

The Weather
Forecast: Occasional snow or rain tonight and Wednesday; continued cold.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 40
Lowest this morning 32

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CALIFORNIA BARS 'VAGS' AT LINE



News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—An epidemic of chiblaina has been prevalent among senate and house leaders the last few days. It was not the thermometer that froze their venerable too-ties, but the way the White House left them out of the early tax program conferences. They did not like the zero treatment, and said so (where they could not be heard).

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Actually, the only tax news they got during the first ten days of the program was under consideration was what they read in the newspapers. And some of them flatly refused to believe the president's own quotations when these were published a few days ago.

The inside explanation is two-fold: (1) President Roosevelt has been having a hard time himself trying to decide what to do, and (2) he knew what kind of advice he would get from his congressional leaders. They are dead set against general tax legislation until after election.

The official news deal on taxes has been Attorney-General Homer Cummings. He has nothing directly to do with that subject, so he has been able to speak freely off the record. (It was Mr. Cummings who first anonymously spread the word about ten days ago that a tax program was under consideration.)

The unannounced fact is Mr. Cummings has been acting as a trial balloonist to test public and congressional reaction without involving Messrs. Roosevelt and Morgenthau. He has been on all the White House tax conferences, ostensibly as interpreter of supreme court legal opinion, but doubling in his more important ballooning capacity.

That shows how cautiously the top new dealers have been proceeding in this very delicate matter. Certain intangible signs suggest that the administration will acquiesce in abandonment of new neutrality legislation. No official will admit it yet, but the strategy is clearly working around toward renewal of existing law.

The inner state department attitude is that existing law is better than a new bill which would tie the president's hands completely. At the Capitol all hands agree that the bill is "very difficult to write." Few are trying to solve the difficulty.

After all, there is a large Italian vote.

LOS A. POLICEMEN SENT TO DIVERT PENNILESS FLOOD

Many Criminals Among Itinerants Is Claim—Trains, Autos Will Be Eyed For Fare Evaders.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—(P)—One of the three overland doors to California swung shut to vagrants today, slammed by the Los Angeles police in an authoritative effort to "check the flood of criminals, and divert the stream of penniless transients."

The border at Arizona was closed. Deputy Chief Homer Cross said. Within three days, he estimated, effective blockades will have been established at the Nevada and Oregon state lines.

"Co-operation from local authorities at all points," was reported to headquarters by squadrons that have taken up their posts on the Arizona line, Cross said.

The sudden move was described in two ways: "All we're concerned with is checking the flood of criminals and divert the stream of penniless transients from California," S. L. Harman, assistant secretary of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, said.

Harman said police and civic authorities have been working out details of the plan for three months. They swung into swift action yesterday.

Procedure at border points will be this:

1. All incoming trains, passenger and freight, will be searched for persons evading payment of fare.
2. Such persons will be arrested, charged with suspicion of vagrancy and evasion of payment of fare, misdemeanors under California law.
3. Taken before local magistrates, they will be given a choice of leaving the state or serving jail terms, according to the charges.
4. Fingerprints will be taken of such persons, copies going to the federal bureau of identification at Washington, and to Los Angeles police files. They will be checked to determine if the person has a criminal record.
5. All highways and secondary roads will be patrolled, incoming automobiles being stopped. Persons having no apparent sources of support will be "discouraged" from entry to California.

Councilman P. P. Christensen introduced a resolution asking Chief of Police James E. Davis to explain by whose authority he acted. It was quickly amended and passed unanimously.

The resolution asked an opinion from the city attorney's office on the following:

- 1.—The legality of sending an "expeditionary force" to the state border.
- 2.—The jurisdiction of the council over the case.
- 3.—The legality of spending city funds for police posted outside the city limits.
- 4.—The legality of pension rights of police killed or injured at the border.
- 5.—Authority of the police commission in detaining police along the state line.

Fire of undetermined origin Sunday night destroyed the barn and its contents of hay and farm machinery on the R. J. Henry orchard in Fern Valley.

