

City News

THE WEATHER Oregon: Unsettled weather, probably rain tonight and Tuesday, cooler in northeast portion tonight; fresh east winds. Temperature today: Minimum, 40 degrees. Maximum Sunday, 54. Precipitation today, .01 of an inch. Stage of river, 3.1 feet. Direction of wind, southeast.

Head to Coast Good-- The low pass road from Eugene to Mapleton is in fine condition with the exception of a short stretch in the vicinity of Blachly, is the report of L. H. Bean, local attorney, who spent the week on a motor trip with Lawrence G. Bradley, John B. Bell and Junior Bell. The trip to Mapleton was made in three hours and 20 minutes. The party inspected the Siuslaw Shore lakes, property about seven miles beyond Mapleton, in which they are interested. The trip from Mapleton to Eugene was made by boat. The road is open as far as Beck but it is difficult for car travel, Mr. Bean states.

Captive Cougar Thrives-- "Tommy," the captive cougar caged at the Danner-Robertson store who has been behind the bars for seven months is still thriving and now weighs more than 50 pounds and has a measurement four and a half feet between ears and six feet. The big cougar who was placed in the cage when a little kitten is improving in disposition every day and is now very playful and will come to the edge of the bars for all comers, Mr. Robertson states. A diet of straight raw meat is given "Tommy" each day. The cougar will probably be on display during the county fair in September. Arrangements for the cage can be made at the grounds, it is announced.

Questionnaire Sent Out-- To obtain accurate data on the Eugene payroll to be used for publicity purposes by the Eugene chamber of commerce a questionnaire is being sent out to local manufacturing plants and other employers of labor, according to announcement of E. Eugene Chadwick, secretary of the chamber. "This questionnaire is for the purpose of compiling a total of the payrolls and the figures will be in totals only and in no way will individual firms be listed or amount of payroll published," the secretary said in explaining the questions that are asked of the employers.

Fair Grounds Improved-- In preparation for the annual Lane county fair in September work on the repair of the buildings at the fair grounds has been started and the first \$25,000 of the rebuilding of the roof of the horse barn which fell last winter due to the heavy weight of snow, according to W. K. Robertson, fair board secretary. A meeting of the recently organized fair board will be held within the next 10 days to outline the plans for the annual event this year, Mr. Robertson said today. At that time plans will be taken up concerning the erection of a women's rest room on the grounds. The committee to have charge of the various divisions of the fair program will also be organized and arrangements made for the printing of the program, the secretary states.

Registration is Asked-- Certificate of registration for the annual Oregon state trap shoot to be held in Eugene Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29 to 31 have been received by officials of the Lane County Sportsmen association who are sponsoring the event here. This certificate is official recognition of the standing of the shoot to be held here, the sportsmen announce. The committee that will have charge of the preparation of the traps at the municipal aviation field for the shoot will soon be at work. It is expected that several hundred, including entries and officials, will attend the event in May.

Returns from Portland-- Mrs. Ruth McCallum Carter has returned from Portland after a short business visit where she obtained new spring millinery stock for the Easter trade here.

KEYNOTE OF THRIFT For either the BUYER or SELLER

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ICY FLOODS GRIP EAST

'Jazz Girl' Enters Plea of Insanity

INSANITY WILL BE CONTENTION OF ATTORNEYS

Jury Dismissed During Arguments Over Question of Mental Balance

Girl Sits in Courtroom as Discussion Is Held of Her Condition

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.--(AP)--Judge Harold Lunderback postponed today for 24 hours the murder trial of 16-year-old Dorothy Ellington to inquire into the present mental condition of the girl who is charged with killing her mother in the bedroom of their home last January after a dispute over the girl's pursuit of jazz and joy rides.

At the opening of the trial this morning the defense moved that a sanity inquiry be made and based the motion on an affidavit by Dr. Jau Don Ball, a psychiatrist, expressing the belief that the girl at present was mentally incompetent. Judge Lunderback holding the affidavit in itself sufficient said he would allow Dr. Ball to testify.

The jury was excused while the motion was argued. The court adjourned the insanity motion until 2 o'clock this afternoon so that Dr. Ball could be summoned. Judge Lunderback explained that he must be convinced that there was basis for such a motion before he could entertain it. He added that the test was whether a person accused of crime comprehended the proceedings and was able to present an intelligible defense. W. McGovern, defense counsel offered to stipulate with the state that the present jury, empaneled to try Miss Ellington on the charge of murder, might inquire into the girl's sanity, should the motion be granted.

