

The Weather

Prediction Fair and warmer
Maximum yesterday 67
Minimum today 46.5
Precipitation .21

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 81
Minimum 48

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1925

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PRESIDENT IN FAVOR ARMS MEET

Wants Disarmament Results—No Comment On Painleve Plan—Farm Survey Report Up to Secy. Jardine—Pork Barrel Frets Congress.

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Sept. 8.—(A. P.) Still hopeful that conditions abroad soon will be propitious for the calling of another disarmament conference, President Coolidge is concerned chiefly with having a conference held that gives promise of result and does not care particularly where it is held or who calls it.

Comment was withheld at the White House today on the announced intention of Premier Painleve of France to urge the League of Nations to sponsor another conference as soon as the security problem is settled.

President Coolidge takes the position that it would be advisable for him to discuss this possibility though it was made clear that he does not want the United States to interfere in any way with action by European nations.

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Sept. 8.—Although President Coolidge expects his agriculture commission to convene to complete its survey and make recommendations to congress, this course probably will be pursued only in the event Secretary of Agriculture Jardine approves.

Mr. Coolidge has no information as to the views of Secretary Jardine, but he expects to confer with him late in the week. The president has suggested to Chairman Carey of the committee that he get in touch directly with Mr. Jardine. Mr. Coolidge thinks that the conference should be re-usable and have its final report ready for congress by Thanksgiving.

SHENANDOAH CHIEF LAID TO REST

GREENVILLE, Ohio, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Impressive funeral ceremonies attended by distinguished citizens of Ohio were held at St. Clair Memorial hall here this afternoon for Zachary Lansdowne, commander of the ill-fated Shenandoah, who died with 13 members of his crew when the dirigible crashed near Ava, Ohio, Thursday.

SLEEPING GUARD AT PEN, DISCHARGED BEFORE LATE BREAK, BACK ON JOB

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 8.—Joe Weaver, who was discharged as a guard at the state penitentiary several months ago when he was found sleeping on duty in the prison yard, has been reinstated on the payroll and is now employed as a guard at the prison. Weaver was discharged when he was discovered sleeping in a chair at the prison point shop when he was supposed to be on duty. By Principal Keeper Charlton, since discharged.

Butter Prices Steady Due to Vacations Over, Schools Opened

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—With Portland people back from mountain and beach for the opening of school, local creamery men looked for a broader demand for butter. This morning's prints moved out fairly active and prices are expected to hold steady. Cattle butler is more plentiful and as long as the demand keeps up current price levels will hold.

SCHOOLS OPENED ALL BUILDINGS SHOWS INCREASE

Registration Figures Are Not Known—130 in Freshman Class a Record—First Day Devoted to Organization

There was the usual seeming turmoil and confusion incidental to the opening of the public schools here today, but like the arrival and setting up of a circus there is much system surrounding the starting of the hundreds of pupils in their study work for the new school year.

Of course, as usual, the various buildings were crowded, especially the high school, and the attendance even on the first day was record breaking, because of the natural growth of the city and of the new arrivals here since early last summer.

The registration figures of the high school and grade schools will not be known for a day or two.

Today's sessions were chiefly devoted to organization work with the giving of the various students and pupils to acquire their needed new books and other study equipment, and this done the Medford schools will settle down for the year's routine study work tomorrow.

There was little confusion incidental to many pupils being transferred, in an effort to equalize the crowded conditions, from one school building to another in a number of cases a long distance from home. Such pupils for the most part reported to the school building to which they had been assigned, and their parents seeming to acquiesce with good grace to the inevitable.

The present arrangement will be tried out and retained, if found feasible, but if not, adjustments and other changes will be inaugurated to make a possible smoother arrangement with the minimum of satisfaction for pupils and parents.

The schools opened with a new superintendent in charge, E. H. Hendrick; the high school under the charge of a new principal, E. H. Conkle; and a number of minor changes in the faculties of the high school and the four grade schools.

Registration at the high school is expected to be even greater than last year, and according to present calculations will set a new record. This forenoon students, nearly equalling last year's full attendance at best, registered, 130 of which were freshmen, in itself a record breaking class.

Eighty-three were seniors, a number larger than last year's graduating class of 74. A 20 per cent increase is expected in all classes before the registration of students is complete.

LEASING ACT FOR OREGON LAND URGED

13,420,221 Acres in State Bring No Fees, Public Land Committee Told—Stockmen Use Range—Open Portland Hearing.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—What to do, for the best interests of the state, national government and people, with 13,420,221 acres of unreserved government land within the boundaries of Oregon was the matter before a subcommittee of the United States public lands committee which opened a hearing here today with Senator Robert N. Stanford acting as chairman.

