

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday fair. No change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature

Highest yesterday 55
Lowest this morning 29

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The President's Opportunity. Noble Clemenceau. Saviour of France. He Feared No Man.

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The important cities of Seattle and Tacoma, because of drought, observe a falling off in hydro-electric power that might menace the lighting of both cities.

The problem presented will interest the President, who believes in making public property useful to people that own it.

The navy's airplane carrier, Lexington, now in Puget Sound, near Seattle and Tacoma, has abundant power for both cities.

To connect the carrier's engines with the two lighting plants would be simple.

The President will not allow red tape or technicalities to interfere with an important opportunity and obvious duty.

President Taft rendered public service when forest fires made it imperative to use the army; he acted promptly and efficiently.

Navy officials may give President Hoover ten good reasons for not allowing the Lexington to be made useful. The President, doubtless, will give them one good reason for changing their minds, and they'll change them.

To permit inconvenience to two cities, refusing immediate and simple relief, would be preposterous, especially as the citizens of Seattle and Tacoma helped to build the Lexington and pay their share, each day, to maintain ship and crew.

With the death of Clemenceau a great, noble, useful man leaves the earth. Those that knew him, or know his career, without knowing the man, think of little else.

He makes our ordinary lives seem futile, with his magnificent 88 years, more than 50 spent in public service.

Ignorance calls him "atheist." He was no enemy of religion. His fight was against control of government by the church. He fought against that and won. He agreed with those that established this nation and wrote its constitution that church and state should be separate. He and Gambetta separated them in France.

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One of the hardest things about being a Democrat is remembering where you put your flag after the last time you had occasion to use it. What's worse a gittin' all set to vote intelligently an' then have a votin' machin bluff you out of it.

LEADERS TO HEAR TALK BY HOOVER

Special Meeting Called by U. S. Chamber of Commerce for December 5—Two Hundred Business Men Will Be Invited for Address By President On Prosperity Plans.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Owen D. Young of the General Electric company, Samuel Insull of the Commonwealth Edison company and George B. Cortelyou of the Consolidated Gas company, and 25 other public utility magnates were invited by President Hoover today for the last of his business conferences set for 10 a. m. tomorrow at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—President Hoover will make an address on December 5 at a special meeting of 200 or more business men to be called together by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, as a result of the White House conferences.

The last of the White House conferences will be held tomorrow when five representatives from each of three utility groups—street railway, electric power and gas—will meet. These officials are meeting today in New York and will give the president a first-hand report on what happened there.

It was said at the White House that efforts to put into practical force the ideas the president has outlined hereafter will remain with the constituted agencies. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which looks after business matters; the department of commerce, which will prove the liaison between the federal and state governments; and the various farm, business and trade organizations.

His December 5 address will not be extended, but Mr. Hoover desires to open the meeting called as a result of his efforts during the past week.

FIND BODIES OF DETECTIVE AND WOMAN FRIEND

Mystery Seen in Death of Police Officer and Saleslady—Empty Liquor Bottles Found in Auto Cabin Trysting Place.

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 26.—(AP)—Bottles which had contained liquor were clues today in attempts to solve the mysterious deaths of James J. Casey, superintendent of police detectives here, and Mrs. Dora Bingham, department store saleslady, whose bodies were found at Casey's camp at Northbrook field yesterday.

Superintendent Casey's undisturbed body and the partly clad form of Mrs. Bingham were found on the floor of a bedroom of the camp by two of Casey's lieutenants. They had been ordered to investigate his failure to return home on Sunday.

Casey, who was 56 years old, his wife, and Mrs. Bingham, 40, were reported to have been friendly for several years. Mrs. Casey first learned of the tragedy by a radio report.

After an autopsy last night, city hospital physicians said they could not determine positively what had caused death. A chemical analysis of vital organs was ordered.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 26.—(AP)—Major Owen B. Bird, 42, a wealthy broker and automobile racing patron, was arrested early today on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder following the shooting of Percival G. Watson, 35, in the Bird home last night.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKERS MEET WITH HOOVER



Members of the federal advisory council conferred with President Hoover on business conditions. Front row, left to right: Secretaries Lamont and Mellon and Roy A. Young, governor of the federal reserve board and president of the council which is composed of members of twelve federal reserve banking districts.

WEATHERFORD PIERCE CHOICE FOR GOVERNOR

Albany Man Is Ideal Democratic Candidate, View of Former Governor—May Try for Second Term Himself if Drafted.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 26.—(AP)—"Mark Weatherford of Albany is my ideal candidate for the Democratic nomination to run for the governorship," was the statement of Walter Pierce of LaGrande, ex-governor, who was in Salem today. "He is chairman of the state committee; he is centrally located as to population, and he would put on a wonderful campaign. I know he was defeated once by Willis Hawley for congress but you know everybody loves Hawley. That doesn't mean anything. Why, I have been defeated myself."

