

MEDFORD WOMAN FOUND SUICIDE

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A FRIEND dropped into this office Tuesday and found this writer industriously pounding a typewriter. "You and I," he remarked, "are the two biggest fools in Southern Oregon."

"How come?" was the answer.

"Because, instead of being out hunting, like regular human beings ought to be on the opening day of the season, we're at home working like slaves."

THERE'S cause for thought in that remark.

When the time comes for us to die, as it will, just how much better off will those of us be who stayed at home and worked on the opening day of the season than those who got out in the bright sunshine and the glorious hills of Oregon and hunted for deer?

We'll be worse off, probably; because we'll have missed something fine that we might have had.

HERE is a statement that is not without interest out here in this country where lumber is our most important manufactured product:

"The steel industry is planning an aggressive publicity campaign to create new markets for steel. Pressed steel houses offer a new development which will be pushed if present plans are followed through."

PRESSED steel houses! That makes us laugh, out in this country. Wouldn't a pressed steel house be a Dickens of a thing to live in?

But it is no laughing matter. Pressed steel houses can be sold if they have enough ADVERTISING and SELLING back of them.

What lumber needs, if it is to hold its own, is more advertising and selling.

HERE is another interesting bit, culled from the market pages:

There is an impending shortage of coffee in this country. Several of the large distributors have only a few weeks supply left.

It is said that a few large food companies are buying wheat in anticipation of an increasing demand for cereal beverages later on, as the coffee shortage begins to make itself felt.

There was recently an up in prices of cocoa, and this also is said to be due to the impending coffee shortage.

WHY the shortage?

Well, it is an interesting story. There is a revolution on down in Brazil, and it is from Brazil that most of the coffee comes. Not only that, but about 70 per cent of the coffee we use in this country comes from one state in Brazil—the state of Santos.

This state of Santos is practically blockaded as a result of the revolution, and so coffee can't get out.

Hence, you see, the possibility of a shortage.

THIS was once a big world, with many nations and many peoples whose interests were far apart. What one nation or one people did concerned other nations and other peoples very little, as a rule.

This world that was once so big is getting smaller and smaller. What happens in one part of it is apt to be of the most acute concern in places far removed.

This revolution in Brazil, for example, in which you may not be even remotely interested as you read of it in the papers—or at least glance at the headlines—may affect the price of your breakfast cup of coffee here in southern Oregon.

The world, you see, really is a rather small place, in these days of swift communications, and what happens in one part of it has echoes in many other parts.

HEAVY DECREASE IN O. S. C. ENROLLMENT

CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Approximately 44 per cent decrease in freshman enrollment at Oregon state college was indicated in the first release of registration figures today by E. B. Leman, college registrar.

The total number of freshmen who have completed enrollment and paid their fees was given as 472, as compared with 846 on the corresponding day last year. Of the total registered 229 are men and 183 women.

AGNES BENNETT INHALES FUMES IN AUTO PARK CABIN

Body Found As Caretakers Check Cabins—Daughter of Well-Known Family—Second Case in 24 Hours

Agnes Bennett, approximately 30 years of age, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Bennett of 937 North Central, old time residents of Medford, committed suicide at noon today by turning on and inhaling gas in a cabin at the Sunrise service station on South Riverside avenue and Twelfth street.

She was found at 12:30 by Mrs. R. H. Clawson and Mrs. Bert Clark of the station, when they went to make their regular check on the cabins.

Worked yesterday
Miss Bennett, who had worked yesterday at the Pinnacle parking house, where her sister, Ethel, is also employed, had rented cabin No. 5 last night. She was heard moving about in the cabin at 10 o'clock.

Deputy Coroner Joy Walker, who was summoned on the case, stated that she had died shortly after 12 o'clock noon. A physician was called when the city police arrived at the scene shortly after 12:30, but all efforts to revive life proved futile.

Letter Explains
A long letter, written by Miss Bennett, was found with the body. It gave a synopsis of melancholy days and told a sad story, which indicated that her desire to live had been conquered by despondency.

When she failed to return to her home last night, her parents thought she was working late at the parking house. The news of her suicide came as a great shock to them this afternoon, in spite of the fact that she had been showing signs of melancholy for some time.

