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Temperature:
Highest yesterday 89
Lowest this morning 48

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BANKS TO UNDERGO OPERATION

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
"PRIVILEGED PURCHASERS" were permitted by the house of Morgan to buy stocks at a special low price.

W? For an answer to that question, look at the list of these specially favored purchasers. It included many famous names—names, among others, of men who could grant favors, if they chose.

BIBES? No, you couldn't put it that way. Not a man in all the published list would for even a moment consider the taking of a bribe.

THE JUSTIFICATION for the stock market is that it enables concerns needing money for the expansion of their business to get money.

AND one wonders also, in the light of a lot that has happened, if the concerns issuing this six billions in securities don't wish now they had never done such thing, but had gone on with their business at a more conservative pace—as they would have had to do but for the speculative facilities provided by the stock market.

THE new bank bill, among many other features, includes INSURANCE of deposits. Just how that is to be worked, this writer does not know.

THE great need in this country, if actual improvement in business is to be brought about, is more credit so that those who WANT to do business and think they have figured out a way to do business at some sort of profit, can get the money with which to operate.

Credit is based on bank deposits. Bank deposits track back to confidence in the banks. Insurance of deposits will do much to restore the kind of confidence that will lead people with money to PUT IT IN THE BANKS, where it will serve as a basis of credit.

That is why the new bank bill is important.

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KNIFE NECESSARY FOR CONDEMNED MAN, SAYS MEDIC

Decision On Matter Rests With Doctor Appointed by Court Declares Judge Skipworth of Lane County

EUGENE, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—Physicians caring for L. A. Banks, awaiting life sentence for murder (if his motion for new trial is not granted) say he will need an immediate operation for an inflamed prostate gland. He is also suffering from a severe condition of pyrosis and general nervous and physical debility.

EUGENE, May 29.—(AP)—L. A. Banks, stormy petrel of Jackson county politics and convicted in Lane county circuit court of second degree murder in connection with the slaying of Constable George Prescott the morning of March 16, may go under the surgeon's knife within a few days, it was announced today by his physician, Dr. Orville Waller.

Dr. Waller was appointed by Judge G. F. Skipworth to take charge of Banks when the convicted man was sent to the hospital following the three weeks' trial here.

Sentencing of the aged man must await action of his attorneys in filing for a new trial. Judge Skipworth allowed 20 days for such action, the time being up June 10.

Banks' condition was as good as could be expected today, his physician announced, but an operation appeared necessary. Judge Skipworth stated that any decision to operate rested with the physician.

'BREED' DENIES HE KIDNAPED WOMAN

SACRAMENTO, May 29.—(P)—Buck Pringe, half-breed Indian held in jail here for Slakjroun country authorities on charges of kidnaping, denied today that he had kidnaped Mrs. B. V. Todorovic. Pringe was arrested early Sunday in an auto camp in Yolo county on a tip that Mrs. Todorovic had given.

Pringe, a rejected aurifer of the woman who was married to Dr. B. V. Todorovic in Lakeway, Ore., May 11, said when he returned to Slakjroun county, he did not know that Mrs. Todorovic had been married a second time. He had known her as Mrs. Irene Frothingham.

GOLD HILL TRAMPLES JACKSONVILLE MINERS

Gold Hill baseball nine took the Jacksonville Miners to the cleaners on the Gold Hill diamond yesterday, 12-4. Errors and weak hitting kept the Miners from making a better showing against the fast Rogue river team and a ninth inning rally was nipped in the bud. Two home runs with two men on in the eighth inning put the game on ice for the victorious team.

HOUSE PASSES GOLD CONTRACT ABROGATION

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—The house today passed the administration's gold contract abrogation measure.

New Deal for Veterans Horrifies Congressmen

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—Six republican members of congress who served in the World War, including Senator Steiwer of Oregon, today signed a round robin going on record against adjournment of congress "until the president has reversed his position" with respect to reductions in allowances to service-connected veterans cases under the national economy act.

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War Declared



After nearly a year of fighting in the disputed Gran Chaco territory, Bolivia President Eusebio A. Yula signed the declaration. (Associated Press Photo)

BANKS' HOSPITAL BILL PAYMENT IS MOOT QUESTION

The matter of whether Lane or Jackson county will pay for the keep of L. A. Banks, convicted of second degree murder, for the murder of Constable George J. Prescott last March, while defying arrest on a ballot theft warrant, rests with the attorney-general's office, county officials said this morning.

