

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Sunday somewhat cloudy, probably with showers; not much change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
Highest yesterday 89
Lowest this morning 54
Precipitation .00
To 5 p. m. yesterday .00
To 5 a. m. today .00

Twenty-Fifth Year

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1930.

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MERRIAM READY TO QUIT POST

Resignation Submitted to State Board of Control—Upstate Growers Grati-fied By Developments—Expert Scouts 'Mystery Disease' Story.

SALEM, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—H. S. Merriam of Goshen, Lane county, today submitted in writing to the state board of control his resignation as a member of the state board of horticulture.

The purport of Merriam's letter was that he was submitting his resignation for acceptance or rejection as the board might see fit, implying that he would remain on the horticulture board if the board of control did not accept the resignation. A board meeting will be called, probably early next week.

Salem, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Local fruit growers interested in the move to secure resignation of H. S. Merriam, horticulture commissioner, or a complete retraction from him as to his "mystery disease" statements expressed considerable gratification Saturday when being advised of receipt of Mr. Merriam's resignation by the secretary of state.

"His resignation and its acceptance by the board of control will clear up the situation caused by Merriam's declarations about the 'mystery disease,'" stated Max Gehlhar, of the Salem Cherry Growers' association and active in demanding Merriam's resignation.

"We were getting our facts assembled ready to submit to the governor or board of control probably next week when we heard of this resignation. Understanding that Mr. Merriam's resignation carries an implication he might leave if the board rejected the facts will still be presented to the board. His resignation and its acceptance would mean considerable to the state at this juncture."

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Orchard authorities at the Oregon State college expressed surprise when informed that a "mysterious new disease" had attacked Oregon orchards and that a federal quarantine had been averted by the quick action of the Oregon horticulture board.

College authorities said no trace of any kind of "new" mysterious disease had been found in fruit received at the college.

Both Dr. Don C. Mote and Professor H. P. Barss said that dispatches from Salem to the effect that specimens had been taken to the college were without foundation.

"Marion county orchards are in good shape," the professors said.

"The 'mysterious disease' referred to was described by H. S. Merriam, member of the state horticulture board, during a speech at Salem last week. Fruit growers and shippers of the Willamette said they would present a petition to Acting Governor Hamilton demanding the resignation of Merriam.

Merriam, Lane county resident, denied making the assertions and said that "if the people of Marion county want my job they are welcome to it."

RIO JANEIRO, June 7.—(AP)—Official estimates place the population of Brazil at 49,274,650. There were 1,274,627 births in 1929. The country is larger territorially than the United States.



With Family



Alexander Pantages.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 7.—(AP)—After more than seven months in the county jail, Alexander Pantages, theatre magnate, convicted of assault on 17-year-old Eunice Pringle, today is at home with his family following his release yesterday on \$100,000 bail, pending decision on his appeal from a one to fifty-year penitentiary sentence.

The show man's release was granted by the state supreme court after a consideration of evidence at three superior court hearings, in which Pantages failed to win a temporary respite from jail. The high court ruled the man's life was endangered by confinement.

PROHI LAW SUPPORTED BY WOMEN

Federation Approves of Dry Resolution By Overwhelming Vote—Sinister Influences Seen in Drive Against 18th Amendment

DENVER, Colo., June 7.—(AP)—By an overwhelming vote the 20th biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs today adopted a resolution reaffirming the organization's faith in prohibition after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to delete a reference to "sinister influences" opposed to prohibition.

A standing vote on the question of adopting the resolution showed 11 in favor of striking out the word "sinister," five of the 11 from Texas.

The amendment to strike was offered by Miss Florence Dibert of Johnston, Pa., who later emphasized that she had offered it merely for the purpose of getting the matter before the convention. Mrs. J. C. Pearson of Marshall, Okla., chairman of the American citizenship committee, sponsored the original resolution.

"We realize," she told the con-ventioneers, "that those persons wishing a vote, 'that there are persons sincere in their belief that temperance conditions can be changed by other than the present laws. I have no objection to deleting the word 'sinister,' but the time has come when we women must stand for what we believe is right, and we must lend our full support to those charged with enforcement of the laws."

Mrs. Edward F. White, former assistant attorney general of Indiana, gained the floor to say that she thought the inclusion of the word was justified, and that she would oppose any move to delete it.

Mrs. White declared that a portion of the public press was "subvention as the amendment came to repeal prohibition, and that the repeal movement" was backed by "millions of dollars."

SALEM, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Before the state board of control for its approval or rejection of official state purchasing agency, is a bill for \$42 for photographs purchased by Governor Norblad from a Salem photographer. The bill has been questioned by an auditor in the state department.

