

WEATHER
Coldest Yesterday... 72
Wettest Last Night... 52
Clear tonight and Saturday fair.

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW

THE man who is "too busy" to attend to his advertising is probably trying to do two men's work because the business isn't paying as it should.

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DRABNEY TRIED TO KIDNAP BRUMFIELD

Appearance Attempt Lacks
the Finesse of Dentists's
Crime

DRABNEY WAS ONLY VICTIM

Overlooked That Experts
Could Easily Tell Whether
Blood Was That of a
Human Being

At the Drabney case was another appearance patterned after the case of Dr. Brumfield, the belief of the police after finding that blood on the car found at the top of Elk Rock was not human blood. Portland Journal has the case stated up as follows:
"Dr. R. B. Drabney, in 'framing' his appearance, and the example of Dr. M. Brumfield, the murderer of recent years, is that in my opinion," said Stanley M. district attorney of Multnomah county, in commenting today on the Drabney case, which had of late become a sensational crime had committed. "Every fact points to the fact that Dr. Brumfield's method of this is indeed the case, then the murderer of Roseburg and the high doctor of the arts in that city, can be said as growing in his grave resting peacefully because of the hanging of the initiator.
"I killed a man, this poor fellow, only a dog," perhaps the doctor mutters. "Fool! I, with all my education, my science and careful scheming, did not snatch a life and man. How do you expect to succeed?"
"No, Drabney, wherever he is today, is satisfied to be a wise, thick-thumbed disciple of a mad criminal. The only blood in his hands is the blood of a yellow-haired little wail of woe that followed at his heels with these eyes.
"I killed the dog over the head, his blood, he thought, would give appearance of murder in his very track, left standing at the foot of the bluff at Elk Rock on the same road.
"Drabney's thoughts were a thick. Not to himself, perhaps, but to others. What in the way of a crime could be expected of one whose only work in life was in a library, or wait on tables in a saloon, or perhaps "swap" for a mile of profit or a mile of loss.
Some similarity
In Roseburg, where he lived for three years ago, they often talk of Dr. Brumfield and his amazing adroitness into the field of crime. Drabney in his heavy way, perhaps right it over. His like Brumfield involved in debt, though in accordance with their positions, he owed hundreds where Brumfield owed thousands.
The scheme matured, he took \$10,000 insurance. It was enough to pay his debts and help his wife pay for the rough spots.
But done he prepared his delivery and started for Portland, having a note for his wife, who was working in a hopyard, telling her she was going. He had told insurance people not to mail the note to him, but to his wife.
Instead of taking the east side road, which was his invariable custom, he crossed to the west side of the Willamette. Then, rather than cross into Portland, which would have been easy for him Saturday, he crossed the Oregon road at Greenfield and stopped his car a few feet from the bluff.
Site Well Chosen
He had to have some means of escape. The people believe that his car had been disposed of. What would be more picturesque and convenient than a high bluff and a river ready to swallow up the evidence.
Let folks know that he was in the neighborhood, Drabney walked up the bluff. He stopped and told a woman who he was, where he was, where he was going.
The night he cracked a hole in the windshield to give the appearance that a bullet had passed through it. Drabney had the passenger board and swept a place under the seat, and had fallen from the car. He left some papers in a white trash can as a robber. He had a note, and in another place he had a bill of exchange. He was killed the dog and was supposed to have been hanging in the rear of the machine. Dr. Brumfield's spirit analyzed

GIANT STURGEON WEIGHED 575 LBS.

PORT HAMMOND, B. C., Sept. 21. (United Press.)—One of the few sturgeons landed here in recent years has been caught by Cyril Smith, local fisherman. The huge finny captive was brought in after it had become entangled in the ropes of a net Smith had out. The sturgeon was clubbed to death and towed to shore. It weighed 575 pounds and was more than nine feet long.

PROHIBITION AGENT IS SHOT IN RAIDS

(By Associated Press.)
BERKELEY, Sept. 21.—Carl B. Moorings, prohibition agent, is near death as a result of being shot last night in the Cosmopolis pool hall. Elmer Todd and Gimpie Smith, the proprietors, were arrested, accused by Moorings.

