

The Weather
Prediction Unsettled
Probable rain 45
Maximum yesterday 38
Minimum today 21
Precipitation .21

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 33
Minimum 20

NEVERS ALSO JOINS PROS. AS CAPTAIN

Ernie Nevers of Stanford Quits College to Play Professional Football With a Florida Team—Signs \$50,000 Contract, But Plans to Return to College.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Another nationally known football star in the person of Ernie Nevers of Stanford university has left the amateur field to join the ranks of professionals, says the San Francisco Examiner today.

The newspaper says the captain and fullback of the 1925 Cardinal football team has signed a contract to captain an all-star Jacksonville, Fla., aggregation and will receive a consideration in excess of \$50,000.

The contract was closed by telegraph last night with a group of Jacksonville capitalists, who have arranged a schedule that will bring together Nevers who is the unanimous choice for all-Pacific coast fullback, and "Red" Grange of the Chicago Bears.

Nevers' entrance into professional football he declared, was to enable him to repay his parents who sent him to college.

Nevers' parents are elderly and reside on a ranch a short distance from town. With Nevers on the Jacksonville team, the Examiner article says, will be Jim Thorpe of Carlisle Indian fame; Ed Weir, the star tackle of Nebraska; "Red" Roberts, former end of Centre college and many others.

The Stanford idol will leave San Francisco December 19 for Jacksonville where his team is scheduled to meet "Red" Grange's Bears on January 2.

Later games are said to be scheduled for Miami, Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Francisco and negotiations are under way for contests at New York City and other eastern points.

Wilson, Husby Star, Refuses to Join Up With Florida Pros

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—George Wilson, all-American halfback, who is graduating this academic year from the University of Washington, stated today that he had rejected an offer of \$3000 to play professional football in Florida in the Christmas holidays.

COAST WILL GET 5041 NEW CARS FOR 1926 FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Announcement today that the Pacific Fruit Express will contract for 5041 new refrigerator cars to be delivered for service prior to the peak of the 1926 shipping season, at a cost of approximately \$15,000,000, reflects the growing importance of Pacific coast perishable crops, according to G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company.

The present order of new cars by Pacific Fruit Express, owned jointly by Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, will increase its refrigerator equipment to 28,369 cars. Records of the company show that since being released from government control in 1920 it increased its refrigerator equipment in excess of 23,000 cars, or 156 per cent.

"The volume of perishable freight shipped east this year established a new high record and indicates the agricultural prosperity of the Pacific coast," said Luce. "Recognizing the dependence of growers on assured transportation to markets, the railroads are keeping pace with the increased crop production. New refrigerator cars have been steadily added to the rolling equipment to insure profitable eastern markets to the growers. Whatever shortage of cars there was during the last grape season was occasioned by the late ripening of the crop, which caused a sudden peak movement never before experienced. In addition, the grape crop was a record-breaker and exceeded the maximum pre-seasonal estimate of 65,000 cars made by growers, shippers and railroads.

"Greater efforts to bring about the prompt loading and unloading of cars by shippers and receivers will reduce the time required for a car to roll to eastern markets and return again for another load, and thus increase supply of cars in booking territory. Development and study of terminal facilities not only in the west but in the unloading markets east of the Mississippi and the reduction of diversions will also increase the use of the cars."

According to Luce, no other kind of freight traffic has grown so speedily in recent years as that of perishable freight. In 1920 the number of cars loaded with fruit and vegetables for the United States was 663,477. In 1924 it was 923,549, the increase in 1924 over 1920 was 40 per cent. It is expected that the loading in 1925 will approximate 1,000,000 cars, an increase of 50 per cent over 1920.

The big problem confronting the railroads, according to their officials, is the seasonal fluctuations in shipments of fruits and vegetables. Because of the fact that shipments are so heavy during three months and so small in comparison during the remainder of the year, the railroads have to provide a very large number of extremely expensive refrigerator cars of which over one-half are idle two-thirds of the year. Thus a large part of the capital the railroads have invested in refrigerator cars does little to earn a return upon itself during nine months of the year.

