

The Weather

Forecast: Occasional rains to-night and Thursday. Little change in temperature. TEMPERATURE Highest yesterday 53 Lowest this morning 39

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A Home

There are some attractive bargains in homes advertised on the Classified page today. If you want a home it will pay you to watch the ads in this newspaper.

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SILVER THAW CLAMPS PORTLAND



News Behind The News By PAUL MALLON (Copyright, 1936, by Paul Mallon) WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—No one is permitted to look behind those tall red velvet curtains in the supreme court. Not are there any holes in them worth setting your eye to.

But the sharp-eyed lawyers, knowing language and having noted certain messenger activities late in the afternoon, they knew the hidden expansion for the court's filibuster on the TVA decision, which has been delayed for two weeks beyond the usual time for such decisions.

Their hope is that the court decided the case by a vote in chambers several weeks ago. But justices determined to write the opinions have been having a hard job trying to express precisely the halfling legal points involved. Their opinions have been rejected and rewritten time after time.

In other words, the pangs of authorship rather than of doubt have held things up. The sign detectors have deduced from this that the decision is probably against the government, but not decisively so (not like NRA and AAA). That is, they expect a hair line legal definition which will trim many TVA activities but permit the basic main stem policy to be continued.

Such guesses are not guaranteed. The best lawyers before the court are almost equally divided in their expectations. Not much betting is being done.

The state department said both yes and no to reports that President Roosevelt was calling a Pan-American peace conference. It was flustered.

What happened was this: Assistant State Secretary Welles has been sounding out Latin Americans on the idea. He predicted all the Latin diplomats to keep it under their hats. One fellow could not keep his hat on. This one let the story out before Mr. Welles found out whether all the nations would approve the project. The result is Mr. Welles is now holding the sack of peace in a more or less ferocious mood.

If Mr. Welles lays his hands on that certain diplomat (whose name is (Continued on Page Four.)

Lebanon School Swept By Fire LEBANON, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Fire early this morning destroyed the Lebanon high school gymnasium and auditorium which had just been completed at a cost of \$22,000.

Only one room of the building had been occupied. Fire officials said the blaze may have started in that room.

Only the walls of the gymnasium annex were left standing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A lone man packed back and forth in the cold in front of the White House today a plan, proposing that President Roosevelt pay the soldiers' bonus in 15 weekly installments instead of in a lump sum.

The man preferred to be known as the "Mysterious Mr. X." He was un-molested and almost unnoticed.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Fred Bayless of near Hill, standing outside Hubbard's and looking at a pair of skis. Mr. Bayless raises show cattle and is so careful of them he turns them out only at night, so the sun won't fade their coats.

George Gilman making a purchase and hauling out a huge handfull of silver dollars to pay for his articles, counting out 11 of the cartwheels.

City Judge Allen D. Curry, speaking in the California "bunk block" side. "Maybe it would be a good idea to station our own police at the California border and turn back their tramps during the parking season."

Sigurd Cleven, shoemaker, in humorous vein because one of his classic remarks was credited to Bob Mattingly, another shoemaker.

John Jensen: "Yes, I broke 25 targets last Sunday at the trap shoot." Investigation showed that he shot at 50, instead of the implied 25.

Bob Porter endangering his balance by leaning far over to peek under a parked car but assuring a reporter that he wouldn't fall over. "Not with these feet."

PORTLAND IN GRIP OF SILVER THAW; WIRES COLLAPSE

Rain And Snow Glaze Streets — Wires Coated Inch With Ice — Cars Manage Operate At Night

Ice Hampers Bridge. PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(P)—Tons of ice deposited on the Burnside bridge by a silver thaw formed too great a burden for operation of the east end of the bridge draw this morning.

However, the engines were able to lift the west portion of the draw while the steamer Texas maneuvered skillfully through. Traffic was delayed longer than usual. Traffic was held up 10 minutes while ice was cleared from the Hawthorne lift bridge.

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Union Pacific trains were getting through on their schedules this morning after the tracks had been cleared by snow plows.

The highway was still blocked at 9 a. m. There was no new snow in the mid-Columbia area.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—A silver thaw clamped its majestic but fearsome grip on Portland last night and early today, causing power wires to collapse in places before climbing temperatures eased the menace.

