

# BOOTLEG GAS BECOMES BIG MONEY MAKER

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 3, (UP)—The bootlegging of gasoline in Arizona has become a million dollar industry it was disclosed today at a special session of the Arizona legislature.

Curtailing the activities of those who smuggle gasoline into the state from California is one of the major problems of the session. During discussion of a measure designed to put "teeth" into the tax law it was estimated the state is losing \$200,000 annually.

If the state is losing \$200,000, it was pointed out, the total value of the illicit motor car fuel exceeds one million dollars. The tax—five cents per gallon—is less than one third the retail price and counties receive a husky share of the revenue.

There was trouble with gasoline bootleggers even when Arizona and California gas tax laws were similar. It became aggravated a year ago when Arizona enacted a five cent tax, the California tax remaining at three cents.

Two Channels  
The racket follows two general channels. There are those who evade both the Arizona and California tax, smuggling the gasoline into this state at five cents a gallon less than the average wholesale price. Others pay the California tax and ship the fluid across the line thus saving two cents.

Smuggling gasoline is due to fluctuations in the gas market. With more than usual force because all gasoline must be imported from its neighbor, California, a leading oil state.

Shipped by Train  
Gasoline shipped by train may be checked easily. But most of it is "exported" to California, where it is finally retailed in both states in violation of sales tax laws.

# KENTUCKY JUDGE BANS REPORTERS

MT. STERLING, Ky., Jan. 3, (UP)—A Kentucky circuit court judge, Henry C. Hewitt, ruled from his bench late Saturday that because of alleged libelous attitude of a newspaper editor, no representative of that paper ever could sit in his court.

The ruling came on a simple motion for elaboration of an affidavit filed against John T. Moutoux, staff correspondent of the Knoxville, Tenn., News-Sentinel, who is under orders of Judge Prewitt to show cause Monday night why he should not be permitted to appear in his court.

Judge Prewitt, overruling the motion of Moutoux's counsel for the expanded affidavit, vigorously scored the News-Sentinel's editorials and comment upon the court story of the Italian county mine riot murder cases.

Holding up a copy of the News-Sentinel which commented upon the court's action against Moutoux, Judge Prewitt read from the editorial as follows:

"As long as our courts permit themselves to be a stage for the tirades of political and social prejudice, they will not obtain the full confidence of those who believe in even-handed justice."

The court dropped the paper, looked down upon Moutoux's attorneys standing quietly in front of the bench and said: "That is as libelous as can be."

# ROBBERY SUSPECTS TAKEN IN FRESNO

FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 4, (UP)—Herbert Vincent, 55, and Elmer H. Ford, 18-year-old son, Gordon, both of Hanford, were arrested late today by Deputy Sheriff John Ford of Fresno, as the men who held up the First National bank of Caruthers and escaped with \$4,041 Thursday.

Ford also arrested two other men as accomplices of the bandits. Sheriff Overholt refused to reveal their identity.

They were identified by a witness whose identity was kept secret, brother's officers reported.

The suspects are the father and brother of Clifford and Harold Vincent, under sentence at Folsom prison for the robbery of the Strathmore and Hardwick banks a year ago.

Lucky Accident  
Phoenicians are said to have come upon glass making when the crew of a Phoenician vessel landed on a Palestine river bank to prepare food. No rocks were available so the seamen used lamps of soda from their cargo to support their cooking utensils. Heat of the fire fused the beach sand and soda, forming a transparent mass.

PREFER U. S. OIL  
Although they are much closer to Russian oil fields, Finland and the Baltic States import most of their petroleum and its products from the United States.

Cotton consumption for the three months ending October 31 was 1,351,000 bales as compared with 1,189,000 bales during the same period in 1930. World consumption of American cotton in October was 1,027,000 bales as compared with 982,000 bales in September and 961,000 bales in October, 1930.

# Flood Fails To Halt Work



Business as usual despite the flood was the attitude of W. N. Tate, Sumner, Miss. Grocer, when a foot of water covered the first floor of his store. Customers walked on planks to buy food. Tate is shown at the right in the picture above. The flood at Sumner is higher than it was in 1927.

# HOOVER ASKED FOR STUDENT DELEGATE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 2, (UP)—A group of college students prepared a petition to President Hoover today requesting that an American college boy be appointed as a member of the Geneva disarmament commission.

The group published the petition in accord with the opinion of delegates to the student volunteer movement, who yesterday voted unanimously to ask the president to send one of their own number to Geneva.

Complete disarmament was favored by a large majority of the students, who also voted against compulsory military training in college. The students agreed that an individual "who has renounced war has the right to refuse to participate in war."

# Editorials on News

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lating East, are beginning to say dismally:

"We have invented about everything there is to be invented. Human progress has gone as far as it can."

Probably the same kind of people, back in dim, prehistoric days, were saying the same thing a generation or so after the use of fire had been discovered.

DON'T forget this fact: ELECTRICITY was present in the world at the time when some prehistoric man with a brain a little better than that of his fellows discovered how to turn FIRE to human uses.