Damage was estimated today by Mr. Henry at \$3,000 and \$4,000. The loss was only partially covered by insurance, Mr. Henry said.

CONDEMNED WOMAN ENTERS PRISON



Sentenced to be executed the week of March 9 for the poison murder of Mrs. Everett Applegate on Long Island, Mrs. Mary Creighton (center) is pictured as she entered Sing Sing prison, N. Y. to be lodged in the death house. Mrs. Applegate's husband was convicted with her. Accompanying Mrs. Creighton are Matron Grace Lewis and Deputy Sheriff Paul Boggs. (Associated Press Photo)

CALIFORNIA MOVE LEAVES PROBLEM UP TO NEIGHBORS

Medford will take what steps it can to prevent the bottling here of itinerants turned away by California. Mayor George W. Porter declared today.

"California's attitude is news to me but I don't blame the state for raising the bars to the itinerants that have been roaming the country, looking for trouble and making it when they can't find it. Many of this floating population are of a lawless class," the mayor said.

"I don't know precisely what Medford can do until I study the matter and get a legal opinion from the city attorney. It seems to me to be a state problem. Certainly the state of Oregon should follow California in raising the bars to this class of undesirable citizen. Medford will do its part."

"I will discuss the matter with members of the city council and the city attorney and present the problem formally to a meeting of the council in the near future."

"If California turns back the flow of itinerants through Oregon, it means that a large part of that floating population will wander back and settle around Medford. We are not going to let this city be the dumping ground for California or any other state."

Lee M. Bown, captain of state police, said the problem would be one for relief agencies and not for state troopers unless there was law violation.

"With the floating class there is always some violation," he said. "and that would be our only interest in the problem."

SENATE REPEALS TOBACCO, POTATO, COTTON CONTROL

Speedy Action Follows Roosevelt Request—No Dissenting Vote Heard—Cotton Exploitation Stays

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Speedily heeding President Roosevelt's request, the senate today adopted a brief bill repealing the Bankhead Tobacco Control act, the Kerr-Smith Tobacco Control act and the Potato Control act.

The house has yet to act. The action was taken without a dissenting vote and with barely two dozen senators on the floor.

Chairman Smith (D., S.C.) of the senate agriculture committee, explained that his bill proposed to repeal the trio of measures passed by the supreme court's invalidation of AAA and it went through in less than a minute after it was presented on the floor.

Keep Cotton Section
Of the Bankhead act only one section was retained. The repeal bill specifically exempted a provision authorizing the secretary of agriculture to use a \$500,000 fund to "develop new and extended uses of cotton."

Earlier the senate agriculture committee decided to defer floor consideration of the Bankhead Soil Conservation bill until the committee studies changes made in a similar measure by the house agriculture committee.

The senate committee also approved the George bill authorizing a sliding scale.

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VAN VLACK RAGES AT PROSECUTOR IN TRIAL FOR MURDER

Heated Exchange Completes Cross-Examination Of Tacoma Youth—Upset As Grilling Ended.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Douglas Van Vlack, on trial for the murder of his former wife, Mildred Hook of Tacoma, completed his cross examination today in an evident rage over a question about "throwing Mildred downstairs."

"I want you to know I didn't throw her downstairs," he raged at Attorney General Bert H. Miller, "and it's just about time you quit casting those insinuations."

"Is that a threat or a promise?" Miller asked, lightly.

"That's a threat," the defendant replied menacingly, and then recoiled, apparently regarding his answer as a mistake.

Grilling Ended
The heated exchange completed the doctored cross examination that had lasted most of yesterday's court session.

The defendant steadfastly refused to admit a remembrance of killing his former wife. He testified he recalled shooting state traffic officer Fontaine Cooper and deputy sheriff Henry C. Givens, but his memory halted when he and Mildred crossed a canal after abandoning their car.

He was even more sullen than before.