Called Fool, Wants Duel VIENNA—President Hainisch of Austria would fight a duel. Called "an old fool," he has sent representatives to Alfred Guertler, former minister of finance, demanding satisfaction.

With His Monocle NEW YORK—Prince Paul of Greece, with his monocle, has acted as godfather of Sophia Sknathis, the latest arrival in Brooklyn's Greek colony.

FATE OF STATE BANK EXAMINER BECAME DEC. 17

Hectic Meeting in Salem Results in Call for Special Hearing Next Thursday, When All Witnesses Will Be Heard Under Oath.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—(A. P.) A conference between the state banking board and representatives of the Portland National bank at which grievances of the bank against State Superintendent Frank C. Bramwell were presented, was thrown into a white heat before adjournment yesterday afternoon resulting in a demand, as board members interpreted the accusations, that Bramwell be removed from office.

This came when Will B. Haines, president of the Portland National bank, averred that "you can't have a corrupt state banking department," and that the board was "prejudiced," in Bramwell's favor. State Treasurer Kay interpreted Haines' remarks to mean "that the board is prejudiced and that Bramwell is a scoundrel."

So direct and fiery did Haines' remarks become in the course of a speech to the board that Governor Pierce interrupted him, raised his hand and attempted to put Haines under oath. Haines raised his hand, but in the midst of the governor's reading the oath, turned to J. N. Hart, his attorney, and asked whether he should go under oath. He then refused to be sworn.

"Why should I be sworn when no one else has been?" he wanted to know. "Because you are making a lot of damn radical statements and we want to see if you can prove them," answered State Treasurer Kay.

Special Hearing Set The upshot of the session was that the board set Thursday, December 17, for a further hearing, at which all statements will be under oath, both sides to summon any witnesses they choose and Mr. Bramwell to be on trial with his official position at stake.

Yesterday afternoon prior to Bramwell's making a defense statement, the bank representatives continued their charges of the forenoon that he had been arbitrary, unjust and guilty of misconduct in relation to their bank. The bank representatives endeavored to introduce Guernsey Sloum, who some time ago was refused by Bramwell when he applied for a charter to start a new bank in Portland, but Sloum refused to talk in the presence of newspapermen and was heard in a closed session after the open conference.

Bramwell, at the beginning of his statement, brushed aside as a closed incident all relations between himself and the bank in relation to the change in July 1924, from the Reed bank to the Portland National bank, and in this he had the tacit consent of the representatives.

Western Bank a Factor From that point on the hearing did not so much concern Bramwell's refusal to grant a reserve charter to the Portland National as it did an episode concerning an unidentified western Oregon bank, around which the question of whether Bramwell should remain in office now centers.

This letter, the bank representatives inferred indicated possible corruption. "I am willing to stand up and fight any man in defense of that letter," shouted Bramwell at J. N. Hart, attorney for Haines. "The board of directors themselves asked us to put a man in the bank. That letter was written after a conference with the president of the bank and at his request. The letter never was anything but a proposal and they didn't have to accept it if they didn't want to. They could have accepted that 100 per cent assessment. However, we subsequently agreed on another plan and I am glad we did for I needed my man in my department. It was necessary that something be done at that bank. If you call the letter arbitrary I want to say that we would go even further to protect the depositors, they are our first consideration. The stockholders are not entitled to any consideration until the depositors are taken care of."

Bramwell asked Hart if he knew (Continued on Page Six)

To Lead Women in Their Fight for World Court



The League of Women Voters has appointed a committee headed by Mrs. Maud Wood Park, counselor on legislation for the League, that will observe action on the World Court resolution when Congress convenes. Mrs. Park says that there will be real feminine warfare having the nation's swords beaten into ploughshares.

