

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 58
Minimum today 26

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1924

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 66
Minimum 48

NO. 301

FIND KELSO WIFE SLAYER WITH FOLKS

Parents Give Up Son Charged
With Murder, Sought Since
February 13—Left Suicide
Notes—Fugitive Thought to
Have Been in Bend, Ore.—
Crime Was Brutal.

PENDLETON, Ore., March 12.—Elton Hutchinson, wanted for the alleged murder of his wife at their home at Kelso, Wash., early in February, was arrested early this morning at the home of his father, E. E. Hutchinson, near Pilot Rock, by T. B. Buffington, deputy sheriff, and Price Reeb, federal officer.

The apprehension of the man came shortly after his father saw his son this morning, and it was on information furnished by the elder Hutchinson that the officers went to the home and placed the younger man under arrest.

The officers arrived at the county jail this morning shortly after 8:30 o'clock with Hutchinson in charge. When quizzed by Buffington and Reeb the prisoner talked freely.

He admitted that he killed his wife. The crime was committed on Monday morning, February 4, he said. Mrs. Hutchinson had not dressed when he killed her, he declared in his statement. He said he did not know what he was doing until he was in the act of choking her. Many of the details connected with the crime he claimed were not clear in his mind.

"I've never been right since I was about fourteen years old," he said in explaining how he came to commit the homicide. "Sometimes it has seemed that the walls were rushing in on me and I've had smothering spells. My body and my worries have seemed to part company. I could stick a needle into my body and it didn't seem to hurt much, and the pain seemed kind of apart somehow."

The two had never had any trouble of any kind, he explained. He was not jealous of his wife because she had never given him any reason and he said that she was not jealous of him.

"I not only loved her, I worshipped her," he declared. "She was a good housekeeper and worked hard. When I was out of work she did washing to get me a birthday present. All I lived for was to please her."

"Sometimes," he continued in explaining the "spells" he claims to have suffered at times, "I would see writhing forms in front of me. It was this way on that morning."

He had his wife's rings in his possession when arrested this morning. He does not remember how he happened to get them after the tragedy, he told the officers.

He has no clear memory about cashing the check on Monday morning, he said, though he admitted that he did receive the cash. The first night after the homicide he spent at Oregon City, according to his statement. The second night he has forgotten where he was, he said. On the third night he was in a sawmill town near Eugene.

The fourth night he spent in a vacant summer cottage on the McKenzie river. On the fifth night he said he realized that something was wrong with him and then he had the desire to end his own life.

"I knew if I did that I'd be lost and would never have a chance to make atonement or to meet my wife in the after life, so I decided to keep on living."

"You lost the desire to kill yourself when you put the proposition right up to yourself, didn't you?" he was asked. "Yes," he admitted.

He then conceived the idea of working to make enough money so that he could come to Pilot Rock to see his father and then return to Kelso to give himself up, he said. He worked for R. O. Andrus near Redmond as a farm hand, boarded a train near there and arrived at Rietz, three miles west of Pendleton Tuesday afternoon, he admitted. He then walked to Pilot Rock, where he arrived at nine o'clock, walked through the streets and went to the cemetery. He found the grave of his wife he said and spent an hour praying and in lying on his wife's grave. Then he walked to the home of his father, E. E. Hutchinson.

He tried to sleep in the barn, but the night was too cold, so he walked around to keep warm until this morning.

"I didn't go in last night because I wanted to see my father first, but my little brother, Louis, about ten years old, saw me this morning and he went

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Century Old Irishman Still Able to Walk, Fight, Cuss and Leap

LONDON, March 12.—The dangerous age in the case of Owen Connelly of Laskey, County Sligo, Ireland, seems to be an even hundred years. Connelly, hale and vigorous, walked nine miles to the courthouse recently to answer a charge of having "used threatening language and abused Patrick Brady."

"He jumped over a fence and threatened me with a black-thorn," declared Brady.

The magistrate dismissed the case.

