

1923 THE DRIEST YEAR IN HISTORY OF JACKSON CO.

The calendar year 1923 was the driest in the history of the local weather bureau according to figures just compiled. From January 1923, to January 1924, the total rainfall was only 11.75 inches, while the average rainfall for the same period is 16.59 inches.

The nearest year to last year in aridity was in 1915 when the total rainfall for the calendar year was 13.80 inches. In 1922 the total was 17.91 inches, while in 1904 the total was 41.55. This latter record, however, was made at Jacksonville, and the rainfall in the foothill districts always exceeds the rainfall on the floor of the valley.

The rainfall by months in 1923 follows:

January	1.63	July	.59
February	.38	August	.89
March	.41	September	.89
April	1.00	October	2.00
May	.55	November	.87
June	.88	December	1.53

Total 11.75
Another interesting feature of this report is that the great decrease in rainfall was during the winter months while during the summer the precipitation was in many months above the average.

Without irrigation, of course, 1923 would have been a disaster to the ranchers, but thanks to irrigation the largest fruit crop in history was shipped out, and all crop production was above the average.

Of course the rainfall usually is compiled from September to September and is therefore greater than the calendar year, but in 1923 this would only bring the total to slightly over 15 inches.

SENIOR WRANGLERS WIN H. S. DEBATE

The seniors coached by E. Hunsong won the first high school debate of the season yesterday afternoon. Edmond Randall, Paul Anderson and Edmond Morris formed the senior team, and Aubrey Norris, Howard Spaulding and Ned Wolf the junior team.

The question debated was, "Resolved, that Oregon should adopt a compulsory voting law with a penalty attached for failure, and provision for voting through the mails."

The juniors took the affirmative and the seniors the negative. The juniors were coached by Leland Knox.

WOMEN INVITED TO FORUM TOMORROW

The talk at the forum tomorrow will be of interest to all mothers and the women members of the chamber are urged to be present. The speaker, Miss Gertrude Ann Geopfarth, has an interesting topic and because of her position as national secretary of the Young Women's Christian association for the Pacific Coast region is intimately connected with the work that is being done.

Those connected officially with the local Young Women's Christian association are extended the privilege of the forum which will be held at the Hotel Medford tomorrow noon.

Perl Candidate For Coroner

John A. Perl, the present incumbent, is asking for the republican re-nomination for coroner at the primary, May 16.

Mr. Perl has lived in Medford 14 years, is a substantial tax payer, and is well known all over the county. He promises, if nominated and elected to give the same personal attention and economical conduct of his office he has in the past.

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ROOSEVELT SCHOOL WINS CHRISTMAS SEAL PRIZE AGAIN

The Christmas Seal sale committee for Jackson county met Wednesday afternoon in the county nurse office, in the Liberty building, with the seal sale director, Mrs. Alice Holloway.

To date \$1313.56 have been realized, meaning that 6.3 seals have been sold per capita. According to contract with the state association, a sale of six to seven seals per capita gives the county commission 50 per cent and forty rural schools and several letters are still to be heard from.

The "mail sale" has been a record one, 80 per cent of the letters, so far, having satisfactory replies. The following detailed report of seal sale returns was read: Medford \$815.29; Ashland \$273.71; Central Point \$71.26; rural school \$153.30.

As the Medford schools have been working for a flag presented two years ago by the Elks for the best city school per capita sale, much interest has been centered on their efforts.

Roosevelt school won first prize again this year, so according to a request of the Elks, keeps the flag permanently. Jackson school won the second prize of a picture, "The Shepherd Boy," also given by the Elks. Washington school has the distinction of giving the largest contribution of any school to the seal sale fund.

The city schools of Medford sold as follows: Roosevelt \$49.09, per capita, 27; Jackson \$33.28, per capita, 17; Washington \$70.00, per capita, 16; Lincoln \$45.00, per capita, 13.

Many of the rural schools sold their allotments and asked for more. Health improvement, especially of our future citizens, has become such a recognized necessity and economy in our wide awake progressive county that very little urging or arguing is necessary to sell the seals or at any time to win cooperation to further any welfare work.

