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change in temperature.  
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# LEGIONNAIRES RAP MOB THREAT

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

THE United States supreme court rules that the Union Pacific railroad cannot be compelled to build a railroad across the state of Oregon. Thus ends a celebrated case.

BEARING on this decision, here is an interesting comment from Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner of Oregon:

"If time had continued as they were at the time the case was started, the position of the citizens of the state on this question (the cross-state railroad) would have been sustained. That is to say, in Commissioner Thomas' judgment, the decision of the supreme court was a 'legislative decision.'"

WHAT is meant by "legislative decision?"

Well, in plain words, it is something like this: The supreme court probably reasoned: "The railroads are not in good financial condition. This road will cost approximately eleven million dollars. That amount of money would be hard to find right now. And railroad men assert that the new line would show a steady loss. Besides, transportation conditions are changing so rapidly that it may be this territory can be served by trucks more cheaply than by railroads."

So, since there may have been doubt as to the compelling nature of the provisions of the transportation act in such cases, the court may have decided that it would be wiser public policy to rule against the compulsory extension.

Hence the term "legislative decision."

THE celebrated cross-state railroad was planned originally by E. H. Harriman, as a part of a great project for the development of Oregon. Then Harriman died.

After Harriman's death, anti-trust proceedings were launched by the government against the railroad system that he had built up, and dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger was finally ordered.

One of the results of this dissolution order was the abandonment of the cross-state railroad in Oregon.

SEVERAL interesting developments in railroad history, and in the attitude of the government toward the railroads and the problem of railroad transportation, are illustrated by the history of this cross-state case.

For example, the anti-trust suit against the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific was instituted by the government, which was then trying to pry existing railroad mergers apart and make the individual lines highly competitive.

Now the government is trying to force the railroads to MERGE into a few great systems.

Quite a change in policy, isn't it?

THE cross-state line was abandoned as a result of a suit by the government to compel two railroad systems to merge.

Later on, one of the powerful agencies of the government, the Interstate Commerce Commission, ORDERED the Union Pacific railroad to BUILD this same rail line which had been abandoned because of the opposition of the government to mergers.

It was this formal order of the Interstate Commerce Commission which was reversed by the supreme court decision of yesterday.

Another considerable change, you see.

## VETERANS PLEDGE OFFICERS SUPPORT AGAINST VIOLENCE

### Resolution Condemns 'Vicious Propaganda' Calculated to Incite Riot—Legion Principles Set Forth

Denunciation of published threats of mob violence and overthrow of constituted authority in the county was voiced at the regular meeting last night of Medford post of the American Legion, several members pointing out the harm being done the community by continued inflammatory propaganda from political sources. A resolution condemning those engaged in such practices was introduced and passed by practically unanimous vote, there being but two voices raised in objection.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows: "Whereas, the principles of the American Legion are set forth in the preamble of its constitution that 'For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; and to defend the rights of the citizenry; and whereas, a serious situation is rapidly developing in Jackson county because of vicious propaganda spread by at least one daily newspaper and by word of mouth, which tends to incite to mob action and to violence and mob action in the county the irresponsible element therein;

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That Medford Post No. 15 of the American Legion, does hereby condemn any newspaper, individuals or group of individuals in Jackson county that are engaged in printing or circulating (Continued on Page Two)

## MILK WAR FLARES A NEW IN MEDFORD; PRICE 5 CTS. CASH

The drastic reduction in the price of milk by Medford's three largest creameries to pay-in-advance customers was branded as a "price war" against the milk depot by the Gillman Dairy in a statement, in which the dairy refused to join the movement.

The price on milk was reduced this week to five cents a quart to customers paying in advance for their product. The price equals that previously charged at milk depots, where customers were required to call for milk and bring their own containers.

Previous to the reduction, milk delivered in the bottles was selling for nine cents. The price to charge customers has also been reduced to eight cents.

The Gillman dairy, in opposing the reduction today, stated, "Such a reduction is necessarily temporary, and the purpose could only be to put the milk depots out of business."