She had not acted strangely when renting the cabin last night and no suspicion was aroused. The caretakers were on their regular round of inspection this morning, when they found the door to cabin 5 locked.

In an attempt to break in, they smelled gas and immediately summoned the aid of Bert Clark.

Face Wrapped in Towel
Breaking into the cabin they found the woman's body near the heater, where she had apparently wrapped her face in a towel and bent over the burner to inhale all the fumes possible.

No investigation will be made regarding the case, which was obviously one of suicide caused by despondency. Deputy Coroner Walker stated this afternoon. The body is now at the Conger funeral parlors and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

LEGION WILL ELECT LEADERS ON MONDAY

Annual election of officers of Medford post No. 15 of the American Legion is slated for next Monday night, September 26, at the Armory, and every local Legionnaire is urged to plan now to be present. Final nominations of officers also will be made at this session, just preceding the hallooting.

Several other important matters will be discussed during the evening and reports of the state and national conventions will be heard. Much interest is being shown in this big annual meeting and all indications point to a large attendance.

Chicago Veteran New G. O. P. Chief
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Captain William P. Wright, 83, of Chicago, today unanimously was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, succeeding Samuel P. Town of Philadelphia.

Socialist Candidate Will Wage Whirlwind Drive

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(AP)—A man rode alone today into the west, seeking the presidency of the United States.

He will campaign in 17 states. There will be speeches by day and speeches by night, and he will rotate his rest in sleeping cars as he rolls into the northwest, to California and to Texas.

Norman Thomas, a Socialist candidate for president for the second time in four years, made no sanguine claims of victory as he left New York last night. He said: "I've always got a chance if enough people vote. But even if I'm defeated, an organized Socialist movement with a big vote may stop present destructive trends."

He expressed doubt that even should he be elected he would be able to do a great deal toward im-

Pear Markets

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(U.S.D.A.) (P)—Pear auction market steady on good stock.

Thirty-nine cars arrived; 31 California, 3 New York, 22 Oregon, 3 Washington unloaded; 35 cars on track.

California Bartlett, 9250 boxes; \$1.35-2.75; average \$2.06.
Oregon Bartlett, 4490 boxes extra fancy, \$1.10-2.60; average \$1.91; fancy \$1.05-2.50; average \$1.88.
Washington Bartlett, 845 boxes; extra fancy, \$1.45-1.75; average \$1.61.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—(U.S.D.A.) (P)—Fourteen California, 4 New York, 4 Oregon, 4 Washington arrived; 40 carloads on track. By truck, 2 Michigan arrived. Nine cars sold.

California Bartlett, 2510 boxes; \$1.75-2.60; average \$2.14.
Oregon Bartlett, 857 extra fancy; \$1.75-2.45; average \$2.19; 1423 boxes fancy, \$1.65-2.20; average \$1.92.

J. VON DER HELLEN ENDS LIFE AFTER PROTRACTED GRIEF

Julius Henry Von der Hellen of Wellen, who for 10 years grieved over the death of his wife, ended his life yesterday afternoon at the home of a friend near Phoenix, where he was visiting. Death was instantaneous, due to the discharge of a shotgun placed at his head. He had been a sufferer from acute melancholia for years, and was under medical supervision.

Shortly before the tragedy, which occurred just after 3 o'clock, Von der Hellen was seated on the porch chatting. Later he went to his bedroom. A son came to the house soon after and just as he entered the bedroom, heard the explosion, and found his father prostrate on the bed.

Von der Hellen, in some manner, found the weapon, which had been carefully hidden from him. He was brought here last week from Salem by his brother William, for a visit with friends and relatives of this vicinity.

The body is at the Perl funeral parlors. Coroner H. W. Conger announced there would be no inquest.

Von der Hellen is a member of a well-known southern Oregon family. The death of his wife 10 years ago was a blow that left him despondent and depressed.

He is survived by three brothers, William Von der Hellen, George Von der Hellen and Carl Von der Hellen; two sons, Harold Von der Hellen and George Von der Hellen, and a daughter, Theodora, survive him, besides other kin, and a wide circle of friends.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Perl funeral home, interment in the Phoenix cemetery.

