

The Weather

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NET CLOSING ON BALLOT THEEVES

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. JAPAN enters the league of nations, and remains as long as it suits her purpose to do so. But when membership in the league of nations begins to interfere with Japan's imperialistic plans, she GETS OUT. THE league of nations was organized with the hopeful purpose of preventing wars of aggression. But when Japan undertakes a war of aggression against China, all the league can do is make reproving gestures and say: "Naughty, naughty!" The ancient rule of "might is right" still prevails in international relations, and the world is still a long way from settling its disputes by peaceable negotiation. EVERY now and then some fearful person jumps to the conclusion that civilization has advanced as far as it CAN advance, and so, he tells us, there is nothing for us to do in the future but slip back. But if we will look around us with the eye of common sense, we will see that civilization still has a long way to go before reaching that point of perfection beyond which progress is impossible. THE LEGISLATURE has finally learned about how much is going to be spent. So its next task is to levy taxes that will raise sufficient money to meet the bill. That is to say, government first decides what its expenses are going to be, then says to the taxpayers: "Put up the money." WOULDN'T it be nice if business could be run that way? Poor devils of business men first figure out the very smallest sum on which their business can operate and then start out hopefully to see if they can get in revenue enough to meet their bills. But before they can get in the money with which to pay their bills, they have to make people WANT what they have to sell. They can't just say "Come across!" POSSIBLY you noted this headline in the news: "Beer Class Lures 30." The story under the heading goes on to say that at the Siebel Institute of Technology 30 students have enrolled in the brewing classes. Why? Well, presumably, looking over the prospects for finding jobs, they have said to themselves: "Here is going to be a new industry. So let's get in on the ground floor." A NEW INDUSTRY? That remains to be seen. There are no statistics showing the exact number of home brewers in this country in the past five years. And nobody knows how many of these home brewers are going to quit and buy the manufactured product. It all depends on the price, probably. THERE is a belief that return to legalized sale of liquor will have a marked effect in stimulating prosperity. Will it? You, of course, can answer that question as well as anybody else, for NOBODY knows. But it seems reasonably certain that prohibition is going to be repealed, so we shall see what we shall see. IT is quite probable that return to legalized sale of liquor will have at least a TEMPORARY effect in the way of stimulating business. Here is a whole new industry, that in its former day was one of the big industries, that will be started up again. Starting it up will require new machinery, large quantities of supplies and many workers. Starting up ANY industry, no matter what it is, right now, ought to help at the moment. Whether it will help permanently or not, only time can tell. Have influenza—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hendrickson are reported ill at their home with influenza.

CLUES POINT TO AN 'INSIDE' JOB DECLARE POLICE

Perpetrators Thoroughly Acquainted With Basement of Court House Is Belief—Hold Two for Questioning. The district attorney, the city police, and the state police were busy today untangling the skein around the brazen and daring theft of approximately 10,000 official ballots, cast last November in the general election, Monday night. The authorities reported good progress, and the securing of valuable corroborated evidence and clues to the outrage. They would make no statement as to when any developments would be announced. The authorities announced that the evidence showed it was an "inside" job, that the perpetrators were well acquainted with the basement and basement floor of the court house, and that the 10,000 ballots had been destroyed in the courthouse furnace. Two Grits. Developments to date in the investigation, are: Two men are held for questioning. One, the authorities say, has made incriminating and contradictory statements. The other is reported to be a talker and bragger. Tuesday afternoon in the basement of the courthouse, hid away in a cranny near the walls, were found 18 wooden tops, cut from the ballot pouches. In the furnace of the courthouse were found parts of the ballots, many of them still readable, and charred and smoked parts of others. The hammer, believed to have been used to break the vault window, was also found. Litterer Skips Out. One man, described as a "steady" courthouse litterer, night and day, and spotted for questioning, reported to have departed and had not been located up to two o'clock this afternoon. The authorities are working on the possibility that a man hid in the vault where the ballots were stored, and opened the vault door during the night. It is figured that the vault window was broken from the outside, as a blind. It would have been a difficult and tedious task to have passed the ballots and their pouches, out the window, and then to have carried them to the courthouse furnace. There are a number of other puzzling angles to the ballot thefts, which indicates that the theft was not considered on short notice, but was the result of considerable planning. It was far from one man job, the authorities say. The authorities refuse to make (Continued on Page Three)

