

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Friday un-
settled, probably showers. Mod-
erate temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
Highest yesterday 85
Lowest morning 49
Precipitation yesterday .00
To-day .00

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Today

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Americans Can Fly.
A Wasted Life.
Stocks Wha Haa.
Money in the Purse.

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Americans can fly and prove it. Wiley Post and Harold Gatty on their way around the world, planning to make the trip "in ten days," if possible, dropped down at the Royal Air Force airdrome in England at 7:45 a. m., New York time, yesterday. They had crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 16 hours and 17 minutes, beating all world's records.

They stayed 40 minutes in England, then started for Moscow via Berlin. Later in the day they landed at Berlin and they expect to be in Moscow today. That would interest Jules Verne, who described a purely imaginary trip around the world in 80 DAYS.

Oklahoma is interested in that flight. Wiley Post lives in Oklahoma City. The flying ship is named "Winnie Mae," who is the wife of Leslie Payne, whose father backed the expedition.

Flying will be a "regular business" some day, and soon.

Recently the body of a very young woman was found washed up by the surf near New York. Photographs show that she was most beautiful as a child and a marvelous beautiful girl at 18. The waves washed up a young woman barely 20, ruined by alcohol, drugs and the life to which they lead.

Murder had been suspected, but letters written to a man show that it was suicide. One public official says the letters were forged to shield a murderer, but no murderer could have written the notes; the letters are too genuine.

The unhappy girl writes that she made "a sordid, futureless mess" of her life on earth, did not "want to ruin anybody else's life."

She goes out of this world hoping and believing that there is no life beyond. "If there is an after life, it would be a dirty trick, but I am sure 50,000,000 priests are wrong. Nothing makes any difference now."

"It is no one's fault but my own. I hate everything so—life is so horrible. I take dope to forget, and drink to try and like people, but it is of no use."

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Abe Martin



Sheriff Meadows invited a committee of irreproachable citizens over to the jail last night to watch him destroy last week's catch of Scotch, but after a brief conference it was decided to split it up. There's no frats in the school of experience.

INTANGIBLE TAX ATTACK IS LAUNCHED

Constitutionality of Oregon Measure Questioned in Suit—Violates Five Sections, Is Claim—Injunction Against Bill Is Sought

SALEM, Ore., June 25.—(AP)—The constitutionality of the Oregon intangibles tax law was attacked in a suit filed in circuit court here today, and an injunction was demanded enjoining the state tax commission from enforcing compliance with the law.

Today was the last day for the filing of returns on the intangibles tax law. The income tax was not questioned in the suit.

Maude Green and Mary A. Caswell were named as plaintiffs in the suit, which was filed by their attorneys Sidney J. Graham and J. O. Stearns, Jr., both of Portland.

Carl L. Fisher, Charles V. Galloway and John H. Carlin as tax commissioners; Julius L. Meier as governor, and I. H. Van Winkle, as attorney general, were named as defendants.

The suit contends the intangibles tax act violates five sections of the state constitution and, therefore, is unconstitutional.

The points of alleged unconstitutionality are five, the principal one being that it violates the 6 per cent limitations statute.

In making special note of the tax limitations angle, the suit says the intangibles tax law violates section 11, article 11 of the constitution, which provides that unless specifically authorized by a majority of the legal voters voting upon the question, neither the state nor any county, municipality, district or other political subdivision, shall levy a tax shall have been delegated, shall in any year exercise that power as to raise a greater amount of revenue excluding payment of bonded indebtedness and interest thereon, than the total amount levied by it in the year immediately preceding, plus 6 per cent thereof.

The other points of alleged unconstitutionality follow:

The law violates the section providing that no law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens special privileges or immunities which upon the same terms shall not equally belong to all citizens.

It violates the section providing that the legislature provide by law uniform rules of assessment and taxation and that all taxes shall be levied and collected under general laws operating uniformly throughout the state.

And, finally, that it violates the equal clause of the 14th amendment of the constitution of the United States.

Ask Restraint
The plenary restraining order enjoining the defendants from enforcing or attempting to enforce any of the provisions of the intangibles act.

The body of the complaint declares that the plaintiffs during 1930 individually and separately owned intangibles and that they made returns to the tax commission. The complaint contends that the tax is imposed upon gross income from intangibles, the only deduction being interest paid, if any, and a personal exemption, if any.

The complaint sets forth that no provision is made for capital losses or in the case of an individual engaged in business as an investment banker or mortgage broker, for actual and necessary expenses of conducting such business, although capital losses on intangibles substantial in amount when compared with the entire income subject to tax, have been sustained by individuals during 1930.

