

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 42
Minimum today 33

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 63
Minimum 29

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NO CASH ON DEPOSIT FOR FALL CHECKS

More Surprises Sprung On Resumption of Oil Probe — Bankers Declare McLean Had Small Balance When Alleged \$100,000 Check Was Given Secy. of Interior.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The senate oil committee opened another bag of surprises today when it resumed hearings after a ten day recess. Taking up the trail of the \$100,000 loan made to A. B. Fall by Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, the committee was told by officials of two Washington banks that Mr. McLean's checking balance in neither of them was more than \$10,000 in December, 1921.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post had a balance of less than \$10,000 in the federal American National bank during the month of November and December, 1921.

McLean had testified that it was during that period he gave Albert B. Fall checks aggregating \$100,000 on the Federal American and the Commercial National bank of Washington.

James H. Baden, vice-president of the Commercial National produced records showing that McLean's balance in that bank was \$58,438 on November 1, 1921, and that this was reduced by checks to less than \$10,000 by the middle of December.

Mr. Slemp said he went to Palm Beach, Fla., December 22 and returned January 18. Mr. McLean and A. B. Fall were in Palm Beach at the time.

"I was in Palm Beach for fifty per cent of the time," said Mr. Slemp, "and toured Florida for the rest of the time. I met Mr. McLean casually several times. I can't fix dates. I was there for health and recreation."

Governor Dixon of Montana Slated to Take Denby's Place

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Joseph M. Dixon, governor of Montana and at one time a leader in the Roosevelt progressive party movement, is being seriously considered for secretary of the navy to succeed Edwin Denby.

3 FATALLY HURT IN AUTO CRASH AT OREGON CITY

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 25.—Three persons are in a hospital here so seriously injured that they are not expected to live, and two others are suffering from slight injuries as a result of a collision today between the automobile in which they were riding at a Southern Pacific train at the River road grade crossing half way between Park Place and Oregon City.

Those reported probably fatally injured are: Mrs. George W. Harms, 34, of Dallas, Ore., internal injuries, knee crushed, leg amputation below knee; P. P. Kroecker, 50, of Dallas, internal injuries; Frank Regier, 50, Dallas, fractured skull.

2 DRY AGENTS ARE RELEASED ON BAIL

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 25.—Paul Mumpower, state prohibition officer, and Ed Neill, who worked with him as a deputy, are out on bail following the preliminary hearing which closed Saturday at Gold Beach. Both were bound over to await the action of the grand jury called for today, on a charge of manslaughter.

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PRESIDENT WILL DECIDE FATE OF DAUGHTY, SOON

White House Announcement Regarding Attorney General Expected Near Future — May Resign, Same to Be Effective Month or Two.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Director Bain of the bureau of mines told the oil committee today that Secretary Fall informed him the plan to build storage tanks at Pearl Harbor, in return for royalty oil, was discussed at a cabinet meeting and that Attorney General Daugherty "raised no objection to it."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Some definite pronouncement from administration quarters regarding the controversy over Attorney General Daugherty was forecast today as the senate assembled to consider the resolution for a sweeping inquiry into Mr. Daugherty's administration of the department of justice.

President Coolidge was represented by those in his confidence as still without a definite decision regarding the demands for the attorney general's resignation. An adjustment of the situation without great delay, however, was said to be believed by the president to be possible.

The executive is continuing to take counsel from republican leaders in and out of congress. Last night he had another conference with Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, who in the senate last week openly urged the resignation of Mr. Daugherty as a personal sacrifice in the public interest.

Among measures reported under consideration was a suggestion that Mr. Daugherty might present his resignation effective a month or two in the future, and meantime present his case before the proposed senate investigating committee.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—William Gibbs McAdoo, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination on two occasions referred publicly to the fact that the law firm with which he was connected might have received \$1,000,000 from the Bohony oil interests had it been successful in Mexican negotiations.

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WASHINGTON SENATOR LINKS COLUMBIA GRANT WITH FALL OIL INQUIRY



Senator C. C. Dill, of Washington, has introduced a resolution initiating an investigation into the treaty which gave Columbia \$25,000,000 and reserved oil concessions there to this country.

Oregon News in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Hugh E. Kuenzi, 37, a farmer living about 11 miles south of Salem, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver about 6:30 o'clock this morning.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—Owing to defects in the search warrant under which opium, a collection of pipes and narcotics were alleged to have been found in the establishment of Lau Gong Men of La Grande, the case against him was dismissed by Federal Judge Bean here today.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Hal D. Patton, pioneer Salem merchant and a former member of both houses of the legislature from Marion county, announced today that he will file as a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention from the first congressional district.

The Noted Dead

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 25.—William Lair Hill, 85, former editor of the Portland Oregonian and former judge of the superior court of Grant county, Oregon, died at his home here last night after having been a resident of this county for thirty years.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—(By the Associated Press)—The conference of dock workers today called off the dockmen's strike which has been in progress since February 13, seriously interfering with commerce and industry.

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OREGON BANDIT GANG ARRESTED AT PENDLETON

Nine Boys, From 13 to 18 Years of Age, Rounded Up After Year of Wholesale Thieving—3 Autos and 36 Bicycles in Loot.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 25.—Nine boys of Milton and Freewater, cities in the east end of Umatilla county, are in the county jail here this morning charged with robbery, having been arrested Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Buffington and Price Reeb, federal officer.

The capture came through the robbery of the John Bannister house on a wheat ranch near Helix. The house was deserted, the men on the place busy doing chores, while Mrs. Bannister was away, and two members of the gang, John Dausner, 16, and Orval Myers, 13, ransacked the house and loaded the spoils into the Bannister machine.

Saturday morning the robbery hatched place on Friday night, the two boys returned to the car which had been left where they deserted it. Working in the darkness just before dawn they took a rifle, shot gun and some robes from the machine and made off with them, attempting to take the car the second time.

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U. S. Sup. Court Holds Farm Can't Be Sold To Pay Booze Fine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The supreme court today prohibited the sale without a hearing of a farm to satisfy the federal government for penalties arising out of a violation of the federal prohibition laws.

ADVANCE DOPE ON RUHR REPORT FAVORS FRANCE

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Death Toll of the Automobile

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., Feb. 25.—Two boys and one girl were drowned when an automobile carrying eleven persons plunged over an embankment into an irrigation canal 14 miles west of here yesterday.

ROME, Feb. 25.—The health of King Victor Emmanuel, who has been ill with influenza, was greatly improved today. His temperature has been restored to normal.

GOVERNOR'S OPERATION SERIOUS ONE; WILL BE IN HOSPITAL TWO WEEKS

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EMBARGO IS DECLARED ON CALIFORNIA

Oregon Livestock Dept. Orders Railroads to Ship No Stock From California—Hay and Straw Also Included—Protect State From Hoof and Mouth Disease.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—A sweeping proclamation has been prepared by the state livestock department which Governor Pierce is expected to sign today, declaring a close restriction against cattle, sheep, other ruminants, and swine, proposed for shipment from California into Oregon.

The proclamation provides that no railroad or transportation company shall receive any of such animals for movement into Oregon from California, or any other state that may be declared infected, until wire permission is granted by the secretary of the state livestock sanitary board.

It is also required that the livestock be placed only in pens or yards that have been disinfected.

Restriction is also placed on the importation from California of anti-cholera serum and virus until the United States department of agriculture has pronounced it free from danger.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Son Kermit Reach Berlin, On Way Home

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