

Standings of Popularity Girls Today Show Increased Voting

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

The Weather
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Temperature:
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Lowest this morning 35

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WETS WINNERS IN SENATE TEST

Comment on the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS.
THE LATEST rumor is that Colonel Lindbergh expects to move to France.
His first baby was kidnapped and murdered, in spite of the fact that he paid the ransom money that was demanded. Within the past few days, a plot to kidnap his second baby has been uncovered.
Could LINDY be blamed much if he DID move away from this country?

THE NEXT congress, we read, will probably confer upon President Roosevelt powers so broad as to be almost dictatorial.
This much is obvious: To whatever extent congress gives to President Roosevelt extraordinary power, it will TAKE POWER AWAY from itself.
So this question, naturally enough, occurs to us: Why is congress, which has been exceedingly jealous of its powers in the past, willing to GIVE UP power to the President?

THIS seems to be the answer: These extraordinary powers to be conferred upon the president would give him authority to reorganize the administrative branch of the government, reduce veterans' compensation, cut down the pay of those holding government jobs, discharge employees, abolish subsidies and otherwise reduce the cost of the federal government a billion dollars a year before the first of next July.
Now do you begin to get an idea of why congress is willing to clothe the president with so much power?

WHOEVER did all that would make himself mighty unpopular with a lot of people and would have to take a lot of kicking.
Congress, probably, has the thrifty thought that since these things have to be done in order to restore prosperity and since whoever does them will collect a lot of grief along with his glory it might as well be the president as anybody.

HERE is a headline that tells a story: "Legislative jam piles up at Salem, with revenue bills hardly touched."
The story goes on to say that with only five days of the statutory 40-day session remaining there seems no possibility of adjournment within the period for which the legislature receives pay.
The limitation as to the length of the session, you know, concerns only the pay of the legislators. They can stay and work for nothing and pay their own expenses as long as they choose.

THIS headline tells an accurate story, as probably it does, the big, important bills will pile up at the end of the session and so will have to be acted on in haste, by men who are anxious to get through and get home.
There are certainly advantages to be cited in favor of the divided session, which provides for introduction of all bills during the first period, with a short vacation in between for study and reflection and a final session at which bills are disposed of—either adopted or killed.

DOWN in Portland the other day what the papers describe as a "speakeasy de luxe" was raided by the police. Describing the raid, one of the papers says:
"The four-piece orchestra in sky-blue vests quit playing, several attractive young women entertainers stopped warbling and 40 fashionably dressed men and women abandoned their glasses of fancy drinks when a squad of plainclothes police walked in."
Money is scarce, admittedly, but when people find a way to spend it in the way they WANT to spend it, they seem to be able to find it to spend.

AND HERE is the opening paragraph of a Seattle dispatch:
"An 11-day race, by airplane and steamer from Nome to Seattle, to bring a nine-month-old infant here for medical treatment to save its life ended tonight—with the first part of the fight apparently won."
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VOTE TO TAKE UP REPEAL MEASURE PRESENT SESSION

Consideration of Blaine Resolution Carries, 58 to 23 in First Real Test of Power for Chamber

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The senate today voted to take up for consideration the Blaine resolution to repeal the 18th amendment.
The vote, which brought up repeal for consideration, was the closest approach to a real test of senate wet and dry strength this session, although it was not regarded as an indication of the prospective vote on the submission resolution itself.
Senators opposed considering it at this time in the belief emergency relief measures were in danger of failure at this congress because of a prolonged prohibition debate.
A number of this group are known to be willing to submit repeal.
While only a bare majority was needed to take up the resolution, two-thirds will be necessary to submit it to the states or ratification.
Whether this margin can be mustered is problematical, depending largely on form of the resolution when it reaches a final vote.
The vote was 58 to 23, more than two-thirds majority.

