

The Weather

Prediction Cloudy
Maximum yesterday 46
Minimum today 24

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 44
Minimum 30

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BILL HART'S LOVE WOES TOLD COURT

Mrs. Wm. S. Hart, Wife of Movie Star, Relates Events in Married Life Which Led to Collapse of Romance—Promised \$203,000 for Self and Baby.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16.—Winifred Westover Hart took the witness stand in court heretoday in her suit to break the separation agreement with her husband, William S. (Bill) Hart, film star, and told for the first time the inside story of their domestic troubles.

Between fits of crying while her husband looked on stoically and her baby boy frolicked in his nurse's lap nearby, the former screen actress told of Hart's frequent demands that she get a divorce from him and her repeated refusals on her baby's account.

They were married, she said, in December, 1921, and all went well until May Day, 1922, when, following a disagreement between her and Hart's sister, Mary, he told her: "If that's the kind of stuff you are going to pull I don't want you in the house."

Her husband added, she testified, that he had \$100,000, and that he would create a trust fund of \$100,000 to provide an income for herself and another \$100,000 to take care of the expected child.

Mrs. Hart retorted that she did not believe in divorce, she said, and that she would not handicap her child by starting him in life with divorced parents.

Then, she testified, Bill dramatically declared: "I owe nothing to posterity."

Several times, she continued, her husband urged her to go to Reno and obtain a divorce, but she refused, and their relations became so strained that at times he denied her their home. On such occasions, she said, she went to her mother's.

Mrs. Hart is attempting to break that provision of the trust fund settlement which bars her from returning to the screen.

The examination developed that Mrs. Hart and her mother were without funds when she married Hart, although she was before the camera almost daily.

The first present to the bride on the marriage date from the so-called "two-man" of the films, was a \$5,000 check. Another for \$7000 followed a few days later.

THIS IS LORD SILVERTON, WINNER OF EVERY PRIZE AT PACIFIC COAST SHOW



This champion silver gray, owned by Miss Elsie Jacobson of San Francisco, recently won every prize for which he competed. In addition Lord Silverton is credited with having the largest eyes of any cat on the west coast.

LOCAL RANCHER PUTS MARRIAGE GRAFTER IN PEN

Sydney S. Barker, R. F. D. No. 2, Punctures Bubble of Matrimonial Bureau at Hollywood—Received Picture of Enid Bennett.

Los Angeles, Jan. 16.—Sydney S. Barker, Medford fruit grower, was witness against Ernest E. Swartz, who was convicted in federal court yesterday of using mails to defraud. Swartz is alleged to have obtained money from bachelors in matrimonial bureau fraud and to have sent Barker a photograph of Enid Bennett, film actress.

Sydney S. Barker, mentioned in Los Angeles dispatches as a witness in a federal case wherein Ernest E. Swartz was convicted of using the mails to defraud in connection with a matrimonial bureau, said this afternoon over telephone that this was "the second time I have been mixed up with swindlers using the mails, and lost no money either time."

Barker said his first appearance was in connection with the Talmadge case a year ago in Portland.

"If you have to put something in the paper," said Barker over the telephone, "just say that I was instrumental in puncturing the bubble at Hollywood. As soon as I received one of their letters I was skeptical, and got in touch with the authorities. Further than that I do not care to say anything except that I lost no money."

Mrs. Barker lives on R. F. D. No. 2, and is a widow.

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CHANGES IN IRRIGATION LAW URGED

3 Important Measures Are Offered in Salem to Make Radical Changes in Present Procedure—Would Place Managers in Charge of Defunct Districts.

STATEHOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 16.—Among irrigation bills that are to be offered at this session of the legislature it now appears that three will loom uppermost.

One would enable irrigation districts to refund their bonded indebtedness, one would provide for the sale of water rights, and another provides for the appointment of a manager for districts that are in default in payment of interest on principal on bonds.

The measures have all been drawn in tentative form. The one referring to water rights provides that the board of directors of an irrigation district may apply to the state engineer to determine the quantity of surplus water in the district for possible sale. He would be required to make his findings and report back to the board.

The refunding bill provides that the board of directors of any irrigation district may issue negotiable coupon bonds, to be denominated refunding bonds, for the purpose of refunding any or all of the bonded indebtedness of the district.

Whether refunding bonds would be issued would be determined by special election of the voters of the district or at the regular election of district officers.

