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 Drought.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The big administration thinkers are ready to confess now they were not very smart in handling the inauguration of liquor.

They realize they should not have held down imports in the 60 days prior to repeal. They say they were misled by domestic distillers who told them there was sufficient supply at hand for the first few months. The result is the whole business got off to a recognized bad start. There is a shortage which has boosted prices to an unreasonable level. Bootlegging is continuing for the time being in this section of the country. Wets are running around causing the trouble.

It will be months before the situation is straightened out. Liberality. Interested parties have dug up a letter on the liquor problem written by Joseph H. Choate, Jr., a month before Mr. Roosevelt named the federal boss at that traffic. It was printed in the New York Times of November 8, 1933, although he may want to forget it now.

The letter shows how deeply Choate felt about proposals for stringent regulations. "It is circumstantially stated," he wrote, "that THE board means to prohibit the sale of hard liquor for consumption on the premises except with meals. If so, it intends to deal a crushing blow at temperance and law enforcement."

"It seems to me certain that the people want to regain the right to buy drinks by the glass." "There was not one-tenth of the enthusiasm advertised in this part of the country when the liquor stores opened. Private clubs did not generally hold celebrations as they did at the return of beer. There was little public merry-making.

Consumers acquainted with friendly druggists continued to get prescription whiskey in Washington cheaper than it was being sold in nearby Maryland liquor stores. Others took advantage of bootleggers' fire sales, buying what purported to be imported stuff at half what the Maryland stores were charging.

The majority of people paid no attention to it whatever, saying they probably would go over to a Maryland store to get a bottle sometime before Christmas, if they got around to it.

Advertising. Mr. Roosevelt is supposed to come out strong for the Tugwell advertising bill in his coming message to congress.

A confidential report on it has been submitted to the White House by the agricultural department. How strong Mr. Roosevelt will go is NOT yet evident.

Unless he speaks the measure will be radically revised if not snowed under with amendments on the floor of both houses of congress. There is considerable public jockeying by proponents and opponents. Chairman Copeland tried to confine the senate hearings to two days. That was a maneuver to keep the opposition publicity to a minimum.

Education. Whenever the new deal gets in full swing you will see the administration move to develop culture and education on a federal scale. It will then get around to improving conditions for leisure and learning.

That is one of the subjects Mayor-Elect Guardia of New York is supposed to have discussed recently at the White House.

He has a plan which he will offer in a national radio hookup the latter part of next month.

Mr. Hoover had one too but he never got to use it because the depression overtook him.

Farm Planning. The cheering liberals now are confident that the agricultural program will be further liberalized in accordance with their views.

Only George Peck has heretofore stood in their way.

They are NOT contemplating any large scale amplification of the program but they have several little theories they are going to try out from time to time.

Peck. It is not generally known but Agricultural Secretary Wallace could have fired Director George Peck any time he wanted to. The AAA is under the agricultural department.

There are several reasons why Wallace let the White House handle the matter. One is that Peck was appointed by Mr. Roosevelt. Another is that Peck spent half a million dollars of his own money in a similar effort to develop farm relief in line with his own beliefs. His ability is equaled by few men in public office.

Notes. Whether or not it is true, the administration believes it gains strength in the west and south every time an eastern banker shouts against its money program.

Peck's friends are complaining lately about Counsel Frank of the AAA employing relatives in his legal division. If nepotism ever is taken seriously around here, about one-fifth of the government will go.

Our liberty bond conversion looks puny in comparison with England's which is \$2,000,000,000 pounds have been saved by offering bonds at reduced interest rates.

Congressman West of Ohio is about the nearest thing congress has to an academic brain trust. He

## ACTION BY MEIER ON NEW BILLS NOT LIKELY THIS WEEK

Liquor Control, Bus and Truck Sales Tax and Other Measures Still in Enrolling Comm. Hands

SALEM, Dec. 12.—(P)—Prospects that Governor Meier will complete his consideration of 88 bills left to him and upon which he had taken no action when the legislature adjourned before next Saturday night grew dimmer today when it was learned that the major measures enacted had not yet reached his desk.

