, was unable to work for any motion picture producer other than Paramount Studios under a temporary restraining order in effect today. The studio also sought a writ restraining Miss Dietrich from leaving the United States, but this was denied.

JACK PICKFORD DIES IN FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Jack Pickford, brother of Mary Pickford and motion picture star, died in the American hospital here today. He had been in the hospital since October 14 after suffering a breakdown. He was 36 years old. Death resulted from "multiple neuritis" which finally affected the brain cells.

Special Session Organized Without Friction Following Night's Caucus

GOVERNOR DUMPS PROBLEM OF TAX IN SOLONS' LAPS

SALEM, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Oregon's tax problem was "dumped into the laps of the legislators by the governor," was the expressed view of some leading senators and representatives following the address of Governor Julius L. Meier to the special session of the legislature at noon today. The predominant opinion was that solons were little surprised at the contents of the message because it was previously conjectured the governor would outline the situation and leave the matter to the legislature.

Senator Charles Spaulding of Salem declared the "message failed to designate a solution to the labor problem, or how the recommended \$500,000 for unemployed would be distributed. He just suggested and left the matter unsolved."

SALEM, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Preparing for consideration of tax and unemployment measures that will be dropped into the legislative hopper within the next few days of the special session, the senate today adopted as its first resolution one from the resolutions committee authorizing the president to appoint a committee of seven members on revision of laws relating to committee of nine on assessment and taxation.

President Kiddie announced that he will name the members of the committees tomorrow.

FIRST BRIDE GETS REFUND OF \$5 FEE

Pursuant to his campaign pledge, Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman this morning returned to the bride the \$5 he charged the groom for tying the matrimonial knot. The couple were Harry E. Powell and Forestine Walker of the Central Point district.

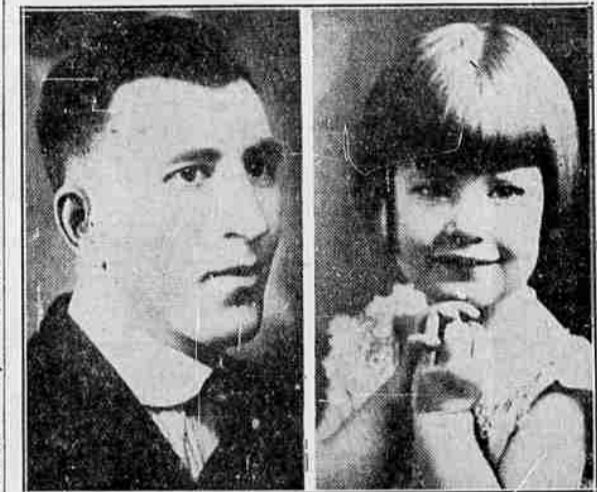
Newberg Bank Is Purchased

NEWBERG, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Purchase of the First National bank was announced here today by the United States National bank of Newberg. The formal announcement was made by R. Parrott, president of the purchasing bank, and W. H. Woodworth of the First National. The merger was effective today.

Dora Chadwick First Medford Baby For 1933

The whistles had not ceased their blaring for midnight of New Year's eve, announcing the welcome arrival of 1933, when a shrill, insistent voice was added to their echoes in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chadwick, 539 Kiffin street. A little girl, the first to arrive in Jackson county in the new year, was born to the Chadwicks at 12:03 a. m. Sunday morning, January 1.

Father Murders Family



Aubrey Welch, 39, was arrested in connection with the fatal stabbing of his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Welch, 52, and their eight year old daughter, Bebe Eileen, at Tigard, Ore. Police charged he ran amok while under the influence of liquor. The father and child are shown. (Associated Press Photos)

FLOOD DANGERS PASSED AS STREAMS DWINDLING

Medford's forecast for cloudy weather and occasional light rains with little change in temperature, sounded less ominous this afternoon when the sun shone brightly for several hours today. However, yesterday's rainfall left the year's total over an inch higher, with .58 of an inch falling between 3 a. m. and 3 p. m. Monday, and .15 of an inch between 3 p. m. yesterday and 3 a. m. today. Total precipitation since September 1, 1932, now stands at 8.31 inches.

Word received by the Great Lake park office from the lake stated that a blizzard was raging there yesterday and that a car was unable to travel down the highway an hour after the snow had cleared it. The exact depth of the precipitation was not available at the park headquarters here.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Danger of extensive flood damage in the Willamette valley appeared remote today as the river began to fall at Eugene and above, while the Santiam river and lesser tributaries were falling rapidly.

SHERIFF RECOUNT SETTLED SOON IS PRESENT OUTLOOK

A third citation, ordering Gordon L. Schermerhorn, who Monday assumed the office of sheriff, to answer the petition of Ralph G. Jennings, "write-in" candidate for the office, for a recount and contest, was scheduled to be served today by Coroner Frank Pegg, Attorney Porter J. Neff and Frank J. Van Dyke filed the citation with the clerk this morning for service.

Under the citation Sheriff Schermerhorn will have seven days in which to prepare a reply, after which, barring legal entanglements, a date will be set for the recount of the official ballots. The issue should be definitely decided, pro or con, within two weeks.

