

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday; no change in temperature.

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WEATHER YESTERDAY

Highest temperature yesterday 49. Lowest temperature last night 38.

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SUCCESSION OF BANK CRASHES CONTINUES



Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is a pointed, perhaps an impertinent, question: What stories are you reading first in the papers this week?

You OUGHT, of course, to be reading first about President Hoover's child welfare conference at Washington, and what Germany is going to do about her reparations payments, going from that to the state of business throughout the world.

But if you are a NORMAL average person, your eye seeks first the love-nest story involving the Portland capitalist and his mistress-stenographer.

SO don't blame the newspapers TOO MUCH when they print news of this sort. If they didn't, somebody would broadcast it over the radio, and if it weren't broadcast over the radio it would pass from mouth to mouth by the gossip route.

People are bound to hear about such things. What is more, they are bound to hear ALL THE CAN.

SO it is now, in these modern days, and pessimists tell us that we are getting low and cheap in our tastes; that the world is deteriorating as to its moral fiber and is bound to end up in a bad mess.

Before believing that, remember Cleopatra. Cleopatra was really a rather remarkable woman, with a good brain. But all the world remembers about her is the Mark Anthony scandal.

So, you see, the scandal habit is a pretty old one.

ALL of which doesn't excuse Bowles and Miss Loucks. They ought to be ashamed of themselves, and now that they have been caught and are facing punishment they probably ARE ashamed.

Other recreant husbands should take a lesson from the fate of Bowles and mend the error of their ways, but the chances are they won't. The man who is fool enough to play with that kind of fire is usually fool enough to think that he can get away with it.

BUT enough of scandal. Let's turn to the more serious side of life.

Here is a hopeful headline: "Peace Hopes Enhanced, 26 Chinese Generals Pledge Support to Nanking Government."

That is hopeful because if China would quit fighting and settle down to business and go to creating wealth instead of destroying it the outlook for better conditions in the world would be better.

IN the current number of one of the big weekly magazines, Samuel Crowther tells us that after 2 years of fighting Mexico is calming down and turning her thoughts to making a living by peaceful methods.

Why is that important to us? Well, it is important because Mexico BUYS GOODS from us. The more prosperous Mexico is the more goods she can buy. And the more goods she buys the better it is for us.

And don't forget this: Mexico CAN'T be prosperous while she is fighting.

HERE is another item of world news, not so hopeful: "Military drill required of all Italians above the age of 18."

Why are they drilling? Because Mussolini wants them to be ready to fight whenever HE is READY.

This writer makes no pretensions to infallibility, and so may be utterly wrong, but in his opinion Mussolini is an exceedingly

STEP-FATHER FACES CHARGE OF GIRL OF 11

E. M. Crockett, 67 Years of Age, Defendant in Revolting Case in Court Here.

One of the most sordid and revolting cases to be heard in the circuit court in Roseburg in many years came to trial this morning when Ellsworth M. Crockett, 67, of Myrtle Creek, was brought before the court on a statutory charge involving the 11-year-old daughter of his wife, Mary Crockett, 39. The child, born out of wedlock to the mother and Crockett's nephew, prior to the marriage to the defendant, according to testimony brought before the court, testified to relations assumed by her step-father, which she claimed existed over a considerable period. Her testimony concerned immoral acts in the nature of improper fondling and caresses and attempted criminal acts. The mother, on the witness stand, told of the complaints made by the daughter, leading to the charge brought against the defendant.

Criminality Denied. Crockett, brought to the stand in his own defense, denied any criminal act, although he confessed to improper conduct with the step-daughter and recounted unattractive acts. The family, according to his statements, resided in a small three-room home, in which all used one bedroom, with four of the seven children, the girl and three younger boys, occupying one bed. Witnesses were brought by the defense to show that the girl, who

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\$200,000 FIRE HITS DENVER FEED MILL

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 21.—Fire swept through the Lunsarian feed mill here early today, causing an estimated amount of damage to \$200,000 bushels of wheat stored in the building. Officers of the concern, one of the largest properties of the late J. K. Mullen, estimated the total damage, including that to the mill structure, would approach \$200,000.

