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BLAZE FANNED BY WIND

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ASTORIA, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Damage estimated at \$175,000 to \$200,000 was caused here today by two fires which destroyed the main sawmill and power plant at the Astoria Box company's plant, the big double dry kiln and 30 cars of lumber. The first fire started from an overheated bearing in the headstock about 1:30 this afternoon, entailing a loss of between \$125,000 and \$150,000, nearly covered by insurance. A strong northwest wind fanned the flames, which spread so rapidly that within a few minutes the entire interior of the mill was a seething furnace. The fire department responded quickly and a dozen streams of water soon were playing on the flames, confining the blaze to the one structure and saving the box factory, planing mill, carpenter shops, dry kilns and lumber sheds as well as the lumber piled in the yard and on trucks. The entire plant was valued at \$300,000. Fully two hours after the flames were believed to have been extinguished a blaze tonight suddenly burst from the big double dry kiln. The kiln and 30 cars of clear lumber, which were inside, were destroyed. The additional loss was approximately \$50,000. W. F. McGregor, president of the company, was unable to say whether or not the mill would be rebuilt. A conference will be held upon the return here of W. P. O'Brien, manager of the plant. The mill since the war had been cutting spruce lumber exclusively for domestic and export trade. This is the second time that the mill has been destroyed by fire. The first mill was burned in 1882. The present mill was constructed in 1883.

SUMMER COURSE POPULAR

Sixteen Colleges and Universities Represented at Eugene.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 30.—(Special.)—Sixteen American colleges and universities were represented by graduate students at the university of Oregon summer session out of a total of 51 who are taking graduate work. Although a majority of these students—27 to be exact—have received their degrees at the University of Oregon and have come back to continue their work at the same school, there is a sprinkling of graduates from schools as far east as Chicago.

Among the institutions represented on the campus are: the University of Wisconsin, Kansas Christian college, Stanford university, Northwestern university, University of Wisconsin, University of Kansas, Albany college, University of Nebraska, Willamette university, Oregon Agricultural college, University of California, University of Washington, Park college, McMinnville college and Whitman colleges.

BANKER'S WIFE PAROLED

Woman Who Passed as Maid to Steal Pleds Guilty of Larceny.

CHICAGO, June 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. Etta B. Heller, wife of a well-known investment banker, who posed as a "maid" and robbed six employees of \$25,000 in jewelry, clothing and furniture, pleaded guilty to four charges of larceny today. Dr. William Krohn said she was not a kleptomaniac but was suffering from a nervous breakdown. She was put on probation for a year.

JURY METHODS ATTACKED

Enforcement of Dry Law Held Obstructed in Court.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—An attack on jury selection methods used in Justice Baumert's court and a recital of the obstacles to liquor law violation prosecutions encountered in Grays Harbor courts gave a sensational turn to the proceedings of the mass meeting of men in the city council chambers Tuesday night, at which 30 men organized a league to assist Aberdeen police in ridding the city of immorality and vice. M. Wade, special prosecutor, declared the method of getting juries in Justice Baumert's court illegal.

BIG CARS REACH NEWPORT

Heavy Machines Make Difficult Trip Up Coast Road.

EUGENE, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—At least two big cars have made the trip to Florence and up the coast road to Newport this season, according to George M. Miller, who returned yesterday from Florence. Numerous small cars have made the trip, but these two are the first of their size to attempt to negotiate the difficult roads in that section of the state. In one car, a limousine, were Mrs. King, wife of Charles King of the Portland firm of Olds, Wortman & King, and party. They took the main stage road from Eugene to Florence, which is seldom used by tourists, then north along the beach by way of Hegeta lighthouse.

BILL BANS HOME BREW

Wisconsin First State to Rule Out Family-Made Liquor.

MADISON, Wis., June 30.—Technically, at least, Wisconsin after tomorrow will be the driest state in the Union. Governor Blaine today signed the state prohibition bill, which, among other things, rules against the manufacture or consumption of homemade beverages of illegal alcoholic content. The measure is believed to be the first in the country to rule out home brew.

LEGAL INTEREST AGAIN UP

Seven Per Cent Proposed as Contract Maximum.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Copies of the proposed constitutional amendment fixing 7 per cent as the maximum legal rate of interest that may be charged in Oregon on contracts by express agreement of the parties has been filed in the office of Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, by J. F. Albright of Oregon City. Mr. Albright expects to submit the proposed amendment under the initiative to the voters of the state at the general election to be held in November, 1922. The proposed amendment today was referred to the attorney-general, who, if the proposal is found to be in proper form, will prepare the necessary ballot title. It will be necessary to obtain 12,260 signatures, or 8 per cent of 154,752, the total vote cast for supreme judge at the general election November 2, 1920. The completed petition must be filed with the secretary of state not less than four months before the election. Mr. Albright was the author of the proposed constitutional amendment fixing the legal rate of interest in this state at 4 per cent, and which was submitted to the voters at the general election last November. This amendment was defeated, 28,976 for and 155,762 against.

NAVY BILL AGAIN HELD UP

HOUSE REDUCTIONS OPPOSED BY SENATE MANAGERS.

Technical Lapse of Funds Results and Effort Will Be Made to Break Deadlock.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—Objections to house reductions in the naval appropriation bill today tied up the measure in the senate, and with all appropriations expiring with the fiscal year at midnight tonight caused a technical lapse in funds. Final disposition of the bill tomorrow was the aim and hope of leaders of both the senate and house, but they were prepared to rush through an emergency resolution continuing present naval appropriations should the deadlock continue. Numerous conferences were held between senate leaders and it finally was decided to refer the matter into the senate tomorrow with the result still in doubt. Senate opposition to the house conference report was largely on two items—elimination of all provisions for airplane carriers and a house amendment to riders on the navy retirement pay and other privileges to enlisted men as well as officers of the reserve corps. Elimination of appropriations for the Sand Point (Wash.) aviation base also met objection.

