

Today

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Railroad Rajahs.
10 Billions in Sight.
Dangerous Scrapping.
Archimedes and Jo.

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Eastern railroads, with government's permission and the public's blessing, will combine various systems into one big system, making possible greater efficiency and greater economies. Freight will not be hauled over mountains when it might go along level ground. And employees will cease wasting time trying to divert freight to their railroad from some other railroad.

Some railroad presidents may not like it. The Indian rajahs didn't like being united under British control. But they were reconciled when they found themselves just as prosperous as ever and much safer.

Walter Parker, who knows, tells the foreign trade convention at Houston that this country will some day do a business of ten billions a year with our Latin-American neighbors on the south.

Uncle Sam has the billions for building up the trade, but to get it and keep it we should imitate British and Germany. They send young men to learn the methods of foreign countries. To reply on "go-getter," high-power salesmanship is silly.

Also we ought to select our consuls for what they know about business in foreign countries—not for what they know about politics at home.

In Ohio, where coal miners are striking, Prosecutor Paul V. Waddell is quoted as follows: "We have had to imitate some of Russia's methods and forget what we learned in school about the constitution.

In other words, according to the public prosecutor, it has been necessary to "scrap free speech guarantees." If you let men talk they will do what you don't want. The simplest thing is to prevent them talking.

That was done in Russia long before Bolshevism took charge. The czars, in the long run, found that it didn't pay. Mine owners may learn, eventually, that writers of the constitution knew what was good for this country. They were not Bolsheviks; far from it, and included conservative rich men.

Mention to 1,000,000 Americans at random three names, Archimedes, Descartes, Joe Wolcott, and they will know Joe Wolcott for every one acquainted with the other two. Thirty years ago Joe Wolcott had crowds following him. He was called "the giant killer," "the Barbados demon," "the Black Cyclone," and the welterweight champion of the world. The greatest heavyweights had to think up good excuses for not meeting him.

Now Joe Wolcott, a shrunken, round-shouldered, small-sized colored man, dressed in a porter's uniform, opens the side door of a theater in New York to let the audience out when the show is over.

His show is over. Less profitable, but better on the whole, to be Archimedes. Chicago's crime commission name three judges of the criminal court, accusing them of being in partnership with criminals and supplying unpleasantly convincing proof.

SNOW UPON BLOSSOMS OF DIXIE

Floods in the Lowlands Frost in The Highlands —Wind and Rain Lash Atlantic States—Damage to Fruit May Mount to Millions.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 28.—(AP)—After spreading destruction by rain, flood and storm in the lowlands, the elements turned their fury today to the southern hills and highlands where record low temperatures and heavy snowfalls followed in the wake of high winds.

The Cumberland and Shenandoah valleys in Maryland and Virginia were drifted with snow crystals of which contrasted strangely with the pink of apple blossoms, while Asheville, N. C., with the mercury at 29, wore a snow blanket and was the coldest city in the south.

With weather bureau forecasts for frost in the whole region as far south as central Florida, grave fears were held tonight for fruit orchards, tender growing crops and gardens.

Four deaths in Florida from yesterday's storms had brought the total deaths to ten in three states, since the floods and storms began early in the week. Many persons have been injured.

Flood waters were concentrated in the valleys of the Altamaha, Satilla, Little, Flint and Willacoochee rivers in Georgia, and along the Apalachicola and Choctawhatchee rivers where several thousand persons have evacuated their homes.

The road bed weakened by the torrential rains, a Central of Georgia passenger train was derailed by a landslide at Hatcher's Station, Ga., today, resulting in injuries to four persons.

Serious damages from flood and storm were reported from Georgia where the Statia river is on a rampage and threatening several bridges near the city.

Apple growers in Virginia hoped the snow blanket would shelter the fruit and blossoms but were apprehensive lest temperatures fall to rise and heavy frost come.

High winds disrupted communications throughout the south, many places being virtually isolated today.

