

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 38
Minimum today 35

Daily—Eighteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Third Year.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Weather Year Ago
Maximum 43
Minimum 28.5

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PIERCE IN
FAVOR CUT,
VET BONUS

Governor Pierce Urges Radical Changes in Oregon Tax System—Would Cut State Bonus in Two, Boost Insurance Fees, Corporation Tax, and Add Timber Tax.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—"There can be no big reform in assessment and taxation in this state until we modify or change the millage levies," declared Governor Pierce today in an address to the county judges and commissioners here. He then outlined to the judges what he thinks must now be done to save the state from ruin and destruction because of taxes.

Here is the program:
Increase license fees.
Increase corporation taxes.
Increase insurance fees.

Let the soldiers' bonus continue to function but cut it from a one mill basis to a one-half mill basis or lower. Modify the millage tax laws to leave the elementary school tax and smaller millages, but permit the tax commission to arrange the levies so that the money for such millage taxes be raised from indirect sources rather than through direct taxation on property.

Put a severance tax on timber, as before advocated, but announcing a plan for its division, one-fourth to the county where the timber is cut, one-fourth to a plan of reforestation, one-fourth to the irreducible school fund and the balance to the state treasury to relieve the state taxes and relieve the burden imposed by the millage taxes, to be distributed by the tax commission in payment of the millage.

UMATILLA COUNTY
FARMERS FORM A
STATE EXP. LEAGUE

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 11.—At a meeting last night of the Umatilla County Farm Bureau and managers of the Pendleton Commercial association, it was decided to form an Oregon export commission league, similar to that already formed in Washington known as the Washington Export Commission league, to boost the export commission plan for the stimulation of wheat values, variously known as the American wheat growers' plan and the Wallace plan.

A meeting is scheduled for January 19 at which time prominent farmers from eastern Oregon and representatives of the various commercial organizations will meet. Members of the Washington body will be here at that time to explain the workings and plans of their body. It was further decided at the meeting last night to fight the proposals coming before congress to abolish the federal farm loan banks and to do away with the exemption on farm loan money.

The Daily
Bank Robbery

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 11.—Several negroes held up a teller of the Main Street bank at the door of the bank shortly before noon today and escaped with \$44,500.

WIFE OF MAN INVOLVED IN PUTNAM
DIVORCE REFUSES TO TAKE HUSBY BACK

MADISON, Conn., Jan. 11.—Ellsworth Bassett, house painter, chauffeur and orange grower, has failed in his first efforts to become reconciled to his wife, basketball player and postal clerk, from whom he became estranged when he went to work for Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, novelist, whose unsuccessful efforts to obtain a divorce in Rhode Island are being investigated by the attorney general of that state.

Bassett, summoned by Mrs. Sanderson from her Florida orange grove, which he had been managing, was ignored by his wife as he called last night at the postoffice where she was

Oregon Postmaster
Pleads Guilty; to
Be Given a Chance

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—Edward E. Byers, 62, accused in federal court here of embezzling \$1500 while serving as postmaster at Olene, Ore., today changed his plea from not guilty to guilty and was allowed sixty days freedom to return to his home to arrange for restitution to the government.

Assistant District Attorney Allan Byron said he was convinced Byers took the money unwittingly and through ignorance and was certain that if Byers was allowed to go to his home with a postoffice inspector he could hypothecate property necessary to raise the \$1500, after making the settlement. Byers is to return to receive the judgment of the court.

TAX REDUCTION
WINS RIGHT-OF-
WAY IN HOUSE

G. O. P. Regulars Win in Party Caucus Over Soldier Bonus Advocates—Latter to Carry Fight to Floor of House—Amendments Fail.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Instructions have been given the house ways and means committee to report the tax bill on or before February 11. After that date it is to take up the soldiers' bonus legislation to determine whether an adjusted compensation bill should be reported.

This program was decided upon last night at a conference of house republicans who refused, however, to pledge themselves to the passage at this session of congress of either tax or bonus legislation.