Second Attempt to Assassinate Roosevelt

Honest Men Are Mised And Judgements Warped By Steady Diet of Lies Attack on Judge Skipworth for Receipt of Indictment Cited Concrete Case; Dahack Claims as Another. One of the most interesting phases of the makeup of L. A. Banks, leader of the Good Government Congress and publisher of the Daily News, is his uncanny ability to absolutely ignore proof that statements he makes are false, and to repeat a gain and again, to further fool and mislead his readers, the statements he knows are direct lies. The second and third paragraphs in Banks' front page editorial this morning read: "Not content with having caused the false arrest of the publisher of the Medford Daily News by a justice of the peace who had no jurisdiction in the matter involved; and, "Not content with sending officers of the law into privately owned institutions, the Medford Daily News, and there selling illegally newspaper and holding it illegally under dignity of our justice court." Deliberate Falsehood. Any reader of the Medford Daily News may absolutely prove, to his own satisfaction, that Banks deliberately falsifies when he makes those statements, by merely looking into the Oregon laws, it was declared by attorneys yesterday. Banks is still trying to fool his readers with half truths, by telling them that because the justice court had no authority to "TRY" him for (Continued on Page Three)

URGES WORK TO RELIEVE PEOPLE START AT ONCE

Hamilton Patton Offers Definite Program and Urges People to Support Governor's Local Committee. To the Editor: Since it is now the law of this state that there is no obligation on the counties to pay back federal relief funds, but same are a general state obligation, I would like to make a suggestion. The governor will soon appoint a local committee to administer these funds. I cannot too strongly urge that the people of the county as a whole get behind this committee, and demand that work of a constructive nature be started at once. The unemployed leaders realize, as does every businessman and farmer, that a dole system is economically unsound. They are insisting on their right to provide shelter, food and clothing for their families. In this they are absolutely right. They are also tired of politics, and want occupation, so that the present restlessness will subside and the community can again get back to normal. There are five projects, on all of which many men can be employed through the leadership of this new committee. I recommend any and all of them. 1. County road work, under the jurisdiction of the county court. 2. City street work in Medford, Ashland and other cities, under the jurisdiction of the city council. 3. ALL the labor on the needed sewage disposal plant for the city of Medford, where 3/4 of the unemployed (Continued on Page Three)

In Death Net



William J. Moore, 24, (upper) was arrested by police in La Grande, Ore., in connection with the slaying of Harold Francis O'Connor (lower), Brooklyn, N. Y., five months after O'Connor's body was found along the Columbia highway. (Associated Press Photos)

EXPLOSIVE FOUND IN PACKAGE SENT THRU U. S. MAIL

Secret Service Men On Trail of Sender—Shotgun Shell Crudely Wrapped and Arranged to Explode. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Secret service men were off again today on the trail of a man who apparently sought the life of President-elect Roosevelt. A shotgun shell, crudely wrapped and arranged so it could explode if handled injudiciously, was found in a package in the Washington postoffice addressed to "Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C." It was postmarked Watertown, N. Y., and postal authorities began an immediate investigation in New York. Whether they had any definite clues to the sender, they declined to say. Since the Miami incident in which five persons were wounded by Giuseppe Zangara in an attempt on the life of the president-elect, the secret service has put on extra precautions against all methods in which attempts might be made on Mr. Roosevelt's life. The shotgun shell was found when the package tumbled from a mail sack and burst open.

WHY BANKS HATES CODDING BARED IN RECORD OF COURT

Dist. Attorney Urice Forced Orchardist-Editor to Pay Honest Debt—Has Been Peevish Ever Since. This is the second of a series of articles written by George Coddling, District Attorney, for the purpose of contradicting certain falsehoods published by L. A. Banks. The F. A. Bates Case. Banks has for many months been trying to influence the public about the case of F. A. Bates. While I consider his falsehoods regarding this case as silly and foolish, nevertheless there may be those who believe some of the falsehoods which the editor of the local morning paper has made. He has stated that the district attorney BANISHED Bates from Jackson county. This is false, and Banks knows it is false. It is made because of Banks' personal dislike for me, and all law officers. Threat to Shoot. Bates, an old man, had some interest in property, a part of which is mining property on Poota creek. He had been interested in it for several years. Finally he leased it to two men and they worked it on a percentage basis. One day these men made complaint that Bates had threatened to shoot them, a complaint was lodged in Judge H. D. Reed's court at Gold Hill on a very serious charge. A hearing held according to law, and Judge Reed led Bates go without bail pending final determination of the case, warning him to cause no more trouble. A very short time later Bates again raised a disturbance and Judge Reed, fearing something serious might develop, issued a warrant of arrest, fixed bail and Bates was placed in the county jail. Bates had been there only a short time when his wife and daughter consulted Mr. Frank DeSouza, an attorney of Medford, in an attempt to get him out. They told Mr. DeSouza that they could not furnish bail for him, but that if they could get him released, they would send him up north where some relative would care for him. Liberty Arranged. Mr. DeSouza then consulted Bates and found that it would be agreeable to him. Then Mr. DeSouza, his attorney, telephoned Judge Reed and proposed that the judge release him so he could go north according to the suggestion of his wife and daughter. Judge Reed agreed to the arrangement because he had no desire to keep the old man in jail, if he could be assured that he would keep out of trouble. Mr. DeSouza then (Continued on Page Five)