Banks was taken to Eugene hospital last Monday. A physician appointed by the circuit court reported that the slayer was suffering from a "general breakdown," and threatened with a "recurrence of an old lung trouble."

The county court received the bills for the medical services he may obtain. Banks has been in the hospital a week today.

Attorneys for Banks were granted 20 days in which to file a motion for a new trial last Monday. His sentence and transfer to the state prison was generally supposed to be made when this was done. Legal opinions held that sentence can be inflicted any time 48 hours after conviction.

CANNERIES TO TALK UNIFORM PAY SCALE

SAL.EM, May 29.—(AP)—Washington and Oregon state welfare commissions will hold a meeting in Portland Friday with the executive committee of the Oregon Cannerymen's association to consider uniform wage schedules for women and minors. It was announced here today. A tentative wage program was prepared last Saturday but no definite action was taken.

ATTEMPT TO SETTLE FISHERMEN'S STRIKE

ASTORIA, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—A meeting of fish packers and delegates of the Columbia River Fishermen's union, with members of the state board of arbitration was called for this afternoon in an attempt to settle a fishermen's strike which since May 1 has kept several thousand fishermen from the river.

PROBE OF HIGHER FINANCE WILL BE PRESSED FORWARD

President Tells Senate Banking Committee Wants Action Continue 'Without Limit'—Has Confidence

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told members of the senate banking committee today he wanted their investigation of J. P. Morgan and company and other private bankers to be pushed forward "without limit."

In an official source it was asserted the president "renewed his expression of desire to have the investigation go through without limit and indicated his complete confidence in the committee."

Satisfied With Pecora. Members of the committee said they regarded this as an indication that the president was satisfied with the manner in which Ferdinand Pecora, committee counsel, has been conducting the investigation.

At the beginning of the investigation into private bankers, President Roosevelt gave the committee his backing and urged that the inquiry be a thorough one.

As a matter of fact, it was said today in an informed quarter, the president suggested to the committee at that time that its activities be turned toward the private bankers.

His present expression of confidence came after he had spent a week end down the Potomac with Secretary Woodin, during which they discussed the inclusion of Woodin's name in the list of special clients who obtained stock from the Morgan house at bargain prices.

On his return to Washington last night Woodin told newspaper men he was not resigning.

Senator Glass (D. Va.) a member of the committee who has criticized Pecora's conduct of the inquiry, said today he had received a letter threatening his "assassination" because of his attitude in questioning the committee counsel's tactics and demanding to know the course of the inquiry.

FARM PRODUCTS GAINING IN VALUE

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—A seventeen per cent gain in farm prices from April 15 to May 15 was reported today by the bureau of agricultural economics.

The rise was the largest for any month since April 1919, during the post-war "boom." Grains led all major commodities in the rise while wool made the most striking advance for a single commodity advancing 75 per cent during the month, the bureau said.

EIGHT STATES VOTE FOR PROHIBITION REPEAL

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—Eight states this far have voted for repeal of the Eighteenth amendment. And, under present plans, a total of 32 will have recorded a decision by November 7 on whether they wish to continue the amendment.

Zion Bankrupt Creditors Claim

CHICAGO, May 29.—(AP)—Petitions to place Wilbur Glenn Voliva and his Zion industries in bankruptcy were filed in federal court today, shortly after Judge James H. Wilkerson had appointed receivers in equity for the Zion institutions and industries.

One bill charged Voliva himself "overseer" of the unique religious colony on the north shore, owed more than \$5,000,000.

MASONS BARRED FROM GERMAN OFFICIALDOM

DRESDEN, Germany, May 29.—(AP)—The Saxon cabinet decreed today that members of Masonic lodges may not hold public office—state, city, or commune—and may not vote.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR OPENING OF COOKING SCHOOL

Judge Skipworth Stated to Preside—22 Men Under Indictment—Eight Have Entered Pleas of Guilty

Plans are practically completed for the Mail Tribune's four-day cooking school which starts next Wednesday, under the personal direction of Miss Hester Heath, noted home economist. Miss Heath's "Happy Kitchen" program promises to be one of the most interesting and colorful events of its kind ever staged here.