At the outset of the meeting, which was behind closed doors, Representative Longworth, party leader, proposed that the ways and means committee be instructed to continue consideration of the tax bill "to the exclusion of all other general legislative propositions," with a view to making a report by February 11, after which time it should proceed with consideration of bonus legislation.

Two amendments were offered to the Longworth resolution and both were rejected. Representative Fairchild of New York proposed a stipulation that a bonus bill be reported "as soon as possible." This proposal was rejected 109 to 87. The other amendment offered by Representative Fish of New York, a war veteran, fixed February 25 as the latest date for a report on bonus legislation. On a roll call the amendment lost 109 to 87.

The Longworth resolution then was adopted by viva voce vote, but the soldier bloc made one more effort to insure favorable action on the bonus. Mr. Fish proposed that the conference record itself in favor of enactment of this session of congress of both a "reasonable" tax reduction bill and a bonus measure. On motion of Representative Lehigh of New Jersey, however, this proposal was tabled, 97 to 94.

Routed in the conference, members of the former service men's group declared they would take their fight to the floor of the house and would attempt to have the ways and means committee discharged from consideration of the bonus bill. This, they pointed out, would bring about a record.

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LYNCHING OF
DRY OFFICER
THREATENED

Shooting of Two Men By Special Dry Officer in Aberdeen, Washington, Enrages Citizens—Official Transferred Under Heavy Guard to Montesano Jail—Reports Differ.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 11.—In order to avoid possible lynching by a crowd of angry citizens of Special Officer Wilbur Hollingsworth following the shooting last night of two men in an alleged liquor raid by the special officer and two constables on a local pool hall, Hollingsworth was taken by the local authorities under armed guard to the Montesano jail, east of this city.

During the raid Mike Cavmarie, proprietor of the pool hall was wounded and August Koski of Hoquiam, was shot in the hand. Constables A. G. Hopkins and D. O. Dugan, who assisted in the raid, declared that the shooting was done by Hollingsworth.

While the three were searching the place for supposed liquor, according to a report made by Constable Dugan to Chief of Police George Dean, Cavmarie is alleged to have attempted to strike Hollingsworth, who drew his gun and fired.

According to eye witnesses in the hall at the time of the raid it was declared that Hollingsworth slapped a search warrant on the table and started shooting.

Cavmarie was rushed to the hospital where physicians stated he had been shot in the stomach.

Shortly after the shooting the residents of the city formed in groups and marched toward the local jail. Fears for the safety of Hollingsworth led to taking him under guard to Montesano.

MILLION IN STATE
WARRANTS KNOCKED
OUT BY DECISION

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 11.—All general appropriations made by the last Montana legislature were held invalid today by the state supreme court on the grounds that Governor Dixon, in attempting to reduce the amounts on a percentage basis, was without authority and his signing of the bill with qualifications was a nullity. The invalidity of thousands of dollars worth of state warrants is established by the decision.

Governor Dixon stating he had not had time to digest the decision, declined to comment upon it at this time and has not decided whether a special session of the legislature will be necessary. State officials, are agreed, however, that Montana will not repudiate its just obligations, although the way out remains to be decided on.

It is said upwards of a million dollars worth of the invalid warrants have been issued.

COTTAGE GROVE BOY
VICTIM OF STABBING

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 11.—Ralph Lammer of Cottage Grove is dead as a result of a stabbing affray last night. Whitney Palmer is in jail facing a murder charge. Both boys are seventeen years old.

It is alleged that the two boys and another got into an argument in a pool hall.

CUMMINS SUCCESSOR
FOR RATE DECREASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Senator Smith of South Carolina, the newly elected democratic chairman of the senate inter-state commerce committee, declared in a statement today that all interested should cooperate to provide relief from the burden of excessive high freight rates, and that this applied with especial emphasis "to the intolerable burden imposed upon present rates on agriculture."

