

The Weather
 Forecast: Cloudy tonight; Tuesday fair; moderate temperature.
 Temperature
 Highest yesterday 77
 Lowest this morning 43

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MEIER ORDERS PERJURY PROBE

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
"SALEM Asks Five Millions for Public Works Project" So runs a headline in the current news of the day.
 Klamath Falls asked the other day for seven and a half millions. Portland drops into the hopper a modest request for some SIXTY MILLIONS.
 These are three cities among the thousands in the United States. By the time they ALL get in their bids, it will represent quite a sum, won't it?

MEANWHILE, private industry suffers for lack of credit with which to get going and so provide employment for those who have none now. This writer still holds to the opinion that if what the government wants is to create jobs it could get farther by lending a modest amount to private industry than by spending huge sums for none too badly needed public works that will have to be maintained by taxation after they are built.

THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY, we read, will have a short prune crop this year. Present estimates running somewhere from 15 to 25 per cent of a full yield.
 Douglas county, however, expects a record crop of prunes this year.

THAT will be good for Douglas county. If there is a short crop of prunes elsewhere and a BIG CROP in Douglas county, the market situation for the Douglas county growers should be materially improved.

JACKSON COUNTY is anticipating a good pear crop this year. Klamath county is looking forward to a big potato crop.

Southern Oregon, you know, dominates prune, pear and potato production in Oregon. Douglas being the big prune county, Jackson the big pear county and Klamath the big potato county of Oregon.

The rest of the state doesn't know it, and probably wouldn't admit it, but Southern Oregon is the BIG COMING SECTION of Oregon.

DOUGLAS, the outstanding prune county, produces more prunes per tree than the rest of the state. Jackson, the outstanding pear county, produces more pears per tree. Klamath, the outstanding potato county, produces more potatoes per acre.

IT IS HIGH UNIT PRODUCTION, you see, that makes for success.

THAT and markets. Don't overlook markets as a factor in agricultural success.

Southern Oregon is about equally distant from San Francisco and Portland, and can choose between the two, selling wherever prices are best.

That is a big help.

SPENDING of Salem, expenditures of tax money for higher education have never been popular there, the state's institutions of higher education being located ELSEWHERE.

But when the Indian school at Chemawa is menaced by reduced federal appropriations, with the prospect that it will be closed, Salem protests vigorously.

The economy that is most popular with all of us is that which affects the OTHER FELLOW.

UP at Bend the other day, they found a voracious Dolly Varden trout that is alleged to have been in the habit of eating rattlesnakes for breakfast.
 Redmond, not to be outdone, displays a snake, variety not named, that resembled the squawking of an automobile horn and so climbed up under the hood of the car, wrapped itself around the horn and strangled it.
 Deschutes county may not be so hot as a potato district, but in the matter of snakes it has something to brag about.

HOME LOAN BILL PASSES SENATE

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Testimony of Six In Trial of Banks Arouses Suspicion

Salem, June 5.—(AP)—Investigation of alleged perjury in the L. A. Banks trial at Eugene recently was asked in a letter today from Governor Julius L. Meier to Attorney General I. H. VanWinkle.
 The attorney general said he probably appoint Ralph E. Moody, Medford attorney, to investigate and make any prosecutions regarding alleged perjury of witnesses at the trial of ex-editor Banks and his wife.

Moody was in charge of the prosecution at the Eugene trial where Banks was found guilty of second degree murder of Constable George Prescott of Medford. Mrs. Banks was acquitted. At present Moody is in charge of prosecution of alleged ballot thefts in Jackson county.

The action of Governor Meier, in ordering a grand jury investigation of purported perjury charges in the Banks murder trial has been forecast since the case closed, and came as the result of a demand from all sections of the state, as well as this county, that the perjury charges be given a thorough airing.

The presentation of the facts and evidence will be in the hands of Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody, directed by the state of Oregon to prosecute all allied cases in the Banks-felony Jackson county agitation, including the ballot theft cases, criminal syndicalism charges, and minor affairs—before and after the murder of Constable Prescott.

The defense witnesses involved in the investigation are Mayor Walter Jones of Rogue River, indicted for ballot theft; Mrs. Mae Murray and Mrs. Etta Lewis, her daughter; Mrs. May Powell of the Talent district and Abner Cox, laborer, and Banks cohort, and John Wheeler, Spring street gardener.

Jones testified that at the time of the shooting, he was in an auto en route north, that his family drove him to Grants Pass, where he secured a ride to Portland with a salesman, whose name he did not learn. Jones also testified that on February 26, when arrested on an information charging ballot theft, and confined in the city jail, he heard the slain officer and Policeman Joe Cave conversing in the office of the city jail, and that both uttered threats against Banks.