HESTER HEATH

points of interest for every housewife. Remember the hours, 2 to 4 o'clock at Hunt's Cafeteria. Be there early to get a good seat.

GOVERNOR CALLS SEWAGE CONFAB

SALEM, May 29.—(AP)—A meeting of the mayors of the cities adjacent to the Willamette river for the purpose of considering sewage disposal plans and proposals for obtaining federal aid therefor has been called by Governor Julius L. Meier. The session will be held at the Multnomah hotel next Thursday morning.

14 AUTOISTS GET TICKET TO COURT

FOURTEEN autoists charged with traffic violations over the week-end are scheduled to appear today in justice courts. It was the heaviest gnat in many months, the bright Sunday sunshine bringing out motorists in swarms. No accident of consequence was reported. Reckless driving and speeding were the leading offenses charged.

DROWNING CLIMAX ALL-NIGHT PARTY

GALENA, Ill., May 29.—(UP)—Witnesses told Coroner William H. Nash tonight a story of an all night party in a cottage of a youth who took a boat "in fun" and a girl, drowned after the boat rocker allegedly struck the girl as she floundered in the water.

BUILDING AND LOAN AID BILL SENT ON

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—The senate today passed and sent to the house a bill to provide for loans to closed building and loan associations and to increase from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 the existing reconstruction corporation fund for such purposes.

PECORA ISSUES DEFI TO MIGHTY MEN OF MONEY

NEW YORK, May 29.—(AP)—The muscles of Ferdinand Pecora's jutting jaw hardened as strong teeth clamped on a black cigar, under a bronze forehead eyes gleamed.

"Suddenly the cigar, released and mangled swept downward between thumb and forefinger.

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The tonnage of commercial feeds brought by Ohio farmers in 1932 was 80 per cent less in 1932 than in 1929 and 17 per cent less than in 1931.

BALLOT STEALING CASES EXPECTED TO OPEN MONDAY

Judge Skipworth Stated to Preside—22 Men Under Indictment—Eight Have Entered Pleas of Guilty

Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody, in charge of the prosecution of the Jackson county ballot theft cases, said this morning that he expected to start the first of the trials next Monday, June 5.

The state of Oregon is desirous of a speedy trial, and is working towards that end. The defense has the right of several motions, which would tend to cause slight delay, but this is discounted by the reports from country sections that some of the defendants have declared. They want quick action to establish their innocence and will insist on a quick trial. Public sentiment also favors a speedy trial.

Probability of a change of venue from this county is vague. To do this, all the defendants would have to join in the motion, and eight have already entered guilty pleas.

Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth of Lane county, who heard the trial of L. A. Banks, resulting in the jury voting a conviction of second-degree murder with a mandatory life sentence attached, is at present assigned to the ballot cases.

Twenty-two men, including six John Does, were indicted for the ballot thefts, which occurred on the night of February 19, during and after a so-called "Good Government Congress" meeting. The burgled and brazen crime occurred after a recount of the ballots in the sheriff's race last November had been ordered by the circuit court.

Halted Recount. The stealing and destruction of the ballots automatically stopped the recount, and caused a wave of excitement to roll over the county. Among the indicted men was L. A. Banks.

KIDNAPERS FREE SOCIETY GIRL ON RANSOM PAYMENT

KANSAS CITY, May 29.—(P)—This city's police were unleased today in a determined hunt for the men who abducted the city manager's daughter from her home in daylight, gave her roses in captivity and released her unharmed for \$30,000.

While the daughter, Mary, 25, was prisoner, City Manager H. F. McElroy held the officers under his command in check, for death had been threatened the girl if he sought the kidnapers. Once released, however, and despite threats of violence against him, he ordered a wide spread search.

"I certainly have not," said McElroy when asked if he had an agreement with the abductors to thwart all pursuit. "All our police power will be put into use to apprehend them."

Crying proudly, "I didn't break. I didn't break." and wearing on her dress two roses given her by her abductors, Miss McElroy was released at the entrance to the Milburn golf club shortly before 4 p. m. Sunday. Her release came an hour and a half after Mr. McElroy and his son, H. F. McElroy Jr., had met the kidnapers at an isolated point on a country road west of Kansas City, Kas., and delivered to them \$30,000 in currency.