NEW HIGHWAY IS BELIEVED ASSURED

Completion yesterday of negotiations with owners of property along the right-of-way from the city limits of Ashland extending 1.6 miles north of that city, virtually assures the construction of the new highway slightly below the \$15,000,000 which has been the maximum the commission would consider paying.
Although options were signed last week on the property, the amounts were too high, the state highway commission declared, bringing about consideration under a new value basis, which calls for a 6 per cent reduction in payment to each of the four main property owners as follows:
Mrs. D. H. Jackson, \$8,400; G. F. Billings, \$3,955; C. J. Ferrine, \$2,115, and Mrs. Lena Phillips, \$470. The total cost will bring the amount slightly below the \$15,000,000 which has been the maximum the commission would consider paying.
Oregon Weather.
Rain west and snow east portion tonight and Thursday; warmer east portion tonight; fresh southwest and south winds offshore.

HOW WE APPEAR IN EYES OF OUTSIDERS

SUFFERING MEDFORD. (Oregon City Enterprise)
The bark of Llewellyn A. Banks, editor of the Medford Daily News, seems to have been much more dangerous than his bite.
A few years ago this man Banks came from California into the fruitful, peaceful valley of which Medford is the metropolis. He engaged in horticulture, and had scarcely established residence in the state when he was seized by the political bug, and in order to have a mouthpiece he acquired the Medford Daily News. He contested the nomination for the U. S. senate with Senator McNary.
Whether his political disappointment did it, or whether his mouthpiece merely furnished the means to display it, nevertheless this fellow seems to have become obsessed with the notion that the world holds but one honest man, namely Llewellyn A. Banks. All else are crooks conspiring to ruin Mr. Banks. His daily tirades aimed at the courts, the bar association, the county court, the district attorney, the competitive newspaper, the sheriff, the constable, the "gang," have kept the community in continuous turmoil for months.
He has gone into convulsions of wrath, snapping right and left at his imaginary enemies and appealing to the mob spirit to rally to his support. He has stirred up a senseless feud from which Jackson county will not recover for years.
His diatribes read like the products of a fevered brain.
There are suits pending against Banks totaling three hundred thousand dollars, and the climax came last week when creditors tied up his supply of newsprint. The fellow managed to issue his paper, however, with the aid of supporters who obtained a new supply, and the "robbers," "thieves" and "bandits" were duly trouneled by Mr. Banks. The editorial resulted in his indictment for criminal libel and Mr. Banks thereupon served notice he would defy the law.
Here are the brave words of the troublesome journalist:
"Now my friends, I am back home. I am defending my castle. If any officer of the law attempts to invade my home to illegally deprive me of my liberty or deprive me of my property, I will defend my home just the same as I would if bandits were entering it."
That sounded as ominous as the bay of a bloodhound, but as we indicated at the start, all the danger proved to be in the bark. This item subsequently appeared in the news columns of Mr. Banks' paper.
L. A. Banks, upon hearing over the telephone that an indictment had been returned against him charging criminal libel, immediately walked to the county courthouse and there placed himself voluntarily in the hands of the sheriff.
And in the same issue a statement by Banks, ending:
"The publisher of the News has not been indicted. But the manhood, the honor of Jackson county has been placed on trial.
The enlightened people of Medford and Jackson county, who are justly proud of their culture, must be very tolerant to have so long endured this flow of maniacal staff, the reverberations of which have gone out in news dispatches to their detriment and chagrin."

OLETA ROGERS MAINTAINS POPULAR CONTEST LEAD

Oleta Rogers maintained her lead in the Merchants-Tribune popularity contest according to vote tabulation this morning, but Elbow Mae Wilson swept into second place with 284,500 ballots. Miss Rogers has 294,600 votes according to today's figures. Margaret Meiling is third and Leah Inch is in fourth place today with Rosemond Wall and Oona GeBauer materially boosting their fine showings. The contest is rapidly becoming a hot one and, with an added award of \$10 cash for the contestant securing the most votes this week, the next tabulation Friday should be an interesting one.

