

The Weather
Prediction.....Generally Fair
Maximum yesterday.....55
Minimum today.....36.5
Precipitation.....Trace

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum.....62
Minimum.....29

Daily.....Nineteenth Year.
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LITHIA CITY WINS FIGHT FOR NORMAL

Ashland Measure Passes Senate and Is Now Up to Governor for Signature—Dunn Leads in Fight—Only Three Votes Opposed—Pierce Wins Fish Battle.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24.—The attempt of a group in the house to shear the governor of appointive power on the fish commission ended in failure yesterday afternoon when the house by a vote of 21 to 27 adopted the minority report of the judiciary committee calling for indefinite postponement of the bill.

"The governor will veto the bill and there is nothing to be gained by continuing this wrangle," declared Representative Graham, of Forest Grove.

Over the protest of tobacco dealers who were heard by the ways and means committee last night the committee reported out favorably a bill to tax tobacco in all forms.

Fees paid by motor-buses operating on the Oregon highways are increased from about \$27,511 to \$197,211 and fees paid by trucks from \$28,721 to \$147,339 under the bus bill, a house measure that passed the senate late yesterday.

With only three negative votes, house bill number 87, which provides for the re-establishment of the Ashland normal school, passed the senate late yesterday. Those voting against the bill were Strayer, Taylor and Zimmerman.

The bill was passed after several members, led by Riner, had made a determined effort to have it re-commissioned so that the referendum clause might be attached.

Dunn Wins Battle

Senator Dunn led off with a speech in favor of the bill, pointing to the need for an additional normal school both geographically and educationally.

A fight put up by Senators Joseph and Eddy Monday caused house bill 405, by Representative Pierce, to be re-referred to the fisheries committee of the senate when it came up for final passage. The measure is a code bill and among other things authorizes the employment and licensing of alien fishermen at the mouth of the Columbia river and changes the fishing season in various streams.

Shoemaker Assailed

Eddy discovered that a change was made in the Umpqua river season. He assailed the committee for not consulting him about that feature of the bill and charged that the committee had listened to one voice, that of Carl D. Shoemaker, asserting that Shoemaker was a "bear" who insisted that his voice should be the law.

Senator Staples, chairman of the committee, said the Umpqua fishermen had been heard and that Shoemaker did not appear.

Senator Riner moved that the bill be re-referred so that Eddy might be heard.

The senate passed house bill 259, which increases the salaries of the secretary of state, the state treasurer and the attorney general. The two former are increased from \$4500 to \$5400 each and the latter from \$4500 to \$6000.

POSTAL PAY BILL IS AGREED UPON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A postal pay and rate increase bill in substantially the form as that passed by the house, was agreed to today by conferees on the senate and house measures.

The only important modification in the house measure was made in the second class rates, the conferees accepting some of the lower rates in this class carried in the senate bill.

In the form agreed to by the conferees, the bill would increase postal salaries as of January 1 this year, and the rate increases would become effective next April 15.

13 YEAR OLD SCHOOL BOY ANSWERS SILVER-TONGUED BOY BOLSHIEV

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A thirteen year old patriotic boy orator has been forth to answer a silver-tongued boy bolshevik who recently thrilled in League memorial meeting in Madison Square Garden.

At a flag rally in Carnegie hall last night Betram Stern, son of a Mount Vernon school teacher, won applause by denouncing Morris Spector as a "traitor," for his advocacy of communism at the Lenin meeting. The boys are the same age.

Betram recited an American creed which the audience repeated after him with fervor.

After he had concluded his speech messages of praise from radio listeners arrived at the station from which the flag program was broadcast.

Rogue River Bridge to Be Built; C. and O. Road Will Operate

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 24.—Arrangements have been completed for the building of the California and Oregon Coast railroad trestle over Rogue river. H. D. Norton and O. S. Blanchard announced today upon their return from Portland.

The work is being done under the receivership appointed last week by Judge C. M. Thomas.

The financing has been arranged. There is to be a general revision of rates intended to put the road on a paying basis.

