

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 52
Minimum today 39

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 54
Minimum 34

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

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1924

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RUCH ROAD IS APPROVED BY HIGHWAY BOARD

Commission Orders Advertising Bids for New Work in Six Counties in March, and Three in April—Mostly Small Jobs, Roosevelt Highway Construction Largest.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 11.—The state highway commission yesterday afternoon ordered advertising of new work in six counties for March and on three other projects for April.

New work ordered advertised for March follows:

Jackson county—Paving 3 1/2 miles from Medford to Jacksonville, and from Jacksonville to Ruch. The job will be advertised for and paid for by Jackson county.

Umatilla county—Old Oregon trail, a section south of Stanfield, to be a cut-off, grading one mile.

Baker county—Baker, Union road, the Mill Gulch section, six miles of grading.

Curry county—Roosevelt coast highway, Myers Creek section, 2.1 miles of grading and surfacing.

Curry county—Roosevelt coast highway, Section from Stinehock river to the California state line, 3 1/2 miles of grading and surfacing.

Union county—Old Oregon trail, Grade approach for Ora Dell crossing near La Grande.

April advertising:

Tillamook county—Roosevelt coast highway, Brighton to Jetty creek, 3 1/2 miles grading.

Clatsop county—Roosevelt coast highway, From Seaside to Cannon Beach Junction, three miles grading and surfacing.

Deschutes county—The Dalles-California highway, Surfacing 12 miles from Allen ranch to Lapine.

J. C. Compton's bid on cement concrete construction on the Albany-Corvallis section of the Pacific highway was accepted yesterday by the state highway commission at a unit price of \$294 and a total bid of \$231,622.

Force and Kerrigan of Portland bid \$1.50 a square yard, or \$210,000 in round numbers on the job, in bituminous cement, but the commission favored concrete for this section.

The bids received were the lowest that have been offered to the commission.

STATE BUREAUS JARRED BY DECREE

SALEM, Ore., March 11.—C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, is upheld by the supreme court today in his refusal to issue a license to the Star Employment Agency of Portland because A. G. Lyons and H. J. Bennett, operators of the agency, tendered only a single fee of \$50 and not a fee of that amount for each of the two members. The opinion points out that the law is evidently designed to regulate agents themselves and not the firms.

Lyons and Bennett instituted mandamus proceedings in the lower court for Marion county, Gram demurred and Judge G. G. Bingham of the circuit court, sustained the demurrer and dismissed the case. Lyons and Bennett appealed. The supreme court affirmed Judge Bingham.

The supreme court holds the state game commission has no right to change the dates of the hunting season by fixing dates other than those prescribed by law. This ruling is made in the case of W. C. Winslow vs. the state game commission, appellants, in which Judge G. G. Bingham of the lower court for Marion county is affirmed. The law makes the deer hunting season in the western Oregon from August 20 to October 31. The commission made it September 10 to October 31, and in so doing the court holds that the commission exceeds its authority.

DOG THAT WALKED FROM IOWA TO JOIN HIS MASTER PRESENTED WITH A MEDAL

SALEM, Ore., March 11.—Bob, the Silvertown dog, that some time ago walked all the way from Walcott, Ind., to Silvertown, Ore., to join his owner, G. F. Brazier, from whom he became lost in Indiana, was yesterday presented a medal in a public ceremony at Eugene Field auditorium and the medal was presented to the dog by

G. O. P. State Chairman Fined \$250 for Rum; Moral Charge Fizzles

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Mar. 11.—Walter L. Toose, Jr., chairman of the republican state central committee and Joe Templin, garage man, were each fined \$250 by Judge Robert Tucker of Portland on charges of possession of liquor late yesterday. Both had pleaded guilty to the charge. The original indictment returned by the grand jury contained a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, but the indictment was thrown out as faulty. When the case was returned to the grand jury the state declared the men were not guilty of such an offense and asked for an indictment under the prohibition laws. "The indictment returned by the grand jury of this county charging possession of liquor, to which the defendant Toose pleaded guilty, amounts to a complete vindication of the defendant upon the prior charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor," said Judge Tucker while assessing the fine.