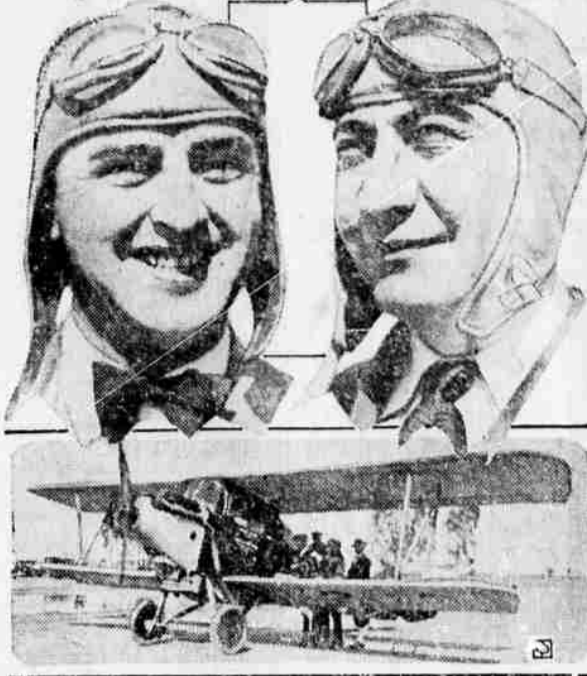
Eastern Mason-Dixon line states were digested out from a belated winter blizzard today which descended upon fruit trees in full bloom, drove plowmen from their fields, blocked railroads and high ways, and tore down telephone and telegraph wires.

In the far south the flood men ace continued with the apprehension that the storms to the north would dangerously swell the rivers.

In parts of Pennsylvania fourteen inches of snow fell and the gale swept it into drifts six feet deep. The snow covered most of Pennsylvania and West Virginia and large sections of Kentucky, Maryland and Virginia.

Along the seaboard the snow changed to rain, driven by a northeaster from the Atlantic.

ON 25,000-MILE FLIGHT SOUTH



Snapshot as party of flyers prepared to take off from Fresno, Cal., on a 25,000-mile jaunt over Mexico and South America. Left, Prasho Stephenson, flight chief, and Jimmy Angel, pilot, right. Below, the plane.

ASHLAND GIRL WINS FIRST AS NOVICE TYPIST

BILL PROPOSES \$35,000 TO BUY ROGUE FISHERY

Eugene Wins State Trophy In O. A. C. Contest — Salem Second, and Ashland Third — Accuracy Honors Go to Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—Eugene high school today retained the state trophy cup awarded the best typing team in the state, by taking first place in the sixth annual state high school contest sponsored by the commercial training department of Oregon State college.

Ruth Thatcher of Ashland won the individual novice championship when she scored 61.6 words a minute. She won a trip to the national meet in Sacramento.

One hundred and fifty contestants from 35 schools took part in the contest.

Lila Ackerman of Corvallis took first place in accuracy with a record of 57.15 and one error. Caroline Lettermayer, Oregon City, took first in the amateur division.

The Corvallis team won accuracy honors with a team average of 5.6 errors. Eugene and Dallas were second and third.

Other placements were: Best typing team, Salem second; Ashland, third; Dallas, Myrtle Point, Corvallis, honorable mention.

Amateur division—Orpha Worden, Newberg, second; Restford Edison, Eugene, third.

Novice division—Alice Bueening, Eugene, second; Beneva Volkmar, Myrtle Point, third.

EXPANSION OF LOCAL WEATHER STATION NEARS

New and Broader Forecast Service Inaugurated About May 1 — In Same Classification as Larger Cities — Needs of Aviation Met.

L. Walter Dick, meteorologist, in charge of the local U. S. Weather Bureau office, announces that additional daily weather information would be available for publication in the Mail Tribune in the near future.

The work of the local office has been greatly expanded during the past few months and it is now in the same classification as the offices in many of the larger cities.

The new service, mentioned above, will include the local state forecasts, more local weather data than has appeared in the past, and telegraphic reports from a number of other stations throughout the western half of the country.

The plan followed in many of the large cities will be followed so far as practicable. It will begin as soon as the necessary blanks are received, probably May 1, or shortly after that date.

A brief history of the Medford Weather Bureau office is of interest. A special observer's station was maintained, in connection with the county agent's office, from March 1911 to June 1927.

Beginning with July 1927, the duties of the special observer were taken over by the Airways Station, established by D. M. Little, previously of Ithaca, New York.

Mr. Little was sent to Medford to establish the Pilot Balloon, or Airways Station, in December 1925.

When he assumed the duties of the former special observer, an assistant was assigned to his office, Dwight L. Randall of Medford being appointed to the position.

In October of last year Mr. Little was assigned to the newly established trail-road service in California, with Floyd D. Young. He was relieved by Mr. Dick, who came here from St. Louis, Mo.

During the spring season, Mr. Young makes his Washington-Oregon fruit-frost headquarters in the Medford Weather Bureau office.

