

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 65
Minimum today 50
Precipitation 0.8

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain.

Daily—Sixteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-First Year.

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HOTEL MAID TELLS JURY ABOUT DOC

Clara Killion, Pretty Chamber Maid From Chateau, Lake Louise Says Dr. Brumfield Planned to Sail to Australia September 10th—State Is Near End of Its Case.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 14.—The prosecution planned today to wind up its case against Dr. R. M. Brumfield, having put on the stand nearly 50 witnesses who have told the story of the wrecked automobile and the circumstances surrounding the findings of the mutilated body identified as Dennis Russell's, for whose alleged murder Brumfield is on trial.

While a storm shrieked outside and pelted rain and hailstones against the windows, the state this morning put on the stand Mrs. Clara Killion, chambermaid at the Chateau-Lake Louise, Alberta. Petite and pretty she appeared dressed in black and wearing a veil. She said she met Dr. Brumfield July 19, while he was occupying a room at the chateau. She learned his name as Norman M. Whitney from the slip on his laundry.

The accused dentist watched her closely, but the witness never looked in his direction.

She said Brumfield had told her he intended to sail for Australia on a ship due to leave September 10.

Brumfield left the hotel August 2, she said, and after that wrote her one letter. The letter was not read.

Read Russell Letter

After an argument between attorneys for the state and defense the court permitted the prosecution to read to the jury the "Dennis Russell" letter, which the state contends was written by Brumfield while he was working on a farm near Calgary, intending to send it to District Attorney Neuner over the signature of Russell.

The court overruled objections of the defense to the testimony of Miss Florence Curry, former telegraph operator at Lake Louise, who told of Brumfield depositing \$100 with her to be forwarded to Mrs. Whitney.

Samuel B. Crouch, hardware merchant, identified the barrel of a rifle found in the wreckage of the car, as a gun he had sold to Brumfield four years ago.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 14.—First testimony concerning the amount of life insurance held by Dr. Brumfield, accused of the murder of Dennis Russell, came out at Brumfield's trial this afternoon when Charles McElhinney, Roseburg insurance man, gave testimony that on the day of the alleged crime Brumfield held a \$15,000 policy in an Oregon insurance company.

Detective R. Richardson of Calgary, who found the Dennis Russell letter under Brumfield's bed testified that the accused man admitted at the time that the missive was in his handwriting.

Several Roseburg bankers also identified the writing as Brumfield's. The state rested at 2:52 p. m., today.

SEATTLE, Oct. 14.—James E. Mahoney, convicted of first degree murder for slaying his elderly wife, Jate M. Mahoney, and burying her body in a trunk in Lake Union here, was today sentenced to be hanged January 6 at the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, Wash.

Vawter, Cowgill and Briggs Appointed to War Vet. Commission

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 14.—The world war veterans' state aid commission last night announced the names of appraisers appointed in 18 of the 36 counties in Oregon under the bonus law. The appointees will receive \$5 for each appraisal under the loan plan feature of the act. This fee will be paid by the applicants for loans and not by the state, as announced at the time the bonus act was enacted. The appointments for Jackson county are: V. H. Vawter, banker, Medford; Ralph P. Cowgill, civil engineer, Central Point; E. D. Briggs, lawyer, Ashland.

CALL MEETING TO FORM GOLF CLUB, OCT. 19

Over 100 Representative Citizens Sign Petition Expressing Desire to Have Country Club Near Medford—Project Well Received.

Medford is to have a new golf and country club if plans recently formulated by a number of representative business men materialize. R. H. McCurdy started the ball rolling by circulating a petition, and a meeting to perfect plans and name an organizing committee will be held at the public library Wednesday evening, October 19 at 8 p. m. Over 100 names have been secured, but no attempt to make a thorough canvass has been made, and any men and women in Medford or Jackson county interested in such a project are urged to attend this meeting.

C. E. Gates has been requested to preside at the meeting, so an auspicious launching of the project is assured. Before the meeting adjourns a fairly definite program will undoubtedly be formulated, and work started at once to secure grounds for 1922.

