

RAINFALL SINCE SATURDAY HITS 3.83 INCH MARK

Latest Deluge Swells Rivers and Creeks—Temperature of Yesterday Record for December—Crops Are Benefitted.

Another deluge of rain fell in Medford and vicinity during last night and early today which amounted, according to a special reading by the weather bureau made at 10:30 a. m. today, to 4.93 inches since 5 p. m. yesterday, making in all, the rainfall up to that hour from last Saturday evening, when the present rain storm started, 3.83 inches. Including this amount the total rainfall here since September 1 last amounted to 4.99 inches.

Showers fell intermittently since 10 a. m. today and further rain is forecast for tonight and Sunday. So far as can be learned the rain so far has done little damage beyond filling up low-lying places into puddles or small lakes, and flooding some streets, notably West Main between its end and Laurel street, where the water ran swiftly in the gutter on the west side of the thoroughfare almost half way across the street.

The storm sewers of the city were taxed to capacity. Heavy creek was rising rapidly, though not near up to its banks, this forenoon and the river and other streams throughout the valley were rising. While no reports were received in the valley today to that effect, it was generally presumed that snow had been falling in the high mountain districts.

Temperature is High

One peculiar feature of the present rainy spell is that the temperature has been unusually warm for several days past, and yesterday's warmth with a maximum of 71 degrees made it the warmest day in December in the history of the weather bureau. Today was quite warm and moderate temperature is forecast for tonight and Sunday.

On the other hand, the large amount of rain that fell this week has been of great value to the grain crops that had already been planted before the rain started; in softening up the ground so that plowing, which had been delayed by the long drought, can be done when the rain ceases; and in storing moisture up in the ground for next summer's use.

The rain is also very beneficial to the fruit trees, and the grass in the city and rural districts has started to grow again, insuring good pasture in the latter.

By swelling the river and other streams, which had been reduced to a low level by the drought, present and future fishing is greatly aided. The salmon and steelhead, which are the only fish that can be caught now, are starting to run up the river, and a number of them were seen at the Savage Rapids dam vicinity yesterday.

Priest's Romance Hits Rocks When Jobs Hard to Get

LINNEUS, Mo., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—A romance in which Dennis Downey, a young Catholic priest of Marcelline, Mo., forsook his parish and eloped to Chicago with Miss Maude Myers, has ended here with the granting of an uncontested divorce to Mrs. Downey.

Nearly two years ago the little town of Marcelline was almost stunned by the elopement. The bride was a popular member of the town's young set, and Father Downey in a brief period as priest of St. Bonaventure Catholic church had made many friends.

Mrs. Downey in her petition, said her husband deserted her in Detroit, a few weeks after they were married. He had met with some success in earning a living during their wedded life, she said.

SCHOOL EDITORS TO VIE FOR CUP

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Medford high school and all high schools of the state which publish a school paper or where students actively take part in local papers, will be eligible to compete in the Oregon High School Press association journalism contest, held under the auspices of the school of journalism of the University of Washington. It is announced by George H. Gouffier, professor of journalism, who is in charge of arrangements.

The Hi-Times, paper of Medford high school, was last year given honorable mention in the section for papers in schools of over 500 in attendance. Salem high school received the Eugene Guard cup for the first place in this section.

This year's contest closes January 8 and awards will be made at the banquet of the annual high school conference to be held January 10 and 11.

"Flu," Auto and Suicide Deaths Show Gains in United States Heart Disease Worst Enemy

NEW YORK.—(Special) The mortality among life insurance policyholders this year forecasts that 34,000 more persons will die in the United States during 1929 than if the 1928 death rate had continued. This was the conclusion of Dr. Henry W. Cook, vice-president and medical director of the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., as expressed in an address before the twenty-third annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

Dr. Cook's statement was based upon the actual mortality records of fifty-two leading life insurance companies for the first ten months of the year. The survey covers more than 53,000,000 out of the 67,000,000 policyholders in the country. "It appears," said Dr. Cook, "that the death rate among policyholders increased from 822.0 per 100,000 in 1928 to 840.7 in 1929. This means that there will be 18,700 more deaths among 100,000 insured persons this year than last year, an increase of 2.3 per cent."

Influenza Takes Many

The increase in deaths from influenza alone more than accounts for the year's increase in the general death rate. There was a recurrence of influenza, of epidemic proportions, during the early part of this year. The death rate from this disease rose from 17.4 per 100,000 life insurance policyholders in 1928, an increase of 19.6 deaths as against the increase in the death rate from all causes of 2.3.