"We understand the majority of these depots are operated by farmers who are endeavoring in this manner to find a market for their milk at a reasonably fair price.

"We have no quarrel with these men, and are not trying to eliminate this competition by selling our milk at a loss until they are put out of business."

"From 10 years' experience we know our cost is approximately 17 cents per gallon to produce the milk on the farm; and approximately 12 cents to refrigerate, bottle and distribute grade A milk."

## PARENT GROUP MEETS WITH MRS. PRENTISS

An all-day meeting of the parent educational study group was in session today in the auditorium at the county court house in charge of Mrs. Sara H. Prentiss of Oregon State college, child development specialist.

The meeting opened this morning at 10 a. m. The subject for discussion was "How Children Differ."

## Stork Hovering



PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Libby Holman Reynolds, widow of Smith Reynolds, was in the maternity department of the Pennsylvania hospital for observation today.

## DANGER SEEN IN INCITING MARCH ON COURT HOUSE

To the Editor: The headlines of the morning paper to the effect that Lowell Zundell proposes to lead a mob of 3000 citizens upon the courthouse and there to demand the resignation of certain county officials can only arouse in the minds of thoughtful and temperate citizens a feeling of alarm.

With unemployment and depression and hunger abroad in the land, this is not the time for that sort of assemblage.

Perhaps it would be well to here set out the Oregon law on the subject of riot and unlawful assembly. Section 14-601:

"Whenever three or more persons assemble with intent, or with means and preparation to do an unlawful act, which would be riot if actually committed, but do not act toward the commission thereof, or whenever such persons assemble without authority of law, and in such manner as is adapted to disturb the public peace or excite public alarm, or disguised in a manner adapted to prevent them from being identified, such an assembly is an unlawful assembly."

Section 14-602 prescribes the punishment for participating in a riot and fixes the same from three months in the county jail to 15 years in the state penitentiary, according to the gravity of the offense.

Such an assemblage can have for its object one purpose and that to bully and intimidate the duly elected officials of this county to resign the offices to which the people elected them. The law provides ample remedy to the people in the recall of public officials. Any other method of removing them from office is unlawful and seems to take away from the official the opportunity of defending himself, and having his day in court, or before the people.

This business of inciting people to take the law in their own hands is an extremely dangerous proposition, and may well result in no little bloodshed. I believe that this situation demands prompt and vigorous action.

Mr. Lowell Zundell and any other person responsible for this idea should be halted before the grand jury forthwith, and if the facts are as stated in the morning paper, should be promptly indicted for inciting riot. Very truly yours, E. E. KELLY.

## STATE BOUNTIES SYSTEM FAULTY

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The circumstance that the state no longer pays bounties on cougar and wolves doesn't mean that the state game commission has lost interest in predatory animal control.

Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor, declared today that the bounty system has proven ineffective and that the paid hunter system has been found the most efficient where funds are available.

But, he said, "in addition to outright abuses of the bounty system, revealing cases where fraud was attempted, it has been found that more than 75 per cent of the cougar and wolves taken were accounted for by what are called 'occasional killings.'"

Leave Tonight—Colonel and Mrs. Gordon Woolrich are leaving by train this evening for Portland.

## HOOVER PLEADS ACTION TO HALT MUNITIONS SALE

### Special Message to Congress Asks Ratification of Pact Or Power for President — War Not Mentioned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—President Hoover, in a special message to congress, today urged either the speedy ratification of the projected convention to suppress trade in implements of war, or special legislation empowering the chief executive to limit or forbid shipment of arms for military purposes.

The message, which has been awaiting presidential approval for several weeks, did not mention any specific conflict such as the unofficial Sino-Japanese war or the difference between Paraguay and Bolivia in the Chaco.

## ELKS LODGE AT ALBANY BURNS

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Loss estimated by firemen at more than \$100,000 was caused here today when flames destroyed the Albany Elks temple and most of the contents of three stores on the lower floors.

