

THE WEATHER

Brownsville and the Valley: Partly cloudy Friday night and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

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STOCKS SOAR ON SILVER PROGRAM

IN OUR VALLEY

WE WISH HE HAD SAID IT, but he didn't, and so in justice to Charles F. C. Ladd, colonization agent of the Missouri Pacific, this column wishes to set the matter right.

Some time back there appeared a yarn in the Herald, quoting Charlie to the effect that the Missouri Pacific would lend active support to the campaign for the removal of the Robstown differential.

Writer of this column talked to Charlie Ladd while he was in Brownsville and then left town after retelling the conversation to a Herald reporter.

And, as will happen when stories are written third hand, this error crept into the yarn.

As we said in the beginning, we wish that Charlie had told us that his road would fight the differential, but he did not, and we are glad to correct any impression which the erroneous interview may have created.

AND BY THE WAY, THAT WAS a most neighborly thing for the Corpus Christi Times to do—

To publish an art layout on the Brownsville port on its front page yesterday.

Coupled with a column story on the port and the development expected to follow its completion.

It's things like that that make for a friendly feeling between communities and between sections.

And those of us who know Grady Kinsolving, directing head of the Callers-Times publications, know that he is just that sort of a newspaperman.

IT'S THE SAME OLD COMPLAINT that the Valley has heard for years from our representatives in Washington—

"If you folks would just stand united there is nothing you could not have."

It was voiced by John Garner in the days when he represented the 15th congressional district.

And it was voiced again yesterday by Cong. Milton West.

"Not a single Valley project has been presented to the PWA but has had opposition from the Valley," he said.

And further—"Even after the loan to the Brownsville Navigation district had been granted by the PWA a petition was addressed to the President, asking that the loan be withdrawn."

The natural result is, of course, obvious.

Eventually the powers that be in Washington and elsewhere are going to tell the Lower Rio Grande to take a long jump into a deep lake.

They are not concerned with our petty differences.

Plenty of things have they to do which concern an united people.

We had better wise up to the situation, and wise up in a hurry.

IN JUSTICE TO THE PEOPLE of this section we would add, however, our belief that most of this

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The Story of Christmas



We, too, even as the shepherds who tended their flocks by night and the Three Wise Men journeying out of the east, pay homage to our Saviour, giving thanks on Christmas Day for his birth.

Last CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY

Brownsville's 1934 Budget Is Reduced \$29,393

VALUATIONS ARE TRIMMED 20 PER CENT

Reduction Made In Amount of Taxes To Be Paid

The total budget for the city of Brownsville for 1934 will be \$286,374, or \$29,393 less than the 1933 budget, as shown at the budget hearing this morning.

The budget as presented and tentatively approved calls for a general fund budget of \$173,154, and a plant fund budget of \$113,220, for a total of \$286,374.

Valuations Reduced

The total last year was \$315,767. Total taxable valuation of Brownsville for the year is \$12,000,000, a 20 per cent reduction in valuation, whereas the tax rate will probably be set at \$1.50, or 20 cents higher than last year. This will mean a reduction in the amount of taxes paid, in spite of the higher rate.

The city's expenditures during the year on interest and sinking fund on its bonded indebtedness is set at \$164,267.50. Other indebtedness is \$18,286, making a grand total budget for the year 1934 of \$468,909.

The income for 1934 includes an estimated revenue of \$286,000 from the water and light plant; with the tax revenue, based on anticipated 85 per cent collection, placed at \$153,000. Other revenue, from market rentals, fines and the like will make the total for the year approximately \$468,909, according to the budget estimates.

Little Departmental Change

The budget shows very little change in the various departmental expenditures and appropriations from last year's figures.

The city commission canvassed the returns of the Dec. 12 election, declaring all the present commissioners re-elected except George Desha, who was not a candidate.

Desha is succeeded by Arthur Hippo, who will be sworn in at the next meeting of the commissioners, in January.