Drunk Charge For New Congressman

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 3.—(AP)—T. C. Coffin, mayor of Pocatello and congressman-elect from the second district of Idaho, was ordered to appear in police court this afternoon on a charge of drunkenness. He was arrested shortly after midnight.

CONFINE EFFORTS TO RAISING TAXES AND JOB RELIEF

SALEM, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Permanent organization of the house and senate, as outlined by the caucuses of the 37th legislative assembly last night, was completed at the opening meeting of the extraordinary session here today. The senate completed its work and adjourned to hear the message of Governor Julius L. Meier at 11:30. The house did not complete its business until 20 minutes later.

The governor at noon was prepared to address the joint assembly of the two houses. (By the Associated Press) Highlights of Governor Meier's message to the special session of the legislature: A general sales tax is unavoidable. Deliberations stay adjourned during deliberations of the grave problems before us.

Unless a new tax source is found, the 1933 legislature will be forced to restore the property tax. I am not committed to any specific remedy to solve the taxation and jobless problems of Oregon. Real property cannot carry the present burden without confiscation and bankruptcy in cities and counties.

HOOPER HITS AT BALKY SENATORS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—President Hoover today hit out at congressional opposition to his plans for regrouping governmental agencies, saying in a statement that unless "congress keeps its hands off now" or gives larger powers to President-elect Roosevelt, any reorganization will be "merely make-believe."

Mollison's Plan Atlantic Flight

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Captain J. A. Mollison and his wife, Amy Johnson, announced today they intend to make a flight together across the north Atlantic this year after Captain Mollison completes a projected solo flight next month to South Africa.

TWO FAMILIES CREMATED WHEN OIL KINDLES FIRES

SHELBY, O., Jan. 3.—(AP)—An entire family was wiped out early today when a fire destroyed their one-story home. The dead were James Miller, 35, his wife Beatrice, 27, and the youngest a baby of two weeks.

FAREWELL TO A BROTHER

MAYOR TO NAME CITY AIDES FOR DUTY THIS YEAR

New Councilmen to Take Seats at First Meeting of New Year - Department Heads to Be Retained

Appointments for the new year and the new term of city government will be made tonight by Mayor E. M. Wilson at the meeting of the city council, called for 7:30 o'clock at the city hall. Newly elected councilmen will be installed and preside for the first time. They are: S. A. Kroeschel, Al Littell and Fred Heath. Other members, who with those named, will complete the council are: Dade Terrett, C. C. Darby, W. M. Clemenson, who was re-elected in November, and George Porter.

Superintendent of the local airport will be appointed tonight, and Tom Culbertson, it is understood, will be named, as he is the only qualified applicant under consideration. Planning commission and water commission appointments will be made and a new police judge, to succeed Judge Glenn O. Taylor, may be named. The latter appointment, however, may be decided upon tonight, Mayor Wilson stated, adding that the city council is anxious to place the office in the city hall.

INFLUENZA WAVE SUBSIDING WHILE VIRULENCY GROWS

A decrease in the number of influenza cases in the county, but with an increase in the severity of the disease was reported this morning by Dr. C. I. Drummond, county physician. The epidemic seems to be losing its grip, he stated, but those persons having it are more seriously afflicted than before the holiday season. There have been a few deaths in Jackson county, he stated, but all from complications, chiefly pneumonia.

Hiram To Expound On Debt Thursday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Senator Johnson (R., Calif.) served notice in the senate today he would make a speech on war debts tomorrow.

HOOVER'S WRATH STRIKES STIMSON FOR PEACE PLAN

Secretary's Brain Child Finds No Favor When Informal Announcement Is Made Before President Ready

By PAUL MALLOTT. Copyright by McClure Newspaper Syndicate. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Mr. Stimson was struck violently a few weeks ago with a new idea for the promotion of peace. All that has come of it so far is war between the state department and the White House.

Apparently Mr. Hoover told him to go ahead and prepare his idea in message form to the senate. The preparation is supposed to have been done by Assistant Secretary of State White. He sent the draft over to Mr. Hoover and an informal announcement about it was made at the state department.

WHEELS ARE IN MOTION TO START A NEW HIGH-POWERED PUBLICITY DRIVE FEATURING THE VIRTUES OF UTILITY COMPANIES. Some of the boys have decided that it is getting them nowhere to be good and sit quiet and even the negative influence of powerful financial interests will not head off the flood of propaganda. Technocracy will be a special target in the early stages.

A lot of inside gossip is going around the senate about two millionaires contesting for control of the Republican party. (Continued on Page Two)

WILL ROGERS SAYS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 2.—Well, the new year is here. Now what are you going to do with it? I bet you there is not a man in America (yes, I will take in more country than that; make it the world), there is not a single person that knows any more about what '33 has in store for us than Bill's goat. Ten million people have gone without work for three years just listening to "big men" solve their problem. I don't know what will be the first commission Mr. Roosevelt will appoint, but millions hope that it won't be the "president of this concern" or "the head of that corporation" but 10 men who have been without work. We will at least get an original viewpoint. If the non-worker has to go to the dogs, he at least should have a voice on the commission that sends him.

Yours, Will Rogers. © 1932, McClure Newspaper Syndicate, Inc.