

The Weather

Prediction	Fair
Maximum yesterday	40
Minimum today	32.5
Precipitation	.02

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Weather Year Ago

Maximum	38
Minimum	31.8

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HELL MARIA
DAWES GETS
INTO ACTION

Head of American Delegation
Tells Europe This Is No Time
to Mince Words—First Help
Germany to Get Well So She
Can Pay—Politicians Told
to Keep Out.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—(By the Associated Press)—With Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes presiding, leading businessmen and financiers of the United States, Great Britain and France, Belgium and Italy, sitting as a board of directors and creditors, began to examine the assets and liabilities of Germany, their nations' debtor, with a view to saving something from the ruins of the most stupendous bankruptcy in the history of the world.

"Strictly business and no politics," was the motto under which these representative men of the leading nations of the old and new worlds assembled.

"The success of this committee," said General Dawes, in opening the meeting, "depends chiefly whether in the public mind and conscience of the allies and of the world, there is an adequate conception of the great disaster which faces each ally and Europe unless common sense is enthroned king."

General Dawes discussed the value of unity of command in war to show the bad effects of present conditions. "We had come to know," he said, "in common with the citizens of all nations, that at least that lack of power to agree upon a common attitude and common action, had brought all Europe to a most critical and dangerous situation. This is no time to mince words."

Military is lacking. The first meeting was absolutely lacking in any of the military display which marked the conferences at Spa, San Remo and Geneva. Not a single soldier was in evidence.

Louis Barthou, president of the reparations commission, delivered the address of welcome. "We do not expect from you," he said, "the unlooked-for miracle of the solution of the reparations problem, but we hope with sincere confidence that your competency and authority will concentrate to hasten the result toward which we are bending our efforts."

European credit, General Dawes said, suffered a shock as the world had seen Germany's economic life ebbing "because," he added, "the world realized that if the German people lose their chance for work, Germany loses her capacity to pay the reparations which are so great an element in European solvency. Let us first help Germany to get well."

Free From Politics. General Dawes spoke of the committee as "practical men free from political pressure," who realized that the house is a fire, propose to find some water to put it out, without further use of mathematics involving the fourth dimension.

General Dawes praised the reparations commission's idea of giving the committee of experts a free hand and said that the committee was not asked to determine the legality of the Ruhr occupation or "the political effect of this or that act of common sense."

The committee for the moment, he said, was less concerned with Germany's capacity to pay, "than with the present capacity and courage of this committee to act."

"We Shall Know." He reminded the committee that he could speak neither for the American government nor for the American people. "But, as an individual, I read in shame and humiliation the outpouring of the American nationalistic demagogues who undertake to lecture Europe in order to lift themselves into some petty office or to maintain their political popularity."

He said he did not know whether a common sense reparations conception existed but added:

"But we shall know. To this knowledge of whether this conception exists, the result of our work and the action of the reparations commission thereon will perhaps be the final contribution."

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OREGON GROWERS ASSOCIATION
PLAN TO SELL DRY FRUITS ONLY

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14.—The special committee on re-organization of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association is meeting here today with the association's attorney to prepare drafts of tentative plans for the re-organization of the association as an exclusive selling agency for dried fruits.

According to M. J. Newhouse, as-

2 Hood River Boys
Drowned, When Ice
On Columbia Breaks

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 14.—Two boys were drowned and three others, bent on rescue, were endangered by plunging through thin ice while on a skating party Sunday on a Columbia river slough.

Glenn, 12, son of Dr. and Mrs. V. R. Abraham, and Richard, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bayl-done, are the victims. Arch and Cad Williams, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams, narrowly escaped while trying to rescue the boys, and Paul Keir, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Keir, broke through the ice while aiding to drag the Williams boy to shore.

STATE SENATOR
GUILTY; RECALL
MOVE STARTED

Percy L. Sinclair, Ilwaco
Banker, Found Guilty of
Complicity in Bank Failure—
Many Candidates After His
Seat in State Senate.

CHEHALIS, Jan. 14.—Citizens of Pacific and Wahkiakum counties will this week decide if State Senator Percy L. Sinclair, convicted here Saturday in connection with the failure of his bank at Ilwaco, is entitled to retain his seat in the legislature as their representative, according to men who have been here for a week attending the trial. The recall petitions will be in circulation throughout the senator's district today, it was said.

Senator Sinclair moved to Seattle shortly after the failure of the bank and his constituents have been agitating the recall question ever since, according to Ilwaco residents.

Attorneys for the state have persuaded them to delay their action until after Sinclair's trial, and now that a verdict of guilty has been returned, the circulation of recall petitions will start immediately.

