

The Weather	
Prediction	Cloudy
Maximum yesterday	60
Minimum today	27.5

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	57
Minimum	30

Daily—Nineteenth Year. Weekly—Fifty-third Year. MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1925. NO. 281

## JACKSON CO. PRIMARY BILL BEATEN

### LOCAL MOVE FOR REFORM IS DEFEATED

By Vote of 37 to 18 Pre-Convention Plan to Supplement Direct Primary Is Beaten in House—Cowgill's Efforts Fail—Constitutional Convention Approved.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 18.—The house this morning by a vote of 37 to 18 defeated the pre-primary convention bill introduced by the Jackson county delegation.

Representative Cowgill, Jackson county, explained that he desired to see the bill passed in order to the senate, where objections might be brought out against the bill.

"It will probably be put to sleep as has the Mills bill," he said, "but it will give opportunity to bring out points of the measure and later I hope to be able to draft another measure."

Representative Shumway of Morrow and Umatilla counties, opposed the bill on the grounds that it would tie a candidate's hands before he ran for election on a party ticket.

The house yesterday reconsidered its negative action on house bill 420, providing for a remission of tax penalties for 1921, to 1923. Following a short explanation by Representative Carlin of the real intent of the bill, designed to help farmers who found themselves unable through bad crops or low prices to pay their taxes on time, the house gave the measure a favorable vote.

**State Convention Approved.**

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 18.—With overwhelming approval the first move for a constitutional convention for Oregon in the year 1930 was taken today when the senate passed the Klepper bill, which is senate bill No. 227. Only Senator Zimmerman voted against the bill. The house this morning passed senate bill 54, a voluminous measure of 129 pages, amending the present state bank code and incorporating new material taken chiefly from the banking laws of New York and California. No opposition was voiced against the bill.

Sales and possession of revolvers and pistols would be sharply regulated under house bill 452, passed by the house this morning. In cases of persons convicted of having concealed weapons on their person when committing a crime, an additional sentence of not less than five or more than ten years in the penitentiary could be imposed.

Among bills passed by the senate today were:

S. J. 236, Klepper—Extending time of making application under bonus and loan act from December 1, 1923 to June 30, 1927.

S. B. 195, Klepper and Representative Bailey—Providing for state flag.

Among bills passed by the house:

H. B. 444—Authorizing county courts to pay for certain convicts which legally could not be done heretofore, the measure particularly affecting Umatilla county.

H. B. 458—Providing for the grading of eggs offered for sale in Oregon.

S. B. 73—Providing more severe penalties for persons driving automobiles and having accidents while in an intoxicated condition.

**Joseph Pleads for Bill.**

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 18.—Senator George W. Joseph made a plea before the senate judiciary committee last night in behalf of his resolution submitting to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to develop power.

**Mussolini Recovering.**

ROME, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Mussolini, who has been suffering from a slight attack of influenza, has passed the critical stage of his indisposition and will soon be able to leave his bed.

**Mrs. Alice Longworth Explains Why She Named Her Baby Girl Paulina**

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Pauline, the Apostle always has been a favorite Biblical character with Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, it was disclosed today and she would have named her baby Pauline had circumstances not dictated otherwise. So the name "Paulina" chosen yesterday was decided for two principal reasons, her friends said, because it is a variation of the name of the disciple and because the name will provide no odious comparisons as though the name were

### Gloria Swanson, Bride of Month, Operated Upon, Paris Hospital

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Gloria Swanson, the movie picture star, had to be hurried to a clinic in Auteuil last evening, where she was operated upon at midnight. The operation was a sequel to one performed some months ago, after which, it appears, she did not take sufficient rest before beginning her professional activities. Her condition today was pronounced satisfactory.

Miss Swanson last month was married here to the Marquis de Lathuys de La Courday.

### DEATH SUMMONS DR. M. L. BURTON OF MICHIGAN "U"

Man Who Nominated President Coolidge at Cleveland Convention Succumbs to Heart Attack—Had Been Ill Since October.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 18.—Dr. Marion Leroy Burton, president of the University of Michigan, died here early today. Death came at the end of a long illness during which Dr. Burton rallied time after time from the ill effects of a complication of diseases. He suffered his first illness last May but recovered sufficiently to take his usual part in the June commencement exercises of the school. He spent the summer in rest, broken only by the trip to Cleveland where he made the speech nominating Calvin Coolidge for president. He seemed then to be returning to the abundant health which had carried him through fourteen years as a college head.

In September, President Burton again threw himself into the routine duties of his office, working sometimes eighteen hours a day. He suffered a slight illness, diagnosed as a cold, in October, from which he again rallied. His final illness dates from an evening early in November, when he appeared at the school auditorium introducing Vilhjalmur Stefansson, explorer. He collapsed following his appearance on the platform and physicians, hurriedly summoned, found him suffering from an affected heart. It was this trouble which finally caused his death.