Several 11,000-volt power wires in the Linnton and Johns area became so heavily encased with ice that supporting power line poles crumpled just before dawn.

Electrical flashes of acetylene brilliance cast a blueish glow on ice-covered trees and foliage whose branches glistened like upright icicles.

The temperature climbed to 34 degrees here at noon, and was expected to continue its gradual rise.

The weather bureau predicted occasional rain in the western portion of Oregon tonight and tomorrow, and intermittent snow in the eastern portion.

A light drizzle of rain slowly washed away the thick layers of ice in Portland and the Columbia river gorge as the day progressed.

At about dusk last night the cold rain and juicy snow that fell started (Continued on Page Two.)

M'NARY'S ANSWER TO TOWNSENDITES UNSATISFACTORY

EUGENE, Feb. 12.—(P)—Evading a definite stand on the Townsend plan, Oregon's Senator Charles L. McNary drew strong disapproval from 700 Townsendites gathered here for the first congressional district convention today.

In reply to the question "What is your stand on the Townsend plan, may we expect your support in congress?" Senator McNary replied that he favored a better law than the present one and would support "any suitable plan that can be enacted into legislation." His letter pointed out that he did not know in what form the plan would reach the senate, as it must originate in the house.

Townsend leaders have declared that if Senator McNary refused to take a definite stand in favor of the plan, they would "sacrifice" him to favor of a Townsendite. They indicated a candidate would be put into the field to seek his position in the senate if he failed to support the movement.

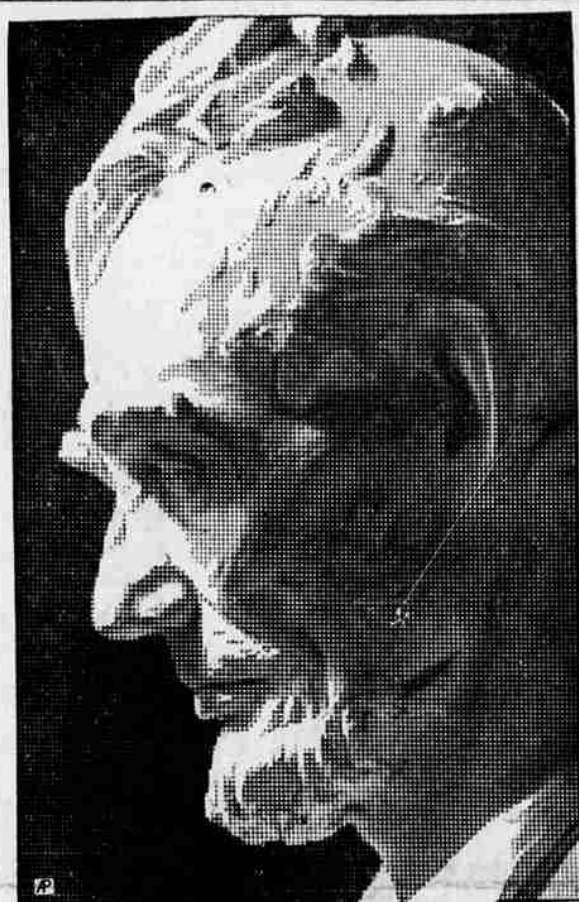
No plan of action has been announced, however, as no official endorsement can be made till the new advisory board is selected. This was to be done late today. This board must pass on all candidates.

WILL LAUNCH COUNTY CENSUS OF BUSINESS

Four or five enumerators of business and manufacturing data for Jackson county will be named tomorrow by Owen C. Davis, supervisor for this district, who arrived here last night from Grants Pass where he appointed a staff for Josephine county. The enumerators will begin immediately to gather business statistics as a PWA project for the bureau of census, U. S. department of commerce, Dr. Davis said.

Officers Search for Missing Applegate Resident

Abraham Lincoln



Today (February 12) marks the 127th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States. He was assassinated April 15, 1865.

What Would Lincoln Do If President Today?—Congressmen Give Views

By FRANK L. WELLER Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—What would Abraham Lincoln do if he were president today? That question evoked varied answers from legislators. Reporters toured Capitol Hill, asking what position Lincoln would take on current issues. Following are some of the replies:

Speaker Byrns (D., Tenn.): "Lincoln would move toward the same humanitarian goal as we have, but no one knows how he would proceed."

