

The Weather
Forecast—Fair, and continued cold tonight and Friday.
Highest yesterday 50
Lowest this morning to 3 a. m. 17

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
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MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1929.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

A Joyful S. O. Day.
L. A. to N. Y. 18 Hours.
How the News Runs.
Usual Riots in India.

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A day in June does not compare with directors' meeting day for stockholders in Standard Oil Company of Indiana. Mr. Rockefeller is fighting to expel Colonel Stewart and Colonel Stewart is fighting to continue bossing S. O. of Indiana.

Imagine the emotions of stockholders that they are to receive a 50 per cent dividend without money and without price, also without income tax, plus higher dividends.
Four million five hundred thousand shares of perfectly good Standard Oil of Indiana stock, worth at present market prices \$44,000,000. That's a good deal to give away at a directors' meeting.

This liberality is expected to help Colonel Stewart's hunt for proxies. Mr. Rockefeller may tell stockholders it is easy enough to hand out stock, less easy to pay dividends on it, especially if the company should be cut off from the other little Standard Oil octopuses.
Enthusiasts were trying to buy Standard Oil of Indiana 3,000 shares at a time. Speculators said to themselves, "If Standard of Indiana can do it, why not other Standard Oil companies?" So others went up in price.

The price of copper metal went to 17 1/2 cents. Higher prices are expected. In the Anaconda laboratories John D. Ryan's experiments have produced thin copper at low cost for building purposes. In the long run, more copper will be used in building than for any other purpose.

Captain Havel, able flier from Houston, Texas, leaving Los Angeles Monday morning, got out on the edge of the Atlantic Tuesday afternoon, spoke over the radio that night, having broken all records, flying across the continent in 18 hours, 59 seconds. Except for had weather he would have landed two hours sooner.

That interests you, who will cross the continent in nine hours before long, and it interests railroad men, among the wise will imitate General Atterbury of the Pennsylvania, and take up flying without waiting, not imitating old stage coach owners who decided that "locomotives will never amount to much," and went to sleep.

The news of today runs in this fashion. Henry Ford, who yesterday rolled out his new model car No. 1,000,000, is producing 6000 cars a day in Detroit, employing in his plant 135,000 men.

Eamon De Valera, who insists that Ireland should be a republic, free of all British strings, is arrested trying to enter Ulster. The word "republic" is not popular in the north of Ireland.
Primo de Rivera, the Spanish dictator, says the upheaval in Spain amounts to nothing. The newspapers are muzzled, which indicates some trouble.
Colonel Bury, assistant secretary for mines, says 2000 miners needed in South Wales could not be obtained.

ASHLAND HOTEL DAMAGED BY BLAZE

BUSINESS SECTION IS EXPOSED

Heavy Loss From Fire and Water—Brisk Breeze Fans Flames Toward Adjoining Buildings—Partial Insurance Coverage—Medford Pumper to Scene

Fire of undetermined origin, but thought to have been caused by sparks from a chimney, gutted the upper stories of the Ashland Hotel at Ashland this morning, entailing a loss of \$45,000, partially covered by insurance, to the hotel, and damage from water of \$7500 to adjoining business houses.

The flames, fanned by a brisk breeze, threatened for a time, the business section of Ashland. When the fire was at its height, waterspouts adjoining and nearby structures, extinguished a number of minor blazes, caused by flying embers.

The storeroom of the I. N. L. Electric store, the Jackson Barber Shop, the Carter and Mills Realty office, and the offices of Dr. Rosen were damaged by water. All of the above firms have moved to new quarters.

Traffic was suspended over the Pacific Highway, both north and south, while the flames were raging to avoid congestion.

A pumper from the Medford fire department, manned by four firemen in charge of Chief Roy Elliott, was dispatched to the scene at 10:15 o'clock, upon a phone call for assistance. The pumper, with the right of way cleared, made a fast run to Ashland. The pumper was not put in service, as all danger had passed before its arrival.

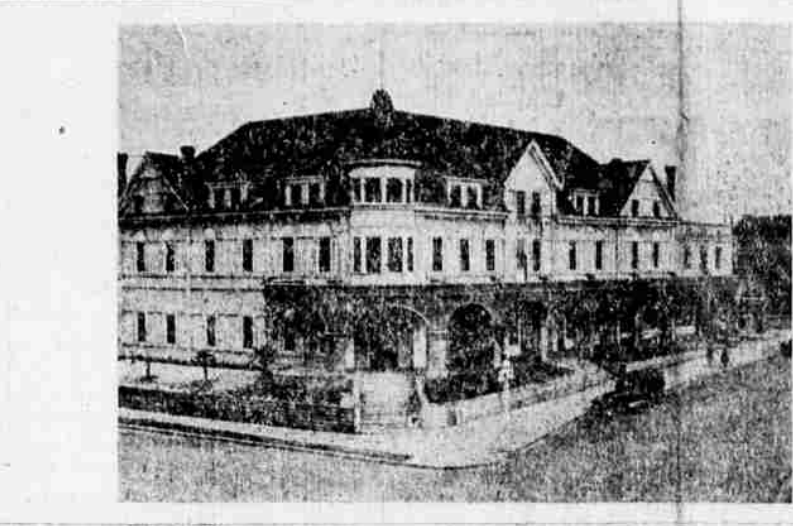
Seven streams of water were poured into the hotel, and after an hour and a half the flames were subdued. Every one of the 62 rooms in the hotel were water-soaked. Much of the furniture on the lower floor was removed.

