

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW

DAILY TEMPERATURE
Highest yesterday 63
Lowest last night 51

In Which is Included The Evening News and The Roseburg Review

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WEATHER
Tonight and Thursday
occasional rain.

ROSEBURG REVIEW

INVESTIGATING DEMOCRATIC FUNDS

James Gerard Is First Witness
At Reopening of Hear-
ing Today.

FINES AMOUNT RAISED

A donation of \$15,000,000
would be too much and would
shock the public—More
money needed, however.

Will Make Two Trips.

BERN Sept. 22.—Plans for
summer trips for Harding
and October were made public to-
day. He contemplates a swing into
Texas as far south as Gunt-
er, Tenn. and one into the mid-
west as far as Kansas city and
St. Louis.

Warning Is Received.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 22.—Post-
master Murphy received an anony-
mous letter of warning that two
loads of explosives were being
sent into the city to blow up
the banks before midnight. Police
agents were rushed to the three in-
staurants at once.

Get \$30,000 in Money.

STRETT, Sept. 22.—Four ban-
dits with \$30,000 after hold-
ing the employes of the branch of
the First State bank.

Councillor Is Killed.

PHILIN, Sept. 22.—County Coun-
cillor, a prominent Limerick
miner, was shot dead this
morning in the Dublin hotel. The
bullet was alleged to be "black
lead" by the police.

Insists On Racial Equality

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 22.—The Japanese
embassy as the result of a meet-
ing of the cabinet will vigorously
oppose legislation concerning anti-
discrimination and push firmly
for racial equality in the
question of national conference, accord-
ing to the Hochi Shimbun. These
demands will be considered further
today's meeting of the diplomatic
council.

Ford Cars Take Drop in Price

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 21.—Henry
Ford today announced that prices on
models of his automobiles have
been reduced on an average of \$152
per car, bringing them practically to
war prices. The Ford company
has \$148,000 unfilled orders.
The making of the announcement Ford
said that materials which are used
in many parts of the country
are being produced and that a
falling of prices is the only way
new materials can be forced on the
market and pre-war conditions
restored.

High prices impede progress," said Ford, "and it is time we got back to a pre-war basis. The war is over. Prices must come down."

While on his mail route east of the city yesterday, C. G. Carnahan es- caped serious injury when his ma- chine turned turtle near the South Deer creek grange hall. He had reached back into the rear seat to pick out some mail for a nearby farmhouse and was driving at a fair rate of speed. As he reached back he swerved the wheels and the car went off the road and turned com- pletely over, breaking two of the supports of the car but doing no other damage. Mr. Carnahan was slightly bruised but otherwise un- injured. He secured the assistance of a nearby farmer who took the mail and carrier on around the route, and upon returning to the scene of the accident aided in right- ing the car, which was driven back to Roseburg under its own power.

PRICES ARE REDUCED.

By Associated Press
MANCHESTER, Sept. 22.—
The Amoskeag Manufacturing
company announced a 33 per
cent reduction in the price of
cotton goods.

Montana Democrat Replies to Harding

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—In a state-
ment in reply to the contention of
Senator Harding that "there is an
irreconcilable conflict between the
constitution of the United States and
the league of nations covenant,"
Senator Walsh, of Montana, dem-
ocrat, said that the republicans are
"attempting to obscure the fact that
their opposition to the league is
purely partisan in character."

Grand Jury In- vestigates Charges

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The grand
jury investigation of the alleged
gambling by baseball players in last
year's world series between the Chi-
cago Americans and the Cincinnati
Nationals and of the charge that the
Philadelphia and Chicago National
game on August 31st was fixed for
Philadelphia to win, began today.

Irishman May Be Getting Some Food

(By Associated Press).
LONDON, Sept. 22.—Terence Mac-
Swiney began his 41st day of the
hunger strike with a setback. There
is no reference in the report as to
whether he was accepting or refusing
nourishment.

More Teachers Needed in County

Twenty-eight positions for teach-
ers at salaries ranging from \$100
to \$155 per month are still open in
Douglas county according to figures
in the hands of County Superintend-
ent, O. C. Brown. These positions
are all in rural districts and unless
teachers can be procured within a
short time there will be 28 districts
without school this winter. Several
districts have arranged temporary
consolidations and this has cut the
number of teachers short from 50 to
28, but at the present time there
are no applications to fill the exist-
ing vacancies. Excellent salaries are
being offered this year, one district
paying as high as \$175 per month,
while others are expending the sums
of \$145 and \$150 per month. Sev-
eral of the existing vacancies pay
\$125 and others vary between that
amount and \$100, the last named
sum being the minimum.