Arrangements were recently completed whereby it has become possible for the local office to be furnished with telegraphic reports from a number of other weather bureau stations. These are used to prepare a weather map for forecast purposes, and for preparing part of the data to be published in the reports hereafter.

The principal work of the Medford station has been to furnish information for the air mail and other pilots stopping here. The service has apparently been highly successful, as was indicated by the satisfaction over the situation on the part of some Washington, D. C. officials who recently made a survey of the Pacific airways.

Radio Weather



Increasing use of radio for communication is having an appreciable effect on weather on land and sea, according to Captain W. H. Parker, of an ocean liner plying between New York and French and English ports. The captain blames radio for the violence of gales, high seas and freak weather conditions, saying that the electrical waves form a network of conflicting forces.

RANCH TRAGEDY NEAR ROSEBURG HELD ACCIDENT

Singleton Died From Rifle Bullet In Chest — Estranged Wife, Hysterical — Had Visited Scene a Few Hours Before.

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—That Ernal Singleton, 37, of Oak Creek, whose body was found at the home of his father, W. L. Singleton, today, was killed thru the accidental discharge of his own rifle, was the theory held by officers late today, following an investigation of his death.

The body was found 100 yards from the house in the woods where Singleton had been cutting trees. Death was caused by a wound from a .37 caliber rifle which was found beside the body.

The bullet struck his breast bone and was deflected into the heart. The man's breast was badly burned by powder.

His widow was in Roseburg when told of the accident, and became hysterical. She recovered sufficiently to tell officers that she had gone to the farm this morning to secure some of her clothing, furniture and other articles.

While there her husband was in good spirits, she said, and helped her load the articles into the automobile. He later, however, refused to talk to her, she said.

Singleton apparently went into the woods immediately after his wife left. He was a member of the Glide Rodent Pest club and carried his rifle with him constantly in order to kill squirrels and birds for the community pest eradication contest.

The body was brought to Roseburg late today.

BROADCAST CALIFORNIA VOTE REAL TO FLYERS

RECEPTION Monday Morning — K. G. O. Serve Oregon Territory—Aviators Rest Before Official Greeting.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—The celebration in connection with the welcome in New York City Monday of the German-English crew of the trans-Atlantic plane Bremen, will be carried in to the west by radio.

The ceremony in New York will start at 7:30 Pacific standard time and will continue until 9:30 a. m. It will be carried over the national network of stations, and will be broadcast in San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. Oregon territory will be served through KGW.

NEW YORK, April 28.—(AP)—The crew of the trans-Atlantic monoplane Bremen arrived here by train late today after having just honor to the memory of Floyd Bennett at his grave in Arlington national cemetery at Washington.

The flyers were met by city officials and prominent aviators and escorted through a cheering crowd to cars which took them to the Ritz Carlton hotel where they will stay until their official welcome to the city Monday.

The pilgrimage was the sole activity of the Atlantic conquerors during their short stay in the capital. At once their spoken thoughts were of returning to New York and the advisability of flying in the unfavorable weather was discussed by them for three hours.

It was then decided to make the New York trip by train and they left shortly after one o'clock.

The departure was without knowledge that both the senate and house had shortly before passed separate bills to authorize their decoration with the distinguished flying cross by President Coolidge. Their intention, as announced by Baron Von Huenfeld to return here by plane from New York next Wednesday to pay respects to the president; and it was considered likely that the awards will have been authorized by that time and would be conferred.

Meanwhile an enthusiastic reception will engage them in the metropolis.

Miss Herta Junkers, a friend who accompanied the flyers to Arlington and placed a wreath of greens on Floyd Bennett's grave, talked by telephone to New York with Grover Whalen—in charge of the reception for Mayor Walker—before taking the train this afternoon.

Their formal reception in Washington will include a visit to the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington; luncheon at the White House; a dinner in their honor by Ambassador Von Pritwitz of Germany and Minister Smiddy of Ireland and other functions.

Both Hoover and Smith made showings in the Ohio primaries that bolstered the hopes of their supporters. They also fared well in Massachusetts, the Smith managers later claiming the entire bay state delegation of 35, with Hoover forces predicting the commerce secretary would have 37 of the 39 delegates from the state, a claim that was immediately challenged by his foes.

In Pennsylvania uninstrusted delegations were selected. Hoover's capture of 31 of Ohio's 51 delegates was hailed by his followers as going a long way toward carrying him near the nomination. Some have been so optimistic as to contend it practically clinches things for the secretary while others in his camp, more cautious were inclined to wait for the Indiana primaries on May 8 and several important state conventions before making sweeping claims.