Mrs. Burton and a son and daughter were at the bedside when the end came. One daughter, Mrs. George E. Stewart of Berkeley, Cal., failed to reach Ann Arbor.

Despite the years in which he was before the public, little was known of the Burton behind the scenes. He was constantly upon the platform, but with little being written or printed about him.

Marion Leroy Burton was born in Brooklyn, Iowa, August 30, 1874.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—President Coolidge, on learning today of the death at Ann Arbor of Dr. Marion Leroy Burton, sent a message of sympathy to Mrs. Burton in her own and Mrs. Coolidge's names.

The friendship between Mr. Coolidge and Dr. Burton dated back to the time when the university president was the head of Smith college at Northampton, Mass. Dr. and Mrs. Burton had on several occasions been White House guests during the Coolidge administration.

**Attractive "Pubs" Opposed**

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Proposals to make London's drinking bars more attractive by decorating and improved lighting effects have met with protests from many prominent people, among them Lady Lawson, who contends that brighter pubs would tend to increase drunkenness, especially among the women.

### CAN'T AGREE ON ASHLAND SCHOOL BILL

Senator Dunn Fails to Secure Favorable Report On Re-establishment of Ashland Normal, But Final Action Is Deferred—Senate Sustains Governor's Veto.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 18.—That all farming operations at state institutions should be placed under the supervision of one man, to the end of saving the state an estimated \$100,000 a year, has been recommended to the ways and means committee last night by a sub-committee of which Senator Beals was chairman, and this recommendation will be submitted to the state board of control.

Some of the institutions, ascertained in an investigation by Beals and others caused the recommendation. In making allowances for institutions the committee made provision for a new industrial building at the state insane hospital, the purchase of additional land at the eastern Oregon hospital and cattle to stock it, and a new building at the tuberculosis hospital.

The normal school policy was discussed at length last night on a motion by Senator Dunn that the committee report favorably on his bill to re-establish an Ashland normal school. The committee could not agree and further consideration of the bill was deferred until tonight.

Allowances by the committee last night were:

Deaf school \$113,000; girls' school \$83,840; training school \$197,675; state hospital \$960,408; eastern Oregon hospital \$617,800; institution for feeble minded \$482,700; tuberculosis hospital \$215,000; Oregon National Guard (reconsidered) \$185,000.

**Text Book Veto Sustained**

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 18.—Prohibition law violators may be put to work on the rock pile by sheriff if house bill 364, passed by the house is passed by the senate and signed by the governor.

The use of seines on coast streams extending to the Pacific south of the Columbia is prohibited by house bill 284 which has passed the house. The senate has passed house bill 43 providing for creation of the Warner game refuge in Lake county.

The senate passed house bill 200 authorizing irrigation districts to enter into contracts with the United States government according to fact finders' bill.

The house defeated the Banks bill providing for appeal from council license revocations.

Senate bill 173 requiring adjustment of claims under the Carey irrigation act passed the house.

The house passed senate bill 177, setting a speed limit of five miles an hour for entering a highway from a cross road.

The veto of Governor Pierce was sustained by the senate yesterday on house bill 91, which had for its purpose the authorizing of a state text book commission to obtain at the lowest possible price text books for the purchase of which the publishing companies refused to extend contracts.

A strong fight was made in the senate yesterday afternoon against house bill number 213, increasing the salaries of the district attorneys of Oregon, but not quite strong enough to keep the bill from passing.

**M. D. Olds Awarded \$2500 in Damages**

In findings filed Tuesday, in the circuit court by Circuit Judge Walter H. Evans of Multnomah county, M. D. Olds, timber capitalist and former owner of the Medford Logging railroad (now P. & E.), is allowed \$2500 damages against William Von der Hellen, contractor, and Eugene Dietz, truck driver. The damage suit grew out of the burning of the Eagle Point depot August 13, 1923. Von der Hellen used the depot as a storage place for oils and gasoline for work on the Trail-Agate, section of the Crater Lake highway. Negligence against Von der Hellen and Dietz was charged by Olds who in the original complaint sued the state highway commission, the state engineer and three other truck drivers.

### "Perfect Lovers" Marriage Secret Out, Hollywood Is All a Flutter



The picture above shows Lou Tellegen and Geraldine Farrar as they started on their honeymoon a few years ago.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 18.—Historians of Hollywood's romances today were waiting for Lou Tellegen, Geraldine Farrar's former "perfect lover," to come forward and give his own version of his marriage to Isabel Craven Dilworth, known to the stage as Nina Romano, of a 1920 New Jersey town more than a year ago.

