

The Weather

Prediction.....Probably rain
Cooler tonight.
Maximum yesterday.....53
Minimum today.....32
Precipitation.....Trace

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1924

Weather Year Ago

Maximum.....47.5
Minimum.....26

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

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MR. WILSON'S DEATH MATTER OF HOURS

ALL HOPE OF RECOVERY IS ABANDONED

Mr. Wilson Still Alive, But Is Growing Steadily Weaker—Still Conscious, But Unable to Speak Or Take Nourishment—May Live Through Day Says Dr. Grayson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Dr. Grayson issued at 4:45 p. m., the following informal statement: "Mr. Wilson's general condition is the same as it was this morning. He grows steadily weaker."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Chaplain Montgomery referred to former President Wilson's illness in his prayer in the house today.

"In this silence with subdued breath," he said, "we pray for that most distinguished one, as he lingers in the shadows of eternal morning. In that hushed chamber, reveal Thyself in the varied forms of comfort and peace, give restful assurance to all sad and heavy hearts. Shelter and keep him in Thy secret place and under the shadow of the Most High, bathe his brow as he awaits the summons to enter his Father's house—in Heaven forevermore—through Jesus, Christ our Lord—amen."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Woodrow Wilson continues to grow weaker hour by hour, but there was little indication this afternoon how soon the end might come.

At 3 p. m. Dr. Grayson said the sick man's condition had shown no material change except for the very slow but certain advance toward complete exhaustion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—At 1 p. m., today there was no evidence of any material change in the condition of former President Wilson.

"It looks as though Mr. Wilson would pull through the day," Dr. Grayson added to the formal text of the medical bulletin, "but that's subject to the hazard of a sudden change."

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Woodrow Wilson, who as president of the United States declared war on Germany, offered just before he was stricken with his present illness to aid Germany's starving intellectuals, according to James W. Gerard, who was Mr. Wilson's ambassador at Berlin.

"Today I 'from Woodrow Wilson's secretary, stating that Mr. Wilson would become a member of the committee to raise funds for writers, doctors, artists and other intellectuals of Germany, which I am organizing."

"It is characteristic that Mr. Wilson in the midst of his own personal distress should make this effort to help the starving and to do away with hate."

Steadily Losing Ground.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Steadily losing ground, Woodrow Wilson continued to grow weaker and weaker today.

But having lasted through a night, which his physicians thought would bring the end they cannot predict how long his remarkable vitality will hold out. Although he has taken no nourishment in almost twenty-four hours and is disinclined even to take sips of water, Mr. Wilson's pulse, respiration and temperature early today were practically normal. But he was steadily growing weaker and weaker. Dr. Grayson, his physician, said his life was simply ebbing away.

Some stimulants have been given in small doses.

At no time has Mr. Wilson been delirious and he seems at all times to be conscious of what is going on in his

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SACRED OX BURNED IN RINGLING CIRCUS FIRE; LOSS OVER \$100,000

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 2.—Fire which destroyed the huge paint and blacksmith shop in the center of the group of buildings at the winter headquarters of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus today created a panic among the animals in the menagerie and kept firemen and the keepers in the animal houses busy for

Anti-Ku Klux Klan Organization to Be Formed in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—E. H. Farrin of Washington, D. C., western director of the Minute Men and Women of America, was here today to organize a Portland branch of that body. Publication of a weekly paper will be one of the things started by the new body, according to Farrin who pointed out three chief aims:

"1.—To get a law through every legislature in the United States preventing anyone from masking in public.

"2.—To obtain a law that will require the Ku Klux Klan to publish a roster of its membership.

"3.—To force political candidates to tell exactly where they stand on the Klan question."

GIANT STILL IS CAPTURED; RICH OUTFIT SEIZED

Sheriff's Office, Assisted By Federal Men, Make Biggest Haul in History North Sams Valley—Higher-Up Still at Large.

In a raid conducted by the sheriff's office, and the federal prohibition officer Thursday afternoon in the upper Sams Valley country, the largest still yet seized in this section was found, and E. L. Hatfield, 50, whose family resides in Klamath Falls, is held in the county jail pending arraignment.

