

The Weather
 Forecast: Fair with slowly rising temperature tonight. Friday cloudy, not much change in temperature. Highest yesterday 68. Lowest this morning 41.

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BANKS GRANTED VENUE CHANGE

Comment on the Day's News
 By FRANK JENKINS

THREE sales of hops are made near Salem for 25 cents a pound, which is a high price as compared with any in recent years. But growers, we read, are not anxious to sell, even at 25 cents a pound. They think the price will go higher.

Some of them, who are probably too greedy, are holding for 30 cents. Why do hop growers think prices will go higher?

The answer is simple. They see that under existing market conditions there are more buyers than sellers, and they know that whenever there are more buyers than sellers prices rise.

It has always been that way, and it always will be. WHEAT prices, also, touch new high levels.

Why? Because the latest government report, just released, indicates the smallest wheat crop in this country since 1904. Some of the experts believe that this year the United States will produce from 50 millions to 100 million bushels LESS than it consumes.

If that is true, there will be more buyers than sellers of wheat, and prices will rise. WE create farm boards by law, and give them half billion dollar appropriations to work with, and they go to work to hold up prices of wheat by artificial means.

Then along comes a reduction of supply, sufficient to indicate that supply will go below demand, and IMMEDIATELY wheat prices begin to go up.

There has been a lot of talk to the effect that the law of supply and demand is out of date, but the fact remains that it ISN'T. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW comes to this country, hires a hall, and 5000 persons PAY MONEY to hear him ridicule the United States, its institutions and its people.

That's a situation for you, isn't it? BUT if what Garet Garet tells us in the latest issue of the Saturday Evening Post is true, we are entitled to all the ridicule that Shaw, or any other foreigner, could heap upon us.

Here, he says, is what is happening to us: We are permitting depreciated money countries to flood our markets with goods of all kinds that sell here at prices FAR BELOW our own cost of production. The result is that our own people are kept out of work and we have to support them by means of unemployment relief.

With all that going on, he tells us, with unemployment conditions getting worse every day and with the flood of foreign products entering our markets INCREASING, we are so dumb that we refuse to do anything about it.

HERE is the way this depreciated money business works: The foreign manufacturer sells his goods in this country and receives American dollars, worth 100 cents in gold. With these American dollars he buys his own depreciated money, worth anywhere from 50 to 75 cents gold, and uses it to pay his labor and buy his raw materials.

The saving he thus makes is so great as to enable him to pay American tariff duties and still sell his goods in this country far cheaper than we can PRODUCE them, let alone sell them. FRANCE, also, is a gold money country, just as we are. So France is EXPOSED to this same danger. But France is SMART.

TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR LANE COUNTY STARTING MAY 1

Judge Skipworth Orders Former Orchardist-Editor and Wife On Trial for Murder at Early Date

L. A. Banks, ex-editor and orchardist, and his wife, Edith R. Banks, charged with first degree murder for the slaying March 16 of Constable George J. Prescott, will be tried in Lane county, it was announced this afternoon, when the change of venue, requested by the defense, was granted by Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth. May 1 was set as date for the opening of the trial. Expenses of all witnesses from Jackson to Lane county and return will be borne by this county. It was also reported this afternoon.

Curry County Wanted. When the change of venue motion was granted in court by Judge Skipworth, he indicated that Douglas county would be the site of the trial. The defense counsel, through W. E. Phipps, proposed Curry county which was rejected by the court. The defense objected to placing the trial in Josephine county, charging that "scurrilous" articles had been published in the Grants Pass newspapers.

Judge Skipworth left the bench to telephone Judge Hamilton of Douglas county, to determine if the state docket would permit a speedy trial. Time and place of the trial was announced later in the afternoon.

In granting the motion for a change of venue the court held "that, owing to the situation here which permeates every corner of the county, in the court's judgment an impartial trial could not be secured." The court observed that it would require weeks to obtain a jury and "that the ends of justice would best be served by moving the trial to another county."

The defense entered an affidavit signed by the two defendants charging that the press and citizens of the county, including the "Committee of 100, was engaged in the dissemination of false, defamatory and prejudicial matter," and "that mob violence had been threatened by friends of the slain officer."