With two delightful summer vacations, one to Hawaii and the other a voyage from Seattle to Victoria, B. C. and San Francisco and return, those who are working in the contest have a real incentive and inspiration for added effort before the final day, Saturday, March 4th.
The standing of contestants according to figures compiled this morning is as follows:
Name. Votes.
Elbow Mae Wilson.....284,500
Harriet Campbell.....1,000
Adeyde Allen.....1,000
Dorothy Orth.....1,000
Margaret Childers.....14,000
Arvilla Burns.....7,500
Margaret Meiling.....279,000
Janet Wray Smith.....1,000
Vivian Fisher.....1,000
Ethel Chord.....1,000
Sybil Jean Young.....1,000
Peggy Miller.....1,000
Jean Fabrick.....5,100
Dean Holt.....1,000
Betty Badwell.....1,000
Ruth Ashcraft.....1,000
Kathleen Ness.....1,000
Dorothy Slead.....1,000
Dorothy Eads.....1,000
Laura Drury.....99,400
Yvonne Devaney.....1,000
Leah Inch.....280,800
Oona GeBauer.....195,000
Rosemond Wall.....1,000
Margaret Purcell.....105,500
Lucy Clement.....1,000
Melva Parrett.....1,000
Justine Miller.....1,000
Jean Dungee.....1,100
Dorothy Peterson.....1,000
Willam Morgan.....1,000
Evelyn Walker.....1,000
Gertrude Haskins.....1,000
Margaret Morrison.....1,000
Viola Dietrich.....1,000
Beth Joy, Ashland.....1,000
Frances Spindler, Ashland.....1,000
Marie Woodson, Ashland.....1,000
Rosamond Wall.....1,000
Mary Polly, Ashland.....1,000
Katherine Applegate.....1,000
Elizabeth Applegate.....1,000
Marcella Smyth.....1,000
Goldie Higdon.....2,000
Marguerite McAllister.....103,500
Ruth Bouganer.....1,000
Doris Leonard.....1,000
Margaret Burroughs.....1,000
Thelma Head.....20,300
Ruth Meusel.....11,000
Louise Eirney.....1,200
Billy Blaind.....1,000
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LEGION PRESENTS CLEVER SHOW AT CRATERIAN TONITE

The stage is set and everything else is ready, including the crowds, for the first presentation this evening of "Jim's Girl," comedy drama to be played at the Fox Craterian theater under auspices of the Medford Post, American Legion. There has been so much talk and so much planning that a record crowd is anticipated for "first night" and a glorious evening that will carry the minds of all southern Oregonians far from trouble and local strife is promised.
There are a lot of good laughs in store for all, be they equipped with the best or just mediocre senses of humor, Robert Lorraine, director and player, assured the public today.
All persons appearing in the play, are well known here for their theatrical abilities and an amateur production with a professional finish, is expected from first to last curtain tonite.

COUNTY AUDIT CONTRACT LET

The county court this morning, all members agreeing, entered into a contract with L. E. Harris of Klamath Falls for an audit of the county books. The price was listed as "not more than \$2650."
The contract provides, that all discussions relative to the audit shall be in open sessions with all members present, and that none of the discussions shall be secret.
Work is expected to start on the audit within a few days.

FRUIT GROWERS MEET SATURDAY

All fruit growers and others interested in the fruit industry have been invited by County Agent L. P. Wilcox to meet at the courthouse auditorium Saturday, February 18, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of discussing a spray program that will cut the conditions this coming season.
Certain insects and diseases will have to be controlled or held in check regardless of the growers' attitude concerning the maturing and harvesting of the crop. With this in mind capable speakers have been obtained to talk on sprays, spray materials and insect control.
Growers are urged to be present and be prepared to ask questions regarding specific spray problems.

RAILROADS' PLIGHT ON OWN DOORSTEP PROBERS DECLARE

By Claude A. Jagger Associated Press Financial Editor.
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Railroad management found today that much of the responsibility for the financial plight of America's \$20,000,000,000 rail system had been placed squarely on their own doorsteps by the report of the national transportation committee.

Drastic Measures Urged
This non-partisan committee, which conducted a sweeping investigation of the transportation problem at the behest of savings banks, insurance companies and other large investors, urged drastic measures toward consolidation, eliminating of wasteful competition.
"It has been estimated on good authority," said the report, "that several hundred million dollars, or enough to pay interest on a large part of the outstanding railroad bonds, can be saved."
Regulation Hurts
The committee found some justice in railroads' complaint that they have been hampered by inept regulation, but reported a "tendency to over-emphasize this argument." Declaring regulation has "left something to be desired," the report added:
"The railroads should do much that they have no desire to improve their condition without any government help at all. They should be promptly freed of all unnecessary restrictions on the doing of it."
"It has been estimated that less than a 20 per cent increase in traffic would put most of them on an earning basis."