The fire started in the rear of a drug store at the west side of the building and spread to the corner through the C. J. Brewer store and into the Sternberg ladies' shop. Firemen said they were in doubt as to the cause of the blaze.

All equipment and furnishings of the lodge hall was destroyed.

## NEW S. P. PRESIDENT GOES THRU MEDFORD

A. D. McDonald, newly elected president of the Southern Pacific company, and J. H. Dyer, vice president in charge of operation, passed thru Medford this morning in their official cars "Oakland" and "Del Monte" on the Shasta.

The two company men are on an inspection trip, and were accompanied north from Medford as far as Roseburg by A. S. Rosenbaum, district freight and passenger agent. Mr. Rosenbaum presented the men with a box of choice Rogue River valley peaches.

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## Chicken Pox Wanes In Local Schools

The chickenpox epidemic is subsiding in the Medford schools, according to an announcement today by Mrs. Ruth Swanson Dodson, Medford school nurse. Mrs. Dodson also reported few children ill with influenza, which has attacked many members of the adult population.

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## Jackson Co. Delegation Aid Sales Tax Demise

(By Mary Greiner Kelly.)  
SALISBURY, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The Jackson county delegation were two to one against the proposed two per cent sales tax when it came to a final vote in the legislature tonight.

## Schissler Quits As Grid Mentor At Oregon State

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP) Paul J. Schissler, head football coach at Oregon State college, submitted his resignation today. The resignation was accepted by the executive committee of the board of education, to become effective at the end of the spring term, June 30.

Schissler and Chancellor W. J. Kerr of Oregon's system of higher education, conferred for three hours yesterday on the matter of Schissler's salary. He had balked at a salary cut in line with that accepted by other members of the faculty.

## EX-COUNTY HEADS EXPLAIN STAND IN AUDIT SQUABBLE

To the Editor: In view of the fact that considerable publicity has been given to the failure of the former county court to provide in the budget the necessary funds for a general audit of the books of the county, we feel that in justice to the tax payers and citizens of the county that the matter should be fully explained.

At the time the budget for 1933 was adopted, the advisability of making a general and complete audit of the books of the county was thoroughly considered by the former county court. There were no funds available for such an audit, and it would have been necessary to provide the funds by general taxation.

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## \$5 AUTO LICENSE AMONG BILLS IN SENATE'S HOPPER

### Provision for Borrowing R. F. C. Coin for Relief and Repeal of 18th Amendment Is Introduced Early

SALISBURY, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Twelve bills, ranging from reduction of expenses of county officials to the \$5 automobile license proposal, including provision to borrow money from the Reconstruction Finance corporation for unemployed and making possible the calling of a constitutional convention for repeal of the 18th amendment, were dropped into the senate hopper this morning.

While the house opened its day's session without the introduction of a single bill, senators were kept busy making final drafts of bills for introduction. Committees of both houses started work immediately upon adjournment of the short forenoon session.

Would Borrow \$10,000,000. Senator Charles Spaulding's measure for unemployment relief would make it possible to collect \$10,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance corporation, to be administered by the governor. It provides he shall appoint a commission of three through which the fund would be administered. The money would be loaned out to employers to hire help, payable in five years.

The \$5 license fee for automobiles was introduced by Senator Edwin Allen of Washington county, and provides in addition a two per cent ad valorem tax, computed on the factory price and allowing 35 per cent depreciation for five years, after which the price is set at one-tenth of the original value. Trucks and trailers are not affected by this bill, but electric-vehicles for commercial purposes are required to pay 50 per cent more tax than trucks and cars.

Uphaw Feltner Plan. Five of the bills were introduced by Jay Uphaw. His law included the calling of a special election to elect delegates to a state constitutional convention within 90 days after congress submits to the states the question of repeal of the 18th amendment. He also asks in his bills to eliminate the traveling expenses of all county officials except judges and sheriffs and reduce the salaries of clerk and treasurer each by \$20 in Deschutes county.