U. S. Hands Off Cuban Affairs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (P)—Indication was given today in authoritative quarters that should Spain make a formal request that the United States intervene in Cuba, President Roosevelt would refuse.

Acting Secy. William Phillips and other administration officials refused to make any formal statement on press dispatches from Madrid indicating that some diplomatic overtures concerning intervention by the United States under the Platt amendment might be made by Spain.

Intimations have emanated from administration officials, however, that any such request would be flatly rejected.

Grower Loans Group To Name Officers

(Special to The Herald) HARTINGEN, Dec. 22.—Election of officers is expected to take place at a meeting of the directors for the Valley Production Credit Assn. formed Saturday at a meeting of growers here.

The Wednesday meeting also will pick a secretary and treasurer who will be virtual managers of the association which is capitalized at \$200,000 and will make loans to growers, supplanting governmental direct lending agencies.

Directors of the association are: J. M. Martinez, Rio Grande; H. P. Starnes, Hartingen; George W. McCain, San Benito; Henry W. Bell, Brownsville; W. T. Holder, Raymondville; Robert Ray, Lyford; Frank Crow, McAllen; Owen Council, Mission; and R. C. Roseboom, Donna.

Port Isabel's Bus Service Is Resumed

Bus service between Valley points and Port Isabel will be resumed, effective Tuesday, Dec. 26, it was announced today by Harry Roberts of the Missouri Pacific Transportation company.

Two buses will be run each day to and from Port Isabel, it was stated. The morning bus will leave Brownsville for Port Isabel at 7:20 a. m., connecting with the bus leaving Mission at 8:20 a. m., and arriving at Port Isabel at 8:32.

Returning, a bus will leave Port Isabel at 8:40 a. m., arriving in Brownsville at 9:30.

In the evening a bus will leave Brownsville at 7:30, arriving at Port Isabel at 8:20 p. m. This bus will return at 8:30 p. m. for Brownsville, also making connections for upper Valley points.

Yes, There Really Is A Santa Claus

As his friends all know, H. D. Seago, Cameron county clerk, is honestly personified.

When that fact becomes known to C. B. Jackson, cashier of the Brazoria County State bank at Angleton, it will probably send shivers of thankfulness up and down his spine.

The bank sent a mortgage to Seago for recording and intended to include a cashier's check for the customary fee of 25 cents.

Jackson evidently became confused, for he made out the check for an even \$8,000—a mere error of \$7,999.75.

"And I thought the republicans had kidnapped Santa Claus," was Seago's comment as he mailed the check back to Jackson.

PRINCE VISITS BROWNSVILLE

Grandson of Former Kaiser Arrives Here On Trip From Mexico

This city was host today to a royal visitor in the person of Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia, son of the former Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany, and grand-son of the former Kaiser of the German empire.

The young prince, who is 24 years old, arrived on the Pan American plane yesterday afternoon from Mexico City. He was met at the airport here by Gen. Danforth, commanding officer of Randolph Field, San Antonio.

In company with Wm. S. West of Brownsville and several others, Gen. Danforth gave an informal banquet in Matamoros last night in honor of the visiting prince.

They planned to depart early this afternoon for Randolph field. Gen. Danforth flying in the military plane piloted by Lieut. Douglas, and the prince going in the American Airways plane.

Prince Ferdinand lives at Detroit, and is connected with the Ford Motor Co., in the sales department.

In an interview with a representative of The Herald here this morning he said this is his first visit to Texas except a short stay in El Paso, and that he is charmed with the Valley sunshine and climate generally.

"I think your city is fine," he said. "I am anxious to see more of Texas."

The prince declared that he is at home in this country. "I live in Detroit, and expect to stay in the U. S. for some time, at any rate."

He is tall with sharp features, resembling his father. He speaks excellent English and also has a good command of Spanish.

The prince is very affable, easy to interview and democratic in his manner.

