

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Sunday fair but becoming unsettled with ground fog in morning; no change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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

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KINGSLEY'S FATE RESTS WITH JURY

Strong Pleas Made By Defense in Windup of Murder Trial—Killer Boastful, Says Prosecutor George Codding.

The fate of James E. Kingsley, alias J. C. Adams, self admitted slayer of Sam Prescott, Ashland policeman will be in the hands of the jury by four o'clock this afternoon, following the instructions of the court.

The state asks for the death penalty. The defense seeks life imprisonment. Final argument for the defense was made by Attorney E. E. Kelly, who declared Kingsley "was a victim of a society that pays \$10,000 for a poodle dog, and concentrates the wealth of the nation in the hands of 15 per cent of the population."

"The defendant, his chief counsel said, 'has the morality of a boy of 14 years.' It was a strong plea for mercy. 'Kingsley is a boy, who never had a mother, never had a childhood, never had a chance,' said Attorney Kelly.

"The death of Sam Prescott was not premeditated, and he has every right to be confined in the state penitentiary for life, than the DeAutremont brothers, who planned for weeks a crime in the Siskiyous, they executed with wanton ruthlessness and cold-blooded thoroughness."

Codding in Final Plea District Attorney George A. Codding, making his final argument for the state asked for the death penalty, "to protect society from its enemies."

"Defense counsel made a forceful plea for mercy," he said, "but it has no place in this case. I never saw a cooler individual, as the defendant told his story from the witness stand, and I think I detected, just a trace of boastfulness as he told of his crimes and escapes."

"The defense talks about Kingsley acting as a reformer among the inmates of the state prison at Salem," continued District Attorney Codding. "Send him there for life and he will do good, they ask, I doubt if he would be of an influence for good, among the 'hard-boiled inmates' of the state prison. They would teach him new ways of crimes."

"Suppose you do send him to Salem for life. There will be a 'break' one of these days, and somebody will get hurt. If this cool individual is among the inmates, a sentimental plea for life imprisonment, heard himself described by Deputy District Attorney George W. Nelson, as 'a murderer—cold-blooded as a rattlesnake,' and by Defense Attorney Thomas J. Enright, as 'an impetuous youth with a poor start.'"

The dapper defendant, looking more lugubrious than on the other two days of his trial, evinced no emotion at the words of either. The morning session of the circuit court was devoted to the first (Continued on Page 2; Story One)

Abe Martin



As we've said before, the feller that don't advertise may know his business, but nobody else does. "Somehow selectin' a wife seems so cold blooded. After all, I believe the feller that gets hooked without knowin' it into the most respected business," declared Miss Fava Lippincott, today. (Copyright 1931 F. Dille Co.)

Lightning Flash Brings Blindness To Kansas Co-ed

BALDWIN, Kan., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Lightning blazed as Miss Helen Beauchamp, 19, Baker University co-ed, watched a rainstorm through a window here yesterday and she turned away blind. Physicians said the flash caused optical paralysis. They expressed the belief her sight would be restored when the eye muscles relaxed.

UNCLE SAM MAY BUILD IN MEDFORD

Second Federal Office Building Or Addition to Present Structure Needed—Treasury Considering Project, Is Word

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The senate today passed the house bill authorizing appropriation of another \$100,000,000 to expand the public building program.

According to news from Washington, D. C., the information has leaked out from the treasury department that Medford is being considered for another federal building. Concerning this the Portland Journal yesterday published the following telegram from its Washington bureau: "The treasury department has reported to Representative Hawley that it is giving consideration to Medford, Ore., as one of the sites to be included in the next allocation of federal buildings. The department's decision as to sites is expected to be sent to congress before the present session ends. Other candidates in Hawley's district are Ashland, Grants, Pass, McMinnville and Seaside. Inquiry here today reveals the above true only to a certain extent, and that there has been a quiet movement on here for some time past seeking to enlarge the present federal building, or that if that cannot be brought about to probably obtain another federal office building."

Forest Offices Crowded The necessity for enlargement of the present structure is that the Crater National forest offices on the fourth floor, and the Crater National park headquarters on the second floor each need twice as much room as they now have, besides taking up much storage room in the basement. Then, too, the Crater National park winter offices occupy three of the federal court offices, which have to be vacated whenever the United States district court holds a session here.