KIDNAP SUSPECTS SCANNED BY WIFE

DENVER, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Anna Lou Boetcher was unable to identify positively W. M. (Red) Mitchell as one of the kidnapers of her husband, Charles Boetcher 2nd, when she saw him in the police station today.
Chief of Police A. T. Clark said Mrs. Boetcher picked Mitchell from a group of five men that paraded before her and said:
"This man resembles the kidnaper."
Clark said Mrs. Boetcher was unable positively to identify Mitchell as the man who thrust a note demanding \$50,000 into her hand last Sunday night.

OFFICER BLOOM HURT IN CHASE

Officer L. B. Bloom received a badly injured right knee and two sprained ankles, which will keep him off duty for at least two weeks, in a chase after two boys on Riverside late last night.
When the two youths appeared from behind a house between Eleventh and Twelfth streets in a suspicious manner, Bloom told them to stop. Frightened by the officer, they ran. He followed, and the three tripped on a partially broken-down fence. The youths, whom he later recognized, were not injured, according to the report.

CONFIRM SLASH IN FREIGHT RATE

Confirmation of the reduced freight rates on fruit, recently greeted here with great joy by orchardists and shippers, was received today, the chamber of commerce announced this afternoon.
The \$1.55 rate on a 36,000 pound load will become effective February 23. This is a reduction from \$1.73 and has been anticipated for some time by the fruit interests.
KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Thwarted by a maid in an attempt to kidnap the 11-year-old daughter of R. Crosby Kemper, president of the City Bank & Trust company, a man shot himself in a suicide attempt at the Kemper home here late today.

SCHOOL UNIT PLAN AND DRIVER EXAM BILLS ARE PASSED

Action On Grange District Power Measure Postponed Until Tomorrow — Great Saving Is Made Possible

SALLEM, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The state senate today postponed action on the Grange district power measure until tomorrow when it will be considered under special order. The house, however, passed two measures of more than passing interest in the state. One would make it possible to put into effect the county unit school plan, and the other would put the examination for drivers' licenses under the state police.
A saving upwards of \$3,000,000 a year was declared possible under the school unit plan as now successfully operated in three counties, including Klamath. Proponents of the measure said the bill would make it possible for the elimination by 90 per cent of tax levying bodies in the state.
Police to Rule Exams.
Examination of automobile drivers for the issuance of licenses to drive will be under the direction of the state police rather than the secretary of state, if the bill approved by the house is given final sanction. The measure was declared one for economy and efficiency.
Because of an anticipated extended debate on the power bill that is occupying much of the attention of the legislature, that measure was made a special order of business for 3 o'clock tomorrow. The bill, which is Senate Bill 244, is a substitute for Senate Bill 86, and has attached to it the names of Senators Brown, Burke, Hazlett, Wheeler and Zimmerman, and Representatives Hilton and Olsen. It provides, among other things, for abolition of the hydroelectric commission created by the legislature of 1931, and would supplant it with an elective commission.

HEAVY SNOW IN DALLES REGION

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—While other parts of Oregon were reported recovering from the extreme cold spell of last week, a snow storm lashed at The Dalles, laid eight inches of new flakes over the area, and interfered with travel and communication.
The Dalles telephone wires through the Columbia river gorge were taken out by the storm. Several roads through the district were closed, although through the constant use of snowplows major highways were kept open. The prolonged and severe winter has delayed farm work. Virtually all wheat land in The Dalles region must be replanted.
A mixture of snow and rain falling overnight and turning to a steady rain in the early hours today had brought 1.10 inches of precipitation to Portland by 8 a. m. after a minimum of 33 degrees above, the temperature was slowly rising.

Telephone Pays Usual Dividend

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The American Telephone and Telegraph company today ordered distribution of its regular quarterly dividend of \$2.25 a share, calling for a total disbursement of more than \$40,000,000 to some 700,000 stockholders.
This, the largest corporation in the world, owned by the largest number of stockholders, kept intact its regular annual dividend rate of \$9, which has been in effect since 1921.