Bank Dividend To Be Delayed

It now appears that dividend checks for depositors of the closed Merchants National bank will not be issued until some time next week, J. C. Fountain, receiver, stated this morning.

Some time ago the receiver announced an additional 23 per cent dividend which it was hoped could be distributed before the Christmas holidays.

It is thought here that book-keeping details in Washington are holding up the distribution of the checks.

Insull Guilty Of Collusion

CHICAGO, Dec. 22. (P)—Federal Judge Evan A. Evans held today that Samuel Insull, Sr., and his bankers were guilty of collusion in bringing about the receivership of Insull Utility Investments, Inc., his \$238,000,000 investment house.

The court sustained the charges brought by Samuel A. Ettelson, an attorney, and refused to pay any additional fees to Calvin Pentress, former receiver and bankruptcy trustee, and to the receiver's attorneys.

Brownsville Schools Close for Holidays

All Brownsville schools were to close at the end of class-work today for the Christmas holidays.

Classes will begin again Tuesday, January 2.

Christmas programs were presented Thursday and Friday.

HUEY LONG'S CITY POWER IN BALANCE

New Orleans Citizens Declare 'War' On 'Dictatorship'

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22. (P)—Darts cut through the air today in Louisiana's war-torn arena of Huey P. Long and anti-Long politics with the five-year-old powerhouse of the "kingfish" hanging in the scales.

Denied a voice in the makeup of the old regular democratic ticket for the Jan. 23 city election, Sen. Long wavered between his announced intention to place no separate ticket in the field and a later assertion that he "might help elect an independent ticket."

Split in Ranks?

The resignation yesterday of John Glover, chief engineer of the Long-controlled Orleans levee board, started reports that Glover would become Long's candidate for mayor against Mayor T. Semmes Walmsley, incumbent, and Francis Williams.

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DEATH CHAIR ENDS SINGING

Criminal Attacks Confessed By Doomed Man Shortly Before Last March

CHESTER, Ill., Dec. 22. (P)—Three murderers—Harry Shelby, 46, his nephew, John Allen, 26, and Martin Gray, 25, a negro—were electrocuted in the Southern Illinois penitentiary here shortly after midnight today.

Shelby and Allen, both of Danville, were executed for the slaying of Mrs. Mary Schrader, 82-year-old Jasper county farm woman, in an attempted robbery last August.

Gray died for the slaying of Susie Gregory, Centralia negro.

The executions were the first in the Southern Illinois penitentiary since Warden Joe Ragen took charge nine months ago.

Shelby, who sang in the death chair and shouted, "Well, if I can't sing out I loose" when told he was taking up too much time, was the first to die.

In a statement shortly before his execution, Shelby said he, Allen and Victor Wright, who was slain by an officer while resisting arrest, went to the Schrader home near Newton, criminally attacked Mrs. Schrader and her daughter, Miss Anna Schrader, 46, and beat them.

Mrs. Schrader's aged brother, Bernard Weidman, in an effort to force them to tell the hiding place of money the robbers believed secreted in the house.

Girl Asleep for Two Years Now Can Hear

OAK PARK, Ill., Dec. 22. (P)—Members of the family of Miss Patricia Maguire, who has been asleep nearly two years, said today there were indications that "for a fraction of a second she recognized a friend" who stood at her bedside last night.

It was the first such indication, said her mother, Mrs. Peter Miley, that Patricia had shown since she lapsed into unconsciousness Feb. 15, 1932.

Santa Claus Will Visit Capitol Theater Saturday

Santa Claus, co-operating with the Capitol Theater, will make two visits to Brownsville Saturday.

His first appearance will be at the Mickey Mouse club meeting at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, when he will distribute candy to each child attending. Also Santa Claus will tell them about Christmas.

He will appear again at 6:30 p. m. Saturday following a hurried trip back to Canada, and will distribute 2,000 gifts in front of the theater.

The Capitol theater has placed a large, decorated Christmas tree in front of the theater to attract Santa's attention as he flies over, and other decorations have been placed about the theater for the occasions.

