

The Weather
Forecast: Part cloudy tonight and Thursday, becoming unsettled with rain Thursday.
Highest yesterday 42
Lowest this morning 25

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HIGHWAY PROJECT BILLS OPENED

Comment on the Day's News

FOR YEARS it has been known that the state of Oregon has a financial deficit, but nobody has known just HOW BIG the deficit is. The public has heard much talk about it, but no facts.

THE STORY of how these trained fact-finders from the highway department came to tackle the job of running down the deficit is interesting.

THE FACTS, as established by these trained employees of the highway department, are reassuring.

IN RECENT weeks the air has been full of rumors about the serious financial condition of the state of Oregon. These rumors have affected unfavorably the state's credit.

HERE is an interesting little story: Two years ago an Oregon-born employee sent to the first vice-president of the great General Motors acceptance corporation, as a Christmas gift, 20 pounds of Oregon walnuts.

A NOTHER story along the same line: Two years ago an Oregon grower won first prize for his walnuts at the annual nut show. A few weeks later he received from a large eastern candy manufacturer a request to submit samples of all his various grades.

HERE is the lesson: The Oregon walnut is a QUALITY product. As its quality becomes known in the markets, orders follow. For it is quality products that are in demand these days.

AND DON'T forget this: Quality was never more important than NOW, when competition is exceedingly keen.

190 Bodies Seen On Battlefield
ASUNCION, Paraguay, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Paraguayan minister of war announced today that the bodies of 190 soldiers of the Bolivian 41st infantry had been counted on the battlefield since the victory the Paraguayans asserted they had won in the Gran Chaco yesterday.

\$62,130 LOW BID ON REROUTE PLAN NORTH ASHLAND

Actual Letting of Contract Remains Matter of Conjecture — Bear Creek Bridge Bids Also Opened

Due to pending legislation and lack of unanimous opinion locally as to merits of the proposed work, it is not known by county officials whether the highway commission will actually let the contract for the 1.05 miles improvement north of Ashland at once, or not.

Information on when the contract Grading 0.89 mile Drinkwater Pass highway commission.

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Bids on ten Oregon highway projects calling for total expenditure of \$330,000 were opened by the state highway commission here today.

The largest item was for construction of 1.1 miles of highway roadbed on the Clackamas river-Canemah section of the Pacific highway. Saxton & Looney of Corvallis were low with a bid of \$67,504.

Other projects and the low bidders follow: Furnishing 8450 cubic yards maintenance material Redmond-Chemult section The Dalles-California highway, north unit, Griffith and Hollenbeck, Bend, \$9412; south unit, A. B. Wallace, Roseburg, \$8875.

Grading and graveling 2100 lineal feet Koepple slough and Hinesdale slough sections Umpqua highway, F. C. Billard, Medford, \$32,133.

Furnishing 8000 cubic yards maintenance material Arlington-Rock Creek section John Day highway, A. C. Greenwood company, Portland, \$11,250.

Grading 0.98 mile Drinkwater Pass section central Oregon highway, J. A. Verelsting & Sons, Spokane, \$26,583.

Grading and paving 1.5 miles Bear creek-Ashland section Pacific highway, Washburn & Hall, Portland, \$62,130.

Grading and paving 0.3 mile and shoulder construction 5 miles, Forest Grove-Hillsboro section Tualatin highway, Forest Grove Band and gravel company, \$12,452.

Bridge over John Day river on lower Columbia river highway, F. L. Odum, Salem, \$53,733.

Two pile trestle bridges with concrete decks over Bear creek on Pacific highway near Ashland, Washburn & Hall, Portland, \$15,777.

FARMER REVOLT LOOMS IN YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Speaking in vigorous support of the domestic allotment farm relief bill, Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told a senate committee today that "unless something is done for the American farmer we will have a revolution in the countryside in less than twelve months."

O'Neal was the first witness as the agriculture committee began hearings on the price boosting bill passed by the house.

MEDFORD INVITATION EXTENDED GOVERNOR

SALEM, Jan. 25.—(AP)—On behalf of the Medford chamber of commerce Representatives Ed Kelly and Earl Day of Jackson county will formally invite Governor Julius L. Meier to attend the Oregon diamond anniversary celebration to be held in Medford during the week of June 6, 1934.

"Farmer Bill" Is Ready To Debate

To the Editor: I see Bert Harr of the Steamboat country has accepted my challenge for a debate on the topic, "Have the readers of the Daily News an overdose of politics." Name your time and place, Bert, and we will tangle, but any argument on Technocracy is barred.

