

FEBRUARY DRY, SUNSHINY, RAIN DEFICIENCY 8 INCHES

February as shown by the monthly weather report was drier and warmer than the average and the total precipitation shortage since September 1 is now 8.32 inches.

This is about the same shortage as last year and everything points to a similar distribution of moisture— heavy rains in the late spring and summer.

There were only four cloudy days during the month and 12 days were clear and sunny, while the same number were partly cloudy. The report follows:

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain.
			Inches
1	48	32	
2	47	27	
3	46	23	
4	45	25	
5	48	32	.01
6	46	22	
7	49	21 1/2	
8	52	27 1/2	
9	49	27	
10	58	36	.03
11	55	37	.07
12	51	35	Trace
13	57	34	
14	63	26 1/2	
15	60	28	
16	52	30	
17	58	39	.05
18	59	46	
19	57	39	.12
20	53	37	.01
21	56	43	.01
22	48	37	.20
23	43	27	.01
24	56	38	.01
25	53	29	.08
26	61	31	
27	50	43	
28	57	44	.01

	Degrees
Maximum	63
Mean of maximum	52.7
Normal mean maximum	50
Minimum	21 1/2
Mean of minimum	32.7
Normal mean minimum	32
Mean monthly temperature	42.7
Normal mean monthly temp.	41

	Inches
Precipitation	.61
Normal precipitation	4.13
Deficiency	3.52
Precipitation since Sep. 1, '13	11.77
Normal prec. since Sep. 1, '13	20.09
Deficiency	8.32
Number of clear days	12
Number of partly cloudy days	12
Number of cloudy days	4

P. J. O'GARA, Special Meteorological Observer.

LIVESTOCK PRICES SHOW SLIGHT DROP

PORTLAND, March 2.—Receipts for the week have been: Cattle, 1721; calves, 20; hogs, 5434; sheep, 5264.

This week cattle trade showed a few soft spots but was generally good. The big Monday run of steers clipped about ten cents off former prices. Since Monday the receipts have been light. Butcher stock on the other hand was firm throughout. Best cows brought \$7.00 and \$7.05, bulls \$6.00 and calves \$9.00. Killers have not been over-supplied on the stuff and the market appears very steady.

Hogs—Tops dropped back to \$8.70 Thursday which is 15 cents under Monday's price of \$8.85. It is scarcely probable that March receipts will be on a par with February, but so many unexpected things have occurred in the swine market this year the dopesters have gone to cover. Market steady with outlook good.

Mutton and lamb prices hit the high places this week. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were barren of receipts, but Friday saved the week and market from stagnation. Monday was the big day and fat mutton or lambs were attractive commodities. A few \$6 yearlings appeared in the run, old wethers sold "off cars" at \$5.85; ewes, \$4.70 for tops and \$4.50 to \$4.65 in bulk featured. Lamb demand exceeded supply and the prime, fat kinds found an easy outlet at \$6.75.

A. BLOCK FRUIT COMPANY TO LOCATE IN MEDFORD

The A. Block Fruit company of Santa Clara, Cal., who are the largest growers and shippers of rail and winter pears on the coast will operate in this section the coming season. They have established headquarters in the Mail Tribune building with Guy W. Conner as their local representative. It is the intention of this firm to buy apples and pears f. o. b., also handle shipments on a consignment basis.

SALE FOR SEARCH CONCERT OPENS TUESDAY



Frederick Preston Search, World's Greatest Cellist.

LAST CALL FOR CITY DELINQUENTS ISSUED

Members of the city council have compiled a list of the property owners delinquent on assessments and interest and last night issued the last call for interest payments.

If by the end of the week those delinquent in interest payments have not balanced this account their names will be published preparatory to bringing action.

For the time being the delinquency in principal will be waived but the city council will insist upon the payment of all back interest charges at once.

SECRET CONFERENCE OVER BENTON CASE

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 2.—United States Consul Letcher arrived by special train today from his post at Chihuahua City and held a secret conference with Special Agent Carothers of the state department and British Consul Percival, England's representative at Galveston, here in connection with the Benton case. Though no details of their conversation were made public, it was believed it was concerning the Juarez rebels' refusal to let the Benton commission leave for Chihuahua City.