Oddities Gleaned From Day's News

ABORIGINAL FIRST AID GIVES DOCTOR SURPRISE. SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 21.—The bush lore of an elderly aboriginal woman, whose parents employed as a cook, saved the life of 20-month-old Jimmy Rowcott, here.

The baby was playing near a clump of blackberry bushes when a deadly trapdoor spider bit him, injecting its poison into his foot and clinging there till it was killed. The bush cook cut a piece off his foot, rubbed in some tribal herbs, and when the doctor arrived expecting to find the child either dead or beyond aid, he found the bush lore of the native woman had been successful.

COURT DECREES MUFFLER ON BARNYARD SYMPHONY. JERSEY CITY, N. J., Nov. 21.—Vice Chancellor Fallon doesn't know how to keep roosters from sounding off but he expects John Webster to find out.

The chancery court granted an injunction against Webster yesterday on the complaint of a neighbor that the roosters had kept him awake and made an invalid of him. The vice chancellor instructed Webster to muffle them between the hours of 10 p. m. and 7:30 a. m.

"How will I keep the roosters quiet?" asked Webster. "I don't know," Mr. Fallon replied. "That is up to you."

HANDICAPPED CHILD GETS SPECIAL BILL OF RIGHTS. WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The handicapped child, maimed, deaf, or blind, was given a special bill of rights at one of the child conference sessions.

Included in the list was: The right to as vigorous a body as medical skill can give. The right to special education by those who understand. The right to grow up in a world that does not set him apart. The right to identical privileges and identical responsibilities with other children. The right to comradeship, love, work and play.

Douglas County Tax Ratio Kept At 62 Per Cent

Douglas county's tax ratio has been fixed at 62 per cent, the same as for the past three years, according to word received here today from Salem, where the state tax commission has announced the establishing of the valuation ratios. This ratio is the per cent of the assessed valuation as compared with the cash valuation of property, and is used as a basis for the calculation of the tax to be paid by public utilities.

Several changes were made by the commission this year, Lincoln county having received a cut of 6 points, while decreases of from one to three per cent were made in several counties.

The state tax commission fixes the rate of tax to be applied to public utilities, and places all assessments on a cash valuation. They first secure the relation between the actual and the assessed valuation of all classes of property in a county, and then apply this per cent to the physical valuation of utility properties. For example: A public utility having property in Douglas county valued at one million dollars, would be assessed by the tax commission, under the ratio applied to Douglas county, at \$620,000, and would pay its tax upon such valuation.

COUNTY TAXPAYERS' BODY TO CONSIDER DOUGLAS BUDGET

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Taxpayers' league will be held in Roseburg Saturday, November 29, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of making suggestions for changes in the county budget for 1931. Ben Nichols, of Riddle, president of the league, has appointed committees to take the various budget items under consideration and to bring a report at the meeting. These committees are to meet Wednesday, November 26, at 2 p. m., at the Douglas Abstract company office, where they will formulate their reports and prepare them for the annual meeting Saturday. The committees are investigating schools, county agent's office, health unit, county offices and roads and highways, in order to prepare their recommendations. The legislative committee has several matters concerning proposed legislation to bring before the meeting. Committees have been named by the president as follows:

Roads and bridges—C. O. Garrett, Glendale; John Alexander, Glendale; Arthur Marsh, Lookingglass. Sundry items—C. E. Moyer, Roseburg; Geo. Bacon, Lookingglass; M. B. Green, Roseburg.

County offices—E. G. Kingwell, Roseburg; L. E. Thompson, Umpqua; S. D. Evans, Roseburg; J. H. School district—R. E. Clark, Oakland; J. A. Finn, Canyonville; A. G. Clark, Glendale.

Legislative—Fred Goff, Melrose; D. N. Busenbark, Melrose; C. H. Bailey, Dixonville.

Publicity—C. H. Bailey, Dixonville; C. L. Chenoweth, Oakland; Mark Tisdale, Sutherlin.

Municipal—A. F. Stearns, Oakland; H. P. Rice, Myrtle Creek; B. W. Strong, Roseburg.

