

**The Weather**  
Generally cloudy tonight and Thursday, occasional rains. Cooler Thursday.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Temperatures**  
Highest yesterday ..... 78  
Lowest this morning ..... 40

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year.  
Weekly—Fifty-eighth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1929.

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## Today

By Arthur Brisbane  
**One Big Thing Done.  
A New White Slavery.  
The Servant Problem.  
The Marvellous French.**

The baseball championship is out of the way, Philadelphia and Connie took winning, with President Hoover looking on. Next come the great football games, with peace, naval armament reduction and other minor affairs of life sandwiched in between the games.

A committee of fourteen says night clubs are responsible for today's vice, or some of it. Old "white slave dealers" are antiquated.

The night club owner engages young women through employment agencies, many of them deliberately and knowingly purveyors of vice.

Young women think that they are engaged as dancing instructors. It is the old "white slave" business, on a somewhat different basis with bootlegging as an adjunct.

French women face a serious servant girl problem, but they will get little sympathy from American housewives. Women in France complain bitterly because they have to pay a really good cook \$16 a month and board.

"Extravagant Americans" are blamed for the high wages and exaggerated demands of modern French servants. They even ask for hot running water in the kitchen and object to having only a candle for a bedroom light.

The French are a marvelous people. No other can compare with them in thrift, determination and sleepless energy.

Just now France is a little bothered by Mussolini's rebuilding of the old Roman empire, and its habits which included the disagreeable custom of traveling north over the Alps.

The French government is spending \$100,000,000, real dollars, not francs, increasing the strength of its Alpine fortifications.

The French believe in peace, like it, want it. They also believe in safety and being prepared.

France has accumulated one thousand millions of dollars in New York, a good American BILLION, equivalent to twenty-five billions of French

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Mrs. Lafe Bad has received four A pluses on compositions an problems an' her daughter has only been back in school two weeks. Now that we're all fed up on the female figure, let's buckle down to business an' watch our step in traffic.

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## PRIESTESS OF CULT IS HELD THIEF

**Mrs. Mary Otis Blackburn, Leader of Divine Order Great Eleven Unable To Raise \$10,000 Bail—Sister Priestess Is Given Liberty—Evidence Held Insufficient.**

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16.—(P)—A blunt statement that Samuel Rizzo, husband of the daughter of a religious cult leader under arrest here "probably was killed" was made today by Deputy District Attorney Charles V. Kearney.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16.—(P)—Mrs. May Otis Blackburn, high priestess of the Divine Order of the Royal Arm of the Great Eleven, was held in jail today in default of \$10,000 bail for trial in superior court on twelve counts of grand theft brought by Clifford Dabney, wealthy oil operator and formerly a member of the religious cult.

Mrs. Ruth Welland Rizzio, daughter of Mrs. Blackburn and second priestess of the organization, was released yesterday when a municipal court judge ruled the evidence against her was insufficient to warrant action. Mr. and Mrs. William P. Rhoads, cult members held in connection with an investigation of circumstances surrounding the death of Willa Rhoads, their foster daughter, were released on orders of Captain Hoy Cato, police investigator.

Cato said there was no evidence tending to show that the girl, whose death was concealed for three years, had died of unnatural causes.

## SOVIET PLANE MAY LAND HERE IF WEATHER BAD

The "Land of Soviet" will land here tomorrow, if local airport officials so recommend, according to a telegram from the fliers received this afternoon from present indications.

Leo Gershevitch of New York City, advance representative of the giant plane, "Land of the Soviet," landed here this afternoon at 3 o'clock and hopped off for San Francisco a half hour later.

Gershevitch said the Russian plane would land here if unfavorable weather conditions prevailed over the Siskiyou, which seems likely, as the sky is overcast and rain is predicted.

Gershevitch said if the weather was fair the plane would continue, after circling the city.

They are due to arrive here about 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. They will hop off from Seattle, Wash., between 7 and 8 o'clock.

C. T. Baker, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Lee Garlock met Gershevitch at the field, and advised him of the aviation facilities here and the new landing field. Gershevitch said he would advise the members of the Soviet crew of data furnished him here, upon his arrival at San Francisco.

"The Land of Soviet" is proceeding cautiously since crossing the Pacific, and Gershevitch said for this reason the plane would land here, if foul weather loomed to the south.

