

The Weather

Forecast—Fair, and frost tonight; Tuesday probably rain. 24 hrs. precipitation to 3 a. m. .01 Highest yesterday .32 Lowest this morning to 3 a. m. .35

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Weather Year Ago

Highest year ago today 54 Lowest year ago today 43

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

The Quick Hoover Mind. High Finance Buys Land. Better, Brighter Juries. Killed, When Caught.

President Hoover has a quality more important to executives than any, except sound judgment.

HE MAKES UP HIS MIND QUICKLY.

That quality is invaluable to its possessor and to the country, in an official with whom DECIDING is a daily duty.

When told of the Mexican revolution, the president did not wait a week. In five minutes he had told his cabinet "Our business interests and duty demand support of the existing Mexican government."

This does not imply complete approval of all that the Mexican government has done, or disapproval of the revolutionary cause. It means that the president means to uphold stability of government.

High finance, having taken in almost everything from railroads to cafeterias, from theaters and dry goods stores to soft drinks and power companies, decides, at last, to try real estate, offering the most solid, permanent investment.

Lehman Brothers have organized with \$10,000,000 paid in the General Realty and Utilities corporation, with L. W. Abrams, a real expert, as president.

This will establish land values on a stronger basis, providing a ready market for offerings worth while. Forty millions cash will easily finance \$100,000,000 worth of real estate.

Especially important to New York is Robert Lehman's suggestion that the new company may establish an airport in New York City, if it can be done on a sound basis.

That would fit in with the plans of the \$100,000,000 flying corporation recently financed by the Lehmans. New York needs, for its self respect, some offset to the great airport planned just off the lake front, in the heart of Chicago.

President Hoover means to improve and simplify legal machinery for prohibition enforcement. Juries better selected, special tribunals, more speed are instituted in the program.

President Hoover, a total abstainer, will enforce the law if it can be enforced. But it is a big "IF."

Prohibition authorities propose an advertising campaign with cartoons and posters, spending \$50,000 appropriated by the government for prohibition educational purposes.

Advertising is powerful, but \$50,000 is not much. You would need at least a million to start a new chewing gum. And one story of wholesale murder by bootleg gangsters might nullify a \$10,000 prohibition camp.

Mexican authorities announce, as a matter of course.

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EAST-WEST RAIL ROUTE IS FAVORED

Tentative Report to I. C. C. Advises Order for Rail Extension Through Central Oregon at Cost of \$9,000,000—Would Run From Crane to Crescent.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—(AP) In a tentative report to the interstate commerce commission today the body was advised to require railroads to build an east and west extension through central Oregon at a cost of \$9,000,000.

Commissioner McManamy, assigned by his associates to investigate the Oregon situation which was brought to the commission's attention by a complaint of the public service commission of that state, filed a formal conclusion holding that the commission had authority to compel railroads to extend their lines, and that the Oregon situation required the extension proposed.

The new line would run from Crane to Crescent lake, both points in Oregon, and would connect the railroads in the eastern part of the state with the lines in the western part, traversing territory now thinly settled, but making more accessible important grazing areas. While the Oregon complaint was directed against the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern systems, all of which operate in the state, the McManamy report recommended that the construction should be undertaken by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific, and that its use should be extended to the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line.

The report is to be considered by the full commission, and opportunity will be given the railroads concerned and the state to present further argument on the proposal.

SALEM, Ore., March 11.—(AP) If the interstate commerce commission approves the tentative report filed with it today, recommending construction of a railroad line across Oregon from east to west, or from Crane to Crescent Lake, the entire program of rail construction initiated by the Oregon public service commission eight years ago will have been accomplished. This statement was made today by H. H. Corey member of the Oregon commission, who mainly has been responsible for the movement.

The tentative recommendation to the interstate commission was made, Corey said, by Examiner Rogers and Commissioner McManamy. The Oregon commission has not yet received official information of the report. Upon being shown an Associated Press dispatch relative to the report, Corey prepared the following summary of the entire development:

"The public service commission on October 10, 1922, initiated proceedings before the interstate commerce commission under the provisions of the 1920 transportation act, which authorized the interstate commerce commission to connect either at Klamath Falls or northward to connect with the line of railroad to be found by the commission that such extension is reasonably required in the interests of public convenience and necessity, and if such extension will not impair the ability of the carrier to perform its duty to the public.

In the complaint filed by the Oregon commission which made all the carriers of the state of Oregon defendants, the prayer was that the interstate commerce commission order the construction of a line of railroad to be constructed from Oakridge to Kirk, Oregon, known as the Natron cutoff; also a line from Bend to Klamath Falls; and a line from Crane westward to connect with the line from Bend to Klamath on the Natron cutoff in the vicinity of Oakridge. That a line be constructed from Harbison to Burns and a line from Lakeview to connect either at Klamath Falls or northward to connect with the cross state line.

"It will be noted that this entire program is practically completed or in the course of completion with the exception of the cross state line, Crane to Crescent Lake or Odell, which is now recommended."

