

The Weather		
Prediction	Unsettled	
Probable Showers		
Maximum yesterday	70.2	
Minimum today	51.5	
Precipitation	.25	

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	60
Minimum	44

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-third Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1925

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CHURCHILL IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

State Supt. of Schools to Be Head of Ashland Normal at Salary of 4500 a Year—Will Go East to Study Problems and Select a Faculty—Architect Is Selected.

SALEM, Ore., April 11.—J. A. Churchill, who for nearly twelve years has been state superintendent of schools, was yesterday elected by the board of regents of Oregon normal schools as president of the state normal school to be re-established at Ashland.

The election of Mr. Churchill was announced as unanimous. The names of two other candidates were before the board, J. O. McLaughlin, superintendent of the Corvallis schools, and George A. Briscoe, superintendent of the Ashland schools. The board first expressed itself by a ballot vote and Churchill had an easy majority whereupon the election was made unanimous.

Mr. Churchill, himself a member of the board, did not vote and was not present. All other members of the board were present. They are Governor Pierce, Secretary of State Sam A. Koser, C. L. Farr, Portland; Frank J. Miller of Albany; E. E. Bruff of Salem; George A. Hartman of Pendleton; W. C. Bryant of Moro and J. H. Fuller of Ashland.

Appointed By Gov. West.

Mr. Churchill was appointed state superintendent of schools by Governor Oswald West twelve years ago the first of the coming June. Prior to that time he had been for 22 years superintendent of the Baker schools.

His election as president of the Ashland normal school will be effective not earlier than January 1, or later than March 1, 1926. The exact date will be determined by members of the board. Prior to assuming his new office he will go east to make a further study of normal schools and to select some members of his faculty.

The 1925 legislature made an appropriation of \$125,000 to revive the Ashland normal, this amount to be used in the construction of a new building. The act also provides for a tax levy of one twenty-fifth of a mill for maintenance purposes, the equivalent of approximately \$40,000 a year.

Mr. Churchill's salary as president of the normal school will be \$4500 a year. The contract entered into with the board of regents is for four years.

H. Benne of Portland was appointed architect for the new building and the board will visit Ashland soon to select a site for the structure.

Churchill's Career.

After his appointment as state superintendent by Governor West in 1913, he was elected in 1914 and re-elected in 1918 and 1922. Mr. Churchill is a native of Ohio and obtained his early education in that state. From Ohio Northern university he was graduated in civil engineering, and later obtained his master's degree from that university.

The University of Oregon has also conferred upon him the master's degree.

Many achievements in Oregon school development in the last decade are credited to Mr. Churchill.

He has promoted the standardization of rural schools, standardization of high school courses in boys and state and organization of boys and girls industrial clubs. The high school tuition fund law passed by the legislature of 1915 was an idea of Mr. Churchill and resulted in a great increase in attendance in Oregon high schools.

Vocational education under the Smith-Hughes act was inaugurated in this state by Churchill.

Last Broccoli Is Shipped.

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Convict Kid McCoy Shies Salt Cellar; Breaks Camera Lens

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., April 11.—"Kid McCoy," former dapper idol of the prize ring, arrived at San Quentin state prison from Los Angeles today to begin serving an indeterminate sentence for manslaughter in the slaying of Mrs. Theresa Mora. McCoy, sober and unkempt with only a faded rose in the buttonhole of his worn and shapeless coat, was docile until a news photographer attempted to snap him. The kid shied a salt cellar at the camera and broke the lens.

LONDON STIRRED BY MURDER OF SOCIETY BELLE

LONDON, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Scotland Yard authorities are detaining a man whose identity is not revealed in connection with the death of Grace Blackaller, 16, pretty dancing teacher, who was found with her throat cut Thursday night huddled on the steps of her mother's home in the fashionable West Kensington district.

The mystery of the case, which previously had been set down as one of assault, deepened when the police came into possession of a letter which reached the girl Thursday morning and which, they say, is of the highest importance. The contents are being closely guarded.

Prior to the detention of the man today, Scotland Yard had announced that it was searching for a man described only as a "young Indian student."

