

The Weather	
Prediction—Unsettled, and probable rain.	
Minimum yesterday	62
Minimum today	48
Maximum today	10
Twenty-second Year	
Fifty-sixth Year	

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	67
Minimum	31

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Today

Only Odds and Ends
The Busy Bonds
Our 350,000 Criminals
Peasants Would Rule

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Not much, except odds and ends of news, from this was written, late yesterday afternoon. The fatal tracks of the oil bonds led in new directions. The name of an important judge was dragged in. He says no one sent him any bonds.

Senator Borah, the great purifier, got \$300 more yesterday, to help pay back the gold that Mr. Sinclair handed over. The Republican party must be purified, says Borah. Theodore Roosevelt, 2nd, sent \$100 to help purify.

It is doubtful, however, whether all the perfumes of Arabia, or two Anna Held milk baths could purify the worried old party.

Being found out is a terrible thing. Everybody knows that both big parties take all the campaign funds they can get. The Republicans get the bigger gifts because their chances are usually better, and their memory for kind words and deeds is better.

It is certain that neither Will Hays nor any of the big Republicans knew where the Sinclair bonds came from. The oil scandal had not started when the bonds were contributed.

If Sinclair had offered a bundle of bonds to the Democratic donkey to wipe out campaign debts, that intelligent animal would have taken them gladly. However, the elephant got caught, the donkey did not, so the donkey feels virtuous.

Speaking of slush funds, bribes, etc., you should read the book written by Judge Kavanaugh of Chicago, after thirty-three years on the bench. Three hundred fifty thousand individuals make their living, partly or entirely, by crime in our happy country he says. Last year, they contributed 12,000 murders to the nation's news items.

Public indifference is to blame, says the Judge. Each country gets as much crime as its indifference deserves. Judge Kavanaugh favors use of the whip, because, "No crime lingers in the respect of the lash. The moron and racketeer fear the cat-o-nine-tails more than prison. Our 350,000 criminals steal yearly enough to build the Panama canal."

They steal more than that. And public gambling at race tracks, another form of crime, legalized by grafting politicians, takes from the public each year enough to build the Panama canal three times.

More trouble in distressed Rumania. The peasants want to rule, and the socialists back them. Here we have no peasant population, although not all of us know it. Once, the late George J. Gould, on a tour of inspection over the Missouri Pacific, took his family with him. The mayor, chamber of commerce and civic organizations of a small city came to the private car, asking for a better railroad station.

One of Gould's charming daughters, in white dress, she sash and white kid shoes, said, "It's very nice of those peasants to come down and see papa 'isn't it?'"

We have some millions of farmers that would like to run this country, partly, but they don't know how to do about it. No real organization, for one thing. Next fall they will get wonderful promises and then think it over four more years.

The socialist national executive committee met to discuss a socialist national platform and solemnly decided that republicans and democrats "serve corrupt oligarchies." Harsh words, but, luckily, many good republicans and democrats do not know what an oligarchy is.

Corrupt corporation oligarchies rule the republic, say the socialists. It is just a two-party capitalist machine. Nevertheless, oil for no oil, bonds, no bonds, one or the other half of the republican

FIND BODY OF BUTTE FALLS BANKER

SUICIDE NOTE LEFT BY G. BARKER SHOULDERS ALL BLAME FOR DEED

"There Was No Stealing," Says Note, "and No One but Myself Was Responsible for Administration of Bank.—Enough Cash and Property to Pay Everyone in Full"—Poor Judgment Shown Demonstrated Unfitness for Task—Could Stand Constant Worry No Longer—Gun Found Beside Body Tells Tragic End of Well Known Citizen.

George W. Barker, missing president and cashier of the Pine Belt Bank of Butte Falls, who disappeared Monday afternoon, was found this morning at nine o'clock on the banks of the Dewing mill pond, on the outskirts of Butte Falls, a self-inflicted bullet wound through the head being the cause of death. W. M. Chambers, heading a searching party found the body. The death weapon, a .32 calibre automatic revolver was found at his side. A farewell note in his coat indicated that he had been suffering from intense worry over banking matters, but bank examiners have thus far found the institution to be in good condition.

Although the note, which was written in a steady hand, suggested that affairs at the bank were in a very poor condition, Bank Examiner R. L. Green of Klamath Falls, who is now in charge, said this morning that the financial condition of the bank is in good shape and that investments, which could be questioned, had been made by Barker for his personal account.

The note, which was written in a small memorandum book found among a few papers in the breast pocket of the coat, is as follows: "My wife, Hazel Barker, and daughter, Eleanor, who appear as directors of the Pine Belt Banking company, have never had anything whatever to do as directors. The bank was run entirely by me at all times. Gertrude Fredenberg, assistant cashier, was clerk, and had no voice in its management. "If there is any blame attached to the management in any way, it is all mine. There has been no stealing at any time and there is plenty of property and other assets to pay all the depositors in full. The instigator in judgment show that I am not the man for the place."