The rate of interest on the bonds could not exceed 6 per cent, according to the bill, and the maturity date could not be more than 40 years from date of issuance, but the first installment shall be payable in not more than ten years from date of bonds.

For the payment of the refunding bonds and interest on them, it is provided that "each acre of irrigable land in the district shall be assessed and he required to pay the same amount as every other acre of irrigable land therein, and all lands in and the property of the district shall be liable for the payment thereof."

In the measure providing for the appointment of a manager of any district in default of any payment of principal or interest on its bonds it is provided that the circuit court shall appoint the manager and shall terminate the powers and duties of the officers of the district, also providing for the appointment of their successors.

In case of default the bond holder or bondholders owning at least 25 per cent of the bonds will be empowered, to bring suit for the appointment of a manager. If the suit of the plaintiff were upheld the court would appoint the manager and he could operate under the supervision of the court.

Upon request of the holders of fifty per cent of the principal amount of outstanding bonds, the court could be required to terminate the tenure of the manager and transfer it to directors to be appointed by the court.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—Dick Williams of Lakeview will have six months in jail to think over a lecture Federal Judge Bean delivered with his sentence today. Williams had pleaded guilty to a liquor violation charge. Yesterday he was acquitted by a jury on a charge of stealing an automobile.

"You have been a consistent and persistent violator of the laws of this country, particularly the prohibition laws," declared the judge. "You have manufactured and sold liquor. As soon as apprehended and released in one case, you have gone to another. Now the liquor laws are a part of the laws of the country and in my mind are here to stay."

Carl McKee, indicted jointly with Williams on the liquor law violation charge pleaded not guilty and was acquitted by a jury this morning.

WAR INCREASED U. S. DEBT 7 TIMES IN TEN YEARS WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The public debt of the United States, including that of the federal government and all of its subdivisions multiplied nearly seven times between 1912 and 1922. It was shown today in census bureau figures. At the end of December, 1922, the total was \$30,845,626,000, while at the same period in 1912, it was but \$4,850,460,000.

Secret of Color Photography Believed Found by Maude Adams



Discovery of a means of photographing objects and scenes in their exact natural colors and shades, is the result of scientific experiments conducted by Maude Adams, famous actress, since her retirement from the stage, it is indicated. The Maude Adams company has been organized with a capital of \$3,500,000 to produce photoplays, and the rights to film Kipling's "Kim" in India in natural colors obtained.

HOOVER REFUSES APPOINTMENT OF SEC'Y OF AGRIC.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Coolidge has tendered the post of secretary of agriculture to Secretary Hoover, but Mr. Hoover replied that he decided to remain at the commerce department.

With the president's approval Mr. Hoover today issued this statement: "In view of the press reports, it seems to me desirable to state that the president did me the honor to suggest that I consider transfer to the post of secretary of agriculture."

"He expressed his belief that the present need of that department was an administration in which emphasis should be given to the solution of the farmer's marketing problem. To this I fully agree. Nevertheless, I feel that in the future, as in the past, the greatest contribution that I could make to the improvement of the farmer's position lay in the advancement of measures that make for the reduction of costs in our whole distribution system and in helping to bring about improvement and stability in the general industrial and commercial situation, both at home and abroad."

"The farmer's problem is a problem of the nation as a whole. I deeply appreciate the confidence which the president has shown in me but I have told him that I believe it would be to the best interest for me to decide against the suggestion, which I have done."

Movies Condemned for Trying to Break Down U. S. Prohi Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Charges that the liquor interests are using the moving pictures to break down the prohibition amendment were made in an address today by Dr. D. Leigh Colvin of New York before the national picture conference.

Motion picture films, he said, not only make the prohibition amendment look ridiculous, but portray the consumption of liquor as alluring.

Rivers Bill Is Passed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—By a standing vote of 179 to 6 the house today passed the \$29,000,000 rivers and harbors bill.

State Legislature Items for Today

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—Citizens of Shaniko and vicinity have petitioned the public service commission to investigate the action of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company in establishing a tri-weekly train service on its line to Shaniko in place of the former daily service. They want the daily service restored.

STATEHOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 16.—Will Moore, state insurance commissioner, is anxious to get rid of hundreds of old records and documents in his office that are of no further use to the state, but to do so it will be necessary to have authority from the legislature. He will have a bill introduced to that effect. He says it is necessary to get room for new stuff.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—The San Juan irrigation controversy was thrown out at a hearing before State Engineer Rhea Luper yesterday and last night and the engineer, who has the task of making a decision as to whether a permit to appropriate water shall be granted Henry C. Porter and others against the protest of two reclamation corporations, has taken the case under advisement.

WOMAN DRESSED AS MAN ARRESTED FOR BOOTLEGGING

BEND, Ore., Jan. 16.—Following a wagon trail for three miles, losing it and getting it again, deputies finally located a large still seven miles farther out. With the exception of one person, all made a good getaway. This one person was chased by George Stokoe, deputy sheriff, when the fugitive took refuge behind a tree. After considerable search on the part of the deputy sheriff with threats of what he would do, he said, if the persons did not come from behind the tree, it was discovered it was a woman behind the tree. She was dressed in a man's outing suit and could run with much speed, the deputy insisted. She is Mrs. Loisvine Duval.

Alex. Duval, her husband, was arrested at the ranch before the raiding party went in search of the still. Duval is a brother of William Duval, arrested the night before charged with possession of liquor following a raid on his home in Bend. It is thought by officers that the brother in town was co-operating with the still-owner in the sale of the illicit liquor.

Legislature Adjourns Till Monday. STATEHOUSE, Salem, Jan. 15.—The legislature adjourned at noon today until Monday at eleven o'clock.

35 People in Movie Theatre Gassed, But All of Them Recover

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 16.—According to a related report reaching Omaha this noon from Croton, Neb., 350 miles north of here, thirty children and five adults were gassed at the Star theatre there last evening when someone stuffed the exhaust pipe leading from the gasoline engine in the theater building.

All of the victims dropped to the floor, the report stated, but this morning were reported as recovering.

IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE FACES JAZZ MAD GIRL

Dorothy Ellingson Still the Life of the Party, Shows No Remorse—Outraged Brother Spurns Her Advances—Father Heart Broken.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Anna Ellingson, whose opposition to the wild night life of her daughter Dorothy, 16 years old, was ended with a bullet by the girl last Tuesday, was buried today. In the city jail the girl awaited the law's action. She made no request to attend her mother's funeral.

The girl's father, Joseph Ellingson, and her brother Earl, accompanied the body to the grave.

District Attorney Brady is considering a plan to call in alienists to determine the girl's mental condition before taking measures to prosecute her.

The federal prohibition office is endeavoring to learn where the girl and who came from at the various parties, both public and private, that the girl attended. She admits having gone on a drinking party on Tuesday night at the home of Dave Stein, after having killed her mother. The tale of all her adventures of the night begins and ends with liquor, illegally gotten and consumed.

SALEMAN, Ore., Jan. 16.—Pleasure loving Dorothy Ellingson, 16 year old confessed slayer of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellingson, maintained today the smiling, yet inscrutable mask of indifference that has characterized her attitude since her arrest early yesterday morning. The girl was charged with murder.

Emerging from twelve hours of pitiless questioning today the girl was still "the life of the party." Just as she had been a short time after the murder when she danced at the apartment of a friend while her brother lay in their home shot dead during a flare of anger.

In a written statement Dorothy has admitted shooting her mother last Tuesday after the latter had upbraided her for her continued indulgence in the city's night life and her apparent desire for "jazz parties," to the preclusion of everything else.

The sixteen year old principal in the unprecedented matricide was taken into custody at four o'clock yesterday morning in an obscure rooming house in this city while police of every city in the state were conducting a feverish search. Immediately after the shooting, she told the police, she had packed a few belongings, taken whatever money she had found in the house and boarding a street car, rode a few blocks and entered a rooming house. There, she said, she had engaged a room for two weeks, telling the landlady she had just arrived from Los Angeles.

"Friend" Gives Tip. Her apprehension was made possible when she decided to call a friend and finding him not there had left a telephone number to be called. "Bob" Worth, a musician, for whom the number was left, notified the police on his return and tracing back on the call, the authorities found the girl. At first denying complicity in the act, and blaming it upon another, Dorothy suddenly confessed and in a self-composed manner laid bare all details of the slaying, how her mother had remonstrated with her for the late hours she had been keeping, how in a fit of temper she had fired the fatal shot.

