

The Weather
Forecast: Sunday partly cloudy.
Probably thunder storms in afternoon.
Highest yesterday 89
Lowest 54

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

UP IN THE Willamette valley, the biggest strawberry crop in history was grown this spring. There was practically no market for it. The canneries and barreters were buying sparingly, and the fresh fruit market couldn't begin to absorb the crop.

MUCH the same situation exists regarding loganberries. There will be a big crop and very little market. No encouragement is being offered to growers of blackberries. The prune market isn't encouraging. Even the cherry, which is normally in good demand, doesn't show a very good market prospect this year.

Canneries generally, in the Willamette valley, are buying very cautiously indeed.

HERE in the Rogue River valley this year, we are producing the largest tomato crop in our history. As a matter of fact, it is the first tomato crop we have grown on a really large commercial scale.

Practically the entire pack has been sold, which means that the grower will get his money when he delivers his tomatoes to the cannery. Considering conditions elsewhere, that is something of an achievement.

WHY is this true? Well, here is the answer: Here in the Rogue River valley, we have some exceedingly good marketing brains, and these good marketing brains have been applied to the tomato crop.

The results speak for themselves.

THE pear is the big commercial crop of the Rogue River valley. Statistically, the market outlook for Rogue river pears this year is good.

The Southern peach crop, which is a direct competitor of the Bartlett pear of this district, has been heavily damaged. That takes a large quantity of competing fruit out of the market.

The Eastern pear crop is exceedingly light. The owner of a large commercial Bartlett pear orchard in Missouri writes to a friend in Oregon: "There are so few pears on my trees this year that it will not pay me to pick them."

WE DON'T wish to gloat over others' misfortunes, but we take the ups and downs as the markets as they come, profiting by the ups and losing by the downs.

If supply elsewhere happens to be down this year, as appears to be the case, it is our good fortune.

Next year it may be otherwise, and we may be on the down end. So this year let us take whatever good fortune may be ours and be thankful for it.

AS TO dairying, the Rogue River valley is at least as well off as any other district. Its feed costs are low, and low feed costs are tremendously important in low price years such as this.

And so it is with the poultry industry—such of it as we have. Our feed costs are low, and as in the case of dairying low feed costs in bad price years enable the producer to survive and carry on until price conditions improve.

WHY all this boasting about ourselves at this particular moment? Here is the answer: We of the Rogue River valley are really better off than the average in this year of general business grief, and it does us no harm to realize that fact.

It NEVER does us any harm to realize our blessings along with our trials.

THE Rogue River valley is fundamentally sound. It will come out of this period of deflation and readjustment in good condition, which means that it will get off to a flying start in the inevitable period of improving business and increasing development that will follow the present depression.

Keep your eye on the Rogue River valley. It is going to be worth watching.

AND, incidentally, keep your eye on the men who are keeping up their courage in these trying times. They are going to be the big men of the coming decades.

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SERVANT'S SUICIDE LOSES PORTENT IN LATE REVELATIONS

Violet Sharpe and Ex-Convict Friend Cleared of Suspicion in Lindbergh Kidnaping by Butler

BENHAM, England, June 11.—(AP)—Scotland yard officials said tonight they were convinced Emily Sharpe, sister of Violet Sharpe, who committed suicide yesterday in New Jersey, had nothing to do with the slaying of the Lindbergh baby.

STOURBRIDGE, Eng., June 11.—(AP)—Violet Sharpe, maid in the Morrow home at Englewood, N. J., killed herself because the police "drove her crazy" with their constant questioning about the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby, her sister Emily Sharpe declared today.

"It's all so cruel," the sister said. "Violet would never have done anything to that child or help anyone who wanted to harm it."

By ROBERT CAVANARO
Associated Press Staff Writer
ALPINE, N. J., June 11.—(AP)—The fabric of an outwardly promising inquiry fashioned from the suicide of a Morrow servant woman appeared to be crumbling tonight in the hands of the Lindbergh murder investigators.