OREGON GAS TAX TOTALS TO DATE OVER \$10,000,000

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—Motor fuel taxes due the state from the sale of 9,443,333.4 gallons of gasoline and 423,317.6 gallons of distillate during the month of October amount to \$923,882.94, which represents a gain of 1,882,005.4 gallons of gasoline and 2,852.2 gallons of distillate sold and \$50,549.55 in revenue to be realized from such sales for October, 1925, over the corresponding month of 1924. The total amount of motor fuel sales taxes actually collected from sales agencies from 1919 to November 30, 1925, aggregate \$10,366,284.83. Refunds of taxes collected for motor fuels not consumed in operation of vehicles upon the public highways amounted to \$349,926.15. The total expense of administering the motor fuel tax laws since 1921 was \$21,825.57, which represents approximately one-fifth of 1 per cent of the total revenue, leaving a net balance of \$9,994,522.11, which has been turned into the state treasury and credited to the state highway fund.

BEND STARTS RECALL AGAINST CITY GOVT.

BEND, Ore., Dec. 12.—A decision to put petitions in the field seeking the recall of Mayor R. H. Fox and six members of the city council was reached last night at a meeting of the taxpayers' league. This action follows a controversy over the city budget for 1926 and a new municipal water system.

Passing of the Early Pioneer

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 12.—J. H. Stevens, 75, who saw the Grand Route valley earlier than any man living today, died at Hot Lake, near here, last night. He came west in 1855, passing through what is now Union county, when but a baby. In 1860 he returned and for the past 65 years was a resident here. He was married more than 50 years, the wedding ceremony being the first performed in the historic Episcopal church, which was recently razed. His wife died two years ago. Stevens' funeral will be held here Monday afternoon.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Stock prices forged steadily upward today despite a renewal of profit-taking in the motor shares. Chrysler was the hardest hit by the wave of realizing sales, selling down over five points below yesterday's final quotations. Pittsburgh and West Virginia soared over six points to a new record high at 123. Allis Chalmers sold five points above yesterday's final quotation and Stewarnt Speedometer moved up over 3 1/2 points to a new record top above 91. The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 800,000 shares.

STATE TAX LEVY LESS THAN 1925 VIA BONUS CUT

Tax Commission Announces Levy for 1926 to Raise \$7,200,830—Deficit of \$480,863 Claimed, But Governor Pierce Disputes It.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—The state tax commission late yesterday promulgated the state tax levy for 1926, announcing it as \$7,200,830.79. This is \$291,920.68 less than the levy of a year ago and includes both millage levies to which the six per cent limitation does not apply and the amount to be raised within that limitation.

The decrease is accounted for by the fact that the 1925 legislature reduced the millage levy in the soldier bonus law from a mill to half a mill, so that only \$342,268 will be levied for the purpose next year instead of over a million. The total to be levied to which the six per cent limitation does not apply is \$5,162,399.07.

The amount to be levied within the six per cent limitation is \$2,038,431.72, which is an increase of \$115,282.93 over last year when the amount was \$1,923,048.79. In millage the comparison is 1.93 made a year ago for 1925 to a fraction over two mills for the coming year. It was the low levy a year ago that brought upon Governor Pierce much criticism in the legislature and subsequently, it being charged that he and former State Treasurer Jefferson Myers arbitrarily cut the levy in retaliation for the repeal of the state income tax. Regardless of whether these charges were justified the legislature made necessary appropriations in excess of what can be levied under the six per cent limitation and this, in the new tax levy, is calculated as a deficit of \$480,863.25 that the state must face the coming year. Governor Pierce does not agree that such a deficit is certain and will issue a special statement regarding it.

