

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 75
Minimum today 43

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Fair tonight and Sunday.

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1921

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JOHNSON IS SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS

Former Cashier Jacksonville Bank Pleads Guilty Before Circuit Judge Calkins and Is Promptly Sentenced—No Statement Made—Plea Not Expected Today.

The unexpected happened in circuit court at Jacksonville this forenoon when Wm. H. Johnson, the former president and cashier of the Bank of Jacksonville, entered court with his lawyer, Herbert K. Hanna, and changed his plea of not guilty to guilty, on four of the 30 indictments against him for wrecking the bank, and on one of them was given an indeterminate sentence of 10 years in the penitentiary by Judge Calkins. The other three indictments to which he pleaded guilty are held in abeyance. County Prosecutor Rawles Moore was in court to represent the state's interests.

Johnson was cool and collected, although looking somewhat worn. He made no remarks beyond personally changing his plea and stating that he was ready for sentence. The court made no comments in pronouncing sentence.

"I knew that it was coming to me and was prepared for it," remarked Johnson to friends after he had received his sentence and Judge Calkins had left the court room. It is not known just when the former banker will be taken to the penitentiary, but it is anticipated that it will be some time early next week.

While it was generally known or expected that Johnson would eventually plead guilty no intimation had been given that he would do this today, not even to County Prosecutor Moore. It was evidently the intention of Johnson to avoid a large crowd being present for this interesting event.

The indictment on which he was sentenced was that which charged that he made a false report of the bank's condition to the state banking superintendent.

The other indictments to which he pleaded guilty were as follows: For certifying a check for a customer when there was no funds in the bank; for publishing false reports of the bank's condition; and for receiving deposits, knowing the bank insolvent. The remainder of the 30 indictments were ramifications of these four charges.

COLD WAVE REACHES THE MIDDLE WEST

OMAHA, Neb., April 9.—A cold wave that struck eastern Nebraska last night continued to prevail today but was moving southeast, the weather bureau reported. Snow fell in the north and northwestern parts of the state today. There was also a slight snowfall in Omaha and other parts of eastern Nebraska.

WAGE REDUCTIONS IN PORTLAND FAVORED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9.—A ten per cent wage reduction, beginning May 1, affecting practically all the building trades of Portland was recommended by an arbitration committee representing the builders, workers and the public, after ten days of deliberation, at a meeting of builders and workers last night.

PLANTATION OWNER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN ESPIONAGE CASES

COVINGTON, Ga., April 9.—John S. Williams, plantation owner, was found guilty by a jury here today of murder in connection with the Jasper county peonage cases. The jury recommended mercy.

National Bank of Cuba Closes Doors When U. S. Loan Fails

HAVANA, April 9.—The Banco Nacional de Cuba suspended payment this morning taking advantage of the liquidation law recently adopted by congress. Failure to obtain a loan in the United States is believed to be the cause of the decision of the directors to close the bank.

SUFFRAGE IN TENNESSEE IS LEGALLY VALID

State Supreme Court Affirms Action of Chief Justice Landsen in Issuing Writ of Certiorari—Action Validates Ratification.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 9.—The Tennessee supreme court today affirmed action of Chief Justice D. L. Landsen in issuing writs of certiorari and superseas in woman suffrage litigation last summer, as a result of which Governor A. H. Roberts certified to Washington ratification of the suffrage amendment to the constitution, following which the adoption of the amendment was proclaimed.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 9.—The motion to quash writs issued by the chief justice of the supreme court of Tennessee, seeking to prevent the certification of the Tennessee legislature's action on the ratification of the 19th, or suffrage amendment to the constitution of the United States, was made by certain citizens, including C. Runcle Clements of Nashville, who filed their original bill against the governor, A. H. Roberts, the secretary of state, B. B. Stevens, the speaker of the senate, A. L. Todd, and the speaker of the house, Seth M. Walker, on August 21, 1920. The bill set forth alleged facts in connection with ratification of the federal suffrage amendment to the federal constitution unless such general assembly should have been elected after the submission of such amendment.

A petition for certiorari and superseas was presented on the night of August 23 by certain of the defendants to D. L. Landsen, Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, at his residence, and after hearing argument by Frank M. Thompson, state attorney general, the chief justice issued a fiat.