SUSPECTS EXAMINED IN MURDER CASE

(By Associated Press.)
SPOKANE, Sept. 21.—Twenty seven suspects were questioned by the officers today seeking the slayers of Frank McAlintiff of Great Falls and Ralph Anderson, of Minneapolis, on a train at Harrington, Washington last night.

NEW YORK PAPERS BEING PUBLISHED

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—New York is gradually getting its voice back. The evening newspapers were appearing on the streets in ever increasing numbers. There was no sign of a break in the pressmen's strike. The publishers were to meet again today to decide whether or not to deal with President Berry of the pressmen's union and make new contracts.
this action it might have soliloquized:
"Hadn't the man ever read the newspapers or heard that chemists can easily tell whether blood is from a human being or an animal? Now he, Dr. Brumfield, got a man for the purpose."
"And had Drabney forgotten that he had a wife who would tell that he had disappeared once before, that he was involved in debt, that he always took the other road and that he never wore his chauffeur's badge on his hat, as it was found by officers when they searched the car?"
Yes, no doubt Dr. Brumfield would have been amused at the whole affair, but nevertheless, Drabney (than he) was Brumfield after his crime. True the chemists have analyzed the blood in the car and found it to be from an animal. The officers have gathered the other evidence and definitely decided that he attempted a public hoax.
But still nothing particularly criminal has been done, and Drabney's conscience may be fairly easy—unless, perchance, his dreams are haunted by a yellow dog that followed him home.
Seen in Salem
SALEM, Or., Sept. 21.—Three persons were found in Salem today who declared positively that they saw R. R. Drabney, whose disappearance near Oswego has been occupying the attention of the Portland officers for several days, in this city Monday. This was two days after Drabney was supposed to have been murdered and his body hurled into the Willamette river from a high cliff near the scene of the slaying.
R. R. Crum, an employee of the Central Cigar store, who had known Drabney for several years, said the latter approached him shortly after 7:30 Monday morning. In a conversation that followed Drabney told Crum that he had intended to go to Portland earlier, but that he had to return for some papers.
B. P. Taylor, veteran postoffice employee here, said that Drabney entered the postoffice before noon Monday and inquired if he had any mail. Taylor had been acquainted with Drabney for some time and said he could not be mistaken.
Robert Glenn, another employee of the Central Cigar store, verified the statement made by Crum.
Acting upon information received from the Portland officers, Sheriff Oscar Bower of Marion county today abandoned further investigation. He declares Drabney vanished to avoid paying several debts. Mrs. Drabney and her daughter are residents of Salem and have been interviewed upon several occasions since the disappearance of Drabney.

FOREST FIRES BELIEVED SET

Incendiarism Charged by Forestry Board and Several Arrests Are Made

FLAMES STILL RAGING

Military Guard Lifted in Berkeley and Property Owners Allowed to Come and Go As They Please

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Sept. 21.—Working on the theory that at least a part of the destructive fires resulted from incendiarism, the state board of forestry started an investigation to fix the responsibility. One arrest was made and others are expected in a few days.
Fires Break Out Again.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—(Associated Press.)—Central California fires broke out anew last night and a thousand feet of the Southern Pacific snow sheds near the summit were destroyed. Overland traffic was held up today. Fire trains extinguished the blaze.
The Marin and Sonoma fires flared up again but were controlled.
Strike in New Place.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—(United Press.)—The fires, which have been working havoc in California for six days, struck in a new place and tied up traffic over the main line of the Southern Pacific to the east. A thousand feet of snowsheds spruce were burned and it will be hours before traffic can be resumed.
The Marin county fires, the last of a series of forest fires sweeping Central California, were reported under control for the fifth time since Sunday.
In Berkeley, where fifty city blocks were swept, the military guard was lifted, permitting owners to come and go as they desired. Plans for rehabilitation and reconstruction are moving rapidly.

REFUGEES ARRIVE IN U. S. THIS WEEK

(By United Press.)
VICTORIA, Sept. 21.—Four cargo and passenger vessels from the devastated areas of Japan, bearing refugees, and survivors of the catastrophe are due to arrive in this port within the next few days. The freighter Canadian Traveler is expected to reach here today carrying several refugees. The freighter Archilles is to arrive early next week and will also be filled to capacity with refugees. The liner Empress Australia and Empress Asia will arrive during the week.