W. C. T. U. WARNING

The W. C. T. U. desires to take this opportunity of warning the citizens of Medford against a gross and most outrageous fraud that is being perpetrated upon some of them, and which is far-reaching in its effects. The union is advised that certain women are calling upon voters (particularly females) and soliciting their signatures to petitions purporting to be in the interests of certain respectable business houses, and in the interest of good government, under the title of "Home Rule", at the same time refusing to allow the party whose signature is desired to read the petition. The union desires through this medium to say to all who have the prosperity and welfare of Medford at heart, and who desire a clean, moral city, that these petitions are entirely in the interest of the Liquor Traffic, and are being circulated by their emissaries.

Further, that a close and careful canvass of the business interests in whose behalf the said petitions are said to be circulated, discloses the fact, that the statements made by the parties who are circulating them are absolutely and unqualifiedly false; and the union is in a position to state that all who sign the so-called home rule petitions, align themselves with the enemies of good government, and place themselves on record as being opposed to all that is good and clean and decent in this community. (Paid adv.)

PORTLAND FILES KICK ON S. P.-C. P. UNMERGERSUIT

PORTLAND, Mar. 1.—Intervention proceedings in the government's suit to dissolve the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific merger will be instituted immediately by the Portland chamber of commerce. This action was authorized at a conference today between the transportation committee, members of the state railroad commission and Governor West. Resolutions were adopted instructing the transportation committee to intervene, and requesting the railroad commission and governor to cooperate in the action. Business men present agreed with the state officials that dissolution will be harmful to the state.

TWO TOM KAYS SEEK TREASURESHIP

SALEM, Mar. 2.—Two Tom Kays are candidates for state treasurer, the incumbent, T. B. Kay of Salem, and Tom Kay, former Portland policeman and recently state policeman for Governor West, and head of his "moral squad."

The detective desires place on the ballot on the following platform:

"If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office fulfill the duties thereof in a faithful and conscientious manner. I am for 'Oregon dry,' and a strict enforcement of the law. I am opposed to any member of the state board buying products from, or selling them to the state.

"I favor the abolishment of all unnecessary and useless boards and commissions, and the cutting out of all needless expenses in state government, and to this end I hereby agree to conduct the business of the office for just one-half what it costs the taxpayers today.

"I favor such a policy as will bring about the early reclamation of all the Carey act irrigation projects in this state.

"I desire to have printed on the ballot after my name the following: Dry state. Law enforcement. Will conduct office at one-half present cost."

Treasurer Kay says the candidacy is part of a plot by Governor West to defeat him by confusing the public.

EXPERT MANAGER NORTHWEST EXCHANGE

PORTLAND, Mar. 2.—G. C. Gaede, until recently assistant to General Manager Julius B. Meyer, of the Hamburg-American line at New York, has been appointed manager of the Atlantic division of the export department of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange at New York.

The general management of the export department of the exchange will be conducted in the future as in the past from the head office at Portland. The Northwestern Fruit Exchange is the most important factor in the export trade in northwest boxed fruits, having exported during the season of 1912-13 over three hundred cars and during the present season nearly as many. The exchange's aggressive export policy has resulted in opening new markets in South Africa and other countries and this work of foreign market exploitation and development will go forward with increased vigor under the new management. As soon as the Atlantic division is established and well under way Mr. Gaede will begin a series of trips to different foreign countries for the purpose of making a close personal study of the trade, organization and requirements with a view to a larger consumption of northwest fruits.

TYROLESE PEASANTS FLOCKS AT NIGHT TO HEAR CELLIST

Far away in the heart of the Austrian Tyrol is the mountain village of Mittenwald, much like Oberammergau in character of people, but famous as the chief violin-making village of the world. Long ago Michael Klotz founded this interesting industry, and now for hundreds of years the sole activity of the place, upon the part of men, women and children, has been the whittling of violins. The mountain forests for miles have been secured in search of the best woods, others have been planted and grown, and from Mittenwald have come most of the violins that have been the modern models of the world. The lives of the people, for the village is far away from railroads and all usual courses of travel, are very quaint; the town very picturesque and characteristic; and in the center of the platz stands the monument of the founder, Michael Klotz, revered in community almost as a patron saint.

