

**The Weather**  
 Forecast: Fair tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.  
 Temperature  
 Highest yesterday 87  
 Lowest this morning 57

**A growing circulation**  
 The circulation of the Mail Tribune is growing rapidly. Hundreds of new readers have been added in the past few months. Paid-up circulation is the kind that pays Ad. dividends.

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# LA DIEU CASE IN JURY'S HANDS

**Comment on the Day's News**  
 BY FRANK JENKINS

**NOTE** culled from the market page: "Sensational reports of extraordinary deterioration of the oat crop because of abnormal temperatures brought about a decidedly active and higher market for all grains today. "All deliveries of oats sold at the highest prices since 1931."

**ANOTHER** culling from the same page: "A return of intense heat in the southwest, with no indication of moisture relief, was a late bullish factor as to wheat. "Wheat closed strong, 1 1/4 to 2 1/4 cents above yesterday's finish."

**SUPPLY** goes down; price goes up. All the laws congress could pass in ten years of steady legislating couldn't change that fundamental fact. When there are more buyers than sellers, the price will rise. When there are more sellers than buyers, the price will fall.

**THE** lumber market, temporarily, at least, is strong, orders for the last week reported by the West Coast Lumbermen's association being 50 per cent over production. But, the association comments, "the present buying movement is held by the industry to be by dealers and wholesalers anticipating price advances, and not for consumption. Therefore, it is speculative."

**TRUE** enough, probably. Still, why are dealers and wholesalers stocking up in anticipation of a rise in prices? What are they going to do with the lumber after they get it in their yards? Keep it to look at?

**HABDLY.** Looking at unsold lumber isn't thrilling enough as a pastime to lead men to risk money on it. These dealers and wholesalers expect consumer demand to materialize later on, and are stocking up now in order to be ready for it when it comes.

**SPECULATION!** Just what is speculation, anyway? Here is a fairly accurate answer to that question: It is buying low in the belief that the price will go higher, so that a sale may be made at a profit. Speculation, you see, isn't necessarily wicked. To some extent all buying and selling, which constitutes business, are speculative.

**HERE** is another question: Is speculation good for business, or bad for it? Well, as to that there has been practically NO SPECULATION at all for nearly three years, because the general trend of prices has been downward, and when people think the price is pretty sure to GO DOWN they don't buy. You don't, as you very well know, and you are a fair average sample of humanity. What you do, others do.

**LET** us repeat: For nearly three years, there has been little speculative buying. That is to say, people haven't been willing to take a chance. And business certainly COULDN'T be much worse than it has been during these three years of little or no speculative buying.

**SO,** you see, speculation isn't necessarily bad for business. Within the proper range of its functions, it is GOOD for business, for it represents the judgment of shrewd buyers and sellers as to what prices should be, considering the existing relationship of supply and demand.

**THIS,** however, should be understood: What is here said refers only to the speculation that is LEGITIMATE.

**Heat Fatal For Worker In Field**  
 PORTLAND, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—The first heat fatality in Oregon reported this summer occurred at Banks yesterday when Mrs. Mami Yamasaki, 48, Portland Japanese, was overcome by heat while working in a strawberry field. She died a short time later. In five years Michigan has produced more than \$27,000,000 worth of salt.

## DELIBERATIONS ON BALLOT STEALING OPEN AFTER NOON

Penalty of 2 to 5 Years Awaits Business Manager if Convicted—Moody Is Eloquent in Closing Plea

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the jury in the LaDieu case was still out with no indications of an early verdict. Conviction of the charge of burglary not in a dwelling brings a sentence in the state penitentiary of two to five years.

Selection of a jury for trial of Mayor Jones of Rogue River, which started at the afternoon session of court, was continued with two persons challenged and a third excused because of work.

Selection of the jury to decide the fate of Walter Jones, the mayor of Rogue River, and second person to go on trial here for burglary not in a dwelling in connection with the Jackson county ballot theft, was underway this afternoon. The first 12 names drawn included five women.

W. D. Doty, prominent figure as a speaker at one of the meetings of the so-called "Good Government Congress" during its heyday here, was on the list. He was disqualified by Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody on the grounds that he had attended the trial of Arthur LaDieu all week.