The attorney general on the following morning, advised Governor Roberts that the action of the chief justice left the entire matter open. He also advised the governor that it was his power and duty to certify the legislature's action on the suffrage amendment to Washington as having been duly performed.

REPORT HARDING FOR U. S. MATERNITY BILL

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The star witness for the state was Clyde Manning, negro farm boss who testified to having thrown Peterson into the river at Williams' order.

GOVT. GAINS UPPER HAND COAL STRIKE

British Public Responds Liberally to Appeal for Aid in Operating Mines and Railroads—More Applications Than Places—New Negotiations Started.

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Red Element Has No Foothold on Pacific Coast, States Wood

SEATTLE, April 9.—The "red element" has gained no foothold on the Pacific coast, Major General Leonard Wood declared in an address here today of a few minutes before he departed on the steamer Wenatchee for the Philippines where he will investigate conditions for President Harding. W. Cameron Forbes, former governor general of the islands, and party of army officers accompanied General Wood as members of the mission.

The Wenatchee, which entered the Puget Sound-Far Eastern service today, is the first vessel to carry the American flag in the northern trans-Pacific passenger route since 1916, when the liner Minnesota was withdrawn from the route. Thousands lined the shore line as the big vessel swung into Elliott Bay on her outward voyage.

DEPORTED ALIEN EN ROUTE EAST GIVEN FREEDOM

OMAHA, Neb., April 9.—An order staying the removal from the United States of James Meldrum, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, who was convicted a number of years ago for stealing an automobile with which it is said he hoped to be able to find his mother in Wyoming, was received here nine hours after Meldrum had been placed on a train carrying aliens to Hoboken for deportation.

As a result of the stay order a message was sent to Chicago requesting that Meldrum be taken from the train which passed through this city yesterday with a number of aliens picked up at various cities between the Pacific coast and Omaha. Meldrum's stay of deportation resulted from intercessions in his behalf to Senator Kendrick of Wyoming.

SITUATION FARM LABOR IS EASIER THAN FOR 3 YRS.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The farm labor situation in the United States is decidedly easier than it has been for three years, it was announced today at the department of agriculture. Reports to the bureau of crop estimates April 1, showed that while the percentage of normal supply was 95.2 the relative demand was only 87.5 and the ratio of supply to demand was only 108.8 per cent. The south reported the labor supply in excess of the demand notwithstanding reduced wages. The western states generally also reported wages considerably reduced over last year and the supply ample. Idaho said wages were "going to be reasonable and there is no shortage."

Daily Record of the Crime Wave

GILLETTE, Wyo., April 9.—Frank Wilkinson, 35, was convicted late last night of murder in the first degree in connection with the shooting of James P. Carlton, a prominent rancher, and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Harry P. Blakey. The jury was out one hour.

Carlton was shot to death on his ranch on Trail creek near here on June 8, 1919. Soon after the murder Ralph Wilkinson, brother of Frank, was tried for the crime and acquitted and the state dismissed the charge against Frank. Later he was re-arrested.

BUTTE, MONT., April 9.—Breaking a plate glass window in the entrance near the door, burglars robbed the jewelry store of M. Devoigne here of 55 watches and other jewelry, valued at more than \$2,000 early today.

A man found in the vicinity of the store soon after the robbery with a hammer wrapped in a towel in his pocket is held by the police. None of the stolen merchandise has been recovered.

This is the third jewelry store in Butte robbed in a similar manner in the last three weeks.

CALIFORNIA WINS FROM WASHINGTON

Berkeley Oarsmen Victorious for First Time on the River—Only Few Feet Separate Crews at Finish—Winning Crew to Compete at Poughkeepsie Race.

ABOARD SUB-CHASER 303, Oakland, Cal., Estuary, April 9.—(By wire to the Associated Press.) The blue oars of the University of California shell flashed across the finish line ahead of the long white paddles of the University of Washington boat on the Oakland estuary today in the annual three mile race for the intercollegiate rowing championship of the Pacific coast.

California led from the start, with their greatest margin at about the two mile point when they were almost a length ahead.

