

Forecast: Cloudy tonight. Probably rain Sunday. No change in temperature.

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

ASHLAND OFFICER IS KILLED BY GUNMAN

NAB SLAYER ON HIGHWAY AFTER DEED

Sam Prescott Victim Cold-Blooded Murder When Stopping Car Thief Suspects—Confessions Are Given By Pair in Jail.

The victim of a cold-blooded murder, Samuel Prescott, 25, Ashland city traffic officer, was shot three times and instantly killed by J. C. Adams, 33, alleged escaped convict and auto thief, on the Ashland boulevard at 7 o'clock this morning.

Earl Remington, 19, Wenatchee, Wash., held as a material witness made an affidavit this forenoon completely covering the murder. Adams made an oral confession to officers that he killed Prescott to avoid being taken to the police station.

Adams lowered the front window and Prescott moved up to continue his questioning. "Have you papers for this car?" the officer asked.

"I have no papers and I haven't a driver's license," Adams replied, according to the version told by Remington.

"I guess I'd better take you to the station," Prescott said, as he entered the machine and took charge of the car, the engine of which was still running.

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OFFICER MOORE RECEIVES PRAISE

REGINA, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, attending the editors' convention here, today praised the work of Herbert Moore, state traffic officer, in capturing the man who killed Sam Prescott, Ashland traffic officer, this morning.

Abe Martin



If Senator H. Johnson don't show some sign of life, party soon he's liable to sit his return on a nine-cent stamp. It's no disgrace to be poor, but it might as well be.

Ambergris Found On Heceta Beach Worth Thousand

EUGENE, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Discovery of what is believed to be a great mass of ambergris, rare and precious material used in manufacture of perfumes, was made by six Springfield residents at Heceta Beach in western Lane county. The putty-like substance weighed 62 pounds.

SHOWDOWN ON LIQUOR PROMISED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A bill to legalize 4 per cent beer expected to bring Test in Volstead Modification Move—Wets Admit Poor Chance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Connecticut Republican's proposal brought the first promise for a showdown in the senate on modification of the Volstead act. He would have his substitute amend the Volstead act thereby making the 4 per cent beer legal throughout the nation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, told the senate today intimates of President Hoover have passed out the word secretly that the president "is moist on the prohibition issue."

FREQUENT RAINS IN COMING WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The outlook for the week beginning January 25 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far western states: The outlook is for considerable cloudiness and normal temperatures, with frequent rains in Washington and Oregon west of the Cascade mountains, occasional snows in the northern plateau regions and the probability of rains by the middle of the week in California. Snows are probable in the high mountain ranges of the Pacific states.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A bequest of approximately \$1,000,000 to the University of Chicago was made in the will of the late Albert E. Kupperheimer, son of the founder of the clothing house bearing his name, filed for probate. The will disposed of a \$2,500,000 estate.

"Tame" Lion Kills Child In Return of Primal Instinct

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 24.—(AP)—A captive Mexican lion slew Viola Priben, 2 years old, at her home here last night, betraying confidence built up in hours of play. She was killed for the treacherer.

LESSON IN CALIFORNIA PEAR MILLS

Valley Growers in Well-Attended Meeting, Gain Information From Frank Swett—Federal Aid Not Advised—Quality Needed

Fruit men of the Rogue River valley to the number of 350 gathered yesterday afternoon in the Elks temple, at the annual meeting of the Fruitgrowers' league, and heard Frank M. Swett, manager of the California Pear Growers' association, describe pear conditions in that state, to the end that this section might draw a marketing and producing lesson from their experiences.

Swett's address, which was highly informative, helped to clarify the local situation, and in the opinion of local fruit industry leaders showed valley growers the impracticability of seeking federal aid for crop financing, at least for the present.

Swett showed that federal aid in California—particularly in the grape industry—as yet had not shown results, but further stated it would be two or three years before a fair test could be determined.

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BANDON LUMBER MILL RESUMES OPERATION

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Moore lumber mill at Bandon resumed operations yesterday after a four-months shutdown, with a full crew of 65 men. In addition, more than 70 men are employed in the company's camps.

EARLY TRIAL FOR BOWLES AND IRMA

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—An early hearing of the murder charges against Nelson C. Bowles, millionaire, and Irma Loucks, his former secretary, was expected today by those following the case. The two pleaded not guilty to charges of murdering Mrs. Leone Bowles, society woman. She was stabbed to death in Miss Loucks' apartment, November 12, in the presence of the girl and Bowles, who declare she committed suicide.

