

The Weather  
Prediction Fair  
Maximum yesterday 61  
Minimum today 42  
Precipitation .06

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago  
Prediction Occasional rain  
Maximum yesterday 54  
Minimum today 33  
Precipitation .08

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## RESERVOIR AND METERS CITY WATER

Council to Ask Estimates On Job—Meters for Economy—New Pipe Line Favored—Cut Off Homes Outside of City Limits, Or Be Annexed—Action Next Meeting.

After having considered the troublesome problem for a year or more from all angles of Medford's water supply in the summer time, the subject was vigorously discussed again by the city council last night and that body unanimously decided to take steps at once to get estimates on the cost of building a second reservoir as soon as possible to supplement the present one.

Not only that but the council decided to put on all commercial users of water on the meter basis and instructed Water Superintendent Davis to order the meters for this purpose at once, for installation before the hot weather season arrives. This means that all the city's ice plants, garages, cold storage and refrigeration plants, barber shops, hotels, restaurants, creameries and other large users will go on the meter basis. The council figures that the meters will tend to economy in the use of water.

While no definite action was taken the council laid on the table several requests for city water at homes outside the city, and expressed themselves as opposed to letting city water go outside the city limits for any purpose.

No longer will people find it profitable to build their homes outside the city limits, expecting to enjoy city water and other city advantages, and at the same time avoid paying city taxes, if the present mood of the council and mayor continues. While no definite action was taken last night it was the unanimous opinion that proper warning be given to those groups of dwellers contiguous to the city, to become annexed to the city, else city water and fire protection will be shut off.

The council will work to bring about these annexations, which come through special elections, which must be carried by both the city voters and the voters of each section to be annexed. It is estimated that there are 1900 persons residing just outside the city, who by residing there, escape payment of city taxes.

Medford has a plentiful water supply but the fault is in its distributing system, which prevents certain higher sections of the city getting sufficient pressure. The councilmen discussed possible ways of remedying this situation, as it often has done before. The present reservoir cannot be enlarged or built higher, and it is deemed useless with the present reservoir to build another pipe line across the city in an effort to give those sections which suffer from lack of water in summer any help. Therefore the determination to build an additional reservoir, if possible, and next another main pipe line across the city from the new reservoir to provide an equal pressure all around.

## Politics and Wall St. On Trail of Henry

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Mar. 22.—Prediction that Henry Ford's proposal to lease the government's projects at Muscle Shoals would not be accepted "because of too much politics," was made by his friend, Thomas A. Edison, in a statement here last night while enroute to his winter home at Fort Myers, where Mr. Ford will join him tomorrow.

## GIRL ACCUSER OF SPORT PROMOTER 'WANTED MONEY'

Sarah Schoenfeld, Age 15, Testifies Against Tex Rickard—Made Visit Because 'I Wanted Money of Him'—Tells of Swimming Pool Friend and Auto Rides.

NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—Resuming her testimony today before a supreme court jury trying Tex Rickard for criminal assault, 15-year-old Sarah Schoenfeld declared that three days after his arrest the sports promoter took her and Nellie Gasko, a school girl chum, for an automobile ride through Central Park and told them to say "another man did it" if they got caught. Rickard was under arrest at the time for assaulting Alice Rick, 15.

"Isn't it too bad," Sarah quoted Rickard as saying, "that Alice had to tell such lies about me? I am awful, awful sorry for her and wish I could help her."

Continuing, the girl said: "He said we mustn't tell on him, because if we did we would be locked up until we were 18 years old and we couldn't visit our friends and have any more good times."

## EXONERATE GUARD WHO SLEW CONVICT

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 22.—John Davidson, penitentiary guard who Tuesday morning shot and killed James Ogle a life term convict when Ogle threatened and threw a rock at the guard in what was believed to be an intended attempt to break for liberty, was today exonerated from all blame by the coroner's jury investigating the death of Ogle.