That the bill was part of the governor's campaign expense is indicated by the fact that the item is for 30 glossy photographs, the kind usually used for making newspaper cuts. There are two items, the other is for 10 photographs of the governor.

2 BILLION INSURANCE IN OREGON

Report Commissioner Shows Belief in Protection—601 Companies Collected 40 Millions in Fees Last Year.

SALEM, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Approximately two billion dollars of insurance protection of all kinds was in force in Oregon at the end of 1929, says the annual report of Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner. A total of 601 companies collected over \$10,000,000 in premiums and fees and paid losses of about \$20,000,000 during the year.

Fire insurance was the major item, the amount in force, aside from automobile, marine and reciprocal insurance, being \$1,068,417,521. Of this six Oregon mutuals wrote \$114,189,837. The total amount was an increase of \$52,784,884 over the previous year.

Total net premiums received by the fire companies for the year was \$37,203,306, an increase of \$43,262. Losses paid were \$4,968,567, a decrease of \$299,938 compared with 1928.

Many Life Policies
Seventy-three life insurance companies wrote 70,530 policies for \$17,716,863 new insurance for the year, an increase of \$1,161,075. This was ordinary life, group and industrial insurance. At the end of the year these companies had in force \$61,101,590, an increase of \$35,225,217. Of this aggregate \$569,962,380 was ordinary life, \$55,580,623 group and \$36,458,587 industrial. Group decreased \$3,881,294. The others increased.

Less reinsurance, the life companies collected \$21,264,411 in premiums, an increase of \$1,703,695, and paid claims, less reinsurance, of \$8,743,296, an increase of \$1,575,693. The companies paid the state \$584,578 in taxes on net premiums, an increase of \$20,471.

Miscellaneous Increase
Health, casualty, disability and miscellaneous companies, 128 in number, collected \$6,937,497 in net premiums, an increase of \$654,177, and paid losses of \$3,522,989, an increase of \$115,332.

During the year the department issued 601 insurance company licenses and 18,892 agents' licenses. Fifty-six new companies were admitted to the state and 17 withdrew.

The department collected \$71,358.54 in company licenses, \$698,640.73 in premium taxes and \$46,672.81 agents' licenses, a total of \$816,672.08, or an increase of \$31,317.76 in departmental revenue. In addition to \$41,378.22 was collected in premium taxes from fire insurance companies for the maintenance of the fire marshal's department.

The cost of administering the department was 3.9 per cent of the departmental revenue.

PRESIDENT GOES TO VIRGINIA CAMP

ORANGE, Va., June 7.—(AP)—With his party of 15 guests, President Hoover today joined Mrs. Hoover at the presidential camp in Virginia after an uneventful automobile drive from the White House.

The party, numbering more than fifteen, included several high government officials, among them Secretary Hurley, Undersecretary Mills of the treasury, Commissioner Lucas of the internal revenue bureau, and Assistant Attorney General Sisson and Richardson. Also included Hanford MacNider, recently appointed minister to Canada, and Theodore Roosevelt, governor of Porto Rico.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Henderson Bates, 93, was in a dentist's office today for the first time in 39 years. He came in to get Dr. D. J. Gillian to fix up his 61-year-old son with a set of "store" teeth.

LA GRANDE, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Jack Ferris of La Grande was elected new district governor of Oregon Lions today as the state convention of the international organization started to wind up their two-day meeting here.

La Grande was chosen as the next convention city.

NEW MEXICAN TORNADO KILLS TWO, HURTS TWENTY



Striking Wagon Mound, N. M., (lower) a tornado caused damage estimated at \$150,000 and injured a score. Two men lost their lives in the building shown above.

DANA TO TALK ON DAIRYING AT PRODUCTS FETE

Third Annual Home Products Banquet of Medford C. of C. Thursday Night Will Be Interesting.

The third annual home products banquet of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at the Hotel Medford next Thursday night, promises to be one of the most interesting and instructive affairs of the year, according to the plans of the committee in charge, headed by W. S. Bolger.

With Marshall Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal of Portland, as principal speaker for the occasion, and many other entertaining features, and with a large crowd of business men and farmers assured, the dinner will hold many features of major interest to those who are fortunate enough to obtain tickets.

Mr. Dana will take for his topic "Improving Southwestern Oregon's Dairy Industry," and will give the audience some of his experiences and investigations of the dairy situation in New Zealand. He has recently returned from an extensive trip through the South Sea territory, where he investigated production and marketing methods employed by successful dairy enterprises there.

Knows Subject.
Mr. Dana has also made extensive investigation of the dairy situation in Oregon, and will have many concrete proposals to make to business men of Medford and dairymen of the Rogue River valley.