TO LIVE 2 WEEKS ON \$2.50



This family of four at England, Ark., has just received a requisition from relief agencies entitling them to \$2.50 worth of food upon which they must live for two weeks.

GRANGE BACKS LAW GROUP IN JACKSONVILLE

Work of the Citizens' Civic League of Jacksonville, which has caused so much commotion relative to the holding of public dances in the historic little town, was endorsed last night by the Jacksonville Grange No. 700 in resolutions adopted at the regular meeting of the farmers' organization.

The report of the action of the Grangers, signed by the secretary, G. O. Sanden, and submitted to the Mail Tribune this morning, reads: "The Jacksonville Grange is a resolution adopted at its meeting Friday evening, went on record as giving its cordial and unqualified endorsement to the Citizens' Civic League of Jacksonville, pledging its interest and goodwill to the organization in carrying out its purpose for the enforcement of law and order at all times, and for the promotion of such ideals of civic and social righteousness as should animate the minds of all true and law-abiding American citizens."

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FUND PLEA TONIGHT IN BROADCAST

Medford Station KMED On Chain for 3-Hour Red Cross Program—Local Chairman Makes Appeal for Full County Quota.

Tonight the United Broadcasting company will give a three-hour program from 7 until 10 in behalf of the Red Cross drought appeal. Some of the most famous musical organizations as well as individual talent in America will be heard. Station KMED, Medford, will be one of the 16 stations on the Pacific coast hook-up. This will be one of the finest programs ever arranged before the microphone.

Medford and Jackson County has been given a quota of \$15,000 to help in the drive to raise \$10,000,000 to relieve the drought sufferers throughout the United States.

J. C. Thompson, chairman of the local Jackson county chapter has been requested to exert every effort to put Jackson county over its quota and he earnestly asks that every citizen in the county cooperate to the fullest extent to help those who have been unfortunate.

There are millions of men, women and children anxiously looking forward to the American Red Cross to clothe them from the winter blasts and satisfy their hunger. The Red Cross expects every citizen to do their part to help those in distress, says Mr. Thompson.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—While the relief issue was agitated anew in the senate, the Red Cross today reported contributions in excess of \$400,000 as a result of the nationwide radio broadcast Thursday night for donations to its \$10,000,000 fund.

The total to date was \$1,070,952. Red Cross chapters were reported feeding 662,459 persons in 342 countries in 21 states as of noon Friday.

The house appropriations committee was criticized at the start of the senate session by Senator Caraway for delaying the proposed \$25,000,000 appropriation to the Red Cross by holding hearings. The taking of testimony begins Monday. The senate has approved the fund.

Lawrence H. Rupp, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, writing from Allentown, Pa., said Elks organizations throughout the country have been urged to support the drive for funds.

TOM MIX LOSES LEGAL SKIRMISH

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Tom Mix, movie cowboy who was against every obstacle in his two-fisted screen appearances, lost a verdict in Erie county court today to Col. Zerk Miller, owner of the 1st Beach shows, who sued him for \$25,000 charging breach of contract. A jury awarded Miller \$50,000 damages.

BROMO SELTZER MAGNATE PASSES

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Captain Isaac E. Emerson, organizer of the Maryland Naval reserves, during Spanish-American war, internationally known yachtsman and founder of the drug company that bears his name, is dead at the age of 71. A complication of diseases terminated an illness of two months' duration.

INCH OF RAIN FALLS IN COOS BAY REGION

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Nearly an inch of rain fell on Coos Bay yesterday, followed by a heavy deluge and thunder storm. Rivers here are rising rapidly. A strong cold has prevailed for two days.

Flaming Rodent Brings Death to Hongkong Family

HONGKONG, Jan. 24.—(AP)—An aged Chinese woman, living in a village near Canton, and her two grandchildren, were burned to death recently when a flaming rat ran into their home and set it on fire. Two street tramping had captured the rat and dipping it in kerosene, touched a match to it. Maddened by pain, the creature ran into the old lady's house a few yards distant and jumped into the bed, which caught fire immediately.