Present indications are that a banker will be among those anxious to fill the seat of Senator Sinclair, if he is recalled. He is H. W. MacPhail, president of the Willapa Harbor State bank of Raymond.

Others mentioned as possible candidates are D. Walter Williams of Ilwaco, son of County Commissioner L. D. Williams; Harry E. Christianson of Seaview, former county commissioner; Fred B. Norman of Raymond, former state representative and Martin Welch of Raymond.

PENDLETON WOMAN
FORGER RELEASED

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Regina Safely, who was brought here last week from Portland to answer to a bad check charge has been released from custody and charges against her have been withdrawn. The money she obtained through the worthless checks has been returned to the persons so defrauded and upon the request of these merchants the district attorney moved that the charges against Mrs. Safely be dropped. The money for the restitution is believed to have been furnished by Pendleton people though the source of the money is a carefully guarded secret.

Passing of the Early
Pioneer

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 14.—Rev. David Edgar George, a pioneer preacher of Umatilla county, 82 years old died this morning in Milton as the culmination of a long illness.

INSURGENTS
WIN AGAIN
IN CONGRESS

By Vote of 288 to 177 Farm
Bloc and Democrats Defeat
G. O. P. Regulars' Effort to
Restrict Amendments On
Revenue and Tariff Bills—
Probe Diploma Scandal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Democrats and republican insurgents, combining against the republican house leaders today won the first round of a rules revision fight by mustering a majority for repeal of the Underwood rule, which restricts amendments from the floor when revenue and tariff bills are under consideration.

The democrats and insurgents cast 208 votes against 177 cast in support of the republican organization.

In the very midst of its efforts to quiet those irrepressible twins, taxation and bonus, congress had to give attention today to various disturbances in other parts of the legislative household.

In the senate things were a little quieter although all sorts of political dynamite was lugged into the chamber in the course of the day's rambling debate. Senator McKellar revived the Muscle Shoals row in a speech, charging that the Alabama power company was largely British owned and Democratic Leader Robinson, delivered a party pronouncement on railroad legislation.

A cash-in-carry bonus plan was proposed by Senator Bursum.

With the Russian Teapot Dome and Mayfield investigating committees sharpening up their dissecting instruments, Senator Copeland, who is a physician, got a sub-committee together and made plans for a thorough probing of the diploma mill scandal.

Teapot Dome Scandal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Characterizing the lease of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve as "the worst scandal ever perpetrated against the government," Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, told the senate today "there isn't going to be a white wash" of the matter.

"Two or three of the gentlemen have made millions, yes, hundreds of millions out of this, the richest oil reserve in the country," Senator Heflin declared. "I would vote to cancel the deal and make Mr. Sinclair and those associated with him pay back to the government every cent they have made out of it."

MISSING OREGON CITY
GIRL IS HEARD FROM

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 14.—Relatives of Nettie Patterson, Williamette girl missing for the past ten days, or two weeks, and for whom federal as well as county officers have been searching, have received a postcard from the girl, mailed from Long Beach, Cal.

The card bears the message that she is well and happy, but gives no explanation of her reasons for going away.

The girl dropped from sight here after going to the West Linn union high school as usual one morning.

T. NEUHAUSEN FIRES
VOLLEY FOR HIRAM

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—Firing his opening gun as a campaign manager in Oregon for Senator Hiram Johnson, T. B. Neuhausen, in a statement today attacked President Coolidge's attitude on tax reduction.

Michigan City Is
Cleaned Up By Cops
And Ku Klux Klan

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Jan. 14.—The Macomb county jail today was filled after a drive against alleged bootleggers, gamblers, and keepers of disorderly houses yesterday, following, it is said, a secret invasion of the county by agents of the Ku Klux Klan. While city and state police were taking prisoners to the jail, 1500 members of the Klan gathered in the First Presbyterian church and held ceremonies, including the burning of the fiery cross.

Last Man To See Daudet's
Son Alive Says Youthful
Zealot Suicide For Girl

ABOVE: Mlle. GERMAINE BERTHON; INSET: MARIOUS PLATEAU.

PARIS.—Admiration for Germaine Berthon, murderess of the Royalist, Plateau, caused Philippe Daudet, 15-year-old son of Leon Daudet, editor of the Royalist paper L'Action Francaise, to commit suicide in a taxi cab just as he was passing St. Lazare prison, where the girl was confined, so police believe.

Leon Daudet refused to intervene to save the girl whom his son called "the one woman I shall ever love." Daudet's charge that Anarchists influenced his son to kill himself, in order to wound Daudet, were denied by Georges Vidal, editor of La Libertaire, who revealed the boy's infatuation for Mlle. Berthon. He was the last to talk with Philippe.

