

Forecast: Tonight and Saturday fair; 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.

Twenty-Fifth Year

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MEIER PLUM PASSED TO C. THOMAS

Medford Man Appointed Commissioner of Utilities Under New Act Abolishing Three - Member Public Service Group.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Charles M. Thomas of Medford was today appointed by Governor Meier to the office of commissioner of utilities of the state of Oregon.



C. M. Thomas

Commission of three members which was abolished by the legislature. Thomas is a former circuit judge of Jackson and Josephine counties, and served in both houses of the legislature.

He was born in Iowa in 1877, was graduated from the University of Iowa in 1897, and entered the practice of law in 1899.

He located in Medford in 1912. He served in the lower house of the Oregon legislature in 1914 and 1916, and was elected to the senate for one term in 1918.

While in the senate he was closely allied with the late Senator George W. Joseph.

He served one term as circuit judge of Jackson and Josephine counties, and was defeated in 1923 by H. D. Norton, a Democrat, of Grants Pass.

He was interested in irrigation as an organizer of irrigation districts.

C. M. Thomas was elected judge of this judicial district on the republican ticket in 1922 and served as judge for six years.

He was elected as judge and since his retirement from that office, Mr. Thomas has conducted a general law practice in Medford.

In the last campaign Judge Thomas supported Julius Meier for governor and was one of his campaign leaders in southern Oregon.



Abe Martin

Defends Rudy



When her husband came home after an unexplained month's absence and found with complained that she had the radio tuned to a Rudy Yates program, Mrs. William Boyd of Medford borrowed a neighbor's revolver and shot him. He is critically wounded and she is held on charges of assault with intent to kill.

MAIL TRIBUNE WILL CONDUCT COOKING CLASS

Dietitian of National Repute Coming for School May 20, 21, 22—To Be Outstanding Event.

Housewives of southern Oregon will welcome the announcement that the Mail Tribune will conduct a three-day cooking school in this city May 20th, 21st and 22nd. Preparations are underway to make this school the largest in Medford's history with an outstanding program of cooking lessons and courses in home economics.

The Mail Tribune's spring school will be conducted in conjunction with the National Newspaper Enterprises and a dietitian of national reputation will preside over the cooking lessons.

Complete details of the cooking school, the list of awards and the interesting programs for the three days will be announced at a later date. Housewives will be invited to attend all three days as guests of this paper.

WORKMAN KILLED BY FALLING SPAN

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Three men were believed to be recovering in a hospital here today from injuries received yesterday when a Nehalem river bridge which was being repaired crumpled and plunged into the river.

COAL MINE TOLL 174 IN MONTH OF JANUARY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Coal mine accidents in the United States during January took 174 lives.

Bronzed 'Buckaroo' Admits Identity as Woman When Hunger Forces Alms Plea

BLACKWELL, Okla., Feb. 28.—(AP)—"Jack" Carlton, bronzed cowboy employed several years on ranches in the vicinity of Midland, Tex., was revealed today as a woman.

COPS RAID POLICE BILL HOLLYWOOD READY FOR RUM PARTY SIGNATURE

William Boyd Jailed for Possession of Gambling Outfit and Liquor - Movie Folk Flee When Police Make Appearance.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Feb. 28.—(AP)—William H. Boyd, 45, stage and film actor, was charged with possession of gambling paraphernalia and liquor following a police raid which broke up a gay party at his home early today.



WILLIAM BOYD

The state police bill had previously passed the senate and provides for consolidating five enforcement branches, traffic, prohibition, fire, fish and game departments, under one constabulary system.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP) The "triangle" sex program for the state of Oregon, after weathering several storms of protest yesterday, proceeded through the legislature today and two of the major measures were up for consideration in the senate, with indications that both will be passed without much opposition.

GREEN PASTURE ENTIRE YEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE

County Agent Announces Experiments On Hanley-Hoover Ranch Mean Boon to Farmers.

According to R. G. Fowler, county agricultural agent today, experiments which have been in progress for several years at the Hanley and Hoover ranch near Medford have developed an all year round pasture.