"My heart's love to wife and little ones. This worry is killing me and I hardly know what I am writing. Do not blame Hazel or Eleanor for anything, as they know absolutely nothing about it. "G. W. BARKER (Signed) "MARCH 19, 1928."

Coroner H. W. Conger, who rushed to the scene this morning, was today considering the advisability of holding an inquest. The inquest would be held only to determine reason why Barker should take his own life when there was no apparent reason. The body was found by five men, all of Butte Falls, Horace Geppert, Rod Baker, Dave Rummel, Everett Abbott and W. M. Chambers, as they were beginning a search, which was to have taken them over five miles the other side of the dam. The dam is less than 300 yards from the main part of the town, but because of heavy and steep incline, can not be readily seen from the top of the bank, which is over a hundred feet high. Barker had apparently sat down on top of the dam, which has not been in use for eight years, and discharged the revolver against the right temple, killing him instantly. The bullet, when it emerged, pierced a hole through the brim of Barker's felt hat, which was lying about three feet from the body. The head was slumped against a large log, and the hands were lying outstretched and the feet were crossed.

The discovery of the body was made largely through an accident and a hunch in the mind of W. M. Chambers, a member of the searching party. The party had planned to go by automobile to the other side of Big Butte creek, but Chambers led the party down a steep trail to the dam, after which the five men planned to go thru the timber and reach the plateau where Monday evening a shot was heard by J. Swanson near the Edmondson place, which is five miles distant.

HOPE THAT FATHER MAY GO FREE



With John Wesley Faison, 31, going on trial at Richmond, Va., for the second time on a charge of murdering Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, inset, 28-year-old divorcee, his wife and five children have been hoping for the freeing of daddy. The children, left to right: Louise, 11; Florence, 9; Nedawnia, 7; John Wesley, Jr., 3, and James Carlton.

FALL NOT ABLE TO STAND TRIAL ON APRIL 2ND

Government Physician Agrees With Falls Doctors That ex-Secretary of Treasury Is in No Condition to Leave for Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Reports from government physicians who examined Albert H. Fall agree with reports made by his personal physician that the former secretary is unable to come to Washington for his trial on April 2.

The report of two physicians who made the examination at the request of Owen J. Roberts and Atlee Pomeroy, special government prosecutors, said Fall was in an extremely feeble condition. The government prosecutors indicated that the affidavits, which will be presented in support of Fall's motion to continue his trial to a later date, were to the effect that the former secretary's heart and lungs are in very weakened condition and say that neither his physical or mental condition would permit of his being placed on trial at this time.

The prosecutors accepted the report of their medical representatives as indicating that the court would grant continuance of the case insofar as it affected the former interior secretary. They will insist, however, they said, that Sinclair be placed on trial April 2.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—There is to be no effort at this time by the Senate Teapot Dome committee to obtain the testimony of Albert H. Fall, who has stated that he is ready to answer all questions that may be put to him in connection with the matters involved in the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy case.

Both Chairman Nye and Senator Walsh, of Montana, who have been directing the affairs of the committee, thought the former interior secretary's reply to the request of the committee as to his readiness to testify closed the matter for the time being at least. "I think that this disposes of the matter we had in hand," said Senator Walsh. A similar view was expressed by Senator Nye, but it may be that the question will be taken up at an executive meeting of the entire committee later.

A NEW POLICY IN OREGON FOR LIQUOR FORCES

Governor Patterson Explains His Removal of L. M. Kletzing—No Dry Workers on Commission Basis Are to Be Retained.

EUGENE, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Governor I. L. Patterson, in a long distance conversation with the Guard, has confirmed the removal of Lewis M. Kletzing of the National Law Enforcement League, as an officer with authority under the badge of the state prohibition force.

In this connection Governor Patterson made his first statement of a new prohibition policy which he has been following since the first of the year. "I asked Kletzing to turn in his state badge," said the governor, "because he was working on a commission basis. I have asked all other enforcement officers working on the commission basis to surrender their state authority."

"There has been no trouble with Mr. Kletzing. I am simply following in his case and in all others like it a new policy I had no more state officers on the commission or part time basis. All state enforcement will be under the state prohibition commissioner directly."

The governor pointed out that his new policy is directly in line with a recent declaration by the governor at that time having declared a new liquor law enforcement and coming out flatly against any system whereby enforcement officers would have a pecuniary interest in the conviction of the offenders.

The governor declared that his action in the Kletzing case should be understood clearly as entirely in line with the best thought of the leaders in the prohibition movement and not in any degree a weakening of his policies on enforcement.

The governor made his statement to the Guard following many inquiries from leading drys in Lane county on the story Tuesday in the Guard that Kletzing had "turned in his badge." The governor at that time having declined to comment on the situation other than that he and Kletzing had agreed on this plan after a conference.