The control of influenza and its most fatal complication, pneumonia, remains one of the most serious unsolved problems of modern medicine to which continued study and effort must be directed.

The homicide rate remains stationary, while there is an increase in the suicide rate from 13.1 to 13.4 per 100,000.

Death Rates Per 100,000 Persons in 1929 as Compared With 1928—By Causes of Death

(Combined Experience of 52 Leading Life Insurance Companies) Ordinary and Industrial Business

Causes of Death Showing Decreases	1928	1929	Decrease or Increase
Tuberculosis	73.5	70.1	-3.4
Respiratory diseases not specified	11.2	10.1	-1.1
Cerebral hemorrhage	51.5	49.2	-2.3
Puerperal state	10.9	9.5	-1.4
Typhoid fever	2.5	2.2	-.3
Measles	3.1	1.9	-1.2
Diphtheria	6.0	5.1	-.9
Diarrhea and enteritis	15.2	13.2	-2.0
Total	173.0	161.3	-11.7
Causes of Death Showing Increases			
Influenza	17.4	37.0	19.6
Pneumonia	89.0	89.2	.2
Cancer	72.2	72.8	.6
Organic diseases of heart	124.7	128.5	3.8
Beitch's disease	62.7	65.2	2.5
Whooping cough	3.2	3.5	.3
Meningitis	5.0	7.0	2.0
Subdural	12.1	12.4	.3
Automobile accidents	17.7	20.5	2.8
Other external causes	40.9	41.2	.3
All other causes	194.5	195.3	.8
Total	642.2	672.6	30.4
Causes of Death Showing Neither Decrease Nor Increase			
Homicides	6.1	5.1	0
Scarlet fever	1.7	1.7	0
Total	6.8	6.8	0
Grand total	822.0	840.7	18.7

There are very encouraging indications of continuing success in the fight against disease and death in all the communicable diseases except influenza and pneumonia. Tuberculosis will claim 34,400 fewer persons per 100,000 in 1929 than it did in 1928. The once feared typhoid fever has been almost eliminated.

The mortality figures in children's diseases give evidence of the success of the fight waged against them. In 1929, only two—whooping cough and meningitis—of the six diseases most prevalent in childhood, show increased death rates. Three—measles, diphtheria and diarrhea—show decreases. The rate from scarlet fever remains stationary.

An glance at this year's mortality experience shows another adverse and serious factor. The aggregate death toll from the automobile has been steadily and alarmingly increasing during the past decade to reach the maximum rate of 20.5 per 100,000 policyholders in 1929, an increase of 2.8 per cent over 1928, when the rate was 17.7. No matter how efficient traffic regulation may be, the control of automobile accidents in the final analysis is dependent upon the care and judgment of drivers and pedestrians.

The so-called degenerative diseases of adult life show a steadily mounting death rate; for example, heart disease, which claims more victims than any other specified cause, and is responsible for over 16 per cent of the deaths from all causes, has shown an upward trend for years, and cancer has also shown a steadily advancing rate. The incidence of hereditary physical examination, early diagnosis and competent treatment in these diseases cannot be too strongly emphasized.

Gains and losses are shown by the following comparison:

HUSBANDS OF BLOOD HOUNDS HUNGARY ARE TRAILING FIVE GIVEN POISON ESCAPED CONS

Middle-Aged Women in Extensive Campaign to Exterminate Men-Folk—One Charged With Murdering Seven Relatives.

SOLOMON, Hungary, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Husband murders on an extensive scale by middle-aged and older Hungarian women are being investigated by the government here. Bodies of more than 30 persons have been exhibited for examination.

Solomon has but 49,000 inhabitants, but a surprising number have been charged with participation in the murders which extend over some period of time and have involved not only husbands but other relatives. The judge has received anonymous letters saying the murders will continue.

One of the accused who already has been notified is Juliane Lippka, who is alleged to have murdered seven relatives, including her mother, her husband and an uncle. She charged another woman, Lydia Osh, aided her.

A woman named Rosa Hozbe is accused of killing two of her husbands. One of the accused women is 41 years old. One or two charged themselves innocent of murder but admitted administering poison in food.

KLAMATH TRIO HELD FOR DAIRY ROBBERY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Shortly after they had been arrested yesterday, Ned E. West, Mary Reed and Clarence Pratt were indicted by the grand jury on charges of robbery by force and violence not armed with a dangerous weapon. It is alleged they entered a store at Dairy and robbed the proprietor of \$19.

