

The Weather
Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 45
Minimum today 29

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 35
Minimum 22

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NEW CITY REGIME IN THE CHAIR

Speed and Efficiency, Motto in City Affairs—Present Heads of Departments Retained—Name Council Committees—Transact Routine Business.

Without any fuss or feathers the new city administration last night launched itself into formal activity, and dug down into city business at once, with the new mayor, O. O. Alenderfer, at its head, and with the only new councilman, Dr. Bert R. Elliott, as Paul McDonald, the other new councilman elected last November, has served for some time by appointment in place of John H. Butler, who resigned, and Robert Hammond, who also filled a vacancy by appointment for months past was also elected.

Mayor Alenderfer then announced the majority of his appointments, which had all been approved by the council at an informal meeting held the previous night, and the other appointments will be made by him at the next council meeting. The new mayor announced his committees, and somewhat briefly outlined his policy, and that which he wished the council to pursue in cooperation with him during the next two years.

In announcing his appointments Mayor Alenderfer stated that in making them he was influenced by the fact that the voters of Medford had had expressed by an overwhelming majority at the election that they were satisfied with the policy of the administration just ended and wanted that administration continued.

Mayor Alenderfer urged greater dispatch and efficiency in transacting city business, and to this end announced a new departure in city affairs, with the unanimous cooperation of the council—that hereafter all reports of council committees and city officials regarding proposed municipal improvements, changes and alterations must be submitted to the council in writing.

Also that he would require that a daily written report be made out to himself by the chief of police and the chief of the fire department as to the daily doings in those departments. The mayor reasons that the requiring of such reports will tend to promote harmony in those departments, and enable himself to keep in intimate touch every day with both departments.

The mayor then announced the following appointments, which continue in office the important appointed officials of the old regime: City attorney, John H. Carlin; superintendent of the water, streets, lighting, electrical and building departments, Chas. W. Davis; chief of the fire department, Roy Elliott; electrical and building inspector, Harry Rinabarger; health officer, Dr. E. B. Pickett; traffic policeman, George Prescott.

This means that the present police force with Chas. Adams at its head will be continued, although there had been some opposition before the mayor the past week or so to Adams' appointment, headed by a petition to the mayor to appoint Traffic Officer Prescott to be chief.

Radio Employed to Find 'Lost Identity' Of 'Mystery Man'

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 7.—Radio will be invoked in a novel endeavor when it carries from a broadcasting station here today the voice of Norfolk's "mystery man," who has baffled all other means of establishing his identity. Found near Cape Charles two months ago and now believed to be a victim of aphasia, the individual who will speak over the air has in turn been a charge of immigration authorities, local police and lastly of charity during fruitless efforts to determine his identity.

HYPOCRISY HELD MAIN CAUSE OF DRY LAW FARGE

Gov. Al Smith Says Statesmen Talk Dry and Act Wet—Enforce Volstead Law, Without Passing More, Urged in Annual Message.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Governor Smith told the legislature in his first message today that the Volstead act must be enforced, but that no state legislation was necessary in this respect. The legislative program of the republicans, who control the legislature, includes a state prohibition act to take the place of the Gage-Mullin law which was repealed with the approval of Governor Smith in a previous administration.

"Any sensible man or woman can readily realize that we have law but what was lacking is enforcement," said Governor Smith. "After pointing out that every peace officer and every official of the state charged with the enforcement of the law should enforce the Volstead act as vigorously as he would any state statute or any mandate of the constitution itself," Governor Smith said.

The whole question of enforcement of the federal act sustaining the 18th amendment is imbedded in insincerity and hypocrisy. We are suffering from too many statesmen who talk dry and act wet."

SALEM BANK NOW STATE DEPOSITORY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—State Treasurer Kay announced today that he has changed the active depository of the state from the First National bank of Portland to the Ladd and Bush bank of Salem. Jefferson Myers, Kay's predecessor in office, when he was appointed treasurer last March by Governor Pierce, moved the active depository to Portland, the first time it ever had been outside of Salem. His reason was that Portland, as the financial center of the state, should be the seat of the active depository.

WAR DEBT TALK WAITS U.S. VIEWS

Allied Finance Ministers Meet for 40 Minutes—Experts to Draft Program—Dawes Plan Approved—Issue Communique On a Conversation.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—The conference of allied finance ministers called to consider the distribution of German reparation payments and kindred subjects, opened its series of meetings today with a session lasting forty minutes. The proceedings were confined to an exchange of formal addresses, the representatives present, among whom was included an American diplomatic delegation, being welcomed by Etienne Clementel, French minister of finance, to whose address Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, replied suitably. The delegates adjourned until five p. m. tomorrow to give the members time to study the mass of reports and documentary points of views submitted by the various countries.