FEWER ACCIDENTS IS GOAL

REDUCTION IN RATES UP TO OREGON OPERATORS.

New Law Providing for Safety Regulations Becomes Effective in State Today.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Under a new law which becomes effective tomorrow employing firms that maintain manufacturing plants within the state of Oregon have the privilege of a 5 per cent reduction in their contributions to the state industrial accident fund, on condition that they maintain regular local councils for the consideration of plans for averting accidents and vocational diseases or hazards. It was announced at the offices of the commission today that 27 firms, with an aggregate payroll of several thousand men, had already taken advantage of the reduction allowed under the law. These firms are widely scattered throughout the state. In general, the work necessary to obtain the reduction in rates is carried out as outlined by the national safety council, a voluntary organization of employers numbering 4000 from all sections of the United States. The Oregon industrial accident commission is a member of this council. Bulletins are sent out each month, covering some phase of industrial safety, and contain valuable information to the end of improving working conditions and averting loss of life. In practically all plants that have accepted reductions under the new law, safety committees have been organized and meetings are being held regularly to instruct the workers in how to avoid accidents and thereby decrease the hazards of their particular occupation. Although this law will decrease the revenue of the commission materially, the commissioners said that the reduction in the number of accidents would more than make up the deficiency.

BARRACKS TO BE GALA

Patriotic Programme to Be Held at Vancouver Sunday.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—A patriotic programme will be presented Sunday by the officers and men of the Vancouver barracks, and will be attended by the G. A. R. Women's Relief corps, Spanish war veterans, American Legion and community service. The American Legion quartet will sing and the post choir will furnish special selections. Chaplain Berton P. Bronson will speak on "Our Nation's Birthday and Its Anniversaries."

Companies A and B arrived from the rifle range today and as the other companies in the barracks will not all be in the range until next week, all the troops will be invited to participate in the programme and in the celebration Monday.

CONVICT LONG AT LARGE

Charles Baker, Who Escaped in 1912, Arrested in Louisiana.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Charles Baker, alias Johnny Murphy, who was reported in press dispatches today as having been arrested at Shreveport, La., last night on a charge of highway robbery, escaped from the Oregon state penitentiary here January 14, 1912, according to prison records. At the time Murphy escaped he was employed at the road-building camp near the tuberculosis hospital. He was sentenced to the penitentiary on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Murphy was received at the prison October 29, 1910, and his father, A. G. Murphy, was at that time a resident of Hollywood, Cal.

CORONER IS KEPT BUSY

28 Cases of Violent Death Are Investigated During June.

Two murders, five deaths from automobile accidents and seven suicides were included in the 28 cases of sudden and violent deaths investigated and handled by Coroner Smith during June. The two murders were those of J. H. Phillips and Harry Agnew. The two cases of justifiable homicide were those of John Spillman, negro maniac, and Nestor Varrio, striking seaman, both killed by policemen. The five deaths in automobile accidents were those of Margaret Gariand, Beesie Bruce, Fred Germaine, Frank D. Wilson and Webster Hay. Karl Gunster, fireman, who lost his life in the May apartments fire, and P. H. Greene, an aviator, killed when his plane fell at the golf links, were among the list classified as follows: Justifiable homicide, 2; falling, 1; automobile accidents, 5; suicide, 7; accidental drowning, 3; homicide, 1; gunshot, 4; auto accidents, 5; murder, 2; firefighting, 1; aviation, 1; natural causes, 4.

GRESHAM SELECTS TEACHERS

Three New Teachers Have Been Appointed by the Directors of Union High School, No. 2, to Fill the Places of Those Who Left the School Last Year.

Miss Esther Gardner of Portland will have charge of the commercial department. Chemistry, Miss Katherine Waite of Dixonville, Douglas county, music and physical training for girls, Miss Lucile Hester Hurd from Florence.

LEGION DELEGATES CHOSEN

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—T. B. Bruener and W. A. Rupp have been appointed delegates to represent Aberdeen post No. 5, American Legion, at the state legion convention at Hoquiam July 14, 15 and 16.

SILVERTON TO PAVE 6 BLOCKS

Paving of four blocks has been started on Phelps street, and of two blocks in the south part of the town. Two blocks of paving were recently completed on South Mill street.



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BEN SELLING

Leading Clothier Morrison at Fourth

Advertisement for Victrola records featuring an illustration of a man playing a gramophone and text: 'For a safe and sane Fourth—a Victrola'.

WARSHIPS REACH MANILA

Thirty-Fifth Destroyer Division Arrives From Mediterranean.

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Advertisement for Charles Ray 'Scrap Iron' featuring an illustration of a man and text: 'Last Times Today JACKIE COGGAN in "/>

Large advertisement for 'THE WOMAN GOD CHANGED' featuring a circular graphic with the title and text: 'Positively the most unique film you have ever seen. Try to get in at the start—11 A. M., 12:30, 2:15, 4:00, 5:45, 7:30 and 9:15 P. M. It's a Paramount and Knowles and the Picture Players will play a special score.' Includes Columbia logo and 'TODAY' text.

Advertisement for 'The Lang Range HEATS THE WATER' with text: '—with gas, same as wood or coal, while cooking or baking. F. S. LANG MFG. CO., 191 4th'.

Advertisement for 'RIVOLI TOMORROW' featuring an illustration of a woman and text: 'Yes - I am on my way with a complete new wardrobe including the latest creations and I am going to spend my vacation with you. Babe Daniels BEBE DANIELS IN TWO WEEKS WITH PAY'.