Councilmen to Be Renominated

Petitions are being prepared and
will be put into circulation within a
short time to place in nomination
all of the councilmen now serving.
These petitions will be filed with
the city recorder and the names of the
councilmen now representing the
various wards will be placed on the
ballots for the November election.
It is understood that there will be
opposition to several members. All
petitions nominating officials for the
city offices must be filed on or be-
fore October 2, as any filed after
that time will be too late to allow
the name of the candidate to be
printed on the ballot.

Mail Carrier Has Auto Accident

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ing the car, which was driven back
to Roseburg under its own power.

NO DAMAGE TO PRUNES FROM RAIN

Although Slight Amount of
Splitting Is Reported Loss
Will Not Be Heavy.

PACKING STARTS SOON

Reports From Willamette Valley Are
To The Effect That Prunes In
That Locality Have Been
Badly Hurt By Rain.

That the present rains are doing
but little damage to the prunes is
the statement made by those who are
in close touch with the situation
throughout the county. In all sec-
tions it is reported that in spite of
the severe handicap caused by the
great shortage of labor, the growers
are getting well along with the pick-
ing. The season is more than half
over and trees are full and working
at capacity. The rains have caused
a slight amount of splitting, while
brown rot has shown up to a very
small degree in the prunes that are
on the ground. However, the sun-
shine which has alternated with the
showers has prevented serious dam-
age by rot, and it is expected that
the greater part of the crop will be
saved. The prune growers are work-
ing under difficulties, there being a
decided shortage of pickers. As a re-
sult of the construction of a large
number of new driers, most of the
fruit can be taken care of as soon
as picked and consequently the loss
has been greatly reduced over what
it would have been had there been
less drying capacity.

MUST PROTECT YOUNG GIRLS

State Agent of Pacific Coast
Organization Says Con-
dition Is Terrible.

VALUE OF WOMEN LOW

Quart of Whisky is Held to be Worth
More Than Purity of Young
Girls and is Given More
Attention by Officers.

The grand jury continued in ses-
sion today investigating the case
against Arthur Hevingham, who is
charged with taking 15-year-old
Grace Stevens, of Cornell, Wash-
ington, from a northbound train and
keeping her here for several hours
for immoral purposes. Miss Stevens
was one of the witnesses against
Hevingham and was accompanied to
Roseburg by W. G. McLaren, state
agent of the Pacific Coast Rescue and
Aid society.

"People of Oregon have absolutely
no idea of the number of juvenile
cases we are called upon to handle,"
said Mr. McLaren, who will remain
in Douglas county for several days
investigating matters in this vicinity.
"The trouble is we put too little
value upon our women. A quart of
whisky is held of more value than
the purity and chastity of our young
girls. If a bootlegger sells a quart
of moonshine every officer from the
sheriff to the dog catcher is on his
trail, but our young girls can be
lured into shameful lives and noth-
ing is ever said. Only recently I
went into a county where a terrible
condition was found. Two girls un-
der 15 years of age were prospective
mothers, three others were diseased,
while many others we found were
leading lives of shame, all of the
girls being juveniles. When the evi-
dence was placed before the district
attorney he said he was too busy
prosecuting cattle thieves to prose-
cute the married men and the young
single men who had been responsible
for the downfall of the young girls.
Until we give more serious thought
to the purity of our girls we are go-
ing to be called upon to face juvenile
delinquency, and I am sure there are
few who fully realize the seriousness
of the condition already reached."

"Douglas county is not the worst,
nor is it the best in the state. On
this trip I have three juvenile cases
to investigate, and if I should di-
vide the names of those regarding
whom this investigation is to be
made, there would be many people
surprised."

