

**The Weather**  
 Forecast — Foggy tonight; Friday coming unsettled; continued cool.  
 Maximum yesterday 33  
 Minimum yesterday 28

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
 Maximum 46  
 Minimum 24  
 No. 257

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**Today**  
 By Arthur Brisbane  
 Mellon Doesn't Worry.  
 Nor President Coolidge.  
 The Old Spanish Trail.  
 Sad, Useful King.

Secretary Mellon, who knows business, finance and money, having a few hundred millions of the last, writes a report to cheer the heart of a pessimist and chill the heart of a bear.

Balancing millions in his paragraph, as a juggler balances little red balls, the secretary foresees home and bigger prosperity.

The secretary is even encouraged about our bootlegging troubles. Only about 5,000,000 gallons were identified in foreign ports as presumably coming to this country in the year past.

Mr. Mellon, a good secretary, of the treasury, earning every dollar that the people pay him, shows that the gross debt of the United States is reduced to \$17,604,290,563. The treasury has a net balance of \$260,190,331. This past year Mr. Mellon has cut \$905,883,703 from the public debt, and added \$27,592,210 to the treasury balance.

To make things perfect, President Coolidge contributes encouraging words of his own. He foresees a surplus of \$60,000,000 for 1930, and, while he promises no tax reduction now, he opens the door of hope very wide.

To those that complain, I have no big income to tax, prosperity can only give the answer that Rich Huntington gave Homer Davenport.

Davenport asked how he could get rich, Huntington said, "Take \$10,000 and plant rubber trees. Good advice then, "I haven't got \$10,000," said Davenport.

"Then," said Huntington, "don't bother me until you get it."

Temperature more than 40 degrees below zero in the north-west reminds the east that the Old Spanish trail is now open from the east coast, through Florida, Texas, the Gulf Coast region and on through Arizona to Southern California, with good roads. Only two ferries between Atlantic and Pacific.

The trip takes you through Northern Florida, past the old Spanish missions of energetic, modern San Antonio. And once well started, you can leave your motor out of doors and sleep out of doors.

No more freezing until you come back to the northeast.

The infection in the king's lungs, accentuated by higher temperature indicating a fresh onset of pneumonia, alarms the British.

Lord Birkenhead says truly that King George has done for the British empire "more than any ten men." He has served largely, by abstaining from action, allowing those to run the empire that know how to run it, approving loyalty, patriotism and rewarding them.

## \$5,000,000 FRUIT CROP THIS YEAR

**Greatest Shipment in History Southern Oregon—4553 Carloads — 3036 Packed in Medford—Chamber Commerce and Traffic Body Give Figures**

The greatest fruit crop in the history of southern Oregon will bring in a return this year to growers of a gross sum conservatively estimated to be over five millions of dollars, according to figures obtained today from the chamber of commerce and Rogue River traffic association. This estimate is made on a gross average return of from \$1100 to \$1200 per car on a crop of 4,553 carloads, of which a total of approximately 290 carloads are still in storage in local plants.

A total of 3,026 cars were packed in Medford, with a balance of 213 cars packed in the remainder of Jackson county and in Josephine county. Of the entire crop of 4,553 cars, 249 cars were sent to outside concerns and 60 were used at local canneries. Approximately 453 cars of apples were packed in Medford and Jackson county for outside shipment and 37 were shipped to outside canneries, leaving 69 cars used locally, and in all making a crop of 739 cars of apples.

The pears were shipped in the following varieties, all packed: Bartlett, 874 cars; Howells, 705 cars; Rose, 781 cars; Anjou, 946 cars; Conice, 231; Winter Nells, 207; Patrick Barry, 5; Siskie, 4. Per car the Siskie pears brought the highest returns, with one selling in New York City this season for approximately \$4,400, and one from the Del Rio orchards.

The pears now in storage are being held for possibly higher market conditions, but few cars are being shipped each week. The season as a whole was a complete success, the growers being confronted with no special roadside problems as in other years and the market being in a satisfactory condition with the majority of the valley orchards having crops of good quality.