The estimated deficit was arrived at as follows: The amount required for the expenses of the state government for 1925 and 1926 and payment of special claims was \$9,276,985.65. The amount of expenses estimated for the year ending December 31, 1925, is \$4,767,134.73, leaving \$4,509,850.92 to which the state will be subject for 1926 and the payment of specified claims for which appropriations were made but not levied. From this amount is deducted \$2,999,635.35 which is the estimated receipts for 1926 from various sources, mainly fees leaving \$2,510,215.57 to be met by direct levy. But, since this is \$480,863.25 in excess of what can be levied under the six per cent limitation, the latter amount is calculated as a probable deficit.

Governor Explains Tax.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—Governor Pierce refused to agree with a statement adopted by the state tax commission yesterday in making the annual tax levy that the state will have a deficit of about \$180,000 at the end of 1926. Instead, the governor today prepared an independent statement showing that, if the people adopt the tobacco and titling taxes at the November, 1926, election, the state will instead have a surplus of over \$7000. The table of estimated receipts and unexpended balances adopted by the tax commission was prepared by Secretary of State Kozar and fixed the estimate in fees at \$1,450,000. The governor avers that this will be exceeded by over \$500,000.

His statement follows: "I agree with the other members of the state tax commission that the amount of revenue to be raised for state purposes for the year 1926, without the 6 per cent limitation imposed by section 11, article XI, of the constitution, should be fixed at \$2,038,431.72, which is a 6 per cent raise in this item over the amount raised for 1925.

"I object to the estimated receipts from all sources during 1926 being estimated at \$1,450,000. I believe that this estimate by the secretary of state will be exceeded by over \$500,000. For every year during the past five years the receipts have been undervalued, often by many thousands of dollars.

"One year ago the state tax commission estimated the receipts for 1925 at \$1,999,000. The state actually collected \$2,229,675.49. It is fair to assume that with the increase in population and business within the state there will be an increase over the amount collected in 1925 of 10 per cent, except in income tax, from which source during 1925 the state derived \$53,194.51. It is safe to estimate that there will be collected in 1925 \$1,900,000 from delinquent income tax.

'Red' Grange Badly Hurt, Doctor Says Condition Serious

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—With his injured arm in splints, Red Grange will sit on the side line today while the Chicago Bears play the Detroit professional team, Grange, worn and haggard, told a doctor that he had not slept for two nights because of pain in his arm. The arm was broken out in red spots and back of his shoulder was a lump as large as a hen's egg. The physician said that a blood clot had formed and that if it should travel near the heart, serious results might follow.

DREAM OF UTOPIA IN MEXICO FADES, MENNONITES QUIT

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 12.—(A. P.) Their dreams of a "promised land" in the valley of the Rio Grande have faded and the Mennonites who sought to colonize in Mexico are yearning for their native home in Canada, disillusioned and destitute. There is a story of a land of milk and honey that failed to materialize. The weary people two years ago followed a great hope into the southern republic where they expected to prosper on the fruits of the land. And now they are homeward bound, longing to renew the more conservative life in the land where once they lived. Their failure is best told in the halting Spanish of a boy.

"We like Mexico," he said, "but nothing will grow—and my father says we must quit." How they were beset with crop failures and famine was explained by half a hundred downhearted members of the religious sect who changed trains here on their journey to Manitoba, Canada. They predicted that more of the people will follow from the valley to which they said they were lured by rosy-tinted promises of abundance in a colonization enterprise. Several groups of Mennonites have passed through here recently on their way to Canada.

Ohio Auto Speeder Sentenced to Be a Subject for Study

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 12.—(A. P.) Municipal Judge Homer Ramsey delivered an unusual sentence when he sentenced Carl Kilibertz, Monroe, Mich., banker, to an "indefinite term" as a specimen for study by the University of Toledo psychology class. Kilibertz ran amuck in his automobile last night, wrecking two other cars and a house, etc. and paid all the damages.

A. E. CLARK ENTERS RACE FOR SENATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—A. E. Clark, Portland attorney, today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States senator. He accompanied his announcement with a declaration of principles and said he expects to launch an aggressive campaign soon after the first of the year. He is the fifth to formally announce for the republican senatorial nomination. The other four are: J. J. Crossley, attorney of Portland; A. R. Shunway, farmer and livestockman of Milton; Frederick Selwer, attorney of Pendleton; United States Senator R. N. Stanford, who is seeking renomination.