Pedestrians on the street saw the fire about ten o'clock this morning and reported it. Within five minutes the entire roof and attic of the hotel were aflame. Some difficulty was experienced in first owing to the location of the fire.

The entire city of Ashland rushed to the scene and aided in fighting the conflagration. Watchmen with hose and buckets patrolled the roofs of business houses. Residents of this city, Talent, Phoenix, and the district south of Ashland also sped to the fire. The smoke from the fire was visible in this city.

The Ashland Hotel was built in 1889, and was one of the landmarks of the city. It was the scene of a fire last November of minor consequence. Recently the hotel was re-decorated. It was formally opened in February 1928. There was a report for Ashland this morning, that smoke had been noted floating from the roof last night shortly after midnight, but a search revealed nothing.

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JENSEN HODOO STOCK PRICES HARNESS RACES FORCES FLIGHT FALL RAPIDLY WILL FEATURE TO DISCONTINUE TODAY'S TRADE FAIR THIS FALL

MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y., Feb. 7.—(AP)—A "hoodoo" that trailed Martin Jensen from the time he took off yesterday in an attempt to break the solo endurance flight record finally forced him down at 2:19 this morning with less than half his goal achieved.

In the Bellanca monoplane Green Flash, he set out to beat the record of 35 hours and 25 minutes, established by the late Royal Thomas. He took off at 9:45 a. m. yesterday in the face of adverse weather conditions, and at the time of his landing had been in the air 17 hours, 4 minutes.

He declared the combination of ice and rain that he had faced all day and night, culminating in a series of petty annoyances caused him to give up the attempt.

A minor break in a gasoline pipe, the breaking of the thermostat and the bad weather caused some considerable annoyance. When a gallon earthen jug of water crashed to the floor of the cabin, sending fragments of the jug into his eyes, he decided he had enough.

While he did not suffer any serious injury to his eyes, Jensen said he would not be able to make a safe landing. He brought his plane down without mishap, however. Although he finished in second place in the Dole derby from San Francisco to Hawaii, he described his flight of yesterday and last night over the Long Island flying fields as one of the most difficult in his career.

Shortly after he ascended ice formed on the wings of his plane, causing him to lose altitude. Rain which followed soaked him and caused the ice to melt.

Despite these difficulties, notes dropped during the early evening greeted optimism.

It was Jensen's second failure in an attempt to set an endurance record. A week ago he was forced down by an overheated engine after two hours in the air.

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Carried from the open floor of the house to the inner sanctum of a meeting of the Multnomah county delegation, Representative Kyll Wednesday afternoon lost his second fight to have the telephone "home rule" bill removed from the judiciary committee of the house and placed in the hands of the Multnomah delegation.

REDUCTION FOR USED AUTOS IS STICKING POINT

Demand Made That Cheaper License Include Scale of Reduction on Second Hand Cars—Two Alternatives Seen.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The demand that whatever is done by the state legislature in the reduction of automobile licenses shall recognize used cars will not dawn at a meeting of the joint roads and highways committee Wednesday night, called to discuss house bill 280, the measure reducing licenses but not recognizing used cars. It was stated that the committee will have before them soon another bill providing for a scale of reductions on used cars.

There are two alternatives for the new measure to take. One of these is the passage of a bill by the legislature sealing down the fees on used cars according to age, and making the effectiveness of the measure contingent on a constitutional amendment to be submitted by this legislature to the people. The other alternative is to put both the constitutional amendment and the fee reducing bill on the ballot at the same time with the provision that the fee bill be not effective unless the amendment is also adopted. The reason for these proposed courses is that state legal authorities believe license reductions on used cars against new cars would not be valid under the state constitution as it now is.

The joint committee and the special committee that prepared the house bill 280 schedule Hester last night to public criticism of the measure.

No Relief Is Claimed Ben T. Osborne, executive secretary of the state federation of labor, G. M. Whipple, a farmer of Marion county, C. A. Garrett, farmer of Roseburg, were all critical of the measure, contending that because of the proposed one cent increase in the gasoline tax the change would actually bring no relief.