PRIMARY TODAY IN TWO STATES FOR PRESIDENT

All New Hampshire Candidates for Delegates, But One Is Pledged Coolidge—M'Adoo and Underwood Lead in Alabama Vote.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 11.—First returns in the presidential primary in New Hampshire today came from Danville where Senator George H. Moses, unpledged, was low man in the republican contest for delegates at large. Moses received eight votes as compared to twelve for Frank H. Chellis of Manchester, pledged for Coolidge.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 11.—Interest in the primary in New Hampshire today to select delegates to the republican and democratic national conventions lay chiefly in the question whether this state would send to Cleveland a delegation solidly pledged to the candidacy of President Coolidge.

Of the eight republican candidates for the seven positions as delegates at large, all are pledged to Coolidge except U. S. Senator George H. Moses. Senator Moses, although he announced in the senate recently that if nominated as delegate he would favor the nomination of Coolidge, has refused to pledge himself.

It is expected that all the democratic delegates will go to New York unpledged.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 11.—Alabama voters participated today in the state's first preferential presidential primary. A heavy vote was expected. There were three democratic candidates, Senator Oscar Underwood, L. B. Musgrove and M. A. Dinsmore. The successful candidate will name the state's delegation to the national convention.

At Underwood headquarters it was asserted he would carry the state by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Musgrove declared that the "dry" element is behind him. Mr. Dinsmore is an avowed supporter of William G. McAdoo, although Mr. McAdoo did not enter the primary. Mr. Dinsmore said he would, if elected, name a McAdoo delegation to the convention.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 11.—The republican state convention met here today to select 11 delegates at large to the Cleveland convention. It was agreed in all quarters the delegates chosen would go to the national convention.

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'THAT MAN' M'LEAN CODE IS BARUCH

Advisor Next to Col. House in Wilson Regime Was Going to See Walsh—Confidential Man of Publisher On Stand—Atlantic City Conference With Fall Not to Say 'Howdy'

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Under pressure of a hard hitting cross-examination, John F. Major, confidential man to Edward B. McLean, explained to the oil committee today some more of the mysteries of the McLean telegrams.

One of those referred to without name in the messages, he said, was C. Bascom Slemm, with whom he declared he had returned from Florida and upon whom he had called several times since, at Mr. Slemm's invitation. He insisted the calls were "purely social."

The code word "eyed" the witness explained as referring to E. S. Rochester, attached to the office of Attorney General Daugherty. He said that Rochester on one occasion had asked him to come to the department and had indicated that "something" might be expected soon, but he was lazy as to details.

The mysterious "Willis" referred to repeatedly in the telegrams as looking after McLean's interests, finally was identified by Major as Wilton J. Lambert, the publisher's attorney.

Major told of a trip taken by Mr. McLean and himself to Atlantic City, "about the middle of December," where McLean talked to former Secretary Fall.

The McLean party, which included W. O. Duckstein, the publisher's private secretary, remained at the beach city two hours, but the witness said he did not know what his employer and Fall had talked about. He had "naturally inferred" from the newspaper accounts of Fall's later statement to the committee, he said, that McLean and Fall had discussed the matter.

"I know McLean didn't go to Atlantic City to say 'Howdy' to Mr. Fall," he said. Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico, read from a transcript of Major's testimony on March 8, in which the witness first told of the McLean-Fall conference at Atlantic City. He said, "Senator Bursum insisted, that he knew Fall and McLean discussed the matter of Fall's story that McLean had loaned him \$100,000."

"I inferred that was the purpose of the visit," Major insisted, "because the paper came out with the story. I'm merely inferring that."

Major went on to explain several of his telegrams under questioning. By his message to McLean saying that A. Mitchell Palmer had "parties working on Walsh," Major said he meant simply that there were people inquiring of Walsh as to whether McLean was to be called to testify.