At the Park street bridge, less than a mile from the finish, Washington started to sprint, shooting her stroke from 33 up to 36.

California met this spurt by a similar pace.

Washington's sprint, with slight superiority in oarsmanship and the higher stroke enabled them to cut down all but five feet of the blue and gold lead.

The official time for the winner was fifteen minutes and thirty-two seconds.

California never before crossed the finish line first in a race against Washington for the varsity title.

Since 1908 when the blue and gold and the Sun Dodgers shells from Seattle first competed they have met six times and each time Washington or Stanford university have pulled across the water ahead.

Today Stanford was not represented.

Both crews rowed practically the same style and for the first two miles made about the same pace.

Apparently a greater strength in the California boat accounted for its lead.

The pace was described by experts as very fast throughout the race and averaged higher than any coast title races during the past several years.

The oarsmen in the shells showed excellent condition. Water and weather conditions gave no advantage to either crew.

After the race, following a western custom the losing shell rowed over to the blue and gold boat and gave the California men their white and gold rowing shirts in token of victory.

As a result of the victory the California eight will be sent east to row against Princeton university June 4 and to enter the big inter-collegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Third Championship

The win also gave the Bears their third consecutive major sport coast championship of the year, the blue and gold football "wonder team" and the Bear basketball five having annexed the Pacific conference titles since last fall.

Thousands of spectators witnessed the race.

There were hundreds on tall shipyard ways and drydocks along the course, many on the idle Alaska fishing "windjammers" and other vessels moored along the estuary, crowds on the approaches to the three opened drawbridges under which the boats rowed and scores of others crowding down to the water's edge at the finish line.

On the waters of the estuary, following the shells and anchored along the shore were dozens of launches, canoes and large observation boats, most of them with the California colors flung to the breezes.

In the air, half a dozen airplanes, some carrying newspaper photographers, circled around the boats as they sped up the estuary.

Freshmen of the University of California could not follow the example of their big brothers of the varsity and the Washington first year boat came across about three lengths ahead in the two mile race of the babes.

The official time was given as ten minutes, twenty-five and two-fifths seconds.

Liberty Bonds

NEW YORK, April 9.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's 90.04; first 4's 87.50; second 4's 87.60; first 4 1/2's 87.70; second 4 1/2's 87.54; third 4 1/2's 87.76; fourth 4 1/2's 87.64; Victory 3 1/2's 87.56; Victory 4 1/2's 87.58.

Missing U. S. Navy Balloon Found, But No Trace of Crew

PANAMA CITY, Fla., April 9.—The naval balloon which has been missing with five men since it left the Pensacola naval station March 22, was picked up in the gulf late yesterday by a fishing boat and brought here today. No trace of the crew was found.

STAGE DEMPSEY MATCH IN NEW JERSEY, JULY 2

Tex Rickard Announces 3 Possible Locations Atlantic City, Newark or Jersey City—Tickets to Range From Five to Fifty Dollars.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier will battle for the world's heavyweight pugilistic championship within the state limits of New Jersey on Saturday, July 2.

The exact location will not be announced until later, but selection of the site will be confined to Atlantic City, Newark, or Jersey City.

This was officially announced here today by Tex Rickard, who will have sole control of the arrangements and presentation of the match.

Dempsey, as heavyweight champion of the world, and Carpentier, in the role of challenger and European title holder will compete for sixty per cent of the gross gate receipts, which will be divided on a basis of sixty per cent to Dempsey and forty per cent to Carpentier.

Limited to 12 Rounds.

Under the New Jersey state boxing law the bout cannot exceed twelve three-minute rounds, and should both boxers be on their feet at the termination of the match, no decision can be rendered.

The arena, which will cost approximately \$100,000, will be constructed of lumber and will be octagonal. The eight sides will rise to a height of about fifty feet.

Prices of seats will range from fifty dollars for a ringside chair to five dollars for a bleacher coupon along the extreme edges of the structure. Intermediate sections will sell from ten to forty dollars a seat, according to location.

Toledo Arena Larger.