It was learned today that the girl for the last five years had not been living with her mother, but made her home with Captain Langmaid, a retired regular army officer, who upon her father's death promised to act as her guardian during her lifetime.

She went alone to a motion picture performance Thursday night and a few hours later her mother heard a cry and found the girl on the doorstep with a wound in the throat. The only words she would say, according to the report, were "boy from India." Later she requested that the police should not make an investigation.

The case is complicated by the fact that a young man who was seen loitering about the vicinity several days prior to the crime told accusers that he was a solicitor's clerk watching the house in connection with divorce proceedings.

Miss Blackaller was well known in the west end, where she appeared as a child actress in a number of musical performances. Although she is described as exceptionally pretty and attractive, she is not known to have had any men friends.

Later, however, according to the police, she had been seen with a number of Indian students, some of whom it is supposed, lived in the artists' quarter, Chelsea, which is not far from her mother's home.

MEDFORD LIONS TO GET CHARTER MAY 9

SALEM, Ore., April 11.—A charter will be presented to the Medford Lions, May 9, it was announced yesterday by Frank Neer, district governor for Oregon. Delegations from Lions clubs in all the Willamette valley cities are expected to attend. This will be the twelfth club chartered in the state.

Bank Reserve Increases.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows an excess reserve of \$26,644,250. This is an increase of \$26,333,290 compared with last week when excess reserve totalled only \$310,970.

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EX-CASHIER IN STATE TREASURY GIVEN 9 YEARS

Clarence Thompson, Paroled Before, Given Hard Sentence By Judge Kelly in Salem—Waives Sentence Delay—Wants Medical Aid.

SALEM, Ore., April 11.—Pale, unshaven and seemingly on the verge of nervous collapse, Clarence W. Thompson, former cashier in the state treasurer's office, stood before Judge Percy R. Kelly today and was sentenced to serve a maximum of nine years in the state penitentiary. It was said that Thompson would probably be "dressed in" at the state prison before noon today.

Without an attorney, Thompson, escorted by Sheriff Bower, was brought from the county jail into the courtroom at 10 o'clock. His appearance was for arraignment and not necessarily for sentence today, even should he plead guilty. But Thompson pleaded guilty in person and chose not to accept the two days allowed by law before imposition of the sentence. A crowded courtroom toward the prisoner's plea and the statement made by him in almost an undertone. Thompson avoided the gaze of the crowd and kept his eyes on the court.

"I will fix next Tuesday," said Judge Kelly, "as the time to impose sentence."

"Your honor," interrupted Thompson, "I want to waive time. I have been sick since Tuesday. If I have to go 'out there' I want no delay—so I can have some attention. I had hoped to be situated so I could pay back the money."

The maximum of nine years which Thompson must serve is a combination of penalties for the first and second charges on which he was haled into court, for today in pronouncing a sentence of up to seven years on the second charge, which had its origin after disposal of the first case, Judge Kelly announced revocation of the parole granted in the first instance and in its stead the alternative of a state prison sentence of not more than two years.

"This case," said Judge Kelly in explaining his previous parole of Thompson, "first appeared to the court as more of a young man with an invalid wife who had taken about \$1000 of state funds. He said he had intended to repay it and showing was made that he had repaid in that amount. The court believed the case at that time showed absence of venality on the part of the defendant. Since that time it has been disclosed that the defendant actually took more than three times the amount that he had taken. It is the judgment of this court that the parole previously granted be revoked and that you be sentenced to the state penitentiary without limitation of time, with a maximum of seven years, this sentence to begin upon termination of the previous sentence."

CHICAGO WHEAT SOARS SKYWARD IN WILD MARKET

CHICAGO, April 11.—Wheat made a sensational advance in price today, jumping at the start as much as 7 1/2 cents a bushel. On the initial buck May delivery wheat touched \$1.52 1/2 compared with \$1.52 1/2 at \$1.53 at Thursday's finish. The government crop report indicating 115,000,000 bushels' shortage in the 1925 winter harvest was the chief reason.