Nearly everyone concerned with the wedding, save only the bride and groom themselves, had verified the report that it had taken place, but the more prosaic problem of the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Tellegen remained early today an unsolved mystery.

One report had it that the actor and his wife were in San Francisco and would return today or tomorrow, but efforts to find them in the northern city were unsuccessful. It was generally agreed by their friends here, however, that now that the marriage secret was out, they would soon cease to be missing.

### TELEPHONE CO. TO SPEND LARGE SUM IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—Plans for expenditure this year of \$3,000,000 in Oregon by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company were announced here today by C. E. Hickman, division superintendent. Extensions and improvement to plants and equipment in Portland and several cities of the state are included and long distance lines are to be extended and repaired in some sections.

Besides \$500,000 to be spent in outside plants and the central office in Portland, more than \$2,000,000 on new circuits and rebuilding present long distance lines, the announcement told of work planned in several cities, including Astoria, Klamath Falls, Salem and Eugene.

After referring to the need of spending \$100,000, in additions at Astoria, Mr. Hickman's statement said:

"Klamath Falls is another city in Oregon where population has increased beyond all estimates in the past." At Klamath Falls underground extensions are planned in some of the down town section and extensions are to be made in several cables.

Nearly \$50,000 is to be spent at Salem for underground cables and for plant improvement. Long distance lines out of Salem toward Albany, Silverton, Aurora and McMinnville are to be reconstructed.

Similar conditions to those existing in Astoria and Klamath Falls exist in Eugene where the company has expended large sums in the past year and where it is necessary to provide additional capital investment, said the announcement.

### CHEWING CONTEST AT KLAMATH IS DANCE FEATURE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Unable to detect the difference between the finger of Bob Thomason and his brother, who was hiding him in a roughhouse fight at a dance at Malin early this week, Fred Liskey chewed off the index finger of his brother, Dave Liskey, thinking all the time that he was munching on the finger of Thomason.

Dave Liskey, in the turmoil, felt a strong set of molars munching on his finger and could not free his hand. Thinking it was his brother's opponent he grabbed Thomason's finger and started to chew away.

The three-cornered chewing match lasted for five minutes before bystanders pulled the three apart. Fred's finger was hanging by only the skin and had to be amputated immediately.

Thomason may retain his finger, although it is feared that an infection may set in and necessitate amputation. The Liskey boys of Malin are known for their chewing proclivities, according to reports, Fred Liskey already having two ears to his credit. Irey McCall and Charles Wiley were the two victims, it is said.

### J. C. MANN SLATED FOR OFFICE IN STATE ASSOCIATION

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 18.—L. L. Thomas of Marshfield, W. F. Kennedy of Corvallis and J. C. Mann of Medford are the nominees for the position of president, vice president and second vice president, respectively, for the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, which is now holding its twenty-first annual convention in Eugene.

L. L. Thomas, only nominee for next year's president, is the present occupant of the position.

The following list of directors is reported by the nominating committee:

E. F. Douglass, Portland; B. E. Sisson, Salem; W. L. Osborne, McMinnville; Dr. Norton, Bend; C. Van Fleet, LaGrande; George B. Schaffers, Eugene; A. G. Hoffman, Forest Grove; Charles Frazer, Marshfield; J. F. Garrett, Hillsboro; C. L. Schoenfeldt, Portland; A. C. Hull, Corvallis; W. A. Lovelace, Reedsport.

### The Noted Dead

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Messages from Creston City, Fla., brought the news today of the death last night of William Ryan, former congressman from New York, a reputed founder of the city of Denver, as well as operator of the first printing plant in Colorado, and a banker at Fort Chester, N. Y.

Earthquake in St. Vincent.

KINGSTON, ST. VINCENT, Feb. 18.—Advices received here from Grenada (British island in the Windward group) announce that a prolonged earthquake was experienced there at 10:40 o'clock last night. The advices make no mention of casualties or damage.

### Eric Nelson, World Aviator Decorated By King of Sweden

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The American-Swedish News Exchange today announced that King Gustav V of Sweden had conferred the rank of Knight of the Order of the Sword upon Lieutenant Eric Nelson, one of the American aviators in the around-the-world flight.

Axel P. Wallenberg, Swedish minister in Washington, on whose recommendation the decoration was conferred, has asked, through the state department, for the passage by congress of an act authorizing Lieutenant Nelson to wear the decoration.

### STOKES SPYING ON WIFE TOLD BY EX-SLEUTH

Ben Harrison, Colored Detective, Formerly in Aged Millionaire's Employ Tells of His Investigation in Underworld of Denver.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Letters underscored in green and red and purporting to be written in 1920 by W. E. D. Stokes, New York millionaire, to a confidential agent, making investigations concerning "our Helen," were read into evidence today, in the trial of Mr. Stokes, charged with conspiracy to defame his estranged wife, Helen Ellwood Stokes of Denver.