He testified that the telegram saying he was busy with Curtis, Underwood and Zev, meant he was trying to avoid the calling of McLean from Palm Beach to testify. J. W. Zevely, personal counsel to Harry F. Sinclair, he said, told him that all efforts to keep Harry Payne Whitney off the stand had failed. He then went to Zevely to enlist his aid to a similar end for McLean but was told that it was useless.

Major said he thought "that man" mentioned in another telegram to McLean referred to Bernard M. Baruch. The message said "that man" was to see "the party" today and Major testified "the party" probably was Senator Walsh.

With Baruch, the witness went on, he had discussed Mr. McLean. "He said it was a damned shame," continued Major, "that Ned McLean was mixed up in this thing for nothing."

"What was he (Baruch) going to see me about?" Senator Walsh asked. "Do you know whether he did see me or not?"

"I don't think he did," Major replied. Senator Walsh read a code message to Major from McLean which said "this is a hypothetical question," and desired to know whether Baruch kept a record of endorsements on checks.

"I answered that the bank did not keep a record of what a check was drawn for," said Major, adding that he did not know why McLean asked the question.

"Where did you go to decode this telegram?" Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, asked, establishing that

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McAdoo's Son Hides Face from Camera After He and Palmer Attend Senate's Oil Lease Inquiry



These photographs were made as Francis McAdoo, son of William G. McAdoo, and A. Mitchell Palmer, former Attorney General, were leaving the Senate building in Washington. Palmer was before the committee to explain his activities as counsel for E. B. McLean, Washington newspaper publisher, who sought to avoid being called to tell what he knows about the oil scandal. Young McAdoo, who was to be called later, tried to avoid a battery of camera men when he left the Senate building.

DEATH HOLDS NO TERRORS FOR EVANS DOOMED TO HANG

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 11.—Back inside the four walls of the Oregon state penitentiary again this morning, Abe Evans, convicted of killing James Dorman near The Dalles two years ago, appears to be entirely unconcerned over the fact that he is to hang June 6, according to A. M. Dalrymple, warden, and other prison officials.

The only complaint Evans had to make when returned to the prison late last night from The Dalles where he was re-sentenced for his crime, was that he thought it peculiar that he would be allowed to make the return trip from the eastern Oregon city with his hands and feet unencumbered by any shackles. On the way to The Dalles he was kept in handcuffs.

Yesterday afternoon in the court room Evans, asked if he had anything to say replied:

"Boys, don't ever pick up anybody on the road. I did it and I lost my wife, my home and my life."

Warden Dalrymple said this morning that he had not placed Evans in solitary confinement and he did not intend to do so until within a short time before the date set for the execution.

"That is too long a time to keep any man shut up in solitary," the warden explained, "particularly one of Evans' type."

Evans will continue to be employed at various jobs around the prison yard but will not be allowed outside the walls.

Oregon News in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 11.—Frank M. Gill today filed with the secretary of state his statement as a candidate for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature from Wasco county. He says he will "endeavor to secure constructive legislation which will be for the best interests of my constituency and the state at large. I have no legislative panacea to offer. I will give the best that is in me to furthering the welfare of my constituency."

E. H. Woods of Fossil filed as a candidate for the republican nomination for district attorney for Wheeler county. Willard Wirtz of Prineville filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for district attorney for Crook county.

SALEM, Ore., March 11.—The state irrigation securities commission at a meeting here yesterday approved a contract entered into between Morrison & Knudson of Boise and the Jordan Valley Irrigation district, whereby the contractors will build the work at about \$379,900 and accept bonds of the district at 50. The commission certified bonds for the district in the sum of \$400,000 and guaranteed interest.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 11.—The trial of Albert and Joel H. Coe, who are charged with arson in connection with the destruction by fire of the St. Nicholas cafeteria, Jan. 11, November, was halted today when one of the jurors, C. Dickson, became ill with smallpox. Circuit Judge Rossmann suspended court proceedings pending the report of City Health Officer Parrish as to quarantine.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 11.—All morning was spent in federal court today in efforts to complete the jury which is to try Stephen L. Scroggin, former bank president of Sheridan, on charges of misapplication of funds of the bank.