Prescott Not There.
 The state introduced evidence to show that neither Prescott nor Cave were on duty during the hours Jones alleged he heard the conversation, and Sam Carey, testified he was at the door of the Pacific Record Herald building on Sixth street when the report of the killing was received, and that he saw the car north. A state witness testified that Jones and Abner Cox left for the Banks home together. Corroborative testimony since reported, shows that a number of people saw them walking towards the murder spot, and at the Banks home after the slaying.

Testified to Threat.
 Mrs. Mae Murray and her daughter testified that they were in front of the Banks home, when the tragedy occurred, heard Prescott utter a threat accompanied by a vile oath, heard the shot, and saw a pistol drop from Prescott's hand. Following this thrilling happening the two testified they proceeded on their mission of inspecting a house on Columbia street.

The state showed by the testimony of Mrs. John Millard that at the time of the shooting, Mrs. Murray was
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BANKS FOLLOWERS IN PROPAGANDA TO BAR PROSECUTION

Among the many falsehoods being distributed over the county by leaders of the so-called Good Government Congress is the statement that "if the ballot cases are tried, there will be no money for schools this year."
 The congress leaders are resorting to every hook and crook to prevent justice in these cases being carried out, and this absurd report is only one of many.

The expense of the ballot cases will not affect the schools in any way. In fact, no general expenses can affect the schools. According to the state constitution, sustained by the courts many times, and only a few days ago in Washington county, school funds come before everything, even before the state taxes. School funds are neither subject to diversion nor to delinquency.

In other words, the schools have by law the first claim to tax money and the schools can only be deprived of funds allotted them if there are no taxes paid.
 County school authorities, as well as county officials are thoroughly aroused over this effort to injure the schools, in the vain hope of obstructing justice, and pointed out today that not only are ample funds available for all county schools, but to date since May 15 the following funds have been paid out through Superintendent of Schools' Bowman and County Treasurer Walker.

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Banks Under Knife of Surgeon

MATTER IN MOSCOW ON GLOBE FLIGHT
ISLAND NEAR OSLO FIRST LANDING ON JAUNT FROM N. Y.

MOSCOW, June 5.—(AP)—Jimmie Mattern, American aviator, has decided to make the fourth leg of his round-the-world flight to Omsk, Siberia, but he will be unable to take off until after midnight, due to delay in servicing his plane.

The first news that Oslo heard of the landing came when the light-house keeper telephoned from his post on the island that Mattern had landed on the beach there and was safe.

A private plane was sent there to give him any aid necessary and at 9 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, yesterday, he hopped for Oslo. Landing at the military aerodrome, he halted only briefly, and with his big tanks brimful with more than 700 gallons of gasoline, he was off toward the Russian metropolis at 12:40 a. m. today, Eastern Standard Time.

Mattern revealed that he had slightly damaged a wing on landing, but he was able to make repairs himself. Girls on the little island on which he alighted wrote their names on the plane's wing.

News of his landing took Norway by surprise. The military aerodrome is 5 miles from Oslo and many outlying telephones were not working because of the White Sunday holiday.

A number of well-known workers in the "Good Government Congress" were present at the session, which lacked the venom and fire of previous meetings last winter, on the part of the speakers, and enthusiasm on the part of the small crowd. Arvid Burton Fomeroy, Mayor Walter Jones of Rogue River, John Glenn, former county jailer, and Attorney Tom Enright of this city were reported among those present, Jones and Glenn are under indictment for ballot theft.

Reports of the meeting indicated there was some dissenting in the ranks of the "Congress."
LINDBERGH'S FLIGHT RECORD IS SMASHED

NEW YORK, June 5.—(AP)—By a matter of just a few miles it appeared today that James Mattern, solo globe-circling flier, unofficially had bettered Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's six year old solo distance record of 3,649 miles from New York to Paris.

Estimates were that the Texas aviator covered about 3,670 miles in his flight from New York to Norway—30 miles more than the Lone Eagle hopped non-stop across the Atlantic in 1927.

Suspended Sheriff Schermernhorn Saturday, through his counsel, Attorney Frank J. Newman, announced that he would make no request for a change of venue, and that he "desired to be tried in his own county, and by his own people."
 Some To Seek Change
 It is anticipated that some of the defendants will seek a change of venue. The state has announced that it would contest this move.

The defendants, under Oregon law have the right to request separate trials and it is expected each will do so. All are jointly indicted.
 The defense also has the right to file an affidavit of prejudice against Judge Skipworth, but it is reported many of the defendants are opposed to this.

Joseph Graft, described as "the man in the horse-hair coat," and reputed "Banks guard," returned to the county jail last week, when Mrs. Ernest Dahask of the Eagle Point district withdrew as a bondswoman, was still in custody today. Friends in the "Good Government congress" circles were reported as making an effort to secure his release again.
 In the preliminary arguments and the trial the attendance will be limited.
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SALEM, June 5.—(AP)—State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman today issued a call for all state warrants endorsed "not paid" for want of funds, up to and including May 4.