INDICT K. F. PLUMBER FIRST DEGREE CRIME

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—The Tulsa world says today that it was informed by Frank Thornton, deputy warden of the Oklahoma penitentiary at McAlester, that the five convicts who escaped are James Fletcher, Herbert Moore, Allison Ivey, Edward Young and J. C. Fisher. Their records were unavailable.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—John G. Wright, plumber, was indicted for first degree murder yesterday by the county grand jury. He will be arraigned Monday. It is expected he will plead guilty to slaying Sydney Darling, Klamath hotel owner, who was shot.

BABY FACE LAYS GHETTO'S PRIDE COLD IN SECOND

Goldstein Hopelessly Outclassed By Irish Lad—Robby Near Knockout in First Canto—Game But Ineffectual.

By Alan Gould, Associated Press Sports Editor, NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—The baby-faced kid is still the killer of the ring.

Irish Jimmy McLarnin, the cheery welterweight, who looked as though he didn't have a savage thought in his head, crushed the jewel of New York's Ghetto, Ruby Goldstein, last night in less than four minutes. After a short but sensational and highly dramatic battle, McLarnin stretched the handsome Jewish boy on the canvas for the full count of 10, with only 52 seconds of the second round elapsed.

There had been some talk beforehand that Ruby would not be knocked out "take it," but the prize of the East Side gave a magnificent exhibition of courage and



Jimmy McLarnin.

When he was battered to a limp hulk by the terrific punching of one of the hardest hitters of modern ring history for his size. It was the end of another broken trail for Goldstein, but Ruby won the admiration, the roars and the capacity crowd of close to 20,000, even though he was hopelessly outclassed by a greater fighter.

Goldstein was floored twice by McLarnin's slashing attack before he took the final count. Only the bell saved the Jewish youth from a knockout in the first round. When he gainedly crawled to his feet after a count of nine, and reeled about the ropes, trying to check the storm of blows that blinded him.

Stats Futility.

Ruby, his pale asstetic features swollen and his soft, deep-set eyes bloodshot, stumbled to his corner. He came out warily in the second round, stabbing somewhat feebly now, for there seemed not much chance for him against the chunky, determined Irishman. With the grace of a cat and the swift striking power of a panther, McLarnin lashed his rights to the jaw. Goldstein toppled over the lower strand of the rope. His body was outside on the edge of the ring, his head dropped over the ropes. Scrambling to the count of nine, the Jewish boy hunched himself back into the ring and to his feet. He wobbled back, jabbing McLarnin. The baby-faced one coolly forced his prey to the center of the ring, drove his left, then the right to the head, and Ruby toppled over backward. Goldstein took the final count of 10 points on his back and had to be carried to his corner by Referee Lou Magnolia.

There was a quick flash of that doomed feeling in Ruby's face in the middle of the first round when he shot his right three times to McLarnin's chin without result. Jimmy not only recoiled he could take anything the Irish boy had to offer, but he countered with swagons of explosive variety.

McLarnin's victory established him beyond doubt as the outstanding contender for the welter title now held by Jackie Fields. The halcyon for this title seems to now go on with the customers' approval.

EASTERN GRIDDERS WOULD PLAY O.S.C.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis.—(Special)—One middle western and two eastern colleges are seeking football games with Oregon State college, according to Paul J. Schneider, who has just returned from Chicago where he attended the Western conference meeting. They are University of Kentucky, North Dakota State college and Fredham University, New York.

No definite action can be taken on any of these offers, however, until the Pacific Coast conference schedule is made out at the annual conference meeting in San Francisco next week. An inter-collegiate game in Portland, September 27, with some middle western college, is what Schneider really hopes to get.

TOWNSEND TOPPLES CANADIAN CHAMPION

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Billy Townsend of Vancouver won the lightweight championship of Canada here last night when he toppled the crown from the brow of A. Foreman of Montreal in 12 hair-raising rounds.

The local battler used daring left jabs to the face to take the play from Foreman at the opening gong and landed solid rights to the retiring champion's head and body.

Central Point—Highway thru this town will be improved in near future.

FIGHTER IN TEARS AS ARBITER HALTS TAME EXHIBITION

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—A no-contest verdict ended the non-titular bout between Jackie Fields of Los Angeles, world welterweight champion, and "Gentle" Jones of Akron, Ohio, in the seventh round last night. The referee, Joe O'Connor, stopped the fray, declaring that Jones was not giving his usual exhibition. Fields burst into tears. The state boxing commission ordered Eddie Mack, promoter, to pay both parties.

