

The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday...58
Lowest temperature last night...31
Fair tonight and Sunday; moderate temperature.

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BODY UNKNOWN MAN FOUND ON BANK OF RIVER

Apparently Washed Into
Brush During Recent
High Water.

NO MARKS VIOLENCE

Coroner Ritter Endeavoring
to Establish Identifica-
tion—Dead Several
Weeks.

The body of an unidentified man was found this morning on the banks of the South Umpqua river about 4 miles below Roseburg. The man had evidently been dead for a considerable time and was washed up into the bushes beside the river during the high water and was left there as the river level dropped. No papers or marks of identification were found. There were no evidences of foul play. Coroner Ritter took charge of the body. The man was apparently about 60 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, weight about 165 pounds. He was very bald and had white whiskers. The body had been in the water so long that the features were unrecognizable. He was wearing brown corduroy trousers, a blue shirt and dark blue vest.

The body was found by the son of John Travis of Edenhower. The boy has a string of traps along the river and was out visiting his traps when he was attracted to the body hanging just above the water in the bushes. He returned to his home and notified his parents, who in turn called Coroner Ritter.

The river had washed the body up on the bank almost opposite the rock point on the Melrose road. From the battered condition of the body it would appear that it had been washed down stream a considerable distance and had been in the water for possibly two or three weeks. It is impossible to tell exactly, because of the condition of the body, just how long the man has been dead.

The clothing yielded no clue as to the man's identity, the only article found being a watch of a cheap make.

Coroner Ritter is holding the body for a short time in the hope of establishing identification.

DIVORCEE FLEES WITH TOTS DENIED HER IN DECREE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The Examiner says Mrs. Milo Abercrombie, divorced wife of Lieutenant Lyman K. Swenson, U. S. N., who fled from her with her two children Wednesday after a court had awarded custody of the children to Swenson, was located last night in Portland, Oregon.

The battle between Mrs. Abercrombie and Swenson over the children has been in progress for about a year.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—A woman believed to be Mrs. Milo Abercrombie, registered under the name of Mrs. M. Anderson, was at the Portland Hotel here yesterday, but checked out last night. She was accompanied by two children and another woman.

Will Inspect Bridge—The county court and County Engineer Floyd Fear left this morning for Fair Oaks to inspect the bridge which was partially burned a few days ago. The court will determine what is necessary to put the structure back into service.

Choose Between Son and Ex-Oregon Minister, Court Orders Divorcee

MUSKOGEE, Mich., Jan. 8.—Circuit Judge John Vanderwerf has given Mrs. Clara Wiesgen, 24-year-old church organist, until March 1, to decide between her husband for the Rev. George Harness, 54, and her love for her five-year-old son, Max.

The court's ruling was made in connection with a petition filed by James F. Kiesgen, to have a divorce decree granted Mrs. Kiesgen, amended and custody of the son taken from the mother. Testimony given at the hearing showed, Judge Vanderwerf held, that the minister had been attentive to Mrs. Kiesgen, and had given her a ring before the divorce was granted.

Chambermaid Becomes No. 4 Of Banker, 76

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Plans for Frank W. Swain, 76, retired banker and broker and the second oldest living member of the New York stock exchange, to marry a chambermaid, were disclosed today.

For his fourth bride he chose Anna Mary Schiele, daughter of a Czech farmer and 14 years a chambermaid in Port Chester.

The couple obtained a marriage license on Thursday and plans were made for a ceremony today in the great living room at Winchester Hall, as Mr. Swain's chateau like house is called. When applying for the license Mr. Swain interrupted Miss Schiele's explanation of her occupation with "she doesn't work." Miss Schiele gave her age as 43.

Last night Miss Schiele had her dinner with the other maids while her prospective husband disposed of a more sumptuous repast alone, the New York World today says. She told of how "the boss" proposed to her. "It seems like a dream," she said. "The boss called me in his study Sunday night. You know, I've been more or less looking after him all these years. He told me he was getting old and needed somebody to look after him."

"I'm all alone," he told me, and then he said he'd been watching me and wanted me to marry him. Well, it came rather suddenly but I accepted."

PRUNE RAISERS SEE VALUE OF ORGANIZATION

Meeting Yesterday Favored
Plan for Stabilizing
Price.

QUESTIONS ASKED

Growers Interested in Plans
Submitted by Speakers
for Solving Their
Problems.

A unanimous decision that some form of organization is necessary to stabilize the prune industry was reached yesterday afternoon in a meeting held at the Moose hall. The gathering was representative of the prune growers of Douglas county, a great deal of interest being shown in the proposition advanced.

J. R. Parker, county horticulturist, presided, and W. F. Drager was the first speaker.

Mr. Drager pointed out the necessity of organization, showing that there was a big drop in prune prices due to speculations in the east, which put the market on a hand-to-mouth basis. In order to make prunes a safe investment, he stated, it is necessary to put the price on a permanent basis. This can be done only through organization, according to his belief. Such an organization would assist the small grower, now outside the present organizations, would induce the packer to put out better packs and would encourage the growers to raise better prunes as the packers will first buy the best crops. The stabilization of price will be the chief result of such an organization. The packers, he stated, are willing to put teeth in the law by putting up bonds of \$10,000 to show good faith in abiding by the (Continued on page 3.)

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The proposal rejected provided for the creation of a super irrigation commission, which, upon the default of any district in its payments of interest or principal on bonds, could step in and assume charge of the district's affairs, and exercise all the powers of the district, including the levying of taxes.

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COUNTY JUDGES CONFER ON TAX REFUND PLANS

Executive Committee Or-
ganized to Conduct
Future Activities.

ATTORNEY RETAINED

Guy Cordon to Be Appoint-
ed to Give Advice—
Will Resist Outside
Claims.