PORTLAND LUMBERMAN CHARLES RUSSELL, DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., March 11.—(AP)—Charles Sumner Russell, 79, lumberman, died at his home here today, after an illness of six months. He was president of Dant & Russell, lumber operators, and had been identified with lumber operations in the west for 25 years.

Refurnished Office and Simple Home Greeting For Coolidges Upon Return to Northampton Home



Respecting the former president's wishes, Northampton, Mass., welcomed Coolidge back to civil life quietly. The law office of "Coolidge and Hemenway" in the building (upper left), was redecorated and refurbished before the return of Mr. Coolidge. The old home on Massachusetts street (lower right) was little changed, although some of the old neighbors had moved away.

PRIEST IS SHOT MELVIN HOPES SERGRAVE SETS AFTER SERVICES TO ENTER PLAY SPEED RECORD IN OHIO CHURCH STATE TOURNEY FLORIDA BEACH

Woman Member of Congregation Fires Five Shots at Father Riccardi—Claimed Child Mistreated at Parish School.

CANTON, Ohio, March 11.—(AP) The Rev. Father Joseph A. Riccardi was shot and fatally wounded in his church yesterday, and if his condition continues to improve, will take part in the state tournament. Melvin suffered from a slight attack of appendicitis which responded to treatment.

The 1929 team will leave for Salem tomorrow night by train, arriving Wednesday morning. They will work out on the beach where water had collected from the receding tide, but it did not interfere with his driving. Mrs. Segrave who sat in the grandstand covered her eyes with her hands. She did not look up until her husband was reported safe at the end of the course.

Major Segrave was traveling so fast that photographers stationed on the beach, found it almost impossible to follow him with their eyes. To the spectators in the grandstand high on the sand dunes, however, the visibility was much clearer and his run could be witnessed clearly.

His speed not only surpassed the present two way record of 297 miles an hour but also exceeded the record of 214 miles an hour for a one way run set by Malcolm Campbell of England.

That figure was the average speed of two runs up and down over a measured mile course. His average time for the distance was 15.56 seconds.

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The new record surpassed by 23.51 miles an hour the mark set here last year by Roy Keesh, driving J. M. White's Triplex, whose time was 267.57. White's car with Lou Bily at the wheel, was grounded a run right after Segrave in an effort to better the Britisher's mark.

Key Man Leaves Hospital—Team Leaves Tuesday—Drawings Set for Wednesday—Many Fans Plan to Attend.

At Melvin, star forward and key man of the Medford high school basketball team was discharged from the hospital this morning, and if his condition continues to improve, will take part in the state tournament. Melvin suffered from a slight attack of appendicitis which responded to treatment.

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British Driver Clips 23.81 Miles Per Hour From Best Mark—Speed Fools Photographers—Wife Hides Eyes During Run.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., March 11.—(AP) Major H. O. D. Segrave, race driver, set a new world's automobile speed record here today at 231,352.46 miles an hour.

At the north end of the course, the British driver stopped for several minutes to replenish the oil supply in his cooling system and to change all four wheels and tires.

Heading the outside of the course, Major Segrave ran through several low places on the beach where water had collected from the receding tide, but it did not interfere with his driving. Mrs. Segrave who sat in the grandstand covered her eyes with her hands. She did not look up until her husband was reported safe at the end of the course.

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MAY TAKE TOURNEY TO PORTLAND

Secretary of State Athletic Association Says Boycott By Salem Must Be Called Off—Dislike Punish Willamette University for Action of High School.

SALEM, Ore., March 11.—(AP) Efforts toward establishing peaceful relations between the Salem high school and two members of the high school district athletic board were under way today.

After having been beaten in the district tournament here by Chemawa last week, supporters of the local school were making preparations to back the Indians to the limit in their endeavor to take the state title. Indications today were that one of the largest crowds ever to attend an athletic event in the capital city would be on hand for the exciting event Wednesday evening, when the first game is to be played.

Calls for reservations for the tournament were being received hourly by the management from all parts of the state.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 11.—(AP) Roy E. Cannon, secretary of the State Athletic association, declared here today that if "Salem doesn't show" any change by tomorrow night, the annual state high school basketball championship tournament will be moved to Portland and will be played there instead of at Willamette university gymnasium at Salem.

The near-riot Friday night when two hundred Salem high school students threatened to toss two state association officials into a hill race, after Salem high was defeated by Chemawa, was given by Cannon as the reason for his statement.

Cannon did not comment on the news from Salem Saturday night that students of Salem high will turn out en masse at the tournament to cheer for the team that defeated them. This move to support Chemawa was made, it was said, in an effort to wipe out whatever stigma might have been incurred by Friday night's demonstration. J. C. Nelson, principal of Salem high said the action of the students was "highly regrettable," but that the students felt justified in objecting to the tournament having been called on "such short notice."

Tourney Halted

The action of the Salem students had halted the tournament plans. The trouble arose when R. R. Turner and W. E. Kirk, members of the district athletic board, directed that Salem enter the semifinals to determine what team would represent the district in the annual meet. Salem had gone there the season undefeated and had won from Chemawa.

When Salem lost Friday night to the Indians, student ire was aroused and directed at the two men who ordered the playoff.