Senator Harburt (R., N. J.): "While Lincoln's approach to our present-day problems would have all the warmth of a great humanitarian, the sanity and good old-fashioned common sense of his policies would make for the predominant contrast between his administration and that of the New Deal."

Senator Wagner (D., N. Y.): "As the emancipator Lincoln abolished political slavery. Today he would abolish economic slavery."

Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.): "It would be patently unfair to a man like Lincoln to undertake saying what he would do in a day like this."

Representative Bloom (D., N. Y.): "Things are too complicated to tell what Lincoln would do."

Representative Bloom (D., N. Y.): "I would ask what position Lincoln would take on current constitutional questions? He was a great stickler for law. Once the supreme court had spoken he would follow its decisions."

Representative Marconitis (R., N. Y.): "Lincoln was a fighter, and not (Continued on Page Five.)

CATHERINE TRASK OF GOLD HILL DIES

Catherine Trask, 77, resident of Gold Hill, Ore., for the past seven years, passed away at 9:40 this morning after a short illness. Mrs. Trask was born in DeKalb county, Missouri, October 10, 1858, where she spent her early life. She was united in marriage to George H. Trask at Portland, Ore. in 1913. She leaves to mourn her departure one daughter, Mrs. Mary Miller of Burnt Woods, Ore., and two sons, A. F. Lown and Lenzo L. Lown, both of Gold Hill. Funeral services will be conducted at the graveside in the Rock Point cemetery at Gold Hill Thursday at 2 p. m. Rev. W. B. Baird officiating. Perfunctory Home in charge of arrangements.

ICKES, TALMADGE CURB ENMITY ON SAME PLATFORM

Bitter Political Foes Speakers At Lincoln Exercises — Introduction Achieved Without Sign Cordiality.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—(UP)—Two bitter political enemies held forth last night on what Abraham Lincoln might think of the new deal.

Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes and Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, who call each other respectively "The Chicago Chinook Bug" and "His Chain Gang Excellency," spoke from the same platform at civic exercises commemorating the 127th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

It was a perfect setting for settlement of a long standing grudge fight, but it developed only in the heated words of Ickes assailing those who accuse President Roosevelt of setting up a dictatorship and of Talmadge crying down new deal taxes, hoodluming and patronage.

The two men, whose political enmity began when Governor Talmadge protested relief expenditures in his native state, met for the first time at the executive mansion of Governor Henry Horner, where they dined before moving on to the high school auditorium for their addresses.

Introduced, they bowed without smiling. "How do you do?" asked Ickes. (Continued on Page Four.)

CROWD EXPECTED AT LINCOLN CLUB BANQUET TONIGHT

Tickets for the annual Lincoln club banquet to be held at 6:30 tonight at the Hotel Medford will be on sale at the hotel desk, so that those not yet contacted by the ticket committee will have a chance to attend, it was announced today. Sales have been brisker than for a number of years past and a record attendance is expected.

Don Newbury, chairman of the program committee, stated that interest in political subjects this year has encouraged a large attendance but that arrangements have been made to seat and serve everyone who cares to attend. He repeated his earlier plea that those coming time their arrival so that all will be in their places and preliminary matters disposed of before Herbert Hoover's radio address opens at 7:00 o'clock. The meeting is to be called by President Earl T. Newbury promptly at 6:30 o'clock.

Invocation will follow, conducted by the Rev. Joseph Knotts. The assembly will then sing the Star Spangled Banner, following which the report of the nominating committee will be read by G. W. Pietsch. Introduction of new officers will then be made and the new officers will take charge before the ex-president's address.

Following Hoover's talk a trio composed of Eleanor Curry, Ojetha Olsen and Marjorie Wymore will sing selected numbers and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be read by Billy Wilson, high school student.

An address on behalf of the Junior Republican league will be given by F. Kramer Deuel. Letters and telegrams will be read and the trio will again sing before Claude E. Ingalls, Corvallis editor, delivers the main address of the evening—"Lincoln, the Rugged Individualist."

Introduction of guests will follow Mr. Ingalls' talk and the report of the committee on memorials and resolutions will be given by William M. McAllister. The meeting will be closed by singing "America" by the standing group.