BANKS TO PLEAD EARLY THURSDAY ON INDICTMENTS

L. A. Banks, publisher of the Medford Daily News, indicted Monday by the grand jury on criminal syndicalism and criminal libel charges, will appear in circuit court tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, before Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth of Eugene to enter a plea. Banks will also enter a plea to the indictment charging criminal libel, returned against him February 11. No further action has been taken by the district attorney's office, relative to a hearing on the qualifications of Banks' bondsmen. Judge Skipworth from the bench, intimated that he might be "justified in allowing Mr. Banks to go on his own recognizance." The bondsmen on the first criminal libel indictment are Mrs. Arvel B. Pomroy and Howard A. Hill, orchardists. The bondsmen on the two last indictments are Claude Ward, a brother-in-law of Banks and W. J. Jones, mayor of Rogue River. The bond in both instances was fixed at \$1000. Leonard Hall, editor of the Jacksonville Miner, indicted for criminal libel for the so-called "Horrorous indictment case" article, was arraigned yesterday and entered a plea of not guilty. J. R. Woodford and A. W. Pipes appear as his bondsmen in the sum of \$1000. Police Spoil Plans To Meet Kidnapers DENVER, Colo., Feb. 22.—(AP)—An attempt of Claude K. Boettcher, multi-millionaire father of kidnaped Charles Boettcher II, to keep an appointment with the abductors near Derby, Colo., last night, failed, he said today, because he was followed by two automobiles he said he believed contained police. NORMAN DAVIS URGED CARRY ON POLICIES NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt today invited Norman H. Davis to continue as head of the American armament delegation and give him orders to carry on the present American policy in this respect. MONTANA CHANCELLOR ABOLISHMENT VETOED HELENA, Mont., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Governor John E. Erickson today vetoed the bill which would have abolished the office of chancellor of the University of Montana and the state senate sustained his action. Oregon Weather. Rain fell, with snow and rain over and east of the Cascade mountains tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature; strong west wind offshore.

FEDERAL AGENTS MINGLE IN BANKS CONGRESS MEETS

Confirmation of the report that special federal agents have been operating in this city and county for the past six weeks was made yesterday by authorities. The special agents are reported to have come here shortly after the first of the year, and to have functioned in at least two rural sections. County Judge E. H. Fehl, in the Monday night meeting of the "Good Government Congress," announced that special agents were in the audience. The government agents were reported as concerned chiefly with inflammatory statements and speeches, and keeping tabs on known outside agitators drawn here by the hubbub from coast cities. The fact that federal agents were in the county was not generally known until last week, and is believed to have been the cause of "rope and noose" talk of "ropes and nooses," and "seizure of the county," and the incendiary comments that featured some of the meetings. Speakers at the last session denied there had been any talk of "ropes and nooses," except to illustrate a point. It was also stated today that members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution had been attending the meetings, gathering first-hand information. Local authorities stated they did not know the identity of the special federal agents, and that their operations were independent of their departments. WILLAMETTE FACULTY RETAINED BY BOARD PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—(AP)—All members of the liberal arts faculty of Willamette university in Salem were retained at the mid-year meeting of the board of trustees held here Tuesday. It was at this meeting that President Carl Gregg Doney, president for the past eight years, asked to be relieved of his duties by June, 1934. Roy S. (Spee) Keene was retained as director of athletics. Last of Congress Dies PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Judge Melvin C. George, 84, who said he was the last survivor of the 48th congress, a resident of this section before Oregon was admitted to statehood, died at his home here today.

OLD AGE PENSION PASSES IN HOUSE

SALEM, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Heavy calendars faced the Oregon legislature instead of a vacation on Washington's birthday today and night sessions loomed as both houses resumed sessions this morning. For the sixth consecutive time in as many sessions of the state legislature, the house of representatives late yesterday passed the old age pension bill. Each previous time, it was declared, the bill was defeated in the senate. The vote was 34 to 23 after two hours debate on the bill. The measure would provide a \$30 a month pension for persons over 65 years of age without other means of support. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Governor Clarence D. Martin announced today he had signed the Eagles old age pension bill. The new law, sought unsuccessfully as many previous sessions of the legislature, provides a monthly pension of not more than \$30 a month to persons past 65 years of age.