Police list—C. E. Hanning, Roseburg; Victor Phillips, Dillard; G. W. Burt, Roseburg.

KIANGSI PROVINCE WRESTED FROM REDS

NANKING, Nov. 21.—Nationalist government military headquarters today claimed the capture of Kiang, Kiangsi province from red forces which had held it for several weeks.

Nationalist anti-bandit forces were said to have entered the city November 18. The red forces supposedly withdrew toward the south.

No mention was made of the fate of fourteen Catholic missionaries captured in Kiang by the reds October 5. The missionaries were held for \$200,000 ransom.

PUSHES BARROW 173 MILES TO PAY BET

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Albert Crockett, Negro republican leader of Florida, has transferred a wheelbarrow of coal to Chicago—173 miles. The reason was his confidence that Mrs. McCormick would be elected senator. His elapsed time was 74 hours.

RAIDS YIELD 12 THOUGHT IN KIDNAP PLOT

Los Angeles Officers Also Discover Narcotics and Get Information as to An Arsenal.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 21.—Police claimed today they had broken up a gang of alleged kidnapers, responsible for threats recently made against several prominent Los Angeles citizens. The announcement came after the arrest of 12 men and a woman in a series of raids conducted by Edward Chitwood, head of the narcotic squad, last night.

Although members of the suspected gang, allegedly organized in East St. Louis, of volunteers from Chicago and New York were held on charges of violation of the state narcotic act, Chitwood said he had information from the underworld they plotted the kidnappings and actually carried out two of them.

Chitwood said the prisoners organized the plot to kidnap Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, which recently was revealed by police after the publisher had been placed under guard. No attempt was made to carry out threats against Chandler.

Investigators said two wealthy citizens had been kidnaped and had paid ransom, but did not make reports because of threats against their lives.

The suspects, taken in raids on isolated hideouts, will be paraded before victims of kidnaps today in an effort to obtain further identification. Police said narcotics were found in the apartments raided. They said they had information the gang members held regular meetings and maintained an arsenal for use in crimes plotted. The cache was not discovered.

Fingerprints and descriptions of the prisoners were dispatched to Chicago, New York and Kansas City authorities for possible identification.

HIGHWAY WORKER'S ARM DISLOCATED

Frank Trueman, of Camas Valley, suffered a badly dislocated left arm yesterday while working in the woods on Camas mountain, when a large log struck his arm. He was working for the state highway commission at the time and was brought to Roseburg for medical aid.

CITY SHOCKED BY KILLING OF WOMAN

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 21.—The brutal murder of 25-year-old Mary Dean, who was beaten and strangled near her suburban home, shocked the city today.

Miss Dean, regarded as one of the most popular young women in Melbourne, had gone to a theatre with some friends last night. She left her body with the skull fractured and one of her arms pinned about her neck, was discovered in a lane near her home.

"PAPA'S CLUB" NEW BOSTONIAN IDEA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—A Bostonian "Papa's club" was cited proudly today by a male delegate attending Dr. Louise Stanley's family section of the current child conference.

He said the husband of a Vassar alumna educated in engineering started the club by remarking too much attention was given to the education of mothers and better papers were needed. Other husbands concurred.

The "Papa's club" made the discovery, he reported, that fathers, being more objective, need a different form of parental education than mothers.

STOLEN AUTO AND OCCUPANT NABBED

A car belonging to K. E. Knight, of Myrtle Point, stolen from this city last Saturday evening, was recovered last night at Medford and the driver taken into custody. Sheriff V. T. Jackson left for Medford this morning to bring the alleged thief, who is reported to be a young transient, back to Roseburg. The officers were not informed of the name of the prisoner.

SPECTRE OF DEBT DRIVES 3 TO SUICIDE

Aged Sisters, Failing to Raise Coin on \$240,000 Worth of Property, Perish in Bay.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21.—The cold waters of the Pacific Ocean, washing ashore in Santa Monica Bay the bodies of two elderly sisters, today had uncovered what authorities term one of the strangest suicide pacts ever recorded here. The body of a third sister is being sought.