Oregon Pioneer Woman Passes

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Helen Porter, 84, native of Oregon who was born in Santiam city in Linn county, March 14, 1851, died at her residence here yesterday. Funeral services were to be held here this afternoon. Her husband, Alexander Porter, died in 1923, a few months after the couple had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

NEUTRALITY BILL COMPROMISE HAS COMMITTEE OKEH

Senate Foreign Relations Group Unanimous For Abridged Measure—Arms Embargo Features Kept.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The senate foreign relations committee today approved unanimously an abridged neutrality bill extending the present arms embargo features until May 1, 1937, but exempting American republics from its application when attacked by non-American nations.

The compromise, which brought several divergent factions into line, completely omitted two major provisions of the administration act. One would have permitted the president to impose peace-time quotas on "materials of war" such as oil, cotton, and steel, and one would have permitted the chief executive to require that trade proceed with belligerents at the shipper's risk.

Attached to the bill as agreed upon by the committee, however, was a mandatory direction to the president to embargo loans to belligerents, although allowing ordinary short time commercial credits.

A move to force consideration of permanent legislation at this session apparently awaited the bill on the senate floor.

Chairman McReynolds (D., Tenn.) said that in the interests of speed, he planned to introduce a copy of the senate bill in the house, perhaps today, then call the foreign affairs committee into session "in a day or two" to consider the measure.

The amendment covering this section provided: "This act shall not apply to an American republic or republic engaged in war against a non-American state or states; provided the American republic is not cooperating with non-American state or states in such war."

Application Explained. Simply stated, it means, Pittman said, that should a non-American nation join with an American nation against another American nation, the arms embargo would go into effect, but if only a non-American nation attacked an American nation, then the embargo would not apply.

Commenting on the elimination of section four, which empowered the president to embargo war materials, Pittman said in a statement that the controversy "has not been decided." He added: "It is evident there is a wide and sincere difference of opinion, not only as to the general principle involved, but as to the limits to which such embargo should go, and the effect of such an act upon our citizens and upon peace."

The action of the committee was to substitute for proposed permanent legislation, a bill introduced several weeks ago by Senator Thomas (D., Utah), providing for an extension of the present law.

STORES TO HOLD WASHINGTON SALE

A George Washington birthday sale at all Medford stores was announced today by C. D. Bean, chairman of the retail merchants committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. W. S. Bolger, manager of J. C. Penney's, is handling the promotion. The sale will be held two days, Saturday, February 22, Washington's birthday, and Monday, February 24. The merchants were said to be prepared to outdo the Father of his Country. Today they were sharpening their hatchets to emulate George in his famous chopping act but instead of hacking a cherry tree they are to chop prices to rock bottom.

"George Washington once threw a silver dollar across the Potomac," said one merchant, "but that isn't anything compared with the distance a dollar will go in this special two-day sale."

13 Die in Train Wreck

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Thirteen persons were killed today when a passenger train crashed into the rear of a freight train at Asparuhovo, southern Bulgaria, during a blinding snowstorm.

Another Lincoln Should Be Found His Friend Says

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A frail, white-haired lady, who knew Lincoln when she was a little girl, celebrated the Great Emancipator's birthday by urging the Republican party to find another Lincoln. Mrs. Mary Scott-Uda, now 91, spoke at meeting of the Republican committee of 100. "Lincoln was frequently a guest at my father's house" she said. "I remember one emergency when it was suggested that he should be a candidate for office. "You must pick a man that can win. "And that's what you Republicans have got to do," Mrs. Scott-Uda said.

BORAH AND KNOX ENTER ILLINOIS PRIMARY BATTLE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Senator William E. Borah of Idaho and Col. Frank Knox of Chicago filed their entries today in the Illinois advisory presidential preferential primary April 14.

It was the first formal step taken by Colonel Knox, Chicago publisher, to announce his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

Petitions on behalf of the two men were filed with the office of Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes, qualifying them for places on the April 14 ballot.

The Borah petitions were handled by Edward J. Cooke, Chicago attorney; the Knox petitions by C. J. Doyle of Springfield, a leader in the 1935 "grass roots" movement.

