

The Weather
Prediction Generally fair
Maximum yesterday 83
Minimum today 53.3
Precipitation .07

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather You Age
Maximum 92
Minimum 45

Medford, Oregon, Wednesday, May 20, 1925

S. P. GETS CONTROL OF STRAHORN R. R.

NEVADA LINE INCLUDED IN BIG MERGER

Deal Officially Announced Will Give Southern Pacific Control of Oregon-Eastern and Nevada-California Systems, Which Will Be Connected and Built Standard Gauge.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—The Southern Pacific company announced last night here and at San Francisco that steps had been taken to obtain "a substantial interest" in the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, which is to be converted into a standard gauge line and that arrangements had been completed with President R. E. Strahorn, of the Oregon-California and Eastern railway, under which funds will be advanced to aid in the construction of the line of his company from Klamath Falls to connect with the Nevada-California-Oregon railway. Both these arrangements are subject to approval of the inter-state commerce commission.

The arrangement with President Strahorn will give the Southern Pacific a substantial stock interest in the Oregon-California and Eastern, which now extends forty miles from its connection with the Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls easterly to Sprague River, Ore.

Under the arrangement with President Charles Moran of the Nevada-California-Oregon line, the Southern Pacific will aid him in securing the money for the work of rebuilding the line as a board gauge railroad its entire distance of 186 miles between Lakeview, Ore., and Wendell, Cal., where it connects with the Southern Pacific.

These deals will provide a new rail line through southern and central Oregon for through traffic between Oregon and eastern states, reducing the present haul by 413 miles.

Mr. Sproule's Announcement.
Mr. Sproule's announcement follows:
"The Southern Pacific company announces through its president, William Sproule, that arrangements have been made with Charles Moran, president of the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, to aid him in securing the money needed to carry out his plan for changing that road from narrow gauge to standard gauge."

"The arrangement is, of course, subject to the approval of the inter-state commerce commission. If approved, it will give the Southern Pacific a substantial interest in the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, to be rebuilt as a broad gauge line under Southern Pacific auspices. Its distance is 156 miles between Lakeview, Ore., and Wendell, Cal., where it connects (23 miles east of Susanville) with the Fernley branch of the Southern Pacific."

"Mr. Sproule announces at the same time that the Southern Pacific company has completed negotiations with R. E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California and Eastern Railway company under which funds will be advanced to Mr. Strahorn to aid in the construction of the line of his company from Klamath Falls, Ore., to connection with the Nevada-California-Oregon railway."

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Motor Distillery Is Latest Stunt; Get a Drink As You Wait

SEATTLE, May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Divisional Federal Prohibition Chief E. A. Hazeltine discovered something new here today in liquor trafficking. It was an old delivery truck outfitting as a permit-issuing distillery. Tomo Matsu was arrested as he was leaving a garage where the made-while-you-wait liquor was found. One hundred and twenty gallons of moonshine were seized.

AMERICAN GIRL ELIMINATED IN BRITISH "OPEN"

Miss Glenna Collett Beaten in Second Round By Miss Joyce Wethered, British Lady Champion, Four Up and Three to Play

TROON, Scotland, May 20.—(A. P.)—Miss Glenna Collett, youthful American golf star, was eliminated from the British ladies open tournament by the champion, Miss Joyce Wethered.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

CHICAGO, May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—When Lucille Wunsch, 15 year old high school girl, last night with her mother, found her father, William, in company with Miss Agnes Simneck, 28, she shot and probably fatally wounded Miss Simneck and slightly wounded her father and mother who attempted to intercept her.

The girl was held by the police. Her mother, who threw herself before the girl to prevent her shooting her father, said she did not know the daughter was carrying the weapon when they confronted Wunsch and Miss Simneck.

PARIS REDS SOW SEEDS OF SEDITION

French Communists Placard Capital, Urging Soldiers to Revolt—Claim Heavy Loss Sustained in Morocco—Premier Painleve Issues Official Denial of Defeats.

PARIS, May 20.—Alarming and sensational reports published abroad, telling of serious reverses and heavy losses allegedly suffered by the French in their campaign against the Rifian invaders are being exploited to the full by the communists and extreme socialists in Paris.

The communists have placarded the capital with posters appealing to the soldiers to disobey their officers' commands and attempting to stir up the people to manifestations against the dispatch of further reinforcements to Morocco.