CONCRETE PROPOSALS ARE PRESENTED

(By United Press.)
BRUSSELS, Sept. 21.—It was officially confirmed that Chancellor Stresemann of Germany has made concrete proposals for the evacuation of the Ruhr to the Belgian minister at Berlin. It is understood that Belgium is determined to adhere to the present policy where she will make no agreement with Germany as long as the passive resistance continues. In the meanwhile the Belgian government is consulting with Britain and France before replying to Stresemann.
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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS BEING PROCURED

Fire Chief Fletcher has been instrumental in adding a large number of fire extinguishers to the fire fighting apparatus of many of the business houses and manufacturing plants of the city. The fire department has been encouraging owners of buildings and many of them have recently done so. The school board purchased several tanks a short time ago, and Dyson's mill has secured six new ones, to be located at various points about the mill. Mr. Fletcher also has orders for almost a dozen more extinguishers which will be here soon.
Left For Salem
Miss Julia Iverson, who has been demonstrating Smilo Mouth Cream in this city, left this afternoon for Salem, where she will attend the state fair.

DECLARES RADIOS WERE INACCURATE

(By Associated Press.)
SAN DIEGO, Sept. 21.—A telegram alleging the receipt on August 23rd of radio compass bearings from Point Arguello "which would have put us ashore on San Miguel island if we had followed them" was read today before the naval court investigating the wreck of the seven destroyers on Point Honda, September 8th. The telegram was signed by "J. R. Stapler," but the counsel for Captain Edward H. Watson, chief of the destroyer squadron, who produced it during the code examination of Lieutenant Commander John M. Ashler, superintendent of communications of the Eleventh Naval district, said he "did not know the signer nor the ship he commanded." Ashler testified that no complaints had ever been made to him that the bearings sent by the Point Arguello station were inaccurate. He said the station enjoys the highest reputation for accuracy among the navigators. He admitted that one of the masts dropped at noon and no inspection was made to make sure that the accuracy had not been affected.

"UMPQUAS" WILL HOLD MEETING

With their warpaint smeared on in gobs and their head-gear adjusted in regular Indian style, the Umpquas will hold their organization meeting tonight at the office of A. T. Lawrence. This new civic club is making a grand and glorious start and with Douglas county as their reservation they hope to make this spot of Oregon known to all the world. Shouting the beauties of the Umpqua Valley within their own domain will not be the policy of this tribe and instead they intend to broadcast it to the whole world.

JUSTICE EARL RESIGNS OFFICE

Fred Earl, justice of the peace at Reedsport, has tendered his resignation to take effect as soon as his successor has been appointed. In asking to be relieved from the office, Earl says: "I am not resigning the office at the request of anyone, nor am I doing so upon the request of any so-called 'Citizens League,' nor upon the recommendation to do so by the late 'grand jury,' nor by any fear of a threatened recall, for that can't be done. I am resigning solely for my own convenience and for business reasons."
Earl has been much in the limelight at Reedsport for several months. He was justice of the peace during the disturbances there and a league of citizens requested his resignation together with that of Constable Schultz. Councilman Austin and Marshal Renn. Schultz resigned some time ago, but no other resignations were received until Earl's was received by the county clerk today.
The grand jury after making a thorough investigation of Reedsport affairs, recommended that Earl resign, stating that his resignation was recommended only to restore harmony among the people of Reedsport. The grand jury also recommended that the other officials, including the city recorder, resign.
A recall movement has been threatened at Reedsport, but so far little has been done in this direction.
Mr. Earl gave no reason for his resignation other than convenience and business, and making it plain that the recommendations and requests for his resignation had nothing to do with his action.