CLOSE RACE IN IRISH ELECTION

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Scattering returns from yesterday's Irish Free State election showed the government party and the combined nationalists and independence opposition were waging a close race for seats in the Dail Eireann which will choose a new president.

Reports from the national university, the first district to report complete, showed two republicans and one nationalist candidate had been elected there. One of the victorious candidates was Mrs. H. Connehan, who defeated Michael Hayes, former speaker of the Dail and a prominent Cosgrave party man. She will be the first republican woman member of the Dail.

JOBLESS BESIEGE GOVERNORS OFFICE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Three hundred screaming, howling men and women of the "Illinois Unemployed Council" were forcibly ejected from the office of Governor Henry Horner this afternoon.

The "tore down the door-jamb of the outer office as they threw their weight against it, getting out of the reach of the clubs wielded by state highway and city police.

Shoplifter Fined And Sent To Jail

Preston Smallwood of this city who was arrested by city police Saturday night on a charge of shoplifting in the Groceria No. 1, was fined \$25 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Holman To Seek Loan Of Million

FRANKLIN, Ind., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Private funeral services were held today for Mrs. Graham Smith, 40, who at the time of her death weighed 908 pounds.

Utilities Protest 87-Point Program

SALEM, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Heads of utility companies in the state late yesterday filed their protests against the seven-point power program of Commissioner Charles M. Thomas, as outlined in the senate bill introduced early in the session. While the officials declared they found no fault with the principle of the bill, they did object to several points in the measure.

CLERICS CHALLENGED PREACH FAITH BOLDLY

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A challenge to Christian clergymen to "preach boldly the faith" is presented by economic conditions at this time, Bishop Walker Sumner declared today in his annual message to the 45th convention of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon.

LICENSE FEE ON SODA FOUNTAINS IS SOLON'S PLAN

Bill to Collect From \$15 to \$50 Annually Expected to Be Introduced — Power Bill Airing Set for Tonight

SALEM, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Grinding away at its first busy calendar of the session, the house of representatives today passed the bill to collect from soda fountains.

During the afternoon, among the anticipated bill will be one providing license fees for all soda fountains and similar stands, ranging from \$15 to \$50 annually. The license is computed on the basis of merchandise sold. The measure also provides regulatory laws for the operation of soda fountains. The bill will be presented by Representatives Estes Snedcor and Romeo Gouge and Senators Booth and Dunne.

Recall Bill Held Up. Because of protests against the house bill making recall actions more difficult, the measure was pulled out of the house calendar and returned to the committee. A public hearing on the act will be held here tomorrow afternoon. A signed protest by the citizens' committee of 50 of Portland, following a mass meeting there yesterday, was presented to the committee, resulting in the recall bill being held up. The judiciary committee had previously reported it out favorably.

The so-called Thomas power bill, utilities regulatory measure sponsored by State Utilities Commissioner C. M. Thomas and introduced by nine senators, will be given a public hearing tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The hearing will be held before the senate committee on railroads and utilities.

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STRIKE TIES UP FRENCH BOURSE

PARIS, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The bourse was tied up today by a strike of brokers who refused to quote prices in protest to the chamber of commerce committee's action yesterday in tearing down the government's contemplated economic. Police reinforcements watched the scene.

There was no trading. No quotations, including those of foreign exchange, were posted except rentes (government loans) when the bourse opened at noon.

The big building was devoid of the usual noise, with brokers quietly standing around the boards which were blank except for yesterday's figures.

One Solon Falls Hard For Barnes Sales Tax

(By Mary Greiner Kelly) SALEM, Jan. 24.—(Sp.)—Out of the 100 people who crowded the committee room in which was held the public hearing on the Jackson County homestead exemption bill last night, only one man actually fell for the idea. That was Dr. James A. Beal of Pendleton, a committee member, who listened hard, lost his balance, and tumbled, chair and all, off the platform.

Aside from that, there was much talk but no excitement. Former Governor Os West tried to start some, when he began asking droll questions on the merits of the bill.

His efforts to grab the spotlight, however, proved futile, as Chairman Nicholas of Roseburg was not in the mood for oratorical horseplay at that hour. He immediately insisted on a Dutch lawyer by the name of McCarthy, doing an interpretative dance on the constitutional aspects of the bill.