Doty, when the jury was being drawn for the LaDieu trial, is remembered as the man who took a place in the jury box without his name being called. When questioned, he stated that he thought he heard his name and readily responded.

The jury in the trial of J. Arthur LaDieu, former newspaper business manager, charged with ballot theft, received the final instructions of the court just before noon and deliberations started after lunch.

Judge Skipworth of Eugene, in clear and concise terms delivered the instructions, starting at 11:25 o'clock and finishing at 11:50 o'clock, following closing argument of Assistant Attorney General Moody for the state.

The court in its instructions held that presence at the scene when the burglary was committed, was not necessary for finding a verdict of guilty, if it is shown that the defendant took part in a continuing act of the crime.

One Hinds All

The instructions held that in a conspiracy, the act and word of another conspirator bind all, and it was the duty of the jury, to determine if a conspiracy existed, and if the defendant, LaDieu, was a party to it.

The court held that it was not necessary for the state to prove every material point of a conspiracy, but by evidence that tended to show it, and that corroboration of every allegation of an accomplice to the crime, was not necessary by witness not engaged in the crime.

The state contended that a conspiracy existed between County Judge Fehi, Gordon L. Schermerhorn, Walter J. Jones, Tom Brecheen and John Glenn, to steal the ballots, and prevent Sheriff Jennings from counting them, and that LaDieu was a party to it.

The closing argument for the state was made by Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody, and was largely a reply to the final blasts of Defense Attorney Ehrlich.

Ehrlich's talk embodied a harangue against the district attorney's office, the state police, and state witnesses, the latter being characterized by him as "jail-birds and ex-convicts." The defense counsel made a reference to the Daback case, in his argument, also former Sheriff Jennings.

A personal attack was directed against Attorney Moody, which he answered in one sentence: "What they say about me I care not—I consider the house."

Attorney Moody showed by documentary evidence that he had been named by the governor and attorney general to make the prosecution.

Both defense counsel referred to Moody's opening address "as cowardly and vicious," and "a personal attack on Banks and Fehi," who the defense counsel faintly painted as victims of plots. "Look at Deputy District Attorney Neilson, who has sat here like a wooden Indian, and never let out a peep in this trial."

Attorney Moody, in his reply said: "I ask you to look over your deputy district attorney, and then to look over Mr. Ehrlich."

Victim of Perjury, Claim

Enright charged that "LaDieu was the victim of bought and perjured testimony," "trumped up evidence," "winks police has been successfully stilled and they want to do the same thing to Fehi, your duly elected, qualified, and acting county judge, and Gordon Schermerhorn."

"If LaDieu is sentenced to the pen, it will be possible for an honest citizen to be put away on framed evidence, and not safe to live in Jackson county," Enright declared.

"Gordon Schermerhorn had a right to be where he wanted to be," the attorney declared, in explaining his case.

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## Roseburg Kidnaper Shot While Collecting Ransom

**ROSEBURG, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—**Jack Haley, local auto mechanic, was shot and killed last night by Hubert Hoxie, state policeman, during an attempt to collect \$125 ransom following the kidnaping yesterday evening of Ray B. Compton, prominent local attorney. Lured to a building on the outskirts of the city, Compton was chained to a chair and forced to write a note to his wife, ordering that the ransom be paid in unmarked bills to the kidnapers, who, she was informed, would be in a car near the city limits.

Mrs. Compton appealed to attorney friends of her husband and the place designated for delivery of the money was surrounded by armed attorneys and officers, while one of their number, dressed in women's clothing made delivery of a fake packet. Haley, who delivered the envelope, was shot and killed when he failed to heed the commands of Officer Hoxie to halt.

Frank Park, who was driving the car in which Haley came to the place appointed for the delivery of the ransom, and Reta and Douglas Winningham, at whose home Compton was found securely chained, were taken into custody.

Miss Winningham, according to the statement of Attorney Compton, appeared at his office yesterday evening, stating that her mother was ill and requested him to come to her home to prepare papers for a property transfer. Upon his arrival at the house, about 5:30 p. m., he said, he was seized by Jack Haley, and was bound to a chair by a heavy chain which was wired around his neck.