Prosecution Wails "The district attorney's office is not stipulating anything at the present time," said Assistant District Attorney Harmon D. Skiffin. "It is for the defense first to make a showing in support of its motion."

"The defense has been impressed since this trial started a week ago that Dorothy Ellington is in a physical condition that renders it practically impossible to proceed. But the law makes no provision for such a condition. We believe, from reports of our experts, that the defendant's condition probably will become worse and that nothing could be served by merely postponing the case. "We believe that at present there is a very decided mental condition to take into consideration. We think it advisable that the case be stopped if it can be with justice both to the prosecution and the defense. We offer to stipulate that the present jury be directed to inquire into the girl's mental condition."

Farmer Blasts Stumps Neighbor Strolls Along Dirt Flies; Friend Flees

HARRISBURG, March 30.--(Special.)--Dynamite is used in considerable quantities by some farmers to clear lands of stumps. A local farmer has been using this method to clear lands this spring. As he passed the next stump, it exploded with a terrific noise and he had to dodge from being hit. In a run by this time--quite a sprint, in fact--he came abreast the last stump amid a shower of mud and bark. "All done, you're safe," called out the farmer behind the tree. But the neighbor farmer thought he said "Run for your life," and he did. They caught him this side of Co-burn, several miles away.

RULING EXPECTED ON SCHOOL LAW BEFORE MAY 10

SALEM, Ore., March 30.--A decision in the Oregon public school compulsory attendance law case is expected before May 30, the date on which the supreme court of the United States begins its summer vacation, according to Willis S. Moore, assistant attorney general of Oregon, who returned from Washington, D. C., today where he presented the state's argument before the highest court. The greater part of two days was required to argue the case. Justice Holmes did not sit in the case, but will participate in the opinion. Justice Stone was absent the second day because of the death of a friend. Mrs. Moore accompanied Mr. Moore east and is now visiting in Illinois.

Locomotive Works President Agrees To Keep dry law

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.--A legal agreement with a \$10,000 forfeit for violation, binds Samuel M. Vancian, president of the Baldwin Locomotive works, to strict observance of the Volstead act, while in this country, it was learned today. Mr. Vancian signed the agreement with the late W. A. Garrett, A. S. Goble and R. A. Hey, Baldwin officials, on May 18, 1924, the others agreeing to forfeit \$1,000 each if they violated it. Mr. Vancian disclosed the agreement on the 68th birthday, while en route through Texas on his private car. The agreement, it was said, cites the decree of the signers to obey the laws, "not only because they are right, but also because it will result in mental, moral and physical good."

Charles R. Forbes Is Seriously ill

BOSTON, March 30.--The condition of Colonel Charles R. Forbes, who was stricken with paralysis Friday night, remained virtually unchanged today, said a report from the Hart hospital. Colonel Forbes who was formerly director of the United States veterans' bureau was at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harry Judkin in the Brighton district, when he suffered the paralytic attack.

John Day River Surveys to Begin

SALEM, Ore., March 30.--The state engineering department, according to Hbes Luper, state engineer, is ready to begin the adjustment of the water rights on the John Day river, for which the 1925 legislature appropriated \$22,000 for field work. The surveys are expected to take about two years, the territory involved covering most of Grant, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

Relative Humidity Stressed By W. B. Osborne of District Office

Forest fires are most disastrous when the relative humidity of the air is low. If fire breaks loose in a forest when the air is excessively dry it will spread like it is burning in gunpowder. These statements summarize the remarks of W. B. Osborne, of the district forest office in Portland, who spoke to approximately 35 rangers and other forest officers from Cascade, Siuslaw and Umpqua national forests this morning at the opening of the joint ranger session. Relative humidity, according to Mr. Osborne, is the first and most important factor influencing the action of forest fires. The history of all the biggest and most destructive fires in national forests shows almost without exception that they occurred in periods of excessively low relative humidity.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF IDAHO DIES AT HOME IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Ida., March 30.--William J. McConnell, former governor of Idaho, and father-in-law of United States Senator William E. Borah, died at his home here early today at the age of 83 years. He had complained of not feeling well ten days ago. Mr. McConnell went to Boise in 1863 from Oregon. Later he returned to that state and in 1882 was president of the Oregon State senate. He was governor of Idaho from 1893 to 1906 and United States senator from Idaho for three months in 1890 when the state was admitted to the union. At the time of his death he was United States immigration inspector at Moscow. He was born in Commerce, Mich., and married Louise Brown in Yamhill, Ore., in 1869. Besides his widow and Mrs. Borah he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ben Bush of Moscow and Mrs. Max Lindemann of Portland, Ore., and a son William, of Sacramento, Cal. He was the author of a history of the state of Idaho and of "Episodes of Pioneer Life."