Still in the hands of the enrolling committee of the house at noon today were the Beckman liquor control bill, 60 pages long; the amended bus and truck act of nearly as many pages, and the much amended sales tax bill, as well as a score of others. Clerks of the enrolling committee said that it would be impossible for them to complete their work and deliver all measures to the governor today.

The governor has five days from the time he receives an enrolled bill in which to act upon it. Each bill as it is received in the executive office is being scanned for legal defects before being turned over to the governor for his signature or veto.

Appointment of the new state liquor control commission will be announced at the same time the governor signs the bill creating it. It was stated this morning with the indication that action would be taken tomorrow.

A deluge of inquiries for copies of the liquor control, truck and sales tax bills has resulted in an announcement by Hal Hoos, secretary of state, that copies of the enrolled bills will be printed for distribution as soon as they are available.

Applications for jobs in the liquor control department and for designation as agencies for state liquor which regular stores are not opened, are already flooding the governor's office. They will all be turned over to the commission when it is organized.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A third default on the French debt to the United States was confirmed by the cabinet today.

At the same time a firm stand toward Chancellor Hitler of Germany was approved.

The government considers itself bound by the chamber's refusal to pay the United States a year ago and, since the situation has not changed in the meanwhile, Joseph Paul-Boncour, minister of foreign affairs, was instructed to reply to that effect to Washington.

The debt statement was presented to the French government by Andre Lefevre de Laboulaye, French ambassador to the United States.

The cabinet approved Paul-Boncour's vigorous declaration that France would neither consent to a German army of 300,000 unless the next storm troops were included in the tabulation, nor grant concessions in the Saar basin, which Germany wants returned to her flag from the sign of France.

The attitude toward Germany will be formulated in detail at the next cabinet session after the British say how far they will support France and France's allies in the matter.

GEN. WHITE HEADS STUDY OF CRIME

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—General George A. White will head the American Legion's new state committee on law and order, it was announced here today.

The state committee will study crime and plan American Legion participation in curbing crime in Oregon.

## Slain With Tire Tool



Carl W. Wickman, 45, was alleged by police at Albuquerque, N. M., to have confessed slaying his fourth wife, Mrs. Donalds Wickman (above), former Denver, Colo., nurse, with a tire tool on a highway near there. (Associated Press Photo)

## 'KNOCKERS' CLUB PLEDGE BACKING JUBILEE LEADER

Hundred per cent cooperation for success of the Diamond Jubilee here next spring was pledged at the fifth anniversary meeting of the Knockers club at their noon gathering today following an address by E. C. (Jerry) Jerome, general chairman of the jubilee program.

The meeting, opened by Max Gebauer, "extra loud knocker," or president, was turned over to A. E. Orr, "knockers' helper," or vice president, who introduced Mr. Jerome and other guests.

A report was also made by Ted Gebauer, "knockers' reporter," or secretary. Eugene Orr, "knockers' baby," youngest member of the club was introduced and prevailed upon to try a small glass of Pilsner beer which was furnished for the banquet by the Pioneer Brewing Co. Comice pears from the Del Rio orchard were also enjoyed by the diners.

Guests invited to hear Mr. Jerome's talk on the jubilee plans were A. B. Cunningham, O. A. Alenderfer, Everett Bratton, Judge E. B. Day, George A. Coddling, E. C. Solinsky, C. Y. Tengel, W. Horn, T. P. Ristelsen and E. C. Ferguson.

## ALLEGED SLAYER HOLDS TO STORY

HUTCHINSON, S. K., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Jack Wisdom's story of the kidnaping and killing of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pritchard was right back where it was yesterday—that one "Buck" Smith shot the couple to death on a highway near Wellington, Kan.

