

The Weather
Forecast—Unsettled tonight and Saturday, with rain.
Highest yesterday 58
Lowest this morning to 5 a. m. 31

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Highest year ago today 54
Lowest year ago today 34

Daily—Twenty-Cent Year.
Sundays—Six-Cent Year.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Latest Coolidge News.
Goodbye to Tom Taggart.
Kindly Illusions.
Drugs and Leprosy.

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Latest information about Calvin Coolidge, now living in his half of a little two-family house in Northampton, Mass. He will NOT practice law. That's because he would not want to capitalize his influence before a jury or supreme court judge. He does not say so, but everyone knows it.

That decision will cost Mr. Coolidge at least \$250,000 a year.

Mr. Coolidge has contracted to write a number of magazine articles for Cosmopolitan Magazine, but does not intend to become a regular magazine writer.

He thinks his talent lies in another direction.

He might interest fathers and mothers, and their wisest sons and daughters, by a series of articles on the importance of thrift.

He could interest the whole with articles on "How to run for office 19 or 20 times and be elected every time."

Mr. Coolidge, who has never been to Europe, says there are many things in the United States that he must see, and Europe can wait.

This will strike Europe as very "provincial." It will strike the United States as common sense.

Tom Taggart of Indiana is dead. He had an interesting life while it lasted, and it lasted 72 years. He was a political boss for a generation, controlling his state. He defeated Champ Clark and nominated Woodrow Wilson for the presidency.

Now that he is in heaven, and presumably knows everything, Mr. Taggart knows just how useful he was when his influence gave Woodrow Wilson the presidency.

Sir Oliver Lodge, an old man, heartbroken by the death of his wife, reports that she has sent messages, since her death. "She met and was welcomed by her son and daughter and was allowed to send us a characteristic and evidential message before being taken by them to rest and reparation."

Anything that comforts sorrow is welcome and good, the belief that friends can talk to us from the other side of the grave, the more widespread belief that all of the dead, except the bad, are waiting with wings, harps and happy songs to welcome us when we arrive.

The one to be pitied is he who, like Herbert Spencer, is forced to say "My intelligence forbids me to hope for anything but annihilation after this life."

Fortunately, HOPE itself is evidence of something better than annihilation. Why should we uselessly condemn the human race to hope for that which cannot be?

Hollywood is horrified by revelations concerning drug addicts, and determined, as it should be, to wipe out the drug trade, and punish doctors that prescribe drugs, with safety for themselves, and destruction for their patients.

The great danger in drug addiction is not the suffering of victims, but the fact that drug addicts often seek to inflict the drug curse on those free of the evil.

IRRIGATION LITIGATION IS SETTLED

Rosenberg Announces Favorable Agreement With Welch Interests—Prosperity and Cut in Maintenance Cost Promised—\$10,500 Bonds in Escrow

With a favorable settlement reached this week between the Medford Irrigation District and the Public Water company, also known as the Pat Welch interests, and announced today by Dave Rosenberg, president of the district, the district is taking a great step forward in the elimination of litigation that had existed for years. The settlement promises to bring greater prosperity and a probable substantial reduction in maintenance rates to its 260 water users.

When the district was formed eight years ago, a contract was made with the Pat Welch interests for the construction and completion of the irrigation system at a cost of approximately \$1,250,000. However, when the system was delivered, it was not complete in keeping with the standards of the district, which then did not feel obligated to make complete payment.

It was not long until the district was sued by the defendant of lawsuit seeking \$50,000, but the district in a short time brought suit against the Welch interests. There were several suits from both sides and the matter was definitely tied up in litigation, encouraging somewhat unfavorable conditions for the district. Attempts were made several times for settlement, but such attempts availed nothing.

Settlement Reached
As president of the district, Mr. Rosenberg took an active interest in the matter and largely through the untiring efforts of the president, Mr. Rosenberg, together with Director Burch and their attorney, Porter Neff, a basis for settlement was reached by the district and the Welch interests. The district gained the administration of the water, outfitting it to two-thirds of all water coming from Four Mile and Fish lakes to be divided at the Bradshaw Drop intake above Eagle Point. The remaining one-third will go to the Public Water company for use in the Hopkins lateral ditch, supplying the Central Point area.

This, in itself, according to Mr. Rosenberg, is a signal victory for the district, as it will no longer be necessary for water users to receive only a certain amount of water at certain times, and the water can now be used as the district sees fit. Water may be obtained if the season is early and may be used in greater quantities should the season be unusually dry.

This feature of the settlement gives the Medford Irrigation District virtual ownership of its own system, affording a better contact with the source of supply, and affords the basis of probable greater development within the district.

Reduce Maintenance
Under the old plan, the sum of \$1 per year for every acre irrigated in the district was assessed for the maintenance of the canal from the Bradshaw Drop intake to Four Mile and Fish lakes, a distance of 24 miles. Under the new plan, this maintenance work will be under the direct charge of the Medford Irrigation District, and is expected to be done at a much smaller figure. The Public Water company will pay to the district pro rata maintenance cost, bringing about a reversal to the situation.

MEXICAN ARMY LEADERS DEFY PRESIDENT GIL



Mexico is again in the throes of a revolution. Above is a typical wartime scene showing revolutionary troops. Below is a company of the army of President Portes Gil.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Robert Edwards, 32, of this city, who has been a working man most of his life, supporting an aged mother and a sister, learned yesterday that all lands near Tulsa, Okla., have stretched out to him by \$300,000. Edwards heard news of his good fortune from John Stone, Oklahoma City attorney, and executor of the estate of Edwards' grandfather, John Hauka, who died two years ago in Australia.

"I don't see any reason why I should quit work now," said Edwards. "Perhaps I'll buy a small automobile and pay off a few debts, but I won't allow money to make me lazy."

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Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, March 8.—This revolution in Mexico is for no reason whatever, only those that are out want in. They got no improvements to offer. Now it's known that whoever the United States backs with money and guns will win. So we ask, "What do they do it for?" Yet the Mexicans look at our democratic uprising every few years, where we know that the side with the "big money" will win, where there is no new improvements to offer, and it's all for the same reason, and it's the side that's out wants in." So every nation is equally unekoo." It depends on who is looking at us. Their losers get shot, and ours the back page, so it's which would you rather have? Yours.

WILL ROGERS.
P. S.: This rebel leader, Escobar, was my principal host when there. I am just kinder figuring where we are going to run onto each other again.