In addition each of the other federal departments housed in the present federal building could use more room although not crowded now.

House Sub-Postoffice Provided a second federal building is allowed for Medford it would not only house the Crater National forest offices and the Crater Lake national park offices, but would house a secondary classified postoffice, to take the place of the postoffice sub-station, for which the postoffice department has to provide quarters in some store, as for years past. In that event, the classified office would be operated by men detailed from the regular postoffice staff.

A secondary federal building would probably also provide office quarters for some of the other government departments of this district, such as prohibition enforcement.

However, according to all information that can be gleaned here on the subject, the main effects are being put forth to obtain an enlargement of the present federal building, and if enlargement is not regarded as feasible to go after another federal office structure.

FILM WARDROBES AT SMALL PRICE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Secret famous film today adorns studio secretaries, waitresses and scrubwomen as a result of house cleaning yesterday by a movie wardrobe department. Gowns and wraps, 400 in all, worn by Ruth Chatterton, Kay Francis, Mary Brian, Clara Bow and other Paramount-Publix stars in recent pictures, were sold to studio employees at \$1 each.

PRINCE OF WALES AND BROTHER VISIT BERMUDA



The Prince of Wales and his brother, Prince George, are shown here as they visited Bermuda on their trip to South America. At the left is the Prince of Wales followed by Prince George leaving their ship, the Oropesa. At right is Wales riding in true Bermuda style on his way to the Mid-ocean Golf club.

THIRD ASSAULT STIMSON FLING MISS EARHART ATTEMPTED ON AT WILSON HIT AND G. PUTNAM STATE WITNESS BY DEM. CHIEF QUIETLY WED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, today criticized Secretary Stimson of the state department for his address last night, saying the secretary of state "went out of his way to make a somewhat stupid attack upon Woodrow Wilson."

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Secretary of State Stimson upholds the Latin-American policy of the United States as a safeguard to the independence and welfare of the southern republics. His fundamental principles, he asserts, are the Monroe doctrine, the agreement with Central American republics not to recognize any government established through revolution, and the embargo on shipment of arms to rebels opposed to an established republic.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP) The victim of two alleged attacks, Mrs. H. W. Howard, 58, state witness in the murder case against Nelson C. Bowles and Irma Loucks, was found in a hysterical condition last night by the patrolman assigned to guard her home. She said a man had tried to force his way into the house.

A sewing machine which had been against a side door was overturned and its contents spilled. Police reported they found tracks made by a No. 2 man's overcoat, leading down the steps, through the muddy yard and to the street. The incident occurred while Patrolman Charles Vincent, assigned to guard the house, was at lunch.

The two previous alleged attacks on Mrs. Howard, most confounding factors in the case of the Portland capitalist and his former secretary, charged with the murder of Mrs. Bowles, caused a police guard to be placed at the Howard home. Mrs. Howard is said to be an important state witness.

KLAMATH SEES TOURIST BOOM FOR OWN AREA

That Klamath Falls will be a more formidable competitor of Medford for tourist business from the south to Crater Lake, and general travel to Portland and other points north is held by the Klamath Falls Herald in the following endorsement: "This is a story of the appropriation of \$150,000 to be applied to the construction of the Weed-Klamath Falls highway from a point this side of Weed to the southern border of Klamath county, with the added information that the road is to be included in the state highway system of California with a view to early completion."

"From the standpoint of tourist travel and trade the completion of a through highway from Weed to this city will improve the strategic position of Klamath Falls on the recreational and tourist map of southwestern Oregon to a point that will place the city in a commanding position with respect to travel to Crater Lake, to Portland and points north, and to Bend and points east."

"It means a saving of 10 miles over that of the Pacific highway and eliminates the ascent and descent of two mountain ranges—the Siskiyous and Greenspring. It will mean a saving of hours in the trip from California points to Crater Lake and to Portland, and gives all but positive assurance that this city will become the hub of automobile traffic of the southwestern Oregon district."

Supply of Pistols Fails To Save Gangland Chief

DETROIT, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Chester LaMare, for years a powerful factor in the underworlds of Detroit and Hamtramck, was shot to death early today in the kitchen of his home on Grandville avenue. Found by his slayer in a house which he had plentifully stocked with pistols and ammunition, the gang leader was shot down in the one room where he had neglected to place a weapon. Whether the shooting was the work of LaMare's gangster enemies or a betrayal by his friends is not known to the police.