CANOE TRIP DOWN COLUMBIA ENDED

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 7.—When Amos J. Berg of Portland, yesterday paddled his canoe out the mouth of the Columbia river into the Pacific ocean, he completed a trip by canoe in mid-winter from the source of the Columbia to its mouth. Much of the distance he battled with ice floes. Motion pictures were made of his arrival at the end of his hazardous journey.

OREGON NEWS IN BRIEF

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—J. C. Perry, a Salem druggist, was last night crowned as King King of the Cherrians, succeeding Al N. Pierce who has held the office for the last year. The following new members were initiated: Arthur J. Rahn, C. A. Downs, Bert Ford, Hollis Huntington, C. B. Irwin, Mack Elliot, C. F. Geisler, A. C. Eoff, Reed Rowland and Lester Schlosberg.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—Exchange of 697,000 acres of private land to be included in the Umatilla, Wallawa and Whitman national forests; lands now in the forest areas but less valuable for timber purposes which was provided in a bill which passed the house of representatives Monday, has been approved by C. M. Grandy, district forester in Portland.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—December was an unlucky month for bobcats. Three hundred and sixty-eight were killed in various parts of the state, and at \$3 each, the state game commission was called upon to pay over \$900 in bounties, according to vouchers passing through the secretary of state's office. This is believed to be a larger number of the cats than ever before were killed in a month's time.

WISCONSIN CAMPUS MURDER SCENE

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—F. X. Barnard, 22 of Hibbing, Minn., is dead and Miss Laura B. Palmer, 28, a university romance language instructor, whose home is in LaCrosse, Wis., is dying at a hospital as a result of a double shooting today in the receiving room of the French house.

The French house is a boarding and rooming house occupied by university women students who are taking the romance language course at the university. Barnard was found lying dead on the floor by Mrs. M. Hanson, a cook at the French house, a moment after she heard the report of the pistol. The bullet hole was in his right temple and a .22 caliber pistol was clutched in his right hand.

Miss Palmer, after being badly wounded by two bullets which took effect in her abdomen and in her right arm, called for help and collapsed in Mrs. Hanson's arms. Pastors Give Blood. BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 7.—Twenty-one ministers have volunteered to give their blood to save the life of the Rev. Walter G. Trautv, pastor of South River circuit, Methodist Episcopal church, who is ill at Johns Hospital. Dr. Trautv will soon undergo his seventh blood transfusion operation and volunteers were asked.

'FAST SET' RUINED SCOTT'S DOMESTIC LIFE IS CHARGE

ALPHENA, Mich., Jan. 7.—With Mrs. Edna James Scott preparing to gather additional evidence in her defense against the divorce action of Congressman Frank D. Scott of the eleventh Michigan district, and Mr. Scott himself residing here for a few days before resuming his duties at Washington, Alphena today was returning to a semblance of normal. The suit which began last week, was adjourned yesterday until March 10 to permit Mrs. Scott to obtain additional depositions.

Mr. Scott who charges his wife with extravagance, last night denied that the picture of gay, bizarre parties among congressmen as painted by Mrs. Scott, is an accurate one. He said their married life had been happy for eight years, a circumstance he attributed to the fact that they moved among congressional circles avoiding what he described as "the fast set" of Washington, into which he charged, his wife was later precipitated.

When Mrs. Scott left the stand at noon after more than two days of questioning, her attorney, Ward Peck, announced his case was complete with the exception of a deposition taken from Dallow which would be offered later, perhaps at the afternoon session. Peck also announced that Mrs. Scott had received two threatening letters since the case began. Both letters are signed. One warns Mrs. Scott not to mention the name of a certain congressman in connection with shipping board interests.

BLAME GRUDGE HELD BY JURIST, FOR NEW PROBE

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COUNTY INSTITUTE LAW IS URGED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—County school superintendents of Oregon at their concluding meeting here yesterday, adopted a resolution urging the legislature to restore the county institute law as it was prior to an amendment by the session of 1923. Prior to 1923 the county superintendent was required to call a three-day institute each year, and teachers were required to attend. If they did not their certificates could be revoked. Senator Strayer of Baker county, introduced an amendment which would have exempted teachers in districts of the first class. Discrimination, which it was feared, would be unfair, was seen in the amendment, so it was further amended to exempt all teachers from compulsory attendance and relieved school boards of the necessity of dismissing school for the three days. While this amendment, which was passed, did not repeal the county institute law, it had that effect, since no teacher was required to attend.