The following representative citizens have indicated their desire to have a golf and country club near Medford by signing the petition:

T. E. Daniels, Geo. T. Collins, Gordon Voorhies, Lincoln McCormack, E. B. Pickett, Robert Stearns, T. G. Thayer, J. J. Emmens, C. H. Brown, G. M. Roberts, Rawles Moore, P. J. Neff, R. J. Henry, Vernon Vawter, H. A. Thierolf, A. L. Hill, Chris Gottlieb, Al P. Hagen, E. F. Guthrie, C. C. Lemon, A. E. Reames, Chas. Reames, Thos. J. Fuson, E. B. Hanley, Milton Schuchard, Ben Sheldon, Robt. W. Ruhl, J. C. Mann, C. E. Gates, Harry Rosenberg, D. Rosenberg, E. G. Burgess, T. S. Johnston, Corbin Edgell.

Leonard Carpenter, Alfred Carpenter, H. L. Walther, Wm. G. Tait, H. Chandler Egan, Ralph G. Bardwell, C. S. Newhall, Geo. E. Gates, Earl S. Tully, Gain Robinson, Hamilton Patton, Guy Conner, Delroy Getchell, John S. Orth, Wm. F. Isaacs, H. G. Field, E. C. Ferguson, Carl Y. Tengswald, Horace Bromley, E. H. Jamney, O. O. Alenderfer, Ed Brown, O. C. Bosses, Sid Brown, E. W. Paul, W. Russell Coleman, W. J. Warner, J. A. Calles, C. C. McCurdy, Wm. Vawter, R. W. Clancy, E. E. Kelly, E. A. Welch, Edson Marshall.

S. T. Richardson, Floyd H. Hart, E. H. Gould, C. M. Kidd, D. S. Clark, Alice Holloway, Leon B. Haskins.

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BABE RUTH CROWNED BY LOYAL FANS

Home Run King, in Spite of Defeat, Gets Silver Crown Valued at \$600—Giants Lucky Is Yank Verdict—Meusel Wins Turkey Dinner From Brother Bob.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Babe Ruth, long known as the king of blout and sultan of swat by his subject fans, was formally crowned in the club house after the final of the series yesterday. Manager Miller Huggins officiated at the coronation ceremony, placing on the royal head \$600 worth of silver crown presented by admirers. The crown was inscribed "King Ruth."

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—New York went back to work today after partially forgetting business for more than a week because it interfered with interest in the world series. Many fans decided to wait a while before returning their noses to the grindstone. They felt it wholly befitting to sit and talk about what a great thing it all was—this triumph of the New York Giants over the New York Yankees five games to three, in the first world series that Manhattan ever enjoyed to itself. These fans opened the hot stove league season with fervor. Much of their chatter concerned yesterday's final in which the Giants beat the Yankees 1 to 0.

The Giant rosters contended their favorites were the gamest in baseball, and cited how, after they had been shut out in the first two contests, the McGraw men fought back, winning five of the last six games.

Supporters of the Yankees countered with the observation that unfortunate breaks in luck lost the last two games for the American leaguers, whose pitchers, Mays and Hoyt, performed magnificently and deserved shutouts. And they also would have Giant fans remember that Babe Ruth, the Thawhomer of all Thawhomers in the matter of clouting baseballs, played the early games handicapped by a multitude of injuries which forced him out entirely in the final trio of contests.

Everybody agreed that one big reason the Yankees lost the title, after starting out like whirlwinds was the failure of their heavy hitters to hit heavily.

"Nobody can say we quit," Babe Ruth declared. "It's too bad we lost but even in defeat we fought hard until the last man was out. The Giants got the breaks in the last two games. Luck was with them but we gave them a real fight."

Arthur Nehf who twirled the Giants to the world's championship in the final game said the ninth inning was the most thrilling he had ever pitched. "I knew I had victory and the title within my reach when I walked out to mound for the ninth," he continued. "I was not disturbed when Ruth came to the plate instead of Pipp. The biggest moment came when Ward walked and Baker stepped to the plate. I remembered that Baker beat Mathewson in a world series by making a home run in the ninth inning. I pitched carefully to Baker and when Rawlings stopped that ball it took a great load off my mind."

Walter Hoyt, the defeated twirler, was almost heartbroken at his failure to win his third straight game over the Giants. "I gave the best I had," he said.

