

The Weather
 Prediction—Fair and moderate temperature.
 Maximum yesterday—100
 Minimum today—57.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum—89
 Minimum—57

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year. Weekly—Fifty-fourth Year. MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1925. NO. 101

CALIFORNIA OIL WELLS CATCH FIRE

Huge Bakersfield Oil Tank Struck By Lightning—Flames Shoot 1000 Feet in Air—Loss Will Reach Half Million—Forest Fires Are Raging in Northwest.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., July 18.—(A. P.)—The huge oil reservoir of the Pacific Oil company near here was burning today with 500 men erecting steel barriers two miles long to prevent the spread of burning oil. Lightning struck the tank last night causing a pillar of flame to leap skywards a thousand feet. The loss of the tank is expected to reach \$500,000. There were 180,000 barrels of oil in the tank, valued at \$225,000 and these will be destroyed.

The seething flames mushroomed over the white hot brim of the tank and then swept to the first steel fire walls erected by oil workers summoned from all parts of the county.

Reports from the fire front behind that no one had been injured. Where the first fire walls stands the second wall of steel barricades and earth breastworks to stem a second overflow should the oil sweep the first wall of steel.

At 5 o'clock this morning a second boiling over in the great tank occurred. The counter attack of fire fighters finished, the encroaching sea of liquid fire seared futilely at the barricades but did not pass through into the second area defense sectors.

Forest Fires Near Spokane
 SPOKANE, Wash., July 18.—Two forest fires, each over 1000 acres in extent and each fought by a crew of 1000 or more men, were burning today on the Kaniksu national forest. One is on Lamb creek, 30 miles north of Priest River, Idaho, and the other in Dry Canyon, in Tread O'Reille county, Wash.

The bodies of John Glendon and Ole Jackson, Spokane men, killed Thursday afternoon when they were cut off from the fighting crew were taken to Priest River today. They were found last night in the vicinity of the Lamb creek fire.

A two and a half mile trench is being thrown up today around the Lamb creek fire which is regarded as the worst in the district. Fred Morrill, district forester, arrived from Missoula today to take charge of fire fighting operations there.

Camps Endangered
 OLYMPIA, Wash., July 18.—(A. P.)—Emergency fire fighting equipment was rushed from Olympia early this morning to Doty in western Lewis county, where a fire which broke out late yesterday afternoon in the logging operations of the Doty Lumber and Shingle company is endangering camp buildings in addition to green timber and cut logs. It was announced here by George C. Joy, state supervisor of forestry. The origin and extent of the fire could not be learned this morning.

A fire which is supposed to have spread from land clearing operations, ran through a stand of green timber late yesterday at a point near the mouth of Kalama river in southern Coville county. Supervisor Joy reported. He said that he believed the blaze would be under control today as the forested area in the path of the fire was not great.

Several small fires, none of which did any great damage or were causing much concern, were reported from various parts of western Washington this morning.

France Wins Tennis
 NOORDWYK, Holland, July 18.—France won both singles matches from Holland in their first round of tennis play in the Davis cup finals in the European zone.

Church Trustee Must Pay \$10,000 For Slander in Divorce Suit
 CHICAGO, July 18.—(A. P.)—Damages of \$10,000 were awarded by a jury last night to Albert Leland, who asked for \$50,000 in a slander suit against E. L. Hartig, trustee of the Oak Park church to which Leland formerly belonged.

Leland charged that Hartig had referred to him as the father of an illegitimate child, a "rubber in a Turkish bath" and a medical practitioner without a license.

The suit was an aftermath of a divorce suit in which the Rev. Carl Case was accused of misconduct by his wife. The divorce was granted and appealed by Dr. Case to the supreme court. The statements attributed to Dr. Hartig are not denied by him.

3 Cherokee Indian Youths Rob House; Get Ton of Marks

CHEROKEE, Iowa, July 18.—(A. P.)—Three Cherokee youths were arrested today while hiding in an oat field, dividing the loot from an alleged farmhouse robbery. The loot included 103,256,000 German marks.