Banks Excluded
Banks and financing corporations, however, are specifically excluded from the operation of this act and are charged only with an excise tax of 5 per cent which is measured by net income rather than by gross income, and under which banks and financing corporations may deduct all capital losses and expenses in determining the net income.

LINDBERGH OBTAINS SOVIET PERMISSION

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh today obtained the consent of the Russian government to fly over that country on his projected aerial tour of the Far East.

One-Third Of Globe Girdle Completed



Wiley Post (left) and Harold Gatty are shown in front of their plane, the "Winnie Mae" of Oklahoma, in which they hope to circle the world in less than eight days. They were photographed at Roosevelt field, N. Y., as they concluded preparations for the flight.

COUNTY SEEKS REBUILDING OF SISKIYOU ROAD

Delegation Present at State Highway Commission Meet—\$1,500,000 Cost of Project Held Too High

SALEM, Ore., June 25.—(AP)—Contracts for the construction of two highway projects were awarded by the state highway commission at its morning session here today to the lowest bidders. The two projects, one on the Pacific Coast highway and the other on the Coast highway, totaled about \$60,000.

Jacobsen-Jensen company of Portland was the low bidder on surfacing the Multnomah county, Oswego section of the Pacific highway at \$39,892.30.

The Brookfield company of Astoria was awarded the contract for the Warren-Hug Point section of the Coast highway, at \$19,629.

Delegations from Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Union, Clatsop, Lane, Coos and Josephine counties were heard by the commission. Requests for new construction, preliminary surveys and advancing funds for county work were requested and taken under advisement by the commission.

The Jackson county court requested the immediate consideration of the 14-mile stretch of the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains. The delegation requested if the highway could not be rebuilt from south of Ashland to the California line, non-skid surfacing should be considered.

Consideration of the proposal was promised by the commission, but it was pointed out that reconstruction of the highway at this time would be too costly. The entire project estimated at \$1,500,000.

Enforcement of the highway from Powers in Coos county to Grants Pass, a distance of 72 miles over forest area, was requested of the commission by the Coos and Josephine county delegations. The project has been approved by the two counties. A preliminary survey was also requested by the commission. The commissioners did not state what action it would take.

OREGON SCHOOLS GOT PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—Evidence showing the extent of distribution of electricity and gas propaganda material to schools and newspapers in various parts of the country was introduced today in the federal trade commission's public utility inquiry.

Among the states in which distribution of pamphlets to schools was reported were about 75,000 school children in Washington and others in Oregon reported reached by a monograph, school pamphlet sent to 239 schools, three normal schools and 39 county superintendents.

DISMISS COMPLAINT AGAINST RADIO FIRM

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—The federal trade commission today dismissed a complaint charging the Radio Corporation of America with unfair methods of competition in the sale of vacuum tubes.

The dismissal was explained as a routine move, since the case already had been decided by the courts.

Today's BASEBALL

American.

ST. LOUIS, June 25.—(AP)—The Browns ended big George Earnshaw's winning streak of 12 games here today by defeating the Athletics, 6 to 5 in the first game of a doubleheader. A circuit drive by Ralph Kress netted the Browns three runs in the fourth.

Boston	R. H. E.
Cleveland	3 12 1
Batteries: Klein and Berry; Lawson, Jablonowski and Sewell.	

First game:	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	5 11 0
St. Louis	6 8 0
Batteries: Earnshaw and Cochran; Gray, Stiles and Young.	

First game:	R. H. E.
New York	10 13 2
Chicago	9 16 2
Batteries: Gomez, Weisner, McEvoy, Johnson and Jorjens; Perkins, Thomas, McKain, Faber and Grube.	

First game:	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	6 10 1
Philadelphia	5 16 0
Batteries: Frey and Sukeforth; Mitchell, Morrell, Schumacher and O'Farrell.	

First game:	R. H. E.
Pittsburg	1 10 1
Philadelphia	5 16 0
Batteries: Eames and Grace; Dudley and Davis.	

First game:	R. H. E.
St. Louis	1 3 0
Brooklyn	0 6 1
Batteries: Derringer and Willson; Vance and Lopez, Lombardi.	

First game:	R. H. E.
Chicago	3 7 1
Boston	4 7 2
Batteries: Baecht and Hartnett; Hemsley; Frankhouse and Spohrer.	

KIDS WALKATHON FORCED TO HALT

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—(AP) Three hundred spectators shouted their disapproval last night when the commission by the court of domestic relations stopped a children's "walkathon" being held in a vacant store building on the east side. It was the second contest sponsored by children to be closed on court order.