MURRAY TO HEAD YOUNG BOURBONS
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Ducks Too Lazy To Hop Off For South's Warmth

WINGMAN, Minn., Feb. 4.—(P)—A biological survey showing some 30,000 ducks chose to spend the coldest winter in years in the frigid middle west forced George Tonkin to the conclusion today that the birds were either eccentric or plain lazy.

Tonkin, game management chief of region four, found 600 mallards playing tag with the ice takes on a small lake near Albert Lea, Minn., several flocks hobbled with the freezing breakers and flocks of Lake Superior near Duluth.

Why they failed to seek the lush swamps of Louisiana, their usual winter habitat, the survey failed to disclose.

YEAR'S JURY LIST IS COMPLETED BY COUNTY OFFICIALS

The jury list for the coming year, consisting of 313 names of Jackson county residents, has been completed by the county court. The list contains the names of 60 women, Medford residents on the list total 125, and the Ashland list is 86.

The petit jury, and new grand jury for the February term of circuit court will be drawn from the new list.

Medford residents listed are: Kenneth Anderson, meteorologist; Mrs. Lavinia J. Bawell, housewife; Sam Bateman, service station; Mrs. Louise Bates, housewife; Mrs. Jessie C. Beach, housewife; Rease C. Braly, engineer; Anna C. Brewer, housewife; Scott Brill, sheet metal worker; Edward D. Brock, farmer; A. E. Brockway, farmer; Carl J. Brommer, accountant; Horace L. Bromley, ad manager; T. A. Bunsell, farmer; H. N. Butler, garage; Elmer Carlson, farmer; G. C. Cartwright, builder; Elmer Childers, contractor; Flora Childers, teacher; Dan R. Conner, mechanic; Mary Conner, student; J. F. Cook, farmer; J. W. Cook, fruitman; Orbin Cooksey, fruit business; Mrs. A. E. Cunningham, housewife; A. B. Cunningham, merchant; Mary Elizabeth Derry, housewife; Charles W. Davis, mechanic; Mrs. Almeda Deuel, housewife; and Halbert A. Deuel, horticulturist.

Luther J. Deuel, government employee.

W. V. AUSTIN, 57, DIES IN DUNSMUIR

Funeral services were held in Dunsmuir, Cal., Monday for W. V. Austin, Medford resident for the past year. Mr. Austin died Sunday in Dunsmuir while he went with Mrs. Austin six weeks ago because of ill health. He was 57 years old.

Mr. Austin is survived by his wife and two sons, Donald A. Austin of Medford and Willard Austin of Satsop, Wash.; four grandchildren; a brother, Edward, of Columbus, Nebraska; and his mother, who resides in Retail, Wash.

ROSEBURG CHILD DIED OF POISON LEFT FOR DOGS

Analysis Of Vital Organs Shows Strychnine—Officers Plan Search Person Who Planted Lethal Dose

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Donna Lou Masters, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Masters of 1254 Winchester street, Roseburg, died from poisoning, presumably the victim of a dog poisoner who has been active here for several weeks, it was definitely announced here today.

The fact that death resulted from poison was announced by District Attorney Maurice Hallmark, following a report from the Fisher Laboratories at Eugene to which was sent samples from vital organs of the child's body for analysis.

Poison Found
The laboratory report stated that ample evidence of the presence of poison was found, but the amount present had not been determined.

The child died in severe convulsions at Mercy hospital here Friday night following a brief illness, and the peculiar circumstances of her death, following a recent public warning concerning the activities of a

BILLINGS DECIDES SEEK REELECTION AS COMMISSIONER

Ralph Billings of Ashland, county commissioner, announced yesterday he would seek re-election on the Republican ticket at the May primary. Commissioner Billings had been considering the matter for several weeks. He has served since January 1, 1935, and his term expires next January 1. His tenure of office was during the most strenuous period in Jackson county history, where his conservatism and foresight was employed to good purpose. With characteristic thoroughness he has applied himself to the business of the county, and represented the county in Oregon-California tax refund conference.