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Wets Win Victory in Wisconsin for Repeal of Dry Law

MADISON, Wis., May 20.—(A. P.)—Anti-prohibition measures won in the Wisconsin assembly today. The Meggers resolution which memorializes congress to propose repeal of the eighteenth amendment was adopted, 48 to 38, and the senate resolution for a state referendum on a 2.75 per cent beer tax was concurred in, 51 to 34.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, May 20.—The closing was strong. Oil shares were bid up briskly in the late trading. Utah securities extended its gain to 14 points and May Department Stores, Otis Steel preferred and Columbia Gas sold four to six points above yesterday's final quotation. Total sales approximated 3,969,999 shares.

Put Out in Second Round



America's hope of winning the ladies' golf title in Great Britain was dashed today when Miss Collett was beaten by the British champion 4 up and 3 to play. Miss Collett is regarded as one of the most remarkable golf players ever developed in the United States and last year was national champion.

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Mrs. Jean Cahill, 23 year old wife of William Cahill, electrical engineer, was taken to the receiving hospital early today with what police surgeons said was a self-inflicted bullet wound in her breast. She told officers she had shot herself so that her husband might be free to go to another woman. Surgeons say she cannot live.

Chester M. Cate, member of a prominent Massachusetts family, head librarian of the nationally famous Huntington library, at San Marino, near here, was found shot dead near his automobile on a lonely road in the suburbs. Officers say all evidence pointed to suicide. Cate was scheduled to appear in court today on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Edgar Collier, tourist from Michigan, 68 years old, died of heart failure at the wheel of his automobile on a crowded street here today. The machine continued down grade, disorganized traffic, broke a woman pedestrian's leg and wrecked itself against the side of a building.

Russell Smart, taking the only time available to move from one home to another, started to do so in the early morning hours. A policeman patrolling a boat with a friend saw Smart carrying parcels in the dark from a house to a waiting automobile. The officer arrested Smart and left him in charge of his friend while he went to call the patrol wagon. When he returned he found Smart on the ground with a bullet-smashed knee. The friend said Smart had attacked him and that he had fired in self-defense. Surgeons said that Smart would be crippled for life.

W. J. Brown of Culver City, a suburb, was served with divorce papers by his wife a few days ago. Neighbors found his body on the floor of his home last night, the room filled with gas from an open jet.

Edward Walker, 23, tried to hoist a 100 pound block of ice into a refrigerator. It fell on his head and he died in the receiving hospital.

Walter Cowles, veteran cow punger, was killed by a cow while herding.

Seattle Offers Only \$1,200,000 for Street Car Line Purchase

SEATTLE, May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Seattle, it was announced today, has offered \$1,200,000 for the only private car line in the city. The Main street car system was purchased by the city for \$15,000,000 in 1919 and since has been municipally operated. For the \$1,200,000, thirty-two cars and 25 miles of track would be obtained. For the \$1,200,000, four hundred cars and 235 miles of track were obtained.

CHAPMAN'S PLEA ON CIGARETTE BILL IS DENIED

Judge McMahan Denies Prayer of C. C. Chapman, Declaring it Involves Grave Assault On Direct Legislation Principle.

SALEM, Ore., May 20.—Declaring that to grant the prayer of C. C. Chapman in his attack on the ballot title to the referendum petition on the cigarette license law "would establish a precedent which would within itself constitute the gravest assault ever made upon the principle of direct legislation," Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan today dismissed the petition.

In his order of dismissal he called attention to the fact that the code grants twenty days after certifying of the ballot title to take an appeal from the ballot title of the attorney general and that there could be no appeal from the decision of the circuit court in such case. He points out that in the present case the petitioner failed to file his appeal within the time allowed by the code and attempted to secure an order by injunction, which, if allowed at the late date, "would render all signatures now obtained by the proponents of the measure valueless and deprive them of the opportunity to complete their petitions within the time prescribed by law therefor. If this can be done in this case it can be done in all cases and every attempt to invoke either the initiative or referendum could be defeated by such proceedings and a compliant judge."

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—Officers of the Oregon Retail Clerks' association who were responsible for the circulating petitions for a referendum on the cigarette tax passed at the last session of the legislature, when informed of Judge MacMahan's decision said that it meant the cigarette referendum would go on the ballot. The cigar dealers obtained 15,000 signatures to the petitions which must be filed before May 27.

