

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**The Weather**

Prediction ..... Rain  
 Maximum yesterday ..... 69  
 Minimum today ..... 38

**Weather Year Ago**

Maximum ..... 54  
 Minimum ..... 39  
 Precipitation ..... Trace

Daily—Seventeenth Year.  
Weekly—Fifty-second Year.

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## POST OFFICE IS ROBBED LOSS 20,000

**Yeggs Make Rich Haul at Olympia, Wash.—Vaults Blown Up, Doors Jimmied—\$25,000 Daylight Cash—Robbery in Los Angeles—Thieves Take Car and Cash.**

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 19.—Between forty and fifty thousand dollars worth of stamps, about \$100 in cash and \$400 in cash contained in registered mail, were stolen by robbers who broke into the Olympia post-office early today, according to an estimate made early this afternoon by Postmaster Frank S. Clem. This was not the result of the final check, however, which is in progress.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 19.—Robbers broke into the Olympia post-office early this morning, drilled their way into the money order vault, blew open the stamp safe and escaped with stamps valued at between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Postmaster Frank S. Clem estimated today. In addition there was about \$100 in cash and a registered letter, believed to have contained \$400, taken. A check was being made by Postmaster Clem and W. F. Case, federal inspector from Tacoma, this morning to determine the actual loss.

The robbers made their entrance to the postoffice through a coal chute in the basement after prying off the large padlock on the iron doors. They had also climbed an iron telephone pole at the side of the building and cut all the telephone lines.

The intruders had to pass through two heavy doors to get to the main floor of the postoffice and these were pried open with heavy tools.

The vault in the postmaster's office was opened first by application of an electric drill. Two sets of steel doors were pried open on this vault, but the cracksmen found nothing of value they could carry inside.

They then made their way to the other end of the building, where the money order room is situated and drilled through two more sets of doors into the money order vault.

It was necessary to blow open the steel cabinet containing the stamps and a charge of powder was applied. This explosion was heard by a night clerk in a hotel a block and a half away. It was said, and also by a resident living near the building. The robbery occurred some time between three and four o'clock. It is believed.

Papers and letters were scattered about the floors of the two vaults and several tools which had been used to force an entry were found in the money order vault, including a sledgehammer, a hatchet, a bar and a chisel. An attempt will be made to get finer prints on these tools, Inspector Case said.

When Paul F. Harger, fireman of the postoffice, arrived this morning about 5 o'clock, he discovered the robbery.

## Bishop's Love Talk 'Falsehood, Declares Dr. Percy S. Grant

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—Quoting from the recent sermon in which Bishop Manning said "the touching that marriage should last only while love lasts, means in reality that marriage does not exist at all," the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, addressing his congregation in the Church of the Ascension, said yesterday.

"I never heard such an expression from the pulpit of such falsehood. If you read that backwards it means that after marriage love does not exist."

## HIGH JINKS AT CIVIC BANQUET AT 6:30 TONIGHT

Speeches, Music and Stunts to Mark Opening of Chamber of Commerce Drive at Hotel Medford Tonight—The Program.

The program of the civic dinner at the Hotel Medford tonight contains a varied assortment of entertainment. The dinner starts at 6:30, and Emil Mohr expects to have the capacity of his dining room taxed.

The speakers of the evening will be Irving Vining of Ashland and M. J. Duryea of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. Ed Andrews has prepared a skit especially for the dinner, and the Craters who will attend in a body with their ladies have arranged some entertainment for the occasion.

Frank Buchter and Fay Bragg, high school students, will give a short debate on the civic desirability of a Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. S. M. Scott will sing several solos accompanied by Mr. Scott, and popular music will be furnished by Herb Launspach's orchestra. The dining room has been decorated by Swann and special lighting effects have been arranged by the electrical dealers and The California Oregon Power company.

The dinner will mark the opening of the membership expansion campaign of the Chamber of Commerce, although the actual work of solicitation will not start till tomorrow morning. All the soliciting teams will be present as well as many others who are interested in the campaign. It will not, however, be a closed affair as the entire public has been invited.