Hatfield, the authorities say, claims another man, whose identity has not been revealed, was the brains and owner of the illicit plant, and that he was only working as the distiller. This man, Hatfield alleges, is said, left Wednesday by auto, loaded with the output of the plant. This was a regular occurrence, according to Hatfield, and he never asked any questions as to its destination.

In the opinion of the authorities, none of the product was disposed of locally, but was taken north, and in fancy bottles, and under artistic labels masqueraded as rye and Scotch, from overseas and Canada.

The still, now in the jail at Jacksonville, had a capacity of 100 gallons a day. There were also 100 gallons of mash, contained in four valuable redwood tanks, which have been ordered sold at auction by the county court, and will go to defray the expense of the raid. Other material was 500 pounds of sugar and 100 gallons of kerosene, used in the still operation, which eliminated any telltale smoke going up the chimney.

The house containing the still was 12 by 18 in size, and cleverly concealed in the timber and brush. To remove the still it was necessary to tear out the front of the house, and on all hands was evidence that the illicit transaction had been conducted on a sanitary and businesslike basis.

Water was piped into the building from a spring, being filtered before using. The still was bright and polished, inside and out. After the product came out of the still, it was filtered through a barrel, filled with charcoal, sand and cotton before being bottled and jugged.

The raiding party consisted of Federal Officer Nate Chaney, Deputy Sheriff Alden and Fornerbrook and Night Policeman George Preston, and the seizure is regarded as the most important in the history of rum curbing in this section.

It is the second time in a month that county and federal authorities have stepped out into the timbered places and seized stills, the first being in the Green Springs mountain district.

more than an hour before the fire was controlled. A large black ox brought here by the circus from Italy and known as the "sacred ox" was burned to death in a pen just outside the burned structure. This was the only animal lost. An early estimate fixed the damage at \$100,000.

IRVINE TO QUIT PIERCE FEB'R. 15

Private Secretary Resigns Because of Governor's Speech On Dry Issue—Portland Woman Raided By Cleaver Christmas Day Sues for \$10,000 Damages

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—From what appears to be an authentic source comes information today that Ward A. Irvine, private secretary to Governor Pierce, will retire from his position on February 15.

Rumors of Irvine's possible resignation have been frequent and it is known that several times he has threatened to resign because of differences with his chief. The occurrence that has brought matters to a head, it is said, grew out of the governor's recent address before a convention of district attorneys in Portland. Shortly after that, according to the information, the governor asked Irvine if he was still in the notion of resigning and Irvine said he was and it was then agreed that his retirement would take place February 15.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—Suit for \$10,000 damages was filed here today against State Probation Agent George L. Cleaver by Mrs. George Peterson, who alleged her home had been raided by Cleaver's men Christmas evening on a search warrant which had been issued without probable cause. Mrs. Peterson alleged that no liquor was in her home at the time of the raid nor at any other time.

FLOYD HART IS SELECTED STATE LEGION BOARD

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—Letters from all members of the Oregon delegation in congress pledging support for a bonus for World war veterans were read at a meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon state department of the American Legion here today. All state posts were urged to adopt resolutions (thanking the congressmen and senators for their stand.

The committee ordered telegrams sent to President Coolidge and Representative Albert Johnson, chairman of the house immigration committee urging that aliens who cannot become citizens be kept out of the United States. Similar messages were sent to the legion departments of California and Washington.

A national bonus bill mass meeting will be held at Salem Saturday night, February 9.

Commander Kiddle today appointed three new state legion committees. They are:

State child welfare: George R. Wilbur, Hood River, chairman; Jacob Kanzer and Miss Martha Randall, Portland.

Aeronautics: B. C. Small, Salem, chairman; Floyd Hart, Medford, and Howard Carlton, Portland.

OREGON WHEAT MEN FOR HIGHER TARIFF

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 2.—The aid of the Western Tariff association has been pledged to the western wheat growers in their attempt to secure an increase in the tariff on wheat according to Dr. S. W. McClure of Idaho secretary of that organization who is leaving tonight for Washington to do everything possible to secure an increase in the wheat tariff.