Yesterday the bodies of Ada McKee, a widow 65 years of age, and Abba Miller, 63, a spinster, were found. About the same time Ralph Miller, 72-year-old Hollywood artist, prominent in his profession, received a letter informing him his three sisters planned suicide. Reading in newspapers of the strange case, he sent a friend, A. Day, to the S. J. Stelle, Cal., mortuary where the bodies had been taken and identification was made. Miller said the third sister was Jesse Miller, 60.

Miller, who lives with his family in Hollywood, gave the letter to the police. It was self-explanatory.

"Dear Ralph: Take a good grip on your courage, dear, and try to think that what will have happened when you receive this is for the best.

"It is useless to try to hold out any longer—we have come to the end. \* \* \* We owe \$1,325 and have no other way to pay it and nothing to meet expenses and live on and we cannot get work, or sell anything to carry on. \* \* \*

"We had hoped to die naturally and have our ashes sent back to Mrs. Hazard and she would take them to Fairmont cemetery. (Cincinnati), but that is not to be and now we are going to try to get far enough out so the sea will take care of us.

"Everything inside the house is yours and while it will not bring in any money (we have tried that), it is yours to sell or use or do as you please with, with the exception of a few articles we have marked for certain people.

"You will find deeds to four lots

FIVE KILNS TAKEN BY \$75,000 BLAZE

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Nov. 21.—Five dry kilns at Blue Jay, Stewart and Welch's mill at Barnaby, near here, were destroyed by fire last night with a loss estimated at \$75,000.

The mill itself was saved by Vancouver and Burnaby fire departments. Sidney Smith, mill manager, said rebuilding operations would be commenced immediately. Loss is partly covered by insurance.

MRS. HOOVER GUEST OF GIRL SCOUTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The New York World today quoted James M. Cox, democratic presidential nominee in 1920, as saying he believed the democratic nation of platform in 1932 would contain a plank calling for repeal of the eighteenth amendment and the return to state liquor control.

It would be believed Gov. Roosevelt of New York, his running mate on the 1932 ticket, would be nominated by the democrats for president in 1932 on the issues of water power, utility regulation, unemployment and the working out of a scientific tariff to place the country on a sound economic basis.

THREATENED GRAPE MEN SEE NO FOE

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Police officials of bay district cities said today. Donald Cronmeyer, director of the California Vineyardists' association, had been able to give them any information on the whereabouts of Al Canone, Chicago gangster recently reported in California.

Survey Shows Business Improves, Manufacturers' Head Announces

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—A survey in 18 states has convinced the National Association of Manufacturers that business conditions are on the mend.

Discussing the survey, John E. Edgerton, president of the association, told the New York state chamber of commerce last night that industrialists and business men generally were unanimous in the belief that the nation was "only just now taking a breathing spell in the tremendous strides it has made as its own pace."

The states surveyed were California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Georgia.

Twelve states reported improvements, two reported a stationary status and four reported a decline of which one was in the drought area, another in an exceptionally mining region, and a third in an exclusively lumber section.

Regarding unemployment, twelve states showed a "fairly encouraging situation," 14 were optimistic of improvement in the late winter or early spring, one anticipated no change and three, which were in agricultural, mining or lumber regions, thought the situation unfavorable.

Industries on the upswing, Mr. Edgerton listed as steel, textiles, public utilities, shoes, paper, building, beet sugar, stock yards, numerous specialties railroads in some sections, automobiles and allied lines, and mining in parts.



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CHURCHES TO UNITE IN ANNUAL SERVICE ON THANKSGIVING

The annual Thanksgiving day union church service is to be held Thursday morning, November 27, at 10:30 o'clock, in the Baptist church, according to announcement made this morning by the Roseburg Ministerial union. Each year the churches associated in the union conduct a joint Thanksgiving worship period in one of the churches of the group. Rev. Alexander Muirhead, pastor of the Presbyterian church, is to be the speaker at Thursday's meeting. All residents of Roseburg and the surrounding community are urged by the union to join in the service. The program is announced as follows:

Hymn by the congregation. Invocation, Dr. C. A. Edwards. Scriptures reading, Rev. Perry Smith.