The purpose is frankly to instill enthusiasm into both workers and prospects, and the whole program has been arranged to that end. Paul B. McKee, manager of the campaign, will preside and has stated that he expects to see more genuine Medford spirit shown than on any other occasion since he has come to Medford.

As guests of honor Anne Shannon Monroe and Alice Hanley, the magazine writer, both of whom are visiting in Medford, have been invited. Both have declared their pleasure in accepting. Miss Monroe has consented to speak at the luncheon on Wednesday for the campaign workers.

Host Emil Mohr has outdone himself in preparing the menu. Mr. Mohr who is also a team captain, has declared that his house will be turned over to the people of Medford tonight. He anticipates that the rafters will ring as they haven't rung before, and he merely asks that the diners in their enthusiasm do not break any windows or furniture.

## WINTER REIGNS MIDDLE WEST, FRUIT FROZEN

**Terrific Cold Snap and Blizzard Hits Mississippi Valley—Traffic Tied Up—Mercury Below Zero—Fear Peach Crop Wiped Out.**

MILWAUKEE, March 19.—Sixteen degrees below and heavy snow was the word from Oshkosh today. Light snow and 36 degrees below zero at Superior and ten below without any new snow was Wausau's report.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Winter's final blast, which has been attended by blizzards and near-zero weather in the mid-west, will over-spread the east and south tonight, but relief is promised by Wednesday.

The cold wave from the Northwest will rapidly envelope the east and south tonight, the weather bureau says, with frost as far south as Palm Beach, Fla.

A storm of packed intensity is central over northwestern New York today and moving rapidly northeastward. Another disturbance of wide extent and considerable energy is moving southeastward over the Canadian northwest.

Freezing weather was reported as far south as Galveston, Texas. At Fort Smith, Ark., the thermometer registered 1 degree below zero. Many stations in the mid-west reported the lowest temperatures ever recorded so late in the season.

PEORIA, Ill., March 19.—Two below zero here today was the coldest March day on record since 1887. When six degrees below zero was reached.

Below in Iowa. FORT DODGE, Ia., March 19.—Following a blizzard of two days' duration the mercury today dropped to the unusual low depth for March of 15 degrees below zero, equalling the lowest temperature this city has had this winter.

Chicago. Fifty passengers on the Great Western railway trains that were tied up in the storm here yesterday, are being fed and lodged in dining cars and Pullmans in the yards. Twenty passengers for whom accommodations were lacking have been stopping since Sunday noon at a hotel as guests of the road.

MASON, Ia., March 19.—Every road into Mason City was blocked this morning with drifts as high as ten feet. The mercury descended to 16 below zero. The city has not been isolated to as great an extent since 1912, according to merchants here.

CHICAGO, March 19.—With only one day intervening before the theoretical arrival of spring, the entire Mississippi valley from the Rockies eastward and from the far north-west to upper Florida today was gripped by a bitter cold wave and part of the area was covered by snow, piled into drifts by the high winds that were general throughout the region.

Sub-zero and zero temperatures prevailed as far south as southwestern Missouri while southern states reported low temperature records for this time of the year.

In the upper Mississippi valley and Rocky Mountain region train service was paralyzed.

Winter blasts brought the second blizzard of the week into the Mississippi valley yesterday. Temperatures dropped precipitately. Decatur, Ill., reporting a drop of 25 degrees in three hours.

Throughout the northwest, orders were issued by railroads cancelling freight trains and certain passenger service. Some roads placed embargoes on perishables. Trains were stalled for hours in snow drifts, six, eight or ten feet in depth.

## President and Mrs. Harding With Sec'y Christian on Florida Houseboat



Are We Satisfied With Medford?