LaMare's wife Anna, who notified the police of the slaying and later told police and Assistant Prosecutor Frank G. Schenckels a story which the latter said was full of contradictions, is detained at headquarters. The house had pistols scattered in virtually every room.

HINT MEIER WILL VETO ROGUE BILL

Reports Current at Capital Say Governor to Follow November Election Vote Against Barring Commercial Fishermen.

By Clayton V. Bernhardt. SALEM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—With two-thirds of the limited 40-day session passed, the Oregon legislature has not enacted a major bill, a survey of the first four weeks revealed today. The major bills include the administration measures on power, police and institutional regulations, taxation bills, appropriation measures and highway proposals. Observers predict the session will continue at least 10 days over the required period. The Rogue River fish bill, which is considered the closest measure to those of major importance because of the state-wide interest created, has been passed by both houses and is now before the governor.

May Veto Bill. Reports current in the past few days state the governor will veto the bill, which provides for closing the stream to commercial fishing. Arguments presented in this view include the fact that the people voted against closing at the November election. Others declare he will sign the bill since he favored closing in his election campaign. The governor has not committed himself one way or the other since his inauguration, and has refused to make any statement.

Bills Killed. A statistical review discloses that of the 476 bills introduced in both houses, 34 have been passed by the legislature, of which 21 were signed by the governor. Thirty-six of the original bills have been killed, either by withdrawal, indefinite postponement or by substitution. The governor, to date, has not vetoed any measure, nor have any bills been voted down in either house upon final passage. In addition to the bills passed by both houses, the lower branch passed 27 others and the senate approved 29 of its own proposals. This leaves 369 bills yet to be disposed of either in committee or on the floor.

Many Pending. Important bills pending in the legislature, in addition to scores on salary increases, education, insurance, judicial and fish regulations, are the intangibles tax bill, old age pensions, administration utilities and power bills. The garage district power bill is also in the hands of committee-men. The free-text book bill has not yet been reported out, nor has the state building code, and 21 anti-trust measures. The commercial fish code, embargo on agricultural products and the agricultural department measures have yet to be acted upon.

KLAMATH FREIGHT RATES FALL AGAIN

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Another rate reduction by the Southern Pacific Railway from points on the Medco Northern line and the Alturas cut-off, to practically all large cities of the Pacific coast was announced today. To become effective March 9, the rate covers flour, cereals, cereal products, grain and grain products. It is the second rate reduction made by the company in Klamath county within the week.

BOMB PLOTTERS FACING SENTENCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Convicted of attempting to bomb the Cowley Publishing Company building in Spokane, Wash., Henry A. Bes, former Spokane fireman, and Thomas Boyle, San Francisco bookkeeper, today faced possible sentences of from one year to life.

The jury which convicted them last night on all five counts of the indictment, deliberated four hours. After being dismissed, the jurors filed back into the courtroom to plead for mercy for Boyle.

BAKERIES APPEAL AGAINST BOYCOTT

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Owners of nine bakeries in the Humboldt park district have appealed to the courts for protection against a group of women who call themselves "The Mothers' League," and whom they accuse of staging a boycott against their bread to force the price from 19 to 6 cents per pound loaf.

The movement, bakers say, is not a labor movement, since each of them employ union help.

Preacher Wrestler



The Rev. Charles H. Urban of Philadelphia, former college football player, is shown here signing a contract to engage in professional wrestling.

GROUPS TALK PROBLEMS OF FARM WOMEN

Community Leaders Will Have Recommendations for Homemakers Conference Late Today.

The program for the closing day of the Jackson County Farm Homemakers' conference opened this morning at the First Christian church with 82 farm women, representing communities reaching from Ashland to Grants Pass, in attendance. Discussions introduced yesterday were continued with the guests divided into groups to discuss problems in which each is most interested. Leaders of the various groups, who will make recommendations to the general assembly this afternoon are Messrs. James J. Edwards, J. R. McCracken, Carl Glasgow and Effie Hildebr.

Miss A. Grace Johnson of the household management department, Oregon State college; R. G. Fowler, county agent, and Mabel C. Mack, Jackson county home demonstration agent, will participate in this afternoon's program, which will be climaxed by the banquet at 7 o'clock this evening.