20 AMERICANS CAUGHT IN CHINESE BATTLE, ESCAPE UNDER R. R. CARS

PEKING, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—The international train which left Peking for Tientsin early Thursday morning returned here at 6 o'clock tonight after having been caught in a battle between the forces of Feng Yu-Hsiang and Liching-Lang at Yangtun, 20 miles north of Tientsin. Twenty Americans, nine Britishers, several prominent Japanese and four league of nations representatives, sent to study the plague in Manchuria, who were on board, were forced to take refuge from bursting shells under the coaches of the stalled train. The passengers included a number of women and children. All escaped unharmed and declared they were none the worse for their experience, except for the discomfort of huddling under the train in the chilly weather. Their experience, however, was not without its thrills. A bomb from an airplane fell in the midst of a camel train nearby and fragments penetrated the cars, which also were struck by several bullets.

GRANDSON OF OIL KING KICKED OUT

John Rockefeller Prentice of Yale Admits He Was Suspended, But Came Back and Worked Way Through College—Wins College Scholarship.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12.—(A. P.) The suspension of John Rockefeller Prentice, 22, of New York from Yale university, nearly six years ago, has been revealed as an occurrence which led to the youth's decision to re-enter the university and earn his way through college. Prentice, son of E. Parmelee Prentice, and the former Miss Alta Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, has denied that he was cast aside by his family.

Yesterday he was awarded the James J. Hogan scholarship which each year goes to a man "of strong character, personality, of good standing with his classmates of fair scholarship and who is in need of financial assistance." He is employed as night telephone operator at the New Haven hospital at \$10 a week.

That he had been suspended in 1922 came to light after considerable stir was caused by the scholarship award announcement. He was called upon to confirm that he has completely cut himself off from family support, therefore feeling justified in receiving the benefits of the scholarship.

Prentice after his suspension went to work for several years under an assumed name, returned to Yale and achieved his scholarship records, all because of a desire to atone for the misdeed of being suspended, he explained. "I will say that it was all my fault," he said. "I have nothing to say relative to what transpired between my father and me after I was suspended. Instead of going home I went to Boston and worked. I returned to college to please my mother. It was her desire to have me graduate. I may as well say that I was suspended. It is on record."

COWBOY ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—William Hart, Umatilla county cowboy, late yesterday afternoon was found not guilty of the murder of Maunee Shoehips, a Umatilla Indian, who died in September, 1924, from injuries received the day previous.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—(A. P.) A youth today held up James Huff, blind superintendent of the broom factory of the Missouri commission for the blind, and walked away with \$200 payroll money. Several hundred dollars already had been paid the 100 blind employees.

"Do you see this gun?" the robber asked. "No," Huff replied. "I'm blind."

"Well, you can feel it," he snarled, sticking the muzzle in Huff's face. "Don't move or I'll kill you. Does it hurt you?"

"I can't help it," the robber said roughly.

Materialism in Japan TOKYO—Bright Prosperity is the English equivalent for the name of the imperial granddaughter who arrived recently.

MEDFORD RUSHES SERUM TO CHECK EPIDEMIC IN KLAMATH COUNTY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 12.—Two more cases of spinal meningitis were reported to Dr. G. S. Newsom, county health officer, late yesterday, and as a result grave concern is felt that the epidemic might spread generally throughout the county. At first it was believed that one of the suspected cases was not the dreaded disease, but the health officer today reported there was no question about it. A 10-year-old boy is one of the victims, while a middle-aged man is the other. The boy is one of a large family of children. Traffic officers early last night raced over the muddy highways from Medford to Klamath Falls with a supply of meningitis serum, as the local supply had been exhausted in treating the two cases which resulted in death earlier this week.