The boys are Donald Cochran, James Cochran and Roy Deutscher. They are charged with robbing the home of Peter Peterson. A probation officer sentenced each boy to 30 days within the confines of his own home.

EDITORS REFUSE TO TAKE STAND ON EVOLUTION

Oregon Editors Sidestep Two Resolutions Opposing Oregon Initiating Monkey Bill—A. L. Mallory of Oakland Is Elected President.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 18.—(A. P.)—The Oregon State Editorial association in annual session today refused to take a stand on the evolution question. It tabled two resolutions, one of which declared against passage of any law restricting either religion or education, and another deploring "tendency to create from evolution political discussion."

The first resolution was proposed by Professor C. J. McIntosh of the Oregon Agricultural college and declared the editorial association was opposed to any movement to introduce the Tennessee evolution fight into Oregon.

The second resolution was proposed by A. E. Koen, of Oregon City, who asserted he had been informed that a movement was on foot to make the evolution question a political issue.

A. L. Mallory of the Oakland, Ore., Tribune, was elected president of the association and H. E. Hoss of Oregon City, secretary treasurer.

Executive committee: Joe D. Thomason, Hood River, vice president for central Oregon; Earl E. Richardson, Dallas, vice president Willamette valley; A. E. Voorhies, Grants Pass, vice president, southern Oregon; Aiken, Ontario, vice president, eastern Oregon; Edgar McDaniel, North Bend vice president, western Oregon.

Prineville was chosen for the next convention.

Resolutions urging enactment by congress of legislation forbidding post office department from continuing in commercial printing business in competition with citizens, and approving the program adopted by the Pacific Editorial conference were approved.

A resolution was adopted condemning high pressure methods of soliciting advertising patronage and advocating that "advertising worthy of the publication be the first consideration in all solicitation."

Miss Wills Wins in Straight Sets
 BROOKLINE, Mass., July 18.—(A. P.)—Gerald L. Patterson of Australia defeated Tokuji Harada of Japan in the 33rd Longwood bowl singles finals here today after five sets. The scores were 5-7, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Patterson trailed at love five in the second set then ran seven games in a row to square the match.

Miss Helen Wills of Berkeley, Cal., national champion, won the invitation singles for women, defeating Marion Zinderstein Jessup of Wilmington, Del., in the finals, 7-5, 6-2.

Miss Wills did not drop a set in the tournament but she was within a stroke of losing the opener today on no less than five occasions. Mrs. Jessup's early speed and steadiness deserted her as she progressed with the match.

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OKLAHOMA MAN WINS GOLF TITLE
 DETROIT, Mich., July 18.—(A. P.)—Keefe Carter of Oklahoma City today won the western amateur golf championship by defeating Russell Martin of Chicago 3 and 2 in the 36-hole final at Lochmoor. The winner came from behind having been down from the second until the thirty-first hole, where he squared it and then won three more holes in a row with par, while Martin was one over on each.

Wall Street Report
 NEW YORK, July 18.—Expansion of general business as shown by the weekly trade reviews, optimistic predictions that a half year's earnings by industrial companies would uphold the good showing already reported and the buoyancy of the recognized market leader—American Can—in competition with recapitalization rumors, contributed to a general rise in stock prices today. New high records were achieved by many investment shares, with outstanding exhibitions of group strength provided by the railroad, equipment, merchandise, gas, electric power, independent steel and tobacco issues. Among the striking individual movements were the sports of more than four points in American Can to a record top at 298 7/8 and gains of three points by Sears Roebuck, 4 1/2 points by Fairbanks Morse and 6 1/2 points by General Railway Signal. The closing was strong. Sales approximated 650,000 shares.

Passing of the Early Pioneer
 PORTLAND, Ore., July 18.—(A. P.)—Captain Melville A. Hackett, 68, president of the Hackett Digger company, is dead. Captain Hackett was one of the pioneers in the development of Portland's water front. He was born in Kansas City and came westward with his family by wagon team. He operated the first ferry service across the Willamette river at Portland.

