

### EXPERTS PREDICT TOUCH OF DROUGHT AGAIN THIS YEAR

#### Eleven-Month Cycle Basis of Prophecy — Late Warm Spring Forecast for 1934 Baked Areas.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—A strong hint that the midwest, baked dry last year, may expect a touch—at least—of drought in 1935 came today from the weather bureau.

The bureau, official weather prophet, said it had discovered an eleven-month weather cycle which, if it runs true to form, means a warm and dry late spring for the midwest this year.

Pursuing its announcement carefully, the bureau made no mention of drought but it pointed out that much of the great plains is still dry enough to make spring rains very important in insuring good crops.

"Late spring will be warm and dry in the midwest this year. It may conform to its usual practice of bringing high temperatures eleven months after an abnormally hot June," the weather bureau said.

"Climatologists of the weather bureau have discovered a definite 11-month weather sequence from May's habit of being warm when June of the year before has been abnormally warm.

"Past records show that every June for which temperatures five degrees above normal were recorded was followed the next year by a warm May over most of the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys. When June temperatures were five degrees or more below normal the sequence still held, with cool May's.

Last June was far above normal in temperature in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, averaging as much as eight to ten degrees above normal for the entire month in some sections.

### ELKS TO LAUNCH EXPANSION DRIVE

In keeping with a nation-wide plan of expansion in membership, the Medford lodge 1189, B. P. O. Elks, is launching a membership drive starting immediately with two teams having been appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler H. N. Butler in a contest to see who can secure the largest number of recruits.

Robert Strang, esteemed lecturing knight, will be major of one team, the captains of the team to be Joe Burroughs, Cole Holmes, O. L. Overmyer, J. V. Watson and Vaughn Stone.

Under Earl York, esteemed loyal knight, as major of the second squad, E. W. Winkle, Ray Wright, Everett Brayton and Leland Clark will act as captains in an effort to win over the Strang outfit.

While these members will be on the active committee for new members, all other local Elks are expected to bring at least one new man, and the points gained thereby may be given to either team.

Mrs. Wells calls—Mrs. Irene Wells, superintendent of the county poor farm near Talent, was among Medford visitors yesterday.

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### NAVY BOARD SIFTS CAUSE OF MACON DESTRUCTION



A naval board of inquiry met aboard the U. S. S. Texas in San Francisco harbor to probe the disaster of the Macon which sank off Point Sur, Calif., en route to its base at Sunnyvale. Lieut. Comdr. Herbert V. Wiley and members of the board are shown studying charts of the dirigible's construction. Left to right: Capt. W. R. Van Auken, Rear Adm. O. G. Murfin, Capt. H. E. Shoemaker and Wiley. (Associated Press Photo)

### TOWNSEND TELLS SENATE HIS PLAN PROSPERITY LURE

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got be able to put 10,000,000 on the pension immediately. It took two years to get 4,000,000 men into the army. We would have to examine each citizen for his citizenship and age, as we examined applicants for the army."

"Would we have much trouble drafting people to take this pension, Senator Connally (D., Tex.) asked sarcastically.

"On now," Townsend said. "Well, you were comparing it to raising an army," the Texan said.

"Doctor, do you believe this is a sound economic plan?" Barkley asked. "I know it is," the Californian replied firmly.

He contended the plan would double or quadruple business and that "mass production has a tendency to lower prices."

"Would the plan increase the cost of a Ford car?" Harrison asked. "No, it would decrease the cost."

"Through there would be a two per cent tax on every part?" Harrison asked.

Townsend launched into a discussion of Henry Ford's theory of mass production and high wages, referring to it as "Henry's philosophy."

"What would these people buy with \$200 a month?" Senator Barkley asked.

"Why bless your soul," the doctor replied, "I should think anyone who ever had that salary would know."

"How would they spend it?" Barkley asked again, pointing out that an old couple would get \$4800 a year.

Help the Children. "Buy a car," rebuild their home, furnish it, travel, buy books, get things for their children," Townsend replied.

"Are you opposed to saving money?" Senator Barkley asked.

"Yes, it is wrong in principle," Townsend replied, adding that prosperity was dependent upon the exchange of money.

"Somebody will get this money we turn over to the aged and save it," Barkley said.

"Henry Ford would get it," Connally injected. "He would not only get his own, but everybody else's."

No Cut in \$200. Senator Hastings (D., Del.) asked if Townsend had considered cutting the pension where two or more aged lived together.

"It would be suicidal," the witness replied.

Senator Couzens said that plan would "encourage the sale of marriage licenses."

Senator Black (D., Ala.) asked if it was "fair to make the wage earner pay a sales tax to give a pension to Rockefeller and Ford."

"There are only three or four Rockefellers and Fords in the country," Townsend replied, adding that the plan would increase pay and jobs for the average man.