"We find this condition to a
large extent among our high school
pupils, boys and girls, who are too
wise for their age, who are influenc-
ing the morals of others. Something
must be done, and that, promptly,
as the result of a wreck late
Saturday at Powers, Coos coun-
ty, on the Smith-Powers coun-
ting railroad from Eden ridge,
when the shay engine drawing
seven cars of logs ran away for
three miles, and ended up by
jumping the track at a curve
and plunging in a gulch 25
feet below. Engineer Bishop of
the train jumped before the
wreck occurred, telling the
others to do the same, but they
did not understand him and as
the train went over the grade
fireman Jones, who is also an
engineer was trying to check
its speed.

Mr. Jones came to Powers
about a year ago from Rose-
burg, where he was born and
raised. He was 53 years of age.

BURR JONES KILLED

MARSHFIELD, Sept. 21.—Burr
Jones, fireman was killed Mon-
day morning and Ed. Monear, a
brakeman was seriously injured
as the result of a wreck late
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its speed.

Class Officers Are Elected

The first regular meeting of the
Roseburg student body will be held
this afternoon and plans organized
for school work for the coming year.
Class meetings for the purpose of
electing officers have been held this
week with the following results:

Seniors—President, Cecil Mc-
Knight; Vice-President, Faye Ged-
des; Secretary, Dorothy Orent;.
Treasurer, Ruth Burnett; Class Ad-

MAKES DRAMATIC PLEA.

By Associated Press
SALEM, Sept. 22.—Mrs.
Steiger, aged 64 years, accused
of being implicated in the
shooting of her husband by
Jesse Mullinix, made a dramatic
plea to the jury while testify-
ing. "I did wrong, I disgraced
my family, I pray you gentle-
men to forgive me," she said
after telling of her relations
with Mullinix. The state rested
the case.

TIMBER MEN WILL FIGHT TAX RATE

Letter Sent Out By County
Association to All the
Timber Owners.

PROTESTS ARE RECEIVED

County Assessor Says That Increase
in Timber Valuations Was Made
To Assess Timber Holdings in
Proportion to Farm Property

That the timber men will put
forth a strong effort to induce the
Board of Equalization and protest
assessment on timber is evidenced
by a letter being sent out by H. O.
Fargeter, secretary of the Douglas
County Tax Association to all prop-
erty holders holding timber within the county.
As a result of this letter the as-
sessor is receiving numerous protests
to the assessment and it is quite cer-
tain that a large number of timber
owners will be in the city on the 27
for the purpose of meeting with the
Board of Equalization and protest-
ing the action of raising the assessed
valuation of the timber in the county.
This letter, which completely
explains the stand to be taken by
the timber men is as follows:

To Timber Owners:
The assessed valuation of all tim-
ber land in Douglas county has been
increased forty percent. The Board
of Equalization is now in session and
we believe all timber owners should
take a decided stand in the matter,
and make a vigorous protest against
this increase.

In order that all timber owners
may have an opportunity to present
their case to the board, we have
made arrangements with the board
permitting all timber owners to ap-
pear and show the injustice and un-
fairness of the increase. The date set
for this hearing is September 27th,
at 10:00 a. m. at the assessor's of-
fice.

We have made arrangements with
all the large timber owners to ap-
pear in person and protest against
this increase. We realize that the
smaller holders cannot afford to
make a personal appearance owing
to the amount involved, but we be-
lieve that upon receipt of this letter
all timber owners should write or
wire the County Assessor protesting
against the increase. In other words,
it is necessary to take a very strong
stand in the matter, and the only
way this can be done is for each
and every owner of Douglas County
timber to take the matter up with
the assessor and the Board of Equal-
ization. We would therefore, suggest
that you either write or wire the
Board of Equalization setting forth
the fact that you believe the in-
crease is unjust, unfair and not at
all in accordance with the valuations
placed upon other classes of prop-
erty.

We believe that if we let this in-
crease go unprotested, it will only
be a question of a short time before
another increase will be made, and
it is possible and very probable that
if this protest is made strong enough
the increase will be reduced to twenty
or thirty percent.

Your very truly,
DOUGLAS COUNTY TAX ASSOCI-
ATION, By, H. O. Fargeter, secy.

"The increase in timber assess-
ment is not so great as appears on
the surface," Assessor Calkins stated
today in commenting on a number of
complaints that had been received.
"Several years ago timber was re-
duced 20 percent, or in other words
was lowered to 80 cents on the dol-
lar. We are now adding 40 percent
to this reduced assessment which
brings the new valuation to \$1.12,
instead of \$1.00, or an increase of
12 percent over the old assessment."