It is not anticipated that Commissioner Billings will have opposition in his own party in the primaries, though the names of several local and county residents have been mentioned as possible entries.

Commissioner Billings is the third county officer to announce intention to seek re-election, the others being Treasurer A. C. Walker and District Attorney George A. Coddling. Ralph G. Jennings, former sheriff, has been announced as a Democratic candidate for commissioner.

Other county officers to be named at the primary include the county clerk, county assessor and school superintendent. The incumbents are expected to file. They are County Clerk George R. Carter, County Assessor J. B. (Bill) Coleman and School Superintendent C. R. Bowman.

Under Oregon law, the school superintendent, like judicial positions, is listed as non-partisan.

LINDYS BIRTHDAY IN WALES QUIET

LLANFAFF, Cardiff, Wales, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh passed his 34th birthday anniversary quietly today with his family in the seclusion of the home of his Welsh host, J. Llewellyn Morgan.

"Colonel Lindbergh is entertaining friends," a member of the household said.

"There are definite instructions that neither he nor Mr. Morgan be disturbed."

Morgan, father of Aubrey Niel Morgan, brother-in-law of Mrs. Lindbergh, apparently was finding no difficulty in protecting the famous flier's privacy and assuring him the peace he crossed the Atlantic to find in the British Isles.

3 INCH SNOW ADDED TO PENDELTON SUPPLY

PENDELTON, Ore., Feb. 4.—(P)—Three inches of snow fell here last night, making a total of five inches on the ground. Since a week ago yesterday the snowfall has amounted to eight inches. The minimum last night was 20 degrees and the maximum yesterday 32.

G. P. CHAMBER TO PUSH BOND PLAN

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Senator James T. Chinmuck's proposal that the state issue bonds to the extent of \$7,000,000 to finance improvements to the Pacific highway between this city and Roseburg received new impetus with the announcement that the Grants Pass chamber of commerce will meet with civic leaders from all parts of southern Oregon to discuss the project.

SALEM, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The annual meeting of the Northwest Society of Highway Engineers will be held in Portland Saturday night, Oscar Cutler of Salem, president, announced today. New officers will be elected for the society which includes members from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

San Francisco Butterfat
San Francisco Butterfat quotations have been discontinued owing to inability to get representative quotations.

12 KILLED AS BLIZZARD SWEEPS THROUGH JAPAN

TOKYO, Feb. 4.—(P)—At least 12 persons were killed tonight as the worst blizzard in 30 years swept through the heart of Japan.

Snow-laden gales from the China sea swept over all areas embracing the empire's six greatest cities, Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Kobe, Kyoto and Yokohama.

FIRE GROUP IS GIVEN TALK BY BAUGHMAN

Clinton Baughman, chief of the Ashland fire department, told the Southern Oregon Firefighters association last night of fire fighting and prevention methods he observed in several cities during a recent tour to Vancouver, Wash. The association met in the Ashland fire hall for its regular monthly meeting.

B. L. Berry, insurance adjuster, addressed the meeting on civil service. He was made an honorary member of the organization.

Chief Roy Elliott of Medford, association president, turned the meeting over to Chief Baughman. The next meeting will be held in Jacksonville March 2.

FIVE BURN TO DEATH IN RANCH HOME FIRE

LEMBERT, Sask., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Five persons burned to death in an early morning fire today which destroyed the home of J. Jost, a mile and a half northwest of here. Jost and his four children were the victims. One girl escaped from a window and ran half a mile through 80-below zero weather in her night clothes to a neighboring farm house. Her legs were badly frozen.

Silver
NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Bar silver steady and unchanged at 44 1/2.

Los Angeles Lion Farm Tops in Masfield Visit

By Devon Francis
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—John Masfield, Britain's poet laureate, was somewhat at a loss for words today to describe his outstanding experience in this country—a visit to a lion farm near Los Angeles.

"Most anxious" he said of the farm as he sat in the living room of Thomas W. Lamont's 70th street residence.