Information supplied by a loyal friend, the Morrow butler, discredited any link between Miss Violet Sharpe, and waitress, who drank a deadly poison, and Ernest Brinkert, an ex-convict, on the night of March 1 when the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped.

Further, police found an Ernest Miller and Miss Catherine Minners, who identified themselves as Miss Sharpe's companions on an automobile ride that night. Their joint statement, tended to clear both him and Miss Sharpe of any suspicion.

Find Riddle Companion
"A chap named Miller," said Inspector Harry Walsh of the police, "22 years old, of Chester, N. J., has told us that he was the 'Ernie' who went riding with Miss Sharpe the night of March 1. He remembers the ride very well and everything that happened on it, and says he cannot understand why she kept it a secret from us."

"Brinkert is remaining here. It is no fault of ours. We have not only Miller's story but the story of Miss Minners, who was on the ride that night. She says Brinkert was not in the car."

The suggestion that Miller was the "Ernie" Miss Sharpe knew came from Septimus Banks, Morrow butler, whom Walsh described as having an affectionate attachment for Miss Sharpe.

Shortly after Miss Sharpe drank poison yesterday because she feared a fourth questioning by police, her employer, Mrs. Dwight Morrow, reiterated her faith in the servant woman.

Photo Identified
However, police reiterated Miss Sharpe had identified a photograph of Brinkert as her companion on the night of the ride.

"Has Brinkert given any information tending to link him with the kidnaping?" Inspector Walsh was asked.

"No, not up to this time," he replied. "but he will remain here for time being. This thing is pretty much of a puzzle. The inquiry isn't over."

"Brinkert denies that he has ever been in New Jersey. And he denied flatly that he knew Miss Sharpe or her sister. He said he had never seen them nor even heard of them up to yesterday."

Walsh said a fourth member of the automobile party of March 1, an Elmer Johnson of Clifton, would be questioned.

Subsequently, Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, state police superintendent, said:

"Brinkert is at Alpine and he has agreed to give us a complete written statement tomorrow."

MOLTZNER ASSAILANT
ACQUITTED BY COURT

PORTLAND, Ore., June 11.—(AP)—George Diska, 49, a logger from Aberdeen, Wash., was acquitted in circuit court here yesterday of a charge of pointing a gun at Jay S. Moltzner, formerly manager-director of the Guardian Building & Loan association in an effort to recover \$2800 in savings.

Another indictment against Diska charging him with threatening to commit a felony was dismissed. Diska claimed temporary insanity.

TEMPERANCE TEACHING
IS ADVOCATED BY P. T. A.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 11.—(AP)—A program stressing temperance in education in the home was recommended to parent-teacher units of Oregon today at a school of instruction held here for district parent-teacher presidents.

Delegates at the meeting included Mrs. J. R. Emerson, Eugene; Mrs. B. M. Faulk, Albany; and Mrs. Harry Harding, Jackson county.

BASEBALL RESULTS

Coast.	R.	H.	E.
Seattle	6	13	0
Portland	1	6	1
Batteries: Page and Cox; Shores, Koupal and Fitzpatrick.			

Sacramento	R.	H.	E.
Sacramento	2	7	1
Mission	5	6	2
Batteries: Gullick, Salvo and Woodall; Lieber and Hofmann.			

San Francisco	R.	H.	E.
San Francisco	4	7	1
Oakland	2	9	3
Batteries: McDougall and Walgren; E. Walsh and Gaston.			

Los Angeles	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	8	11	3
Hollywood	14	18	2
Batteries: Sweetland, Moncriet and Cronin; Yde and Mayer.			

FEHL IS GRANTED OUTSIDE JUDGE IN MORTGAGE ACTION

The civil action of Niedermeyer, Inc., against Earl H. Fehl, of the Pacific Record-Herald for collection of a mortgage alleged due on the weekly newspaper plant is scheduled to be heard the week of June 20, with Circuit Judge E. C. Latourette of Clackamas county presiding.