C. C. Chapman, who challenged the ballot title, claimed it was void because it did not describe the measure as the "cigarette and tobacco bill," and declared the measure should have been "cigarette, snuff and smoking tobacco bill." Judge MacMahan granted a temporary restraining order last Friday when the suit was filed.

Stating his reasons for attacking the referendum, Mr. Chapman said today: "I was fighting to uphold the cigarette tax because I believed that every legitimate effort should be made to protect the revenue of the state."

Chapman said the situation now is that the measure will go to the election and the fight will have to be made there.

The commencement exercises of the Jacksonville high school next Friday night will mark the graduation of four students, three girls and one boy, who are in the class for some time past.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Sherman Parsley, a merchant of Kermit, near here, and Buck Kirk, president of the board of education, are dead and three other men are wounded, while six are under arrest on a charge of shooting as the result of yesterday's pistol fight at a poll at Kermit, where an election was held on the question of creating an independent school district.

NATION WIDE SEARCH FOR GERM AIDE

Interest in Shepherd Jury Selection Subordinated to Disappearance of State's Star Witness—Police of Entire Country to Aid in Search—Sensation Promised.

CHICAGO, May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Grand jury investigation of the disappearance of Robert White, important witness in the trial of William Darling Shepherd, charged with the murder of his foster son, William S. McClintock by administration of typhoid germs, is understood to have been ordered by State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, today.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Robert E. Crowe, prosecutor in the trial of William Darling Shepherd on charge of slaying his foster son, William Nelson McClintock, with typhoid germs, is determined to locate Robert White, one of the state's chief witnesses, whose disappearance has brought the first sensation of the trial.

Information has been obtained that White, with his wife and two children, abandoned their home and vanished with a rented automobile last Friday. A letter, written by Mrs. White to Mrs. Marie Budlove, a friend, said: "We had to leave, our lives were in danger."

Mrs. Budlove has turned the letter over to the prosecutor. He said every effort would be made to find White and when he is found "there will be action," he warned. He put several detective squads on the search and a police message was broadcast, asking White's detention if located.

The Chicago Herald and Examiner says it learned from William Adams, a blind news vendor, of an alleged \$25,000 offer made to White ten days ago to leave for Florida. The offer included a furnished bungalow which would be given him on his arrival there, Adams said, White told him.

Adams quoted White as saying he would accept "if they mean business." White was known as the bodyguard of C. C. Falman, science school head who confessed he supplied typhoid fever germs to Shepherd and taught him how to administer them. White and Shepherd at one time nearly came to blows when they confronted each other and White identified Shepherd as the man he had seen at Falman's school.

The search for White and delayed convening of the trial court today subordinated interest in the selection of jurors.

Thirty-six veniremen have been examined to obtain three tentative jurors, thirteen having been accused by agreement, 17 for cause, two by state's peremptory challenge and one by a peremptory challenge by the defense.

White's mysterious disappearance was in line with other intimations and efforts to bribe state witnesses, said the state's attorney.

Earl P. Clark, former salesman for Falman's school reported recently he had been offered a bribe of \$17,000 if he would make affidavit that the entire prosecution against Shepherd was "framed."

Shepherd's attorneys, William Scott Stewart and W. W. O'Brien, denied knowledge of White's whereabouts or what made him disappear.

PRINCE OF WALES LEADS ORCHESTRA WHILE KAFFIRS PARADE AND DANCE

KING WILLIAMSTOWN, Union of South Africa, May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Thousands of Kaffirs, garbed in fantastic combinations of native costume and improved European dress, gathered here today from all the surrounding counties and hailed the Prince of Wales.

One Zulu in full fighting trim and with a war shield lashed to his back, smashed through the streets on a motorcycle to reach the prince's cortege.

WILD TURKEYS TO BE INTRODUCED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—Wild turkeys will be established as game in Oregon, if efforts of the state game commission are successful, said Captain A. H. Burghdoff, state game warden today. Attempts were made to propagate the birds a number of years ago, but were unsuccessful.

"But domestic turkeys thrive in Oregon," Burghdoff said. "For that reason I don't see why the wild birds cannot be propagated."

VIRGINIA SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS IN TWO KILLED; THREE WOUNDED

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The shooting is understood to have started when Lee Curry took two negroes to the polls. Dr. E. T. Steph, an election official, questioned the negroes' right to vote, and Curry struck him, witnesses reported.