

The Weather	
Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	45
Minimum today	29
Precipitation	.04

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	47
Minimum	36

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## COOLIDGE IS WINNER IN S. DAKOTA

Hiram Johnson Snowed Under By President's Supporters and Ford Overwhelmed By McAdoo in South Dakota Convention—Farm Labor Delegates Bolt.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 5.—(By Associated Press.) Following endorsement of Calvin Coolidge, William G. McAdoo and Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin as presidential standard bearers for the republican, democratic and farmer-labor parties at state proposal meetings here last night, a group of proposal men from the farmer-labor element today was endeavoring to make a partial fusion with the democrats on state nomination proposals.

About thirty men out of 110 in the farmer-labor party denounced the national platform and boycotted the convention to confer with the democrats. According to participants, the dissatisfied farmer-labor men will attempt to frame a joint ticket from United States senator down with the democrats.

Leaders in the bolting farmer-labor group included Warren L. Beck, president of the state federation of labor; State Senator William Barling, J. W. Batcheller, president of the farmers' union of South Dakota, and Mark Bates, farmer-labor candidate for governor in 1922.

President Coolidge was given the majority nomination by president by the republican proposal men over Senator Hiram Johnson of California, by a vote of 50,379 to 27,349, and later the endorsement was made unanimous by a rising vote.

Mr. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, received the democratic endorsement over Henry Ford by a vote of 39,018 to 5072.

The farmer-labor convention endorsed Senator La Follette by a vote of 51,099 against 7247 for Henry Ford.

## Fruit Prices Tumble in Chicago As Result Of Auction Conflict

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Chicago's fruit market has been literally flooded with oranges and apples in the rivalry between independent and established fruit merchants which has affected a general reduction of from 25 to 40 per cent in retail fruit prices.

## CONGRESSMAN GETS SEAT IN SPITE OF PROTEST

Representative Miller of Illinois Seated Over Protest of Colleague That He Misused State Funds and Spent \$70,000 in Election.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Representative Miller, republican and Buckeye democrat, were sworn in as members of the house from Illinois today after protests had been made to their being seated.

## ANOTHER MURDER, KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 5.—Authorities were investigating today the mysterious death of J. R. Feliz, box factory worker, whose body was found last night in Klamath Lake near Algoma, fourteen miles north of here.

## WANT WHEAT TAXED TO RAISE PRICE

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—Legislation designed to raise the price of American wheat 22 1/2 cents a bushel by taxing domestic wheat 7 1/2 cents a bushel and adding 30 cents to the price of all wheat exported was proposed today by the American Wheat Growers association in a letter sent to Minnesota congressmen by George C. Jewett, general manager.

## BILL PROVIDES ONLY FATHERS OF AT LEAST 3 CHILDREN CAN HOLD OFFICE

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Senator Massabau, concerned at the deficient French birth rate, has introduced a bill providing that no man can be elected to public office unless he has at least three children—his own or adopted. The effect of the proposed law would be to make such men as Premier Poincare, Assistant Briand, Rene Viviani and Louis Barthou ineligible for public service, even as selectmen in the smallest township.

## GILLETT IS ELECTED ON 1ST BALLOT

G. O. P. Regulars Win in House Fight After Making Minor Concessions to the Progressive Bloc—Reform in House Rules Placed On Official Program.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Frederick H. Gillett of Massachusetts, was re-elected speaker of the house today, when the republican insurgents voted for him for the first time since a deadlock developed Monday.

The break came on the first ballot today, the ninth taken for speaker since Monday noon. From the outset the insurgents had been casting 17 votes for Cooper of Wisconsin, one of their leaders, and five for Madden of Illinois.

The return of Mr. Gillett completed organization of the 68th congress and paved the way for President Coolidge to deliver his first message to a joint session of the house and senate.

The insurgents decided to abandon their fight after they had been assured by Representative Longworth of Ohio, republican leader that opportunity would be offered later to freely offer amendments to the house rules.

From the start the insurgent group has maintained that its real fight was for rules revision.

On the final ballot Gillett received 215 votes. Representative Garrett of Tennessee, the democratic candidate had 197, and two voted for Madden.

Agreement Reached WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Republican insurgents at a conference just before the house went into session today decided not to abandon their fight against the reelection of Speaker Gillett until organization leaders make a statement on the floor of the house that opportunity will be afforded members to offer amendments to house rules.

