

The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday...57
Lowest temperature last night...46
Unsettled tonight and Thursday;
probably occasional rains.

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ROTARY CLUBS OF FIVE CITIES TO MEET HERE

Inter-City Gathering Scheduled for Thursday, January 13.

TRAIN IS CHARTERED

Full Membership of Eugene Club Coming in Special Train—Fine Program Being Planned.

Mike Willoughby and Roy Booth of the Eugene Rotary Club visited for a short time in Roseburg today to make arrangements for the attendance of the Eugene club at the big inter-city meeting to be held in this city on Thursday evening, January 13. Mr. Willoughby is president of the Eugene club and Mr. Booth is chairman of the committee which is arranging for the visit of the Eugene Rotarians.

Members of the Eugene, Marshfield, North Bend, Grants Pass and Medford clubs have been invited, and Eugene and Marshfield have each accepted and each of these clubs have promised to attend almost 100 per cent strong.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring about a closer acquaintance among the members of the Rotary Clubs of the southern part of the state. Roseburg being selected as the place of meeting, due to the central location. It is felt that these meetings will bring about a closer spirit of fellowship among the Rotary club members and will be of great benefit to the cities represented.

INJURED BOY TAKEN TO PORTLAND FOR OPERATION ON FOOT

Owen Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker, who was injured a few days ago when his motorcycle collided with a car driven by W. H. Fisher, was taken to Portland today and will probably undergo a surgical operation to correct the injury to his foot. His entire right leg was badly injured, the bone being broken in the lower part of the leg, the ankle dislocated and a bone in the foot broken, besides bad bruises about the knee. The broken bone in the foot has been giving considerable trouble, and it was found advisable to secure special surgical treatment, so that the young man is to be placed under the care of a specialist in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Walker and their younger son went with Owen, the trip being made by automobile.

JACKSON COUNTY'S TAX REFUND CLAIM IS SLASHED \$580

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 29.—According to returns received this morning from Washington, D. C., Jackson county will receive \$1,151,962.74 from the Oregon-California tax refund bill. This is \$580.48 less than the claim submitted. The department of interior would not allow claims for missing homestead entries, upon which no final entry had been made.

FUGITIVE FROM TILLAMOOK TAKEN

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 29.—Bert Renfro, who escaped from the Tillamook county jail a number of months ago, was arrested yesterday at Eugene. Renfro had been serving a sentence and fine for liquor law violation, and ran away when employed on a road gang in Tillamook county. He will be returned to Tillamook.

Jap Bogie In Oil Trial Is Being Probed

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Pacific "war scare" that figured in the Fall-Doheny trial has come under inquiry by the house naval committee and Representative McClintock of Oklahoma, a democratic member, said today that Secretary Wilbur had refused to give the committee confidential navy reports bearing on the subject.

Specifically the Oklahoma representative disclosed the committee had requested the navy secretary to send it in confidence a report submitted by Admiral Gleaves, while he was commander of the Asiatic fleet, dealing with "the beligerent attitude of Japan a few years ago."

INCREASE IN MINT ACREAGE IS PREDICTED

Mint growers throughout the county are preparing to increase their acreages during 1927, and also a good many who have suitable land, containing the product. The early this coming spring. The growers here did pretty well with the 1926 crop, and since they have gotten nicely started, can carry on the work of greater production without any added cost of particular consequence.

GOOD MARKET FOUND

Probably the first mint grown here commercially was produced by A. C. Brown, of Sutherlin valley, who distilled about 150 pounds in 1925. The oil brought a fancy price, and the industry was so promising that many farmers in that section, as well as some in Camas Valley, at Dillard, and at other points in the county undertook the raising of the plant, so that when the 1926 crop was all harvested the aggregate of oil totalled around 3500 pounds. The American Chile Company bought the bulk of the crop, paying \$5 a pound for the distilled product. There were one or two other buyers in the field, so that the demand was good and mint found a ready market. All told, Douglas County growers received close to \$20,000 for their mint. Sutherlin valley had the greatest acreage of any locality, while 80 acres were grown on the J. B. Stobie farm at Camas Valley. The latter tract was grown under the supervision of Mr. L. O. Herrold, of Salem, who is the representative of the American Chile Co. Mr. Herrold is credited with the statement that there is no better mint grown anywhere in the world than the commodity produced right here in Douglas County, and he is firm in his belief that the industry will become well established in this section of the state. Already this local mint is finding its way back into commercial channels in Oregon in shape of mint extract and a brand of chewing gum known as "Wild Mint." This commodity is being distributed by a local wholesale house. This gum, manufactured by one of the big concerns of the country, is being sold all over the east and middle west. But that is only one phase of the use of mint, and demand is bound to increase.