## 4 PLY PACT UNDER FIRE C. LAKE ROAD LA FOLLETTE

Flood of Oratory at Hand—'Little Bob' Says Japan and England Benefitted, and Means Closer Bond in the Future—Speeches Will Delay Votes On Treaty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 22.—When Senator LaFollette was reciting the consequences of Japan's policy in Korea and the Far East, Senator Watson, democrat, Ga., interrupted to say: "It has come to me, from a source which I cannot reveal, but upon which I rely, that the pastor who opened the conference with prayer had in his prayer an illusion to the merits of the blood of our saviors, Jesus, and he was asked to strike it out, and he did strike it out."

"He denies his Christ," said Senator LaFollette. "Yes," replied Senator Watson, "and he did it because of a nation which at the very time was crucifying him anew."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—A flood of prepared speeches for and against the four-power Pacific treaty was poured in the senate today as the period of unlimited debate came to an end under the unanimous consent agreement which will bring a final ratification vote Friday.

The one hour limit on individual speeches was effective at 3 p. m., today and several senators who had prepared long addresses jostled one another in bidding for recognition in the eleventh hour crush of "canned oratory."

## OREGON POTATOES HURT BY FREEZE

PORTLAND, Ore., March.—Damage to underground fields of potatoes in Oregon during the past winter, has been the most severe of recent years, according to reports to the bureau of markets and crop estimates of the department of agriculture. This was due to freezing without snow covering. Reports from the central and eastern parts of the state say there has been some loss from freezing in the pits.

## EARLY START OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR IS INDICTED

Charged With Accepting \$25,000 for Depositing \$150,000 in Bank After Insolvent—Many Prominent Men Are Implicated—Oil Lease Sales Mixed Up in Deal.

OKMULGEE, Okla., March 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—Governor J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma and Fred G. Dennis, former state banking commissioner were named as recipients of a \$25,000 bribe conditioned on their deposit of \$150,000 of state funds in the Guaranty State bank of this city to permit the bank to operate while in an insolvent condition, in an indictment returned by the district court grand jury against John P. Cook, former president of the bank, and John H. Rebold, vice president.

The bill was made public shortly after noon today, after Cook and Rebold had been arrested.

## BOY MILLIONAIRE BOUND OVER ON LIQUOR CHARGES

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 22.—John Duval Dodge, youthful Detroit millionaire, was bound over to the April term of circuit court at his preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Blankenburg here this afternoon on a charge of illegal possession of liquor. Meanwhile the jury trying Dodge on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated, was still deliberating.

## MYSTERY MURDER OF UTAH RANCHER

SALT LAKE CITY, March 22.—Mystery surrounds the deaths of Charles Bradford and his nephew, George Bradford, who were found shot and killed six miles east of Monticello, south west Utah, according to word received here.

## FORESTRY SERVICE DECIDES ON PLANS UNDER NEW FEDERAL APPROPRIATION—WORK HELD UP PENDING DECISION—RUSH TRAIL PROSPECT SECTION—EXPECT CALL FOR BIDS.

A telegram received by the chamber of commerce from Senator McNary, answering an appeal wired to him by Ben Sheldon respecting an early start upon the road between Trail and Prospect by the forestry service, states that Secretary Wallace had just decided upon rules and regulations for the conduct of this work under the new federal road appropriation bill, and that work on the Crater Lake project would be initiated at an early date.

This is most welcome news to Medford. The local chamber of commerce and the county court had worked out an agreement between the federal department and the state highway commission respecting the prosecution of this work which provided for the completion of the highway to Prospect with first class macadam surface. The actual construction work has been held up pending a decision by the department at Washington which covered many points of controversy in several of the western states affected by the new federal law and one or two projects in Oregon upon which the federal and state authorities had not reached a complete agreement.

The local people pushing the matter state that they expect the Portland office of the federal road bureau will call for bids on this Trail-Prospect construction within a short time.

## GIRL IN ARBUCKLE CASE TOO SICK TO TESTIFY

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—Miss Zey Prevost, wanted in San Francisco as a material witness in the third trial of Roscoe Arbuckle on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the death of Miss Virginia Rappe and who is registered at a local hotel under the name of Miss Zebelle Elbury, was reported too ill today to start for the Pacific coast.