The affidavit further admitted that Banks was, previous to the crime, devoted to the publication of a newspaper "devoted to criticism," and that by so doing he had aroused the "enmity of business men, citizens, organizations and interests of the county."

Attorney W. E. Phipps read excerpts from the Mail Tribune which he characterized as prejudicial to the defendants, including one editorial, and an article giving a history of Banks' career here. He charged that the press published "highly colored articles" against the defendants.

The court, before Attorney Phipps had finished reading all the press comments, was cut short by the court, who at the same time advised the trial and case should be moved to another county, for the best interests of all concerned.

The state made no resistance to the change, following the ruling of the court. Banks throughout the short proceedings sat with quiet demeanor but took a lively interest in the acts of his attorneys at the finish. Both defendants were more serious than on their previous appearances. The courtroom crowd was again limited to the seating capacity.

YREKA MURDERER WILL BE HANGED

YREKA, Cal., April 13.—(AP)—George Hall, alias Manning, was sentenced to hang at Folsom prison by Superior Judge C. J. Luttell today for killing Stephen S. Kent, state highway patrolman.

S. Luke Howe and Wm. V. Cowan, attorneys for the defense, moved prior to the sentence pronouncement for an arrest of judgment but this was denied. The defense then filed a motion for a new trial and notice of appeal.

Mrs. Mamie Noe, wife of Clarence T. Noe, died early this morning at their home, 232 South Riverside avenue, having been ill since last Christmas. The Noes have made their home in Medford for a number of years. Mrs. Noe was an active member of the Lady Elks and other social groups. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Dr. Leland Noe, of San Francisco.

Pours at Jail



Photo Courtesy Oregonian. WALTER J. OMSCHIED, newly appointed sheriff of Jackson county, who yesterday officiated at the pouring into the sewer of a large quantity of confiscated liquor.

Members of the grand jury for the October term of the circuit court, of which William T. Grieve, of Prospect was foreman today denied claims that there was "no shortage" in the liquor held in the sheriff's vault of the courthouse.

They reiterated that 140 gallons of alcohol and 50 bottles of gin were "missing" on a check of the seizure records of the state police and the district attorney's office, as compared with the liquor in the vault. This was embodied in the grand jury's report.

There was no shortage in the beer, moonshine and so-called bonded goods, but on the contrary, a surplus, which was due to unsystematic records, they said.

The grand jurors repeated that the "shortage has not been accounted for" and "there is no way to account for it, apparently." The grand jurors declared they spent considerable time and effort endeavoring to solve the "mystery," and that if there had been any basis for indictments they would have returned them without fear or favor. They agreed that the "vanishing" was as puzzling to them, as to the public.

The grand jurors also resented the imputation that they were a "Banks-Fell" grand jury, or that they were "playing politics."

One of the grand jurors said that the least said now about the "shortage" the better, to the end that the community return to harmony. He charged that most of the turmoil over the confiscated liquor was "politics."

The liquor was destroyed yesterday afternoon, under court order, by Sheriff Omscheid and force of assistants.

BASEBALL

American
 NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—Lou Gehrig's home run with two on base championed Yankees a 4 to 3 victory in the first inning gave the world over Boston today. A crowd of 49,000 saw the game.

Boston 3 12 0
 New York 4 9 0
 Andrews, Kline, Welch and Shea; Gomes and Dickey.

Cleveland 7 12 0
 Detroit 4 6 2
 Hildebrand, Harden and Spencer; Myatt; Marberry, Uhle and Reiber; Hayworth.

Roosevelt Urges Relief For Small Home Owner

SPEEDY ACTION IN PROSPECT TO LIFT DEBT LOAD

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt added to his emergency program on capitol hill today the proposal to refinance the mortgages on small homes.

In a special message to congress, he asked for legislation to permit readjustment of existing mortgage debts together with a postponement of both interest and principal payments in cases of "extreme need."

He told congress the plan of settlement "will provide a standard which should put an end to present uncertain and chaotic conditions that create fear and despair among both home owners and investors."

Bills were introduced in senate and house at once to carry out his recommendations. Speedy legislative action was in prospect to lift the burden of debt from the owners of homes of \$20,000 and less in value.

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized he regards the legislation a declaration of national policy requiring that "special safeguards should be thrown around the mortgage industry, in the interest of social and economic stability."