NIGHT CLUB IS SCENE OF GANG FIGHT

Broadway 'Hot Spot' Shambles When Rival 'Mobs' Clash—Owner in Hospital With Gun and Knife Wounds—Police Hold Girl

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—(AP)—In the velvet-curtained Club Abbey, one of the hot spots of Broadway's night life, two rival "mobs" of gunmen shot it out before dawn this morning.

Police who got to the place after Charles Sherman, night club owner and reputed gambler, had been taken to a hospital by the club's elopement girl, found the place a deserted shambles. Sherman had many bruises and several wounds believed to have been caused by bullets, but his most serious injuries were stab wounds.

The interior of the club was a splintered wreck. Broken chairs, splintered tables, bullet-pierced walls and many bloodstains led police to the belief that two gangs had translated their enmity into a free-for-all battle with revolvers, knives and fists.

Once Guinan's Place. The club has engaged the attention of police before. Several fights have occurred there and one gangster was shot in the street nearby. Before it became the Club Abbey it was Texan Guinan's saloon of all night gaiety.

Sherman, who was taken to Polyclinic hospital, was said to have been engaged in the night club business at one time with Frankie Marlow, slain racketeer, and Larry Fay. Regarded as a gambler of the "puncher" type, he was said by police to have been a close friend of the late Arnold Rothstein.

Mavis King, elopement girl, who said she found Sherman in front of the Club Abbey in a taxi cab, was detained. Police regarded with suspicion her denial that she said anything to Sherman during the ride. The cab driver said he heard her mutter to the unconscious man: "We'll get them yet. We'll get them yet."

Modern Miss In Trousers For Formal and Informal Wear If Fashion Followed

By Adelaide Kerr PARIS, Jan. 24.—(AP) Trousers, long and short, formal and informal, indicating that the modern modish miss will combine 1931 freedom with 1870 femininity are one of the most important features of showings of spring styles just begun. Although only small couturiers have exhibited so far, collections indicate pajamas launched as a fad are now a definite part of the mode both for playtime and evening wear.

SENTIMENT FAVORS 8TH ST. OPENING

Meeting of Property Owners and Interested Citizens Brings Out Pleas for Crossing to Relieve Traffic—School a Factor.

The fact stood out at the informal meeting of Eighth street property owners and a few property owners from other parts of the city last night that the proposed opening of Eighth street across the Southern Pacific tracks into a through cut and west thoroughfare, will not only be of great benefit to the development of Medford, but that it will be a much needed boon to citizens generally when the new court house is erected at Main and Oakdale, and the new high school is a reality out on Oakdale. City officials also attended.

It was brought out by speakers that the new court house will face Oakdale instead of West Main street, according to all architectural plans, and therefore if Eighth street were opened a loop would be formed from Main and Oakdale to Eighth, which would greatly facilitate heavy traffic to and from the court house.

Then, too, Eighth street would make the new high school more central to all parts of the city, especially to the east side students, by furnishing another needed main artery to more quickly reach the building.

Argument Falls. It was further brought out that the chief argument for the opening of Sixth street across the tracks was that it would lessen traffic congestion on Main street, but such was not the case, as so fast is the growth of the city that recent traffic surveys show the Main street travel volume is just the same, and business men and citizens generally now cannot realize how Medford could ever do without Sixth street as a through street.

City officials and others at the meeting, in pointing out the necessity for keeping pace with the city's growth, said the same condition would result in a year or so after Eighth street was opened. Besides such opening, it was argued, would tend to have the Southern Pacific move its switching tracks further south than at present, which would also make a solid business district.

To Counteract Protest. Last night's meeting was held to take steps to counteract the protest against the proposed opening.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Jan. 24.—Just come from England, Ark., the town you read about, where the people wanted food. It seemed mighty peaceful and happy now. Went to the school there where the children were being fed at lunch time all they wanted of fine vegetable soup, cooked in a big vat, that had been a whiskey still, and presented to the cause by a patriotic moonshiner. This is the very heart of the most needy section in America, and yet it's the most fertile land you ever saw. But the country people absolutely have nothing. The Red Cross, as usual, is doing great work. In just these two counties I visited they are feeding 8000 families, with an average of six to the family. You don't know what hard times are till you go into some of these houses. Weather is 'with 'em now, but if it turns cold there will be a lot of suffering. This is not a plea, it's just a report, but it's the worst need I ever saw.

Will Rogers