DAUGHERTY QUIZ OPENS, WIFE OF FRIEND CALLED

Roxie Stinson, Divorcee, Expected to Tell Amazing Story of Sources of Income of Jesse Smith, Pal of Cabinet Officer.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—An amazing story, containing many grave insinuations, was told before the senate committee's Daugherty investigation today by Roxie Stinson of Columbus, Ohio, divorced wife of Jesse Smith, who for years was Attorney General Daugherty's confidant and political lieutenant and who committed suicide in the attorney general's apartment here a year ago.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The senate committee investigating the administration of Attorney Daugherty will open its hearings late this afternoon and will hear as the first witness Mrs. Roxie Stinson of Columbus, Ohio, divorced wife of the late Jesse W. Smith.

Smith, a close friend and political lieutenant of Mr. Daugherty, lived with him in Washington and committed suicide a year ago in their apartment here.

Mrs. Stinson is expected to testify to the sources of Smith's income, according to senators, both before and after the inauguration of president Harding.

She was questioned yesterday at Columbus by Senator Wheeler of Montana, prosecutor of the inquiry, and is said to have outlined an "amazing story" for recital on the witness stand.

It was not revealed until today that Senator Wheeler had made his trip to Columbus. He went there on a tip reaching Chairman Brookhart of the committee.

The committee's information is that while Mrs. Stinson was divorced from Smith eight or ten years ago she remained in his confidence almost up to the time of his suicide.

The testimony is expected to relate, among other things, to receipt by Smith of stock shares in the Pure Oil company.

She said she had known Harry M. Daugherty "for many years," and also had met his brother, Mal Daugherty. After the divorce from Smith, she said her relations with him were "friendly."

"They had always been friends," said the witness of Smith, and the attorney general.

Smith always tried to support her, she continued, after the divorce in November, 1919. He made payments in sums of \$500 each.

When Smith and Daugherty came to Washington, she said, they lived for a while in a house belonging to E. B. McLean. She said she was informed they paid no rent.

Mr. Howland objected to the line of Senator Wheeler's questioning, but the senator declared he did not intend to be controlled by counsel.

"I want you to understand you are not going to bulldoze me," said Wheeler. "You're here by the courtesy of the committee."

"I expect I'll find my place," smilingly responded Howland, after disclaiming any intent to bulldoze Senator Wheeler.

"Counsel for Mr. Daugherty are expected to give large amounts of silence until your time comes to cross-examine the witness," put in Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona.

Resuming the witness said her divorced husband frequently visited her at Washington Courthouse, Ohio, after he came here in 1921, and communicated with her almost every day, "by wire, letter or telephone."

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M'LEAN IN DENIAL IN OIL QUERY

Washington Publisher Tells Senate Loan Feature Only Connection—White House Doorkeeper Sent Message at Slep's Suggestion—Says Curtis was 'Principal'.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Edward B. McLean told the oil committee today that he had given it misleading information about the celebrated \$100,000 loan because he trusted and desired to help his friend, Albert Fall.

The publisher insisted that his second story about the loan told to Senator Walsh in January at Palm Beach was correct. He said he had loaned the former secretary \$100,000 in checks for a ranch enterprise, but that the checks were returned to him unchanged.

His previous assertion that the loan was made in cash, he said, was made at Fall's request. The latter appeared to be in trouble, he added, but had represented to him it had nothing to do with oil.

The publisher also asserted that he himself had no interest in the Sinclair or Doheny companies and knew nothing about the Fall oil policies except what he had read in the news papers.

Asked about the code messages exchanged between Washington and his cottage at Palm Beach he was unable to decipher or explain many of them. He said William J. Burns had given one of his employees a department of justice code, but that he himself never had coded a message.

He became a secret agent of the justice department, he continued, shortly after the beginning of the Harding administration, largely because the official badge would make it easier for him to get through police lines when traveling with the president.

The "principal" referred to in one of the telegrams sent him by his employee, McLean, appeared to him to refer to Attorney General Daugherty and did not refer to President Coolidge. He identified the attorney general as the author of the message assuring him not to worry because everything that could be done "would be done by us."