INVESTIGATION IS BEING MADE OF RESIDENTIAL FIRE

H. H. Pomeroy, arson investigator from the state fire marshal's office is in the city at the request of the Roseburg fire department to make an investigation of the fire which destroyed the Royer residence on Hamilton street Monday night. Fire Chief James Fletcher stated today that there were indications that the fire had been maliciously set by some unknown person, so that an investigation of the case was thought justified. The house was unoccupied and might have been destroyed through the activities of a firebug. An official investigation is now being made to see if incendiarism can be definitely determined. The state fire marshal's office is to cooperate in the future with the local fire department in the investigation of all fires where there is any question regarding the origin.

STRANGLER AT WORK IN CITIES OF TWO STATES

Three Women and Baby Victims in Kansas City and Council Bluffs.

CLUES ARE LACKING

As in Pacific Coast Cases, "For Rent" Signs Were Displayed on Both Homes Visited.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 29.—Confronted with the deaths by strangulation of two women and a baby within the last three days, Kansas City police today were attempting to link them with similar murders in other cities recently.

No clues had been found in the deaths of Mrs. Germania Harpin, 28, and her 8 months' old son, Robert, who were found dead late yesterday with pieces of knotted cloth drawn tightly around their throats, nor in the death of Mrs. Bonnie Pace, 23, Monday.

At the homes of both women a "room for rent" sign was displayed and officers point out that similar signs were displayed at homes in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Wash., where women were strangled.

JUDGE GIVES BOY CHANCE TO EVADE 10-YEAR PENALTY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—As soon as Verne Carmer, 19, convicted of assault and robbery, convinces the warden of the state penitentiary that he realizes that he "can't beat the law" and is ready to accept the government's offer for release and Circuit Judge Rossman will approve it. Unless he repents he must serve a ten year sentence. Judge Rossman made this condition in imposing sentence upon the youth. Carmer maintained his innocence, thought police said he confessed to them after his arrest.

Mayor Walker Orders Theatre Men of New York to Halt Filthy Shows

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Mayor Walker, who recently imposed a 3 a. m. curfew law on night clubs, has now taken up the task of cleaning up the New York stage. In a conference with theatrical producers he told them that legal censorship would follow unless the producers cooperated in an effort to keep their theatres free from salacious plays.

Speaker and Cobb Shown Guiltless of Betting Charge by Statement of Man Who Handled Joe Wood's Money

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
DETROIT, Dec. 29.—Fred O. West, Navin field employee, mentioned as the man who placed alleged bets on the Detroit-Cleveland game of September 25, 1919, that resulted in charges against Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, issued a statement today denying that any money was bet on the game. The money involved in the transaction, he declared, was bet on a horse race.

The baseball bet, according to West was "Dutch" Leonard's idea. Leonard, he said, wanted to bet the money on Detroit against Cleveland but West, instead of placing the money on the game, bet it on the race, he says.

POISON LIQUOR DEATHS CONTINUE TO MOUNT IN N. Y.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—New York's Christmas alcoholic death toll rose to 26 today while a stream of cases continued to pour into the city's hospitals.

GOOD HOMELESS IN FLOODED AREA IN SOUTHERN STATES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 29.—The most disastrous flood in the history of Nashville was predicted today by the weather bureau. The Cumberland river now at a 54.4 foot stage and already spread out over a large portion of the lower part of town, is expected to reach 55.5 or 56 feet, breaking all records.

Conditions Little Better and Nashville Due for Highest Water in Many Years.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29.—A forecast of generally clear skies today brought hope to the areas in the south affected by floods.

FREE TEXTS ARE FAVORED UNDER CERTAIN RULES

Teachers Would Let First Class Districts Choose Their Own Books.

ASSOCIATION ELECTS

Roseburg Teacher Named on Executive Committee; Music Board and Turner Clash.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Complete reorganization of the state board of education by legislative enactment, provision for free textbooks, with permission for districts of the first class to select their text books independent of the state textbook commission; and a text book commission composed only of residents in the districts over which the commission is to have text book authority—these are the principal resolutions adopted by the representative council of the Oregon state teachers' association in annual session here.

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