CALIFORNIA CLING PEACH PACK CUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The cling peach pack of California was estimated today by the Cannery League of California, in a preliminary report, to be about 6,447,380 cases, compared with 6,348,652 last year and 13,173,703 in 1930. Virtually all the pack had been exported.

Stocks were reported as 7,594,245 cases as of September 17. Movement since June first was computed at about 3,679,000 cases, compared with around 3,214,000 cases in the like period last year. Stocks on hand October 1, 1931, were roughly 1,500,000 larger than the current stocks. The total then was 9,096,785 cases, and on October 1, 1930, it was 10,760,360 cases.

Canadian Pacific Pay Cut
TORONTO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The Evening Telegram said today a 10 per cent cut in salary has been ordered for all officers of the Canadian Pacific railway in all parts of the world.

JUDGE FEE WILL CONDUCT COURT

Judge James A. Fee, United States district court judge, will preside at federal court here when it convenes October 4, according to word received here today by Deputy United States Marshal Cal C. Wells. Judge Fee is the junior judge, having been appointed only last year. This will be his first official visit to Medford.

Others who will be here for the October court term are George Neuner, United States district attorney; John L. Day, United States marshal and Hal Kenyon, deputy chief clerk, all of Portland. Judge Glenn O. Taylor is a deputy clerk for the federal court.

Community Chest Meet Scheduled
A meeting of the Community Chest board will be held one week from today, Eugene Thorndike, president of the board, announced this morning. At the meeting, the board will confer with A. P. Johnson, chairman for this year's campaign, and decide upon definite dates for the annual drive.

Italy has shelved its only two battleships. Mussolini will probably take the place of both of them.—Wichita Eagle.

SOUTHERN OREGON ROAD WORK FUND PURELY FEDERAL

\$455,000 Apportioned to Area Not From Local or State Taxes, Says Highway Commission Member

"Not a cent of the \$455,000 apportioned for expending on southern Oregon road projects comes from local or state taxes," said R. C. Washburne of Eugene, member of the state highway commission, here to confer with the county court on Pacific highway improvements. "Every dime is federal funds, and it would be unfortunate if, through a misunderstanding, this money should be diverted to the northern part of the state.

The proposed Siskiyou unit improvement is vital to the highway commission program.

"There are four projects planned for southern Oregon," said Commissioner Washburne. "They are the Graves Creek widening, the Rice hill improvement, the Central Point straightening, and the Siskiyou improvement. If Jackson county does not want the funds, other sections will take it. As a matter of fact there is a decided sentiment to divert it upstate, on the grounds of more population."

Protest Petitions Received.
Commissioner Washburne said that the petitions signed by 600 Ashland residents, protesting against the expenditure, had been received yesterday.

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R. F. C. LOAN PLEAS SHOWING DECLINE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The number of applications for bank, railroad and insurance company loans from the reconstruction corporation has dropped off in the last month.

Wilson McCarthy and Gardner Cowles, Sr., directors of the corporation, said today that the pressure on the corporation had greatly decreased. This indicated, McCarthy said, that the unfavorable condition which prevailed between February 1 and July 15 had passed.

The board announced today that agricultural and livestock loans soon to be made will carry 7 per cent interest.

FOUR INJURED ON ROOSEVELT TRIP

LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Four La Grande men, returning from Portland, where they heard Governor Roosevelt speak Wednesday, were injured this morning when their car nosed over a 75-foot embankment near Kamela on the Old Oregon trail.

Martin Fitzgerald, delegate to the national democratic convention, was driving and apparently dazed, the car swung from the road before he could regain control. Fitzgerald is injured seriously, sustaining a crushed kneecap besides severe cuts and bruises.

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U. S. TO EMERGE FIRST FROM WORLD SLUMP
ATHENS, Tenn., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Vice-President Curtis said: "The United States will be the first to emerge from the depression." In an address he delivered today at Tennessee Wesleyan college,

LEADERS DISCUSS RELIEF PLANS



Roy D. Chapin (left), secretary of commerce, and Newton D. Baker, chairman of the citizens' committee of the welfare and relief mobilization of 1932, are shown in conference when the nation's relief workers gathered at White House at the behest of President Hoover. (Associated Press Photo)

KEENE PETITIONS FOR MAYOR NOT PLACED ON FILE

Calm still prevailed on the city political front today. There were three new candidates entered for offices but still no nominee for representation of the fourth ward on the city council. It was understood, however, that committees were calling upon a local citizen and that before the time expires a petition would be filed.