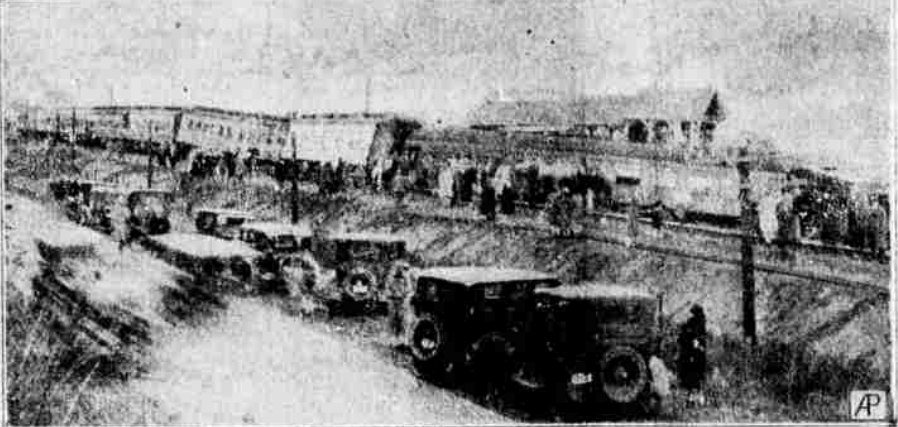
## MISSING MAN LOCATED LAST EVENING, SICK

Jule Wattenberg, reported missing from the Thomas Nichols ranch in the Eagle Point district since Tuesday morning, was located last evening near Gold Hill, suffering from a severe attack of influenza, and today was reported to be a very sick man. He is believed to have walked the entire distance from the Nichols ranch near the Dodge bridge to Gold Hill, temporarily deranged as the result of his illness, according to his mother, Mrs. J. Wattenberg, of this city.

She thought that her son, who is the hired man at the ranch, had taken sick and started walking in the belief that he was walking toward his home in the Talent district, but became lost after he left, and continued on his way, with his mind temporarily unbalanced. He is still at the Gold Hill ranch and will probably stay there until his condition is improved.

The sheriff's office, assisted by a posse, searched for Wattenberg yesterday but could find no trace of him.

## CRACK TRAIN LEAVES TRACKS IN OREGON



Six cars of the Shasta Limited, fast coast train of the Southern Pacific jumped the rail north of Roseburg, Ore. Twenty-four persons were injured, none seriously.

## MILL TO RUN ON LETHAL TRAP REDUCED BASIS BELIEVED SET DURING WINTER BY "SHINERS"

**Owen-Oregon Plant Not to Close Completely—Planning and Shipping Units to Operate—Plan Tree Sale**

The Owen-Oregon Lumber company plant in this city will not close down completely, as originally planned, but, instead will operate upon a four-day basis during the winter, according to General Manager James H. Owen. Orders to this effect were issued yesterday.

It was decided yesterday that the sawmill will close down Saturday, December 22, and resume upon a four-day basis, Monday, January 7. The two weeks will be devoted to making repairs to the main plant.

The planing mill and shipping units of the plant will operate normally. Beginning January 7, the sawmill will be operated upon a four-day week as soon as possible, and the regular six day a week basis as soon as market and lumber conditions warrant.

The logging camps of the company will close down December 22, and, it is expected they will be open about March 1. A loading crew will be maintained at Butte Falls.

Under this policy, the Owen-Oregon company will be able to employ between 250 and 300 men during the dull season. In the neighborhood of 150 men employed in the timber, however, will be out of work. Under the first plan considered in the neighborhood of 425 workers would have been idle.

General Manager Owen said that the matter of operation of the local plant had been under consideration for some time, and, a part-time basis for a short period was decided upon, as the best solution. Commercial interests of the city welcomed the decision.

Sufficient logs are now in the woods, and, in the ponds, for the operation of the sawmill.

Relief Fund Trees. General Manager Owen announced today the Medford Logging railroad would haul Christmas trees cut by employees, from the Rutie Falls district, and that the trees would be stored in front of the general offices of the company, for sale to the general public, by the relief committee of employees. The funds derived from the sale of the trees will be placed in the relief fund treasury for Yuletide and other relief purposes of the employees.