Parik Bills Reported. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The \$289,000,000 annual naval appropriation bill and the \$157,000,000 deficiency measure, the first of the session, were reported today by the senate appropriations committee.

Sen. Dial Retracts His Cruel Words About Davis Defeat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—After a tongue lashing by leaders of his party in the senate, Senator Dial, democrat, South Carolina, today withdrew from the senate record the address he made last Saturday blaming democratic members of congress for the party's defeat last November.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic floor leader, declared Senator Dial's speech seemed a "deliberate affront to his colleagues, a dishonoring of the constituency which honored him with election and a befouling of his own nest."

The debate, the fourth intraparty squabble in the senate in as many days, started when Senator Dial asked permission to correct the record of his speech in certain details. Senator Robinson and Senator Smith, the other member from South Carolina, suggested that Mr. Dial might do well to withdraw the entire speech.

DEATHS OF DR. OSCAR OLSON AND MRS. MCCLINTOCK TO BE SUBJECT OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY—SHEPHERD SAYS LIES AND BUMBLE

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Robert H. Stoll, his law partner, said Shepherd would return to institute legal proceedings against Judge Olson who was attempting he said, "to injure the character of a man against whom he has had a grudge for 20 years."

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 7.—William D. Shepherd, foster father and principal heir of William Nelson McClintock, "millionaire orphan," said today that he is considering filing charges of criminal conspiracy against those who are responsible for the McClintock death investigation and for the new reflections concerning the death of Dr. Olson, a brother of Judge Harry Olson of the Chicago municipal court.

"Judge Olson's reasons for starting an inquiry into the death of his brother are absolutely groundless," Shepherd said. "His statement that I visited Dr. Olson for the first time in five years shortly before his death is false. I had been in the habit of visiting Dr. Olson about four times a week. The fruit he says I brought into the room a short time before his brother died was bought by T. A. Newman, a Chicago publisher. This was explained to investigators when I was in Chicago. The whole thing is ridiculous. Mr. Shepherd arrived here last night from Chicago to finish his visit with friends of Mrs. Shepherd which he interrupted to return to Chicago when the McClintock investigation was started.

HIGH SCHOOL BOND ISSUE DISCUSSED

Board Meets With Civic Club Representatives, and Explains Project—Decision in All Angles of Question Desired.

On the invitation of the Craters club a group of interested men and women gathered at the public library yesterday afternoon to study the proposed high school project. The meeting consisted of representatives of the Kiwanis club, Rotary, Craters, Parent-Teachers' Council, Greater Medford club and the city planning commission.

All of the members of the school board were present, with the exception of Chairman Phipps, who was detained at his office owing to pressure of professional business. At the request of the chairman of the meeting, Mr. Miller of the school board discussed in detail the proposed new high school and set forth that \$196,118 is the limit that Medford can still bond itself for school purposes. The present proposal is to buy the property located at the corner of Sixth and Bartlett streets for \$7500; the cost of the first unit of buildings to be erected is estimated at \$114,000; the balance of the issue is to be used for new equipment such as furniture, fixtures, etc. Under the present plan the present high school is to be left as it now stands and used as class rooms until the last unit is built.

The main objection raised to the plan by those opposed was that the proposed site is deemed by them to be not a proper or a logical one for a high school. It was argued strongly that the business section is not a good one for school purposes, and it was the sense of the meeting that any one of numerous other sites, removed from the business area, would be far preferable.

Bus Newberry, attorney for the school board, was called upon for explanations of certain legal phases. At the close of his remarks he was submitted to a new experience, exchanging roles and becoming the victim of cross-examination, especially at the hands of the ladies from the two women's clubs. They particularly demanded to know why the election must carry with it determination of site and type of buildings, asking the attorney if it were too late to vote merely upon the bond issue alone, leaving the question of site and architecture for later decision by the board. Mr. Franklin objected to this, stating that the board wished decision on the entire question, and adding that if the people voted against this new project, the board will try something else. Mr. Newberry also stated that it was too late to change the issues of the election. It was then suggested that the election itself be called off and a new study made of the entire situation, but the board would not accept this.