HIGH FEE RATE ON BUSES AND TRUCKS PASSED

In Face of Opposition By Road and Highways Committee, House Passes Bill Raising Bus Tax—Power Bill Is Killed.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24.—In the face of opposition from the house roads and highways committee, the house today by a vote of 24 to 23, voted to concur in senate amendments to house bill 413 levying a high fee rate on buses and trucks operated as common carriers.

The senate raised the mileage rate of three-eighths of a cent a mile per passenger seat on buses and per ton capacity on trucks to three-quarters of a cent on buses and one mill on trucks. The senate also amended the law so as to exclude all peddlers, trucks, oil trucks, grocery and bakery trucks and others running outside of corporate cities from provisions of house bill 413 raising their rates.

Senator Joseph's joint resolution number 2 proposing a constitutional amendment, authorizing the state to engage in hydro-electrical development, was killed in the senate today.

Joseph's joint resolution number 16, providing for a change in the recall provision of the state constitution, was adopted. The Joseph amendment provides that in recall elections no candidates for the office shall be voted on and in event the official is recalled his successor would be appointed by the appointive power. Only Senators Dunn and Taylor voted against the resolution.

Carlin Bill Killed

Representative Hurlburt's joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment, whereby the legislature could curb the power of the governor to grant pardons and pardons was indefinitely postponed.

Oregon is not to get a divided session of the legislature or increased pay for members of the legislature, the senate today killing by indefinite postponement house joint resolutions 18 and 17, providing respectively for those amendments to the constitution.

House joint resolution sixteen providing for consolidation in state government was indefinitely postponed.

Other measures killed by indefinite postponement in the senate included:

H. B. 355, Carlin—Allowing appeal to board of control from tax levies made by counties and municipal corporations.

S. B. 252, (substitute for S. B. 62)—Regulating automobile mechanics.

The house today passed house bill 510 permitting railways to acquire water rights for necessary operating purposes. The bill is a substitute for house bill 152, passed but vetoed by the governor, as he deemed it inimical to the interests of land and water owners of the state. The former bill gave the railroads water powers. The amended bill, which is said to be satisfactory to the governor, specifying that no more than 10 cubic feet of water per second may be acquired by condemnation proceedings.

House bill 416 providing for a consolidation of denuded lands for reforestation was passed yesterday afternoon by the house with 16 dissenting votes. The measure was voted down last week, but ordered reconsidered.

Oregon Supreme Court Decisions

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The Noted Dead

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 24.—Hjalmar Branting, former premier, died shortly after noon today. Branting was one of the most prominent socialists in Europe and held his post during the critical period of war and reconstruction.

YOUNG WOOD IS ACCUSED OF FORGERY

Son of General Wood Bobs Up at Biarritz Under Cloud—Warrant for Arrest to Be Sworn Out—Friends Will Come to Rescue Says Ex-Stock Broker.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Havas News agency from Biarritz this evening states that a formal complaint had been lodged with the Biarritz police against Osborn C. Wood, son of Governor General Wood of the Philippines, in connection with the alleged issuance of a worthless check. It was added that the complaint would be transmitted to police departmental headquarters at Bayonne tonight and that it was expected a warrant would be issued there tomorrow or Thursday.

BIARRITZ, France, Feb. 24.—Osborne C. Wood, who turned up at San Sebastian, Spain, recently after a stop here on his way from Paris where his unexplained departure last week had mystified his friends for a time, is making an effort from San Sebastian to arrange some financial matters which his friends here say have given him temporary annoyance but which they report the ex-army officer as hoping to adjust shortly.

Mr. Wood, they said, came to the frontier near here Saturday and had a talk with a person who went there from Biarritz and whom he asked to tell those interested that he was expecting funds from America to set himself solidly on his feet again.

STORM DAMAGE CRESCENT CITY TOTALS \$20,000

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 24.—A path thirty feet wide through the business district in Crescent City, Cal., was swept yesterday when a small cyclone hit the town, according to details received here today. Seven buildings were damaged with a total loss placed today at about \$20,000.