McCLURG MUST HANG FOR SLAYING WIFE

BOISE, Idaho, June 25.—(AP) The supreme court today affirmed the conviction of John McClurg for murder of his wife near Emmett, Idaho, in December, 1929, for which he is under sentence of death.

Wiley Post's Dad Recalls Home Farm Landing That Wrought Ruin In Melons

MAYSVILLE, Okla., June 25.—(AP)—Maybe, some day, after Wiley Post gets back to the home farm here from his "round-the-world" gadding, Mrs. W. F. Post, his 58-year-old mother, will take a flight with him.

"Somehow or other he and I haven't been able to get together on that point yet," she said today. "But I'm going to fly with him. I'm not a bit afraid."

PAIR HALT IN MOSCOW FOR NIGHT

Post and Gatty Push Globe Girdle One-Third Distance—Soviet Officials Extend Welcome—Irkutsk Next Objective for Oklahomans

By Stanley P. Richardson
MOSCOW, June 25.—(AP) Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, American trans-Atlantic fliers, landed at October airdrome this afternoon, completing about one-third of their rapid flight around the world which they hope to make in ten days.

They were officially welcomed by officers of the Soviet Society for the Development of Aviation and the civil organization for the promotion of aviation. Outside of air field attaches and correspondents, there were few other spectators on hand to greet them. The foreign office was not represented at the reception.

When the fliers set their plane down on October air field on the outskirts of Moscow, they had flown about 5000 miles and still had between 9000 and 10,000 miles to go, including a flight across Siberia to Alaska.

Post and Gatty will spend the night at Moscow and will hop off tomorrow for Irkutsk, 2400 miles distant.

A banquet had been arranged for them at the Grand Hotel tonight by the Soviet Society for the Development of Aviation.

BERLIN, June 25.—(AP) It's any port in a storm for a weary trans-Atlantic airman.

Harold Gatty, of the flying team of Post and Gatty, was so tired last night from his rigorous trip across the Atlantic that he fell asleep in a bath tub. Attendants at the Tempelhof airdrome hauled him out and sent him to bed.

GOTHAM PORTIA REMOVED FOR MALFEASANCE

Jean Norris, First of Six to Be Named, Altered Records, Signed Yeast Ads and Harsh in Court

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—Magistrate Jean Norris, first woman to be appointed to the magistracy in New York, was removed today by the appellate division of the supreme court.

The five justices of the appellate division unanimously agreed that four of five counts of malfeasance brought by Referee Samuel Sennery, investigator of the lower courts, were sustained, and Mrs. Norris was removed from the bench.

Mrs. Norris was charged with being unfit to hold office, her accusers declaring she had altered the court records, permitted her name to be used in a yeast advertisement, been unnecessarily harsh with prisoners in women's court and committed other unfitting acts.

BRIDGE WORKMAN FALLS TO DEATH

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 25.—(AP)—R. B. Misner, 58, of Portland, was killed today when he fell from a steel pier on the bridge being constructed at Hancock mountain on the Drain-Roseburg highway. He was steel foreman for Clyde Catching, Roseburg contractor, builder of the bridge.

It was reported Misner was engaged in unbolting a plate top on the 20-foot pier. He lost his balance and fell. His neck was broken and his head crushed.

PHONE BOOTLEGGERS ARREST HELD VALID
SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—(AP) Federal Judge F. H. Kerrigan ruled today that a search warrant, secured by federal prohibition agents on a flat whose existence was alleged in an affidavit declaring a telephone used by a "phone bootlegger" was installed there, was valid.

In Hoax Hanging



R. P. Brown, part-time preacher of Dallas, Texas, has confessed that he bound and suspended himself to a chandelier above the pulpit in a Dallas church after first discarding his clothing.

WOMAN SEEKS D'AUTREMONT REWARD SHARE

Suit Filed Against S. P. for \$50,000 by California Ranch Wife—Gave Information, Is Allegation

Mrs. Katie Alice Moss of Point Arena, Calif., a ranch woman, yesterday filed suit in the Mendocino county, California, courts against the Southern Pacific railroad for \$50,000, which she alleges is due her share of the reward offered for the capture and conviction of the notorious DeAutremont brothers, Siskiyou tunnel bandits and murderers, serving life terms at Salton prison.

The total amount offered for their capture was \$14,400.

Mrs. Moss claims she furnished information that led to the arrest of the three brothers in the Philippines and Ohio coal mine districts. The Southern Pacific railroad contends that Mrs. Moss furnished no information.