Here came Frederick Preston Search in the summer of 1910 for professional study of the violin industry. He had been spending some time at Oberammergau in fuller enjoyment of the Passion Play and the lives of the passion players; during which time he had been a guest in the home of Anton Lang, the Christus.

One evening in the midst of his playing in the upper room of a little villa he looked out of the window to discover that the entire platz was filled with the violin makers who had come to listen to his playing. He did not know when they had come or how long they had been there. Like statues in the shadow of darkness, with heads uncovered they stood, silently listening. Hour after hour he played, but the audience remained. Between the pieces, or when he paused, there would be no applause; music meant too much to them for interruption like that. When at last he stopped and closed the window, they quietly stole away as silently as they had come, like spectres of the night. The next day, when he passed in and out their places of work, there was no special recognition, nor intimation they had been in the audience the evening before; and at no time during his sojourn in their midst was reference made to his playing. The second night the audience was larger than before, and every evening of his stay, the platz was filled with this ghostly presence; never with applause, but always with mysterious coming and going. At last he came away, his night audiences of three weeks as unknown as ever, to take his way elsewhere in the world; but never will he forget his three weeks at Mittenwald, or the spectre audiences that paid so unique tribute to the greatness of his music.

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REPUBLICANS LEAD IN COUNTY REGISTRATION

Although registration was fairly heavy during the week the relative standing of the various parties remains the same. The women registration still represents but a small proportion of the total strength, being about one-third of the total men registration. The independent and progressive registrations both show a slight proportional gain.

Registration in Jackson county up to and including Saturday, Feb. 28:

	Men	Women	
Republican	797	208	915
Democrats	517	142	659
Progressives	89	29	118
Prohs	35	32	67
Independent	64	17	81
Socialists	50	17	67
Refused	5		5
	1467	445	1912

Legal blanks for sale at the Mail Tribune office

INDUSTRIAL CLUBS FORMED AT TWENTY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Over 20 Industrial clubs were established in Jackson county schools the past week. Those not previously published in the Sun include:

Rogue River School
Officers elected, pres. Agnes Cox; vice pres. Carl Megerle; sec. Evelyn Young; treas. Lester Wilcox; adviser, Frances Nerval, teacher.

Foots Creek
Pres. Stephen McKeay; vice pres. Jaunita Mathews; sec. Amy Koester; treas. Pierre McQuat; adviser, Amy N. Stannard, teacher. The Foots Creek school held an evening meeting at the school house at which there was a very good attendance.

Gold Hill School
Three clubs were organized in the grades and high school. The names of officers have not been received at the county superintendent's office.

Sarline Creek
Pres. John Smith; vice pres.

Rock Point
Pres. Pearl Blodgett; vice pres. Gerald Robbins; sec. Maud Nelson; treas. Telmer Berg; adviser, Mrs. Rbse Gay, teacher.

Galls Creek School
Pres. Clarence Garrett; vice pres. Robt. Cook; sec. Mabel Shoemaker; treas. Kenneth Edmonds; adviser, Lola Eaton, teacher.

At Galls Creek school the ladies of the district served a fine lunch at the school house, after the organization of the club, to the school, to the patrons present and to the visitors. This was much appreciated by all.

Dardanelle School
Pres. Marvel Higginbotham; vice pres. Margaret Lewis; sec. Ada Higginbotham; treas. Joe McKnight; adviser, Katharine Foley, teacher.

Willow Springs
Pres. Charles Law; vice pres. Herbert Harris; sec. Louis Raferty; treas. Albert Anderson; adviser Hazel Taylor, teacher.

West Side School
Pres. Carl Miller; vice pres. Wilson Clark; sec. Edna Wells; treas. Helen Clark; adviser, V. A. Davis, teacher.

Oak Grove School
Pres. Wilbur Godlove; vice pres. Carlton Martin; sec. John Carton; treas. Cora Wakefield; adviser, R. H. Powell, teacher.

The Jacksonville school held an evening meeting on Friday in the interest of industrial work. There was a good attendance and then a basket social was enjoyed by all.

Henry Paulson; sec. Marta Paulson; treas. Cecil Smith; adviser, Mae Lawrence.

Tofo School
Pres. Vesta Stickland; vice pres. Virgil Raferty; sec. Louis Raferty; treas. Elna Stickland; adviser, Gay Webb, teacher.

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