A sub-committee of the joint ways and means committee conferred long and warmly Wednesday afternoon with members of the state land settlement commission relative to cutting the state loss from the model farm near Independence, Roseburg and Prineville. It developed that the independence farm has already been sold and that the commission cannot sell the Prineville farm because it is on an irrigation project.

A tentative agreement, over the protest of the commission, was reached that a bill be introduced instructing the commission to sell the Roseburg farm. The sub-committee, however, will consider this further in executive session.

One development was that Whitney L. Boies of Portland, chairman of the commission since its inception 10 years ago, has personally advanced about \$6500 in an effort to make the projects succeed, and that Prof. H. B. Scudder of Corvallis is "in" about \$1200. Scudder is manager for the commission. The commission members appeared to believe the projects would be saved and the demonstration of the one-family farm idea made a success, but failed to overcome the skepticism of the committee members.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP) Open warfare between the building and loan associations and the bankers of the state was staged at a public hearing on S. B. 43, at a meeting of banking committees of the two houses Wednesday evening.

Operation of a demand deposit business by building and loan associations, considered by banks a prerogative of banks only under the present code, while such associations are not under the jurisdiction of the state banking department formed the basis of the objections of the banking fraternity.

LINDBERGH ON BOARD SARATOGA

Avator Is Guest On Plane Carrier During Maneuvers—Returns to Panama Friday for Home Flight—30,000 Letters Ready for Return Trip.

PANAMA, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was a guest today aboard the U. S. S. Saratoga, airplane carrier, while that ship participated in maneuvers of the Pacific fleet.

He will return here tomorrow and prepare for departure Sunday on a return flight to the United States. This will reverse the route of his flight from Miami, Fla., which ended yesterday at 4 p. m. at Cristobal.

Colonel Lindbergh's visit aboard the Saratoga, by special arrangement and in compliance with a desire of naval authorities that he be taken along to give his opinion on a naval air problem.

To attend the maneuvers he flew across the isthmus last night from Cristobal to Panama, where he boarded the Saratoga.

Official quarters were somewhat at sea as to whether he would take mail back with him to the United States.

More than 30,000 letters are ready for the return flight, but advices were received from Ricardo Alfaro, minister at Washington, that the postoffice department had informed him it had been planned on this trip to carry mail only from the United States.

Only Trial It was said the flight from Miami had been only a trial affair and that no arrangements had been made for a return air mail flight in the strict sense of the word, but that such transportation of air mail from Central American countries to the United States would be possible when the service was arranged on a permanent basis.

Despite this, however, government authorities continued their plans to send mail back to the United States aboard the plane.

Colonel Lindbergh's three-day trip from Miami was completed when he landed at Cristobal after hops which carried him during the day from Managua, Nicaragua, and then had his old troubles with cheering crowds repeated. The crowds massed around his plane and it was only with difficulty he was able to make his way among them.

He reported excellent weather and flying conditions on the trip yesterday. Stops were made at Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, David (Panama), and Panama City. He arrived at his destination on time to the minute.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rohn and family leave Monday morning for Nevada, where they plan to make their home.

JACKSON COUNTY ATTRACTION PROMISES TO BE BEST IN HISTORY—ASSOCIATION PLANS CALLS FOR BIG RACE TRACK PROGRAM.

The Jackson county fair next September from the 14th to the 18th promises to be the best in the history of the county, according to plans discussed at last night's meeting of the fair association, which decided to feature harness and racing as one of the big attractions of the four-day fair. Plans are going steadily ahead to provide one of the best programs of any fair in the state, including a number of features never seen here before.

An unusual feature for which plans are being made is a wedding in the grandstand every night. The fair association will offer cash prizes and merchants will offer merchandise to each couple. It is planned to have a bona fide marriage ceremony performed each night and it is suggested that couples who have matrimony in mind wait until September and thus receive wedding presents, which otherwise they would not have. The fair board suggests couples make early application and is ready to receive them now.

Secure Carnival H. O. Frohbach, secretary of the association, will be in Portland next Saturday to attend a meeting of the American Trotting association, which will be featured, which otherwise they would not have. The fair board suggests couples make early application and is ready to receive them now.

Auto polo and pushball, which has not been seen in Medford for years, will be another feature of the fair and will include several specially constructed autos to take part in the sport.

The fair association is assured of exceptionally good running and trotting races, as the string of horses to be used are regarded as being among the best on the coast. The horses, before coming to Medford, will take part in the Josephine county fair the week before and in the Lane county fair during the last week of August. Following their appearance here, the horses will fill an engagement at Myrtle Point and during the early part of October will be at the state fair at Salem.