The cyclone came in off Battery Point at ten o'clock and ripped off roofs of business houses as it went along, also taking some residences off their foundations. The air was full of falling shingles and debris.

Residents of the city state that the shape of the twister was plainly visible.

After passing over the city it started up into the mountains and appeared to be going up into the air. It did not strike the ground at all during its rapid trip through the coast city, moving along at a height some feet above the earth.

The buildings suffering the worst damage were the warehouse of the dock company, the Masonic hall, the Alpine restaurant, Cutting's carpenter shop, the Hobbs Wall store, Endert's theater, the grain warehouse. Several residences were damaged. The roof was taken off the theater building. No person was injured.

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Nebraska Exhibits Mrs. Ross' Home; Claims Wyoming Governor as Own



Although Wyoming considers its governor, Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, as completely its own, Nebraska claims her, too. She lived in this house in Omaha for 15 years, and it was here in 1902, that she was married to her late husband, Mrs. Ross is shown as she appeared in 1900 and as she is today.

BEER HALL BLOWN UP IN TACOMA

Night Riders Accused of Hurling Bomb in Saloon—H. P. Clark Has Narrow Escape From Death—Letters Signed K. K. K. Received—Sheet Found On Ground.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 24.—A terrific explosion, set off at 2:30 o'clock this morning by a number of men believed to have been members of a vigilance committee organized to combat liquor selling in Ruston, wrecked the building occupied by H. P. Clark and endangered the life of Clark.

Flames broke out immediately after the explosion and destroyed the house. Clark was trapped for a few moments by the fire, but made his escape from the burning building by crawling over the wreckage.

The charge, which exploded with a sound similar to that of black powder but without the usual fumes, was placed under Clark's two story frame building in Ruston, directly beneath the place where Clark lay in bed.

The entire front part of the building was wrecked. While large patches of plaster and splinters of twisted lumber showed about him, Clark rushed toward the rear door to make his escape, but he was cut off by the flames resulting from the blast. Picking up a revolver which was in the room he then made his way over the wreckage to the front of the building.

When he reached the open air, he saw several men running about 100 feet away. He fired one bullet at them before they disappeared around the corner of a building.

While standing outside the building, near where the explosives had been placed, Clark saw a large white sheet lying on the ground. He believes that the sheet had been lost by one of the men in the night, and he thinks that all the dynamites were white coverings to conceal their features.

Clark told the police that he had been running what was known as a "beer joint." He said however, that he had received no warning to stop and had no known enemies and has heard of no threats against him.

Police were attempting to connect the bombing of Clark's building to a warning note received Sunday evening by R. J. O'Connor, who operates a pool hall a short distance from the place where Clark ran.

Governor Signs Big Butte Bill for City Water

SALEM, Feb. 24.—The senate has passed these bills:

H. B. 264, regulating use of spotlights and headlights on motor vehicles.

H. B. 459, by Douglas delegation—Providing for closing of certain estuary known as Rainbow bay.

H. B. 86, Gordon—Appropriating money for W. C. T. U. farm home near Corvallis.

Among bills signed by Governor Pierce are:

H. B. 309, by committee on judiciary—Granting to the city of Medford authority to use the waters of the Big Butte creek.

S. B. 92, by Riner—To permit irrigation districts under contract with the United States to cancel assessments levied to pay charges.

S. B. 73, by Upton—To require adjustment of water claims under the Jay act.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 24.—By the narrow margin of one vote the house of representatives of the legislature today failed to pass the anti-alien land bill designed, according to its framers, to prohibit the leasing of land to Japanese farmers up to December 31, 1925. The vote was 29 for passage and 29 against.

There was much debate on the measure, particularly as to what possible effect passage would have on Japanese-American relations.

Woman Elected As a Director of 22 Railroads in U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—As a woman today was given permission by the inter-state commerce commission to act as a director on the board of 22 railroads.