An affidavit of prejudice was filed against Circuit Judge H. D. Norton by Fehl and same was granted. The supreme court assigned Judge Latourette to the case. Judge Norton will occupy the Clackamas county bench during the absence of Judge Latourette.

The following week Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy of Crook county has been assigned to the local bench to hear the case of Chapman against the General Petroleum company.

The Niedermeyer, Inc., suit involves in a measure, the execution of judgment against Fehl and his paper, in the Parr libel action, and labor rendered during the construction of the Holly theater. The main issue, however, is the foreclosure of a mortgage held by the Niedermeyer company, following the execution of the \$15,000 Parr libel suit verdict. It is held that the mortgage holds precedence over the Parr judgment. One of the contentions in the action is a difference on the value of labor performed by Fehl. The Niedermeyer company, in its answer, holds that \$10 per day is ample allowance for services rendered by Fehl in the Holly theater construction and that same should be deducted from the principal of the mortgage.

Fehl has an appeal in the Parr libel trial now pending before the state supreme court. Last week the county clerk sent transcripts of the legal papers filed in the suit to the high court.

LAW OFFICERS IN
MEETING, ASHLAND

Sixty-eight members of the Southern Oregon Officers' association gathered at the Lithia hotel in Ashland last night and heard an address at 9:30 o'clock by L. V. Jenkins, Portland chief of police, over the short-wave Barrack radio set, placed in operation by Clifford H. Watson and P. H. Hillack, radio engineers for the Portland police.

The meeting was presided over by Sheriff V. T. Jackson of Roseburg, who appointed a legislative committee.

The program for the evening also called for the erection of the marker in Ashland, in memory of Sam G. Prescott and Victor Knott, members of the Ashland city police, who were killed when on duty.

City, county, state and federal officers from Medford were in attendance.

MEDFORD MUSICIANS
PREPARE FOR STATE
CONVENTION IN BEND

Local music teachers are anticipating the annual Oregon convention to be held Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Bend, to be followed by a play day Friday, June 17. Musicians of Bend and vicinity will be hosts and will escort the convention guests to lakes, rivers and mountains, which dot the eastern Oregon area.

The meetings of the convention will be held at the new and beautiful Allen school. There will be five concerts, all by Oregon musicians of standing. The concerts will feature Oregon compositions on two occasions. Among the most important subjects discussed will be the project for the institution of a system of local examinations for the students of Oregon. There will be several musicians from Medford in attendance and Mrs. E. E. Gore, local piano instructor, will lead a unit of the program.

Oregon Weather
Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday with afternoon thunder showers in the mountains; cooler in the interior of west portion; low humidity; gentle to moderate westerly winds offshore.

BONUS SEEKERS AGAINST RADICAL GROUP IN RANKS

Twelve Thousand Veterans in Capital Join Police in Effort to Apprehend Persons Secreting Explosives

By C. P. WILLIAMSON
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, June 11.—(AP)—The veterans army of more than 12,000 bonus seekers joined with police tonight in an effort to apprehend and deal swiftly with those secreting arms or explosives in the scattered encampments.

Discovery of dynamite charges complete with caps and fuses in the Anacostia flats receiving station threw police, leaders and veterans alike on guard. The veterans' own secret intelligence unit carefully combed the camp for radicals and other possible stores of explosives.

To Lobby at Congress
Meanwhile, a committee of the veterans left for Chicago to urge inclusion of a bonus payment plan in the Republican and Democratic platforms. Other groups started for surrounding cities to recruit additional veterans in an effort to swell the total to 50,000.

A vote on whether to give formal consideration to the Patman resolution for immediate cash payment of the bonus will be taken in the house Monday. If that is acted on favorably, a roll call on the legislation itself will be taken.

House leaders predicted today that branch would approve the bonus payment, but its fate in the senate was doubtful. President Hoover has promised a veto. A two-thirds vote by both the house and senate would be necessary to make it law over presidential disapproval.