Are we satisfied that from 1910 until the present, Medford has not increased in population?  
 Are we content to watch the cities of California and those all around us in Oregon grow with rapid strides during that same period while we do nothing to match their progress?  
 Are we content to allow thousands of acres in the Rogue River valley, than which there is no more fertile and beautiful on the Pacific coast, to lie idle?  
 Are we content to see thousands of horse power of hydro-electric energy go to waste simply because industrial plants are not urged to locate here?  
 Are we content to deprive ourselves of civic improvements which other communities enjoy and which Medford could have by a determined effort of its citizens?  
 The worshippers of the cult of Things-As-They-Are are at the bottom of the abyss. The satisfied persons are always the spiritually poverty stricken. Are we satisfied with Medford?  
 Westward, ever westward, moves the course of empire. By every law of human progress the Pacific coast is destined to be the seat of the richest civilization that the world has ever seen. The movement of a vast horde of peoples from the east to the west is as inevitable as eternity. Even this year, 1923, will see more immigration to the Pacific than has ever been seen in the history of this country.  
 Are we going to look at this vast trek from afar and watch it stop to the south of us and the north of us and the east of us?  
 Or are we going out to meet it and help guide it to this valley where the sun shines so long and Nature is so prodigal?  
 Tomorrow the Chamber of Commerce will start its campaign for memberships. Tomorrow Medford will ask its citizens to examine their civic consciences. Tomorrow they will be asked to get civic religion.  
 Medford's hope for the future will be tested. If Medford gains a large enthusiastic Chamber of Commerce, its chances for prosperity are rosete. If it does not, it has an excellent chance of becoming a thoroughly second rate community.  
 The question is now up to every man and every woman: Are we satisfied with Medford? They will give their answer to the soliciting teams during these next three days.—Contributed.

## HOUSE OF DAVID PROBE IS STARTED

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Mar. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—A suit which attorneys for either side say will delve to the very foundations of the "House of David" religious colony at Benton Harbor, was begun in United States district court here today.

The action is that of John W. Hansell and wife of Nashville, Tenn., instituted to collect the sum of \$80,000 from Benjamin Purnell, head of the colony, the plaintiff claiming that sum due them for property turned over to the organization when they joined the House of David, and labor performed by Hansell, his wife and six children while they were members.

## Refuses Operation Until Secy. Interior Gives His Consent

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Secretary Work was summoned to Rochester, Minn., today by Senator Nicholson of Colorado, who is seriously ill there.

The senator has declined to submit to an operation unless Dr. Work, a physician and friend of 16 years, is present at the final consultation.

When Senator Nicholson became ill here after the adjournment of congress, he was removed to the Mayo hospital at Rochester.

Russia Toy Abandoned. WASHINGTON, March 19.—The tour of Russia this summer by a party of senators and representatives as guests of the soviet government, has been abandoned, Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota, announced today. Failure to receive an official invitation from the soviets and inability to get together a congressional party were the reasons given.

Senator Ladd, however, may make the trip alone later.

## FEBRUARY PROHIBITION EXPENSE \$703.66

According to the county clerk's office, prohibition enforcement in Jackson county for the month of February, cost \$703.66, chiefly for salaries. The Standard Oil received \$61.74 for gasoline, and miscellaneous auto expenses totaled \$58.72. S. B. Sandefer, prohibition enforcement officer, drew a warrant for \$457.42; J. H. Leggett, \$122, and Bert Moses, \$4.

## King Tut's Discoverer Bitten By An Insect

CAIRO, Egypt, March 19.—The Earl of Carnarvon, who has been supervising the excavations at the tomb of King Tutankhamen, is suffering severely from blood poisoning presumably the result of an insect bite.

Bishop Tuttle Still Lives. ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 19.—The right Rev. Daniel E. Tuttle, 86 years old, presiding bishop of the Episcopal church in the United States, relapsed into a state of coma today, it was announced at his home here. The aged prelate has been ill from grippe for more than two weeks. He is the oldest Anglican bishop in point of service in the world.

\$75,000 Fire Seattle. SEATTLE, March 19.—Loss estimated at \$75,000 resulted from fire which this morning partially destroyed the dock and plant occupied by the Western Pine company here. A high wind made the work of fighting the flames difficult and for a time adjoining property was menaced.

Classes in golf for women have been inaugurated at the University of Cincinnati.

## Golfer Beats Angler In Freak Contest English Golf Club

WELLINGTON, Eng., March 19.—A golfer has defeated an angler at golf here. Rupert May, using golf clubs and a ball, competed against Ed. Mackinlay, who made casts with a 2 1/2 ounce weight. The golfer won with a score of 87 against the angler's 102. The latter's best cast was 106 yards.