"Will I be a candidate? Remember, I have been three times at bat and knocked one home-run. "But some of these times, a little later, the boys will get together and iron the matter out. It will be up to the boys to decide. I am not saying I won't be a candidate if the boys decide that is the best thing for the party. Nor am I saying I will. No, no; don't say I am in a receptive mood, because that isn't it at all. I am merely saying if the boys think that is the way it will be it is too early—much too early—for me to say that I would turn them down flatly."

"And then there is Bert Haney of Portland. He is another man who would make a wonderful campaign and a wonderful governor. "These are the only two I have heard talked at all as logical candidates for the next turn at the wheel. Mark Weatherford is a grand fellow and would make a high-class governor as well as a great run for the party and the place."

GIRL FLIERS LAND AS GASOLINE EBBS

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 26.—(AP)—Bobbi Trout, Los Angeles, and Elinor Smith, New York, girl fliers seeking to establish a new, rounded endurance flight record, landed the Sunbeam biplane at 2:55 a. m. today when their gasoline supply gave out.

An attempt to refuel at 2:45 a. m. failed due to inability to make contact in the dark. Their official time in the air was 18 hours and 26 minutes.

NOTRE DAME PONDS POST SEASON GAME

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Rev. Michael Mufcator, vice-president of the University of Notre Dame, said today that the athletic faculty will determine next week whether the football team will play a post-season game this year.

NEW FIRE SEEN DEFINITE PLANS BY LOOKOUT IN ANNOUNCED FOR PT. ORFORD DIST. THEATRE BLDG.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 26.—(AP)—Delayed reports received today from southern Oregon forest fire lines indicated crews had brought under control the Winchuck, Gold Beach and Quotsana fires and no new flames had developed throughout the district.

In the Port Orford district, however, the United States forestry officials were informed by a lookout that a fire of considerable proportions was raging on Copple mountain. Another fire was reported at the head of Dry creek, in the Oreto district, near Harbor, Ore., where a nearby fire threatened the town and burned out bridges.

The California and Oregon Lumber company forces are reported holding in check the big fire east of Smith River, Cal., which menaced the Siskiyou national forest, and a much larger area outside were being watched carefully.

TELEPHONE CO. TO SPEND HUGE SUM WESTERN STATES

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Contemplated expenditure of \$33,900,000 in new construction in the next five years, \$65,000,000 of it in 1929, was announced here today by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

The contemplated expenditures for 1929 and the four years succeeding will break all records for new telephone construction, the announcement said.

TRAFFIC OFFICER SHOT BY ESTRANGED WIFE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 26.—(AP)—Evan Hartin, state traffic officer at Lakeview, was in a hospital here with a gunshot wound in his hip and arm, believed to have been inflicted late Sunday by his estranged wife when they quarreled over the amount of alimony she would receive for herself and minor child.

Don't Leave Key in Airplane Will Be Warning to Modern Traveler

SUCCESS OF BOSE DRIVE IS ASSURED

Third Consecutive Sale in Detroit at Figures Higher Than Old Established Markets Seen As Insuring Success—Winter Pear Committee Plan for New Consumers.

Medford Rose pears, offered for sale on the Detroit market yesterday by the Winter Pear committee, David R. Wood, chairman, scored a price triumph, at an average of \$4.57 per box, a figure 81 cents higher than the Chicago pear market, and 71 cents higher than New York price averages.

It was the third consecutive car from the Winter Pear committee, that sold for a higher average than the leading markets of the country and insures the success of the campaign, which was viewed skeptically at first by some growers and distributors.

If the present price average is maintained until the twenty cars subscribed are sold on the Detroit market, the Winter Pear committee will break even, or practically so, financially.

The Detroit market will be an open market after December 2, when the committee closes, and it is estimated that ten or twelve cars will be sold before the close of the season, by local shippers, a majority of whom have co-operated in making the Detroit campaign a success.

Attracting Attention

The Bose campaign in Detroit has attracted wide attention thru out the Pacific coast fruit districts, and Gwin, White & Peine, Inc., of Seattle, Wash., has lighted the following self-explanatory bulletin to managers and directors of fruit organizations:

"Detroit, while one of the wealthiest and most populous cities in the country, has never handled Bose pears. Prior to this year efforts to sell Bose pears in the Detroit market would have been a sheer waste of energy.

"Production of loss in the Rogue River valley has increased at such a pace that the growers realized that they were confronted by a real problem. Accordingly, they formed an organization, taxed themselves to raise a fund, and sent twenty cars of finest Bose to Detroit, put the fruit in cold storage there, worked out a regular advertising campaign, using radio and newspapers to reach the consumers and missionary salesmen to reach the detail and wholesale trade.