Aid Falls to Pass
In the senate, an unsuccessful attempt was made by Senator Blaine (R., Wis.) to appropriate \$100,000 to aid the bonus marchers. Vice-President Curtis ruled the legislation was out of order as an amendment to the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

The explosives discovered consisted of two and one-half sticks of dynamite, hidden under bed-ticking in an area vacated a few hours before by members of the worker's organization's league, a communist organization.

Despite this fact, the veterans and police hesitated about pointing an accusing finger at the radicals. The veterans' leaders simply described the location of the explosives as "significant."

Both police and veterans apparently vied for the honor of destroying it, for each in reporting the discovery claimed to have disposed of it finally.

MERRIMAN'S MISS IN DEATH BY INCHES

Merle Merriman and wife of this city narrowly escaped death last night about eight o'clock, when the auto in which they were riding was struck at a curve near the Howard ranch on the Green Spring mountain road, by a speeding Klamath county auto.

Merriman prevented a plunge over a steep cliff by turning his car into the embankment. The Merrimans were brought to this city by passing motorists. Mrs. Merriman was suffering from shock, and a baby sustained a slight cut on the forehead. State police investigated the accident. The Merrimans were on a week-end trip to Klamath Falls and Crater Lake.

Oregon Students
to Fight Merger

EUGENE, Ore., June 11.—(AP)—Seventy-four students of the 2500 attending the University of Oregon were chosen today to head a student fight against the consolidation bill which would combine the university and Oregon State college on one campus at Corvallis.

Oregon Delegates Ready Cast Vote for Dawes If Hoover Is Unacceptable

By Leslie J. Smith
FARGO, N. D., June 11.—(AP)—The Oregon republican delegation of 13, pledged to Senator Joseph I. France, is ready to vote for General Charles G. Dawes at the slightest indication that President Hoover for any reason finds the platform unacceptable or that Hoover is discoverable as unacceptable to the convention, meeting in Chicago June 14. In this eventuality Charles McNary, Oregon senator, is the delegation's choice for vice-president.

The Associated Press learned tonight as a series of conferences developed aboard the private car carrying the Oregon delegation to Chicago. Not all of the eight members of the train would permit their names to be used in endorsing Dawes, but their attitude was so expressed in private conversations.

Stanley Myers, Portland, for one, pleaded defections from the Hoover lineup in New York, Pennsylvania

DISPUTE ON RUM PLANK OCCUPIES G. O. P. CHIEFTAINS

Controversy Develops Into Three-Cornered Struggle Between Referendists, Repealists and Bone Dries

By Cecil B. Dickson
Associated Press Staff Writer
CHICAGO, June 11.—(AP)—A seething prohibition dispute from which party leaders predict a resubmission plank will emerge, today dominated the convention discussion of the republican platform.

With the resolutions committee soon to begin work, the controversy developed into a straining three-cornered struggle between repealists; those who favor sending the question back to the people; and the unyielding prohibitionists, battling for the first two factions.

Middleground Favored
Administration forces were backing the resubmission policy, and believe this middleground course will be followed by the convention. But the party leadership is keeping a close watch for any stampede movements.

Most of the other planks for the national platform are taking shape without much disagreement. A federal aid declaration is expected to follow the outlines of the program recently submitted to congress by President Hoover, calling for loans to the states and increased support for industry and agriculture through the reconstruction finance corporation.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—(AP)—With telephonic communications established between the White House and Chicago, President Hoover today kept in active touch with the rapidly shaping affairs of the republican national convention.

OREGON SALARY REDUCTION WILL SAVE HUGE SUM

SALEM, June 11.—(AP)—Reduction in the state salary schedule to be put into effect July 1 will return about \$200,000 to the general fund by the time the next legislative convenes, it was learned here today through authentic sources close to the operations of the committee appointed by Governor Julius L. Meier to recommend salary reductions and adjustments.