Led into a long discussion of his relations with Mr. Daugherty he said the attorney general had lived in one of the McLean houses for seven or eight months after coming to Washington and that Fall had visited there often. But he added that Daugherty "wouldn't do anything wrong for me," even if he had been asked.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—H. E. McKenna, chief doorkeeper at the White House executive offices was called before the oil committee today and questioned about a telegram he sent to Edward B. McLean in Florida, informing him of Secretary Slep's departure for the south.

He said McLean had asked him to secure such a notification and that Slep had said it would be all right to do so.

E. W. Starling of the White House secret service detail who also had communicated with the publisher by telegraph, followed McKenna on the stand.

Starling testified that his message related to the employment of E. P. Wilkins of Hopkinsville, Ky., in the McLean household. Wilkins, Starling said, was his lifelong friend.

The committee then called E. W. Smithers, chief of communications at the White House who operated the Washington end of McLean's private wire to Palm Beach.

Smithers declared his duties were "purely mechanical," that he paid no attention to the subject matter of the messages handled, and that he took the job only because he needed the extra salary.

Asked as to the identity of the "principal" in the celebrated message of last January 29, the witness said he didn't know who the "principal" was unless it was Senator Curtis of Kansas.

McLean was excused from further attendance on the committee after he had been on the stand more than two hours.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 12.—Pending the arrival this afternoon of Altee Pomeroy and Owen J. Roberts, special government counsel, and the filing by them of a bill in equity seeking annulment of the Teapot Dome oil lease to the Mammoth Oil company, attorneys representing Harry F. Sinclair declined today to make known the defense they will employ when a preliminary hearing is held tomorrow before Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy. In addition to the cancellation of the lease, the government bill is expected to ask a temporary injunction halting operations on the Teapot Dome and the ap-

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ROMANCE OF BREWSTER ON ROCKS AS PUBLIC OPINION SMITES "FREE LOVE"



Corliss Palmer and Eugene V. Brewster and (inset) Mrs. Brewster.

Eugene V. Brewster, millionaire New York publisher, is all alone in the half million dollar love nest he bought for Corliss Palmer. Public opinion has won another victory over free love. Refused a divorce by Mrs. Brewster, and shunned by society, he has parted from Corliss with the terse announcement, "Circumstances require that she (Miss Palmer) leave New York City and alter her life sufficiently to conform to conditions which we have found impossible to change."

LOCAL QUINTET LEAVE TONIGHT FOR STATE MEET

Medford Listed As One of the Leading Contestants—Regular Season Lineup to Be Used—Title Settled in Two Districts Last Night.

The Medford high school basketball team will leave this evening for Salem, to contest for the state championship. The team will play its first game with La Grande Friday night, and will be cheered by a couple of hundred southern Oregon fans, who will make the trip to see their favorites in action. The team will be composed of its regular season lineup, Allen, center, Knips and Chastain forwards and Reichstein and Williams guards. The substitutes have not been named yet. Coach Callison and Allen will complete the personnel. Jacobs will complete the personnel. Astoria, the team that put Medford out of the running last year, was defeated last night by St. Helens, and McMinnville, which was overwhelmingly defeated by Medford this season, is one of the tourney contenders. According to local dopesters, the race lies between La Grande, Eugene high, and Medford.

CLATSkanie, Ore., March 12.—The St. Helens high school basketball quintet defeated Astoria here last night, giving St. Helens the right to represent Columbia and Clatsop counties at the state tournament at Salem this week.

SALEM, Ore., March 12.—McMinnville high school won the basketball title for district No. 8 last night by defeating Forest Grove high school on the Salem floor, 23 to 22 and will represent that district in the state interscholastic tournament opening here Thursday under the auspices of Willamette university.

2 CANDIDATES FILE FOR LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Ore., March 12.—D. C. Lewis of Portland and Leonard H. McBee of Dallas, today filed with the secretary of state their statements as candidates for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature from their respective districts.