It will be three times the size of the arena constructed for Rickard at Reno where he staged the Johnson-Jeffries bout on July 4, 1910, but not quite as large as that built at Toledo for the Dempsey-Willard match. Both pugilists have been instructed to conform their training plans to the announcement made today. Dempsey will leave Seattle for this city on Sunday night and after attending to some personal business, will settle down to serious conditioning. Carpentier will sail for this country early next month and will devote at least six weeks to hard training.

MINING DELEGATES GIVEN A BARBECUE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9.—Delegates to the third international mining convention today were given an outing on the Columbia river highway with a barbecue as part of the program.

Nelson, B. C., was chosen for the next annual convention, but the time was not designated. Among resolutions adopted at the closing session was one urging appointment of Calvin E. Vilas, head of the United States assay office at Seattle, director of the federal mint.

This conference was understood to relate to Owen's bail, which was fixed at \$25,000 some time ago, previous to his arrest. Owen maintains that he could have furnished bail at Salt Lake City after his arrest, but refused to do so there. He intimated this forenoon that he could furnish the bail here any time he wanted to.

OWEN HERE SAYS BANK CH'GE FALSE

Alleged Master Mind in the Jacksonville Bank Failure Reaches Medford in Sheriff Terrill's Custody—Maintains Great Injustice Done—Confident of Acquittal.

"My arrest on this charge has done me an awful injustice, as will be shown by later developments," said C. H. Owen, the former Medford rancher and so-called "master mind" of the Jacksonville bank failure, who arrived here this morning in custody of Sheriff Terrill, following his arrest at Salt Lake City a week ago on the indictment returned against him by the Jackson county grand jury charging aiding and abetting a cashier to defraud a bank.

While this indictment charges an overdraft of \$21,000, it is understood that alleged overdrafts reach into the neighborhood of \$60,000. Owen ridicules this as well as the overdraft of \$21,000. From the depot, Sheriff Terrill and Owen went at once to the Hotel Medford, where Owen formerly lived during his residence here, for breakfast.

"I did business with Cashier Johnson legitimately the same as with any other business man," said Owen in an interview, "and the newspaper accounts published in some of the newspapers following my arrest are simply absurd and are grave mistakes. All this will be washed out in the course of time. I am innocent of any wrong doing."

Owen does not look worried and waxed very indignant over some of the statements published about his alleged connection with the bank failure. He even told the interviewer that if he had his way he would shoot every writer of such statements, so the present writer who dislikes the feel of bullets in his flesh is working his typewriter very carefully today.

Aliases Denied

"I have never passed under any name than my own anywhere," said Owen in discussing some of the published articles in Portland newspapers and elsewhere.

Owen who is 45 years old and has been in the oil promoting business for some time past in Salt Lake City, at the time of his arrest had under way, he says, one of the biggest ventures in that line in the country. He is seemingly prosperous and two of the companies with which he is connected recently struck good wells in the Wyoming field, one of which proved a gusher, he says. He organized the company which owns this gusher.

Business Record Good

"I have a good business reputation wherever I have been," said Owen. "This was shown when after my arrest in Salt Lake City a number of the big business men of that city came forward and offered assistance in helping me out of my present trouble. Within twelve hours after my arrest I received over a dozen telegrams from big business men of Oregon, California and elsewhere offering me assistance."

Sheriff Terrill backed up this statement by saying that Owen has an excellent standing in business circles in Salt Lake City. The sheriff also says that Owen has created an excellent impression on him since his arrest.

Arrangements were made this forenoon for a conference between Owen and County Prosecutor Moore this afternoon.

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CHEROKEE INDIANS FILE CLAIM TO OKLAHOMA CITIES AND OIL FIELDS

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Claim to 14,000,000 acres of land in Texas and Oklahoma, including the cities of Tulsa and Oklahoma City and virtually the entire Burkburnett oil field was filed in the supreme court today in behalf of the Cherokee Indian nation, supported by a government patent issued by President Van Buren and certified as authentic by the interior department.

The claim was in the form of a petition for permission to intervene in the Red river oil lands case, an original suit between Texas and Oklahoma involving jurisdiction over the valuable oil fields situated along the common boundary.

The motion was filed by John M. Taylor, a grand nephew of General Zachary Taylor, as attorney for the Cherokee nation. He said the patent was discovered accidentally among the papers of a deceased chief of the tribe.