Gershevitch is rushing to San Francisco to make arrangements for the landing and reception to the "Land of the Soviet" there.

## OREGON TURKEY CROP TEN PER CENT LARGER

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 16.—(P)—Oregon will supply 10 per cent more turkeys for the nation's Thanksgiving and Christmas tables than heretofore, according to the first turkey report issued today by the marketing department of the Oregon State college extension service.

How prices will be is still uncertain, but advance quotations are 40 cents a pound for No. 1 dressed toms.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(P)—Alexander Legge of Chicago was confirmed today by the senate as chairman of the Federal farm board, with a term of one year.

## Soviet Fliers Who Will Greet Medford From Air



Russian aviators shown beaching their plane at Dutch Harbor Unalaska, photographed for the first time on American soil, and posing for their pictures at the dock at Attu.

## TRADE DIVISION C.O.F.C. PLANNING DRIVE FOR AREA

Promotion Campaign Will Be Conducted To Develop Medford As A Trading Center—"Bill Dollar" Sees Volume Possibility.

Important steps in the further development of the trade area surrounding this city will be taken by the business men through their new adjunct of the Medford Chamber of Commerce retail trade division. This organization was formerly the Medford Merchants' association until Monday evening, by unanimous vote, its members decided to become associated with the Chamber of Commerce.

The officers and directors of the former Medford Merchants' association will continue to administer the affairs of the body known as the Retail Trade Division, and the scope of the new organization will be considerably broadened through the connection with the Chamber of Commerce. A trade promotion campaign will be conducted by the Retail Trade Division and the Chamber of Commerce to encourage the development of Medford as a trading center for all of southern Oregon and the large area in northern California adjacent to the Siskiyou.

"We are gratified with the enthusiastic manner in which the members of the Medford Merchants' association endorsed the plan of joining with the Chamber of Commerce," Clarence A. Meeker, president of the business men's organization said today. "We are convinced that, by working in closer conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, we can accomplish more in the line of trade promotion than by operating as a separate body. We do not lose our identity as an association but instead receive the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce in furthering our efforts in making this city a greater trading center."

In perfect harmony with the new, more ambitious plans of the Medford business men, "Bill Dollar" Mozart urged the merchants to "go after" the great volume of business in the wide area surrounding Medford. Mr. Mozart's address at the Monday gathering of business men was enthusiastically received.

Mozart, who has recently opened the eyes of this community through his interesting and novel

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## TOTAL VALUE OF CURB FREEDOM COUNTY SET FOR OF TOWSER BY COUNCIL EDICT

The total value of all taxable property in Jackson county, as equalized by the board of equalization and compiled by the assessor's office yesterday is \$28,420,730. This is the basis from which the 1930 tax levy will be made. The valuation last year was \$28,154,296. The increase is \$266,440.

The values of property, exempted under the law, and by the board of equalization, totals \$407,189. Deductions by the board of equalization—\$ 1,950

Exempted property taken by cities to protect improvement lens 25,580

Irrigation district exemptions 19,420

State exemptions 16,920

Soldier exemptions 93,560

Exempted because taken by county for taxes 249,770

The total land acreage in the county is 765,835 acres, of which 108,489 are listed as tillable, and 657,345 acres as timber lands and non-tillable land.

Merchandise and stock in trade is placed at \$1,450,490, and hotels and office furniture is scheduled at \$120,640.

The classification of property shows there are 3503 horses; 16,559 stock cattle; 6297 dairy cows; 13,376 sheep; 2035 goats; 2479 hogs; 1744 dogs; 39,289 chickens and turkeys and other fowl; 474 rabbits; 70 foxes, and 1488 stands of bees.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—(P)—Frank Ellege, alias Perry, today characterized as "lies" the charges of his wife that he participated in a knife about most of the recent major crimes of Chicago gangsters.

"My wife," he said, "is a woman of great imagination. I haven't seen her for a year."

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## CONFINE DOGS OR USE LEASH IS NEW ORDINANCE TO TAKE EFFECT IN FIFTEEN DAYS—TAXIS RELEGATED TO LIMITED PARKING.

To prove its versatility the city council last night found time in the general transaction of business to pass the new dog ordinance requiring that all dogs must be confined to their home premises or kept in leash all the year around; listened to a complaint about the conduct of the dog hospital; passed a resolution that taxicab signs must be removed from Main street and that taxicabs must observe the hour parking laws along with general car owners; took steps to characterize the old Radway fruit drier as an unsightly fire hazard; and opened a number of bids for street and sewer improvement, and took cognizance of a number of minor routine matters.