Beer Bill's Passage by Lower House Preceded By Heavy Word Barrage

(Mary Greiner Kelly)
SALLEM, Feb. 14.—The beer bill sang a jubilant strain to the tune of a 40 to 20 vote in favor of the Beckman bill today, and the face of the author was one, big smiling valentine of appreciation. Whether the words will fit the same music or turn into a swan song when the bill passes into the senate is yet to be seen.
The drys in the house arose one by one in an effort to have the bill deferred to the ways and means committee, thereby delaying it. But the sponsor of the bill forced it to a vote of the house.
Preliminary to the vote, which would have been the same had no speeches been made, there were words by the wets and words by the drys. They only served to make the drys drier and the wets thirstier.
However, Mr. Dammasch, Multnomah representative, did add a new note to the general run of talks, when he gave the views of a medical man on the benefits to be derived from such a bill. He contrasted the quality of the commercially made beer, with its scientifically tested contents,

May Get High Post



Felix Frankfurter, Harvard law school professor, has been prominently mentioned for solicitor general under Mr. Roosevelt. (Associated Press Photo)

NIGHTLY USE OF COURT HOUSE BY POLITICIANS IRKS

A petition protesting against "the use of the courthouse auditorium for political gatherings, or gatherings of that type, seeking to further their particular interests" was circulated in the Ashland and Talent districts yesterday.
The petition was signed by 32 citizens of those sections, including a number of the highest taxpayers in the county.
Similar petitions are scheduled to be circulated this week in other districts of the county.
"We, the undersigned citizens of Jackson county, do hereby respectfully join in this protest against the use of the courthouse auditorium for meetings of a political nature, or gathering of that type. It takes money to furnish light and heat for such, and we believe that the organizations or groups, seeking to further their own particular interests, should hire their own hall and pay their own way."
The petitions are scheduled to be presented to the county court, with the request that they be granted.
Many citizens have objected to the inflammatory utterances made at recent meetings in the courthouse, under the auspices of the "Good Government Congress," of which L. A. Banks is honorary president, and Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin, wife of a civil service employe is president, and C. M. Brown, her father, secretary.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 14.—Holland had a mutiny on one of her battleships, now she is about to have one on their other one.

Our navy is out at sea in the Pacific trying to solve what they call problem 14.
They better see if they are going to be able to solve problem 13 first. Problem 13 is to get the government to give 'em enough money to have a navy.
If problem 13 ain't solved they better just go to Japan and say we will give you California, but you got to take their chamber of commerce and Hollywood. They would start Japan to thinking.
Yours,
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A number of mining properties—with emphasis on iron and copper—are kept in operation at a tremendous loss simply because it would cost so much to reopen them once they were shut down. Some of the Anaconda properties come in this category.
I. C. C. efforts to get the railroads to reduce passenger fares by moral suasion are getting nowhere. Some of the smaller roads are in favor but a number of the bigger fellows—led by Pennsylvania, New York Central and New Haven—are trying to organize unanimous opposition to the commission's suggestion. If anything is done the commission will have to do it and that seems unlikely.
Commissioner Eastman's advocacy of bigger and better R. F. C. loans to railroads at a congressional hearing gave Wall street a laugh. Eastman is known as a "strong" public ownership and to figure that the deeper the roads get into debt the quicker public ownership will come.
In spite of the railroads' woes the average price of railroad shares listed on the stock exchange is still above the average for all listed stocks. The latter figure is \$17.71. The railroad average is \$23.88.
The Bureau of Mines in Washington—assigned to the Department of Commerce and headed by a friend of Mr. Hoover's—may be abolished or merged with the new administration comes in. Direct lobbying by a government bureau is forbidden by law.
But neatly phrased resolutions commending the bureau's work have begun to filter in from trade organizations associated with the mining industry—and there is reason to believe that the bureau had something to do with their concoction. It looks like wasted effort.
The lid can be expected to blow off in Cuba very shortly now. The anti-Machado element would like to get it over with before March 4th as they figure the chances of American interference would be less. The leader of the movement may come from the ranks of Machado's present lieutenants.
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