J. C. Barnes was demonstrative in his affection toward his brain child as he heaped verbal caresses upon it for a little more than an hour. Henry Conger, well known Jackson county lawyer, followed him to the platform and did his effective bit.

DEBT DISCUSSION FLARES ANEW IN CONGRESS HALLS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Raise American tariffs or stabilize foreign currencies was the alternative that came today from a high administration quarter almost coincidental with a flare of debate over the impending foreign debt discussions that swept the senate.

An outline of the views of President Hoover came from an official qualified to speak for the president about the same time Finland was seeking to fall into the debt discussion line and word came that Latvia was ready to do the same.

Debate Flares. Shortly after Representative Rainey of Illinois, democratic leader, had said neither revision nor cancellation might be expected from the conference, a fresh outburst of debate opened in the senate.

Senator Robinson (R., Ind.), precipitated it by asserting that President-elect Roosevelt's offer to discuss debts with all nations that have paid their December installments was an invitation to reduce the debts and calling attention to a published report that an emissary of the president-elect was in Great Britain talking with officials about an 80 per cent reduction.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, democratic leader, entering the chamber during the speech, interrupted to say he understood Robinson was using newspaper reports "as the basis for violent attacks."

Robinson Interrupts. He got no further before Robinson of Indiana cut in on him to say: "Not violent attacks. I resent that. The other day the senator said I was playing cheap politics. When any one speaks for the American people it is cheap politics. It seems a man must go to a naval conference to become broadminded."

The democratic leader, who represented (Continued on Page Three)

FEHL APPEALS IN JUDGMENT SALES

Formal notice of appeal to the state supreme court was filed late yesterday in circuit court, in the two cases of Niedermeyer, Inc., against Earl H. Fehl and others, on two judgments rendered against Fehl and the Pacific Record-Herald building and equipment, on suits instituted for collection of mortgages and promissory notes.

Niedermeyer, Inc., last month at public sale, bought the mechanical equipment on the low and only bid of approximately \$5000. January 7, Ted Helmroth of the Griffin creek district, and J. B. Thomas and wife of Ashland bid approximately \$3000 for the Pacific Record-Herald building on Sixth street.

Confirmations of sale in both instances were filed recently with the recording department of the county clerk's office.

'MA' FERGUSON TAKES OFFICE



Mrs. Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson took the oath for her former post as governor of Texas in inauguration ceremonies at Austin, Chief Justice C. M. Cureton (left) of the Texas supreme court is shown administering the oath, as former Gov. James E. Ferguson (center) looks on. (Associated Press Photo)

GIRL CANDIDATES FOR HAWAII TRIP LISTED THURSDAY

Tomorrow's edition of The Mail Tribune will carry the list of Rogue River valley girls who have been already nominated for the Medford Merchants-Mail Tribune popularity contest for the first few days. Reports will be very incomplete until the contest has been underway for at least a week, due to the fact that purchasers have not deposited all ballots yet. However, already there has been a substantial vote with a steady increase from day to day as the contest progresses.

With two wonderful vacation trips as major prizes, the contest is creating considerable interest throughout southern Oregon. A number of Ashland girls have been nominated by friends in the southern end of the Rogue River valley, which shows that interest is spreading to all southern Oregon communities. A delightful trip to Hawaii will be the first prize and a train trip to Seattle, followed by a round trip boat cruise to San Francisco is the second award. All expenses are paid in both vacation prizes and the very finest of accommodations, both on train and boat, will be assured for the lucky girls who win the unique competition.

Tomorrow the Mail Tribune will also publish the list of well-known Medford citizens participating in the contest. A nomination blank appears on page six of today's Mail Tribune for the convenience of southern Oregon people who wish to suggest a new contestant for the popularity contest. The initial nomination assuring the nominee a start of 1000 votes. The nominations and opportunity for merchants to participate will both close Friday night.

James Wilkinson, charged with the robbery of the Chitwood Drug store in Jacksonville on the night of December 17, is also scheduled to be tried this week. Robert Langenbacher, whose home Wilkinson said to have left the loot, was granted parole upon the recommendation of Jacksonville residents, including Mrs. Amy Dow and former County Judge F. L. Tou Valle. Langenbacher was absolved of guilt.

AUDIT DISCUSSED BY COUNTY COURT

Matter of an audit for the county books was discussed today at the regular session of the county court with all members present, but with no decision.