The Western Tariff association is an organization of western growers and producers formed for the purpose of protecting tariff interests of the members. Dr. McClure who has but recently been in Washington, says that it is his opinion that President Coolidge entertains a very friendly feeling toward the producers of wheat and that the chief executive will do everything in his power to aid them. Dr. McClure was a speaker at the Oregon Wool Growers convention recently held in Pendleton and at the Washington convention held in Yakima.

Re-United With Mother, 92, After Twenty Years



Brooklyn, N. Y.—Re-united with his ninety-two year old mother after a separation of twenty years, George Doty, to-day sat in his cell in the Raymond Street Jail, here, fondly gazing at the portrait of her that he had carried with him in all those years of wandering; years that had brought him little but sorrow and ended with his arrest on a charge of petty thievery. Insert, Mrs. Lateer, the mother, as she looked on the photo.

F. V. MEDYNSKI TO BUILD NEW BUSINESS BLOCK

A welcome improvement in the business district which was inaugurated by F. V. Medynski when next April he will begin erecting a one-story concrete business block with 80 foot front on the west side of South Central, back to the alley, by 28 feet in depth. It will really be a continuation of the Reddy jewelry company building corner of Main and Central. This will provide four more store rooms, each with a front like the Smith shoe store on North Central.

The structure will be completed by June 1st according to present plans. Work can not be begun until April because the present lease of the J. N. Cafe does not expire until that time. Mr. Medynski owns the full depth of the land running 140 feet from the Reddy store fronting on Main street, back to the alley. The new structure will be so built that at a later time one or two stories can be added, when desired.

OREGON GROWERS ELECT NEWHOUSE NEW MANAGER

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—M. J. Newhouse, assistant general manager of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association for the past two years and prior to that manager of the Washington Growers' association, has been elected to succeed Robert B. Paulus, resigned, as general manager of the Oregon association. Mr. Newhouse will take over his new duties April 1.

Meeting yesterday the board of directors of the association took under consideration the form of contract which will be offered growers when the association is reorganized on an exclusive dried fruit basis. The proposed contract is permanent in form with a withdrawal clause permitting any grower to withdraw at a specified time during any year.

The directors voted to allow outside growers to come under the association during the present year upon payment of one-tenth of a cent a pound for the fruit handled and their share of the packing and selling charges.

SPOKANE TO CONSIDER LICENSING OF CATS

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 2.—More than 3000 signatures to the petitions asking the city council for an ordinance requiring the licensing of cats already have been secured, according to Professor T. A. Bonser, curator of the Spokane public museum. Professor Bonser is conducting the campaign, claiming that the destruction of song birds by common house cats is one cause for the increase of insect pests.

Fraternity Boys Kill 1 Woman, Wound 3 In Target Practice

STILLWATER, Okla., Feb. 2.—Stray bullets fired by three Oklahoma A. and M. college students at a target in the back yard of their fraternity house here late yesterday killed Mrs. Matilda A. Hodges, 72 year old widow, and pioneer resident of Stillwater, and slightly wounded two other women who rushed to her assistance when they saw her fall.

David D. Zinc, Roy G. Doak and Earl Nutter, the three marksmen, all upper classmen and leaders in student activities at the college, were arrested shortly afterward and formally charged with murder. They spent the night in jail.

OIL EXPOSURE WON'T STOP THE M'ADOO DRIVE

Campaign Manager Declares McAdoo's Connection With Doheny Won't Stop Effort to Make Him Next President—Reed Supporters Demur.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The campaign to bring about the nomination of William Gibbs McAdoo as the democratic presidential candidate is to be in no way influenced by the reported connection of Mr. McAdoo with the E. L. Doheny oil interests, David Ladd Rockwell, national manager of the campaign, makes it plain.

In a telegram to Mr. McAdoo he said that the candidate's critics have not a leg left to stand on after his telegraphic reply to the senate committee.

"The American people," the message of Mr. Rockwell said, "will not be diverted from their determination to nominate and elect you their president, by silly rumors and sinister influences operated by influences inimicable to our country who are seeking to encompass your defeat."