Cannon today said he had information that Salem people, still angered because Salem was required to play in the district tournament on the Thursday night, were planning a "boycott" of the Friday meet.

Cannon did not say where he obtained this information. "Other sources close to the situation had heard nothing of the reported 'boycott,' and considered Cannon's informant in error."

In speaking of the "boycott," Cannon said: "If they (Salem) continue in that decision the state board of control is in favor of transferring the tournament."

"Board members feel Salem has forfeited its right to the annual tournament," Cannon said. "They dislike to punish Willamette university and its coach, Roy Keese, for the high school action, and that is all that is holding up transfer of the tournament."

"If Salem doesn't show any change by tomorrow night the tournament will be moved. As a state athletic board we feel we should protect the members of the district board who were subjected to such indignities."

Cannon admitted that there was hardly a suitable place in Portland to hold such a tournament.

Is Reappointed



WASHINGTON, March 11.—(AP) Brigadier General Frank T. Hines of Utah, has been reappointed by President Hoover as director of the veterans' bureau.

SUNSHINE COMES AFTER DRENCHING WEEK-END RAINS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—(AP) Blue skies were smiling over most of the coast land today, after a week-end drenching which revealed thousands of acres of grain, pasture and orchard crops.

While government forecasts gave Oregon and Washington predictions of slightly cloudy conditions, but with moderate temperatures, the order for the day throughout California was fair weather, with moderate temperatures and moderate winds.

Severely parched lands were rejuvenated by the week-end's downpours with the exception of Imperial valley; the rainfall was general throughout California. It ranged in intensity from moderate to heavy with Los Angeles and Santa Rosa reporting the heaviest participation.

At Los Angeles, rainfall of 2.42 inches for the 24 hours ending at 6 o'clock last night, brought the total for the season to date, to 11.93 inches. At Santa Rosa, the fall of 4.16 inches brought the total to 11.74 inches.

General Aguirre rebel leader in Vera Cruz, who was decisively defeated last week, was reported to have asked terms of surrender. Government vessels were guarding against his escape by sea. He was told unconditional surrender were the only terms he would get.

The likelihood that the government would take strong measures with the rebel leaders was indicated at Mexico City where court-martial and executions were expected to close the uprising.

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U. P. AND ST. PAUL SPEED UP TRAINS FROM NORTHWEST

PORTLAND, Ore., March 11.—(AP) The Union Pacific system announced today that its passenger train schedule between Chicago and Portland will be "at least as low" as any schedule of competing lines.

CHICAGO, March 11.—(AP) The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Pacific railroad today announced its decision to cut five hours from its running time between Chicago and the Pacific northwest. This decision followed similar action announced by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads.

REPORT HIGHWAYS SLIPPERY TODAY

The Ashland-Klamath Falls and Pacific highways were reported this forenoon to be in a dangerous condition as the result of several inches of slushy snow and ice. In crossing either of the highways, the use of chains is advised, several motorists reporting difficulty in making the crossing. Despite the reported dangerous condition, no auto mishaps have been brought to the attention of state traffic officers. Heavy snowfall took place in the mountains yesterday and more was falling today.

TORREON TO BE SITE OF BIG BATTLE

Mexican Government and Rebels Converging On Torreon Region — Calles Leads 18,000 Picked Men — Canitas Captured By Federals—Mazatlan Rebel Goal.

(By the Associated Press.)

Opening of the second week of the Mexican revolution found government and rebel forces converging rapidly, with the likelihood of a decisive clash in the region of Torreon where General Escobar, rebel commander-in-chief, is concentrating heavy forces.

P. Elias Calles, chief of staff of the federal armies, leading a body of picked men, estimated at 18,000, was proceeding northward along the National railway toward Torreon.

Canitas, important railway junction held by the rebels for a short time, fell before the advancing rebels without bloodshed, when more than 1,000 men, according to Mexico City reports.

While the federals were proceeding northward through Zacatecas, the rebels were developing an important movement along the west coast in Sinaloa, under command of General Cruz, with Mazatlan as their immediate goal.

Should Mazatlan fall to the insurgents, a way would be open through Nayarit and Guadalupe to Mexico City itself. This would enable the rebels to outflank General Calles, endangering his forces from a rear attack.

The federal forces were aligned in a wide half-moon which has been steadily constricted toward the northwest. Federals under General Almazan, on the right flank were advancing toward Torreon from the east, keeping pace with the Calles movement from the south.

To meet this double threat heavy rebel reinforcements were proceeding southward toward Torreon. Other bodies were speeding down the Southern Pacific railway toward Mazatlan.

About 1,300 soldiers in the lower district of Baja California went over to the insurgents and were reported en route across the Gulf of California to aid in the drive on Mazatlan.

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Will Rogers Says: NEW YORK, March 11.—Juarez has been taken over by one side or the other, but that don't mean anything. That was just like the border states going republican last fall. They will switch back next time if the other side makes 'em a better offer. And that's the way with Juarez. Shots are coming over into El Paso. The senate will investigate now, pass a law to "make a bullet tight in the same country it started from." The senate might advocate "wider rivers between the two countries."