The body was discovered by Earl Ellingson, brother of the slayer, when (Continued on Page Five)

CUT TIMBER AT ONCE IS OREGON PLEA

Coast Conference Called By Governor Pierce, Meets in Portland—Ask for \$20,000,000 From Govt. for Harbors—Speakers Urge Timber Be Cut.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—Representatives of fifteen port districts in Oregon met here today at the call of Governor Pierce, together with representatives of Washington and California, to draft resolutions asking congress to spend \$20,000,000 in port development on the Pacific coast.

George Rhodes of San Francisco and W. H. Peters of Grays Harbor were appointed by their governors. In addition to asking the legislatures of coast states to memorialize congress for \$20,000,000 to improve coast harbors to a depth of thirty feet the conference delegates sought to start a movement for a conservation policy which would provide for cutting of the western forests at once under a system of adequate reforestation instead of holding ripe timber in reserve until it deteriorates to a complete loss.

Another movement discussed was that the federal government be required to pay taxes upon timber in the national forests on the same basis as taxes are required on privately owned timber, so as to relieve the burden of taxation in counties in which the bulk of the taxable property is locked up in government reserves.

Governor Pierce said that harbors could be made by building jetties at Nehalem, Tillamook, Yaquina, Siuslaw and Umpqua.

W. H. Peters of Grays Harbor, representing Washington, declared that money spent in improving Grays Harbor would eliminate loss of \$200,000 annually now caused by vessels being bar bound. In the time that it takes to get out the 45 billion feet of timber tributary to Grays Harbor, the saving in having adequate harbor facilities would amount to \$22,000,000, a sum sufficient to improve all the smaller harbors of the coast, he said.

George H. Rhodes, representing the governor of California, pledged his services in behalf of the movement and predicted that the legislature of California would memorialize congress in line with the recommendation of the conference.

He pointed out that Del Norte county, California, is 76 per cent national forests that pay no taxes and the full burden of taxation falls upon the remaining 24 per cent.

State Senator John Maguidy amplified the conservation idea that others had touched upon.

"The way to realize our forests and actually conserve them," he declared, "is to cut them now as fast as you can and reforest."

"The deterioration of our forests in the past twenty years is inconceivable. Notwithstanding the propaganda of the pseudo-conservationist, we will lose the bulk of our timber resources through their rotting in the forests if we do not cut them at once and use it. This is the case in the Cascades even more than on the coast."

"There is not a cruise that was made in our old forests thirty years ago that will stand up today, so great has been their deterioration."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Officers of ships arriving here during the past few days report the presence of a motorship accompanied by a dozen small craft, all presumed to be run rans, in the vicinity of the Farallone Islands, about 25 miles due west of San Francisco.

MACDONALD SMITH TAKES GOLF LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Macdonald Smith of the Lakeville golf club, Great Neck, L. I., defending his title in the California open golf championship, advanced to the lead at the end of the third round today when he had a 75 for a total 232 strokes for the 54 holes. Willie Hunter, former British amateur champion, now of Los Angeles was second, making the morning round in 75 for a total of 234.

At Espinosa of Chicago, the Missouri open champion, shot a 75 for 235 for third place.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Publication of a picture of her divorced husband in a Los Angeles newspaper has ended a search Mrs. Florence Kerr, Chicago, has made for 30 years for her daughter, Dorothy. Now Mrs. George M. Hetrich of Los Angeles.

The child, then five years old, was temporarily awarded to the father after the divorce thirty years ago. Father and mother separated and trace of the child was lost by Mrs. Kerr.

Mrs. Kerr will go to Los Angeles at once for a reunion with her former husband and daughter.

FEAR ATLANTIC FLIER LOST IN S. A. JUNGLE

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BOBBED HAIR AND ROUGED CHEEKS GOING OUT IN PARIS, BRIGHT COLORS COME IN

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Bobbed hair and over bright complexions, hard hats and barbaric jewelry appear to be on the decline, and cigarettes and slang among the feminine smart set are less aggressively indulged in than in past season. Such are the conclusions of a male observer reached after attending numerous Paris social functions. Color is playing a much greater part

in Paris fashion than at any time since the armistice. Black dresses have become less popular and light colors have been steadily on the increase.

The short skirt has had a new lease of life, but is slightly fuller in the back. Sleeves for evening dress are also more popular and the bare arm is no longer considered essential for elegance in dress. The bare back is also less common.