SLUGGER SUSPECT OF OREGON STATE COLLEGE NABBED

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—A man who said he was Howard S. Ketchum, 29, was held in the city jail here today as the "slugger" who terrorized the Oregon State campus and the more remote residential areas last fall and who was said to have beaten several girl students after having sneaked up on them in the darkness.

Ketchum was arrested on a morals charge here Saturday. A search of his room disclosed a sand-filled black-jack. Ketchum became suspicious, and last night Ketchum was confronted by Ethel Schultz, one of the girl victims. She said he was the man who slugged her over the head while she was crossing the lower campus at night. Millie Walker of Corvallis was another victim of the slugger.

Ketchum last night continued his denial of the charges, but police said he turned pale and refused to talk further when Miss Schultz was brought to identify him.

The man will be held for grand jury investigation. Officers here said that fingerprints sent to the federal bureau of investigation in Washington, D. C., disclosed that Ketchum was arrested in 1923 for highway robbery and served two years in the state reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas.

ADMITS SLAYING MAN ON HIGHWAY

HOOD RIVER, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—William J. Moore, 27, admitted on the witness stand in his trial here today that he shot and killed Harold Francis O'Connor of Brooklyn, N. Y., who had picked him up on the highway.

Moore, a hitch hiker, had been given a ride by O'Connor over the Old Oregon Trail.

MORTGAGE RELIEF PLAN

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—If you are hard pressed to meet mortgage payments on your home, and it doesn't exceed \$10,000 in value, this is the way the Roosevelt plan for refinancing would operate: The insurance company holds a \$6,000 mortgage—for example—on owner's home now valued at \$9,000, on which the interest rate is 6 per cent or above, but owner is unable to pay. Either the insurance company or the owner has to approach the "Home Owners' Corporation" offices for refinancing. The insurance company will accept in exchange for the mortgage, bonds issued by the corporation on which the government guarantees 4 per cent interest. In return for the sure interest the company may agree to mark down the debt to \$5,000. The corporation then gives the owner a new mortgage with a face value of \$5,000 payable in 15 years at 3 per cent interest. In addition, the corporation may advance him the cash for payment of taxes and necessary repairs and cover it in the mortgage. In the discretion of the home loan board, the owner may be given a three-year moratorium on his debt. The owner could make his payments monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

HOFFMAN INHALES FUMES WHEN DIVORCE IS ASKED

Following close upon the filing late yesterday afternoon of divorce proceedings by his wife, Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann, local clothier, John B. Hoffmann was found near death in the rear of the Hoffmann shop on Sixth and Holly streets about 11:40 o'clock last night, suffering from inhalation and drinking of a bottle of chloroform according to reports of the attending physician. His condition was reported as slightly improved this afternoon at the Sacred Heart hospital, where he was rushed for treatment. His recovery, however, was not assured by Dr. A. E. Dodson, called in on the case today.

Hoffmann was found about 11:40 p. m. by his brother-in-law, Cecil Brown, according to the report. He was believed near death and Dr. A. P. W. Kreske and Coronet Frank Post were summoned to the scene. Hoffmann was rushed to the Sacred Heart hospital, where his stomach was washed to remove the deadly fumes and thereby increase his chances of recovery.

He was still sleeping today under effects of the heavy inhalation. The chloroform was reported purchased yesterday at a local drug store. Mr. Hoffmann during a short moment of consciousness stated that he inhaled the chloroform. The physician was of the opinion today, however, that he had drunk part of the bottle's contents.

Dr. Kreske was forced to leave town on business this morning and called in Dr. Dodson to care for the case. It was shortly after midnight that the Perl ambulance departed Hoffmann at the Sacred Heart hospital. When he was still sleeping under influence of the drug this afternoon it was realized that an excessive amount of chloroform had entered his system.

COWS SNORT MUD WHEN DUST BLOWS IN KANSAS

KANSAS CITY, April 13.—(AP)—One of the worst dust and sand storms in years raked portions of the Texas Panhandle and the western sections of Oklahoma and Kansas last night and early today. Top soil was whipped about in the teeth of a gale which reached a maximum velocity of 80 miles an hour. Reports from Meade, Kansas, said livestock snorted mud from their nostrils while wheat fields were swept bare and dust and sand drifted on highways like snow.

