

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Friday unsettled with rain; normal temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRAIL

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1930.

Temperature table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest this morning, Precipitation, To 5 p. m. yesterday, To 5 a. m. today.

Twenty-Fifth Year

No. 262

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

From Salem to Pittsburg. Mills, Money, Mellon. Empty Stomachs Dangerous. Twice Thanks to Hoover.

Copyright King Features Synd., Inc.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 10.—When traveling through the country, if opportunity offers, get off at one railroad station and motor a few miles to another, observing as you go.

This is written, after an hour and a half motor trip from Salem, Ohio, passing in that short time through parts of Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, all the way on a good road labeled "U. S. 30."

Where the highway cuts through hills, you see holes in the bank from which the owner of land adjoining takes out coal as he needs it. Very convenient.

Through Lisbon, Liverpool, and over the Ohio river you enter West Virginia and motor on through the rolling fields.

Soon a sign announces that you have changed from West Virginia into Pennsylvania. Then, past mines, oil wells, gas wells, you enter this powerful growing city of coal, iron, gigantic mills, money, and "the Mellons."

Here every prospect pleases, for nothing could be more pleasing than active smokestacks that show factories running, men employed. But there is one disturbing feature.

Coming into Allegheny county, alert policemen stand on the corners, beside each one a state trooper, watching automobiles.

Banditry, with robbing of banks, and occasional murders, has increased suddenly, although, thanks to the wise policy of big steel companies, nearly all their men are employed, at least part of the week.

At 3 in the afternoon a group of men in working clothes stand on a corner, evidently unemployed. One watches a powerful young man, who wears an unpleasant look as he watches the rolling automobiles.

OPEN COUNT OF BALLOTS FOR MAYOR

Recount of West Medford Precinct Will End Today. Is Belief—Oakdale Precinct Count Tomorrow—Attorneys On Job.

The recount for the West Medford precinct was completed this afternoon showing the following figures on the majority:

Wilson 212, Fehl 146. Six ballots—for for Wilson and two for Fehl were protested, and a dozen ballots marked defective by the canvassing board will be ruled upon by the court.

The official count for this precinct gave: Wilson 219, Fehl 148. Counting of the ballots of the West Medford precinct, in the recount and election contest filed by Earl H. Fehl against E. M. Wilson, successful candidate on the face of the official returns, started this afternoon.

At 3 o'clock 140 ballots had been counted, showing Wilson 91, Fehl 54, five not voting for mayor, and one ballot marked for each of the candidates being protested and laid aside for determination later.

It is expected that the recounting of the ballots for the West Medford will be completed by court adjournment at 5 o'clock today. The recounting of the ballots in the Oakdale precinct will be started in the morning.

Attorney Thomas J. Enright acts as tallyman for Fehl, and City Attorney Frank P. Farrell in a similar capacity for Wilson.

When the West Medford precinct ballot box was opened, Attorney Kelly called the court's attention to the fact that the mouth of the ballot bag was not sealed and the keyhole of the lock also bare.

For the Oakdale precinct ballot container, no key could be found, so it was necessary for Attorney Enright to take a hammer and demolish it.

Canadians Favor Wheat-For-Cash Plan By Wrigley

WINNIPEG, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Unqualified approval of the wheat-for-cash plan was expressed last night by John H. McFarland, head of the Canadian wheat pool's central selling agency.

The William Wrigley, Jr. Company, Ltd., has decided all money owing it in the prairie provinces from December 12, 1930, to May 1, 1931, will be accumulated to buy wheat in May, 1931 at or below 65 cents.

GIRL TELLS OF SLAYING AUCTIONEER

Salt Lake Blonde Refuses to Name Accomplice in Hotel Room Crime—Barber Held As Suspect, Refuses Admit Connection.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Jean D. Dayle, 22-year-old blonde, was being held in jail today on an open charge after she is alleged to have confessed the slaying of Sam Frank, 65, jewelry auctioneer of Memphis, Tenn., in a hotel room here Saturday morning.

With the alleged confession, however, the slaying was only partly solved, since the woman is said by police to have admitted she had an accomplice, although she refused to give his identity.

The only thing you need to know is that I killed him," she sobbed at the end of a four-hour grilling last night. Detectives said the confession came after they had told her they knew her real identity.