"This assessment, I believe, places
timber in its proper relation to farm
property. The present price of lum-
ber justifies a substantial increase,
and I feel that the rate that has been
added is very reasonable."

"There is no doubt but that the old
rate put timber entirely out of pro-
portion to farm and city property,
forcing the latter classes to bear
more than their share of the burden
of taxation."

"Last April we held a meeting
with the timber owners at which
time they requested us not to make
our assessment on the pro rata ex-
tension of the timber cruise. They
consented to agree to a just increase
in the amount of assessment and the
present valuation I feel is perfectly
fair and equitable."

"During the war period timber
could not be held on such a high
value. The present activity in the
lumber market, however, and the
present prices being paid for lum-
ber make timber holdings more val-
uable and consequently the assess-
ment valuation should be higher. The
balance between timber and farm
property must be retained if both are
to be fairly taxed and this is the plan
followed by this office in levying the
assessments."

"Next year we will have the bal-
ance of the timber cruise and will
then have complete figures upon

BRANDED BY L. W. W.

By Associated Press
ASTORIA, Sept. 22.—George
H. Goetz, a pipe fitter, is report-
ed to have been slugged and
branded on the stomach by the
L. W. W.

Tropical Hurricane Hits In Louisiana

By Associated Press.
NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 22.—A
tropical hurricane last night hit
the Louisiana coast, striking with full
force close to Morgan City. The
wires are all down and trains are de-
layed. There is anxiety for the sugar
and rice crops of the section directly
in the path of the storm.

Millerand Chosen As a Candidate

By Associated Press.
PARIS, Sept. 22.—Premier Miller-
and was chosen as candidate for the
presidency by a joint caucus of the
members of the senate and chamber
of deputies today.

Member Federal Reserve Appointed

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—D. C.
Wills, of Cleveland, was appointed a
member of the federal reserve board
by the president.

Poles Advance On 33 Mile Front

(By Associated Press).
LONDON, Sept. 22.—A Moscow
statement received today reports the
Poles in a new offensive advanced
along a front 33 miles long. Fierce
fighting marked the advance, the re-
port states.

Suitcases May Be Clue to Crime

Sheriff George Quine and acting
Chief of Police Remy Webb are hold-
ing two suitcases which may play an
important part in a hold-up case and
possibly a murder charge in Jackson
county. Last Sunday, George Mc-
Court, who for some time has been
employed in a construction camp at
Oakland, reported to the officials
that his two suitcases, containing all
of his personal possessions, had been
stolen. Two suspects were picked up
in this city, but as the suitcases could
not be found the men were released.
McCourt started out to trail them,
but evidently lost track of them, for
on Monday evening he was seen at
Myrtle Creek, while on the same
night a man was held up on a rail-
road trestle at Ashland, robbed and
pushed off the trestle. It is reported
that before being thrown from the
trestle he was shot and the revolver
which was found there has been
identified as the one taken from Mc-
Court's suitcases.

The sheriff at Hornbrook, Calif.,
picked up five men suspected of the
Ashland affair and two of them told
of having left their suitcases in
Roseburg in a lodging house. This
information was telegraphed to the
officials here, with the result that the
suitcases were found at Rapp's room-
ing house today and were identified
as the ones belonging to McCourt,
the revolver being missing. It is
surmised that the two men arrested
here Sunday left the suitcases after
taking out a few of the articles and
proceeded to Ashland, where they
held up the resident of that city.

The chief of police at Ashland re-
ported that the man who was thrown
from the trestle in a very serious
condition and may possibly fall to
recover. If such is the case, a mur-
der charge will probably be placed.
A search is being made today for
Mr. McCourt, who had not been lo-
cated at a late hour this afternoon.
It is thought that he is in the vicinity
of Glendale, and an acquaintance has
been sent to search for him.

PROPERTY SOLD TODAY

The W. H. Aron property, better
known as the Neuner place at Days
Creek, was disposed of today at a
guardian's sale to Howard A. Hill.
The ranch is considered one of the
best in the locality and was sold at
a price of \$17,900. The legal matters
incident to the sale were attended to
by attorney O. P. Coshaw.