Discovery of electricity and how to turn it into human uses had to wait until some brain GOOD ENOUGH came along.

WE don't know, in this supposedly advanced age, what vastly important principles may be lying all around us, undiscovered and even unsuspected as yet. Just as electricity was undiscovered and unsuspected in the long ages when man was applying the newly discovered uses of fire to his comfort and his progress.

WE are inclined to think of electricity as perhaps the most revolutionary discovery ever made. But is it?

Probably not. The taming of fire and its application to human uses probably wrought greater changes in human life than have been brought about by electricity.

FIRE, for example, made it possible for human beings to emigrate from the tropics into the colder but more widely productive regions of the earth. It made possible the cooking of food, instead of eating it raw.

Fire brought about the discovery of metals through some prehistoric man's building of his cooking fire on copper ore and observing the red metal that ran forth and cooled, and then THINKING about how he could turn this discovery to his own benefit.

Thus bronze supplanted polished stone for the making of implements.

Later on came iron and its tempering into steel—all the product of active and inquiring minds.

SO don't let us be soured and discouraged ones who are telling us that everything has been invented that can be; that human progress has gone as far as it can go.

It isn't true. Human progress, in all probability, hasn't even made a good start yet.

Carnegie Steel company has recalled 3,500 employees to its Braddock mill.

# LIBRARY AND EDUCATION TO WATCH FUNDS

RALEM, Ore., (UP)—Exercise of ingenuity to make the proverbial dollar roll a little farther is the big task confronting Oregon's library and educational heads for 1932.

"Last year saw libraries throughout the state swamped as never before," State Librarian Hazel C. Long said. "Almost every letter I received tells of greatly increased circulation and reading room demands."

"Although most libraries have not had their appropriations fully satisfied the larger reading public. A most striking change in reader demands made itself felt in 1931. Many persons now unemployed have made use of library facilities to increase knowledge of their jobs. A tremendous interest in national and international problems also was evinced during the past year. Books shipped from the state library during the 12 months numbered some 192,000 volumes."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction C. A. Howard is also of the belief that the "better for less" problem will absorb Oregon's educators.

"Almost two-thirds of the 158 small high schools in the state showed a lowered per pupil cost of operation last year. The state department of education will continue work to further reduce costs in these schools and improve the educational service at the same time.

Records show that whereas high schools of 200 students or more operated at a cost of some \$140 per pupil, schools of 75 pupils or less averaged more than \$185 at beginning of last year. Those that have made recommended changes averaged

# Three Men Held On Murder Count

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 4, (UP)—Three men were being held today for Hot Springs, Ark., authorities on charges that they murdered Preston Rose Austin, 57, millionaire Victoria, Tex., in September, 1929.

The three are W. S. (Bill) Schriver, southwestern gangster; A. N. (Buddy) Jenkins, Houston; and W. F. Martin, oil man of Humble, Texas. Schriver is charged here with murdering Martin's daughter and son-in-law, C. A. and Jane Jones.

A slot machine sells oiled paper umbrellas in Berlin.

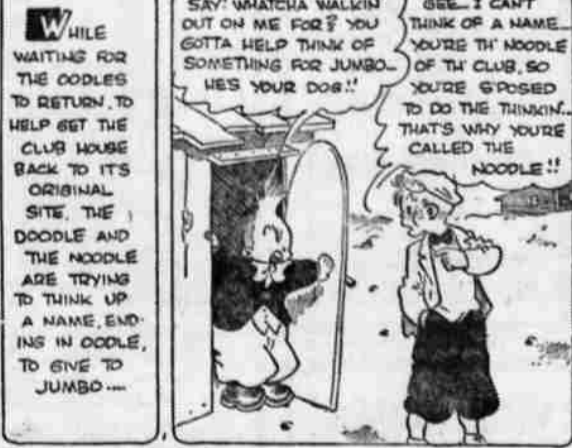
# BRINGING UP FATHER



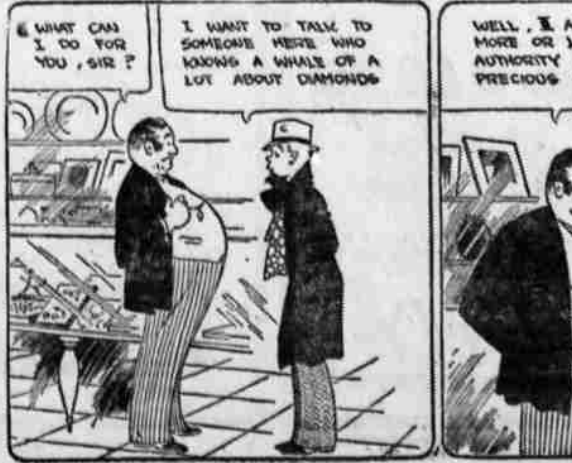
# WASH TUBS



# FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



# BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



# STUDENTS DEPART TO RESUME WORK

The majority of university and college students who have spent the holidays in Klamath Falls have been the inspiration for a round of social affairs during the past two weeks, left Sunday to resume their school work.