The committee is considering the recommendation of a straight salary cut of from 10 to 12 per cent, including every employe from the chief executive down to the lowest clerical service. The report of the committee will be completed prior to July 1, and be made to the board of control in time to become effective at the beginning of the last half of 1932.

The committee, it was learned, will recommend that those receiving salaries set by law not wait for legislative action to make the reduction effective, but that they voluntarily return the 10 to 12 per cent of their checks to the general fund beginning in July.

CURTIS CHOICE FOR VICE-PRESIDENCY

CHICAGO, June 11.—(AP)—The smiling, swarthy face of the veteran Charles Curtis of Kansas stood out clearly today from the haze of republican vice-convention speculation over the vice-presidential nomination.

Several factors contributed to an accumulating belief that Curtis would be renominated, indefinite as this discussion must be until the delegate voters actually get there and do their own speaking.

KLAMATH FLOOD CONTINUES FLOW

KLAMATH FALLS, June 11.—(AP)—Rising flood waters from the Tule lake sump Saturday morning started a slow seepage through the remaining barrier protecting nearly 6000 acres of one of the richest grain regions in the world.

Lease holders on the federal lands, aided by crews from Merrill, Malin and Klamath Falls, gathered this morning to make a final stand against the high waters, and save still untouched farms from a complete catastrophe to this year's crops of barley, oats and wheat.

Farmers brought a dredge from Grants Pass today and planned to throw up an emergency dike to bolster the permanent wall of dirt and timbers.

94 Graduated at Old Willamette

SALEM, June 11.—(AP)—Graduation exercises for 94 members of the Willamette university senior class were started here today, marking the 88th annual commencement for the institution. Baccalaureate services will be held tomorrow, while commencement will be held Monday. School for other classes ended yesterday.

Lowden Too Old
OREGON, Ill., June 11.—(AP)—Former Governor Frank O. Lowden told a delegation of independent voters tonight his age of 72 precluded his considering their request that he head a third party ticket as candidate for president.

Suspect Maid Suicides



Associated Press telephoto of Violet Sharpe, waitress in the Dwight Morrow home, who committed suicide when advised New Jersey police were going to question her again regarding the Lindbergh baby kidnaping and murder. This picture copyrighted by The News, New York, was taken in England three years ago.

TYPICAL CASE OF 'INJUSTICE' CITED BY G. HILL NEWS

The Gold Hill News in its latest issue carries an item on the "Bates Case," around which has centered charges of "miscarriages of justice," in this county.

It has been alleged that the last grand jury failed to call witnesses, being in the country districts. He was one Justice H. D. Bates of Gold Hill appeared before the grand jury with the records.

The article, in part, is as follows: "Ever since the closing of the Pacific Record-Herald office by order of the court this spring after its editors, Earl H. Fehl, now nominee for county judge at the May primary, in a field of five candidates, was host at a dinner last night in the private dining room of the Hotel Holland. Invitations by letter were mailed Thursday to the other winners on the republican ticket. Those who responded to the feast were A. C. Walker, treasurer; J. C. Coleman, assessor; Everett Beeson, sheriff, and William R. Coleman, justice of the peace, Medford, district, republican winners.

Fehl received slightly more than a third of the republican votes cast at the primary. His main strength being in the country districts. He received 2500 votes at the May election, and roughly 4500 votes showed up against him. Since the election there has been some talk of an independent candidate for county judge and sentiment toward this end is reported steadily increasing the past two weeks.

The chances of Fehl in November, independent candidacy, if any, and the general outlook for victory were discussed informally with no definite decisions or statements. It is understood from local political sources that the republican nominee fears the rank and file will wander far from party regularity on the county judgeship in the general election.

Fehl received 761 votes in this city at the primary.