A statement embodying the insurgents' interpretation of the agreement reached last night between Representative Longworth, the republican leader and three members of their group was drafted to be read to the house by Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, chairman of the insurgents.

A few minutes before the house convened, Mr. Nelson made the following statement: "A committee of the progressive group of the house of representatives, consisting of Messrs. Woodruff and Laguardia and myself met with Majority Leader Longworth last evening and discussed the proposed procedure for a revision of the rules of the house. At this meeting mutual assurances were given that the following program would be carried out:

"First, that the rules of the 67th congress should be adopted as the rules of the sixty-eighth congress for thirty days only.

"Second, that during these thirty days amendments to the rules may be offered by any member, to be referred to the committee on rules, which committee shall consider such amendment and make a report thereon to the house.

## Southern Beauty To Fight Husband's Divorce Suit, Denying Blood Is Tainted



MRS BEVERLY HARRIS.

NEW YORK—Fighting veiled charges that her ancestry contains a strain of Negro blood, Mrs. Beverly D. Harris, Southern beauty, will come to this city to fight her husband's divorce suit.

## HILT MAN HELD HERE ON CHARGE CARRYING BOOZE

Franz Dahn of Hilt, California while driving down the Pacific highway Tuesday evening accompanied by his wife struck a truck that was parked by the side of the road while a mechanic worked on it. Dahn was arrested by J. J. McMahon, the state traffic officer for careless driving and it was then discovered that the man was intoxicated and that he carried several gallons of liquor in a suitcase in the back of the car.

## FIRST MAN TO CLIMB M'KINLEY VISITOR IN CITY

Harry Karstens of the national forest service, accompanied by Mrs. Karstens and Eugene, his small son, is in Medford for a few days on his way south to Yosemite National park.

## The Daily Bank Robbery

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Two unmasked men today held up two clerks in the Xenia avenue branch of the City Savings and Trust company and stole money said to approximate \$10,000.

## Daily Report on the Crime Wave

ELDORADO, Kas., Dec. 5.—Prying open a small window in the mail receiving vestibule bandits last night gained entrance to the Eldorado post-office and escaped with money, registered mail and stamps, said by post-office officials to be valued at \$40,000.

## The Noted Dead

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Herbert Standing, well known actor, died at his home this morning following an illness of five weeks. He was 77 years old. He is survived by a widow, two daughters and five sons, Wyndham, and Herbert, Jr., who are in New York, and Sir Guy, Percy and Aubrey Standing, now in London. All of these are engaged in theatrical work, with the exception of one daughter.

## Find Oregon Woman Reported Murdered, Living in Auto Camp

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 5.—Official proof that the body of the woman found in the Columbia river November 4, is not that of Mrs. Edna Pitman was received here today by Deputy Sheriff Bufington from William I. Treador, sheriff of Los Angeles, who states that Mrs. Pitman is living in the automobile camp there with her husband, C. E. Rogers of Eagle Valley, father of Mrs. Pitman, who swore out an information charging his son-in-law with murder at the time of the identification.

## SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS MEDFORD GROWING FAST

All Records Broken in School Census Just Completed With 2342 Total—Estimate City Population at 8500—Last Census Was 5756.

The Medford school district census for 1923 just completed and which is declared to be the most careful and complete census ever taken in the district shows the largest enumeration of youth of school age, 4 to 20 years, in the history of the city, the exact number being 2342.

These figures give an estimated population of 9368 persons, figured in one way—that is often regarded as a fair manner of estimating population in a community of this size—that is, to multiply the total census number by 4 on the statistical estimate that one in every four persons in the community is of school age.

Superintendent Smith of the public schools thinks, however, that fairer method in estimating population is by taking the actual enrollment of pupils last year and multiplying it by 4 1/2.

By this method of estimating, inasmuch as last year's enrollment was 1869, the estimated population of the city is 8530. Up until a month ago the enrollment for this year was 1894 pupils, which would give a population of 7558 persons. However, before the year is over the enrollment will more than reach the 1888 of last year. Thus Superintendent Smith reckons the present population is over 8000, probably 8500.

The official census for Medford in 1920 was 5756. The school authorities have every reason to get as nearly an exact census as possible of the city's school children, as the apportionment of the state and county funds for the school district is based on the school census. Last year the district received from the state fund \$1.73 per pupil, and from the county fund \$8.77 per pupil.