The "turkey series" played off by the Meusel brothers—Emil of the Giants and Bob of the Yankees—was won by the former with a batting average of .445 to Bob's .290. In 29 times at bat, Emil scored four runs and made ten hits for a total of 17 bases. The Yankee Meusel, in 39 trips to the plate, scored three runs and made six hits for a total of eight bases. Under the rules of the series, proposed by Emil, Bob must furnish a Thanksgiving dinner for the whole Meusel family.

Fall plowing will be in full swing throughout the valley by the first of the week as the result of the rain of Wednesday evening, which gave the ground a good soaking. The farmers were hoping for a series of rains about the middle of September and are about a month behind in their work.

May Figure in Divorce



According to reports from Chicago, Harold F. McCormick, president of the International Harvester Company, and Mrs. Edith McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, are contemplating divorce proceedings. It was intimated that he will hereafter live widely-separated lives, and there were reports that a divorce is more than a mere possibility.

DR. BRUMFIELD'S SHERIFF IS A LOCAL WITNESS

R. W. Starmer of Douglas County Testifies in C. A. Brumfield Case in Federal Court—Defendant's Partner Tells of Moonshining Deal.

Picturesque witnesses, among them Sheriff R. W. Starmer of Douglas county, a central figure in the Dr. R. M. Brumfield murder case now under way at Roseburg, testified in the federal court yesterday afternoon and this morning in the trial of John Ison, an ex-special game warden, and C. A. Brumfield, a farmer, Sheriff Starmer is a vital witness in the Brumfield murder, which was committed in the territory he officially guards, and an important witness in the federal court here. He was the arresting officer.

On his first appearance on the stand Sheriff Starmer testified that there was a stovepipe running out of the still house, located on the ranch of Sam M. Welleck, a co-defendant, who turned state's evidence. Welleck testified there was no pipe running through the roof.

Sheriff Starmer this morning requested the privilege to qualify his testimony, which was granted. He was called to the stand and testified that there was no stovepipe, and that he had been so busy that he overlooked the detail, but that he wanted the jury to understand it correctly.

Attorney Abrams for the defense, asked Sheriff Starmer, if his return to the stand was not for the purpose of making his testimony agree with that of Welleck's, which he denied. "You are sure you have not made a mistake about finding the still," asked the defense attorney.

Government Sustained

This line of questioning brought forth a strenuous objection from the government attorney, which was sustained, and Sheriff Starmer left the stand. The sheriff has been kept on the jump between the Brumfield moonshining case and the Brumfield murder case in Roseburg, the principals being only of the same name in the same locality.

Humor found its way into the dignified session. Gunner Jolsen, a young man of 26 years, and Scandinavian extraction, was a smiling witness for the government. He testified he and Frank Carlson, went to a feed barn near the farm rented by Brumfield, "to find a bottle," and instead found a small still hid under the straw. They took the still up to his house, and showed it to his folks and then returned it to its hiding place.

Asked why he entered the feed barn, Jolsen said "we wanted to play a yoke on dem fellers." He admitted he and Carlson were a sort of a reconnoitering party for booze. He said he had heard there were stills in that part of Douglas county, but had never seen any of them.

Lie Is Passed

W. H. Long, a native of Douglas county, used the word "He" in denying the intimation that he and his mother, and the defendant Brumfield had quarreled over a lease to land, and said, "Mr. Brumfield and I are as good friends as two men can be."

He said he saw Ison, while he was working in a strawberry patch, and that the special game warden called him to the fence and asked for some

REFUSE TO GIVE COUNTY WORKERS A SALARY BOOST

Salaries of county employees at the court house will remain as they are according to a decision of the county budget committee reached at the session Thursday. Some of the women workers requested a 10 per cent increase, the same as granted last year, but this was denied. There was considerable perturbation among the ladies on account of the rumor that there was a cut in pay scheduled. One resigned as a result thereof.

The chief argument advanced for a wage increase was that "better pay could be secured packing apples." The budget committee countered with the argument that fruit packing lasted three months, and a county job 12 months and sometimes was not particularly strenuous.