## MUMBLES OF DRUNKEN MAN REVEAL CRIME

**Arrested for Inebriation, Man Muttters of Kidnaping and Slaying Seven-Year-Old Joseph Storela — Body Found.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The body of a boy answering the description of Joseph Storela, seven years old, who was kidnaped from his home on the East side on November 17, was found today in a swamp under a bridge near Secaucus, N. J. Jersey City police, who found the body, notified police headquarters here. The boy's throat had been cut.

He was last seen at 8 o'clock on the night of November 17, by Joseph Guiliano, eight years old, a playmate.

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This anxiety on the public's part was responsible for the fact that despite a thick fog which enshrouded the palace, there was a constant trickle of visitors to the gates throughout the night. There had considerable difficulty reading the bulletin, being able to do so only by using electric torches or striking matches.

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## ENGLAND IS CHEERED BY BULLETINS

**King's General Condition Improving—Passed Fair Night — Temperature Is Lower—Still Very Sick Man — Royal Household Pleased.**

LONDON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The statement that King George's general condition was slowly improving came in the official morning bulletin from his physicians, was the most welcome announcement that has come from Buckingham palace since his majesty's illness became critical a few days ago. It served to cheer greatly the hearts of his loyal subjects who have been waiting with tense anxiety for some such word that would indicate a turn for the better.

The medical bulletin signed by Lord Dawson of Penn and Sir Stanley Hewitt, said: "The king has passed a fair night and his temperature this morning is lower. The general condition is slowly improving and the infective process, which remains severe, is becoming more localized."

It would probably seem unwise to interpret too optimistically the words of the bulletin for the king has now been ill for 17 days and is granted to be still a very sick man. Also it could hardly be thought that the chances for another turn for the worst have been eliminated.

Pleasure was expressed among the members of the royal household with what was regarded as the reassuring nature of the doctors' report. It was pointed out, however, that the progress indicated must necessarily be slow.

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## van Audience Acts to Stage Fealty in Knickers

FRANKFURT AM MAIN, Germany, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Public objection to representation of the Delty on the stage took a drastic turn at the municipal theatre last night when a production of Walter Hasenclever's comedy, "Marrriages Are Made in Heaven," provoked a bombardment of vile smelling bombs and tear gas grenades. The bombs were hurled by occupants of the galleries and the rest of the audience fled hastily from the theatre.

## TWO ME TU'S BEFUDDLE IN FIDDLING CASE

**Chinese Puzzle From Bull Fiddle, Tomcat and Complaint—Twin Tu's Tangle With Justice—Both Draw Fines.**

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 6.—(AP)—If ever you have wondered what a "Chinese puzzle" is, have a look at the strange case of Me Tu.

Me Tu is a Chinese. Really he is two Chinese. Or is he? You see, it becomes involved right at the outset. And when you consider the bullfiddle and the tomcat, the neighbors, the constable and the judge, you have a Chinese puzzle if ever there was one.

Was there a laundry? Of course, still is, for that matter. It is at 1221 Sherman street.

The neighbors had complained that Me Tu, the bull-fiddle and the tomcat constituted a trio which for unalloyed noise had few equals and positively no superiors. When Me Tu began sawing on the bull-fiddle and the tomcat got under way with his shell arias, the resultant cacophony was suggestive of a Gershwin rhapsody played on an untuned callophone in competition with two dozen riveting machines.

Constable George Harrison went to the laundry yesterday to arrest Me Tu. He saw no one.

"Where," he demanded, "is Me Tu?"

Two Chinese, as alike as the inevitable two peas in a pod, bobbed from behind the counter.

## NOMINATE WEST AND WHITING

**President Upsets Predictions By Asking Confirmation for Roy West and Wm. Whiting — Interior and Commerce Secretaries—Forecast Fight On West.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—President Coolidge upset the predictions of many on Capitol Hill today by sending to the senate for confirmation of his term under the recess appointments given Secretary of the Interior and Commerce.

When the president failed to send these nominations up at the opening of congress there was much conjecture as to whether he might allow them to serve through the remainder of his term under the recess appointments given them during the summer.