S. Wiggins, superintendent of the reformatory where the cowboy has been held for safekeeping since his capture and return from Oklahoma Sunday, said Wisdom had repudiated a brief statement made yesterday to Eli Eubanks, deputy Sedgewick county attorney, in which no mention was made of Smith.

## GRABERATERIA PROVES PATRONS ARE HONEST

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—(UP)—Enough honest people may be found in the world today to successfully support a "Grabberateria" such as the unique business established here by T. L. Hendricks.

Patrons are placed absolutely on their honor to pay for food they eat in the establishment, located in One of Salt Lake City's main streets. Complete light lunches are placed on shelves open to patrons. They are free to take whatever they like and the amount preferred. It is believed to be the only business of its kind in the world.

"We find very few try to cheat us," Hendricks said. "If they did, we would not stay in business."

## SHARE OF ESTATE TO PROVIDE NEEDY HOME

SALEM, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Oregon supreme court today upheld the findings of the Marion county circuit court in the contest over the will of Corbelle A. Davis, who died testate May 17, leaving an estate of \$150,000.

The lower court held that a portion of the estate as specified in the will, be used to erect a home for the needy and the money put in trust of the first Christian church at Turner.

## WALLACE PLEADS FOR SUPPORT OF FARM PROGRAM

Agriculture Secretary Reviews Administration's Efforts in Address Before Federation Convention

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace presented today a report of his stewardship as champion of the farmer's rights and asked members of the American Farm Bureau Federation to hide with the Roosevelt administration's program for recovery.

Wallace sat on the speaker's platform at the National Farm Bureau convention with George N. Peck, administrator of the agricultural adjustment act, who has been appointed to another post outside the department after disagreement with some of the Wallace policies.

Peck listens. The secretary of agriculture arrived after Peck had finished speaking and Peck remained to listen to his address.

The farmer should look upon the recovery plan, Wallace said, with a broad viewpoint, rather than with a gaze confined to local problems or questions affecting any single crop or phase in the wide range covered by the AAA.

Both he and Peck urged that farmers not be dissatisfied over slow progress in the program, and both declared already much more good than appeared on the surface had been done.

In only one respect did their remarks differ: Concerning the possibility of increasing agricultural income by exports, Peck's new position is with a department which will seek to increase such exports.

Foreign Mart Lost. Said Wallace: "A foreign purchasing power for our farm products that before the war operated automatically, has been lost."

"The whole question of foreign trade will reward, I believe, a very careful looking into. There has been set up an interdepartmental trade commission to study the entire question of possible exports and imports, and on this commission agriculture is represented."

Loud applause from the 1000 farmers attending the convention greeted the outline sketched by both Peck and Wallace of the administration's farm program, and its results so far. A resolution expressing faith in the federal farm recovery plan will come before the convention tomorrow.

## ROGUE SNOWMEN PREPARE SLIDE

About twenty Rogue Snowmen spent Sunday at the ski site in the Siskiyou Sunday, working on the ski slide, which will be about a quarter of a mile in length, also making way for the ski jump and the toboggan slide, it was reported today.

The site is located in the Siskiyou near the Russell camp. All persons interested in the Rogue Snowmen's club, are requested to attend the meeting Thursday night of this week at the Chamber of Commerce. Members of the membership committee, from whom membership blanks may be obtained are Joe Marshall, Roland Hubbard, Mrs. J. C. Boyle, O. M. Franklin and Carl Ramstrom.

## HIGH PRICED WHISKIES FOUND BAD AS BOOTLEG

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Blended whiskies for which San Franciscans are paying from \$2 to \$4 a quart were compared today to prohibition bootleg varieties by Dr. J. C. Geiger, city director of health.

He reported testing two well known brands and finding one nothing but a rank imitation. The other contained only 25 per cent aged in the wood whisky.