Modest on Ransom

He says he was ordered to write a note to his wife to furnish \$125 in small bills. No arrangements had been made by the kidnapers, Compton stated, for the delivery of the money, and the attorney outlined the plan for paying the ransom, designating the place for transfer of the money at the end of the pavement on South Main street, near the south city limits. The officers several months ago followed an extortion plot by an ambush at the same spot, and the attorney stated he counted upon them to utilize the same procedure in connection with his case.

Mrs. Compton, upon receiving the note from her husband, communicated with Attorney Maurice Hallmark, who with Attorney Carl Wimberty, acting district attorney, and Paul Giesler, law partner of Mr. Hallmark, arranged a plot for capturing the kidnapers, with the help of the state police officer.

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## SISKIYOU HIGHWAY PROJECT IS GIVEN HOPE AT MEETING

Delegation From Southern Oregon at Eugene Gathering Receives Favorable Word From Commission

A meeting of the Pacific highway association was held in Eugene Tuesday, with representatives from Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg and Eugene in attendance. A. H. Banwell, secretary of the chamber of commerce, Fred Scheffel and S. S. Smith were the Medford people in attendance.

It was stated at the meeting that assurance had been made that the highway commission would appropriate \$260,000 of the amount this district, comprised of all the state south of the north line of Lane county, and west of the Cascades, would receive from the \$6,112,000 federal aid for Oregon roads, which would be around one million by a million and a quarter, to start work on the Siskiyou highway, beginning at the foot of the mountains at Ashland. While this amount would only be a beginning it means that other funds will be forthcoming from year to year or the work would not be started. The surveys have all been made and as soon as the allocation of funds is made and bids let work could be commenced.

The Pacific highway association adopted a resolution and telegraphed it to the highway commission in season at Portland urging that funds be allocated for the Siskiyou project and that work be started as soon as possible. Although the commission did not set aside any funds yesterday for this work it is expected to at the meeting June 28th.

A resolution was also passed asking Oregon's senators and representatives to endeavor to interest the federal government in reconstruction of the entire Pacific highway as a super-highway owing to its outstanding importance, not only as a scenic highway, but as a vital unit in the international highway system.

A standing committee from the larger cities in this district, consisting of Howard Merriam of Eugene, W. C. Hastings of Roseburg, C. H. Demery of Grants Pass, G. M. Greene of Ashland and S. S. Smith of Medford.

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## CLIMAX IN VETERANS SHOWDOWN NEAR

**WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—**A direct showdown between President Roosevelt and the senate on veterans relief was brought near a climax today with the formal offering in the senate of a substitute for the revised house-administration compromise.

Accepting a perfecting amendment by Senator Byrnes (D. S. C.) to the house-administration plan, to take care of Spanish-American war pensioners, the senate drove toward a vote on the substitute and a full test of presidential strength.

Senators Steiwer (R. Ore.) and Cutting (R. N. M.) called up for consideration the substitute, which is more liberal than the house proposal and considered virtually certain to be vetoed by President Roosevelt if passed by congress.

Should the substitute be voted down and the modified compromise approved by the senate, the battle would be over with victory for the chief executive, as Byrnes has told the senate the house would accept the compromise and that Roosevelt would sign it.

The modification to include Spanish-American war veterans was looked on as a move by the administration and its forces to take away from the substitute enough votes to beat it, as leaders previously were about ready to concede its approval by the senate.

The change made the outcome more doubtful but advocates of the Cutting-Steiwer proposal remained confident they had a narrow margin of votes to carry it.

An attack on the National Economy league, by Senator Long (D. La.) drew from Senator Steiwer a statement that many of the contributors to the league were listed as buyers of the "bargain counter-offerings" from J. P. Morgan and company in the senate's recent investigation.

Steiwer named among others, John W. Davis, Charles E. Mitchell, Silas H. Strawn, Alfred P. Sloan, B. M. Baruch and Marshall Field.