New entrants in the field today are Wm. Clemenson, incumbent, who filed for re-election to the city council as representative of the first ward; Al Littrell, who seeks a place on the council from the second ward, and Jack Moran, who will oppose M. L. Alford, present incumbent in the race for recorder.

W. E. Rowley, whose candidacy was announced yesterday, filed today as nominee from the third ward on the city council. He will compete with S. A. Kroschel, who filed some time ago, for this position.

P. M. Kershaw, who now represents the second ward, has refused to seek re-nomination and C. A. Meeker, representative from the fourth ward, it is also understood, has refused the insistence of several citizens' groups, who requested his continuance on the council.

The third ward position, for which there are two candidates, is now filed by J. O. Gray, who is a candidate for city treasurer.

E. M. Wilson, incumbent, is so far the only announced candidate for mayor. He has filed for the office. Petitions for the nomination of Dr. J. M. Keene have been in circulation for several days and are endeavoring to carry more than the necessary number of names, but he had not filed for the office this afternoon.

GOLD HILL MAN HURT IN CRASH

Paul C. Thompson of Gold Hill sustained serious injuries last night as a result of collision on the Pacific highway at Gold Hill between an auto driven by R. E. Mything of Salem, Ore., and one driven by Mrs. Paul Thompson of Gold Hill.

The crash, according to the state police who investigated, occurred on virtually the same spot where Marcus Tuttle and wife of Trail were killed last Sunday afternoon in an auto accident.

According to the authorities, the mishap last night occurred when Mrs. Thompson attempted to turn into a driveway and the Mything car crashed into the rear of the Thompson vehicle.

Mrs. Thompson told the state police that she gave the signal to turn in. Mything told the authorities that if Mrs. Thompson gave the signal he did not see it, and furthermore it was not given in time for him to avert the crash.

Mything is not held but remained here pending developments.

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BASEBALL RESULTS

American	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	7	12	0
New York	2	8	0
Waite, Mungo, Quinn and Lopez; Parmelee, Bell, Hoyt and Hogan.			

American	R.	H.	E.
Washington	4	9	1
Boston	2	4	2
Crowder and Spencer; Durham, Welch and Jolley.			

Chicago at Detroit: Both games postponed; rain.

National	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	7	12	2
Chicago	0	6	0
Smith and Finney, Padden; Grimes, R. Smith and Taylor.			

TRIBUNE IS SUED FOR \$100,000 BY F. A. BATES, MINER

Suit for \$100,000, alleged damage, against the Medford Printing Company, publishers of the Mail Tribune, was filed in circuit court late yesterday by F. A. Bates, aged Gold Hill district miner, through his attorney, M. O. Wilkins, of Ashland. The action is based upon news articles covering routine records and developments and editorials dealing with "the Bates case and Foots Creek controversy."

The complaint alleges persecution, defamation of character, loss of reputation and monetary loss, as a result of the publication of the items. General damages to the extent of \$50,000 are alleged and sought, and \$50,000 for being allegedly forced to sell the Black Channel mining property for \$25,000, when the plaintiff valued it at \$75,000.

It is further alleged that the articles were published with malice, and that editorial reference to the plaintiff as a "stormy petrel" was libelous.

A half dozen news articles published in the Mail Tribune and a reproduction of the same were produced.

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CONSERVATIVES IN WISCONSIN SADDLE

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Wisconsin's major political offices, barring an unusual political upset, appearing destined today to rest in the hands of a young editor and a middle-aged manufacturer.

The editor, John H. Chapple, Ashland, seemed destined to enter the United States senate, and former Governor Walter J. Kohler, head of a manufacturing firm, to return to the governorship. Both are conservative Republicans.

The electorate gave them decisive victories over Senator John J. Blaine and Gov. Philip LaFollette, progressive Republican incumbents, in Tuesday's primaries.

FARMERS PLAN PROTEST MARCH

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 22.—(AP) Milo Reno, national president of the Farmers' Holiday association which is conducting a "strike" for higher prices, has asked Iowa farmers to assemble here for a "protest" parade October 4 when President Hoover is scheduled to deliver a campaign address. He said he held 30,000 farmers would take part.