The letters, identified by Benjamin Harrison, negro, the investigator, characterized as "nonsense" Harrison's report that certain persons mentioned by Stokes never existed and reproached him for willing to give satisfactory developing evidence against "our Helen."

"Find out when and where those pictures were taken," read a letter with which apparently photographs had been enclosed, adding that information had been received to the effect that one was believed to have been taken behind a house of cloudy reputation in Denver.

**Colored Cook Is Wanted**

This letter instructed the recipient to make inquiry at former Denver addresses of A. S. Miller, "party" father, as to whether "party was married and to whom." It instructed the recipient to go to the Denver address of "Mrs. S." and find out from whom she is receiving letters and from where.

"What you have told me about Mr. Miller is all nonsense," said another letter.

"He never was in the steel business and he never left more than \$40,000. What I wanted you to do was to talk with the Miller's colored cook."

The witness said he gave Mr. Stokes information about a number of persons, "but they did not seem to be the right ones."

"Have you received the \$2000 Mr. Stokes proposed to pay you when you started to work for him?"

"Not yet," said the witness.

Harrison, whose wife on the stand yesterday said she would say "yes" to the question "is your husband honest," even if he wasn't, and said Stokes did not at first disclose his identity, but represented himself, an agent for Stokes, seeking to settle some property to which the woman named Helen had fallen heir.

Harrison said Stokes told him it would be hard to trace the woman as she had gone under the name of Helen Ellwood, Helen Underwood and other names.

### ARMS PARLEY IS LAUNCHED BY COOLIDGE

President Has Approached the World Powers With View of Real Disarmament Program—England Agreeable—Attitude of France and Japan Not Known As Yet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.) The principal powers have been approached by the United States on the subject of a new arms conference.

Though the discussions have not reached the advanced point characterized as "formal negotiations," but they have been followed up quietly and persistently in all the principal capitals of the world.

Officials here will not discuss what obstacles may have been encountered or what measure of success may appear to be held out by the exchanges up to the present.

The state department, after being advised that an announcement of the move had been made by Foreign Secretary Chamberlain in the house of commons in London, revealed that similar conversations had taken place in Paris, Tokio and other capitals, but would not comment further.

The "feelers" that have been put out by Washington are intended to develop whether there has been any change in the attitude of European countries who blocked at the time of the Washington arms conference, the limitation of any class of land or sea armament except capital ships.

It is the first desire of President Coolidge to secure an agreement which will end competition in auxiliary naval craft. If something can be done too to limit land armaments, such step would be welcome here; but the Washington government is inclined to regard that problem as a European question.

All recent indications from European capitals have been that the move contemplated by Geneva has diminished prospects of success and now faces a likelihood of suspension.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.) A new armament conference which President Coolidge would summon has been mentioned here in conversations with the American ambassador and is at present under consideration. Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain announced in the house of commons today in answer to a question by Commander Kenworthy.

Questioned further, Mr. Charles Chamberlain begged to be allowed to confine himself for the present to the foregoing statement.

### Klan Claims Its Name Is Worth A Million Dollars

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 18.—Suit for \$300,000 and an injunction against the use of the name or any part of the name of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a Georgia corporation, was filed in the United States district court here today on behalf of the Klan, naming as defendant the Independent Klan of America with headquarters at Muncie, Ind. The suit states that the defendant is wrongfully using the name Klan, which it is asserted, is worth \$1,000,000.

### VANCOUVER, B. C. BOOZE SHIP CAPTURED NEAR GOLDEN GATE BY REVENUE CUTTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The Canadian steamer Coal Harbour, seized as a liquor runner by the coast guard cutter Cahokia near Bolinas bay last night, was towed into port here today, the 14 members of her crew placed in custody aboard the vessel and the work of checking her cargo begun.

A preliminary estimate by customs officials placed the cargo at 10,000 cases of liquor, valued in market prices at more than \$600,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The steamship Coal Harbour of 284 tons registry, which sailed from Vancouver, February 4, with a large cargo of liquor for South American ports, was captured by the coast guard cutter Cahokia near Bolinas Bay last night while attempting to unload liquor and towed into port at daybreak.

The Coal Harbour has been standing 40 miles outside the Golden Gate for the past three days.

The Cahokia has been watching for an attempt to land and the capture followed.

The Coal Harbour, according to Seattle reports, was operated by the Canadian Mexican Shipping company, Ltd., of Vancouver, owners of the Quadra, which was seized off this port recently, with a \$500,000 cargo of liquor and of the ill fated Speedway,