## WHEW! IT'S HOT IN WASHINGTON



The weather contributed its bit to the other varieties of heat produced at a senate committee's investigation of the house of Morgan. It was suggested that coats be removed and J. P. Morgan gratefully complied. Here he is revealing an immaculate expanse of white linen crossed by equally white suspenders. (Associated Press Photo)

## TEN MILLION PAID ON BRITAIN'S DEBT TO UNITED STATES

Installment Is Acknowledgement of Obligation, Pending Final Settlement—Review of Pact Is Asked

PARIS, June 14.—(AP)—A notice that France will not meet the war debts installment due the United States tomorrow probably will be sent to Washington tomorrow, officials said this morning.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today received a \$10,000,000 payment by Great Britain as an "acknowledgement of the war debt pending final settlement."

Great Britain in her note asked for a review of her debt agreement and Mr. Roosevelt suggested she send representatives to Washington to discuss this "as soon as convenient."

He informed Great Britain that he had no power to reduce the level of the British debt and would submit any results from the negotiations to congress for its information and action.

Roosevelt in Statement

In connection with the exchange of the British and American notes on debts the president made the following statement:

"The British government has today announced a payment to the United States of \$10,000,000 with a note indicating that this payment is to be considered 'as an acknowledgement of the debt pending a final settlement.'"

"It has in its accompanying note pointed out circumstances that have induced it to make this action."

"Such payment does not of course in any sense prejudice the freedom of either government in any subsequent discussion of the entire debt."

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## PLOTTERS NABBED, LAWYER RELEASED FROM CHAIN BONDS

State Police Officer Hubert Hoxie Brings Ransom Grabber Down at Rendezvous Near City Limits

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## HELEN LITRELL'S SKULL FRACTURED BY PASSING AUTO

Helen Louise Litrell, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Litrell of South Oakdale, sustained a fracture of the skull about 5:30 o'clock last night when she was struck by a sedan, driven by Wayne May and thrown on to the street near her home. The little girl, according to police report, failed to see the car approaching and ran out into the street and into the back fender, before May could avoid her. She was thrown onto the street, landing on her head.

Examination at the Community hospital revealed a fracture of the skull and an operation was undergone. Her condition was reported as slightly improved this afternoon.

## MEDFORD MAN IS BURNED TO DEATH IN TRUCK CRASH

GRIDLEY, Cal., June 14.—(AP)—Frank Curtis, 50, oil station operator of Hornbrook, was burned to death yesterday when his oil truck plunged into a ditch on the state highway near Biggs, north of here. Curtis was trapped in the cab of the truck. The gasoline tank exploded and set fire to the truck's cargo of Diesel oil. The explosion blew down an overhead power line which fell across the truck.

Curtis, enroute from Hornbrook to Marysville, was believed to have fallen asleep at the wheel.

Mr. Curtis made his home at 45 Pine street, Medford. He is survived by his widow and a child. The family is well known in this city. Mrs. Curtis left for the south last night following receipt of the tragic news.

## OFFICERS KILLED BY BANK BANDITS

COLUMBIA, Mo., June 14.—(AP)—Roger Wilson, 40, sheriff of Boone county and Sergeant Ben Booth, 50, member of the state highway patrol were killed today in a gunfight with three men, believed to have been those who robbed the Farmers and Merchants bank of Mexico, Mo., today.

The encounter took place at the outskirts of Columbia where the officers had prepared an ambush to intercept the bank robbers.

Sheriff Wilson was on the ground fighting with one of the three men and another of the trio shot him thru the head. Booth, kneeling, attempted to shoot the assailant but was shot down by the man who killed the sheriff.

The trio escaped from the other officer.

## BODY DISCOVERED ALONG RAILROAD

EUGENE, June 14.—(AP)—The body of an unidentified man was found along the Southern Pacific tracks two miles south of Junction City this morning.

State police officers and the coroner are working on a murder theory, which was crushed in at the temple. John Dean, a transient, discovered the body and notified section crew workers nearby. Officers were checking "jingles" near here today in an attempt to find a clue to the case.