BUSINESS IS REASON MUSCOLINI SCORES VICTORY OVER LEAGUE

(By United Press.)
GENEVA, Sept. 21.—Premier Mussolini's victory over the league of nations was made complete when the assembly today approved the action of the council in voting to submit to a commission of international jurists the question of the league's competency in the Greek-Italian dispute. It was understood that until the last minute Italy threatened to quit the league should any unfavorable decision occur. Many delegates wanted to assert the league's competency but were overruled.
Voice of Conciliation
GENEVA, Sept. 21.—Switzerland (By Associated Press.)
"I started the voice of conciliation into the assembly of the league of nations which reconvened today when ex-President Motta congratulated the council and the assembly and the settlement of the Greco-Italian crisis. He declared the league accomplished great things but could not achieve all that was hoped for until the league had become universal."
Former Roseburg Girl is Married
Miss Merle Casbeer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Casbeer of Glendale, and Dewey Rierdon were united in marriage early this morning in the presence of only the immediate family of Miss Casbeer. The ring ceremony was used with Rev. Caldwell officiating. Mrs. Rierdon is well known in this vicinity having been a resident of Glendale and a graduate of the local high school. She is now teaching school in Fort Klamath. Mr. Rierdon is a civil engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Rierdon will make their home in Fort Klamath.

OFFICERS FIND MOUNTAIN STILL

Moonshine Plant Discovered in Canyon Near Sheep Camp on Road to Coast

KETTLE IS MISSING

Officers Find All of Outfit Except Copper Kettle—Equipment Was Set Up in Well Hidden Spot

A moonshiner's outfit, complete except for the kettle, was found yesterday by Sheriff Sam Starnier and Deputy Sheriffs Shamrock and Croy, at a point about a mile off the road up the Coos county line on the Roseburg-Myrtle Point road. An oil stove, tent, two barrels, furnace, condenser, coil, jugs and other articles valued at fully \$200 were found cleverly hidden in an almost inaccessible spot, and were burned.
The officers a few days ago found a 30-gallon still in a cabin at Sheep Camp, still being on the property of Bill Lehuber, a resident of that community, who was placed under arrest yesterday and who will appear before Justice of the Peace George Jones tomorrow.
At the time of the former raid the officers found evidence of another still in that immediate vicinity, and went further up the stream yesterday.
The outfit was found at a point about a mile from the road. Before reaching the place the officers were forced to clamber over large rocks and force their way through territory which appeared almost impassable. The moonshiner who located the camp evidently had an extremely difficult time in getting in his barrels, stove, tent and other equipment.
The tent was placed underneath a log which was supported by high rocks at either end and was shielded from sight until the officers were within a few feet of it. The outfit was complete except for the big kettle, which evidently had been buried some place nearby. The officers searched for three or four hours but were unable to find the kettle.
The moonshiner had provided himself with a rock furnace, a condenser in which creek water was used and a large copper coil. It is believed that this still has been producing considerable moonshine for both Douglas and Coos counties. The plant was completely wrecked and two barrels of mash were destroyed. Everything that would burn was set on fire. No arrests have yet been made in connection with the discovery of the still.

CLAIMS RECOMMENDATIONS OF GRAND JURY AND RECALL THREATS HAD NO EFFECT

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FOUR ARE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

(By United Press.)
PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 21.—A check of the casualties of yesterday's wreck of the Santa Fe California limited train near here showed that four members of the crew had been killed but no passengers injured. The wreck occurred when the locomotive left the track and overturned. The high water from the recent rains is believed to have undermined the track, causing the wreck.

SHIPPING BOARD TO ANNOUNCE NEW POLICY

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Within a week the shipping board will announce its new program made necessary by Attorney General Daugherty's ruling that the proposed Lasker-Farley plan of indirect government operation through eighteen subsidiary corporations is illegal. No formal conference will be held until Chairman Farley returns from New York. It was stated the board will attempt to sidestep responsibility by delaying action until congress meets.

FARM SITUATION DISCUSSED TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The agricultural situation was before the cabinet again today with the president and his advisers seeking to remedy the conditions described to the executive as one of great gravity in the far western states. Several possible means of preventing a recurrence of a similar situation have been suggested but as yet no specific remedies for the existing condition have been decided upon. The department of agriculture experts are making a survey but their report is not yet completed.

SENATOR UNDERWOOD OPPOSES THE LEAGUE

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Senator Underwood, Alabama's candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, is quoted by the Chicago Tribune as saying he is no longer a strong advocate of the league of nations. He said his views were changed as a result of a trip abroad where he saw the league at work and the failure of the league to function in the Italian-Greek dispute had much to do with changing his mind.