The principal entertainment feature of the evening will be a dinner concert by the Medford Elks' band, under the direction of Wilson Wall. This musical organization is recognized as one of the best of its kind in the state, and the Chamber of Commerce feels fortunate in being able to secure the services of the band for this occasion.

Further information as to the program and menu for the meeting will be published within the next few days. Those interested in attending can obtain tickets at the Chamber of Commerce, or from members of the service clubs who are distributing them.

LA GRANDE LION NAMED GOVERNOR

REND, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Jack Ferris of La Grande was elected new district governor of Oregon Lions today as the state convention of the international organization started to wind up their two-day meeting here.

SHARP DECLINE IN TIMBER OUTPUT

West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. Shows Mills Operating at 57.28 Per Cent of Capacity.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—A total of 325 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association, operated at 57.28 per cent of capacity during the week ending May 31. The output for these mills was 179,849,000 feet. Production was reduced by more than 20,000,000 feet at these mills below that of the previous week.

At the same time orders increased in excess of 3 per cent and exceeded the week's production. The mills are in the Douglas fir region of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Production of 219 identical mills, for which the association has weekly records of production, orders and shipments, totaled more than 156,900,000 feet for the week ending May 31; orders were 152,200,000 feet and shipments 158,965,000. Production declined 16,000,000 feet from the previous week; orders increased approximately 2,000,000 feet and shipments gained about 6,000,000 feet.

In the pine industry there is no appreciable curtailment of output.

SEATTLE PAYROLL IS TAKEN BY BANDITS

SEATTLE, June 7.—(AP)—Three holdup men escaped with \$7000 about noon here today after holding up a messenger who was carrying the money from a downtown bank to the Seattle labor temple, where it was to have been used to cash pay roll checks for laborers.

LEISURELY ROBBERS LOOT JAMAICA BANK

NEW YORK, June 7.—(AP)—Four leisurely bank robbers took \$22,000 in cash from the First National National bank in Jamaica, Long Island, this morning, leaving every employe of the bank from porter to manager bound and gagged when they drove away.

The Noted Dead

NEW YORK, June 7.—(AP)—William McAdoo, chief magistrate of the city of New York and assistant secretary of the navy in the administration of President Cleveland, died today at the age of 76.

DELUXE THUGS VANISH FROM FOLSOM CELLS

Convicts Thought to Have Walked From Prison in Painter's Clothes, Though Thorough Search Continues Behind Walls.

SACRAMENTO, June 7.—(AP)—That two notorious bank robbers, missing from their cells at Folsom prison since noon yesterday, exchanged their own prison garb for the clothing of painters working on the new cell block at the penitentiary, was the belief expressed today by Warden Court Smith.

The men are Eddan McNabb, 32, and Floyd Sampson, 30, who were bank robbers de luxe, received at the prison September 6, 1929, after being convicted in Oakland.

The tell tale evidence to indicate this to have been the coup by which the men hoped to gain their freedom, was uncovered this morning when two shirts bearing the missing men's numbers, two pairs of overalls and two pairs of shoes were found in the unfinished cell block.

A thorough search of the prison yard is being made today, while skiffs on the river which skirt the prison property on the north side, making it practically unobtainable the men should have made their escape from the yard.

Searchlights played all night upon the walls and the river which skirts the prison property on the north side, making it practically unobtainable the men should have made their escape after the time they were discovered missing at 5:30 o'clock last evening.

Casualties of the Air Service

CLINTON, Okla., June 7.—(AP)—Franklin D. Peters, Oklahoma City pilot, and Stanley Haus, passenger of Clinton, were killed this afternoon when their plane, owned by the Junior division of the Oklahoma City chapter of commerce, crashed here near the edge of town.

Singin' Bill Disappears From Eastern Oregon Desert Haunts

SALEM, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—No one remembers a killing at Canyon Junction, which is on Snake river near Nyssa. No one knows the connection between the cryptic message and the vanishing of Singin' Bill.

For some years McEarden has made his living by hunting coyotes and selling the pelts. It is said he did well. Tall, bearded and bronzed, a bit past middle age, he seemed typical of the frontier. Yet it is said that he was a college graduate. He spoke perfect English and his conversation hinted that he had traveled abroad. But he chose to live on the plains with simple camping outfit and rifle.

CAPT. SMITH HAIL CAROL PLANS SEA AS KING OF HOP SUNDAY RUMANIANS

Do-Or-Die Dash Across Atlantic in Southern Cross Will Start at 2 A. M., Weather Permitting—Four Men in Crew.