Eight Miners are Trapped by Flood

NEWCASTLE, Eng., March 30.--Clotching a projecting ridge near the roof of the mine, eight miners were trapped by a flood in the Montague colliery at Scotswood, near here, today. Two hundred men were in the pit when the inrush of water occurred, but all got away except eight. One man, who came out safely, said the water was up to his neck when he escaped.

Sneezed Steel; Ends Headaches

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.--Suffering from a personal headache and approaching blindness, the cause of which physicians were unable to determine, Harry M. Hutchinson, an electrician today sneezed from the nasal tubes an inch and a half piece of a quarter inch steel drill with which he had been stabled in the nose 12 years ago.

Archbishop Christie Undergoes Operation

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.--Archbishop Alexander Christie of the Catholic archdiocese of Oregon City, who has been critically ill at a hospital here since last Tuesday, underwent an operation today. He was reported to have rallied satisfactorily. Archbishop Christie is 75 years old.

RANGERS OPEN MEETING HERE; MANY ATTEND

Other Fire Factors Taken Up at Morning Session By Officials

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Mr. Granger Speaks

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Bungalow Bounds Down Slope; Suit For Fright Filed

LOS ANGELES, March 30.--Because a California bungalow ran away and frightened them, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Beatty ask \$17,000 damages in suits on a firm in superior court here today against a firm of house movers. According to the complaints the defendant house movers carelessly allowed a bungalow to run amok down a hill up which the Beattys were climbing in their automobile. The sight of the bungalow bounding down the slope toward them threw such a fright into them that they leaped for life out of their machine, they allege, and sustained serious injuries, even though the bungalow did not hit them.

Talk on Reading is Heard by Kiwanians

An address by E. F. Carleton of the extension division, University of Oregon, on the problem of child education from the standpoint of literature was delivered today at the luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis club, at the Osburn hotel. The speaker was introduced by Dr. J. M. Miller, chairman of the program committee. Mr. Carleton directed a plan for guided reading, not only of young people, but of their teachers. This he pointed out, was for the forming of correct judgment on the part of the teacher; and of correct ideas on the part of the pupil. He devoted much of his speech toward a discussion of the late Joseph Conrad and the effect of his works on literature. The changes in the club's bylaws, which automatically drops a member who is absent for four consecutive meetings without excuse, or 40 per cent of the meetings of the year, was adopted. A vote of thanks was tendered by H. G. Winder for his work on last week's anniversary program.

BOND ISSUE TO INSURE WATER SUPPLY URGED

Fire Protection Needs In Several Areas of City Are Pointed Out

Eugene Voters Are Asked To Approve \$135,000 For Service Extension

"Eugene in its present reservoir system has water storage sufficient for less than two days maximum need, not including additional demands that might be made on the supply as the result of a big fire. Several districts of the city receive water through three-inch and in some cases two and one-half inch mains. In case of a big fire in these areas there would result a lack of water, that would prove disastrous." These conclusions are reached by the city water board after an extensive survey of local conditions and needs, based on a report of the engineers of the national board of fire underwriters, which has led to the request that the people approve a bond issue of \$135,000 at the special election April 15, for the construction of an additional reservoir on Skinner Butte and the installation of two 12-inch distribution mains that will provide a heavy pressure for several hundred blocks of the business and residential districts. A two-day shutdown of the city water pumping plant would mean the absolute exhaustion of the available water supply leaving the city without protection against fire as well as forcing the people to the use of water from wells or brought from other points for domestic use, it is pointed out in the report prepared. "At least five average days supply of water should be available for a city the size of Eugene. Although the pumping plant is working efficiently and there is but little danger of a shutdown, nevertheless, there is a

Moose Convention Plans Discussed

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.--Plans for northwest convention of the Local Order of Moose at Spokane, June 4, 5 and 6, were discussed at a meeting of Oregon members of the order here yesterday, attended by Rodney H. Brandon, of Monmouth, Ill., executive secretary. The meeting also considered the beginning of new service by the order, by which aid to the needy members and families will be provided in the home communities rather than exclusively in the two homes conducted by the lodge. One of these homes is at Monmouth, Ill., for children and the other at Monmouth, Ill., for older persons. Mr. Brandon and party left today for Seattle.