Excitement was intensified by the fact that before business here had begun the Liverpool market showed a rise of 7 1/2 pence.

Sharp further upturns in price ensued and before the final hour of the session was reached the market showed a total advance of 10 cents a bushel, with May at \$1.62 1/2.

Assertions by a leading crop expert that contrary to general belief recent rains had been inadequate in drought-stricken districts were largely responsible for the additional fresh rise in values.

WINNIPEG, April 11.—Wheat prices soared on this exchange today, May delivery making an early advance of 7 1/2 cents to \$1.64 and deferred futures showed relative strength.

Coarse grains were above Thursday's close. The bulge was attributed to the bullish wheat report of the United States government.

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New Sculpture of the Christ



Special interest is given this new statue of Christ, by Marie Apol, noted New York sculptress, at the Easter season. It will be placed in a mausoleum.

MOTHER IS HELD FOR POISONING FIVE OF FAMILY

CHICAGO, April 11.—Mrs. David Cunningham, Gary, Ind., widow and mother of David Cunningham, Jr., who is in a critical condition, diagnosed as caused by poisoning, today was taken into technical custody by the state's attorney for questioning.

State's Attorney Crowe desires to interrogate Mrs. Cunningham concerning the deaths of five members of her family in six years, and the illness of her son. Her husband, one daughter and three sons, died after a short illness. The husband and father, David Cunningham, Sr., died in Valparaiso, Ind., in 1917.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Poison was found in the home of Mrs. Anna Cunningham at Gary, Ind., today, it was announced at the state's attorney's office, where she has been detained in connection with the investigation of the deaths of her husband and four children in six years. She explained that poison was obtained by her to spray plants.

Mrs. Cunningham when questioned by first Assistant State's Attorney George E. Gorman, said that she had received \$1000 insurance upon the death of her husband, David, in 1919 and that he died of stomach trouble; that she received \$2500 after the death of her son Harry, who died of tonsillitis in 1921; \$1000 after the death of her daughter Isabelle, who died in 1920 after a relapse following an appendicitis operation; \$530 after the death of her son Charles, who died in 1922 of intestinal trouble, and only \$130 after the death of Walter, 13, in 1923.

"All of them were strong and rugged looking," she told Mr. Gorman, but they died after illnesses of only two or three weeks.

She said she had been in ill health for the last two or three years and once was operated on for gall stones.

The death of her husband, followed only a few months after her son Charles had accidentally shot and killed a neighbor boy near Valparaiso, Ind., where the family lived on a farm.

Mr. Gorman said that she would be detained pending decision of the Indiana authorities as to future action in the case.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, April 11.—Stock prices resumed their upward trend today. Motor shares displayed conspicuous strength. The favorable reception of the Maxwell recapitalization plan carried the "A" stock up six points to a new high record.

Nash Motors also soared 28 points to 359, a new high record. American Can rose 3 points to 168 and was closely followed by Schlumberger, General Electric, United States Cast Iron Pipe, Mack Truck, American Linseed preferred, Sears Roebuck, Postum Cereal and Coca Cola which scored gains of 2 to 3 1/2 points.

The closing was firm. Sales approximated 550,000 shares.

WASHINGTON "U" EASILY DEFEATS BEAR OARSMEN

Seattle Huskies Win Coast Title for Third Consecutive Year and Break Record—Race Is Walkaway—Bear Freshmen Defeated.

OAKLAND ESTUARY, Cal., April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The University of Washington's national intercollegiate championship crew defeated the University of California shell here today in the annual eight-oared racing classic of the Pacific coast. The winning boat finished the three miles fifteen lengths ahead.

California was rowing very raggedly at the finish which was 27 seconds behind Washington.

The official time was fifteen minutes nine seconds, a record for the course used in today's race.

The Washington varsity crew's victory was apparent almost from the start of the race when after trailing the California boat by half a length for about an eighth of the course, the northern shell forged ahead steadily until at the finish it was easily fifteen lengths in the lead.