The budget committee, which is composed of Horace Pelton of Sams Valley, Thomas Simpson of Ashland, and John A. Westerland of this city, went over the budget with the county court, and made no radical slashes, though reductions were made in some items, and additions in others.

The budget committee will convene again next Thursday, to finish up the work.

smoking tobacco. While thus engaged, he saw Welleck driving towards them in a wagon and remarked:

"Here comes another man who will be out of tobacco."

"Sure enough," continued Long, "Welleck drove up, and said 'Hello, Bill, give me a pipeful of tobacco.' He said Welleck and Ison rode down the road together. Long said there was something under the wagon seat which the government maintains was the still found by Gunner Jolsen."

\$500 for One Barrel

Sam Welleck was the first witness for the government, and described in detail his start in moonshining, and the making of the still, which he assembled before the jury.

Welleck said that the readjustment period left its mark on him, and that one day while talking to Brumfield, he remarked, that "unless things picked up he would have to start making whiskey."

He said Brumfield told him he would give \$500 for a barrel of whiskey, and that afterwards Brumfield furnished a still, (the small one Gunner Jolsen testified he found) and the ingredients, corn, cracked corn, corn meal and brown sugar. Welleck testified he took the still to his home and started experimenting, but could produce nothing but a "poor grade of vinegar."

Later, after this failure, Welleck testified that Brumfield told him he had a man who knew how to make whiskey, and that the one they had was too small "to do any good with commercially." He then alleged that Ison, the special game warden, then came to his house, and made the still introduced as an exhibit, and described minutely and in whole, just how it was made, and how the corn was spread on the roof of the porch to sprout, after soaking all night in a nearby creek. According to Welleck, the method followed was to mix corn meal boiled to the thickness of much with hot water and brown sugar. Before the still was operated the floor seized it. Under the plan Welleck was to get \$8 per gallon for the mountain dew, and Ison and Brumfield \$12. He said he did the work and furnished the room, Brumfield the material, and Ison the knowledge for the venture.

Bull Full of Silo Moonshine, Puts Out Mail Carrier's Car

ADAIR, Ia., Oct. 14.—Duke, a prize bull owned by a farmer near here, attacked an automobile belonging to Mail Carrier Clyde Edwards, it became known here. The bull was declared to have been under the influence of fermented silo fodder and staggeringly planted himself in the center of the road. When the car came up he let drive with both horns and then weaved down the road leaving a badly battered "flivver."

MRS. SOUTHARD LOSES FIGHT TO BAR EVIDENCE

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Oct. 14.—Under the terms of a ruling by Judge Babcock in the case of Lydia Meyer Southard on trial for the murder by poisoning of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, the state this morning began taking testimony as to the death of Harlan C. Lewis, Robert C. Dooley and William G. McHaffie, former husbands of the defendant and Edward Dooley, brother-in-law. The decision on the question of the right of the state to introduce such testimony negatives an objection lodged by the defense and is interpreted as permitting the bars for a complete review of the entire marital history of the defendant and the circumstances surrounding the deaths of each of the four men mentioned.

Specimens from organs of the bodies of each will be placed in evidence together with expert testimony tending to prove the presence in the specimens of the same poison as that alleged to have caused the death of Meyer.

The medical history of each case will be gone into in detail in an effort to show that the symptoms in each were identical with those in the case of Meyer.

In a brief address to the jury following his decision upon the admission of this evidence, Judge Babcock stated that the admission would be permitted in order to establish the absence of any element of accident or mistake in the case of Meyer.

Deputy Sheriff V. H. Ormsby took the stand for the state and told in detail of the exhumation of the bodies of Lewis, McHaffie and Edward and Robert C. Dooley and the securing of specimens from the bodies of each. He also testified at length as to conversations between himself and the defendant during the period between the date when he took charge of her following her arrest in Honolulu and her incarceration in the Twin Falls county jail.

The defendant, according to the witness, talked freely about her former husbands, the final illness of each and the life insurance held by each.

AUTOS SMASH IN FRONT OF PAGE

While endeavoring to pass a truck last evening on Main street in front of the Page theatre, Clarence Frick who was driving a Ford touring car collided with the rear end of a Maxwell roadster belonging to Ralph L. Pollock. The Maxwell was parked in front of the Medford Domestic Laundry and Mr. Pollock was seated in the Page seeking excitement in the story of the R. N. W. M. P. when he could have had plenty of excitement had been in his car.