Townsend contended the rich would pay more of the tax than the poor. He estimated that 4,500,000 of those over 60 are now employed and their jobs would go to others.

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Believed to have started from a fire, fire destroyed the home of Mrs. Mary E. Rowley at 115 Lincoln street, Ashland, early Friday afternoon. Mrs. Rowley, 83 years of age, was carried to safety after having been lying on a couch in the front room unaware of the flames about her.

An estimate of the loss was not made Friday, but all the household goods on the ground floor were saved by neighbors. The second floor was impossible to enter when the blaze was discovered, and the Ashland fire department worked an hour before the fire, fanned by a brisk wind, was extinguished.

The flames attracted scores of townspeople.

### 79 NEW MEMBERS ADDED BY EAGLES

Seventy-nine new members have been admitted to the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles the past two weeks. It was announced Tuesday by officers of the lodge.

During the past six months approximately 275 new members have joined the local order. It is hoped that during the next week, twenty-one additional members can be obtained so that a record for the year of one hundred members in one month may be obtained.

All members are urged to bring a candidate to the meeting next Friday when it is expected to have a large initiatory class.

The local aerie is organizing a band under the chairmanship of Ray Marks and it is expected that practice will commence in the near future. Anyone playing an instrument who would like to join the local order is asked to get in touch with Mr. Marks or any of the lodge officers.

### Obituary

Arthur W. Grubb, resident of Klamath Falls since birth, passed away Tuesday, February 12, 1935, at 6:10 a. m., following an illness of two weeks. He was a native of Klamath county and at the time of his death was aged 38 years, 4 months and 3 days. Surviving are the widow, Julia Grubb, and two sons, David and Martin Grubb, all of Klamath Falls, Ore.; five sisters, Mrs. Mary Gardner of Copco, Calif., Mrs. Jennie Hurn of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Edith Anderson of Pontville, New York, Mrs. Alice McCormick of Reno, and Mrs. Grace Spannaus of Ashland; also three brothers, Jess Grubb of Cottage Grove, Ore., and Thomas and Carl Grubb of Klamath Falls, Ore.

He is also survived by relatives and a host of friends in this city. Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 14 at the First Presbyterian church of Klamath Falls.

### YALE COLLECTION BABYLONIA RELICS RANKS WITH BEST

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (UP)—Yale University possesses one of the most extensive collections of original Babylonian literature in the world—more than 21,000 items extending over a period between 3,000 and 4,900 years before the Christian era.

The collection includes materials from libraries of cities of the time of Abraham, about 2000 B. C., and such religious texts as epics, hymns, prayers, syllabaries, and mathematical and medical treatises.

There also are records of legal and business transactions, personal and official letters of kings and administrative documents from the archives of Babylonian temples. The personal inscriptions of about 35 kings of Babylonia and Assyria are on exhibition.

One inscription of Nebuchadnezzar refers to the restoration of temples and walls in and near Babylon, including the tower of Babel, and relates he beheld the inscribed stones of Naram-Sin, who lived 2,000 years before his time. One of these stones was found at the place described, enabling historians to determine the location of ancient Marad.

The legal aspect of the parable of the Prodigal Son never was surmised until the prototype of the Code of Hammurabi was discovered.

The fourth of the nine laws in the tablet read: "If a son say unto his father and his mother, 'not my father, not my mother,' from the house, field, plantation, servants, property, animals he shall go forth; and his portion, to its full amount, he (the father) shall give him. His father and mother shall say to him 'not our son'; from the neighborhood of the house he shall go."

Receiving his portion of the estate, he ceased to be a legal son, the tie having been annulled by the fourth law.

Among visitors—Among business visitors in Medford Saturday was L. O. Holtfield of the Old Stage road.

### Asked To Help



Robert E. Wood (above), Chicago business man, was asked by President Roosevelt to organize an advisory committee to consult with him in the spending of the proposed work relief fund. (Associated Press Photo)

### CHAMBER DRIVE FOR MEMBERSHIP OPEN THIS WEEK

During this week, business and professional men of Medford and Jackson county who do not belong to the Chamber of Commerce, will be asked to support the organization. It was announced by President B. E. Harder.

"Our Chamber of Commerce is doing a fine job, we believe, and we have a great deal of important work ahead of us which necessarily involves certain expenses. We feel we are entitled to the support of all business men in the county, and with that support we can continue our regular work as well as our activities to develop a five year program in Jackson county and the work of the national housing act," he continued.

Mr. Harder is calling together a group of the younger members of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday at 8:00 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce building for the purpose of obtaining suggestions relative to the membership campaign.

In announcing the campaign, Mr. Harder made the following statement: "Membership in the Chamber of Commerce is a subscription and not a donation and it should be a mark of distinction to belong to it."

If the Chamber of Commerce is important in good times it is all the more necessary in bad times. United efforts alone can produce results when conditions are adverse.