Mrs. Grace said she made an unsuccessful attempt to save the five carat diamond engagement ring Coogan gave her December 2. One of the robbers saw her effort to hide it on the floor of the car, she said, and threatened her.

CCC WILL RETAIN PRESENT NUMBER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Prediction was made today by a group of house Democrats after a talk with President Roosevelt that there would be no further reductions in the civilian conservation corps.

"I predict there will be no further reductions in the personnel of the CCC," said Representative Johnson (D., Okla.), a member of the unofficial Democratic steering committee which called at the White House.

The administration has eliminated three hundred of the 2,100 camps and the plan was to cut down 700 more by April 1st with a view to reducing the personnel from about 900,000 to 300,000.

FRUIT SHIPMENTS TOTAL 2337 CARS

Fruit shipments from the Rogue River valley to date total 2337 cars, according to Southern Pacific freight figures. Pears are now moving at an average of eight cars per day, chiefly to eastern markets, which have been slowed by cold weather. Return of normal weather conditions to the east are expected to better both pear and apple sales. The Southern Pacific data shows 1335 cars of packed pears, 618 cars of country pears and 188 cars of apples have been shipped. Fruit growers report the present price is less per box than last year, with practically no pears being shipped to France owing to early filling of the quota.

Hull Ill—Frank Hull was confined to his home on South Grape street today, suffering from a slight illness.

MAN AGED AND ILL DROPS FROM SIGHT AFTER TOWN VISIT

Neighbor Reports Elderly Recluse Unseen During Past Week — Officers Launch Intensive Search

State police, U. S. forest rangers, deputy sheriffs, CCC men and residents of the upper Applegate district this morning launched an intensive search for an 80-year-old man named Reed who was reported missing for a week.

Reed has lived alone in a cabin near the Sturgis forest guard station, about eight miles from Copper, Cal. It was reported he was brought to Medford a little over a week ago for medical attention but that he started back to his cabin with a supply of groceries after remaining here only a day.

It was immediately assumed that he had collapsed in the woods and the forest service station was notified.

Lee Port, forest ranger, notified the U. S. forest service here and called for search assistance from the state police and sheriff's office.

No definite information could be obtained immediately because county offices were closed and rural, forest service and CCC telephone lines were out of order.

JACKIE AND BETTY ROBBERY VICTIMS IN CHICAGO LOOP

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Jackie Coogan and Betty Grable, film players, reported to police today that at the end of a 50 mile an hour chase through the Chicago loop two gunmen curbed their car and robbed them of \$50 and jewelry they valued at \$5,000.

Mrs. Grable said she made an unsuccessful attempt to save the five carat diamond engagement ring Coogan gave her December 2. One of the robbers saw her effort to hide it on the floor of the car, she said, and threatened her.

Coogan related that he and Mrs. Grable, who had been dancing at the Congress hotel, started to drive (Continued on Page Two.)

3 Portland Port Sites Fill Bill

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Three of 17 sites surveyed meet all government requirements for a new super-airport in Multnomah county, federal air bureau authorities reported to the Portland port commission.

The locations of the sites were kept confidential pending further conferences.

Chinook Through With Senate Seat

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 12.—(AP)—State Senator James T. Chinook, Republican, announced today he will not be a candidate for reelection in the coming primaries.

SHORT WAVE RADIO NEWS

February 11 MOSCOW.—4 p. m.—Overseas Program in English. RW-39 (8000 or 12,000 kc.) ROME.—6 p. m.—News bulletins in English. Concert by the band of the Royal Metropolitan Police Force of Rome, conducted by Andrea Marchesini. 230, 31.1 m. (9,735 kc.) LONDON.—6:30 p. m.—Talk: "Foreign Affairs." Sir Frederick Whyte, K. C. S. I. LL. D. GSB, 31.3 m. (9,580 kc.) GSB, 31.3 m. (9,510 kc.) GSB, 49.1 m. (6,110 kc.) or GSA, 49.5 m. (6,050 kc.) PANAMA CITY.—7:30 p. m.—Children's hour. HPSB, 49.7 m. (6,030 kc.) BERLIN.—7:45 p. m.—Familiar strains of great masters. DJC, 49.8 m. (6,020 kc.) CINCINNATI.—10:30 p. m.—Grand Opera. WBXL, 49.8 m. (6,000 kc.)