Mrs. G. L. Humphrey and child-
ren, of Eugene, who stopped in this
city to visit for a short time with
Mrs. J. A. Zimrick, left this morn-
ing for San Francisco, where Mr.
Humphrey, who is employed by the
Southern Pacific, is receiving treat-
ment at the S. P. hospital.

FARMERS CONSIDER GROWING OF MINT

A College Expert Says That
Mint Can Be Profitably
Raised In County.

BOTTOM LAND NEEDED

Prof. Boquet Writes R. A. Herscher
In Answer to Inquiry That Mint
Can Be Produced in Paying
Quantities in This County.

Whether or not the raising of
mint would prove profitable in the
Umpqua valley is a problem that has
been interesting to growers for
some time past. R. A. Herscher, of
Dillard has been one of those most
greatly interested in the proposed
mint growing project, and recently
wrote the Agricultural College ask-
ing for advice of experts as to the
feasibility of the plan. In answer he
has received the following from
A. G. Boquet of the vegetable gar-
dening department.

"I am having sent to you a pam-
phlet, giving some details as to the
growing of mint. There is an associa-
tion of mint growers in this vicinity
which is called the Willamette Val-
ley Mint Growers Association which
association recently held a meeting
at Monro, Benton county, for the
purpose of pooling the oil of this
year's crop and setting a price on
the same. They have decided to offer
the oil for \$8.00 per pound, and it is
probable that there will be some ten
or eleven thousand pounds of oil pro-
duced by the mint growers in Benton
Linn and Lane counties. Mint can be
grown almost anywhere in the Wil-
lamette valley and in other parts of
the state where the summers do not
get too dry and where the soil is
rich enough to raise a good hay
crop for the growing of mint is in a
way similar to the growing of hay.
The mint is cut with an ordinary
sickle and is cropped up just as the
ordinary hay crop being afterwards
distilled by a special process. If you
are interested in getting some roots,
you can get in touch with Mr. E. B.
Wallace of Albany, or Bird Rickard
of Monroe Oregon who are president
and secretary respectively of the
Willamette Valley Mint Growers
Association.

"Also you will be able to get some
grower's experience in producing
mint by getting a copy of the Ore-
gon Statesman, published I believe
sometime last year, the issue of the
paper dealing especially with the
growing of mint. Copies of this
paper can be obtained from the of-
fice of the Oregon Statesman, Salem,
Oregon for five cents apiece.

"If you were to figure on growing
mint in the vicinity of Dillard you
would have to take some rich bot-
tom land that would hold moisture
well during the summer because
Douglas county, so far as I know, has
slightly less summer moisture than
most parts of the Willamette valley,
hence it would be necessary to raise
this mint on bottom soil which will
hold moisture well during the sum-
mer time. Irrigation would be es-
pecially beneficial.

"There is an opportunity for more
mint to be grown in Oregon, provid-
ed one takes a good piece of land
cultivates it intensively and gets a
good yield of oil per acre. The best
yielding areas in this district has pro-
duced forty-five pounds per acre of
distilled oil, which is probably twelve
to fifteen pounds more than the av-
erage yield obtained."

"The mint now produced com-
mercially is the English Block or
white mint. The mint found growing
wild in many places has no commer-
cial value for distilling purposes.

"Full details can be obtained of
the garden vegetable department of
the Oregon Agricultural College."

Hotel Man "Writes Up" Roseburg

In the current issue of the Hotel
Monthly, John Willy, the publisher,
describes his trip to Roseburg and
the wonderful reception he received
in this city at the hands of the
"Umpqua Greeters" of the Hotel
Umpqua. The Hotel Monthly is pub-
lished in Chicago and is an authori-
ty on hotel news. Mr. Willy and his
daughter recently completed a tour
of all the national parks, and it was
on their trip north, enroute from
Crater Lake that they were per-
suaded to stop over in this city. In
the last edition of the monthly ap-
pears a birdseye view of this city, a
picture of the Umpqua Hotel and the
three "Greeters" Scott Weaver, Ray
Clark and Harry Wilcox. A complete
description of the hotel and dining
room is given, even to the Chinese
kitchen crew.

Mr. Willy's description of Rose-
burg and the surrounding country
will be read in every section of the
country and will prove a very val-
uable advertising asset. The Umpqua
Greeters are to be commended in
their success in being able to com-
mand such fine advertising for their
hotel and city.