## PEAR GROWERS TO HEAR REPORTS AT MEETING FRIDAY

A meeting of all southern Oregon pear growers has been called for Friday evening of this week at 7:45 o'clock in the auditorium of the Jackson county court house, David Rosenberg announced today. The meeting, arranged by the Northwest Pear Growers' Association, will be under auspices of the Fruitgrowers' league and much valuable information for all participants in the pear industry is promised.

Local delegates to the recent meeting in Portland of the trustees to the Northwest Pear bureau have planned to transport the Portland meeting to this city Friday for the benefit of local growers. Mr. Rosenberg stated this morning. At the Portland meeting latest reports regarding the pear industry were given, covering ways and means of handling pears, packing and shipping. Addresses of Dinty Moore and Professor Henry Hartman were described by the Medford directors today as the most instructive talks in many years relative to pear production and better pear prices. The new findings reported at the Portland meeting will be told here and all growers interested in obtaining information for promotion of pear prices during the coming year are urged to attend the meeting here Friday night.

"We want every single pear grower in the county to be at the meeting," was the announcement of Mr. Rosenberg this afternoon.

## THOMAS ASSERTS FEDERAL COURTS UTILITY SHELTER

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—Declaring that "due to the commission's lack of funds, and procedure requiring trial 'de novo,' the federal courts have become the sanctuaries and safe refuge of the utilities," Charles M. Thomas, state public utilities commissioner, last night in a public address here reviewed the work of his department and cited the obstacles he had encountered in his investigations of Oregon utilities.

In some quarters the Thomas appearance was looked upon as the first "shot" in a contemplated campaign for governor, although Commissioner Thomas has declared he had no ambitions to the governor's chair.

"The contest before Oregon," Thomas declared, "is not with the Northwestern Electric company, Pacific Power & Light company, or the Portland Gas & Coke company. It is with the guiding, controlling, dominating head—the Morgan bank. Not until it has been conquered will Oregon be free."

"The Morgan senate investigation has exposed some of the immoral existing financial practices as well as the weaknesses of man. It has furnished the clear, positive proof of the refinement and perfection of methods developed to still the conscience into accepting bribes."

"The question of rates is tremendously important, but far more important it is to break the stranglehold those interests have obtained on city councils, legislatures, and other agencies of government."

A large crowd heard Thomas speak at the auditorium.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt received the degree of doctor of laws from Catholic university today in the presence of high dignitaries of the church.

Brawley Trembles

BRAWLEY, Cal., June 14.—(AP)—A slight earthquake was felt here at 3:58 a. m. today.

Germany Would Tax

BERLIN.—(AP)—No less than 32,380 men tried to join the German navy in 1932. Only 1261 got in because the personnel is limited to 18,000.

## EXCITEMENT OVER GOLD BREWING IS WORD IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, June 14.—Pleasant excitement is brewing for gold. Plans are afoot to re-establish a "free" gold market in this country under the direction of the treasury. You will hear all kinds of official denials, but the chances are it will be put through soon after congress adjourns.

The market will be about as free as a Chinese lady's feet. It will deal chiefly in licenses to export and you won't be able to get a license unless the treasury likes you. Hoarders need not apply.

The real object will be to chase the dollar down in terms of gold and other currencies, although it won't sound anything like as blunt as that when it is announced. Insiders here expect quotations to open between \$30 and \$35 an ounce against the statutory \$35. That would mean sterling quotations around \$5.00 to the pound. It would be a timely wallop to emphasize at the outset of the economic conference how well-armed we are for a currency battle.

The committee for the nation is backing the move strongly and the committee has an excellent record for getting what it wants. It is part of the general plan to bring about the

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**WILL ROGERS says:**

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 13.—The king spoke over the radio Monday. It was 5 o'clock out here. (I was just going to work). Why don't this world's conference fix it so that whenever anybody does anything it will be the same hour all over. You will say "silly," they can't do that. They can just as easy as they can agree on anything else.

Different nations have different problems just like different nations have the sun shine on 'em at different times, so when they fix how many guns each one is to have, how much foreign goods each one shall consume and how much each one's money is worth, why at that same time fix it so there's 5 o'clock in the morning everywhere at once.

Yours,  
 Will Rogers

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