A joint bill by Senators Zimmerman and Burke and Representatives McPhillips, Duerst and Lewis would make the state a party to the property tax delinquencies of counties, and provides for taxes to state be payable once each month instead of twice a year.

Creation of an unemployment commission to function in placing unemployed persons on tracts of farm land reclaimed by the state or counties for delinquent taxes and to assist them in financing their operation is the aim of senate bill No. 11, by Senator Lee and Representative Beckman.

Members Make Plan. An orderly and well disciplined army of 300 "hunger marchers" late yesterday presented their 120-point demands to the legislature, and their requests were heard for two hours by virtually every member. Governor Julius L. Meier, other state officials and packed the overflying gallery.

And, like the failure of the governor to present his biennial message on the opening day of the session, this march upon the capitol was unique in Oregon history. Seven speakers, including one young woman, presented the arguments for immediate relief. The group dispersed after the meeting. Many already have started for their homes.

MEET TO INSTRUCT MINING DELEGATES  
A meeting of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining association Inc., will be held in the chamber of commerce Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Final instructions to delegates selected to attend the Western Oregon Mining congress will be given and all delegates as well as all others interested are urged to be present.

A man thoroughly conversant with the method of securing loans through the medium of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, will be present to give the delegates the benefit of this knowledge.

Activists Meet To Observe 2nd Year  
At the meeting of the Active club this evening, the charter members will entertain the others in the club, in observance of the local chapter's second anniversary. A special program is being planned for the evening, and a large attendance is expected.

CHEESE PROGRAM AT LIONS ON WEDNESDAY  
Tomorrow noon at the regular luncheon meeting of the Lions club, H. W. Ward of the Lading cheese factory at Eagle Point will be a guest, as well as the Rogue River cowboys, the cheese factory's orchestra.

Personnel of the musical group is Sam Coy, "Boss" and manager; Bob Cowden, Lonesome; Ed Cowden, Happy; Wallace Ragsdale, Smoky; Bill Holman, Alton; Wayne Whaley, Wary; Charles Sturgell, Chuck and Bert Whaley, Smiley.

Cinderella Sale Marks Birthday  
Marking four years of business in this city, the Cinderella Shop on South Central avenue is conducting a special anniversary sale which started today and will be continued during the next ten days.

Dr. C. I. Drummond, county physician, was looking to the welfare of the coming generation in Jackson county today with new concern and enthusiasm. For a new member has been added to the list, and her name is Drummond.

The very little miss, born to Dr. and Mrs. Drummond this morning at the Community hospital, was weighed according to all the regulations, advanced by the health worker, her dad, tipped the scales at six pounds, 14 ounces, and is a dashing brunette. Mother and baby were reported getting along nicely this afternoon.

## Kindly Host Dies



EMIL MOHR, for many years proprietor of the Hotel Medford, who died of heart failure last night.

## EMIL MOHR DIES SUDDENLY AFTER LONG ILL HEALTH

Emil Mohr, for a quarter of a century active in the civic and business life of Medford, died suddenly in his apartments at the Hotel Medford last night shortly before midnight, due to heart failure. He had been in ill-health for several years. He complained Monday of not feeling well, but believed his condition was not serious. His passing came as a distinct shock to hundreds of friends throughout the state and county.

Emil Mohr was a man of sterling character, unfailing gentility, and high optimism. He has been a resident of this city since 1910—a greater portion of his time, as owner and manager of the Hotel Medford.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mervin Mohr, two daughters, Mrs. Anita Bolechman of this city, Mrs. Edna Mohr, a student at the University of Oregon, and Emil Mohr, Jr., also a student at the University of Oregon. A nephew, Rudolph Mohr, resides in San Francisco, Calif., and a niece, Mrs. Theodore Gehrling in Muenchenshuettel, Germany.

Funeral services will be held from the Peet Funeral Home Friday at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Baird officiating. Interment in the Siskiyou Memorial park.