Fields made a furious start, hitting the negro's head and body with stiff lefts during the early rounds. Jones made the best showing in the third by landing several short but hard rights. Fields' left hooks appeared to be slowing down in the final rounds.

From the opening of the fight, the contestants were continually jeered from the gallery, with organized demonstrations directed particularly at Jones. A crowd of 18,000 saw the match.

O'Connor's verdict was not approved by Eugene Buckley, member of the state boxing commission, at the ringside. He said Jones' lack of aggressiveness made the match dull, but he thought the battlers tried to give an honest fight.

WILD TURKS NOT NATURALLY WILD

Young turkeys are the opposite from young men and the state game commission is consequently having a hard time in keeping them wild. It is intimated in a letter received yesterday by Harold Clifford, state game warden, from Gene M. Simpson, superintendent of state game farms.

Four wild turkeys, three hens and a tom, have "taken up" with a rancher's flock of tame turkeys near Grants Pass, and Fred Merrill, deputy game warden in that district, can't catch 'em.

"Fred Merrill says," Simpson wrote, "that the rancher is willing to buy them, provided you can give permission to sell, as he knows no other way to settle the matter, since there is no chance for them to revert to the wild state under the above conditions."

"These birds will probably have to pay for not leading a wild life," Warden Clifford smiled when he had read the letter. "Just because Thanksgiving is past is no reason for them to feel secure. Christmas is coming. Anyway, if Deputy Merrill couldn't catch them it shows the birds are elusive enough to make great game when they become sufficiently plentiful in this state."—Oregonian.

SAMS VALLEY WINS FROM C. P. CAGERS

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—The first and second basketball teams of Central Point played against the first and second teams of Sams Valley Thursday evening at the local court with the Sams Valley boys winning big in both games.

At the close of the first game, the Central Point coach seemed very dissatisfied and blamed the result on the Medford referee. His dissatisfaction grew stronger when the second local team commenced to score far ahead of the Pointers and at the end of the first half new referees were chosen, giving Central Point the choice of their own man.

This change had no effect on the result and the game ended with a score of something like 20 to 5 in favor of the locals.

The Central Point boys took their defeat much better than did the coach.

FRENCH NET STAR NOW SALES LADY

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Suzanne Lenglen, famous tennis star, is working as a sales woman in a small dressmaking establishment here. Her job is selling, demonstrating and giving advice on sport clothes.

"I have always wanted to do this very thing," she said today. "I adore clothes. I am through with tennis for the time being at least. I hope to make lots of money. Baldwin, Baldwin? Leave him out of this. He has nothing to do with it."

The latter remark was in answer to questions concerning the grandson of E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin to whom she has been reported engaged at various times.

NAVAL BALLOON BASE DECISION IS DEFERRED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—(Sp.)—The house naval affairs committee decided today not to consider recommendations on the proposed naval dirigible base on the West coast until after the London naval conference.

The announcement was made by Chairman Britten of the committee after an executive meeting.

Oregon Weather
Oregon: Rain tonight and Sunday; mild temperature; strong southerly winds on the coast.

EVENEY—Benjamin McElfresh, 7, died in a hospital as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident October 31. He was struck by an automobile driven by W. D. Morgan, Eugene.

PAID ATHLETES PROPOSED FOR SOUTHERN LOOP

Open and Understood Agreement to Subsidize College Stars Presented by Faculty Chairman at Southern Conference.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—The Southern conference today had before it a resolution proposing an "open and understood" arrangement for the support of athletes in the colleges and universities of the south.

The resolution was presented at a round table discussion lasting until past midnight by Major W. H. McKellar, faculty chairman of athletics at the University of the South.

Major McKellar proposed that each institution of the Southern conference be privileged to award scholarships or an endowment otherwise designated to athletes, the sum to be issued by voucher by university authorities sufficient to cover the athlete's college fees, text books, board, lodging and fraternity or other college organization dues; that the universities keep a complete and public record of such assistance; that no other funds should be received by the beneficiary save from his parents or other legal guardian, and that the receipt of such other funds from outside sources should result in the student being dismissed, or in the failure of the institution to do that, the expulsion of the institution from the conference.

Major McKellar declared the state receipts from football season would amply supply revenue for the support of the athletes "which would eliminate the surreptitious subsidy now generally practiced not only in the south, but in the nation at large."