In her alleged confession, the girl said she went to Frank's room Friday night and "had some drinks with him." During the night and early morning she said she gave him three doses of a drug, and when she feared it had not taken effect she said she hit him twice on the head with a bottle. Then she tied his hands and gagged him with one of her stockings.

Next she took a ring from his finger, robbed him of a stickpin, and money, tied down the telephone receiver and left the room. Concerning disposal of the loot, police said she told them: "I gave it to the man who planned the job and his name will never pass my lips. I am ready to take all the blame."

She continued to hold Phil J. Quinn, a barber, arrested Sunday in connection with the murder. He refused either to deny or admit connection with the slaying.

TRY MAJOR FOR WIFE'S MURDER



Maj. Charles A. Shepard, medical officer, is accused of poisoning his wife because he was in love with Grace Brandon (left), twenty-three-year-old stenographer. Miss Brandon is a prosecution witness in the trial in federal court, Kansas City, Kan.

OTHER WOMAN WILLSON STORE TELLS AFFAIR WITH OFFICER

Stenographer Star Witness at Trial of Major Shepard in Alleged Poisoning of Wife.

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Miss Grace Brandon, young stenographer of San Antonio, Tex., who figures as the "other woman" in the murder trial of Major Chas. A. Shepard, charged with the poison murder of his second wife, took the stand today as the government's star witness and wept as she related what Shepard had told her regarding his relations with Mrs. Shepard.

"He said he and his wife had not been getting along well the last five years," the girl testified, "but that they kept up congenial appearances at social functions because of his rank in the army."

She related that she had met Shepard about Nov. 1, 1928. At that time he was taking a flight surgeon's course at Brooks Field, San Antonio.

Miss Brandon recovered her composure as government counsel drew from her the story of Major Shepard's love affair with her which provided the motive for the alleged fatal poisoning of Mrs. Shepard at Fort Riley, Kas., in June, 1929.

She related that she had met Shepard about Nov. 1, 1928. At that time he was taking a flight surgeon's course at Brooks Field, San Antonio.

Miss Brandon told of a trip to Laredo, Tex., with Shepard and another couple. They crossed the Mexican border and had several small glasses of wine at a bar, she said.

MENACE IN FREE GRAIN TO JOBLESS

Legge Warns Senate Committee Plan Might Hurt Prices—Farm Aid Board Would Be Forced to Buy Huge Supply, Is View.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The senate today passed the emergency public works construction bill after increasing the appropriation to \$115,000,000.

The bill goes back to the house, which approved it Tuesday, for consideration of amendments. The senate added \$5,000,000 to the house total for work on roads on unreserved public lands.

The bill carries funds for vast public improvements to be started immediately.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The senate agriculture committee today appointed a subcommittee of three to consider and report on the Capper resolution to authorize the utilization of 40,000,000 bushels of grain stabilization wheat for benefit of the unemployed which affect prices adversely.

Legge said the corporation, to maintain prices, level of such a distribution would have to buy back a large proportion of the amount devoted to relief purposes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Chairman Legge of the farm board, warned the senate agriculture committee today enactment of the Capper resolution to distribute 40,000,000 of the grain stabilization corporation's wheat for benefit of the unemployed might affect prices adversely.

Legge said the corporation, to maintain prices, level of such a distribution would have to buy back a large proportion of the amount devoted to relief purposes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The senate agriculture committee today appointed a subcommittee of three to consider and report on the Capper resolution to authorize the utilization of 40,000,000 bushels of grain stabilization wheat for benefit of the unemployed which affect prices adversely.

Secretly Married



Mrs. George Vargas, formerly Phyllis Balzar, daughter of Nevada, and Mrs. Fred Balzar of Nevada, was secretly married in August, 1929. The wedding was recently announced in Reno.

NACKER FIGHTS CONSIDERATION OF CONFESSION

Klamath Slayer's Counsel Contend Admission—Girl Relates Crime.

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The question of admission of the confession obtained from Donald Nacker, on trial for first degree murder in connection with the death of Fred Dunbar, occupied the attention of attorneys for the state and defense as court opened today. A legal battle over the confession was in progress as court recessed last night, the defense contending the confession was given under duress.