GEE, I GUESS I WON'T HAVE ANY CHRIS-MUS



Sketches by James Hammon, Central Press Staff Artist

Please don't let this happen in Brownsville—send a dollar, or outgrown clothing, or faded toys, or food to the Volunteers of America home or to the Brownsville Charity Home today. This is a last-minute appeal to the citizens of Brownsville. Without your help Christmas in many Brownsville homes is going to be just another blue Monday. Your bit, small as it might be, will put grin on this kid's face, and on the faces of hundreds of other kids just like him.

YATES TO GET BIG WELCOME

Port Worker to Leave For Valley From Capitol Tonight

Judge H. L. Yates, attorney for the Brownsville Navigation district, who has been in Washington for the past three months, successfully negotiating the port loan, will leave for Brownsville tonight, a telegram to W. G. Willman, district chairman, stated.

Immediately upon hearing of his projected arrival, officials of the district began making plans to welcome Judge Yates home. A committee of representative citizens will meet him at the station on his arrival, and tentative plans call for a celebration banquet within a short time after he comes home.

Other guests of honor at the banquet will include the navigation commissioners, W. G. Willman, J. G. Fernandez and Z. A. Rosenthal, and R. B. Rentiro and A. B. Cole, also attorneys for the district, according to plans being popularly discussed.

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Valley Hen Lays 8-Inch Egg

A quarter-pound egg, eight inches in circumference was laid by a Rhode Island Red hen owned by Mrs. Margaret Hitt of El Jardin.

The large egg was being displayed in Brownsville Friday by Mrs. Hitt.

It is 6 1/4 inches in circumference in width, and eight inches in circumference in length.

GRIFFIN SEEKS CONGRESS POST

McAllen Attorney to Run For Place Now Held By West

(Special to The Herald) McALLEN, Dec. 22. — Gordon Griffin, McAllen attorney who was defeated by Milton H. West of Brownsville for congressman of the 15th district of Texas in a special election to determine a successor to John N. Garner, announced Friday that he would be a candidate for the same post in the July elections.

Griffin was defeated by approximately 3,000 votes in the old 23-county congressional district. Since then the district has been trimmed to 13 counties. Duval county, which cast about 2,000 votes in the special election, was one of the ten taken out of the district.

Master Drainage Plan Data Is Now Gathered

Compilation of information from Valley water districts, looking toward construction of a Valley-wide drainage system, is nearing completion, and this information will be turned over to A. W. Vance, state reclamation engineer, the first of the year, according to Ralph T. Agar, Cameron county tax assessor.

Practically every water district in the Valley has furnished information and maps along with suggestions as to their needs.

The state has appropriated \$15,000 for a complete survey of drainage needs, and it is expected that federal funds will be obtained for putting through the work.

OUIJA BOARD CASE PROBED

Girl Says Fortune Telling Device Told Her To Shoot Father

ST. JOHNS, Ariz., Dec. 22. (P)—Punishment for a 15-year-old girl who admitted shooting her father at the instigation of her mother's Ouija board was considered by authorities here today.

After the girl, Mattie Turley, pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted murder, County Attorney J. Smith Gibbons recommended that she be sent to the state industrial school for six years.

The mother, Mrs. Dorothea Irene Turley, held as an accomplice, denied the Ouija board seance in which the shooting was allegedly ordered so that she would be free to marry a "young cowboy."

Her petition for freedom on a writ of habeas corpus was set for hearing Tuesday.

The victim of the shooting, E. J. Turley, chief gunner's mate of the naval reserve, was in the Navy hospital at San Diego, Calif., to which he was taken by airplane. Physicians said the wound in his hip still was under examination.

Miss Turley testified at her mother's hearing in justice court that she followed her father to the corner of their ranch home and took careful aim at his back with a shotgun. She said she lost her nerve but, after thinking "how much it would mean" to her mother, raised the gun again and fired.