The following tentative racing program has been outlined: Wednesday, September 11, 2:20 pace; 2:15 trot and running races; Thursday, 2:20 trot, 2:15 pace and running races; Friday, free-for-all trot, special pace, and running races; Saturday, free-for-all pace, special trot and running races.

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Wall Street has seldom awaited a market opening with more interest, not so much to see what the market would do as it was generally considered that a reaction was inevitable, but to learn the extent of the decline. The few first prices which appeared on the tape showed losses of only fractions to 2 points, but then came a block of 20,000 shares of U. S. Steel common at an overnight loss of 6 points and a break of 17 points in General Electric on the first sale.

Other high priced industrials were then thrown overboard. Wright Aeronautical dropping 16 points, Case Threshing Machine 15 Dupont 13, Westinghouse Electric 11 and Allied Chemicals, Curtiss, U. S. Industrial Alcohol and National Cash Register fell 8 to 10 points. Rails yielded with the industrials, Canadian Pacific dropping 9 points and Union Pacific 8.

Prices hit the toboggan again late in the afternoon when selling orders once more overran the market. Radio extended its decline to 26 points and Johns Manville to 23. U. S. Steel got down to 17 1/2 and Pere Marquette and Packard suffered losses of 8 points. The closing was weak, sales approximated 3,300,000 shares.

N. C. WESTERFIELD TO GIVE ADDRESS POULTRY RAISERS

A real treat is in store for poultry raisers of the Rogue valley when N. C. Westerfield delivers an interesting address at the Central Point Grange hall Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. "Poultry for Profit" will be the topic of Mr. Westerfield's instructive talk and his appearance promises to be of vital interest to every raiser of poultry in this county.

There will be no charge for Friday evening's meeting as it is being sponsored by the Poultry Producers association as a part of their program of cooperation with southern Oregon poultrymen.

N. C. Westerfield is himself a practical farmer and has a record of much valuable and constructive work in behalf of farmers of the entire state, according to Clay Parker, manager of the Farm Bureau Rural Cooperative Exchange of this city. He has had wide experience in poultry raising and is considered an authority of correct feeds. Tonight, between 8:00 and 9:00 o'clock, Mr. Westerfield will give a talk to those who "tune in" on the Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange's radio hour over KMBD.

TEST SUBMARINE EN ROUTE DRYDOCK

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 7.—(AP) Having successfully completed numerous tests of apparatus expected to make submarine service infinitely less hazardous, the U. S. S. Mallard, tender, was expected to return here today with the S-4, which will be placed in repair.

Following successful attempts yesterday in which men escaped from the sunken submarine in 76 feet of water off Smith's Shoals, with the aid of oxygen inflated head gear, a leak was discovered in the periscope of the submarine and it was deemed advisable to stop it here for repair.

SENATE PASSES DUNN PUBLIC DANCE BILL

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—(AP) Pete Sauer, young Glendale, Cal., wrestler, defeated Dick Davis, cowboy of Kansas here last night. Davis won the first fall with a headlock after one hour and 30 minutes. Sauer took the second in 22 minutes with a headlock and the match, a few minutes later when he threw the Kansan out of the ring and the latter failed to get back within the 20 second limit. Over 6,000 fans saw the match.

LEON TROTZKY NOT ON SOVIET STEAMER

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Soviet vessel Krasny Flot aboard which Leon Trotsky, former head of the red army, was reported sailing for Turkey, arrived at port today, but there was no sign of the exiled opposition leader aboard.

CONVICT'S FATHER DEMANDS PROBE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—An investigation of the death of Wilson H. Fish, convict, shot and killed at the Oregon state prison last Friday night, will be demanded by the youth's father.

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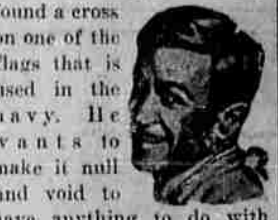
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WILL ROGERS SAYS: NEW YORK, FEB. 7.—PEOPLE THAT HAD A DOUBT ABOUT THAT PEACE TREATY AMOUNTING TO MUCH CAN REST MORE ASSURED NOW. THEY VOTED FOR CRUISERS. HEFLIN FOUND A CROSS ON ONE OF THE FLAGS THAT IS USED IN THE NAVY. HE WANTS TO MAKE IT NULL AND VOID TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANY FLAG THAT BETSY ROE WAS NOT THE ARCHITECT. HE HAS TRACED THE HEMSTITCHING ON THIS ONE RIGHT TO THE VATICAN. TOM WILL BE WANTING TO ABOLISH BOULEVARDS THAT MAKE DIRECT RIGHT ANGLE CROSSING (CLAIMING THAT IT WAS SOME SORT OF PAPAL SIGN) AND MAKE 'EM CROSS each other slantwise. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

P. S.—Gruffy is bringing the new treaty bill down for the boys to sign.



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