Of the total of 2342 pupils of school age as shown in this school year's census just completed, 1144 are boys and 1198 are girls. The following are the census figures for other years: 1922, total 2157 pupils, of whom 998 were boys and 1159 were girls; 1921, 2216 pupils, sex figures not yet obtainable; 1920, 2043 pupils, 1077 boys and 966 girls; 1919, 1606 pupils, sex figures not obtainable; 1918, 1376 pupils, equal number of boys and girls, and this World war year with many families away in ship yard towns and the like, and school youths away in army service; 1917, 1684 pupils, 825 boys and 849 girls.

## MISSING GIRL TELLS STORY OF CAPTURE

Seattle School Teacher Claims She Was Kidnaped By Two Men On Way to Church—Unconscious for Days—Police Call Her Story Preposterous.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 5.—Dr. H. C. Powell of this city today reiterated assertions of his belief that Miss Nell Austin, Seattle school teacher who is under his care, was in her right mind yesterday when she told him and two police authorities that she had been kidnapped, Dr. Powell issued the following statement: "Miss Austin still is in a very weakened condition and becomes excitable almost to the verge of hysterics when she attempts to grope back into the past and piece together the incidents of that fateful night. Complete rest is what she requires. Given an opportunity to calmly reflect, without the irritation which interrogation causes, it is possible that she will recall the various missing links which seem to have been lost."

SEATTLE, Dec. 5.—Reports from Vancouver, B. C., today and statements of Chief of Police Severson of Seattle disclosed a difference of opinion as to whether Nell Austin, Seattle school teacher who vanished November 25 and was found in Vancouver last Wednesday, was rational when she declared yesterday that she had been kidnaped by two men in an automobile.

The chief recalled that Miss Austin, when she left the boarding house where she lived with her sisters, Lella and Georgia, going ostensibly to sing in a church choir, wore a black velvet dress, whereas when found on a back porch in a Vancouver suburb she had on hiking clothes.

"That change of dress proves that Miss Austin was not entirely out of her delirium when she said she was kidnaped," asserted Mr. Severson. Vancouver dispatches reported that Dr. H. C. Powell, under whose care Miss Austin has been since she was found and taken to a hospital, where she was identified by two Seattle policemen who had traced her course move by move from Seattle to Vancouver, was of the opinion that the girl was of clear mind when she made a statement yesterday to him and to two police authorities. These dispatches said that Misses Lella and Georgia were not present when the statement was made soon after Miss Austin showed the first signs of returning consciousness.

"The girl had with her two hats when she left home," said Chief Severson. "One a dress hat which she was to wear to church and the other a felt sport hat, in which she made the trip to Vancouver, which was identified by Lella and Georgia Austin as belonging to her sister. How could kidnapers have obtained this hat and the golf stockings and the heavy shoes she wore along the highway?"

Believe Girl's Story. E. C. Thompson, president of the West Seattle State bank, in which Georgia Austin is employed, and Sylvester T. Hillis, a business counselor, came forward today with the declaration that they had been to Vancouver, said Mr. Thompson had heard Nell Austin tell her story, and that both of them believed the narrative. "It is my firm belief, arrived at after I heard Miss Austin's story from her own lips yesterday—that she was kidnaped by persons who mistook her for another girl resident in the boarding house where the Austin sisters live," said Mr. Thompson. He related that when he entered her room in the hospital while Mr. Hillis and others waited outside, Nell exclaimed: "Oh! I see you! It is the first time I have been able to see anybody. I haven't been able to see anything." "What happened to you after you

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## PIERCE PROCLAIMS A HARDING WEEK

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 5.—Governor Pierce today designated December 9 to December 16 as Harding memorial week. A proclamation, urging all religious, business, social, fraternal and civic bodies to commemorate the late president in a fitting manner, was issued from the executive offices.

## 11 Bicycle Teams Tied. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Eleven of the fourteen teams remaining in the international six day bicycle race were tied for the lead at three o'clock this afternoon, the 63rd hour. Hanley was the pace-setter.

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## DEMPSEY, LAND POOR, MUST GO TO WORK TO PAY HIS INCOME TAX

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, has so much of his fortune tied up in real estate he has to go back to work to get money to pay his income tax, according to friends of the champion who accompanied him here where he will help a Chicago newspaper raise Christmas funds for the poor. Manager Jack Kearns, who will join him here tomorrow, is completing arrangements for a theatrical tour for the champion, the itinerary to include many eastern cities, it was stated.

As far as the fighting end is concerned, the champion said he was willing to fight any logical contender, including Harry Wills, a return bout with Filipo and another meeting with Tom Gibbons.