COURAGEOUS CO-ED AIDS IN CAPTURING CONVICT

CHICKASHA, Okla., June 5.—(AP)—The courage of an Oklahoma A. & M. college co-ed was credited today with a large share in stopping the frenzied cross-state dash of Frank Sawyer, fleeing Kansas convict, near Singer, Caddo county, Sunday.
 Sawyer, one of the 11 desperadoes who escaped the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing Memorial day, left a trail of kidnappings and stolen automobiles in his frantic attempt to escape the cordon of officers thrown about northeastern Oklahoma.

Sawyer, a fugitive from the Oklahoma prison, was captured in a gun battle and free-for-all fight after he had kidnaped Bob Goodfellow, Caddo county clerk, and his 20-year old sister, Lulu Goodfellow.
 Goodfellow was wounded in the groin by a posseman's bullet when Sawyer used him as a shield.
 After abducting the Goodfellow,

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CONVICTED MAN OPERATED ON IN EARLY MORNING

Correction for Glandular Trouble Aim — Condition Reported Satisfactory — Two Weeks Rest Required

EUGENE, June 5.—(AP)—Llewellyn A. Banks, former Medford publisher and orchardist who was convicted of second degree murder here May 21 of the death of George J. Prescott, Medford constable, underwent a major operation in a local hospital at 8 a. m. His condition is reported by attending physicians to be satisfactory.
 Banks will be in the hospital for at least two weeks, the doctors said.
 Attorneys for Banks as yet have not filed for a new trial. They were given 20 days to do so by Judge G. F. Skelton on May 22.

The convicted murderer has been in a hospital two weeks today, under guard. Two Eugene physicians named by the court, reported he was afflicted with the glandular ailment, not had been treated, and a general run-down condition. The past week Banks has been able to stroll about the hospital grounds, and was introduced to Medford students at the University of Oregon playing tennis, according to reports.

Charles F. Moran of Cleveland, O., brother-in-law of Banks, and reputed backer of his legal defense with William A. Banks, of Los Angeles, Calif., a brother before leaving for the east, conferred with local authorities and guaranteed the cost of the operation.
 Eugene reports Saturday, said the surgeons were waiting for orders and cash from Moran, before taking any steps. Moran left for the east a week ago, with the intention of spending a few days in California.

MORGAN PROBER IS DENIED BOOKS

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—Ferdinand Pecora, senate committee counsel for the J. P. Morgan inquiry said today's hearing that his staff had been denied access to books of the Van Sweringen company in Cleveland.
 Soon thereafter the committee recessed until tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—Testimony that the Nickel Plate Securities corporation paid \$665 a share for stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio when it was selling for about \$80 was presented today to the senatorial inquiry into how J. P. Morgan and company, aided financing of the extensive Van Sweringen railroad dominion.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., June 5.—Well, I am glad to see the midgets get a break. In all my experience around show business they are a mighty fine little breed of folks. We have had "bank relief," "big business relief," and now we get "midget relief."

Mr. Morgan acted mightily human. He just picked up that little midget and played with it as though it was the federal reserve or the United States Chamber of Commerce. I'll tell you how Mr. Morgan can square this whole thing and you will never hear another word against him; that's by simply putting everybody on the preferred list that wasn't on it already. I haven't heard a kick only by those that were overlooked.

Yours,
 Will Rogers
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ROOSEVELT'S EYE ON EUROPE WHEN GOING OFF GOLD

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The public excuse has been made that Mr. Roosevelt was forced into this new anti-gold standard legislation.
 They say at the White House he ran into difficulties trying to enforce his executive order taking us off gold and that is true, but it is only half the story.
 It covers up the fact that Mr. Roosevelt really had his eye on Europe when he recommended permanent legislation. It gives him a bigger club over the London Economic Conference. He needed it.

GRANTS PASS MILL AGAIN IN OPERATION

GRANTS PASS, June 5.—(AP)—Mill whistles of the Swede Basin saw mill blew this morning for the first time in two years, calling 10 men back to work and adding to the employment furnished continuously through the depression by one of the two local box factories which has been on single-shift operation supplying box shooks to southern California fruit men.

FIND PETE FOSTER DEAD IN HIS ROOM

Pete Foster, about 45, who has made his home in Medford practically all his life, was found dead, about 11:30 o'clock this morning at the Washington rooms, apparently having died some time during the night, it was reported.

ROOSEVELT'S PEN ENDS GOLD RULE

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt late today signed the resolution striking the gold clause from public and private contracts.

FIRST LADY ON WING FOR VISIT TO COAST

DALLAS, Tex., June 5.—(AP)—After a short stop here for breakfast, during which she was welcomed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt continued her airplane journey to Los Angeles for a visit with her son, Elliott, at 9:42 a. m. Central standard time today.

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