The young woman was taken from the fashionable country club district of Kansas City about 11 o'clock Saturday morning by two men who, showing weapons, forced the housekeeper to admit them. Miss McElroy was in her bath. They compelled her to dress quickly.

After hours of anxious waiting, the city manager received a series of letters and telephone calls demanding \$50,000 ransom and instructing him where to pay it. Mr. McElroy pleaded he was unable to raise \$50,000 and finally in a telephone conversation yesterday afternoon the girl's abductors agreed to accept half that amount.

DETECTIVE KILLED IN HOLDUP OF BANK

RENSSELAER, N. Y., May 29.—(AP)—Frederick Rabe, city detective, who was shot and who saw a fellow detective killed when six men held up the Rensselaer county bank today, tentatively identified a picture of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw, as that of one of the bandits, who fled with \$200,000 in loot.

PECORA ISSUES DEFI TO MIGHTY MEN OF MONEY. cora in his work as counsel for the senate committee investigating banking practices.

PECORA, a former immigrant boy who got his start as inquisitor during 12 years in the New York county district attorney's office, bade defiance to critics and said the disclosures at Washington, which have built headlines around the world, would go on.

"Any one," he said, "who imagines that our inquiry, with its sinister connotations extending into business and professional life, will be halted by a threat to investigate the resume of his trip from the time he left until he returned to Medford last week.

Honored



Dr. Meta Glass, president of Sweetbriar college in Virginia and a sister of Senator Carter Glass, was elected president of the American Association of University Women at the association's Minneapolis convention. (Associated Press Photo)

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The administration's private ideas about this vast National Economic planning have recently undergone an unannounced change.

The course of action being mapped out on the inside is considerably more moderate than the relief bills you have been reading about.

The inflation program has already been shelved. The farm bill is being largely filed away for future reference. The railroad bill has been diluted to half strength. The current industrial recovery bill will NOT be carried out to its fullest.

If the administration uses fifty percent of the powers granted it everyone behind the scenes will be surprised.

Reasons for the change are obvious. At first the college professors got their heads together and planned ways to take the economic situation by the horns. They wrote bills which lodged the greatest powers in the executive. One bill came after another. They all fit now into a unified purpose. That purpose is to bring about national economic planning never before attempted in a republic.

Since the beginnings of recovery have been accomplished. Also the theorists have run against practical objections on every side.

What has happened backstage on the farm bill is a good example of the situation. Agriculture Secretary Wallace and Prof. Tugwell with the

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EXCURSION BOAT STRIKES REEF IN GREAT LAKES FOG

HOUGHTON, Mich., May 29.—(P)—The annual of the Great Lakes today recorded the wrecking of the palatial excursion steamer George M. Cox on fog-shrouded Rock of Ages reef, rugged promontory of Isle Royale in Lake Superior, carrying 32 passengers and 86 crew members, participants in the season's first lake disaster. The most poignant memories were of a night spent in the penetrating chill of the reef where the tiny quarters of the light house furnished heat for only a few at a time.

There were numerous minor injuries as the steamer, making first voyage under the flag of new owners from Chicago to Port Arthur, Ont., to pick up 350 passengers for the Century of Progress exposition in Chicago, struck the rocks with a resounding crash and listed to 90 degrees.

The passengers were at dinner when the steamer struck the reef Saturday evening, at a speed estimated by Capt. George Johnson, of Traverse City, Mich., at 17 knots. A large hole was torn in her side, and her engines and boilers were torn loose and within four minutes her stern was submerged.

She still was on the reef today.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., May 29.—(P)—Fog beckoned three ships toward destruction near Point Honda, notorious in sea annals as a "graveyard" for vessels in the eastern Pacific, late last night, but a more kindly sea apparently permitted damage which may

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GOLDSBERRY GIVES TALK ON TRAVELS

Dr. C. C. Goldsberry, who recently returned from a trip through Europe and parts of Asia, addressed the Kiwanis club today at luncheon at the Hotel Medford, giving an interesting resume of his trip from the time he left until he returned to Medford last week.