Because of the zeal of the seal sale committee and of the generosity of our public spirited citizens, the business houses, the religious and social organizations, the press, the Boy Scouts, and the city and rural school children, Jackson county has had a record breaking financial return from its seal sale.

Those particularly interested in health work in the county, should come to the annual meeting of the Jackson county public health association, to be held February 20th in St. Mark's Guild hall, Medford, when the best and most comprehensive way of disbursing this money will be discussed.

ASKS INVESTIGATION PAPER FREIGHT RATE

Here is one of the peculiar things about freight rates.

George Putnam, publisher of the Salem Capital Journal, has filed a complaint with the public service commission with relation to the freight rate on news print between Oregon City and Salem. He alleges that under the present distribution system in vogue at Oregon City mill owners there refuse to ship news print from that point, but instead send the product to Portland by boat and thence back through Oregon City to Salem by rail. As a result of this arrangement Salem publishers are compelled to pay an additional rate of 9 cents per 100 pounds. An investigation is asked of the public service commission.

WEDDING BELLS

Miriam Shepard Gregg, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Gregg of Ashland and Paul B. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McDonald of this city, will be married today at Marysville, California, according to word received in this city this morning. The ceremony will take place at the home of the groom's uncle, P. T. Smith, a banker of Marysville, Calif.

Both the contracting parties are well known and popular in their home towns. Mr. McDonald is a member of the firm of the Medford Service Station, is commander of the local post of the American Legion, and is prominently identified with fraternal and club work.

The newlyweds will return from a honeymoon in southern California, about February 1st, and will make their home in this city.

OBITUARY

MOSHER—Charles D. Mosher passed away at a local hospital in this city Sunday morning at the age of 83 years. Mr. Mosher was well known in Central Point where he resided for many years.

He leaves no relatives in Oregon. Funeral arrangements are not made, but interment will be in Central Point cemetery beside his deceased wife. Services in charge of Conger Funeral Parlor.

A record breaking crowd is expected at the mah-jongg party Friday afternoon at the Holland hotel given by the seventh branch of the Greater Medford Club Pear Tree for the Scholarship loan fund.

FIRST BASKET B. GAME IN CHURCH LEAGUE TONIGHT

The purpose of this newly organized inter-church athletic league is to further the good work which has been headed by the Y. M. C. A. for the past few years, that of promoting athletic activities among the different churches of Medford and the neighboring districts. It is needless to say that this work has aided greatly in the building up of these many churches among the young people.

This league has adopted the constitution and by-laws which controlled the Y. M. C. A. league heretofore. All the playing will be clean and sportsmanlike as has been exemplified in the games of the past.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are nights that the games will be played unless otherwise stated, at 7:15. The floor will be the same used last year, that is the old basket grocery on North Riverside.

The first game is tonight.

Schedule for the series is as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 15.—Baptist vs. So. Methodist; Presbyterian vs. No. Methodist.

Thursday, Jan. 17.—Baptist vs. Presbyterians; Christians vs. South Methodist.

Tuesday, Jan. 22.—Baptists vs. Christians; No. Methodists vs. So. Methodists.

Thursday, Jan. 24.—Baptists vs. No. Methodists; Presbyterians vs. Christians.

Tuesday, Jan. 29.—Presbyterians vs. So. Methodists; Christians and No. Methodists.

Thursday, Jan. 31.—Baptists vs. So. Methodists; Presbyterians vs. No. Methodists.

Tuesday, Feb. 5.—Baptists and Presbyterians; Christians vs. So. Methodist.

Thursday, Feb. 7.—Baptists vs. Christians; No. Methodist vs. So. Methodist.

Tuesday, Feb. 12.—Baptists vs. No. Methodists; Presbyterians vs. Christians.

Thursday, Feb. 14.—Presbyterians vs. So. Methodists; Christians vs. No. Methodists.

The Screen

Cupid's Fireman, Rialto
"Cupid's Fireman," the new feature at the Rialto theatre today, starring Charles (Buck) Jones is a romantic drama punctuated with humor and thrills. It revolves around a youth who becomes a fireman against his



mother's wishes. "Cupid's Fireman" is adapted from Richard Harding Davis' popular story, "Andy McGee's Chorus Girl." Additional items on the bill are "The Caddy," a comedy, Pathe News and Jeunesse Butler at the organ.