AUTO SMASHUP ON HIGHWAY SENDS 5 TO SALEM HOSPITAL

SALEM, Ore., March 11.—Five Salem persons, two of whom are in local hospitals, were injured, and two automobiles were smashed beyond repair as a result of a head-on collision on the Pacific highway 15 miles north of Salem at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Janet Waller, 54, of 1440 State street, the mother of Mrs. Z. J. Riggs and S. J. Junior, professional golf instructor at the Illhee Country club, suffered the more severe injuries. Mrs. Waller is suffering from bad bruises and shock, while Junior, hospital attendants said, may have a fractured skull. He also sustained head and hand lacerations. His condition, however, is not believed to be grave. He is conscious.

Other persons who suffered minor injuries are Z. J. Riggs, local druggist; Mrs. Margaret Fitchard, of the Keys apartments, and Fred Williams, attorney.

The accident, it was said, occurred on a straight-away when the Riggs car skidded and met up with the south-bound car, of which Mr. Junior was the sole occupant. The pavement was slippery and Riggs, who was driving, is believed to have applied his brakes too swiftly.

DELUSIONS BLAMED FOR CONFESSION

PORTLAND, Me., March 11.—counsel for Mrs. Nettie May MacLean of Tacoma, Wash., today expressed the opinion that she was suffering from hallucinations when she made her alleged confession that she smothered the baby which she had brought across the continent to show its father, Kenneth R. MacLean, Bowdoin college student.

They said they were convinced that she did not kill the baby. Should she be indicted with her husband on a charge of manslaughter on which they were arrested and admitted to bail, the lawyers said they would set up the defense that she was suffering from a "brain storm" when she told the authorities that she had smothered the baby with a pillow after a quarrel with her husband.

They added that she had suffered from severe headaches from the time of her arrest until her departure last Saturday night for Tacoma with her mother and that at times she did not appear to realize that the baby was dead.

COSTA RICA HIT BY TREMBLORS

NEW YORK, March 11.—The All-American Cable company received from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, the following message: "Two severe earthquake shocks were felt here early today, many buildings suffering."

"The minister of public works ordered all houses abandoned and notified the people to seek safety in the open. Cable communications were not impaired."

Surplus of Sheriff Timber in Umatilla, All for Enforcement

PENDLETON, Ore., March 11.—With the announcements today of the candidacies of two more men who are seeking the nomination for sheriff, Umatilla county has just 11 citizens in the race for this position. Zoeth Houser, republican, and N. D. Parks, democrat, both residents of Pendleton, have formally filed.

Mr. Houser has been sheriff during the past three years or more and was sheriff of the county many years ago. He was at one time state's marshal. He has resided in Umatilla county for many years and is well acquainted over the county. His platform as announced in his declaration is "efficiency, economy and enforcement of the laws."

N. D. Parks seeks the democratic nomination. He is in business in Pendleton and has as his platform "enforcement of the law—no favorites."

COOLIDGE ASKS RUSH CUT IN TAXES IN PLEA

Special Message Sent Congress By President Asks 25 Per Cent Reduction for Last Year—Called Step in Right Direction for Public Welfare

WASHINGTON, March 11.—President Coolidge today sent a special message to congress recommending a reduction of 25 per cent on income taxes for 1923, to be authorized before March 15.

The president believes that the importance of the reduction would justify the laying aside of all other legislative business for its consideration.

The text of the message follows: "It had been my earnest hope that a 25 per cent reduction in taxes to be paid for the current year might be provided by law before the 15th of March current."

"Many people have been expecting that such would be the case and deferred their tax returns accordingly. It is a matter of such imminent importance that I have no hesitation in recommending the public welfare would be much advanced by temporarily laying aside all other legislation and enacting a resolution for this purpose, which ought to be by unanimous consent."

"The taxpayers, the business interests, agriculture, industry, finance, in fact all the elements that go to make up the economic welfare of the people of America would be greatly benefited by such action."