R. L. BonTrea of the state experiment farm at Garden City, Kan., expressed belief the storm put the "finishing touches to much of that section's wheat already on the edge of going."

Some localities of northwestern Oklahoma reported several inches of earth had been swept from the surface in newly planted fields. From Perrytown, in the Texas Panhandle, came word of the worst sandstorm in 25 years with 36 tourists unable to venture out on the highway. At Plainview, Texas, livestock exhibitors huddled in barns with their herds and called off a dairy show parade.

Show was falling in northwestern Kansas today and snow or rain was forecast over most of the area.

PLACER MINING RESTRICTION TO AID FISHERMEN

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—Ralph P. Cowgill, engineer of the state game commission, announced here today he is drawing an order to prohibit between April 15 and Nov. 30 placer mining which results in muddying fishing streams. Where settling ponds are provided miners will be permitted to operate throughout the year. Under the new order the miners would be allowed to operate undisturbed, except in the April 15-Nov. 30 period, permitting work when there is plenty of water and when the cost is smallest.

The engineer said he proposes to issue no permits unless the miners agree not to dump tailings and mud into the streams. Dumping of this mud into streams, it was said, has destroyed many miles of good fishing in the Rogue river and other streams of southern Oregon. The game commission fears that if the practice is continued sport fishing will be a thing of the past.

FARM GUARANTEE INSERTED IN BILL OVER OPPOSITION

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—By seven votes, the senate today handed the administration its first defeat—inserting a cost of production guarantee into the big farm relief bill.

A coalition of democratic and republican independents put it through 47 to 40—in the face of repeatedly registered administration disapproval. This followed approval by the house of the farm mortgage refinancing section of the relief bill, voted on by that branch separately. It went through 357 to 12 after Speaker Rainey blocked an attempt to substitute a currency inflation plan for the entire plan.

The amendment the senate added to the bill is not mandatory, but merely authorizes the secretary of agriculture in helping the farmer to get more for his crops, to use the money.

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ELKS ON DIET FOR CRAB, BEER FEAST

Every Medford Elk is on a diet today. In celebration of tomorrow's big crab and beer feed, announced for 6:30 o'clock at the local temple, with fifteen dozen Warrenton crabs ready for the table. Numerous side dishes, to say nothing of the gallons of foaming beer, will be included on the menu.

A large committee has been appointed for the big dinner. Harry Barneburg and Van Gilbert are official "crackers," while setters of tables and dispensers of drinks will be P. C. Bigham, Nick Young, Elmer Childers, John Waite, J. B. Bierma, E. H. Steinhilber, Charles Gay and Jack Gill. T. F. Daniels, first exalted ruler of the Medford Elks' lodge, will preside at the session following the feed, and has announced that several special numbers have been secured for the entertainment of those in attendance.

BRITISH ENGINEER IN RUSSIAN TRIAL TELLS OF SPYING

Fellow Briton Denis All Charges—Sensational Revelations Show Information Sent to England

MOSCOW, April 13.—(AP)—Two British engineers accused of espionage and sabotage faced each other today across the courtroom, one turning state's evidence and the other denying every charge.

William H. MacDonald, the only one of six accused employees of the Metropolitan-Vickers electrical company to plead guilty when the trial began yesterday, amplified previous testimony to the effect that he acted under the instructions of L. C. Thornton, another defendant, in gathering military or economic information which subsequently was sent to England.

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INSANITY HEARING FOR WINNIE JUDD

FLORENCE, Ariz., April 13.—(AP)—Warden A. G. Walker of the Arizona state prison today formally requested Will C. Truman, Pinal county attorney, to call a sanity hearing for Winnie Ruth Judd, under death sentence in the "trunk murder" case.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Apr. 12.—Some sort of hand-clapping is due the Republican newspapers for their generous support of the administration, for nothing is as bullheaded as a party newspaper, be it Republican or Democratic. People are the first to forget party lines, newspapers are the last. This is a lesson in generosity to Democratic papers.

And talking about newspapers, return to beer must have given some new advertising men a job, for never was there as attractive and intelligent ads in the papers as these new beer ads. Finally we are seeing something in an ad besides a pretty girl smoking cigarettes. Yours,

WILL ROGERS says:
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