When Frick tried to stop he discovered that his brakes did not work due to a broken axle which must have broken just before the collision. The rear fender of the Maxwell was bent and the tail light smashed. The front end of the Ford was totally wrecked.

The grand jury term of the circuit court for October will be called next Monday. They will probably be in session all week.

KANSAS MINERS CALL MASS MEETING TO DECIDE WHO'S WHO IN THE UNION

PITTSBURG, Kas., Oct. 14.—With two sets of union officials functioning in the Kansas coal fields as a result of an order by John L. Lewis, president of the international union, suspending members of the Alexander Howat administration and creating a provisional organization to take charge of district affairs, interest in the situation today centered about a mass meeting of miners at Franklin at which it was understood a permanent program would be determined.

The suspended officials so far have declined to permit George L. Peck, local member of the international

HIGHTOWER CONVICTED OF MURDER

Itinerant Baker Found Guilty of Murdering Father Heslin, Catholic Priest, Last August—Life Imprisonment Is Recommended—Brief History of Case.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Oct. 14.—William A. Hightower, itinerant baker, was declared guilty by a jury late yesterday of first degree murder in connection with the death of Father Patrick E. Heslin, a Colma, Cal., Catholic priest last August. The jury recommended life imprisonment. The defendant will appear for sentence tomorrow.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Oct. 14.—William A. Hightower, itinerant baker and casual laborer, charged with the murder of the Rev. Patrick E. Heslin, Colma, Cal., Catholic priest, protested his innocence from the first and maintained that he would be willing to have a full jury of priests sit in judgment on him. The killing of Father Heslin provided one of the greatest murder mysteries in California.

Days of grilling and the accumulation of much evidence against Hightower failed to break him down. So great was the strain to which he was subjected that he was unable to eat the first few days of the examination and lost many pounds in weight.

Father Heslin was called from his home at Colma, a suburb of San Francisco, about nine o'clock the night of Tuesday, August 2, by a muffled stranger who said he wanted the priest to administer the last sacrament to a dying man. The two rode away in a small automobile.

The following morning Miss Marie Wendel, the priest's housekeeper, notified the police of the priest's failure to return home, and a search was begun that attracted attention of the entire county. Miss Wendel later identified Hightower as the man who had called for Father Heslin.

After a few days the searchers announced that they were "up against a stone wall." The first tangible clue came with the receipt of a typewritten letter by Right Rev. Edwin J. Hanna, archbishop of the Catholic archdiocese of San Francisco, demanding a ransom of \$5,500 for Father Heslin, and saying that the priest would be killed if the money was not paid. The letter was received the day after Father Heslin disappeared.

MEDFORD HOME IS ROBBED OF CASH

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Findlay on Summit avenue was entered last night while all the occupants of the house were absent and cash and jewelry valued at \$100 was taken. The thieves gained entrance through a door on the south side of the house, went upstairs and ransacked the dresser drawers. The valuables were the property of Miss Eicher, daughter of Mrs. Findlay.

The Findlays left the house at about 7:30 and returned about 11 o'clock. The robbery took place during their absence. No clue has yet been discovered which would point to the identity of the pulprits.

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WOMAN TALKS RIGHT BACK TO THE PRESIDENT ON DISARMAMENT ACTION

(NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Mrs. Ella L. Fried, a speaker for the Citizens' Disarmament committee, today sent a letter to President Harding, urging that he advocate reduction by one-half of the world's present armament at the Washington conference.

The letter to the executive, whose letter to her was made public last Wednesday called attention that her name had been misread as Miss Freed.

"I asked you what you meant by 'reasonable limitation.' You say you mean 'something practicable.' My second letter said, 'That is exactly

the same thing you said before in other words. Synonyms are not definite. Permit me to ask you whether you consider a reduction of the world's military burdens by one-half reasonable or practicable? If every one of the nations at the conference agrees to reduce its armament one-half, their relative strength would remain as great as before. That is clear, I hope.

"Then why not suggest one-half reduction? When that has been done the women of the world will furnish you further suggestions as to what is reasonable and practicable."