"The future program of this Chamber of Commerce depends upon the membership. Ideas from the membership help formulate our program of work. If a man is a member, he has a better opportunity to get his ideas before the proper authorities than he would have if he were not a member. There is no other organization in Medford which can enlist the big majority of the business men of the community in service for the community. The Chamber of Commerce is not a club, but is an organized citizenship for the general welfare of Medford and Jackson county. The Chamber of Commerce is the only agency equipped to analyze the needs of the city and county."

### PROMOTER CRACKED OIL HELD GUILTY

LAKELAND, Calif., Feb. 16.—(AP)—James E. Cox, president of the Cox Chemical company, was convicted by a superior court jury here late today on 10 counts of grand theft and violation of the corporate securities act and four of his associates were convicted of varying counts.

After deliberating about 27 hours, the jury which heard the 12-week trial of the men accused of swindling persons throughout the Pacific coast area of hundreds of thousands of dollars, brought in its verdict shortly after 3 p. m.

The company claimed to have developed a method of cracking crude oil directly into gasoline. Cox insisted in the trial that the method was workable, but a demonstration in the court room was declared a failure.

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### WHEELER FAVORS NEW CURRENCY TO EASE BOND LOAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—A broadside against issuance of government interest bearing notes came from Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) tonight in an address over the National Broadcasting company.

Advocating issuance of currency to finance the \$4,880,000,000 relief plan now being debated before the senate, he said if financed by bonds a new called for it would cost the people \$100,000,000 a year.

"We would have no problem of under-consumption, so-called over-production, employment and breadlines if this crushing structure could be removed," he said. "Stocks and bonds are beads in the same sense that mortgages are."

"The United States government has been the worst offender in contributing the interest burden on the American public. At the present time they have borrowed nearly thirty billions of dollars and are paying interest on it. Interest on this sum as paid at the rate of \$900,000,000 a year.

"In other words, the money lenders are allowed to tax the people of the United States in this amount because they issue money for the government."

"When there is a whisper of protest and a suggestion that the government exercise its power in the constitution and issue its own money there is a flood of propaganda and long, loud walls of belated dollars, fiat money, greenbacks, printing press money and other catchwords."

### CIGARETTE BLAMED FOR AUTO BLAZE

A cigaret tossed into alcohol that had dripped from the radiator of a car belonging to Wynette C. Sabin of 107 Washington street caused a fire late Saturday night that partially burned one tire before it was extinguished by the Medford fire department. The car was parked on Central in front of the Studio theater. A passerby evidently tossed the cigaret into the gutter about 10:30, the flames creeping under the machine in the inflammable liquid.

Miller in Medford—Frank Miller of Williams Creek was in Medford yesterday on business.

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### MADRID-PARIS AIRLINE WILL SHORTEN JOURNEY TO MATTER OF 4 HOURS

MADRID (UP)—The inauguration of the projected Madrid-Paris airline, scheduled for May 15, literally will remove Spain from its isolated position in western Europe.

Up to now Madrid's communication with western and central Europe was confined to a 24-hour rail-road trip to Paris, while Madrid and Barcelona were connected with southern Europe by an aerial line to Rome. The new airline will leave Paris only four hours from Madrid, instead of 24.

Fourteen passenger Douglas planes, each carrying a pilot, mechanic and radio operator, will leave Madrid daily at 7:30 a. m., and arrive in Paris at 11:40 a. m. The return plane will leave from Paris at 3:40 p. m., and reach Madrid at 6:30 p. m., thus permitting business men almost a full four hours between planes to transact their affairs in Paris and be able to return to Madrid before evening.

Airplane connections will permit persons leaving Madrid in the morning to reach London, Berlin, Amsterdam, Bern, or Warsaw on the same day.

The new airline also will carry mail.

The route will be operated by the Spanish Aerial Postal Lines, now maintaining services from Madrid to Barcelona, Valencia and Seville. The Spanish lines, under the present management, have not had a single accident in six years and have registered only a few forced landings. A branch line from Seville to the Canary Islands and one from Barcelona to Palma, Mallorca, also are maintained.

Willamette PWA Plans. SALEM, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Willamette river projects requiring a total cost of approximately \$40,000,000 for storage reservoirs, reventment work and 75 miles of levees, have been included in new federal surveys for this section. Thomas F. Robbins, war department engineer, stated last night.

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### COAST BUSINESS LAGS IN CITIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Retail trade encountered some irregularity along the Pacific coast section of the twelfth district, but country sections were little affected. Most wholesalers found conditions good with activity better than a year ago.

Best improvement was reported in furniture and grocery lines. Bankers reported money movement was slower than in recent weeks, but the lumber trade saw sales maintain a good margin over last year. Higher prices created a farm purchasing power materially improved from last year.

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