Following the confession and sentencing of the DeAutremonts, there were 35 claimants of the \$14,400 reward. The bulk of the money for the arrest of Hugh was awarded to Corporal Peck, who served in the army with him at Manila. The reward for the arrest of the twins—Ray and Roy—was granted to four residents of Hanging Rock, Ohio, an obscure hamlet, where they had lived for three years. Pictures of the twins were posted in the village post-office and were the first step in identification, and a few days later they were arrested at Steubenville, Ohio.

The three DeAutremonts at noon October 9, 1923, held up Southern Pacific passenger train No. 13, in Siskiyou tunnel. They dynamited the mail coach, killing the mail clerk and then cold-bloodedly slew the engineer, fireman and a brakeman, the first two with their hands above their heads.

NESMITH ENTERS ON PRISON TERM

SALEM, Ore., June 25.—(AP) Lin W. Nesmith, widely known Oregon man, was received at the state penitentiary today where he is under a five-year sentence for attempted assault, the case involving a young woman. He was sent up from Coos county.

Nesmith was assigned to a receiving cell, and has not yet been assigned to any employment at the prison.

Nesmith several years ago was admitted to the Oregon bar. For many years he has been active politically and was employed at many sessions of the state legislature.

CITY TREASURER HID SHORTAGES

BAKER, Ore., June 25.—(AP)—Charged with having misappropriated more than \$198,000 in the 12 years she was city treasurer of La Grande, Mrs. Emma Fowler, 50, today heard A. R. Sawtell, accountant, testify that annually since 1922 she "covered up" large shortages in her accounts. Sawtell is the chief state witness in the case.

Long lists of warrants and checks figuring in transactions were placed before the jury today.

INES LAND AND REFUEL IN GERMANY

Hillig and Hojris Miss Copenhagen Objective in Overseas Flight—Stop at Krefeld for Gas and Food Before Continuing Hop

BREMEN, Ger., June 25.—(AP)—Otto Hillig and Hojger Hojris, American trans-Atlantic fliers, landed here tonight, about 240 miles short of Copenhagen, Denmark, the goal of their flight from Newfoundland.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, June 25.—(AP)—Otto Hillig, who landed with Hojger Hojris at Bremen, Germany, tonight in the trans-Atlantic monoplane "Liberty," telephoned to the airport here today, he would continue to Copenhagen immediately, arriving probably between 1 and 2 a. m. (between 7 and 8 p. m. E. S. T.).

KREFELD, Germany, June 25.—(AP)—Otto Hillig and Hojger Hojris, trans-Atlantic fliers, made a forced landing here today, 32 hours after their departure from Newfoundland, and an hour and a quarter later took off for Copenhagen, Denmark, their goal, which they had missed on their crossing.

Before hopping off the men took a supply of gasoline and had a light luncheon of hot coffee, sandwiches, pickles and a "schnitzel." Nor did their extensive haste prevent them from seeing the opportunity to toss down several steins of beer, for which the locals are famous.

Only some 30 persons witnessed the arrival of the fliers.

By the time word got around to the populace of the unexpected visit, and the crowd had begun to head for the airport, the propeller of the Liberty was already whirling and the airmen were on their way.

In coming down at this particular Krefeld city the fliers might well be said to have landed "in velvet," for Krefeld is one of the principal centers of velvet manufacture in Germany. It is a city of more than 100,000 population.

"We were certainly surprised when this strange plane dove into sight," said an air police officer on duty at the field near here. "We didn't know what to make of it. It was an unexpected friendly visit, but altogether too short. We hardly had time to get acquainted when they were off again. One of them could speak German, so we got along nicely."

LIBERTY, N. Y., June 25.—(AP) "Boy, that's good news," said Liberty, home town of Otto Hillig, when it received word from the Associated Press of a safe landing of Hillig's trans-Atlantic airplane at Krefeld, Germany, this afternoon.

The town, or at least one man delegated to keep in touch with news of the plane, hung up the telephone receiver and dashed away to spread the news by the village fire alarm, the school bells and to blow any and all whistles available.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 25.—There's one big advantage about proposing plans and schemes for the world's solution. None of them can be acted on till congress meets in December and by that time all of the ones proposed now will be forgotten and a new batch will be brought out. We can't maintain excitement over any one thing over a couple of weeks at the most. World ain't going to be saved by nobbly's scheme. It's the fellows with schemes that got us into this mess. Plans get you into things but you got to work your way out.

Will Rogers

P. S.: Vanderbilt and his wife are having a duel and the public hopes it will be successful.