Harry K. Thaw Seeking
Freedom, Philadelphia
Hears; Lawyers Deny It



HARRY K. THAW; EVELYN NESBIT THAW

PHILADELPHIA—February 1 will see Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, and former husband of Evelyn Nesbit, released from Kirkbride Asylum, where he has been confined since 1917, a free man, a report here says.

Though Ex-Judge James Gay Gordon, counsel for the Thaw family, denied such a move was contemplated, it was reported that plans instigated by Thaw himself are under way to have him declared sane and that no opposition would be made by his mother, Mary Copley Thaw, or by the trustees of the Thaw estate.

Evelyn Nesbit, for whom he shot White, with her son, Russell Thaw, 14, is running a cafe at Atlantic City.

FIND WRECKED
"U-BOAT" IN 30
FATHOMS WATER

PORTLAND, England, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—An object believed to be the British submarine L-24, which met disaster off this coast yesterday in a collision with the dreadnaught Resolution, has been located off the coast at thirty fathoms, according to officials. A heavy sea was running and it was impossible for divers to investigate.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British submarine L-24, rammed by the dreadnaught Resolution yesterday, is lying thirty fathoms deep about eleven miles south of Portland Hill, according to the latest reports from Weymouth. There is nothing to indicate that her crew of 43 men have not perished.

All the men were below when the boat left Portland for the maneuvers, in which she was to take part, as the weather was heavy. Until further investigation has been made, it is impossible to tell how the disaster happened. However, the latest report says the L-24 rose beneath the dreadnaught and struck the latter's bow.

Last night was unusually dark and despite numerous searchlights little could be done until daylight, but the salvage craft kept busy while special boats equipped with hydrophones tried vainly to catch any sound that might be made by the imprisoned men.

Hope for the crew's safety has not been entirely abandoned, yet most experts think it will be miraculous if the men are rescued.

It was reported but not confirmed that the submarine K-12, badly damaged in a collision with the K-2, at the scene of the L-24 disaster, has sunk in shallow water.

Death Toll of
the Automobile

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 11.—A heavy truck containing members of the Cougar Animal Shows company of Seattle, and a number of trained animals went off a high bank on a hill near Arlington this morning and Charles Simpson of Seattle was killed. Roy Richards is in a serious condition suffering from broken ribs and possibly internal injuries.

May Move Court to
Bedside of Film Star
To Secure Evidence

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—When Horace A. Greer, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, film actress, appeared in court for arraignment today on a charge of having shot Courtland S. Dines, New Years night, and there was nothing definite to show when either Miss Normand, recently operated on for appendicitis, or Dines, would be able to testify, Justice J. Walter Hanby declared that he did not want any needless delay and if necessary would move his court to the hospital bedside of these two material witnesses.

OREGON SYSTEM
IS BLAMED FOR
RELIGIOUS FUSS

I. N. Day, Former State Senator, Urges County Judges to Work for Repeal of Recall and Modification of the Initiative.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—Blame for the injection of religious issues into Oregon politics during the past two years, and for the abuses which arise out of the recall act were placed upon the primary election system and upon the initiative by I. N. Day of Portland, former state senator and chairman of the state tax investigating committee of two years ago, in an address before the annual convention of Oregon county judges and commissioners here this morning.

Declaring that he would not, if he could, interfere with the operation of the initiative and referendum, which he considered as the greatest instrument ever devised to increase popular interest and participation in government, except to throw additional safeguards around its operation, Mr. Day urged the convention to go on record as favoring additional restrictions around circulation of initiative petitions and a return to the party convention system of nominating candidates for office to augment rather than supplant the primary system.

Mr. Day declared himself for party responsibility as the "greatest safeguard against the abuses of factionalism." In the operation of a democratic form of government and recommended county party conventions to frame declarations of principles and endorse candidates, without denying to any person or group of persons the right to place the names of candidates for nomination on election ballots. Creation of such a dual system, he said would properly safeguard the primary against factional control.