It was plainly developed at the meeting that the board has worked hard at this problem, going into every angle of the question, even securing legal aid to assure the legality of every proposed step. The meeting was unanimous in its praise of the industry and zeal shown by the directors, but firmly opposed the proposed site. Reduced to simplest terms, the result of the meeting was this: Both board and meeting were agreed upon the immediate necessity for relieving the school situation; board and meeting agreed that the bond issue should be voted; otherwise there was no agreement. The board's proposal is

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WEIRD CASE OF CHILDREN AND SPIRITS IS TOLD

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Jan. 7.—Students of psychic phenomena were evidencing interest today in a weird case which has affected two children of a family within the dreamy shadow of the mission Santa Clara, where a boy and a girl have been reported under the spell of an occult influence.

The children, John Santos, 18, and Adeline Santos, 16, brother and sister, last night were reported taken into the hallowed adobe walls of Mission Santa Clara where they were scheduled to remain until morning. The parents of the victims of the apparition have refused to permit their children to be seen since interest in their queer situation has extended beyond the community.

Neighbors, however, verified a report that for seven nights Adeline and John have fallen under the control of an apparition. The boy says he is under the spell of an old gray bewitched figure while the girl is caught by the appearance of the ghost of an old departed friend, asking that prayers be said for the improvement of his standing in the hereafter. Believers in the spiritualist influence turned to the poltergeist theory of spirit operation and gave it an explanation for the unusual situation. The poltergeist theory is one wherein the spirit influence operates through the medium of a child, according to the recognized authorities. Residents of the community visited the Santos home last night and took turns at dancing in the belief that this might ward off the ghost coming. The apparition did not appear to the visitors. Dr. Joseph Catton, San Francisco psychiatrist, was called here last night by friends of the Santos family, but was refused admission to the Santos home. He said: "This community is a hotbed of religious enthusiasm and the condition of the Santos children was due probably to religious frenzy. Such cases are contagious and this explains why brother and sister swooned at the same time. Part of this hysteria was caught by the attending through which worked itself into a frenzy."

LADY OF THE GOLD FIELDS, BELOVED OF PROSPECTORS, IS BURIED TODAY

TUSCON, Ariz., Jan. 7.—When the body of Miss Nellie Cashman is lowered into its frozen earthen vault in Victoria, B. C., today, the career of a woman who commanded the respect of that rough and ready element that prospected for gold from Arizona to the Arctic regions of Canada and Alaska, will have been finally closed.

While the services are being conducted thousands of Arizona pioneers—some of them now millionaires—who knew the plucky adventures of the gold field days will send countless thought waves of affectionate sympathy to the one who has gone.

Friends today recalled the days of 1877 when Miss Cashman first came to Arizona, following the lure of the gold. In the early 'eighties she grubstaked several of the state's present

millionaires on the gamble that they would find a "strike" in Tombstone, Ariz., goldfield.

Later she used the money returned by these men to finance her long trip to Alaska, where she fitted and "mushed" into the interior—and again it was gold she was seeking.

One of the first of the daring band of women to enter the frozen uncharted fields of Alaska, she served as nurse to many mining camps at the same time prospecting and staking her own claims.

It was recalled that only last year when she had reached the advanced age of three score and ten, the "Shampan woman" number of the "World" nudged her way from Koyukuk to Seward, Alaska, a snow trail that stretches over a distance of 739 miles.

SEEK PARDON, HAVE ALIBI FOR HOBO KID WHO TALKED SELF INTO PRISON

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 7.—Ray (Scar-finger Ted) Snodderly, 16 year old boy "hobo" since he left his home two years ago, who talked himself into a 25 year penitentiary sentence, after applying at the Council Bluffs, Iowa, city jail for lodging one cold night recently, will be taken from Council Bluffs to Anamosa prison today to begin his term for confessed robbery. Snodderly entered a "full and voluntary confession" to a robbery committed in Council Bluffs in which two men were shot and represented himself as "Scar-finger Ted," and as a member of a gang of bandits operating in and around these two river cities, and subsequently was sentenced by District Judge O. D. Wheeler to 25 years in prison, the only alternative under the law. Since, however, Sheriff Percy Laimson has obtained what he says is a positive alibi for the youth, and declares that the lad was in Kansas City the night of the robbery. An effort will be made to have Governor-elect John Hammill of Iowa pardon the boy after he takes office next week.