CHICAGO CUEMAN SETS RECORDS IN POCKET TOURNAY

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—A new world's record for high run and best game as well as for the fastest game ever played in a world's championship pocket billiard tournament is in the possession of Erwig Rudolph of Chicago today. Another mark, that of an average of 19.72 for 375 points made in three games also is claimed for this sensational cueist, who defeated Spencer Harvey of Los Angeles, by 125 to a minus two in four innings in the recreation building last night. Rudolph made an unfinished high run of 111, breaking the mark of 101 made by Ralph Greenleaf against Jerome Koogh in 1924. He also broke the best game mark of five innings, which was held jointly by four other players. He equaled the five-inning mark against Joseph J. McCann in his second game. Rudolph also claims the record for speed, running off the 125 points in 27 minutes.

Another remarkable feat which was pointed out by Referee Ferguson was the fact that Rudolph did not miss a shot.

ESKIMOS LOSE FIRST PUCK TILT OF SEASON

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Friday the 13th proved a jinx day for Seattle as the Eskimos went down to their first defeat of the season in the Pacific Coast Hockey league last night, after taking a two-to-nothing lead in the game. The Vancouver Lions won the terrific overtime battle, 2 to 1, and gained a tie with Seattle for first place. Both teams have a total of 12 points.

WILLIE FELDMAN BOASTS VICTORIES OVER GOOD BOYS

With 21 victories out of 24 battles to his credit, Willie Feldman, who fights Ray Pelkey here next Friday night, is considered by sporting experts to be a serious contender for Mickey Walker's crown. He has boxed three main events in Klamath Falls in the past six weeks, meeting such good boys as Tiger Johnny Cline, Bob Robinson, colored star, and Jimmy O'Dowd. Each bout was an easy victory for Feldman.

In meeting Pelkey, Feldman, who has been appearing regularly in Madison Square Garden in New York City, will meet one of the best light-heavyweights on the Pacific coast and for a time champion of the United States army in Siberia. Pelkey knocked out Gene O'Grady, Ashland fighter in four rounds in a recent Portland fight, and next week is to meet K. O. White, Chicago negro, in a Portland main event card. Pelkey is a veteran of many battles, and is demanding a stiff guarantee to fight in Medford.

K. O. Terry McCumber, six-foot Dairy fighter, will meet some good opposition in the semi-wind-up. McCumber has not lost a fight and wins most of them by the knockout route. There will also be several good preliminaries.

Promoter Joe Bickertstaff will be forced to take in more than \$1000 to break even on the show, which he declares is the best he has ever promoted in southern Oregon, and in Medford, alone, he has staged smokers that will be hard to beat. He is a promoter of long experience and is well known for his ability in matching good fights. He is not afraid to spend money on them to assure their success.

THE NOTED DEAD

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Henry Everett McNeill, 67, the author of many books, died here at the home of his sister today, while on a visit from New York. He wrote under the name of Everett McNeill and was a member of the Author's league.

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FOOTBALL SQUAD HANDED LETTERS AT HONOR DANCE

Coach Merrill Hagan awarded 21 high school football players, 15 of whom will be eligible to play next year, letters at the student body dance given in their honor last night.

Clifford Green, Ossie Newland, Ronn Green, John Sprague, Orville Davison, Wilton White, Bill Cunningham, Bill Dobbyn, Lionel Castleman, Harold Archer, John Morris, Oliver Hughes, Ivan Harrington, Alvin Potter, Elmer Zumborn, Ralph Thomas, Charles Thomas, Charles Clay, Jack Wenzel, Bill Walker and Dick Applegate were awarded the black "M" emblematic of eight quarters of inter-school play.

Charles Thomas, Ossie Newland, Ronn Green, Dick Applegate, Bill Dobbyn and Al Potter are seniors and probably will not be back next year.

Ronn Green played 28 quarters, which was all that was possible in the seven games, and "Chuck" Thomas was second, having missed only one minute during the season.

Each player made a short speech thanking the student body for the letter and the support it has given the team, and praising the work of Coach Hagan.

The awarding of football letters was preceded by a short program consisting of two solos by Merlel Tolleson and a tap dance by five of Ruth Luy's pupils. The girls in the tap dance were Ruby Stone, Dorothy Jane Walters, Zedell Lantis, Jane Anell and Mary Kate Walters. Nurtis Porter acted as master of ceremonies.

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