A conference attended by county judges and commissioners, representing some of the counties affected by the O. and C. tax refund measure was held in Roseburg last night. County Judges Victor P. Moses of Benton county, R. H. Mast of Coos county, John Phillips of Columbia county, C. J. Gillette of Josephine county, C. P. Barnard of Lane county and George K. Quine of Douglas county, and Commissioners Victor Burcell of Jackson county, Lockridge and Conklin of Josephine county and Beckley and Clough of Douglas county, were present for the conference.

An executive committee composed of Judge Moses, Judge Mast, Judge Phillips, Judge Hartsell and Commissioner Beckley was formed. Judge Moses being named as chairman. This executive committee met this morning and completed the work which had been undertaken.

"We feel," Judge Moses said, "speaking for the county judges of the land grant counties, that the money which the government is advancing is entirely for the relief of the counties in which the land is situated. These counties will eventually have to pay this money back, as the sums advanced, together with interest, will be retained by the government from the sales of the land. We do not believe that the state or other counties have any just claim upon the money and from what we have been able to learn this is the general opinion throughout the entire state."

The judges spent considerable time discussing the matter of how the money shall be handled when it is received and the purposes for which it may be used. In view of the fact that the handling of the funds will involve many technical legal questions, the judges decided that an attorney should be employed to advise the county courts. This was referred to the executive committee which this morning engaged District Attorney Guy Cordon of Douglas county for this purpose, subject to the ratification of the county courts of the affected counties.

Mr. Cordon was one of the members of the committee which went to Washington, D. C., to help in securing the passage of the bill, and is thoroughly familiar with it. He will also handle the legal work of the counties in the event any outside claim is made upon the tax money paid by the government.

The executive committee invited Judge Barnard to sit with it in an advisory capacity at future meetings.

IRRIGATION BODY REJECTS PLAN FOR DEBT ADJUSTMENT

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Southern Pacific Recites Joint User Proposal That Oregon Trunk Rejected

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"The Southern Pacific company offered the Oregon Trunk the use of its Cascade line between Paumotu and the northern end of Klamath Falls, that is the switching limit, on the basis of one half of five per cent annually of the cost of that line, exclusive of the Southern Pacific terminal at Klamath Falls. This carried full rights, that is, access to all business established or that which might be established on the line between Paumotu and Klamath Falls, together with unrestricted rights to build branches in either direction from that line as might be authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission."

City Bridge Offered

"In order that the Oregon Trunk might reach its terminal properties south of Klamath Falls, Southern Pacific company offered the Oregon Trunk a bridge right through Klamath Falls from the north end of the switching limits referred to these terminal properties on the basis of one half of five per cent of the value of the facilities so used. The one half of five per cent of the value of such properties was not to exceed \$165,000 per annum, that is, two and one half per cent on \$6,600,000 estimated."

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LAWMAKERS OF OREGON FACING FINANCIAL RUT

No Funds for New Normal,
Only Half Enough for
New Hospital.

DEFICIT ALREADY BIG

Taxation, Free Text Books
and Telephone Inquiry
Also in Agenda of
Legislature.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—Irrigation and taxation loom as important matters for consideration of the thirty-fourth legislature, which assembles here Monday.

Industrial accident compensation, education, free text books, reforestation and automotive legislation are other matters which will engage attention.

The irrigation congress is to formulate suggestions for solution of the irrigation problems, and the legislature will have a report from the tax investigating committee which was appointed by the last legislature.

Phone Inquiry Likely

It is understood that a probe of the service rates of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is going to be asked for. It is reported that Representative R. S. Hamilton is expected to introduce a resolution providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment which would empower the state to enter into contracts with adjoining states or with the federal government for hydro-electric development.

Taxation of intangibles, a general franchise tax on corporate excess, a bill empowering assessors to demand accurate information relative to the property of big industries and corporations, and a change in the assessment date from March 1 to January 1 are among the principal measures to be considered.

Big Deficit Looms

Should the ways and means committee recommend appropriations that would merely meet the state levy for next year there would still be a deficit of more than \$1,000,000 by the end of 1927. But the legislature will be asked for money far in excess of visible revenues, and for things that apparently are necessary. For example, the people have voted a normal for eastern Oregon, and the normal school board of regents has selected La Grande as its location. But the measure appropriated no money for the purpose, and the tax levy does not provide for it. At least \$100,000 will be necessary. The question is where is the money coming from?

A similar situation exists relative to the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital to be located at The Dalles. The measure on which the people voted approximately \$100,000 and that has been taken care of in the tax levy. But the members of the state board of control say twice that amount will be necessary.

Job Contests in House

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—With Henry L. Corbett of Portland, and John H. Carlin of Medford, months ago chosen by the members of the 34th legislative assembly as president of the senate and speaker of the house, respectively, there will be little to keep the session from getting to work seriously next Monday almost with the first bang of the gavel.

The message of the outgoing and incoming governors probably will be read Monday afternoon.

On the senate side John P. Hunt of Woodburn will again be chief clerk and will have his old staff, including Mrs. Elizabeth Glatt, formerly Elizabeth Glatt, of Woodburn, assistant chief clerk; M. F. Hardesty, reading clerk, and A. D. Goddard, of Pendleton, calendar clerk. Colonel W. G. D. Mercer, of Eugene, will return as senate sergeant-at-arms.

In the house the chief clerkship may not be fully settled when the house is called to order, though it is not likely that there will be a contest. W. F. Drager, for years the house's chief clerk, has informed Speaker Carlin that he will be unable to serve. Paul F. Burris, who was assistant chief clerk last session, seeks to succeed the chief, but some of the members it is understood, want Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove, to take it