## Guest Proof Bowl Saves Fish From Alcohol Mixture

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(UP)—A "guest proof" bowl for pet fish, which is so constructed that cocktails, beer and other beverages cannot be fed to the fish, has been designed by Russell Wright, of New York.

The "bowl" is simply a glass tube, placed horizontally on a stand and with the ends closed with metal. The tubular aquarium not only prevents guests from pouring their drinks to the fish, but keeps them from reaching in and removing the fish from their natural habitat.

## CREEK PROJECT GIVEN CWA OKEH

Approval was received this morning, according to City Engineer Fred W. Scheffel, on the amended application to CWA headquarters of the Bear creek project, which will include an expenditure of an approximate \$18,000.

The work will include the deepening and widening of the channel, and placing hand laid rock walls for about 1800 yards from Jackson to Tenth street.

Thirty-three men went to work yesterday morning on the Roxy Ann road, starting near the Hillcrest orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Will Schmitt of "Oregon's Switzerland," a park also located east of Roxy Ann, were visitors in Medford yesterday, and expressed their pleasure that work had started in the road. They hope to eventually have the road improvements extended to their park, which is being developed for public use.

## WINTER'S GRASP FELT IN EUROPE

(By the Associated Press.) Toy winds, snow and intense cold prevailed over Europe and most of North America today.

The lowest American temperature was 40 below at White River, Ont. The temperature was 24 below at Owls Head, N. Y.; 30 below at Montreal, 6 above at Portland, Me., and 8 above at Boston. New York City had a biting wind that fanned the thermometer down to 16.

Five persons died on the roads of Hungary, where the temperature was 4 below zero. Exposure deaths in France totaled four. The Thames river in England was a sheet of ice above London.

The middle west suffered temperatures ranging from 10 above at Milwaukee to 18 at Chicago and Indianapolis.

## REVENUE STAMPS SALES JUMP UP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Shipments of internal revenue stamps jumped upward \$20,000,000 in the week prohibition was repealed.

Internal revenue bureau officials said shipments have averaged around \$11,000,000 a week but that last week they went over \$20,000,000.

The bureau attributed the increase directly to the legalized liquor trade, but was unable to say how much employment had been provided in the legitimate liquor business.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—R. A. Wand, manager of the Pacific Wood Growers' association, was today advised he has been appointed northwest director of the National Wood Trade association, organized recently in Boston.

Returns from Portland—Victor A. Tengwald, secretary of the Jackson county relief commission, returned to Medford this morning by train from Portland, where he spent the past two days attending to business matters.

## YOUTH CONFESSES STRING OF CRIMES IN THIS VICINITY

Five Autos Stolen — Tires Taken — Burglaries and Other Thieving Admitted to Police Is Assertion

William C. Pool, 18, son of J. J. Pool of Butte Falls, has confessed, according to state police, to having stolen five automobiles, numerous tires, and to seven other burglaries and thefts, during the past year in this vicinity. Pool is scheduled to appear before Circuit Judge H. D. Norton at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, where it is expected he will enter a guilty plea.

For the past six months, Pool has been in the Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Applegate, and was arrested Sunday at Butte Falls by state police on charges of having stolen a saddle belonging to Corbett Smith, on November 18. Officers said today that Pool admitted stealing the saddle, and later disposing of it in Medford.

Included in Pool's confession, officers said, was the burglary of a cabin belonging to Henry Meyers, from which he allegedly stole a 22 rifle, which is still in his possession. Pool told the police that he broke the lock on the cabin door. A few months later, he is said to have told officers, he stole a pistol belonging to Gus Paskey.

Sold Pilfered Goods. According to the confession, Pool said that on November 1 he stole a pump, jack, wrenches and other tools from a car at the Lewis Super Service station, and sold them at a local second hand shop. From that shop, he is said to have taken a forge, which was sold at another second hand store in Medford.