## EXPENSES OF OCCUPATION MOUNT HIGH

French Govt. Asks for 196,000,000 Francs for Expense of Ruhr Adventure, Three Months—French Soldier and German Civilian Killed—7 Mines Held.

PARIS, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The government has sent to parliament a supplemental request for an appropriation on account of Ruhr occupation, expenses in which it asks for a total of 196,000,000 francs for operation expenses during February, March and April. This is said to be offset by a saving of 36,000,000 francs, due to the reduction in the expense of maintaining the decreased forces in the Rhineland and in the interior.

DNESSELDORF, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The killing of a French soldier and a German civilian at Essen and the announcement that the German mine owners had been allowed until April 15 to pay the forty per cent coal tax, were outstanding developments in the Ruhr situation over the week-end.

The soldier was shot at the Essen railway station. A German who endeavored to escape was wounded so badly that he died later. Three others were arrested on suspicion.

French headquarters announced that the first of penalties, recently threatened if the mine owners failed to pay the coal tax had been invoked and that in some instances export licenses were being withheld. Continued failure to meet the tax obligation will result in arrest and court martial the Germans were warned.

Minister of Public Works Lutroquer and Director of Mines Guillaume are expected in the Ruhr today to note the progress of the mine and coke seizures.

The Germans assert that the allies now hold seven coal mines, including properties near Bottrop and Gelsenkirchen. The French state that they are ready to send coke to France with the assistance of German and Polish labor which is quartered at the mines under the protection of the military.

Reports from Aix la Chapelle say that several thousand miners employed by a German concern have sought a working agreement with the Belgians, requesting a seven hour day, with wages in Belgian currency.

Collector Held Up. LOS ANGELES, March 19.—A daylight street robbery of between \$25,000 and \$40,000 in cash occurred in the residence district here today when three men in an automobile seized the automobile of Clarence Dade, collector for the Sam Seelig chain of grocery stores. The cash was in a combination locked strongbox, bolted to the collector's car.

Dade, driving the small automobile, was crowded to the curb by the larger car at Fourth and Beauty streets. The man beside the driver in the hold up car had a pistol and the man in the rear seat a shotgun. They ordered Dade to walk down the street and made away with the automobile.

Herrin Trial is Resumed. MARION, Ill., March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The prosecution in the second Herrin riot trial today resumed its presentation of evidence against Hugh Willis, district board member of the Illinois mine workers, and five other defendants charged with murder in connection with the outbreak after an eleven day recess caused by the illness of the wife of one of the jurors.

## GRANTS PASS REPORTS RICH GOLD STRIKE SISKRON MINE NEAR HOLLAND

GRANTS PASS, March 19.—Word of a rich gold strike in the Harry Siskron mine near Holland has been sent to the city. Although details are lacking it was reported by Jack Smoek of Holland that the strike is one of the richest that has been made in years in that section and appears to be of large proportions. The vein measures 12 inches and gives indications of going deep.

The Siskron mine has been a consistent producer during the past few years and is one of the few mines which has been kept in operation.

Mr. Smoek states that the vein was struck at a depth of 20 feet and shows signs of permanency. He was running a cross-cut to the vein to see if it extended downward and now is assured that the strike is of great value. The ore struck is high grade, with much low grade in connection. The 12-inch vein, however, is all rich in gold and every piece bears the mineral in such quantities that it is plainly visible. The mine is under lease to Kliduff and Finch. San Francisco mining men, and Mr. Smoek held the contract for running the tunnel.

## POP GATES NOT NAMED BY PIERCE ON FAIR BOARD; ROSEBURG MAN WINS

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 19.—J. E. Reynolds of LaGrande, will continue as a member of the state fair board, according to the list of appointments to that board announced by Governor Pierce this morning. The new members of the board are:

Dr. J. W. Morrow of Portland, chairman of the state democratic central committee; Wayne H. Stewart of Albany, Frank E. Lynn of Dallas and A. C. Marsters of Roseburg.

Mr. Reynolds was first appointed by Governor Withycombe and also served on the board under the Olcott administration. Mr. Marsters also served on

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