Santa Claus to Visit Matamoros Children

Santa Claus will not pass by the destitute children of Matamoros, thanks to Mrs. Emma Leonard and Louis Swed.

At their invitation, Santa will appear in the patio of Mrs. Leonard's cafe at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, passing out candy and fruit to the kiddies who might have been passed by otherwise.

Rail Men to Seek 6-Hour Work Days

CHICAGO, Dec. 22. (P)—A limitation of the railroad working day to six hours will be among the legislative objectives of the railway labor unions.

This was announced by executives of the unions yesterday when they decided on the program they ask congress to adopt at its next session.

SPECULATORS UNCERTAIN AS TO RESULTS

Profit Taking Pulls Stocks Down From Day's Highs

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (P)—Stocks and commodities rallied enthusiastically for a time today on news of Pres. Roosevelt's silver program, but speculative ardor subsided later and prices reacted.

Brisk profit-taking followed an opening upsurge of \$1 to \$10 in shares. Mining issues, which led the rally, held up fairly well and by afternoon were up \$1 to around \$6.

However, weakness in American Telephone and a few other utility issues brought some unsettlement elsewhere.

Loss Early Highs

Silver futures, after opening 2 to 3 cents an ounce higher in wild trading yielded roughly half their gains. Cotton and grains also fell back from early highs.

On the stock exchange, U. S. Smelting which opened \$1 higher at \$99 receded to around \$95 and American Smelting, whose 12,000 share block was the largest initial transaction, sagged to \$44 where it was up about \$4. It had touched \$45.

American Telephone, rallying in the first outburst of buying, dropping around \$3 net to approximately \$106. Consolidated Gas of New York dropped \$1 under Thursday's close. By afternoon advances except in metals, ranged from a few cents to around \$3.

Wheat Soars Skyward

Dollar exchange declined. Sterling rose 4 cents in New York \$5.11 1/2 and French francs improved .07 cent to 6.13 cents.

The unexpected news regarding silver gave a sharp flip to grain prices on the Chicago Board of Trade. July wheat almost made the maximum advance of 5 cts. a bushel allowed under the exchange regulations and corn at the best was up more than two cents. Some reaction followed.

The flood of buying orders in the market at the outset made it difficult for the traders to establish close markets. Spreads between bid and asked prices were unusually wide amounting from two to four cents and it was some time before actual sales could be recorded.

The general impression in the financial community was that the inclusion of silver in the administration's monetary policy constituted another link in the chain which Washington has been endeavoring to forge for the lifting of home prices. It was pointed out, however, that proponents of aid for silver have long contended that higher levels for the white metal would improve purchasing power of the vast populations which use silver, notably the people of India and China. Thus the reaction in the Far East to the step became a matter of wide interest.

Gold Left Unchanged

India, which holds huge quantities of silver in her treasure chests has been selling from her accumulations during recent years, and these sales have helped depress the metal's market. Silver early in 1932 sold at a record low of 24 1/4 cents an ounce, established Dec. 29, 1932. This fall's boom boosted it to 15 cents on Nov. 14, the best price in three years.

The treasury's daily gold price remained unchanged at \$34.96 an ounce.

Rubber Tire Code Is Approved by F. D.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (P)—Pres. Roosevelt has approved the code of fair competition for the rubber tire industry.

NRA announced the chief executive signed this important pact together with five others, bringing the list of approved codes to 174.

The other codes approved covered the rayon and silk dyeing industry; savings building and loan associations; grinding wheel industry; rolling steel door manufacturers, and the smelting and refining of brass and bronze alloy ingots.

Galveston to Keep Coast Guard Units

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (P)—Sen. Connally (D-Tex.) said today after a conference with coast guard officials there was "no danger" that the coast guard's Eighth District offices would be removed from Galveston, Tex., to Mobile, Ala.

The senator said he was promised no such step would be taken. Galveston interests had feared the headquarters would be transferred, and both Senators Connally and Sheppard had protested such action.