Load of Lumber Hides 3,000 Cases of Liquor



The lumber barge Nantisco, recently with what appeared to be a well-stored load of lumber. Curiosity of members of the customs boat "Liberty," prompted search of the vessel, which resulted in the unearthing of 3,000 cases of liquor. The photos show the Nantisco, tied up at the army base dock in Brooklyn, with the "Liberty" alongside and customs men unloading the illegal cargo.

BOOZE WARFARE BREAKS OUT IN MONTEREY AGAIN
 MONTEREY, Cal., July 18.—(A. P.)—The second gunfight within two weeks between a citizens posse and suspected bootleggers took place last night at Cypress Point on the seventeen-mile drive near here but as far as is known no blood was shed. There was no trace of the supposed bootleg party today.

The posse headed by Town Marshal Martin Ordway of Pacific Grove, rushed to the spot at midnight in response to a mysterious telephone call saying that a party of rum runners was ambushed there. Shots were exchanged but there was no sign of the rum runners after the battle.

It is believed by the posse leaders that the telephone message may have been a ruse to draw all of the peace officers of the region to the spot while the liquor was landed elsewhere.

LOCAL RESIDENT DIES SUDDENLY ON MOTOR TRIP
 MARTIN MacDonough, Native Son of Jackson County, Is Victim of Paralytic Stroke Near Marshfield—Funeral Will Be Held Monday P. M.

Martin MacDonough, a native son of Jackson county, and a widely known citizen of this city, died Friday night, July 17, 1925, from a stroke of paralysis, while on a camping trip, at the seashore, about 30 miles south of Marshfield. He was stricken Thursday morning, and never regained consciousness.

At the time he was on a vacation trip with his lifelong friend, Frank Bellinger. The sudden passing comes as a shock to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Medford and Jackson county.

The funeral services will be held from the Perl Funeral home Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Old Hill Odd Fellows lodge, of which he was a charter member.

Martin MacDonough was born January 27, 1859 near Gold Hill. His parents crossed the plains in 1852, and settled on a farm, on what was known as "Fort Lane." He was an accountant, and in 1900 was engaged in the candy manufacturing business in eastern Oregon. He was at Heppner, Oregon, in 1903 when that town was swept by a cloud-burst. He was well known all over eastern Oregon and delighted to tell of his experiences while living there. He was also a mine of information on local happenings of early days. For many years, he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business in this city.

He was a lovable, companionable man. For twenty years he has been chairman of canvassing boards at all elections. He was an expert player of chess and checkers, and delighted in both games. He was also active in local church circles.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Liville of this city and Mrs. Helen Rowe of Woodburn, Oregon; three brothers, George, of Sams Valley; John, of Ashland, and Carlos of Centralia. Mrs. Gus Samuels of this city is a niece.

U. S. V. CONSUL IN MEXICO SHOT PROTEST FILED
 WASHINGTON, July 18.—(A. P.)—American Vice Consul Harold G. Brotherton at Aguas Calientes, Mexico, was shot in the back and slightly wounded on the night of July 16.

The American embassy at Mexico City has been instructed by the state department to take up the case with the Mexican foreign office for an investigation and punishment of the assailant.

Advices on the shooting were forwarded today by Consul Haven at Aguas Calientes. He said the cause was not known but that the shot was believed to have been intended for a person other than the vice consul.

There have been no reports of anti-American feeling in recent weeks in Aguas Calientes.

Brotherton was born in Canada, but his father was a naturalized American citizen. He spent his early life in Montana where he studied mining chemistry. He was appointed to his post at Aguas Calientes in 1915.

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"We know that in this state, under the surroundings and conditions of the trial, Mr. Scopes was condemned from the start," he said. "We are now interested in two things: That a higher court shall pass upon this case and that in other states those who wish to pursue the truth shall be left free to think and investigate and teach and learn."

Four Killed in California by Excessive Heat
 SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—(A. P.)—A heat wave swept through inland California yesterday causing four deaths. Two persons were burned to death also in a forest fire in Washington and two were injured.

The forest fire was one of a series of blazes which swept timbered areas along the Pacific coast. Many of the fires continued burning today.

A freak electric storm near Bakersfield, Calif., stabbed an underground oil storage tank and ignited the oil. It was estimated that \$450,000 damage was done. The fire was still burning early today.