Legge would not estimate the amount of increased consumption if the 40,000,000 bushels were diverted for relief, but said it would be small.

While welcoming "any means of getting rid of the wheat holdings, Legge said from the standpoint of relieving the suffering, there was a question whether providing one food commodity would be as helpful as a general supply of all things needed.

MEIER WANTS TRAFFIC STAR ON CHAUFFEUR

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Insistence by Julius Meier, governor-elect, that his chauffeur be deputized as a state traffic officer caused Kent Shoemaker, chief of the traffic department, to confer with Governor Norblad over the problem Thursday.

Shoemaker advised the governor that Mr. Meier insists that as governor he is entitled to a state traffic officer to drive his car. Shoemaker advised Mr. Meier that he did not see how this could legally be done.

Governor Norblad stepped into the breach by volunteering to appoint the chauffeur as a special state agent if Mr. Meier would apply for such a commission.

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Misture and soil conditions for orchards are the best here in years, and a normal winter will bring bumper fruit crops next year, the county fruit inspector reported today following 35-100 inch rainfall last night. Sunshine followed the rain storm here.

RELATIVITY WIZARD IN PEACE PLEA

Einstein Arrives in United States With Hope That Country Will End Militarism—Is Shy Before Huge Camera Squad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Dr. Albert Einstein, father of a scientific theory so complex few human beings can understand it, landed today in the United States and gave to the American people by radio a simple, forceful message pleading for an end to militarism.

From the drawing room of the liner Belgenland he spoke in German. "Kill the monster of militarism. Your political and economic position today is such you can entirely destroy militarism whenever you set your hand to it."

The physicist's wife translated his address. "Your country, through its peace and labor, has reached a pre-eminent position in the world," Professor Einstein said. "Through your free government you have put liberty above the power of any tyrant."

Just Before Camera. A hundred reporters and cameramen met the scientist when the Belgenland reached quarantine this morning, and he jested with them in his native tongue and caused many a native tongue to miss a good camera shot by making the picture man laugh just as he was about to make a picture.

Surrounded by a reporterial multitude which stood on chairs around him to see over those ahead, Einstein sat with his wife at a table and remarked: "This is just like a Punch and Judy show."

"The first question," he went on, "always is: 'Is everybody here?' and the answer always is: 'Yes.' That is the question and answer now."

He evidenced his "relativity complex," however, a few minutes later when he drew a German friend aside from the phalanx of cameramen and whispered: "I do not see them. I feel like I am on top of a high mountain and I do not look down."

HAVANA, Dec. 11.—(AP)—In the face of increasing unrest throughout the republic, President Machado this afternoon informed the Associated Press that he had issued a decree suspending constitutional guarantees and establishing a practical state of martial law throughout Cuba.

SANTA CLARA HONORS PROPHET OF WEATHER. SANTA CLARA, Cal., Dec. 11.—(AP)—All business in Santa Clara was suspended today while funeral services were held at Santa Clara mission for Father Jerome Sixtus Riand, "Father of the Rain."

WILL ROGERS SAYS: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 11.—Judge Lindsey is for free love and Bishop Manning is holding out for the usual clergyman's fee for the marriage ceremony. It looks like church laws, or civil laws, don't mean anything to anybody any more. Everybody is doing just as they like regardless of everything. They say all children reach a "smart aleck" age some time. Well, our whole country is in that stage now. Every man, every denomination and every organization wants things their way. It's just one of those things we got to pass through, and we will look back and feel ashamed of ourselves afterwards.

Will Rogers

OPEN BIDS FOR HALF MILLION HIGHWAY WORK

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Bids on 71 miles of highway construction at a cost estimated at \$500,000 were opened by the state highway commission here today. Award of contracts will be made later.

The proposals included surfacing 10 miles of the Oregon coast highway in Lane county; regrading and resurfacing 19 miles of the Oregon Caves road in Josephine county; surfacing 12.6 miles of the Oregon coast highway in Coos county; surfacing 11 miles of the Central Oregon highway between Hampton and the Lake county line; resurfacing the Lancaster-Vale section of the John Day highway; grading 3 miles of the Santiam highway between Bryant hill and Trout creek, and regrading on the John Day highway in Grant county.