YOUNGSTERS ENJOY MELON BANQUET

"That's what we hadn't got nuthin' else but" would have been the way Roy Octavius Cohen would have written up the watermelon feast at the courthouse last night, which was sponsored by the Douglas County Concert Band. Belshazzar's feast in all its glory could not have rivaled the gath'ing last night in spite of "hizzoner" Jape Pluvius' efforts to put a damper on the affair. Soaked to the skin but still carrying an intense yearning in their hearts and stomachs for a good-sized chunk of the Dillard product all of the "young fry" of the city pushed, crowded and shoved each other when the glittering melon knives were sunk into the melons. With seeds dripping from their ears, surplus watermelon from the fronts of their shirts and words of thanks from their mouths, the youthful populace indulged in the annual feast with much vim and vigor.
Bert Lawrence narrowly missed getting "beaned" with rinds upon several occasions, but in spite of his evening spent in dodging, declares he's ready to go to the bat again next year.
The band program under the leadership of W. A. Bowden, was fine and the boys are to be commended for sponsoring this affair each year.
But the mothers of the city today state that "the melon-cholic days have come."
Richard Wakelin and wife of Seattle are stopping at the Umpqua hotel visiting with their son, R. C. Wakelin, and his wife. They are on their way to California. Both father and son are traveling salesmen for the Winchester-Simmons company, the elder Mr. Wakelin having the Alaska territory, while his son is located here.

CITY'S BUDGET GIVEN APPROVAL

Budget Committee Approves List of Expenditures for Coming Year

FUNDS ARE SHORT

More Money Will Be Needed to Carry on City Than Can Be Raised From Existing Sources of Income

The city budget committee met last night at the city hall for the purpose of completing the tentative budget to submit to the tax supervisory commission. The committee found the incoming funds entirely inadequate to meet the prospective expenditures for the coming year, and there is no question but that some other source of revenue must be obtained, perhaps an occupation tax, if the city government is to be handled in the proper manner. The budget committee was limited to only six per cent additional over the amount levied last year, and also by the provision in the charter that the tax shall not exceed ten mills, consequently all that could be done was to estimate the total tax that can be levied and the prospective income from other sources and from this distribute the funds in the best possible manner, although it is certain that some departments will need more money than has been allowed on the tentative budget.
The only salary change was made in the salary of the city attorney. Mayor Rice upon taking office urged City Attorney Wimberly to remain as attorney and promised to endeavor to have the salary for the office increased from \$50 per month to \$75 per month. The budget committee thought that \$75 was none too much for the work required of the city attorney and set aside \$900 instead of \$600 for the office.
The health and police department was given \$250 more than last year, owing to the increased cost for water and supplies. In the way of city improvements, an appropriation of \$1,500 was made for the library, \$600 for the band, \$1,900 for parks, \$3,000 for street repairs and \$300 miscellaneous.
Because of the increase in lights throughout the city, the provision for street lighting was placed at \$6,500. A cut was made in the item for printing and stationery.
Because of the inability of the street cleaning department to handle its work with the funds formerly set aside for that work, the sum of \$7,650 was provided for that department. The emergency fund was cut, \$1,600 and several smaller reductions made.
The budget as approved by the committee is as follows:

Salaries	
Treasurer	\$ 900.00
Recorder	1,200.00
City attorney	900.00
Electric inspector	180.00
Total	3,180.00
Fire and Water	
Allowance	600.00
Truck driver	1,500.00
Night driver	600.00
Water	3,500.00
Supplies	900.00
Total	7,100.00
Health and Police	
Regular police	2,000.00
Special police	300.00
Health officer	100.00
Supplies	500.00
Total	3,900.00
City Improvements	
Public library	1,500.00
Roseburg band	600.00
Parks	1,900.00
Streets	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total	6,400.00
Leights	6,500.00
Printing and Stationery	250.00
Elections	180.00
Street Cleaning	
Street superintendent	1,260.00
Two men	4,000.00
Supplies	4,000.00
Total	7,660.00
Bonded interest	4,800.00
Emergency fund	1,500.00
Sinking fund No. 1	1,747.94
TOTAL	\$43,217.94
Probable Receipts Other Than Tax Money	
Food taxes, Dist. 14	\$ 8,000.00
Licenses	500.00
Fines	1,200.00
Dog licenses	250.00
Estimated cash on hand	none
Total	\$11,150.00
Am't. to be raised by General Levy	\$43,217.94
TOTAL	\$43,217.94