"We have a right to hold President Hoover responsible for existing conditions," Reno told members of the Iowa Farmers' Union last night.

"It is time," he said, "that we educate those responsible for this condition of agriculture. We have a right to portray the real conditions that exist in this country."

OLEO TAX BILL HAS OPPOSITION

FOREGOING, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Opposition to the proposed tax on oleomargarine, as provided in a measure passed by the last session of the state legislature, is expressed in a report prepared by a committee of the city club. The measure, which is now subject to referendum, provides for an excise tax of 10 cents a pound on all oleomargarine produced or sold in the state and requires each merchant handling the product to pay an annual license fee of \$5.

KLAMATH GIVEN COLD SHOULDER BY ROOSEVELT

Candidate and Party Refuse to Leave Berths As Democratic Faithful Stand On Chilly Depot Platform

DUNSMUIR, Cal., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt moved today through the home state of his presidential campaign rival, President Hoover.

The Democratic presidential nominee arrived here at 8:35 a. m. and William Gibbs McAdoo, wartime secretary of the treasury and now Democratic candidate for United States senator, boarded the train.

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 22.—(AP)—While 300 Klamath people stood in the morning cold at the depot, the special train carrying Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt toward California passed through this city this morning without any of the governor's party leaving their berths.

Uncertainty prevailed among prominent Klamath county Democrats Wednesday as they sought in vain to make arrangements for the appearance here of the governor or one of his party. The last report last night was that James Roosevelt, son of the Democratic nominee, would greet the voters here.

On the strength of that report, sent here by ex-governor Walter M. Pierce, about 200 persons went to the depot. The train stopped here for 10 minutes, but no one appeared except trainmen.

By WALTER T. BROWN.
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
ROOSEVELT SPECIAL, EN ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—After writing into the record of this presidential campaign his views on the regulation and control of public utilities dealing in electricity, and calling upon the voters to "judge me by the enemies I have made," Governor Roosevelt today was in California whose swing from Speaker John N. Garner assured Mr. Roosevelt's nomination at the Chicago Democratic convention.

McAdoo Joins Party.
The man, William Gibbs McAdoo, whose announcement of the swing during the fourth rail call last July 1, had flown to Redding to meet the nominee and escort him across the state. McAdoo now is the choice of California Democrats for the United States senate.

After the public utilities speech before a crowded Portland municipal auditorium that frequently applauded the speaker, Roosevelt boarded his train and before dawn had left here.

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Inmate Recaptured.
SALEM, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Dora B. Schottles, 57, who escaped from the state hospital last night, was found at Turner this morning and is being returned to Salem, hospital officials announced.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 21.—"Say, I got a whole new slant on this election racket today. I run into a Republican. You see on account of my low social standing I haven't been able to meet anybody but Democrats. But this Republican tells and shows me where this thing is going to be a real race. These windy Democrats had led me to believe that the thing was going by default.

Mr. Hoover made a move yesterday that if I had been one of his advisors I would never have let him make it. He wants "to put more orators in the field." I think and hope that it was a typographical error. It should read we want more orators under the field.

As I told you all before, I seem to be the only person in America that has no idea who will win this election, but I do know one thing, it will be the side with the fewest "orators" or even speakers.

Will Rogers

High Registration 12 UNDER LAST YEAR

Registration at the senior high school is 12 below the records for last year, at the close of the third week of school, figures compiled by Principal C. G. Smith show. At the end of the third week last school year 612 students were registered, while up to today only 600 were listed.

Mr. Smith stated that registrations were expected to increase Monday, when several students who have been working will register.

Unspeakable Conditions In Labor Camp Revealed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Miss Helen Boardman, former Red Cross worker, today testified before Brigadier-General G. B. Pillsbury, assistant chief of army engineers, on conditions she found in an investigation of 22 contractors' labor camps on Mississippi flood control projects last year.

The testimony on what her testimony would be given out in behalf of Miss Boardman by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, described conditions "without exception, unspeakable" with "brutality the rule."

"Women were beaten for not having meals ready on time" Miss Boardman was quoted as reporting. "Two men were beaten and discharged for refusing night work after having worked all day.