He's Mayor Again. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 11.—(AP)—L. D. Taylor, seven times mayor of Vancouver prior to 1928, was elected again yesterday for a two year term. He defeated Mayor W. H. Malkin by 5086 votes.

German Ban Battle Film As Endangering Standing Among Nations of World. BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Germany's board of film censors today ruled the picture, "All Quiet on the Western Front," out of the country's theaters, on the ground it "endangered Germany's international standing."

PRESS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES AID NATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The value of the press and life insurance companies in producing an informed nation was set forth to the convention of life insurance presidents today by Frank E. Noyes, president of the Associated Press.

EXCHANGE SEATS AT REDUCED VALUATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Sales of Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were arranged today, one at \$206,000 and two at \$206,000 each.

EUREKA UN DAMAGED BY MORNING QUAKES

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Two earthquakes were felt here today. The first was at 12:55 a. m., and lasted 25 seconds. The second was at 4:29 a. m., and continued for five seconds. No damage was reported.

REPORT LESS RUN BY FOREST FIRES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Despite the driest season in years, fire damage to national forest lands this year was held to \$227,370, a reduction of almost 95 per cent from last year.

This decrease, the forest service said today was accomplished in face of an increase in the number of fires from 7443 in 1929, to 8293 for the season just ended. Forest area burned over amounted to 195,945 acres, only a fifth of last year's total acreage.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD AUCTIONED

WILMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 11.—(AP)—An auctioneer's hammer knocked down the Chicago and Alton railroad today for a bid of \$23,000,000 and the 1625-mile line passed into the hands of the Baltimore and Ohio system.

Only one bid was offered for the railroad, whose value has been estimated from \$30,000,000 to \$330,000,000.

Never Saw a Movie

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Mrs. Maria Sophia Anderson, who has never seen a moving picture show or eaten in a restaurant, celebrated her 99th birthday anniversary today.

FATHER SHOULDERS BLAME FOR CRIME—ASKS CLEMENCY FOR SON AND THIRD MAN IMPLICATED.

George Bennett, who told the court he served two years of a one to two years sentence for grand larceny, in Joliet, Illinois, prison, arranged with his son Albert, 19, a Klamath youth, and C. H. Smith, of La Grues, Texas, took the major portion of the blame for the burglary November 30, of the Will H. Wilson store and asked that leniency be extended to his boy and Smith, whom he described as "a Texas walf, who cannot read or write."

The Bennetts entered pleas of guilty. Smith, apparently befuddled by the court procedure, first entered a plea of not guilty and a few minutes later reversed it.

The court deferred passing sentence until tomorrow morning.

Bennett told the court his home was in Chicago, and that he was an auto mechanic. His wife left him, and ill health beset him, with his son he took the train in a Ford sedan. In Texas they found Smith, a wayfarer, working in the cotton fields. They brought him along because of pity for him.

INDICT SUSPECT IN BUCKLEY SLAYING

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The Wayne county grand jury today indicted Joe Bommarito, reputed member of the Licavoli run running gang, for the slaying of Radio Announcer Jerry Buckley, July 23.

The indictment was the first the jury has returned in the Buckley murder case, which it was organized primarily to investigate more than four months ago.

KLAMATH ESTATE PAYS HEAVY TAX

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—(AP)—From the \$4,800,000 fortune left by Jacob Mortenson, lumberman of Klamath Falls, Ore., a prominent stevedore operator, the government will receive \$301,132 inheritance tax, \$10,000 income tax, and the state of Oregon will get \$172,000 inheritance tax.

He was head of the Pellean Bay Lumber company of Klamath Falls, and operator of the Red Wing Steamship company.

Sawdust Shot From Guns Makes Synthetic Lumber

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 11.—(AP)—An unusual synthetic lumber process, was explained here at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers by Robert H. Boehm, of Laurel, Miss.

It consists of "shooting" sawdust and waste wood from guns." The hydraulic valves are then opened, causing a violent explosion which shoots from the mouth of the gun a mass of long fibres.

Abe Martin



BUY A BUNNEL OF WHEAT AND FEED THE BIRD THIS WINTER. Hain't fate funny? Mrs. Em Moore's brother who lived all his life in Chicago who finally hit take for a deer near Oberlin, Ohio. Who remembers when we used to slow down an offer to help a feller with a stalled car?