"At present there is no law whereby the government can lease the unreserved public lands for grazing purposes," said Stanford. "Much of it is used for grazing but the government gets nothing for it. Only mineral lands on it can be taken, or timber sold, but it is usually good for little else save grazing."

"It is to gather data for the senate to use in discussing a grazing bill that will be presented at the next session of congress that these hearings are being held in the west. There is no reason why the federal government shouldn't be receiving returns for the use of the public domains."

W. S. Boyer, district inspector for the interior department for Oregon and western Idaho, was before the committee a greater part of the day's hearing. He stated there are 13,420,221 acres of unreserved federal lands in Oregon that cannot be leased for grazing but which are being used for that purpose to a great extent.

"In many cases tracts of this land have been enclosed by ranchers," said Boyer, "but this is against the law, although it works an improvement on the land."

There are only 1,200,385 acres of unreserved lands in Washington, he said, and only something over 100,000 in northern Idaho.

Boyer favors a law that will permit these lands to be leased for grazing purposes if the owners of small adjoining tracts shall be protected. He thinks this land should be appraised, then offered for sale, the adjoining owners to be favored in these sales.

"Do you think a leasing act would better protect the small land owners?" asked Senator Stanford, who with Senator Ralph H. Cameron of Arizona are conducting the Portland hearing.

"Yes, if certain provisions are made for his protection," replied Boyer. "Do you favor an area lease or a per head lease?"

"An area lease."

Boyer told the senators he thought a law should be passed allowing present homestead owners to purchase adjacent public lands in 320 or 640 acre tracts instead of only 160 acres or less, as the present law permits.

"If this was done it would greatly aid in getting a lot of land now almost a waste on the state rolls," the district inspector said.

Addresses Jackson County Audiences This Afternoon



CHARLES G. DAWES

A wire was received at 1 o'clock this afternoon stating that Vice-President Dawes would speak from the rear platform of the 3:20 train this afternoon. At 4 o'clock the vice-president will speak for 20 minutes at Ashland.

W.C. T. U. LEADER SLAIN IN HOME; REVENGE HINTED

Activity in War On Rum Given As Motive—Bullet Fired From Street, Strikes Victim While Sewing—Friends Blame Bootlegger.

VINTON, Iowa, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Mrs. C. B. Cook, president of the Benton county W. C. T. U., was shot to death in her home last night by an unidentified assailant. Friends expressed belief she was the victim of a bootlegger or rum runner, as she had been active in furnishing information leading to the arrest of many liquor violators.

A bullet, fired through a window on the first floor of her home as she sat sewing about 11:30 o'clock, ended Mrs. Cook's life an hour and a half after it passed through her left arm and side. She died without regaining consciousness.

The county convention of the W. C. T. U. was to have opened today with Mrs. Cook as the presiding officer.

An inquest is being held this morning and while no official opinion as to the probable motive for the shooting has been expressed, the woman's acquaintances believe that her anti-liquor activities were responsible.

Mrs. Cook not only was prominent in the prohibition movement in this county, but was well known for her activities along this line in other parts of the state.

UNION OIL ADS TO BOOST AUTO SAFETY

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8.—The national campaign for street and highway safety received its biggest Pacific coast boost today when it was announced that the entire outdoor advertising campaign of the Union Oil Company of California, supplemented by its regular newspaper advertising throughout all territory in which the company operates, costing in excess of half a million dollars, for the fifteen months beginning October 15th, will be devoted to the fostering of safety rules and precautions among motorists. The announcement is signed by L. P. St. Clair, vice president.

Test S. P. Right to Force Men to Wear Coats in the Diner

TUCSON, Ariz., Sept. 8.—Whether the Southern Pacific railroad can require a male passenger to wear his coat while being served in the dining car will be passed on by the Arizona court in a case now pending. T. L. Woodling, a steward, refused to allow Neely Pennington, of Tucson, to dine in a new \$4.98 shirt and no coat. Neely wrote to the commission.

CONVICT KILLER UNDER GUARD, FEAR MOB LAW

W. R. Loyd Arraigned Secretly at Independence, Rushed Back to Portland in Car—Polk County Jail Held Defective.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 8.—W. R. Loyd, former convict in the Oregon state prison, who is alleged to have shot and killed C. I. Baum, independence taxi driver, on a lonely road nine miles south of that city on the night of September 1 and stole the latter's automobile, waived formal hearing when he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace R. W. Baker at Independence this morning and was bound over to the Polk county grand jury without bond.