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—The testimony of Edward L. Doheny, oil magnate, that William G. McAdoo, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, is employed by him in a legal capacity, "is fatal," to McAdoo's candidacy, asserted Edward A. Glenn, campaign manager for United States Senator James A. Reed, also a candidate for the nomination.

"Doheny's testimony at Washington is fatal to McAdoo's candidacy," said Glenn.

"The democrats of Missouri, or of no other state, can afford to support a man for the presidency who is connected with Doheny and the oil interests now under inquiry by the United States senate committee."

Two Candidates File For State Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—T. A. Welke of Condon has filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the state senate and Fred C. Hollibaugh of Clatskanie has filed as a candidate for the lower house. Both seek republican nomination. Welke needs to represent the eighteenth senatorial district comprising Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties, and his slogan is "fewer laws, lower automobile license fees, square deal for farmer and stock raiser." Hollibaugh would represent the twentieth representative district comprising Columbia county. His slogan is "Columbia county's interests my interests."

COUNTY COURT SEES STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER, RIDE OVER SALEM ROADS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—The Jackson county court today conferred with the state highway department and members of the Marion and Clackamas county courts relative to county highway paving proposed in Jackson county between Medford and Jacksonville and part way at least between Jacksonville and Ruch. It is not a state aid project, but the visiting officials sought advice from State

REFUSES TO TESTIFY TO COMMITTEE

Ex-Secy. Fall Called Before Senate Committee, Again Refuses to Answer Questions—Claims Authority of Committee Has Expired—Fears Incrimination.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Haled before the senate oil committee today against the protest of his attorneys and physicians, former Interior Secretary Fall flatly refused to answer questions about naval oil leases and his relations with Harry F. Sinclair and E. L. Doheny.

Mr. Fall gave two major reasons why he declined to reply. The first was that the authority given to the investigating committee by the last congress had expired and the second, that in the light of the action of congress in directing institution of court action, civil and criminal, in the oil lease cases, any answers he would make might tend to incriminate him.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Clearing the hearing room of the crowd which jammed every available space, the committee went into executive session to determine its course in the light of the attitude of the former cabinet officer and senator. As the committee deliberated Mr. Fall waited with his lawyers and physicians in an anteroom.

Its authority to continue the investigation having been challenged by Mr. Fall, the committee decided to ask the senate on Monday to remove all doubt by re-adopting the original resolution authorizing the inquiry. The committee then adjourned until next Tuesday.

Mr. Fall will be recalled before the committee next Tuesday and should he then decline to answer questions senators said the issue of the authority of the committee to compel an answer under pain of contempt proceedings in the courts would be squarely raised.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press). Mason Day, the representative in Europe of the Sinclair oil interests today issued in behalf of Harry F. Sinclair the following statement:

"I expect to return to America on either the steamship Berengaria, sailing February 6, or the steamship President Harding, sailing February 12."

(Signed) "H. F. Sinclair."

BIG STILL NABBED PILOT ROCK, OREGON

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 2.—Neil Lleuallen of Athena and a farm hand booked as Pennington were haled before the Pilot Rock justice of the peace yesterday afternoon on a charge of possessing and operating a still. Pennington pleaded guilty and drew a fine of \$100 and a sentence of 30 days in the county jail. Lleuallen pleaded not guilty and was bound over to the grand jury. The pair were arrested following a raid on the Lockwood ranch near Pilot Rock which belongs to Lleuallen's brother-in-law, Z. W. Lockwood, Jr., who is wintering with his wife in California.

George Coddling Honored
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—George Coddling, a deputy in the state corporation department and an attorney of Medford from 1916 until 1922, was this afternoon elected chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee to succeed Henry Downing, who was recently appointed county judge.

Highway Engineer R. A. Klein relative to methods and costs. Following the conference with Klein the Jackson county men made a trip over some of the newly paved Marion county market roads with members of the Marion county court and this afternoon will inspect paved roads in Clackamas county. The visitors from Jackson county were County Judge Gardner and Commissioners Bursell and Alford.