Lewis is a candidate to be one of the representatives from the 18th district, Multnomah county. "For the greater development of Oregon," is his slogan, and his platform says: "Endeavor to keep down the expenses of government; aid in making the automobile laws more equitable; will be conscientious in the discharge of official duties; will oppose any and all measures having for their purpose the creation of industrial unrest and disruption of business stability."

Mr. McBee is a candidate to represent the 12th representative district, which is Polk and Benton counties jointly. "A more profitable agriculture," is his slogan. He offers no platform.

MOSIER BANDIT AND COMPANION CAUGHT ALONG DESCHUTES

THE DALLES, Ore., Mar. 12.—G. R. Williams, confessed Mosier bank bandit and Bert Taylor, larceny convict, who escaped from the Wasco county jail Sunday night after locking up the night jailer, was captured by a posse in Mack's canyon, one of the wildest regions along the Deschutes river early this morning. The posse led by Sheriff Levi Chrisman of Wasco county, and his brother, Sheriff Hugh Chrisman of Sherman county, spied the fugitives as they were crossing the John Pagen sheep ranch near Bluff. When the jail breakers noticed the officers in pursuit they dashed into a draw, seeking cover. As they disappeared, fully 300 yards in advance of the posse, a volley of shot rained around them. The pair remained concealed for about ten minutes while the officers searched the brush, then they gave themselves up. Taylor was armed with a rifle and Williams carried a pistol.

The trial of "Ted the Greek," otherwise known as Madrones, who is accused by Williams of having been involved in the Mosier robbery was scheduled to start this morning but had already been postponed because of the escape of the star witness. It is expected that the trial will get under way this afternoon.

Seven deputies from Wasco and Sherman counties accompanied the sheriffs on the search which had been carried on since the jail break.

When brought back this morning both Williams and Taylor denied having left town in a stolen automobile.

PROBE NOW ORDERED INTO REVENUE BUR.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Inquiry by a select committee of five into the administration of the bureau of internal revenue was ordered today by the senate.

A resolution providing for the investigation, introduced by Senator Coughens, republican, Michigan, was adopted without a record vote. Senator Watson, Indiana, will be chairman of the committee and the other members will be Coughens and Ernest Kenzucky, republicans, and Jones, New Mexico, and King, Utah, democrats.

INSURANCE RATINGS FOR VETS FIXED

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The paid-up life insurance policies which will be given veterans under the terms of the new soldier bonus will be valued at \$1 a day for home service and \$1.25 a day for overseas service. It was decided today by a subcommittee of the house ways and means committee, framing the new measure.

An additional 25 per cent of the total amount of the adjusted service credit would be allowed, thus making the basis on which compensation would be allowed, thus making the basis on which compensation would be figured the same as provided in the bill passed last session and vetoed by President Harding.

No Chance for Cut 1923 Income Taxes President Is Told

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Coolidge was advised today by Representative Longworth of Ohio, republican house leader, that it would be "utterly and absolutely impossible" to bring about enactment of legislation reducing the 1923 income taxes by 25 per cent before March 15.

COOLIDGE WINS HAMPSHIRE VOTE M'ADOO BEATEN

Underwood Carries Alabama for Democratic Choice—Bryan's Choice Finishes Second—Sen. Moses Unpledged, Runs Last.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 12.—Yesterday's returns from the presidential primary in New Hampshire show election of the eleven delegates to the republican convention pledged to President Coolidge. United States Senator George H. Moses, the only one of eight candidates for delegates at large, who refused to pledge himself for Coolidge, ran last on the ticket.

All democratic contestants stood unpledged. There was no contest for the eight places as delegates at large.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 12.—Senator Oscar W. Underwood gained the Alabama delegation to the national democratic convention in yesterday's primary, according to incomplete returns, which gave him a plurality of approximately 2000 votes over L. B. Musgrove, A. Dismore, who ran third, made the race as a backer of William C. McAdoo, however, Mr. McAdoo had announced he was not competing in Underwood's home state and was not represented by Dismore.