John Glendon, and Ole Johnson, Spokane, lost their lives while fighting a fire in the Lamb creek valley, near Newport, Wash. The two men were overcome by smoke, searchers who found their bodies believe, Emil Lambert of Spokane and Luke Kriker, Seattle, were burned severely while fighting the same fire.

Fifty men are fighting a fire in Hopper county, Ventura county, Cal. The same fire was reported earlier in the week and is now raging anew having already burned over 500 acres. The fire has penetrated the Santa Barbara national forest, Forest Supervisor Chester E. Jordan announced after a survey of the situation from an airplane.

Brush and forest fires were raging today in the forest districts near Tempeleton and Eureka. Cal. Fighters are battling the blazes to keep them from reaching the fields and farms. It was estimated that six thousand acres had been burned over.

Electrical storms set more than fifty forest fires in the foothill country in the eastern San Joaquin valley, Calif., from Kern county on the south, to Madera county on the north.

Reports from Huntington lake indicated that several small timber fires were burning. The other fires were chiefly brush and stubble blazes.

Several deaths in California yesterday were attributed to the heat while high temperatures established new records in many parts of the state.

P. Ortega, collapsed while working on a ranch near Stockton and later died. E. L. Hall of Los Angeles suffered a sunstroke at Chico which resulted in his death. A three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tall of Taft died of heat prostration according to a report from the coroner. The ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Garcia of Riverdale, was stricken with heat prostration yesterday and died despite medical aid.

Temperatures of over 100 degrees were registered both in the southern and northern parts of the state.

People Marooned
 NASON, B. C., July 18.—(A. P.)—Six persons were believed to be marooned on a tiny island in Burnside lake today by a forest fire which wiped out the Hunter Sliding sawmill late yesterday.

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CONFESSION IS BRANDED A FRAME-UP

CHICAGO, July 18.—(A. P.)—Russell Scott, erstwhile Canadian financier, counting the hours of the week of life given him in the county jail has been buoyed up in his hope of ultimately escaping the gallows by a development as strange as the message which brought him a reprieve. This was the finding of three new purported witnesses, two here and one in Detroit, declaring the murder of Joseph Maurer, drug clerk, for which Scott was condemned to die, was not in a hold-up but in a quarrel over bootleg whiskey and that Robert Scott, sent to Governor Len Small from Detroit, in which responsibility for the killing was assumed.

Receipt of this telegram caused Governor Small to grant Scott a reprieve of one week, six hours before the time set for his hanging.

Ball told his story in the office of the Detroit Free Press. He said he was in the drug store, across the street from the Chicago city building when the Scott brothers entered. Robert spoke to Maurer and asked him for money the store owed them. Maurer denied the debt and heated words passed. Ball's story continued, Maurer ordered them from the store and raised his hand in a striking position. Robert Scott bent forward, said Ball. Several reports rang out. Maurer crumpled up. Russell, the older brother, was standing with his hands to his sides and could not have done it, Robert might have fired from his coat pocket or with the gun in his hand.

Ball did not discover the mistake in identity between the Scotts until Thursday when he saw photographs of the condemned man. He said his knowledge troubled him and that after he learned Scott has been reprieved, he telegraphed him in the death cell asking Scott to send his father to Detroit.

Meanwhile Robert Scott, who promised in the message to Governor Small that he would surrender has not put in an appearance.

Reports that Governor Small took a hand in investigation of the case were without foundation in fact. Governor Small is on his vacation in northern Illinois and has given no attention to Scott's case since he signed the reprieve late Thursday night.

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The story of snakes that give chase by grabbing their horned tails in their mouths and rolling like hoops is a fable they say. The so-called stinging snake hasn't any sting, the biologists crediting origin of the story to existence of a snake having a fine pointed tail.

The "glass" or jointed snake, said to have the power to disjoin and wiggle off in all directions when attacked and later re-assemble, is nothing they declare, but a harmless, legless lizard that has the faculty of dropping its tail when in danger of being seized by that member. The tail is replaced by a short, imperfect appendage.

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