"It would remove an element of uncertainty from the current financial year at once, which would be a strong stimulant to business with its resultant benefit to the wage earner and the agriculture of our country. It is impossible to see that any harm could accrue from this action and there is every prospect of resulting benefits which would be very great."

"It would be a positive step in the right direction, which is more needed at this time to justify the confidence of the people that the government is intent solely on the promotion of public welfare without regard to any collateral objects."

The president's message came somewhat as a surprise to the house republican leaders, who yesterday turned down definitely plans to put through at this time such a resolution as he recommended. They had argued that

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WORN OUT, BUT INNOCENT MAN, OFFERS TO GO TO ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR YOUTH

MARRISBURG, Pa., March 11.—Offering to go to the electric chair in place of Joseph Trinkle, convicted of murder, Walter J. Kirkwood, 50, of Philadelphia, wrote to Governor Philcat that Trinkle should be given ten years in prison as when ten years served his time he would be young enough to be of much use. The governor referred the odd request to the board of pardons, which informed Kirkwood that there is now law

MEDFORD TO PLAY FIRST FRIDAY EVE

LaGrande to Be Opponent at State Tourney—Independence to Meet Pilot Rock Thursday—Finals and Semi-Finals Played Saturday—Schedule of Games.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 11.—Basketball final: North Bend 16; Coquille 8.

SALEM, Ore., March 11.—Announcement of the schedule of games for the state inter-scholastic association basketball tournament to determine the high school championship of the state, which opens at Willamette university Thursday evening, was made this afternoon as follows: Thursday evening—Independence and Pilot Rock.

Friday afternoon—Winner in district No. 5, Coquille or North Bend, vs. Winner in district No. 8, McMinnville or Forest Grove. Eugene vs. winner of district No. 9, St. Helens or Astoria.

Friday evening—LaGrande vs. Medford.

The semi-finals will be played Saturday afternoon and the finals Saturday evening.

The championship of district No. 8 will be determined here tonight when Forest Grove and McMinnville play.

SALEM, Ore., March 11.—The basketball teams of Independence and Pilot Rock have been matched for the first round of the state inter-scholastic basketball tournament which opens Thursday on the floor of the Willamette university gymnasium. The winner of this game and the other seven participants will play the preliminary elimination contests Friday afternoon and evening. The semi-finals will be played Saturday afternoon and the finals Saturday night.

PENDLETON, Ore., March 11.—Pilot Rock high school basketball team, district champions, left this morning at eleven o'clock for Salem, where they will participate in the state tournament, playing their first game with Independence Thursday afternoon. Seven men are making the trip accompanied by their coach, Glen Walkley, former University of Oregon track star. The men making the trip are the regular quintet, composed of Condra and Stanton, forwards; B. Smith, center; T. Smith and Evans, guards, and Galbreath and Kester, substitutes.

FRESH DECLINES IN WHEAT PRICES

CHICAGO, Mar. 11.—Fresh declines in the price of wheat took place today during the early trading. Opening prices, which ranged from 1-5/8@3-4c lower, May \$1.09 1-2@1.09 3-4 and July \$1.09 1-2@1.09 7-8, were followed by a moderate further setback and then something of a rally.

After opening unchanged to 1-4c off, May 80 5-8@80 3-4c, corn prices sagged a little more and then advanced to slightly above yesterday's finish. Oats were weak. Starting 1-8@518c lower, May 47@47 1-4c, oats recovered only in part. The provision market lacked support.

Freight to Baltic
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11.—The shipping board today approved the first ocean freight service consolidation recommended by President Palmer of the emergency fleet corporation on the Scandinavian and Baltic routes.

In this state to permit the substitution of an innocent volunteer for a condemned criminal.

In making his request Kirkwood stated he was "broken in health, cannot hold down a real job," and did not see that he would be "of any more use on earth whatever."

His motive, he explained, was to startle humanity with a keen realization of what capital punishment means. He offered to pay his own carfare to the place of execution.