Musgrove refused to concede defeat and charged that in some counties the votes "had been manipulated in interests of my opponent."

William J. Bryan had spoken in support of Musgrove.

Returns from 59 of the 67 counties in the state gave Underwood 42,209, Musgrove 27,285 and Dismore, 8201.

SEATTLE, Mar. 12.—Dr. Edwin J. Brown, a dentist, shown by complete returns in a municipal election yesterday to have received a majority of 4842 over Alfred H. Lundin, former prosecuting attorney of King county, was the third man in Seattle's history to be re-elected mayor.

John E. Carroll, incumbent; William Hickman Moore, former mayor, and former councilman Ralph D. Nichols, former state senator, and W. T. Campbell, were elected to the council.

A proposal to issue \$1,500,000 of bonds to erect a bridge over the west waterway at the southern end of the harbor, was carried, 35,734 to 6131. Bonds of \$500,000 for a bridge over the Lake Washington canal, which will give an additional approach to the stadium of the University of Washington, won 35,485 to 8085. A projected civic auditorium, \$750,000, was defeated on a 60 per cent requirement, although the vote favored it, 12,791 to 15,520. Twenty-six acres on the water front for the Seattle port commission to erect a building to be rented to the United States for immigration quarters will be bought under a vote of 27,415 to 8614.

HOUSE TO PROBE BRIBERY CHARGE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—Congressional investigation of criminal charges said to have been developed before a Chicago grand jury against two representatives was ordered today before the house.

By a viva voce vote a resolution offered by Representative Garrett, the democratic leader, to create a special house committee to conduct an inquiry was adopted.

By this action the house reversed its decision of yesterday to leave investigation of the charges to the department of justice and to make no further effort to have the names of the accused disclosed.

In an effort to head off a vote on the Garrett resolution, Representative Longworth, the republican leader, proposed that it be referred to the rules committee, but his motion was lost on a record vote of 197 to 153.

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WASHINGTON, March 12.—Falling temperatures in the south Atlantic states today added to the difficulty of restoring wire communications and train schedules in the wake of the blizzard which wrought considerable damage in that region during its northward sweep. The snow and wind put many telephones out of commission and caused other damage in Washington and vicinity.

Joseph O'Brien of East Riverdale, Md., is reported to have died as a result of a fall through the snow laden roof of a chicken house. Trains arriving from the south continued to be late and few direct telephone or telegraph lines to the south were in operation this morning.

Many lines to the east and west also remained down.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 12.—The steamship Santiago was sunk sixty miles south of Cape Hatteras, according to a radio message intercepted today by the Charleston navy wireless station. The wireless message, sent by the Norwegian steamship Clispy, reported the picking up of one life boat containing eleven survivors.

The message follows: "Picked up lifeboat containing six sailors, four firemen, one carpenter, from the steamer Santiago which sunk sixty miles south of Hatteras. No other lifeboats seen. Proceeding Baltimore."

"It was signed 'Captain.'"

KENYON IS SLATED FOR DENBY BERTH

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(By the Associated Press)—Former Senator W. S. Kenyon of Iowa, now judge of the eighth federal circuit court is said to be under consideration for appointment as secretary of the navy to succeed Secretary Denby.

Judge Kenyon arrived here last night and shortly afterward went to the White House where he conferred with President Coolidge.

His friends said today he had not reached a decision, but had an appointment with President Coolidge tomorrow morning.

STILL NO CLUE TO KILLER'S IDENTITY

TACOMA, Mar. 12.—County officials are still trying today to identify the man who yesterday shot and killed Robert Tolstrop on the mail boat Edith H., and then took his own life. The body of the slayer is being held at a morgue here and officers have been sent to the various communities across the bay from Steilacoom to learn his name and to discover his motive.

ARMY MAINTENANCE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Maintenance for another year of the regular army at the present strength of 12,000 commissioned officers and 125,000 enlisted men, is recommended in the army appropriation bill.