OREGON SOLONS SPLIT ON BONUS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The Oregon congressional delegation, all Republicans, split as badly as the other sections of the senate and house when votes were taken on overriding the presidential veto of the veterans' compensation bill.

FREE INDIAN WOMAN ON MURDER CHARGE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Loa Jimenez, Cayuga Indian woman twice tried for the murder of Clotilde Marchand last March was acquitted today by a supreme court jury.

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STANDARD MEETS CUT ON INDEPENDENT GAS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The Standard Oil company of California announced a four cent reduction in gasoline prices today to meet the competition of independent service stations.

State Rests in Bridge Quarrel Death Hearing

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The state rested today in the trial of Mrs. Myrtle A. Bennett, 25, for the slaying of her husband, John L. Bennett, following a bridge game quarrel.

MILL HAND KILLS BOSS WHEN FIRED

Superintendent of Portland Plant Shot to Death and Foreman Wounded As Workman Runs Amuck With Gun—Jailed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP) J. W. Bevis, superintendent of the Inman Poulson Lumber mill, was shot to death, and George Martin, foreman, seriously wounded, when a discharged workman ran amuck in the mill yard today.

Several hundred workmen in the yard saw Martin shot as he grappled with Gilbert following the encounter with Bevis.

Robert G. Bevis, a saw filer and son of the superintendent, told police he met Gilbert coming out of his father's office. He said Gilbert remarked "You'd better go in and look at your father."

Entering the office young Bevis found the superintendent slumped in the corner, a bullet wound near his heart.

He rushed out and called Martin and the pair pursued Gilbert. Martin tackled him and was shot during the struggle. Other workmen held Gilbert until police arrived.

VETERANS RUSH TO BORROW ON BONUS POLICIES

(By the Associated Press) The mobilization rush of '18 had its peacetime counterpart today in a rush of veterans all over the land to borrow 50 per cent of their adjusted service certificates as authorized by congress yesterday.

More than 20,000 stormed the doors of the 54 regional offices of the United States Veterans Bureau during the first hour of business today, and the file increased hourly.

The New York regional office was forced to call police reserves. Officers throughout the nation sent rush telegrams to civil service officials to report at once for duty.

PORTLAND OFFICIAL FACES DAMAGE SUIT

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A suit for \$11,000 damages was on file here today against Frank M. German, son of Fred W. German, county commissioner, growing out of the death last November 11 of Dr. Frank K. Ball, 64, who was struck by young German's automobile.

A car driven by the elder German recently struck and killed Louis Lampert, 78, and he is charged with involuntary manslaughter.

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BLONDE GIRL FOUND DEAD IN KLAMATH

Pretty Hotel Guest Terribly Mutilated—Had Not Left Room Since Registering Friday—Telephone Calls Unanswered.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—A pretty blond woman, who registered at a hotel here yesterday as Lottie Mason of Seattle, was found dead in her room today. The body was horribly mutilated.

The coroner said the woman had been dead at least three hours when the body was found. If it is a case of suicide, he said, the act was maniacal and frenzied.

Miss Mason ordered dinner sent to her room last night. The food was found on the tray, untouched. Several telephone calls came for her last night, but none was answered.

Hotel employees became alarmed today as the woman had not left her room since registering and the maid was unable to enter.

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Fearing casualties may result if the condition continues, the sheriff's office was working today on what it believed was a liquor war in the county.

Early this week a large automobile belonging to a man who has been arrested several times on liquor charges, was driven outside the city and burned by unidentified men.

Last night police received information a battle was in progress a few miles out of town. Shots were heard as they approached and they found that a large liquor still had been torn up and destroyed. Eleven hundred gallons of mash was found.

LUPER'S ATTORNEY PLANNING DEFENSE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Oscar Hayter of Dallas, attorney for Itha Luper, former state engineer under indictment here on a charge of larceny of public money, stated today he would attack the validity of the indictment by attacking the authority of the grand jury which made the indictment.

Hayter was having made a complete transcript of the court record here as to the grand jury to use in connection with his attack on the right of the present grand jury to return an indictment.