Effective in 15 Days

The new dog ordinance to do away with dogs running at large by requiring that they be kept to their home premises or in leash, goes into effect in 15 days, no matter whether the dog is licensed or not. The measure is a unanimously unpopular one with owners of dogs, and if strictly enforced, as the mayor and councilmen say it will be, the sight of a dog running free

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## County Wards See "Cockeyed World" As Guests of Fox Theatre Manager

Thrilled over the prospect of a theatre party in Medford, some of the boys started getting "primed" up at an early hour this morning, according to Mrs. Wells. The best of attire was none too good, and a finer looking bunch of elderly men could scarcely be found than the eight when they straightened their shoulders and marched through the welcoming doors of Mr. Reisman's theatre.

"If they only had a pretty girl apiece to go to the show with us—our day would be complete," said one grey-haired man, in a low tone that was nevertheless of sufficient carrying quality to reach the ears of a flapper gazing at the posters outside the theatre. Both the flapper and the spokesman smiled, and the latter nodded his partner as they passed into the lobby.

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## AGED WIFE WIELDS AXE ON SPOUSE

Abuse And Drunkenness Given As Reason For The Slaying of Mate of Thirty Years—Debated Long Before Deed—Decision Reached Though Life In Jail May Be Penalty.

SUMMIT, N. J., Oct. 16.—(P)—Mrs. Laura Mathilda Titus, white haired and wrinkled by seventy years of life, today killed her 73 year old husband with an axe.

The victim, James Titus, married her 49 years ago.

Mrs. Titus confessed the killing to police.

The woman, weighing little more than 100 pounds, and hard of hearing, said she slew her husband because she couldn't endure any longer his abuses. He drank heavily, she said, and was intoxicated this morning when she struck him twice with an axe. She said her husband arose at 3:45 a. m. and went into the yard. He returned about a half hour later and asked her when she was going to get up, pulled the bed covers off her and went down stairs.

Mrs. Titus went downstairs where she found her husband lying on the floor of the living room. She sat down at a writing desk where she could watch the prostrate form of her husband, and debated with herself whether she should kill the man whom she married in Milltown in 1880.

"Will I or won't I?" she asked herself. "God above, must I go through today what I have been through for the last week and four days," she said in telling of the matter.

"I will do it," she concluded, "I go to jail for life for it."

Then she went into the yard and got the axe, the woman said. Upon her return to the house she laid the weapon down and picked it up twice before she struck her husband. She struck the second blow, she said, "to make sure he was not breathing."

Her next move was to call neighbors, who notified the police.

Mrs. Titus had lived with her husband in Summit for more than thirty years. He had been employed by an ice company until pensioned a few years ago.

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## PHEASANT HUNTER DIES FROM WOUND ON ALBANY FARM

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 16.—(P)—Charles Beckels, 11, was killed yesterday while hunting pheasants on his father's farm near Scio with his twin brother and three accomplices. The cause of the pheasant hunting season.

Charles died to death before medical assistance could be called when his gun discharged accidentally and the charge severed an artery.

Hugh Kirkpatrick, mayor of Lebanon, was wounded in the hand by birdshot, Harley Mitchell, Lebanon, received birdshot in his face and M. Elder of Scio, Ore., was shot in the hand, face and shoulder.

Lawrence Benderviel, 18, St. Paul, Ore., was in a Portland hospital today with a hand shot off following an hunting accident.

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## MOZELLE HAIR TALKS AT PASS P. T. A. MEET

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 16.—(P)—Mild red students, pampered at home by parents who supply them with too much money will give America a future generation of under developed offspring, who lack physical stamina, Miss Mozelle Hair, member of the University of Oregon faculty, told delegates to the Parent-Teacher State Congress here today.

Miss Hair declared records maintained by the university indicated that the fault and failure of the college student did not rest so much with the educational training presented him at college as it did the training he received at home.

She stressed the need of a greater understanding between the parent and teacher.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 16.—(P)—Rotarian delegates from all sections of southern Oregon were arriving in Grants Pass today for the autumn banquet under the auspices of the Grants Pass Rotary club. About 300 are expected.