GERMAK BETTER SAY PHYSICIANS

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Six physicians attending Mayor Anton J. Cermak announced in an official bulletin at 10:40 o'clock that he was "somewhat better and the colitis is the only cause for present concern." The bulletin: "Mayor Cermak is somewhat better this morning. The colitis is the only cause for present concern. We believe this will improve within a short time. Pulse 112; temperature 101.2, and respiration 28." DEATH OF GIRL DEEP MYSTERY SEATTLE, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Murder and a broken romance were new theories studied today by police investigating the mysterious death of Mary Fitzgerald, Tacoma, Wash., society leader. Reports by close friends that the drowned junior league president had been engaged to a San Francisco man but had broken off the betrothal, and other advice, as yet unconfirmed, that she had been threatened recently by a Tacoma man who had demanded the return of jewelry he had given her were laid before officers.

MISS MELLING IN LEAD AGAIN FOR POPULARITY GIRL

Miss Margaret Melling forged into first place in the Merchants-Tribune popularity contest today with a total of 671,700 votes. Miss Melling has made a splendid showing throughout the contest up to the present time. She is closely followed by Miss Oleta Rogers with a total of 610,300 votes. A crisp five dollar bill will be presented to the popularity contest nominee who turns in the largest number of votes during the next three days. Ballots cast after today's tabulation and up to 6 o'clock Saturday evening, February 25, will be used in determining the winner of the cash prize. Only ten days remain until the Medford Merchants-Mail Tribune popularity event is ended and one of the young ladies listed below captures the free trip to Hawaii. And another fast worker in the contest will be awarded the second prize journey to San Francisco, Cal., and Victoria.

JAPANESE DRIVE TOWARD CAPITAL JEHOI PROVINCE

By the Associated Press. Driving westward toward the capital of Jehoi, the Japanese army is reported to have halted at Peipiao, 90 miles from the Manchurian frontier at the terminus of the railroad from Chinchow. Chinese resistance has been ineffectual and the invaders plan to sweep on to Jehoi City with 50,000 men operating along a 200-mile front. At Peiping an official Chinese announcement denied that Japan had captured the town of Nanling, half way between the Manchurian border and Peipiao. Neither account gave many details of the operations. Japanese dispatches from Chinchow, also in Manchuria, said the Chinese commander of the Lupeh district army had deserted and offered his 19,000 men to Manchukuo. This was not confirmed from other sources. A spokesman at Tokyo, confirming reports of the advance thus far, said it might be necessary eventually for the army to install itself at Peiping and Tientsin.

WILL ROGERS says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 21.—Remember my old friend "Injun" that I was telling you about the government wanting him to get a divorce because he lived in Hollywood? Well, they pulled one better than that the other day. They tried to prove that he wasn't in his right mind because one time when his car stalled and they couldn't get it going he traded it for an old pony, got on him and rode off—and they call that crazy. If everybody did that they would be out of debt in a couple of years. Just think, no gas, no tires, no roads to pay for. Why, instead of prosecuting the old Indian they ought to erect a monument to him for being that far ahead of his time. Yours, Will Rogers

ADVERTISING AND COST CUTTING BRING SUCCESS

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Harvey S. Firestone, the rubber magnate, says newspaper advertising and curtailment of production costs helped him conquer the panic of 1929 and pay off a debt of \$45,000,000. Speaking here last night before the committee of 100, Firestone said he owed that sum to banks when he returned from a visit to Europe in 1929 to find business in a slump. "I told my sales manager to go on a vacation," he said, "then I placed full page newspaper advertisements in every city in the United States. Within two months I sold \$18,000,000 tires and reduced my indebtedness to \$32,500,000. Next I cut my expense and readjusted business. In less than four years I did not owe the banks anything. We must change our attitude and concentrate on simple fundamentals to improve business. Let's make a sacrifice and help the other fellow." Charles F. Kettering of Dayton, O., president of the General Motors Research corporation, suggested that industry go back and study the fundamentals of science and utilize the nation's unlimited possibilities as a step toward advancing to prosperous times.

ANACONDA COPPER OFFICIAL PASSES

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Ben B. Thayer, vice-president of the Anaconda Copper Mine company, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning in New York city, as a result of an embolism following a major operation, according to a message received at the local offices of the Anaconda company.

\$5 Cash for Girl Securing Most Votes Before Saturday Night