A suitcase was said to be stolen by him from the Will H. Wilson store on Front street, and sold at a nearby second hand store. Pool is alleged to have stolen ten gallons of gasoline from the Beaver creek camp, and three weeks ago sold an overcoat and a sheepskin coat he had obtained from the Applegate CCC camp.

Pool is said by officers to have admitted that he cut the strap on a spare tire fastened to a car near the Jackson hotel on November 20, about three o'clock in the afternoon. He said he rolled it down the street, selling it to a second hand store on Riverside avenue. He also took a tire in the same manner from an automobile, thought to be a Pontiac, parked on Front street, between Main and Sixth streets, he told police.

Included in the cars he allegedly admitted stealing were: On April 18 at 3 p. m., a 1928 Ford roadster belonging to Hubbard Broaders, stolen from North Riverside avenue. It was found five days later in the Butte Falls area.

Stole Logan Car. On April 19, the Chevrolet coupe belonging to C. J. Logan of Route one Medford, from near the Economy Groceries. The car was recovered two days later near Hog creek, north of Eagle Point.

The 1931 Ford roadster belonging to Charles Wing, was stolen May 4, from Sixth and Main streets, and was found several days later near shuttle Falls. On May 8 the 1929 Ford roadster belonging to Grace Smith was stolen at 1:30 p. m., from Sixth and Central streets, and was recovered later at Fourth and Riverside streets.

City police had a report on the same date that someone tried to steal an automobile parked at Sixth and Bartlett, but the owner came along and chased the man away.

Lee Watson's Ford roadster, stolen from the corner of Front and Main streets about 9:30 o'clock July 7, was recovered two days later near shuttle Falls, and Pool also is charged with stealing it.

List Not Complete. State police said today that all of the thefts admitted by Pool had not been reported to that office by the owners of the property, and requested they be placed on file immediately.

## FASHION ROBBING WORLD OF VOICES

PHILADELPHIA.—(UP)—The slim-figures fashion is robbing the country of considerable singing talent, according to Dr. Leon Feiderman, throat specialist here.

Many women, who might become great singers, sacrifice their voices by refusing to take necessary exercises. They are fearful of enlarging their figures, Dr. Feiderman stated recently.

## Wants Hague Court



Sir Cecil Hurst (above) of Great Britain, the new president of the Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague. He succeeds Mineichiro Adachi of Japan. (Associated Press Photo)

## LINDBERGH'S MAKE 900 MILE FLIGHT TO PORT-OF-SPAIN

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh arrived here this afternoon after a flight of more than 900 miles from Manaus, Brazil.

The colonel set the big red hydro-monoplane down in the harbor here at 2:27 p. m. E. S. T. He had taken off from the Amazon river in the interior of Brazil at 4:48 a. m. E. S. T. Throughout the long overland hop Mrs. Lindbergh had operated the wireless set in the monoplane, keeping in constant communication with the Pan-American Airways wireless stations.

They encountered a few rain squalls as they reached the low-lying coast of Venezuela, according to her reports, but most of the trip was made in perfect flying weather.

She constantly reported "unlimited visibility" beneath a sky "seventy-eighths overcast" with clouds.

## SHASTA CASCADE FILM WINS HEARTY PRAISE FROM PREMIER GUESTS

Two hundred persons, guests of Hunt's Craterian theater this morning for the premier showing of the Shasta Cascade Wonderland film, were enthusiastic in their praise of the startlingly beautiful colored pictures of scenic spots from Mt. Shasta to Crater Lake.

As an introduction to the show, W. F. Isaacs explained that the Shasta Cascade Wonderland association expects the production and distribution of the travelogue to accomplish a great deal in attracting tourists to this part of the country. Approximately 300 picture booking agencies will release the film to theaters showing to two million people. Tom Stanley, secretary of the chamber of commerce at Redding, Cal., who was in Medford today to view the premier, was also introduced as one of the prominent promoters of the Wonderland project.