FOSDICK CLEARED ON HERESY CHARGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The Baptist minister, Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, whose allegedly heretic utterances from his pulpit in the First Presbyterian church have been the subject of investigation by a special committee of the New York Presbytery, was exonerated of the charges today, it holding that Rev. Fosdick's preachings had conformed to the doctrines of the church.

OREGON EDITOR DIES OF HEART DISEASE

WASCO, Ore., Jan. 15.—The second Sherman county editor to die suddenly of heart trouble within eight months, William L. Westerfield, about 60 years old, editor of the Grass Valley Journal, died at his home Monday night.

C. M. Synder, editor of the Wasco News Enterprise, died last May of heart trouble in much the same circumstances.

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Sports

FRED FULTON MAY GET MATCH WITH BULL OF PAMPAS

ST. PAUL, Jan. 15.—With a match with Luis Angel Firpo, South American heavyweight champion, in sight he continues knocking out all comers, Fred Fulton, heavyweight plasterer-pugilist of Minneapolis, today began winding up training for his bout with Bob Roper, at Miami, Fla., January 31.

The possibility of a Fulton-Firpo fight was mentioned in a letter received yesterday by Jack Reddy, Fulton's manager, from Billy McCarnay, New York promoter.

McCarnay declared that if the lanky Minneapolisian kept on knocking out opponents, he would get an early chance to swap punches with the Argentine.

Reddy is considering offers received from Omaha, Philadelphia and Newark promoters to stage a fight between Fulton and George Godfrey, negro heavyweight. Fulton's latest knockout victim was Tiny Herman of Omaha, who was put to sleep in the second round at Minneapolis last Friday.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 15.—Luis Firpo has started his public training preparatory for his fight with Farmer Lodge and Erminio Spalla, which are to take place here on the afternoons of February 16 and 24, respectively.

Firpo boxes eight rounds daily with his sparring partners. Then he goes through a session of shadow boxing, rope skipping and medicine ball work. He appears to be in good condition.

M'DONALD-SMITH GETS LOW SCORE IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—The California open golf championship title this year will not carry any thrillingly low score, but will be remembered for its green play and trick putts, it is the consensus of opinion among amateurs and professionals who today go on the courses of the Los Angeles country club for the second and qualifying eighteen holes of the seventy-two holes medal play.

The prospective 165 for qualification is not for the want of good players but means that the greens require particular placement of the ball and are ever ready to almost unnerve even the professional.

The cards today will give figures for all the players on the thirty-six different holes.

MacDonald Smith's lead of four yesterday was on what is rated as the easier of the two courses, the south, par 71. The north course is par 72.

The lead of the San Franciscan, who across the ocean gave Walter Hagen a good play in the title match, is a power advantage, greater than the difference in courses, he being the only player below par for either course, and three below at that.

Arthur Havers, English open champion, Gene Sarazen, national professional champion, and James Ocken, French open champion, will command galleries today.

Stribling Disqualified
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 15.—W. L. (Young) Stribling of Macon, Ga., who last night was disqualified at the end of the sixth round of a bout with Norma Genet of Akron, Ohio, for hitting in the breaks, will meet his next opponent in Atlanta on home soil, "Ta" Stribling, father-manager of the light-heavyweight boxer, announced today. Stribling will meet Billy Shade, California light-heavyweight, in Atlanta on January 28.

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COAST BASEBALL TO OPEN UP APRIL 8

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 15.—Vernon is to open at Sacramento, Oakland at Salt Lake, Portland at San Francisco and Seattle at Los Angeles for the 1924 season of the Pacific coast league of baseball clubs, it was announced today at a schedule meeting of the league directors here. Tuesday, April 8 was set as the opening day.

On account of the postponement of the opening date from the first of April, the season will run a week longer.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 15.—Regrets that "prejudice against the Japanese is still very marked," and that "the United States supreme court has held the alien land laws on the Pacific coast constitutional are expressed in a report of the committee on Orientals and Hawaiians, submitted to the convention of the home mission council of Protestant churches here today.

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