Main speakers on the program yesterday were Paul Marie, extension specialist; Miss Lays Case, nutrition specialist; Zella Rodenwald, home management specialist, and Mabel C. Mack. First and foremost among the interests of farm women comes comfortable housing, Miss Reese informed her audience. Adequate conveniences, health, medical attention, food, clothing, high school education and opportunities for adult education, she also listed as topics to which women of the farm are ready to devote much time.

A great need is being realized on the farm for time to enjoy music, art, books, magazines and general social cultivation. Through securing a definite farm income, leisure time for development of the mind will be available, Miss Reese pointed out. (Continued on page four, Story 2)

BOURBON CHIEF EXPECTS PARTY TO FAVOR RUM

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 7.—(AP) J. J. Shouse, chairman of the national democratic executive committee, told a gathering of party leaders here last night that states whose delegates will represent a majority in the next national convention, "have already declared for some change in existing conditions and if that means going wet, then I say that the democratic party already has gone wet."

Mr. Shouse said the democratic party "must face squarely and honestly the prohibition question." He would not predict what position the party would take. "But whether its position be for repeal or for modification or for continuing in status quo," he said, "I hope the democratic party will have the courage to let the American people know where it stands, and I don't think there is any doubt that it will."

TAXES HOLD LIMELIGHT AT SALEM

Revenue Raising Problem More Muddled Than Ever After Four Weeks of Session—Intangibles Main Point in Confusion.

SALEM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—A prediction made before the opening of the legislature by Charles V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission, that the tax question would overshadow all other issues in the session, appears in a fair way to be fulfilled, with four weeks of the session gone and tax matters becoming more complicated.

Centering the confusion is the intangibles tax question. Two bills have been introduced to take the place of the 1929 intangibles tax act that the supreme court held unconstitutional after the tax commission had collected thru it about \$900,000. One of these would serve simply to retroact and cover the collections already made on 1929 incomes. The other is offered as a permanent measure, beginning collections with 1930 intangibles income.

Would Avoid Law. Both are shaped to avoid the unconstitutional points that the court found in the original act. Against these measures are two resolutions and a bill providing for refund of the money collected under the invalid act, with their proponents demanding that the legislature and the tax commission see to it that the refund is made before new acts are adopted.

In addition to these is a longer one that has appeared in a legislature for many years, some of which would work broad changes in the tax collecting scheme of the counties and the state. And hanging over the capitol dome is the shadow of threatened revolt by the taxpayers against paying property taxes.

Proposals Plan Revolt. According to Senator W. E. Burke, chairman of the senate wing of the ways and means committee, groups of taxpayers in Yamhill and Marion counties have signed agreements not to pay their taxes and have called meetings of protest at several places. It was the hope of the tax commission that enactment of the retroactive intangibles bill would make it unnecessary to refund the collections under the invalid act except the difference between the tax on gross and net incomes, which would meet the main defect found by the court in the old act. But proponents of the refund insist that the state must keep faith with the intangibles taxpayers by making an actual refund, even if it is re-collected.

Loss Threatened. If it is not made they declare the state will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars through persons who, out of resentment, will evade other taxes. Replying to this argument, Senator H. L. Eddy, chairman of the senate committee on assessment and taxation, suggests that the retroactive bill might be dropped, and the state issue transfer certificates whereby, in the payment of other taxes, the payers could receive credit for the money they paid under the invalid act. He points out that there is no money on hand with which to make the refund, that it has all gone into payment of state expenses. To make the refund otherwise he says the state would have to issue 6 per cent warrants that would cost \$150 a day interest.

MEIER REJECTS HAL HOSS PLEA ON SPEED COPS

SALEM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier has no sympathy with Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss in the latter's objection that the governor's state police bill, if passed, will rob Hoss's office of one of its functions. The governor so informs Hoss in a letter today, replying to one written by Hoss to the governor Thursday, objecting emphatically to the police bill.

The governor states that he has never questioned the efficiency of the present traffic force, and that it is his intention to retain all efficient officers, but relative to administration of the traffic department by the secretary of state's office Meier said that "it never did and does not properly belong to it."

The Noted Dead

ROME, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Tommaso Tittoni, one of the most active Italian statesmen in the pre-Mussolini era, died today.