A special session of the grand jury to consider the case will probably be held next week at Dallas.

Loyd was taken to Independence from the Multnomah county jail for the arraignment secretly, and his scheduled appearance there was known only to the authorities. Immediately after the hearing he was rushed back to Portland by automobile.

Fear that if the people of Independence had known of Loyd's appearance there they would have made an effort to take the law into their own hands, prompted the secrecy surrounding the arraignment.

Due to the defects of the Polk county jail at Dallas and the strong public feeling against Loyd he will be kept in the Portland jail until the time for his trial.

Loyd has confessed to killing Baum, giving as his reason his desire to secure the taxi driver's car that he might visit his parents near Springfield.

Quite a large crowd gathered before the arraignment was completed, but there was no evidence of disorders.

C. R. Ellis, independence attorney, was appointed to represent Loyd. On his way back to Portland Loyd was taken to Dallas, where he ate lunch. During his meal he was asked by a newspaper reporter whether or not he intended to repudiate his alleged confession.

"I don't know that I have made a confession yet," Loyd replied.

STILL COMB OCEAN FOR LOST PN-9

Navy Head Orders Search to Continue Until Last Vestige of Hope Fades—Pacific Fleet to Aid in Search for Missing Flyers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—The navy will continue its search for the missing plane PN-9 No. 1, lost near Hawaii, as long as there is the slightest hope of finding its crew.

Secretary Wilbur made this statement today after reviewing reports from the west coast and the searching fleet, detailing the futile efforts to find Commander Rodgers and his crew.

The navy not only wants to find the men, but failing that, it wants to find the airplane to determine if possible what caused the accident.

Ships engaged in the search have been ordered to go over again the territory already covered and to spread out to include new areas.

The Pacific fleet now approaching Hawaii has been ordered to spread out fan shape as it nears the islands to overlook a greater area.

Searchers "See Things" HONOLULU, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Search for the naval seaplane PN-9 No. 1, which disappeared a week ago after nearly completing a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Honolulu continued unceasingly today. Despite the efforts put forth by the United States navy there has been no trace of the plane, its commander, John Rodgers, or crew of four other men.

All naval vessels available have been securing that portion of the Pacific wherein the plane is likely to have drifted. The operations continue in huge sweeping circles.

Men aboard the vessels are on duty many hours each day. Chaplains, paymasters and other officers who ordinarily do not stand deck watches, are on duty peering out into the reaches of water, searching for some trace of the missing flyers. It is an adventure reminiscent of the days of the World War. Lookouts are "seeing things" as lookouts during the war saw submarine periscopes. Flares, parts of planes, planes themselves, wreckage, anything and everything is seen by weary but still peering eyes.

FATAL FIST FIGHT TRIAL STARTED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 8.—Frank Wuy, Klamath sheep man, went on trial in circuit court here today on a charge of first degree murder as the result of the death this summer of Timothy Murphy, another sheep man, following a reputed fight between the pair over the possession of a black sheep.

According to reports at the time of the fatality, the two men met under a blistering sun in the southern part of the county and fought it out with their two bare fists until Murphy dropped to the ground exhausted.

6 Admitted to Practice Law State of Oregon

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 8.—Six Portlanders were today permanently admitted by the state supreme court to the practice of law in Oregon. They were Dorothy McCullough Lee, Elmer Johnson, Leonard Alva Wells, Alfred P. Kelly, George R. Lewis and Walter C. T. A. Van Everding.

Admission on probation on an Idaho certificate was granted to Willard R. Griswold, who will practice at McMinnville, and Thomas E. Davis on a Washington certificate, to practice in Portland.

Fears War With Japan GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 8.

Fear that the possession of the Philippines by the United States would lead eventually to a war with Japan was expressed by Congressman John M. Evans of Montana. He favored relinquishment by America of its hold on the islands.

APPLE GROWERS IN WENATCHEE SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS FROM STORM

WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 8.—Approximately 500 cars of apples have been damaged ten to 100 per cent, according to George E. Harter, district horticultural inspector, who with E. Solomon of the Independent Fruit Shippers' company has made a complete survey. The damaged fruit covers an area of between 500 and 600 acres, mostly in East Wenatchee.

A large section of Delicious apples, owing to lateness of the season, will not recover even to make a fourth grade apple, it was stated. The loss in money will be between \$200,000 and \$400,000 to the fruit section alone. Many of the half-pecked Delicious will have to find a market by having a special grade and some of the apples will not even be saleable.