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## Air and Baby



Ramona, 15-month-old daughter of Paul Carpenter of South Gate, Cal., is tossed as high as the house by her father, who is teaching her acrobatics.

## COUNCIL GIVES FRANCHISE FOR TELEPHONE CO.

Both Sides Pleased By The Concessions—Utility Gives \$1000, And Free Service on Fifteen Phones—Development Is To Proceed.

With the recommendations of the citizens committee incorporated, except three words, by mutual agreement, the city council last night unanimously passed the ordinance granting the Home Telephone and Telegraph company a 10-year franchise renewal dating from yesterday, with both the company and those people who wanted to be sure that the city's interests were properly safeguarded during the life of the franchise, well pleased.

The terms provide a payment of \$1000, and giving by the company 15 free main line telephone lines with maximum extensions needed, for the city government's use. The terms at the time the franchise was renewed 16 years ago were \$1000 and 10 free main lines and three extension lines to the city.

The citizens committee recommendations in the main stipulate that the company must give adequate service throughout the life of the franchise renewal, in accordance with the city council's demands by ordinance; and have a clause that prevents the franchise being assigned without the consent of the city, except to the Pacific Telephone and Telephone company which holds the control of the Home Telephone and Telegraph company.

Both these companies and Manager R. B. Hammond of the local company are especially well pleased with the incorporation of the latter clause, as it enables the company to go ahead with its extensive program of improvements, and also protects the Pacific Telephone and Telephone company.

At Manager Hammond's suggestion the words "suburban" and "long distance" were eliminated from the ordinance stipulating that reasonably good service must be furnished, as suburban and long distance phone service are not within the control of the home company and are in jurisdiction of the state.

The company had no objection whatever, Manager Hammond said to the recommendations of the citizens committee being incorporated in the ordinance because the matter covered in them is already covered by the state law, and has been for years.

The committee's recommendations incorporated were as follows, barring the elimination of the words "suburban" and "long distance":

(1) We believe that the company is an Oregon corporation, and we suggest that after the name

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## DANCER IN OFFICE BUT 4 MINUTES

Defense Witness Testifies Screams Heard In The Pantages Office A Few Minutes After Entry—State's Allegation of Half Hour Interval Hit By Optician On Stand.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16.—(P)—Testimony that not more than four minutes elapsed between the time that Eunice Pringle was seen leaving the Pantages theater balcony on last August 9, and the moment at which her screams were heard, was given today by a defense witness in the trial of Alexander Pantages on a statutory charge brought by the 17-year-old co-ed dancer.

State's witnesses, including Eunice, previously had testified that a proximate half an hour elapsed between those two moments. The witness who thus contradicted the previous testimony was Dr. C. H. Herd, an optician having an office on the same floor of the building as the theater balcony exit.

Dr. Herd also testified that he saw the girl leave the balcony alone, which was contrary to statements of prosecution witnesses.

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## BOSCS SELL AT AUCTION MART

The third car of Bosc bears placed on sale in Detroit by the Winter Pear committee, sold today at auction for an average of \$4.16 per box, an increase of 51 cents over the price paid for the second car.

A telegram said that the jobbers bought actively, with a strong demand. Some of the Boscs were sold to Toledo, Ohio, firms—a prosperous city that has heard of the fame of the Bosc as a table dainty.

The average of the third car of Boscs outbid all the Bartlett's placed on the Detroit market by \$1.25.

The Winter Pear committee and fruitmen of the valley were enthusiastic today about the reception accorded the Boscs by Detroit buyers and trade.

The fourth car of Boscs will be placed on sale at an early date, and from present indications will exceed prices received to date.

The Winter Pear committee is continuing its newspaper and radio campaign, and interest has been aroused among Detroit housewives in the pear.

## Will Rogers Says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 16.—Mr. Hoover is eligible for the Nobel peace prize for his self restraint in trying to remain neutral during the ninth inning of that game. There was no particular reason why he should have been so careful. They are both Republican cities, and both politically clean and wholesome and law abiding, and it was a great ad for justice and clean living, that two such upstanding and righteous cities should compete in our greatest sporting event, and it should be an example to these corrupt hoodlum towns for them to turn over a new leaf and try and be upright and a credit to their inhabitants, and maybe they would win a pennant once in a while. It just shows you that justice always prevails.

Yours,  
WILL ROGERS.

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