She is Helen LaJelle Welsh, assistant secretary of the El Paso and Southwestern. The commission held it would not be against the public interest if she should be at the same time a director of the Southern Pacific, Oregon and California, the Central Pacific and a whole series of subsidiary corporations of the Southern Pacific system.

This is the first time the commission has passed on any similar application from a woman.

SEVERE QUAKE ROCKS ALASKA CABLE BROKEN

Worst Earthquake in History of Territory Does Extensive Damage, But No Lives Lost—Seward End of U. S. Cable to Valdez Severed.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—Towns along 488 miles of the Alaska railroad were rocked yesterday by one of the most severe earthquakes ever experienced by Alaskan pioneers, according to reports received last night and today. Chimneys were wrecked, water pipes were broken and a Seward-to-Valdez cable cut in two by the tremors.

Two distinct shocks were felt here, the second being the hardest. They were accompanied by deep rumbles. Dishes were broken in homes and panicles in the local hospital thrown from their beds. The public school was dismissed.

Clocks were stopped at Curry, near here.

At Seward, 114 miles southeast of Anchorage, at one terminus of the Alaska railroad, chimneys of residences were wrecked and water pipes were broken. Residents scurried into the streets for safety.

The largest damage was the breaking of the Seward end of the United States signal cable to Valdez, 200 miles northeast of Seward, at the northern end of Prince William sound. Midway between Seward and Anchorage the Alaska railroad's water tanks at Moraine were damaged by the tremors.

At the other terminus of the railroad, Fairbanks, no damage was reported, although office buildings and homes were rocked.

The tremors lasted for a half minute at Seward to a minute at Fairbanks.

PANTAGES MN'GR HELD UP, BANDIT CAUGHT WITH CASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24.—John J. Johnson, manager of Pantages theater here, was held up and "sapped" by a man when Johnson entered the theater office shortly before noon today with a sack containing \$5000 in cash.

Johnson was accosted as he was leaving his office for the bank. The robber had concealed himself in the darkened theater. When Johnson attempted to protest he was struck on the head. He cried to the janitor, who ran to a cigar stand and informed Johnson's son and two other men of the holdup. Seizing a revolver Claude Johnson rushed into the theater and with the aid of the two others held the robber until the police arrived. The robber gave the name of Jack Brown, and said he came from Seattle.

Couple Arrested for Desecrating Indian Graves in Mariposa, Calif.

MARIPOSA, Cal., Feb. 24.—Raymond D. Silkwood and his wife, Jessie, approached the superior court here today to go on trial on a charge of desecrating human graves.

The charges are the result of a raid by deputy sheriffs on the Mountain view farmhouse near here, said to be operated by Silkwood. A sack, containing charred bones, beads, arrowheads and other articles was seized, the charges said.

DEATH OF FILM STAR IS DENIED

Reported Death of Gloria Swanson in Paris Is Declared False—Star Still Seriously Ill, However—Report of Death Made By N. Y. Film Official.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The condition of Gloria Swanson, American moving picture actress, who has been ill in consequence of an operation performed last week, was declared this



evening to have exhibited marked improvement. The physicians in attendance held a conference at 10 o'clock and announced they would not again visit their patient until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PARIS, Feb. 24, 3:40 p. m.—(By Associated Press)—Gloria Swanson, the film star, who underwent an operation here last week, passed a better night, her husband told friends this afternoon. He added, however, that the doctors did not yet consider her out of danger. Her husband, the Marquis De La Fayette De La Coudray, is in constant attendance at her bedside.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—The sheriff's office today announced that it was reported from the offices of the Julian Oil & Petroleum company that its cashier, Ben Wetmore, had been held up and robbed of \$14,000 on the Harbor boulevard, between Gardena and Los Angeles.

The material is alleged to have been taken from the Mariposa Indian burial grounds near the Mountainview resort.

Chief Joe Howard of the Mariposa Indian tribe, brought the charges. He believes that rewards offered by missionaries and missionaries for old Spanish and California coins, said to be buried with some of the later chiefs, was the motive.