Dates of Concert Will be Selected

It is probable that the dates for the presentation of "Creation" here in May will be definitely selected at the rehearsal meeting of the Eugene Oratorio society tonight according to announcement today of George H. McMoran, president. Other plans for the selection of those who will have solo parts in the oratorio presentation will also be discussed. This will be the first rehearsal in two weeks and expectations are that a large number of the members will be on hand. The rehearsals from now until the date of the concert will be very busy sessions in making ready for the oratorio last week's anniversary program.

Lead in Election



Above is Dr. Karl Jarres, who received the highest number of votes at the German election. Below is Otto Braun, whose total votes placed him second on the list. Neither, however, had a majority, as required by law, and a second election for the choice for president will be necessary.

GERMANY TO HOLD SECOND ELECTION

BERLIN, March 30.--(AP)--Final returns from yesterday's presidential election in Germany, announced this morning, show that none of the seven candidates received a majority, as required by the constitution, making a second election necessary. The second polling day has been fixed for April 29. On this occasion, the candidate having the highest number of votes will be declared elected. Dr. Jarres Leads The polling of the various candidates yesterday were as follows: Dr. Karl Jarres, candidate of the combined nationalist and conservative bourgeois parties, 10,887,823. Otto Braun, socialist, 7,785,078. Former Chancellor Marx, centrist, 3,883,676. Ernst Thaelmann, communist, 1,509,553. Premier Heppach of Baden, democratic party, 1,505,150. Dr. Heil, Bavarian peoples party, 1,003,278. General Ludendorff, Fascist party, 284,471. Void ballots 34,152. The total vote, in excess of 28,812,000, is slightly less than 99 per cent of the qualified electorate. Socialists Gain The greatest gainers in the election were the socialists, who profited at the expense of the communists. Only at Halle, where the communist campaign was inaugurated by a shooting affair at a mass meeting were the communists the gainers. Their vote there increasing 30 per cent last December's parliamentary polling. On the face of the returns, it would seem likely that the three middle parties--the socialists, centrists and democrats--could carry the second election if they combined on a common candidate, even if the voters who yesterday went to Dr. Heil and General Ludendorff fall to the parties of the right.

2 DEATHS AND HEAVY DAMAGE ARE REPORTED

Dams Go Out; Auto Driver Runs Down Man at Boston, Is Worn

Canadian Drowned; Rising Waters Cause Heavy Property Loss

BOSTON, March 30.--(AP)--New England was recovering today from the effects of snow, hail and floods and rains which yesterday caused thousands of dollars damage. One death was caused when an automobile driver whose vision was obscured by snow, ran down a man on a Providence street. Randolph, Vt., was the community which suffered the most. Six buildings slid into the swollen waters of the White river. Two dams were carried away with attendant loss of power to factories and the water mains of the town were burst. The loss exceeded \$50,000. The roof of a three-story building, in Manchester, N. H., collapsed under the weight of water.

MAN SWEEP AWAY

MONTREAL, March 30.--Rising of the St. Lawrence river and its tributaries, due to breaking ice dams and rains, threatened to flood several riverside towns today. Victor Leroux, 11, fell into the Riviere Aux Chiens in St. Therese and was swept away by the ice floes.

DAMAGE IS HEAVY

QUEBEC, March 30.--Considerable damage has been caused in the valley of the Beauve, Chaudiere and Yamachiche rivers by rising waters. Families living near the banks were moving to higher ground today and more serious floods were feared unless the weather turned colder soon. At Three Rives, Que., the Yamachiche river flooded the streets and most of the houses of Yamachiche. At St. Georges, four feet of water stood in streets nearest the river. Cellars were flooded and street traffic except by boat, was impossible. Inhabitants of Beauveville fear the breaking of an ice wall a mile up the river and disaster to the town, where water already has flooded the ground floors of many houses.

BRIDGE OUT

WOODBOW, Sask., March 30.--Slight recessions were reported today in floods which carried away three bridges, weakened a fourth and took two lives in this district yesterday. Families have made arrangements to leave their homes at a minute's notice. Grain has been removed from granaries and placed on roofs of barns.

War Committee Works on Report

PARIS, March 30.--The allied war committee presided over by Marshal Foch has received from the council of ambassadors the list of questions concerning the report of the allied military control mission in German dismemberment on which the council desired additional light. The committee began work today on its supplementary report.

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