A fight on Mr. West has been forecast, based on the argument of some senators that he had been connected with the Insull power interests and that a man from the far west should have the job.

Mr. Coolidge, however, passed their names along to the senate today for what action that branch of congress may care to take—fight or no fight. There has been no outspoken opposition to Mr. Whiting.

An indication that the fight might develop came as soon as the senate learned that the West nomination was before it. Chairman Nye of the public lands committee promptly announced that West would be asked to appear before that committee to state any connections he may have with the Insull interests.

"Certain charges have been made," Nye said, "I have no doubt that Mr. West can state his position very satisfactorily in regard to these charges of his connections with the power interests, but I think in view of the charges he should be given an opportunity to speak."

Senator Nye said he would ask to have the nomination of West referred to his committee and that he hoped to take it up in committee on Saturday.

## WILD ACCLAIM GREET SQUAD AT CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Ending a day of unprecedented welcome to an athletic team, Oregon state college grid heroes returned to the campus late last night amidst wild acclaim from the largest rally ever staged by students and fans.

## NORTHCOTT FACES TWO TRIALS NOW

**May Be Taken for Further Search On Desert—Crude Map Found — Believed Grave Guide — Accused Has Cold.**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott today had the ordeal of two trials for murder before him and the possibility that he will be taken for another search of the Mojave desert for the bones of his alleged four boy victims.

While he was pleading not guilty yesterday afternoon to a charge of killing "John Doe," the unidentified Mexican boy whose headless body was unearthed near Pineda last February, deputy sheriffs found a crudely sketched map at his former home here, which they believe may yet lead them to the previously sought desert graves.

Northcott was being treated in jail for a cold contracted during the 25 chilly hours of Monday night and Tuesday when he had guided officers over 450 miles of desert wilderness with the statement that he would prove himself innocent. The trip here no fruit, unless it was a hint he dropped about the map.

## MOORE IN DENIAL STILL OPERATION

**ROY A. MOORE, ON TRIAL IN FEDERAL COURT, DENIED UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION, TODAY, CHARGES OF GOVERNMENT OFFENSES THAT HE HAD OPERATED ILLEGAL STILL IN SHANNON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND MULTIPLE IN YAMHILL, MARION, TILLAMOOK AND OTHER COUNTIES IN OREGON.**

United States District Attorney George Neuner subjected Moore to a severe grilling, but the defendant branded as false every assertion made on the stand by Ernest K. Specht and George Mays, that Moore had conducted a liquor ring.

"I never had any connection with him in any liquor operations," said Moore, "but he accused me of double-crossing him, and said he'd get me. After that I began hearing about pending charges."

Elizabeth Moore, wife of Moore, a co-defendant, denied she ever kept books for any liquor ring, or that she had any connection with liquor traffic.

## YOUTH IS SOUGHT IN INVESTIGATION WIDOW'S SLAYING

TOWANDA, Pa., Dec. 6.—(AP)—A search for Arthur Leonard, 22, reared by Mrs. Samuel Jones, 55, was being made today by authorities investigating the slaying of the wealthy widow at her home near here.

The young man, formerly an instructor of a reform school, was reported to have been at the woman's farm home recently, but no trace of him was found when officials began their search.

Robbery was advanced as a motive of the crime. Relatives of the woman said she was in the habit of keeping large sums of money secreted about the house. No money was found in the house by the police.

An autopsy revealed that Mrs. Jones had suffered two head fractures, lacerations of the face and scalp, a broken nose and fractured bones in both hands in addition to having been shot in the face and arm. A coroner's jury returned a verdict that she came to her death "at the hands of a party or parties unknown."

## PORTLAND STUDENT IS WEST POINT NOMINEE

SALLEM, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Private Franklin T. Hulbert, Portland high school student, has been nominated by Governor Patterson for entrance in the United States military academy at West Point, says an announcement today from the office of Adjutant General George A. White, Private Samuel G. Walker of LaGrande was nominated as alternate. The nominations are made on the basis of grades made in a competitive examination held in November.

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