The finish of both freshman and varsity races was witnessed by several thousand spectators, including large numbers of alumni, and students of both universities. Many of these crowded the Park street bridge where they were able to look down the crews as they passed the finish line, while others watched the last few hundred yards of the race from banks on both sides of the estuary.

Throughout the latter part of the race the Washington crew rowed an easy stroke while California strove to overtake them with a stroke of 36 to the minute. The greater power and uniformity of Washington was sufficient to overcome California's faster stroke. Washington finished in better form than California, although no one in either boat collapsed at the finish.

The day was practically perfect for the race, with blue skies and an almost untroubled surface to the water.

It was Washington's third successive victory in the yearly event, meaning that the Seattle shell will enter the national event at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., again this June, California has not defeated Washington since 1921.

OAKLAND ESTUARY, Cal., April 11.—The California freshmen crew defeated the Washington babes by three and a half lengths over the two mile course here today.

O. A. C. DEBATERS MISS PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Nearly 1000 Easter visitors in Washington—1980 to be exact—overran the White House executive offices at noon today to shake hands with President Coolidge. It took just 17 minutes for the crowd to pass through the president's office, Mr. Coolidge shaking hands with them at the rate of almost one a second.

Members of the debating team of the Oregon Agricultural college found that President Coolidge waits for no one late for an appointment. Senators Stanford and McNary of Oregon had arranged for the president to receive the debaters in advance of the crowd. Arriving late, the college men found that the handshaking period was over.

Portlander Files for Power Sites On The Rogue River

SALEM, Ore., April 11.—Henry W. Hughes of Portland has filed with the state engineering department an application covering the construction of Eight Dollar mountain reservoir for the storage of 80,000 acre feet of water from Illinois river, and the appropriation of 500 second feet from that river and from water stored in Eight Dollar reservoir for irrigation, power and mining purposes in Josephine county.

Also it asks the appropriation of water at different points on Rogue river and the north and south forks of Chetco river for power development.

O. A. C. Wrestlers Get Clean Sweep, Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., April 11.—Oregon Agricultural college and Corvallis high school wrestlers made a clean sweep of the Pacific Northwest amateur athletic association wrestling.

They were divided between representatives of the Spokane Athletic club, Spokane Falls and the University of Oregon, with the Malheur Athletic club taking one lone first.

Tries to Emulate Fairbanks; Falls 6 Stories, Not Hurt

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Melvin Lewis looked upon a certain insidious beverage while it was red last night. He then decided to emulate the example of a resident of the ancient city of Bagdad.

Thrusting the mattress out of the window of his sixth story hotel room, he also made a few mysterious passes over it and then jumped on it. But the mattress refused to float. It just dropped the whole six stories with Lewis on top.

"Absolutely unhurt," was the astounding verdict of the doctor after Lewis had been rushed to an emergency hospital.

TALENT CITIZEN KILLS HIMSELF WITH A RIFLE

William Byron McClay, 65 years old, who came to Talent about 18 months ago from Douglas county, where he had resided for 35 years, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the forehead with a 22 rifle. Mr. McClay had been in very poor health and unable to work for more than three years, was afflicted with asthma and bronchial trouble which had become chronic and had at different times threatened to take his life.

About 10 a. m. yesterday his wife went to the home of a near neighbor for a few minutes and upon her return found her husband missing. She immediately looked for the rifle and found it gone, at which time her nephew began search and soon found him lying back of an outbuilding with the 22 rifle partly under him. A neighbor, Dr. Sands, retired physician, was notified and upon examination found the man still breathing, so assisting medical aid was summoned but to no avail. Death intervening at 8:20 p. m. last night.

Coroner Conger attended the call and pronounced it suicide beyond any doubt. No inquest will be held.

Mr. McClay was born in California Jan. 22, 1860, and moved to Douglas county, Ore., in 1885.

He leaves one son and four daughters—Everett McClay, Portland; Mrs. Guy Shelby, Medford; Florence and Magdalen McClay, Merrill, Ore., and Lulu of Talent, and one grand child and a nephew, William, who assisted in finding the wounded man.