Copco Authorized to Issue \$1,500,000 Preferred Stock

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—(AP)—The California Edison Power company was authorized by the State Railroad commission yesterday to issue and sell \$1,500,000 worth of it 6 per cent preferred stock to finance additions and betterments.

MAN FREED BY JURY ATTACKED IN OPEN COURT

Chief of Police Near Death as Result of Attack in Alabama Courtroom by Two Women Relatives of Girl.

COLUMBIANA, Ala., Mar. 22.—(AP)—H. E. Blake, Calera chief of police, was fired at and then stabbed by two women in circuit court here today just after he had been acquitted of the murder of their relative, Miss Louise Montebardo.

Mrs. Mabel Montebardo, mother of the girl, fired a pistol from a distance of about five feet as Blake was being congratulated by his friends. The shot went wild, Miss Cecile Tubbs, an aunt of the girl, leaped at the police chief, drawing a knife as she flung herself toward him, and stabbed him in the neck.

Blake fell, the blood streaming from the wound. The courtroom was in a turmoil in a moment and Charlie C. McCall, state attorney-general, who had personally prosecuted Blake, fainted from the excitement. Physicians said they could not tell from their first examination whether Blake's wound would be fatal. He had toppled into the jury box from which the men who freed him were slowly flung out. They assisted in picking him up and carrying him to a hospital.

Mr. McCall quickly recovered himself and ordered the two women taken into custody. Both were frantic from the strain of the trial and their deed, and Mrs. Montebardo fought hysterically with court officers before she was subdued. She still tried to get to Blake as the bailiffs overpowered her.

Officers said the women had obtained the weapons from the box in which Miss Montebardo's clothing was kept during the trial. The pistol used in today's shooting was one of those used by the state in expert testimony regarding the manner of the girl's death.

About 30 persons were in the courtroom at the time. Louise Montebardo, a sewing machine saleswoman, was shot to death on the night of last November 14, shortly after Blake and W. D. Farmer, another Calera policeman had arrested her on the Montgomery highway for speeding and while they had momentarily left the car to examine a bottle which they said she had flung from the machine when they halted her.

DAM BUILT ON ROTTEN BASE, CLAIM

Dam Engineer Admits Base of St. Francis Dam Was Built on Schist and That Water Could Have Seeped Through It, Weakening Structure and Causing Collapse.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 22.—(AP)—H. A. VanNorman, assistant engineer of the Los Angeles water bureau, testified at the inquest over St. Francis dam victims today that the destroyed St. Francis dam, the Barrett dam near San Diego, the Hollywood dam overlooking the film colony and the Arroyo Seco dam near Pasadena, are all of similar type.

VanNorman described it as the "monolith" type and said that it was based on recognized engineering principles. Subjected to a searching cross-examination by Deputy District Attorney E. J. Dennison, VanNorman admitted that the sides of the ill-fated St. Francis structure were built on schist, known to the layman as "rotten rock."

Pressed for a definition of "schist," VanNorman at first said it was "very hard slate." "Is it not called rotten rock?" Dennison asked. "Well, the layman might call it that," was the witness' reply. "Then Dennison asked, 'Is it not possible that water would seep through the schist and cause it to become spongy and weak?'" VanNorman replied: "Such a thing is possible, but I'll say it isn't so in this case."

O. A. C. SCHOOL OF IRRIGATION IS LAUNCHED HERE

As a result of a growing demand for systematic study of orchard particularly regarding irrigation as it relates to both the production and market phases of the industry, directors of the Fruit Growers' league decided at a recent meeting to start an irrigation school here in connection with the O. A. C. extension service, at once.

Professor C. L. Long, specialist on soils and drainage, and Professor F. E. Price, well known horticulturist, will head the course of study and demonstration work which will be carried on in five different orchards in the valley, each of which will be typical of the various kinds of soil to be taken into consideration in planning and care of crops.

MARY PICKFORD'S MOTHER DIES AT BEVERLY HILLS

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—(AP)—Mrs. Charlotte Pickford, mother of Mary Pickford, famous screen star, died shortly before midnight last night. She had been suffering a lingering illness for some time.

Death Toll of the Automobile

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Mar. 22.—(AP)—Charles F. Casey, 31, of Portland, Ore., a student at Notre Dame university here, was killed instantly last night when an automobile in which he was riding was in collision with three other machines. Three other students in Casey's machine escaped with minor injuries. None of the occupants of the other machines was hurt.

GERMANY TO SEND FLEET OF GLIDERS TO THE U. S.

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, Germany, March 22.—(AP)—The Rhonensitten company today announced that it had accepted an invitation from the American Motorless Aviation club to send an expedition of German gliders to America.

Sande Reinstated

BALTIMORE, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Earl Sande, noted jockey, was reinstated by the Maryland Jockey club this afternoon. Sande was barred from the turf last fall for alleged rough riding in the Pimlico city.

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