Hymn by the congregation. Anthem, "Make A Joyful Noise," Simper, by the choir.

Prayer, Rev. J. Frank Cunningham. Offering.

Vocal solo, "Praise the Lord, O My Soul," Holden, Mrs. Charles A. Brand.

Sermon, "Giving Thanks," Rev. Alexander Muirhead. Hymn by the congregation. Benediction, Rev. J. R. Penhall.

ROOSEVELT TO RUN AS WET, COX THINKS

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CHEVROLET PLANS MILLION NEW CARS

Plans of the Chevrolet company call for the construction of one million cars during 1931, according to Hans T. Hansen, local dealer, who returned yesterday from Portland, where he attended a winter conference of dealers. Company representatives were present and reported that a study of current conditions and a survey of future needs indicates a good market for one million or more cars during the coming year. Mr. Hansen reports. The report stated that in the first 10 months of 1930 Chevrolet dealers sold 1,100,000 used cars, an all-time record, and that used and new car stocks are unusually low, so that dealers are much better prepared for the late winter and spring business.

ELEVEN MORE INSTITUTIONS CLOSE DOORS

Despite Failures in Five States, Reserve Chief Asserts Situation Basically O. K.

By the Associated Press. Eleven banks in five states of the south and lower middle west failed to open for business today, continuing the succession of failures of the last week.

Banks in English, Leavenworth, Corydon and Corydon Junction, all small communities in southern Indiana, were taken over by the state banking department on the heels of the failure yesterday of two banks at New Albany, Ind., across the Ohio river from Louisville.

Banks at Paris, Tenn., Doniphan and Edin, Mo., at Crestwood, Louisville suburb, and Madisonville, Ky. At Asheville, N. C., and a negro bank in Nashville, Tenn., were the others to close.

Echo of Louisville Crash. Closing of the six Indiana banks was attributed to the recent failure of a group of Louisville banks. The closings in Kentucky today brought the number there to fifteen in a week, seven in Louisville and two in its suburbs. The Asheville closing was the ninth in North Carolina in two days. The Missouri closing was blamed to heavy withdrawals.

Governor Horton of Tennessee pledged a "full and complete investigation of all state government departments" as a result of state financial difficulties which followed the naming of a receivership for

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DRY ACT'S FATHER NOW URGES CHANGE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 21.—C. C. Crabbe, father of Ohio's dry act, today announced he favored a modification of the Crabbe act to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

Crabbe said the enforcement of the present stringent prohibition law in Ohio was "not satisfactory" and that the state legislature should not respect the statute.

The former attorney general said the law was filed to promote temperance and that it needed to be modified to suit the majority of the people of the state.

PORTLAND HURT WHEN AUTO UPSETS

Fred Griffith, of 712 Everett street, Portland, was injured shortly before noon today, when his car skidded off the road and turned over near Camp View, a mile north of Roseburg. Mr. Griffith was cut about the face and head, but not seriously hurt. The car was considerably damaged. The injured man was brought to Roseburg, where his injuries were treated.

CHICKEN THIEF'S CACKLE FAILS TO DECEIVE OFFICER

EVANSTON, Ill., Nov. 21.—Policeman Oscar Swanson's claim to be a "cackler" expert by which he means he can tell as much about a hen by her cackle as a ballistic expert can about a gun.

The opportunity came to him to make a practical demonstration last night when Fred Dittner telephoned the police that he wanted them to do something about the strange noises he was hearing in his barn. Swanson got the case and there was cackling as he and Dittner entered the barn.

"Those," said Dittner, "are my light Brahmas."

"Light Brahmas, nothing," said the expert. "They might be Rhode Island Reds, if you raised that kind, and they might be Buff Orpingtons if the pitch was a little higher, but since you have none of these the cackling must be coming from something else."

With which remark he switched on the light and disclosed, he reported, that the cackler was Albert Took, 15, who said he had just dropped in for a chicken.

Lawrence Guiney, 23, was taken to a hospital with a bullet wound under the heart which police said was self-inflicted. His condition was critical.

Sheriff Frank Bartlett said he believed jealousy caused the shootings.