By a curious freak of chance Mlle. Berthon was acquit.

FAIL TO FIND
ANY PRISONERS
IN JAIL BREAK

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 14.—Clackamas county deputy sheriffs returned empty handed this morning from an all night hunt for seven prisoners who escaped from the county jail Sunday evening. Not even a footprint of the fugitives was found.

The seven men who got away were: Ed Michels, arrested 24 hours previously, charged with shooting stock and stealing a walnut tree.

Al Klaus, serving a year's term for liquor law violation.

Ernest Small, alleged baggage thief, recently returned from San Francisco for arraignment and trial.

Robert Spooner, serving out a year and \$3,000 fine for liquor violation.

John Rohner, awaiting trial for alleged violation of the liquor laws.

E. Kridbaum, awaiting trial on a similar charge.

Albert J. Howe, held for grand jury investigation on a charge of non-support.

Nine other prisoners were in the jail at the time of the escape. Of these eight refused to join the fugitives. The ninth, a woman, mother-in-law of Ed Michels, was locked up in the women's quarters and could not get away.

The break occurred at 8:30 Sunday evening when the courthouse—in the basement of which the jail is situated—was fully lighted and while scores of people were passing by the front of the building. Janitor Hamilton was on an upper floor of the building at the time doing janitor work.

Hamilton had made his hourly rounds of the jail in the basement at 8 o'clock and reported nothing wrong. The prisoners had not been locked up for the night but were in the exercise corridor. An hour later, when deputies came in to lock them up for the night, the escape had been completed. Possibility of outside aid is seen in the fact that the men used a twenty pound steel wrench, of the kind used in bridge work to effect their release. With this wrench they pried up one of the steel frame windows on the south side of the building, and then

Oregon News
in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14.—O. P. Co-show of Roseburg took the oath of office as justice of the supreme court at eleven o'clock this morning to succeed Justice Lawrence T. Harris of Eugene, who is retiring to practice law in that city.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—Robbers blew the safe of the Portland-Damascus Milk company in the building on Cornell road and Everett street early this morning and escaped with approximately \$1000 in cash, and checks of undetermined amount.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 14.—Ashley, 17 year old son of Dr. W. M. Post, is recovering from the shock of a dynamite explosion yesterday that necessitated amputation of his right hand. Young Post and companions found a stock of explosive with a short fuse attached near the O-W-R. R. and N. tracks.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—Thrown beneath the wheels of an inbound Southern Pacific electric train he attempted to board at Heffer station on the Forest Grove line yesterday, Oda V. Helms, 19 year old Beaverton youth, sustained serious injuries that he died last night at a hospital here. He was the son of Oliver V. Helms, Sr., a rancher of the Beaverton vicinity.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—Abel Meier, president of a Portland merchandise establishment, is reported to be seriously ill in San Francisco. Meier became ill Friday after he had gone to San Francisco for a combined outing and business trip.

Daily Report on
the Crime Wave

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 14.—Eight or ten bandits today broke into the warehouse of the Pierce, Butler and Pierce company, bound and gagged the negro watchman and escaped with two truck loads of bonded whiskey valued at \$60,000.

PEKING.—Sun Pao-Chi is the first Chinese premier in many months chosen in accordance with constitutional requirements.

With the other end of the device, twisted in two one of the steel bars across the window. This gave them a chance to crawl from the corridor.

Mrs. Amos Willits
And Son Receive
\$7,567.70 From State

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Alice French Willits of Medford, widow of Amos R. Willits, business man of that city and volunteer member of the fire department, who recently lost his life while fighting a fire, will receive compensation from the state under the state workmen's compensation act, the state accident commission announced today.

The fire occurred December 20.

It is said that many cities and towns of the state are now carrying state accident insurance on their firemen and policemen.

The amount set aside to provide for Mrs. Willits and her son is \$7,567.70.

FATE OF SCHOOL
BILL UP TO U.S.
COURT TUESDAY

Principal Point to Be Decided
Is Whether Court Has Jurisdiction Before the Law Goes
Into Effect—Much Interest
in Result.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—Injunction proceedings brought by the Hill Military academy of Portland in an effort to knock out Oregon's compulsory public school law, which was adopted by referendum at the general election in 1922, will be before three federal judges, Gilbert, Wolverton and Bean here tomorrow, when the motion of Wallace McCamant, attorney for state law enforcement officials to dismiss the case will be argued. The case is expected to go to the United States supreme court which ever sides wins the preliminary skirmish.