Representatives of the Ray Leacher Co., and the William B. Rauch and Son auditing firms of Portland conferred with the county court this morning. Representatives of other auditing firms were scheduled this afternoon.

It was hinted this morning that the audit would cost "85000 or 100,000." This cost is regarded by the court as too high. It is figured that between \$4000 and \$5000, or less, is ample, and all the county finances can stand at this time with relief demanding the most attention.

Competitive bids will probably be asked for the auditing, with the right to accept or reject all bids. The county court also discussed bids from oil companies for the furnishing of gasoline the coming year for county machinery.

Capone's Sister Target Of Gang

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A report that Mrs. Mafalda Martiote, sister of Al Capone, former "boss" of Chicago's gangland, barely escaped death when four bullets were fired in her direction, was under investigation by Chicago police today.

BUDGET MESSAGE FROM MILLS' PEN TO PUSH POLICY

Treasury Secretary Virtually Wrote Latest Message and Prevailed Upon President to Send It, Is Word

Copyrighted by McClure Newspaper Syndicate. By PAUL MALLON. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Treasury Secretary Mills virtually wrote Mr. Hoover's latest budget balancing message to congress. Most of the language was his.

It was part of the quiet campaign Mills is conducting to force Mr. Roosevelt's hand on budget balancing. Mills has heard the inside stories about Mr. Roosevelt's easy budget ideas. He proposes to force continuance of his own policy if he can. You will see further activity by him later along the same line.

The evidence indicates Mr. Mills even put pressure on Mr. Hoover to send the budget message to congress. That message was in type five days before it was sent. Mr. Hoover was obviously reluctant to act. His friends indicate he was discouraged at the futility of sending any more messages than necessary to a congress which pays no attention.

The tip that he had the message on his desk reached certain of those on the inside last Sunday. Inspired articles appeared in the New York press stating the message would be dispatched. The White House persistently denied the stories. Obviously someone was building a backfire under the White House to smother the president out on the question.

It was not until the day after Mr. Mills made a national radio speech saying the same thing Mr. Hoover later said that the president readily decided to send the message along.

There is other sniping going on at Mr. Roosevelt's trial balloon theory for an easy budget. Certain people here say they would pay \$20 plus war tax to see the late act that Gov. Harrison of the New York federal reserve will put on if the budget goes even slightly unbalanced. He has his shotgun out now.

If you look closely behind some of the guns—not Harrison's—you will find sales tax advocates pulling the trigger. That is the late act that Gov. Harrison of the New York federal reserve will put on if the budget goes even slightly unbalanced. He has his shotgun out now.

Arthur Rod, said to be a recent arrival to this section from Minnesota, charged with taking an auto belonging to another, is scheduled to be tried tomorrow. Rod was a companion of Otto Rutzler, who entered a plea of guilty to grand larceny. Rutzler was granted a parole three years ago on a burglary charge, upon the plea of friends, and in consideration of his youth. The pair are alleged to have stolen a number of parked autos, including one belonging to Stanford Richardson, and to have had the state police wild chase over country lanes north of Central Point before arrested.

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KLAMATH BURIED IN HEAVY SNOW

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Klamath empire was buried under 20 inches of snow, with a minimum temperature last night of 15 degrees above zero. Drifts caused by a high wind Tuesday are from two to six feet deep in places, and some county roads are blocked, preventing school buses from running to some outlying schools, which are temporarily closed. Main highways are open to travel.

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 25.—(P)—Five inches of snow, the heaviest fall of the season, covered the ground here today. The storm started last night. Heavy drifts piled up on the Coast highway south of Seaside. There was 30 inches of snow on the Nehalem road and three plows were working there. The highway between Astoria and Portland was covered by heavy drifts and chains were necessary in order to get through by automobile.

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—(P)—Two shacks occupied by six Chinese employees at a cemetery here were destroyed by fire late last night. The men escaped, but firemen said that had they been asleep they probably would have been severely burned or killed.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 24.—Here's one on me for the book. My wife and my sister from Oklahoma was reading and lamenting the "Scotty Farewell," both agreeing it was too bad and that he was wonderful.

I lay down a Huey Long speech and say, "What do you mean farewell? I was up to his house two months ago."

"Why you wasn't, you didn't see him. You don't know him. You haven't been out of this canyon. He is going back to Italy. He has sang his last."

Italy! Sing! He can't sing and don't know where Italy is, but he does know more about Death Valley than anybody living and don't worry about old Death Valley Scotty, he will get along.

Will Rogers