"The services of Professor Hartman of the Agricultural college were commandeered and he has been spending his time back in the markets making a research and at the same time assisting in the proper ripening of the fruit to just the right degree before distributing it to the trade, for the Bose pear is like the little girl with the curl, either very good or horrid. The Medford growers adopted a wondrously simple slogan, "Old in gold outside, sugared smooth on inside" and have left nothing to chance that the fruit as it reached the consumers exemplified the slogan.

Guaranteed Return



Nome, Alaska, Nov. 26.—(AP)—With no news from Carl Ben Eielson, his fellow aviators who had been engaged with him in transporting passengers and furs to the mainland from the icebound ship Nanuk early this month, Pilot Frank Dorbandt was waiting here today for a second plane to fly with him to the rescue.

While there was a visibility for 15 miles here two planes which left Fairbanks for Nome were reported as stormbound at Ruby, half way point, last night.

Nine members of the Academy of Science of Leningrad, passengers on the steamer Stavropol, frozen in the Arctic ice off the coast of North Cape, Siberia, were believed safely aboard the soviet ice breaker Litke in Providence Bay today.

SPINAL MALADY CLOSING SCHOOL NORTH HIGHWAY

Howard School Pupil Develops Meningitis—Board Orders Dismissal Classes—Type of Case Not Diagnosed.

The first case of spinal meningitis to have been reported in Jackson county for months developed last week at the Howard school between Medford and Central Point on the Pacific highway.

The victim of the malady is Lloyd Shepherd, 16-year-old eighth grade student, and he became sick last Thursday with what was first believed to have been an acute case of indigestion or an acute attack. A county nurse was called to the school and rendered first aid.

When the case was diagnosed as spinal meningitis Sunday, a health unit made preparations for a nurse to visit the school each morning this week to check up on an possible spread of the disease by giving the pupils examinations for early symptoms. It was not thought other students had been exposed, but it was explained today by county health authorities that the examinations were being given as a purely precautionary measure. Through this method, the authorities had hoped to have the school continue its sessions.

Situation Aggravated

However, now that the school is dismissed, they say it will be a much harder situation, as no examinations can be made and it is apt to make the spread of the malady more dangerous. A number of the Howard school children were reported in Medford this forenoon playing and visiting with local school children.

STATE TAKES BONDS OF KLAMATH AIRPORT

S. P. WOULD FACE LOSS \$3,000,000

Engineer Testifies Competition of Klamath to Keddie Line Would Bring Big Loss First Year to Old System—Cost of Proposed Operation Placed Too Low.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Southern Pacific today attacked the state of California's case for the connecting line planned by the Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads. The Southern Pacific put into the interstate commerce commission's record in the hearing in the case statements by its own experts that the figures of A. J. Mott, chief engineer of the California railroad commission, were incorrect.

Estimates of the losses the Southern Pacific would suffer by the proposed competition of the Klamath Falls, Ore., to Keddie, Cal., line were about tripled by Clarence E. Day. He is an engineer in the Southern Pacific office. He stated that his figures showed the Southern Pacific would lose more than \$3,000,000 during the first year of the new line's operation. He pointed out that this sum is equal to a return on an investment of \$52,500,000 on the commission's accepted yield basis of 5 1/2 per cent.

Estimate Too Low

The greater security of the proposed route would result in an economic loss of about \$500,000 annually, he testified. The Southern Pacific engineer also challenged estimates of the petitioning road covering their proposed operations, equipment and taxes. He declared the Western Pacific operating estimates should be increased 90 per cent. The witness went into details of car supply, car rental, cabooses and additional engines, which he said would be required to handle the estimated traffic.

The Great Northern also had provided only about one-third of the outlay that actually would be necessary, he said, to cover car rental or purchase of new cars and equipment. The Great Northern also had failed properly to take account of federal taxes, he said.

The witness touched on various points brought out by witnesses for petitioners, attempting to show that in the presentation of the case for the proposed line a variety of costs had been placed too low and that consequently it would not be in the public interest to sanction the establishment of the competing line at the highest cost which shippers would have to pay.

Service Adequate

J. H. Mahan, Southern Pacific agent at Alturas, testified railroad service is already adequate in his territory. He attempted to go into details of possible development of traffic in the valley, but was cut short by Director Mahaffie.

Will Rogers Says: CALEXICO, Cal., Nov. 26.—(AP)—With a good Mexican pilot new down just over the mouth of the Colorado river where it empties into the Gulf of Lower California. You know we talk of a water problem between us and Mexico of this Colorado river. Say, when the Americans get through taking out water the Colorado river don't have any mouth and leaves no problem. We have few unique spots in our country and this Imperial valley is one of them. Below sea level and the most fertile spot outside the valley of the Nile, and that's only good for burial purposes, but this raises real alfalfa and cotton and grapefruit. No time to monkey with old King Tut here. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

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