INDIANS IN REJECTION COMPROMISE PROPOSAL

NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The working committee of the Indian congress party today voted to reject the viceroys' proposals for a compromise settlement of the party's demands.

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DENVER, Feb. 28.—(AP) A driving snowstorm threatened train schedules and highway traffic in Colorado today. The airmail was hampered.

In Denver a heavy, wet down-pelt reached a depth of ten inches and the storm showed no sign of abating. Train dispatches reported heavy snows on all divisions out of Denver.

The Denver-California Springs highway was swept with a blizzardous snow storm that delayed automobile traffic. Temperatures continued mild in most sections.

An air service connecting Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, and London, operated experimentally in 1929 may be inaugurated on a daily schedule in 1931.

Delivered Bill



The veterans' loan bill was delivered to President Hoover by Mrs. Geraldine Davies, secretary to Rep. Guy E. Campbell. The president returned the bill to congress with a veto which was later overridden by both houses.

AERIAL FREIGHT LINE WILL USE LOCAL AIRPORT

The first scheduled stop of the Western Pacific Air freight lines, subsidiary of the Pacific Air Transport and Boeing companies, was made at the Medford airport yesterday when a large tri-motored Ford plane landed while en route to San Francisco from Seattle with a load of 2300 pounds of frozen cod fish.

The freight line is operating two Ford ships and will make trips every other day, with Medford a regular stop, according to Phil Sharp, local manager for the Pacific Air Transport lines, who recently succeeded Seeley Hall.

The ships will haul no passengers and are equipped for night flying. The plane, arriving here yesterday, was piloted by C. A. Rector, assisted by J. M. Brewster, with Vern Hahn as mechanic. It landed at 5 o'clock last evening and continued its southward journey after taking on a supply of gas and oil.

LAME DUCK SESSIONS SLATED TO CONTINUE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Congressional conferees today abandoned efforts to formulate a constitutional amendment fixing a new meeting time for congress.

The senate and house spokesmen refused to yield their respective positions and attempts to bring about an understanding were formally called off.

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CITY LOSES BATTLE FOR CROSSINGS

Public Service Commission Denies Right to Cross S. P. Tracks On Eighth and Fourth Streets - Mayor Deplores Ruling.

The telegraphic news received in the city today from Salem that the public service commission had denied the right to the city to establish grade crossings at Eighth and Fourth streets over the Southern Pacific tracks was a big disappointment to the city administration, city planning commission, former officials of the city and many citizens generally, especially because of the reasons given by the commission for the ruling.

General local opinion was that the city officials made a good case at the public service commission hearing here some weeks ago on the city's petition asking authority to construct the two crossings, against the opposition of the Southern Pacific. The city in the main contended that such crossings, especially at Eighth street, were badly needed for the development and expansion of the fast growing city, and in the way of relieving growing traffic congestion on Main and Sixth streets through the business section. It was also contended by the city that such crossings would tend to do away with hazardous conditions, whereas the commission's ruling made public at Salem today stressed that the establishment of grade crossings at Eighth and Fourth streets would be hazardous.

Then, too, what makes the disappointment all the more felt is that the two sought for overhead crossings were recommended by Jacob Crane, the eastern city planning expert of note, following the survey he made of city conditions a year or more ago.

"Too bad!" I thought that we would get on of them at least," remarked Mayor E. M. Wilson this noon when told of the commission's ruling.

"Isn't that a hot one?" remarked former Mayor E. M. Pipes when apprised of the ruling. "It is certainly to be deplored."

The ruling of the commission is related in the following Associated Press dispatch received by the Mail Tribune today:

Held Hazardous "Petitions by the city of Medford for authority to construct grade crossings over the Southern Pacific tracks at Eighth and Fourth streets in that city are denied in an order by the public service commission today. The commission holds that the crossings would be hazardous and would hamper switching movements of the Southern Pacific company.

"It is also stated in the order that Medford city officials are considering a plan to remove the industries located between Eleventh and Third streets to an industrial section to be created in the southern part of the city, and that this would greatly relieve the hazard to the traveling public that would exist if Eighth and Fourth streets were opened by grade crossings through the switching yards."

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