Emil Mohr was born in Meiningen, Germany, April 12, 1862, and was 70 years of age. At the age of 19 he came to America, and settled in San Francisco. His first employment there was a clerk in a grocery store. Later (Continued on Page Six)

## TOFT'S PROPERTY LISTED \$67,259.35

An inventory and appraisal of the property belonging to Ray Toft of Jacksonville, who committed suicide October 6, last year, has been filed at the county court house by Attorney Hawley Moore and J. C. Collins of Medford, Carl Anderson of Jacksonville and W. J. Roberts of Medford, appraisers.

Although rumors at the time of Mr. Toft's death were to the effect that he was in financial difficulties, the appraisal, listed on 1932 values, gave his property a valuation of \$67,259.35, according to the papers on file.

An ordinary appraisal of property, seldom takes more than one page of single-spaced typewritten copy, but that listed for Mr. Toft required 47 pages and showed that he possessed 51 pieces of real property, held 24 mortgages on other real property in the county, held 22 chattel mortgages, and had in his listings 58 unsecured notes.

Seven additional notations of real property were given, and six items of personal property. The complete file has a total of 171 independent items of property listed.

## STORK BRINGS GIRL TO C. I. DRUMMONDS

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## MORATORIUM FOR DEBTORS IS AIM IN PROPOSED LAW

### Big Wall Street Banking Firm Father of Idea Is Report—Democrats Probe Building Extravagance

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Some of those who have had conservative minds since birth are beginning to change them now. That major underlying trend is well illustrated in the story behind the Hastings' bill. It was proposed by Senator Hastings of Delaware permitting debtors to appeal to the courts for a moratorium. The courts could authorize delay upon proper showing of inability to pay.

The bill came to Hastings from Solicitor General Thatcher of the justice department, but its private birthplace was higher yet—one of the largest banking houses in the heart of Wall street.

The big shots are giving more thought than they care to publicize to the debtor situation. One of the highest officials of the government said in private conversation last week that if he were permitted to resign in office after March 4 he would favor some collective action by debtors. He thought the problem should be handled in the states. If organizations of debtors were formed in each state the creditors would certainly become more lenient. No legislation is needed for that.

The Democrats are suffering at the public building work here and threatening to make a score.

One of their investigators has discovered that the construction is being (Continued on Page Two)

## BAND BOX ADDS TO FLOOR SPACE

In order to better accommodate an increasing number of patrons, the Band Box and Shoe Box has added 600 square feet of space to the present store at 225 East Sixth street to include the room formerly occupied by the Medford Fur shop.

Work is now under way to remove the partitions between the Band Box and Shoe Box and the adjoining shop, and according to plans remodeling will be completed within the next ten days.

The interior of the place will be redecorated, using apple green wall with an attractive harmonizing color scheme. Five comfortable fitting rooms and additional mirrors and fixtures will provide every convenience for shoppers in Mrs. U. J. Carpenter's dress, coat and hat department.

A larger stock of shoes will be featured by Mr. Carpenter who will occupy the entire west side of the store, and above all, a consideration of a number of wall shelves will be constructed along with other equipment for displaying shoes.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 9.—To Mrs. Coolidge:  
Mrs. Coolidge, your husband's head rests today not alone on his Vermont soil, but pillowed on the sincere tribute of the millions he had served.

Every writer has written of the amazing hold he had on his countrymen, and they attributed it to various causes. Now that he is beyond the receipt of more honor, what about the "amazing hold" you had on your people?

Naturally you sided your husband's career. All wives do that. But what made you so beloved by the people? Overnight you were swept into the highest position that can be held by an American woman. Other "first ladies" had perhaps greater advantages, training, background and social distinction. But you showed that which travel and social association can't compete with, something that was born in you, a native dignity, a sincerity, a modest graciousness that endears you to all.

Calvin Coolidge left a great lesson to our government in "common sense." Yours is just as great a lesson to your sex, in a homely and unassuming and above all, a consideration of the feelings of others, which constitutes a "real" lady, be she pauper or queen.

Yours,  
Will Rogers

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