LONDON, June 7.—(AP)—The Associated Press today was informed in a message from Curragh Camp, Ireland, that Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith had definitely decided not to start his trans-Atlantic flight attempt tomorrow (Sunday) morning.

DUBLIN, June 7.—(AP)—Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith hopes to take off on his attempted trans-Atlantic flight tomorrow, Sunday, morning at 2 o'clock if weather reports at that hour are favorable, he announced today.

"All depends upon the weather," Captain Kingsford-Smith said in making known his purpose.

"There is a sporting chance of early reports showing prospects of improvement in the weather the start will be made. Waiting is bad for the nerves. My men share my view that a quick getaway is the thing.

"There is to be a do-or-die dash. Everything is perfect in the machine. We are anxious to be off."

All four members of the Australian aviator's crew were cheerful and optimistic. They refused to even contemplate the possibility of failure.

The route will be straight across Ireland to Galway where farewells will be taken of the Irish coast.

The "Southern Cross" is equipped with a strong radio and will flash frequent messages to the world on its progress.

BIDS FOR LIGHTING OREGON CAVES TO BE OPEN MONDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Bids will be opened here Monday on electric light installation in the Oregon Caves near Grants Pass. With the work of equipping the cavern with lights and one additional exit to be completed near the end of August, tourists will be able to see more of the underground wonders.

The work of washing mud from the caves followed installation of lights and a high pressure water system has been completed and has proven so successful that visitors can traverse the entire distance without fear of getting the clothing soiled.

SPEEDING YOUTH SAYS HE PAID COP

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Hubert Regan, Portland traffic policeman, was before his superior officer today to answer to a charge brought by Ed Poll, 18, that Regan accepted \$20 to "fix a speeding charge against me."

Poll told authorities that Regan arrested him and told him that if he brought \$20 to court he would "arrange things" and would refrain from placing the charge against him. Poll said he met Regan in the lobby of the police station and gave him the \$20.

Regan denied that he had accepted the \$20. He said he felt sorry for the youth, who had told him he would lose his position if he was arrested.

Former Crown Prince Carol Makes Secret Return to Homeland—Move Believed Necessary to Avert Civil War.

BUCHAREST, Rumania, June 7.—(AP)—Former Crown Prince Carol, who has returned dramatically to Rumania to seek the throne he once renounced, will be chosen king by the chamber of deputies and the senate in a session at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PARRIS, June 7.—(AP)—Unofficial reports were received in Paris today that former Crown Prince Carol has been proclaimed king of Rumania by the Rumanian assembly.

(Advices from Bucharest said that Carol would be proclaimed at six o'clock tonight, or 11:00 a. m., e.s.t.)

The reports were received sympathetically in semi-official circles, where it was said even if he had not already been proclaimed, the ceremony would not be long delayed.

Private advices reaching Paris from Bucharest indicated that the Liberal party which has been opposed to him had decided to accept Carol as king rather than risk civil war.

It is understood that the youthful King Michael will be placed in a nursery and that Carol would be given an opportunity to show whether he intends to be a good king having left his indiscretions behind him.

CENSUS GAIN IN STATE INCREASES JUDGE'S SALARY

SALEM, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—Judge W. W. Duncan of the circuit court for Klamath county will get a salary increase from \$5000 to \$5500 a year, and maybe \$6000, as a result of the population increase in that county as shown by the 1930 census. If information reaching here is correct.

The increase will be automatic, and effective immediately upon the secretary of state's receiving official knowledge of the new population figure, say an opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle, in response to an inquiry by Secretary of State Hoss, who audit the salary vouchers.

Under an act of the 1929 legislature circuit judges in judicial districts of less than 15,000 population get \$5000. For a population between 15,000 and over 30,000 the salary is \$6000.

Under the census Klamath county, which is the 13th judicial district, has been in the class below 15,000 population. A new official figure from Washington as reported by press dispatches gives 16,953 for Klamath Falls, and there is a possibility that the district population may exceed 20,000.

STARVING SUICIDE PLANS GO AMISS

DANVILLE, Va., June 7.—(AP)—Today, the day he had set for his death through self-imposed starvation, found little change in the condition of Frank W. Davis, farmer, who had refused food for the last 26 days in an effort to end his life because he says he is tired of living.

Although perceptibly weaker, had strength enough to shift himself about on his cot in the attic of his two-room cabin. It was believed he would survive several more days.

BUNGO MAN FAILS TO GET LIBERTY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—A writ of habeas corpus in the case of Edgar M. Sutton, alleged "bungo" man whom Joseph Wagner of Mt. Angel, Ore., charged with fleecing him of \$15,000 in the race horse wheeze, was denied today by Circuit Judge Stevenson.