Those who have returned to the University of Oregon are Thomas and George Massey, sons of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Massey; Richard Bogus, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Bogus of Merrill; Maryellen Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford; Miss Helen Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones; Alexis Lyle, daughter of Mrs. A. J. Lyle; Helen Shive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shive; Blanche O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. O'Neill; Kenton Hamaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hamaker; Hubert Totter, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Totter; Eleanor English, Don Knowles, Katherine Pope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pope; Harry Wimer, Harry Sprague, Mahr Reymers and Richard Robustell.

Returning to Oregon State college at Corvallis are Helen Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hill Hunter and Miss Nadine O'Flaherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Flaherty.

Other students who are attending California and other out-of-state schools, will remain in Klamath Falls two or three days longer.

# Bieber Citizens Take Steps To Deal With Menace Of Flames

BIEBER, Calif.—Bieber, a town of a few hundred population that has suffered fire damage of \$50,000 in less than three weeks of last month and a third of a million within the memory of present inhabitants, is determined to mend its ways in dealing with the menace of flames among its wooden buildings.

Fire protection, both immediate and permanent, is the goal of a movement that was launched at a citizens' meeting Wednesday night attended by about 60 property owners and business people. The meeting was held in Odd Fellows hall, erected as the Chalk Ford general store in 1879, whose scorched outside walls and crashed front windows testified to its narrow escapes from being consumed in the fires of December 8 and last Sunday morning.

Formation of a fire protection district, organization of a volunteer fire department and a vigilance committee to patrol the town at night, negotiation with outside interests that have offered to install fire protection water supply systems, asking the state to station some of its forest-fire-fighting equipment at Bieber, incorporation of the town, erection of fireproof walls between existing wooden buildings, purchase of emergency fire-quenching apparatus by popular subscription if necessary—these were some of the moves proposed.

By vote at the meeting, a citizens' committee was appointed and instructed to investigate the merits of the various proposals and make a report at the next meeting of the Big Valley chamber of commerce next Wednesday night. The committee was authorized to take what action it thought necessary meanwhile for immediate fire protection, and to seek commercial proposals for putting in waterworks. The committee held its first session on New Year's eve. Members are H. E. Dunlap, storekeeper;

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T. W. Pheneget, lumber dealer; John Keller, manager of the Bank of America's Bieber branch; David E. Alm and George Van Horn, apartment and house owners.

James H. Ryan, who said the state forest service had some highly efficient fire trucks, was commissioned to try and have one sent to Bieber this winter. Ryan, an undertaker, lost his bearings and most of his personal belongings on Sunday's fire.

C. E. Rogers, whose plumbing shop burned Sunday, offered for present fire protection purposes the use of a 1500-gallon motor pump and pressure tank that was about all he saved from the flames.

Peter Gerig, member of the county board of supervisors for the Bieber district, said he would find out the requirements for organizing a fire protection district, incorporating the town or granting a waterworks franchise, and give any help he could carry out the townspeople's wishes.

A list of Bieber fire losses in his recollection totaling \$323,500 was submitted by A. Smith, an old resident, and read at the meeting. Among the items were: Ford Hotel, \$20,000; school house and hall, \$10,000; flour mill and granary, \$40,000; block on north side of Main street, \$60,000; south side, \$70,000; Valley hotel, \$10,000; A. Smith house, blacksmith shop and warehouse, \$5500; Leventon and Wardwell homes, \$4000; beer factory, \$5000; Anderson barn, \$5000; Joseph Stephenson buildings, \$7500; Evans jewelry store, \$6500; December, 1931, \$30,000.

It was stated that Ben H. Steffen, owner of the Lakeriver, Oregon, gas works and the Andover, Calif., and formerly the Chico waterworks, has offered to install in Bieber a water system adequate for fire-fighting purposes. It he would be granted a fran-

## Silver Lake Cattle Are Fed At Midland

MIDLAND, Ore.—Several thousand head of cattle are being fed on the Moteschbacher ranch in this section during the winter months. Most of this cattle belongs to Lane & Kittredge of Silver Lake.

## MIDLAND

MIDLAND, Ore.—Mrs. H. B. Largent and children, accompanied by Almond Gregory, spent a few days' vacation with friends and relatives at Etina and Fort Jones, Calif.

Miss Opal Hooper is spending several months visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Scott of Oakland, Calif.

The thousands of head of sheep that have been pasturing on Lower lake have been moved for winter grazing to the lava beds. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Patterson and family are visiting relatives in Stockton for an indefinite time.

## First Licenses Are Granted For 1932

Two marriage licenses were issued Saturday by County Clerk C. R. De Lap. They were the first issued during the leap year. Marshall Sweet, 27, and Charlotte R. Ludwig, 18, both of Klamath Falls, obtained the first license. They were the first couple to wed in Klamath county during 1932. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Barnes.

The other license was granted to J. E. Nanney, 47, Algona and Dolle Keen, 21, Klamath Falls.

The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants reported a three-year high of unfilled orders on Oct. 31, representing an increase of 51.7 per cent over those on hand September 30.

# By George McManus



# By Crane



# By Blosser



# By Martin