The military academy has asked the injunction on grounds that the law will wreck its grammar school department, in a manner that amounts to confiscation, and that it therefore violates the "due process" clause of the fourteenth constitutional amendment and is void.

The chief point which will be brought to issue now, attorneys predict, is whether the court can hear the case before the law goes into effect two years hence.

If the judges should hold that a law which has not become operative cannot be considered as either constitutional or unconstitutional the injunction suit.

In that event, the defense will win its point, as there will be nothing for the academy to do except wait—either for the law to go into effect or for a supreme court decision on an appeal.

The academy's big point in the present argument is that the case should come up on its merits now, because the law is already on the statute books and because its effect has already fallen upon the schools as the shadow of a coming event.

NEUNER TO REPRESENT
STATE AT TILLAMOOK

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14.—Attorney General Van Winkle today announced the appointment of George Neuner of Roseburg as attorney, and G. Ed Ross of Salem, as accountant, to represent the state in an investigation of expenditures by Tillamook county officials.

Mr. Van Winkle in making the appointments, acted at the request of Governor Pierce, who was asked to make an investigation by the Tillamook county grand jury.

PORTLAND FISH WARDENS ORDERED TO
RETURN FISH TO ROSEBURG ANGLER

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 14.—Two deputy state fish wardens who came down from Portland to "hook" Douglas county anglers, were today required to return to L. F. Langenberg, a local fisherman, his fishing equipment and four salmon which they took from him yesterday. The wardens arrested Mr. Langenberg for having four salmon in his possession and took away

MURDER IS
CONFESSED
BY LINCOLN

Distant Kinsman of Abraham
Lincoln Confesses He Killed
Wife After She Had Shot
Her Brother—Claims Wife
Unfaithful—Glad Strain Is
Over.

AURORA, Ill., Jan. 14.—Warren J. Lincoln, lawyer, horticulturist and distant kinsman of Abraham Lincoln, confessed last night that he killed his wife, Lina, dismembered her body and burned it January 10, 1923, along with that of her brother, Byron Shoup, whom he maintained, had been shot to death by Mrs. Lincoln.

Lincoln disappeared from his home April 30 last and his wife and Shoup were suspected of his murder. The lawyer-horticulturist suddenly reappeared on June 10, explaining his absence by charging Mrs. Lincoln and Shoup kidnapped him, only to disappear again four months later, when whispers of suspicion that he possibly had slain his wife and brother-in-law reached him. A fortnight ago the Aurora police told the Associated Press that they were searching for Lincoln to question him about disappearance of his wife and Shoup, and when he applied for a position in Chicago last Thursday, learned of his address thru the firm with which he sought employment.

Arrested Saturday and confronted with charges that he had done away with the brother and sister, Lincoln confessed, concluding with "I'm glad to get that load off my soul."

Collapses After Confession.

Lincoln collapsed as he uttered the last words of his confession and the police left a part of his story unrelated.

"I suspected my wife of being untrue to me," Lincoln said after the detailed confession had been made, and he was returned to his cell. "Many times she tried to poison me. I saw the man with whom she had been associating leave my house. That started the final quarrel."

"I saw fire gleam from her eyes. She fired three times at Byron who had upbraided her for being unfaithful to me and trying to kill me. Each bullet struck him in the head. He fell, and I grabbed a poker. First, I knocked the gun from her hand. Then I swung for her head. She fell dead. I cut up their bodies and burned them the next night."

He admitted insertion of "personal" advertisements in newspapers signing them "Lina," his wife's name, admitted authorship of letters to his wife's relatives asking and receiving money from them in Mrs. Lincoln's name and confessed signing Shoup's name to a check on an Aurora bank where Shoup had a large account.

In each instance of advertising and letter writing Lincoln is said to have used a typewriter with a green ribbon, and it was through that means that the police were aided in fastening the slaying of Mrs. Lincoln on him.

Deputy sheriffs of Kane and Logan counties now know why they were unable to get service upon Mrs. Lena Lincoln and her brother Byron Shoup after Warren J. Lincoln had filed suits against them.

Last March he entered a divorce bill at Geneva charging Mrs. Lincoln with cruelty. Kane county deputy sheriffs bearing notices of suits, searched in vain for her. When they appealed to Lincoln for assistance, he would say: "I have no idea where she is. She went away after we quarreled."

Then last summer he filed a \$10,000 damage suit against Shoup at Lincoln, Ill., the Logan county seat. His brother-in-law was charged with assault, but deputies were unable to get service on him.

Another Alliance Proposed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—A national farmer-manufacturer alliance is contemplated by sponsors of a two-day convention opened here today with representatives from these two elements of the nation's industries present.