AUSTRALIANS DUMP LABORITE LEADER

SYDNEY, New South Wales, June 11.—(AP)—The voters of New South Wales recorded one of the most important political decisions in the history of their state by repudiating the labor party headed by J. T. Lang, turbulent ex-premier, in yesterday's election.

Unofficial returns today showed that the United Australia party, headed by Premier B. S. Stevens, had turned a legislative minority of 20 into a majority of 42.

SON OF HEARST LOSES WIFE THROUGH COURT

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—(AP)—Mrs. Blanche Wilbur Hearst was awarded a divorce today from George Randolph Hearst, son of the publisher, William Randolph Hearst.

She testified that after a quarrel in July, 1930, her husband left her at the ranch home of his father at San Simeon, Cal., and that they have not lived together since.

VALLEY ORCHARDS DAMAGED BY HAIL AND WIND STORM

1800 to 2000 Acres Hit by Friday Evening Visitation — Three-Inch Fall Reported On Hill Ranch

Accurate estimate of the damage to orchards by hail in the violent storm of Friday evening will not be available for a couple of weeks, according to County Agent Lyle P. Wilcox, who made a survey of the valley Saturday morning.

The full fury of the storm was felt in the district east of Central Point, and the county agent reported that several orchards in that section were hard hit. He says that the DuBoque, Norcross, Beebe and Deuel orchards were the chief sufferers. The Villas, Young and Hall, Budde, Sister Johnston and 401 orchards also sustained lesser losses. The Bear Creek bottom also felt the storm. A high wind and driving rain also prevailed.

Large Area Hit
It is estimated by the county agent that between 1800 and 2000 acres of orchard land was beneath the hail storm, which was accompanied by a heavy rain. Some of the orchards estimate a 100 per cent loss and others from 50 per cent down. The county agent expresses the opinion that some of the loss can be salvaged by thinning. The damage was "spotted."

According to County Agent Wilcox the storm originated near the summit of Mt. Warner, swept along the foothills to the Griffin Creek district, thence diagonally across the valley to the Central Point district, thence in an easterly direction toward Eagle Point and up the Antelope valley. The county agent watched the gathering storm, which started about 5 o'clock, throughout its phases.

The storm passed over the orchards in the south part of the valley and was not felt on the east side from the Hillcrest orchard south.

Orchards in the Coker Butte and Airport sections were swept by heavy rain and hail in strips. For instance, Court Hill of the Young and Hill orchard said that his Bartlett block on eight acres was hardest hit by the hail. The storm had commenced to lose its force upon reaching the Coker Butte section.

Talent Zone Undamaged
In the Talent district, Prof. F. C. Reimer reported Saturday that only a trace of rain fell, and no hail.

Court Hill traveled over the hail-damaged area and reported a severe loss. He states that the rainfall on his orchard was the heaviest in his memory, and that a pan placed on the ground at the start showed a fall of three inches, and that the ground was so wet and muddy Saturday morning men could not work among the trees. He said that the

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KLAMATH LAKE FISH HIT BY STRANGE ILL

KLAMATH FALLS, June 11.—(AP)—Stricken with a strange malady, hundreds of mulelets, suckers, are dying in upper Klamath lake. A similar disease last year among these fish was attributed to low water. This could not account for the lake's epidemic, however, as the lake elevation is considerably higher.

A queer form of algae has developed in the lake causing the waters to take on a jade green tinge. It is believed that this algae may have something to do with the fish malady.

WILL ROGERS says:

'BEVERLY HILLS, June 11. Editor The Chronicle: The dries are diving off the springboard so fast there won't be any room in the water for the original wets. Will H. Hayes, the old Presbyterian circuit rider, went off the 60-foot board into the deepest part yesterday. Bishop Cannon is just trying to find a bathing suit now that will fit him.

When everybody gets through saying everything in the world about a subject, why then Calvin Coolidge comes along and says what should have been said in the first place. In these times of everybody guessing and allying, Calvin can still see clear. But that's why he is where he is, because he could always see ahead. Yours,

Will Rogers
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