Included in the show are intimate glimpses of places familiar to residents of the Rogue River valley, such as Klamath lake with its pelicans, Lithia park at Ashland, pear orchards in the Medford territory, fishing haunts along the Rogue river, and finally, Crater Lake.

## ELEVEN SEEKING RUM STORE POST FRACTURE OF LEG

There are now an even dozen aspirants for appointment as manager of the state-owned liquor store in this county, under the Knox liquor control law, as passed by the legislature.

The are: Polk Nimmer of Ashland, Charles Pankey of Central Point, and Corbin Eggele, Court Hill, R. F. Anle, William Truss, Chris Gottlieb, Fred Colvig, Charles Gay, Earl Foy and W. Walker of this city.

The appointment will be made by the state liquor control commission, which has not yet been named by the governor.

Hubert Hudson of the Elk Creek CCC camp suffered a fractured right leg and left shoulder Monday when a tree fell on him. Hudson was brought into the Sacred Heart Hospital last night, suffering from a dislocated shoulder.

## NINE DEAD AND HEAVY DAMAGE IN FLOOD PATH

New Torrents Threaten Skagit and Snohomish Valleys — Waters Recede in Some Areas Revealing Ruins

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—William Greenwood, bearded prophet of West Seattle, is all set for a deluge, his "second ark" having been moored for years in West Bay. But he refused to be impressed by the present inundations.

"It's nothing more than a sign," he said, "and I won't cast off the lines of this here ark until I get the vision that the deluge is here. It's apt to come anytime now. But this here flood doesn't amount to anything."

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 12.—(AP)—A wide area of the Pacific northwest, stretching eastward into Idaho, still was in the grip of dangerous flood conditions today with the menace growing anew in one section. The loss was counted in the millions and at least nine dead.

In the Skagit and Snohomish river valleys of northwestern Washington, new flood torrents were pouring down out of the mountains. The temperature was reported in the 60's at Zenith last night, threatening to wipe away the remaining snow fields. Those dead over the area were:

Walter Dinno, 26, a CCC worker, who drowned in the Snohomish river.

Gerald Worley, 30, drowned near the Chahalls-Napavine road.

Carl Holly, a trapper, who perished in a Snohomish county blizzard.

Joseph Meggs Williams, 32, a trapper, dead of exposure and exhaustion northeast of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Omar R. Parker, 54, who died of heart failure on a raft south of Riverport.

Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, of Vancouver, Wash., dead in an auto crash near Vancouver.

Miss Mary Berry, 16, and an unidentified man, auto victims here.

Valentine Schachner, 30, drowned in the Sandy river near Oregon City, Ore.

In addition, James Melkie, a ranger near Longview, was be-

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HALF INCH RAIN IN LOCAL ZONE

Over half an inch of rain fell in Medford in the storm starting late yesterday afternoon and continuing intermittently during the night, until mid-morning. The precipitation measuring 54 of an inch, brings the season's total to 23.3 inches since September 1. This still leaves the December deficiency 44 of an inch, and the season deficiency 3.31 inches, information from the government weather bureau shows.

Up until 5 p. m. yesterday afternoon, 34 of an inch of rain had fallen, and until 5 a. m. today, there was a total of 21 of an inch. The heaviest downpour occurred after 3 o'clock this morning, with 28 falling before the sun came out.

Dust Storm and Rain In Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 12.—(P)—A strong south wind blew in one of Klamath Falls' periodical dust clouds from the dry bottoms of Lower Klamath lake yesterday. Heavy rains followed the wind but today the sun was shining.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 11.—Many a thing in our Sunday papers that showed a great picking up of things, and it was not ballyhoo and not all government paid works either.

This thing of "we can't go ahead until we know exactly what our dollar is worth," is hokey. Your bankers and your financiers marry with no gold clause. The preacher just guarantees you she is a wife. How long you can keep her, what she is worth to you, is all up to you.

Roosevelt, like the preacher, says: "Here is a dollar. It can always be used for a dollar."

Will Rogers

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