The recall Mr. Day described as being the "pre-eminent mistake" in American political reforms. In principle, he declared, it is inconsistent with a republican form of government, asserted it served only the purpose of factions seeking to further personal ends and satisfying personal grudges.

Citing the recall movement against Governor Pierce, Mr. Day described it as an instance of the manner in which the recall may be used to coerce a public official in his administration of governmental affairs and urged a return to the system of impeachment.

Pinchot to Be Candidate.
HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 11.—Governor Pinchot announced he will be a candidate for delegate at large to the republican national convention next June.

LADY ASTOR TO TAKE OFF HER HAT
IN PARLIAMENT IN SPITE OF PROTESTS

LONDON, Jan. 11.—(By Associated Press.) The earnest speeches that occupied the women members of the house of commons at the dinner given in their honor last night were enlivened by an exchange of views on the question of whether women are to continue wearing their hats in the house, as Lady Astor and her two first colleagues have done, or go bareheaded.

The new labor women members departed from this precedent on the first day of the session and last evening gained a recruit when the Duchess of Atholl said, "It is my ambition to be allowed to do my work in the house of commons with uncovered head."

Lady Astor interjected:

EX-CHIEF OF
KU KLUX IS
KICKED OUT

Wm. J. Simmons, Ex-Emperor, and Edward Young Clarke, Ex-Giant Are Expelled From Order By Wizard Evans—Transfer Headquarters to Washington Denied.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—H. C. McCall, imperial representative of the Ku Klux Klan in Washington, today confirmed a report that William J. Simmons, imperial emperor, and Edward Young Clarke, imperial giant, had been expelled from the order but denied that the klan had moved headquarters from Atlanta to Washington.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 11.—The Atlanta Journal today is publishing what it terms as "generally credited report" that William Joseph Simmons, imperial emperor of the Ku Klux Klan and Edward Young Clarke, imperial giant, have been "expelled from the klan for their opposition to the regime headed by Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, imperial wizard."

"The banishment order was issued from the palace of the plan. It was stated by Dr. Evans' supporters," declared the newspaper. "On the other hand it was charged by friends of Colonel Simmons and Mr. Clarke that the order came from Washington and that the imperial headquarters have been removed to that city and that Dr. Evans and his family have taken up their residence there. These charges were denied by Dr. Evans' friends."

SEATTLE, Jan. 11.—An initiative bill filed Tuesday at Olympia proposing to abolish private schools in Washington was formally indorsed here yesterday by the cabinet of the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan for the state, John A. Jeffrey, grand dragon announced today.

Mr. Jeffrey protested that the bill was not designed to put military schools and academies out of commission.

"These do not want children till they are fifteen or over," he said, "and by that time they should be able to complete their eight public school grades."

In the campaign next fall the klan will not proffer candidates of its own selection for any office, city or state, Jeffrey declared.

SAYS INCOME TAX
WILL HURT OREGON

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—That the state of Oregon will be the loser through loss of inheritance taxes from estates driven out of the state, and through the removal of industries to other states by reason of the recently enacted state income tax was the prediction made by C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, in an address before the annual convention of county judges and commissioners here this afternoon.

Mr. Chapman plead for a broader and more intelligent consideration of the tax problem in Oregon and careful consideration of all probable effects before steps were taken to enact severance, gross income or other taxes bearing down upon the industries and capital.

"I discovered when I first entered the house that had I gone without my hat I would have shocked most of the members much as if the Lady Godiva had appeared and I thought I wouldn't give them more than they could stand, so I kept my hat on. Once I actually did go through the lobby hatless and several members came to me and said 'pray don't do it again.'"

"I mean not to wear a hat henceforward—when I can keep my hair in order."

One of the ancient customs of the house is that when a member raises a point of order he must don his hat. Lady Terrington wanted to know if the women would have to keep their hats under the seats against such an emergency.