## EDISON RESENTS 'LETTER HINTING' 'SENILE DECAY'

WISCONSIN U PROFESSOR WRITES HIS QUESTIONS ON FINANCES INDICATES IT—ALSO VERY DISCOURTEOUS—PROF. SCOTT NOT IMPRESSED, AND NO TIME TO WRITE TEXT BOOK.

MADISON, Wis., Mar. 22.—A letter which Thomas A. Edison says contains an implication of senile decay against him, was made public here today.

Mr. Edison sent it to the University of Wisconsin regents and to President E. A. Birge of the university with the suggestion that the author, Professor W. A. Scott, director of the university's course of commerce, was "very discourteous."

Mr. Edison explained that recently he had sent a questionnaire to seventeen persons with the purpose of gaining their views on changes he proposed in the American currency system.

"Many of the gentlemen to whom the questionnaire was sent," Mr. Edison wrote, "have courteously taken great pains to prepare and sent answers to my questions."

## WORLD FAMOUS POET WOODED MUSE IN EGYPT, WHILE WIFE KEPT BOARDERS

CHICAGO, Mar. 22.—Poetry, penned years ago by Edgar Lee Masters, author of "Spoon River Anthology," was cited as the basis for court action here yesterday wherein Mrs. Helen Hawkins Masters was granted a decree of separate maintenance by Judge Eva Raynor.

## IRISH MESS GETS WORSE ON BORDER

British Troops May Intervene—Both Sides Immune to Common Sense—Rioters Protest Penalty—Desultory Fighting at Belfast Continues Throughout Day.

LONDON, Mar. 22.—(By Associated Press.) The British government may have to consider whether it may be possible to draw a cordon of imperial troops between the warring elements on the Ulster frontier, Winston Spencer Churchill, the colonial secretary, stated in the house of commons today.

LONDON, Mar. 22.—(By Associated Press.) The situation on the border between Ulster and southern Ireland is going from bad to worse and is such that some trifling incident may draw the rival forces into a conflict which will shatter all prospects of peace in Ireland, says the Dublin correspondent of the Times. "The tragic irony of the situation," he adds, "consists in the fact that the vast majority of Irishmen of all parties deplore the danger, but seem unable to avert it. Each side daily takes some measure of defense which it regards as legitimate but which produces prompt retaliation from the other side with the result that political passions are intensified and the pleadings of common sense fail to find hearing."

The correspondent adds that the sentences meted out to captured raiders have added to the trouble, being denounced as savagery and intended to degrade the captives, while the incidents at Belfast add fuel to the anger. Southern opinion is convinced that the flogging penalty will be reserved chiefly and perhaps entirely, for Catholics found in possession of arms.

While the north refuses to believe order ever will be maintained in the south, the attitude of either side is looked on by the writer as pregnant with a thousand menaces of disaster. He contends that the only thing necessary to avert a calamity is a frank exchange of views by the two governments, but this has not been attempted.

DUBLIN, Mar. 22.—(By Associated Press.) It was officially announced in the republican organ here today that the Irish republican army convention, the holding of which was recently forbidden by Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann would be held in Dublin Sunday as arranged. The announcement is taken here to mean that a definite split in the republican army has come.

According to Commandant Roderick O'Connor, director of engineering headquarters staff of the Irish republican army, eighty per cent of the army's members believe the army has been "let down," and that the Dail has been false to the republican oath by agreeing to accept the inclusion of Ireland within the British empire.

## SOUTH SEA DANCE NO WORSE THAN SHIMMY, SLEUTHS SHAMED, NOT COURT

NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—Soothed with the judicial verdict that the dance art of the south seas, grass skirts and all, can't be worse if as bad as our native shimmy, four fair dancers arrested when they "shocked" Manhattan police detectives today were free to practice their imported movements as they will.

## Plan War on Idiots

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 22.—Heads of the state highway patrol arrived here today for conferences with Spokane city and county officials at which cooperative plans will be made for protection of highways, enforcement of motor laws and checking of speed. All judges, city and county attorneys, the commissioner of public safety, the chief of police and the sheriff, have been invited to attend.