The remains will be forwarded this evening to Yonahville, and the funeral will be held at Elkton, Ore., at 2 p. m. Sunday.

Prince of Wales' Trip Is Halted By Plague

NAKWA, Gold Coast, West Africa, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Prince of Wales will remain in the Gold Coast colony until April 24, owing to an outbreak of the plague at Lagos, his next contemplated stopping point on the coast. It was announced today.

The prince may fill in the time by a visit to the northern territories of the Gold Coast beyond Ashanti.

LONDON, April 11.—The Prince of Wales' visit to Nigeria has been cancelled because of the outbreak of plague at Lagos, according to an Exchange Telegraph agency message from Lagos.

The journey to Nigeria, of which Lagos is a principal port, has not been postponed because of anxiety for the royal party, it was stated, but in view of the possibility that the epidemic might spread among the great crowds which would gather to greet the prince at Lagos.

Portland Man Is Missing.

PORTLAND, April 11.—Friends, police and deputy sheriffs are conducting a search for Charles Pugh, local film distributor, who has been missing more than a week. Devoted to his family, in good shape physically and financially, no reason for his disappearance could be assigned today by his friends and associates.

BERLIN NEWSPAPER SEES DISASTER IF VON HINDENBURG IS ELECTED

BERLIN, April 11.—Commenting on the resignation of M. Herriot as premier of France, Vorwaerts says that "despite his weakness and readiness to follow bad advisers, he deserves the appreciation of all friends of democracy and peace."

The return of Poincare or Miller and at the present time seems unthinkable," the paper adds, "but the election of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg would constitute a means to return them to power within a few weeks. If enough fools can be found in Germany to choose a man who is

GET TO WORK SAYS WORK TO KLAMATH

U. S. Secy. of Interior Talks Turkey to Disgruntled Ranchers—Time to Stop Squabbling and Go to Farming—Let Power Companies Develop the Power.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 11.—Charges that Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work has blinded his eyes to the true situation in the Klamath irrigation district, were voiced this morning by J. H. Carnahan, attorney for the district at a final hearing before Reclamation Commissioner Elwood Mead. Dr. Work was not in attendance.

The irrigation attorney declared that the sale of the water rights of the irrigationists to the California Oregon Power company for \$120,000 was "a gigantic swindle," and called upon government officials to repudiate the contract.

"We have heard the charges repeatedly since we have been here," was Commissioner Mead's answer. "This contract was entered into under the regime of a former secretary of interior. If it was simply a blunder, there is nothing we can do. If there was fraud, as you men have alleged, then give us proof of such fraud in order that we might have something upon which to base an investigation."

"We will furnish you evidence of fraud," retorted the irrigation district attorney.

At a public banquet last night Secretary Work gave residents of Klamath county a figurative spanking when he pointed out that they were too embroiled in community wrangles and controversies to obtain the best results from what he asserted were among the most fertile acres of the west.

He referred to the famous court house controversy of a few years ago when Klamath county was at one time the possessor of three separate court houses. He said the farmers should attend to their crops and their irrigation projects and let the power companies develop the power possibilities of the district.

At Klamath Agency yesterday afternoon the secretary met with the tribal council of the Klamath Indian reservation and listened to their pleas for a government loan of \$50,000 to the Indians, although he held out no hope to them.

Seldon Kirk, chairman of the council, asserted the Indians were facing bankruptcy because they were unable to make a living off their farm lands and said the loan was needed to tide them over. The secretary replied that if they could not make a living at present, they had no way of insuring the government that the loan ever would be repaid.

Secretary Work and Commissioner Mead left Klamath Falls at 10:30 this morning for the south via Weed. They were accompanied by James Kyle, president of the Oregon irrigation congress.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Police-man George Campbell died today from a bullet wound inflicted by Felix Slopier, bank bandit, when he had caught Slopier in an attempt to hold up a bank here last Thursday. The police announced that Slopier will be charged with murder.

BASEBALL SCORES

Yesterday's Results.
At Los Angeles, 11; Portland 10.
At San Francisco-Seattle, rain.
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