California is Hoover's home state. He has no opposition in Tuesday's primary and will walk off with 29 convention votes from that state.

In making their calculations of convention strength the Hoover managers have been counting strongly on getting uncontested delegates from a number of states like Oregon, Maryland and New Jersey as well as California where the commerce secretary has had next to no opposition.

PENDELTON, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—About a million pounds of unsold wool remains in the hands of growers in this county, the largest amount of any county in the state, according to local wool authorities. Growers are declining to contract their crop in advance of shearing operations, preferring to take take chances with a raise on the eastern markets.

SALEM, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—Attorney General Van Winkle, after conferring with members of the Oregon delegation in Washington recently, says it will probably be impossible for congress at this session to take any action on the bill involving a contract between the government and the California Oregon Power company in Klamath county.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THIS WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—(AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning April 29 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states—The outlook is for fair weather in California and Nevada and occasionally unsettled to the northward with wet spells in Washington and the northern parts of Oregon and Idaho.

Temperatures frequently below normal over the plateau section and about normal elsewhere.

CORVALLIS WINS STATE TITLE IN MUSIC CONTEST

FOREST GROVE, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—Corvallis high triumphed in the fifth annual high school music tournament which closed tonight at Pacific university and was declared winner of the Grand Sweepstakes of the tournament.

Second place went to Franklin high, Portland, and Salem high took third place. Oregon City was fourth.

First place for piano was awarded to Carolyn Haberlock of Tillamook. First for violin solo No. 1 went to Howard Halbert, Corvallis, and first for violin No. 2, to Eugene high school.

DEMPSEYS EX-WIFE THREATENS SUIT

NEW YORK, April 28.—(AP)—Maxine Cates Dempsey, claiming to be the first wife of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, said today that she had retained counsel to bring action to set aside the divorce decree granted Dempsey in 1919 in Salt Lake City more than four years before he married Estelle Taylor, screen actress.

She said the grounds will be that the papers in the divorce action were served on her in Weis, Nev., on February 1, 1919, and that an interlocutory decree was entered only three days later, she said she and Dempsey were married in Farmington, Utah, on October 9, 1918, when she was twenty and Dempsey was 21 years old.

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., April 28.—(AP)—Damage estimated at approximately \$100,000 was caused here early today when fire wiped out six buildings and partially destroyed several others, including two garages. In the main business section of the city.

OREGON CITY, Ore., April 27.—(AP)—Phinix into the Willamette river near Jennings Lodge late yesterday when a rowboat filled with water, Earl Simons, 40, was drowned. Ray York was rescued. The prow of the boat was pulled under water as the men, who were fishing, tried to pull in a heavy anchor.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—Commissioner Jefferson Meyers of the United States Shipping board, has left Washington for Portland, Ore., to attend to the formal transfer to private ownership of the first group of the shipping board's west coast cargo vessels recently sold.

PROBATE WILL OF LATE MRS. IVANHOE

Mrs. Amanda E. Ivanhoe, former well known eastern Oregon caterer and who was quite well known in Medford through frequent visits in the past to Medford to her son Lytton Ivanhoe, and his three motherless minor children, whom the father placed in three good Medford homes as paying boarders, even before he left about 18 months ago to locate in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, left an estate of \$29,000 in stocks and bonds, and about \$5000 in cash.

The will of Mrs. Ivanhoe, who was 74 years old and who died in Portland, April 13th last, was admitted to probate in Portland last week. The West Coast National bank was named as executor. Medford people will be pleased to know that the beneficiaries in the will include the three granddaughters of Medford.

Mrs. Ivanhoe's two sons, Lytton Ivanhoe, now in Brazil, and Forest Ivanhoe, United States navy officer, now stationed in the Philippines, are named as trustees of the will. Lytton Ivanhoe will be remembered here as the secretary to Paul H. McKee when the later was general manager of the California Oregon Power company.

PORTLAND HIGHS WIN EUGENE MEET

EUGENE, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—Portland high schools won ten first places and Vancouver, Wash. high school won two first places in the twelve events in the annual state high school relay carnival on Hayward field today.

Benson Tech of Portland won three first places, Grant and Franklin of Portland, and Vancouver each two and Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln high schools of Portland, each one.

Only three former records for the state carnival remain standing. Seven records were broken, one tied and records were set in two new events.