

## HOSPITAL FIRE

Structure Damaged to the Extent of About \$100.

## BRIDGE CREW DOES GOOD WORK

Blaze is Practically Extinguished Before City Department Arrives At the Scene—Nurses Display Presence of Mind

Fire which probably ignited from a spark from the flue this morning did damage to Mercy hospital, in West Roseburg to the approximate amount of \$100.

When first discovered by hospital attendants the fire was confined to the roof and in the immediate vicinity of the flue. An alarm was sounded, and within two or three minutes a dozen or more men employed on the new Oak street bridge were on the scene. Although not disciplined in fighting fire, the men worked heroically and probably saved the structure from destruction or great damage. As soon as the alarm was sounded, Clarence Kohlhaugen, who chanced to be working in the vicinity of the hospital with his team, hastened to the West Roseburg fire station and brought the hose cart to the scene. With a line of hose attached to one of the city hydrants, enhanced by the regular hospital equipment it was not long until the last spark was extinguished. The members of the bridge crew mounted the roof of the hospital without once thinking of the impending dangers. That their work was greatly appreciated was attested in the many favorable remarks heard about the scene of the fire.

The local fire department responded promptly but on account of the inadequate equipment did not reach the scene for some little time. When they did arrive they were confronted by the information that the blaze was well under control and that additional lines of hose were unnecessary.

The Sisters of Mercy and nurses handled the situation so well that many of the patients knew nothing of the fire or its attendant confusion. As on a previous occasion, news that the hospital was threatened with destruction spread rapidly and hundreds of automobiles well filled with citizens were soon on their way to the scene. In some of these machines were persons whose relatives were confined within the walls of the burning structure.

It is not believed the damage to the hospital will total more than \$100. The roof is somewhat damaged, while a small quantity of water reached the lower floors.

This is the second fire that has threatened Mercy hospital since it was erected several years ago. About two years ago the hospital was visited by fire which resulted in damage to the extent of \$800.

At the time of this morning's fire practically every room in the structure was occupied by patients. In addition there were a number of patients in the wards.

## STOCK COMPY WELL RECEIVED

The Colonial Players At Antlers Give Pleasing Play in "Peacemakers."

One divorce, at least, was prevented Tuesday through the intervention of an old time "friend of the family" who appeared at the psychological moment and thus ended a rupture that had grown and endured because of lack of faith and complete understanding between man and wife.

The opportunity for the introduction of the divorce question in the form of dramatic comedy was the presentation of "The Peacemaker" by the Colonial Players at the Antlers Theatre last night when the first real test of the merit of his splendid little company was given. The expression of opinion regarding the merits of both play and players was that Roseburg has never before been permitted to enjoy such meritorious productions at popular prices.

Frederick Harrington as Douglas Winthrop and Miss Jane Grey as Constance, his wife, were superb. Their interpretations were not only all that could be desired, but aided by the pleasing personality of each, they

readily reached the hearts of their audience and retained them throughout the entire performance.

Miss Marion Adams as Mrs. Ruth Winthrop, mother of Douglas, was charming in the rendition of her role as the sorrowing mother and Miss Mildred Kirby as the frequently married society pet, Mrs. Dick Chetwin, was all that one could require. William Raymond as Buxton Scott, the lawyer "friend of the family" was the personification of fatherly interest in the lives of the Winthrops and in the reconciliation scene in the last act shared the honors with Mr. Harrington and Miss Grey in some of the cleverest comedy and pathos the theatre goers of Roseburg have seen this season.

C. J. McNaughton, as Herbert, a bashful lover, Myrtle McDowell as Edith, his sweetheart, Jack Berry as Dr. Melbank, all sustained their parts with credit to themselves and to the enjoyment of all.

The bill Wednesday was the rollicking farce-comedy, "Up in a Balloon," while for tonight (Thursday) the great New York success, "The Traffic," will be the bill. Special preparations are being made for this production, and a treat will certainly be in store for those in attendance.

The management of the Antlers arranges that during the stay of the Colonial Players the doors will be open at 7 p. m. each evening and preceded by a two-reel picture program the curtain will rise promptly at 8 o'clock, thus giving everyone a chance to get home at a reasonable hour. One performance only will be given each evening.

## MISSOURI GIRL

Formerly Miss Cockrell, Captures Rome.

## NOW WIFE OF A GREEK DIPLOMAT

Husband Appointed as Minister to Italy—One Time Minister to Washington—King Captivated By Beauty

ROME, Feb. 26.—Demetrio Coromilas, formerly Miss Anna E. Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell of Missouri, has just effected the conquest of Rome. She has done it, too, in very much the same way that Caesar put over one of his victories. She came; she saw; she conquered. She didn't have any edge, either, over Caesar as regards difficulties and opposition.

The announcement from Athens of the appointment as Grecian minister of Senior Coromilas, former minister to Washington and later minister of foreign affairs in the Greek cabinet, aroused a storm of protest at Rome.

King Constantine made the appointment, it is declared, merely because Signora Coromilas asked him to, and she is declared, merely because she wanted a look in on Roman society.

Between this allegation and the fact that it was under the administration of Signor Coromilas that relations between Italy and Greece became much strained, Rome prepared to give a cold shoulder to Signora

A number of Roman papers suggested that if the American wife the Greek minister had merely wanted to come to Rome because she had the idea that Rome was same of a climatic resort, she would likely find herself mistaken. They intimated that she would encounter a rather frosty atmosphere here.

Signora Coromilas, however, has now been here just a month and Rome is at her feet. At a recent dinner given by King Victor Emanuel in honor of the Greek premier, Signora Coromilas had a post of honor close to his majesty and carried off honors of being one of the most beautiful and brilliant women present.

Any frostiness that might have still lurked in the bosoms of some had to thaw out by force after the attention paid to Signora Coromilas by the king and her conquest of the court and diplomatic circles is now conceded to be complete.

## PROMINENT MAN

Retires From Experiment Station of Agricultural College.

## AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR

Dr. James Withycombe Retires After Service of Sixteen Years—Is One of the Best Known Men in Oregon—Seeks Office

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 27.—(Special)—After sixteen years of continual service Dr. James Withycombe has resigned his position as director of the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station. The resignation is to take effect as soon as acted upon by the board of regents. His reason for resigning is his wish to devote his time to promoting his campaign for nomination on the republican ticket as governor of Oregon.

This step has been contemplated for some time and all of Dr. Withycombe's station work is in fine shape to be closed up at any time. In withdrawing from this field of agricultural activity Dr. Withycombe says:

"I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the loyal support given to my work by yourself, the college faculties and the Experiment Station staff. I bespeak for the Experiment Station this continuous support, and trust that the college will continue its phenomenal development and meet every requirement in its field of educational endeavor to prepare young men and women for the higher duties of citizenship in the great commonwealth of Oregon."

During his service the college has grown from an enrollment of 338 to 1568. The faculty and experiment staff has increased from 12 to 211. The Oregon station has now 37 specialists at the Corvallis station and 20 in the branch stations at Astoria, Burns, Hermiston, Hood River, Moro, Union and Grant.

The value of agricultural crops in the state have grown from \$39,083,329 to \$74,099,828 during his term of service as director of experimental agriculture. The most notable gains

## She Wins the Vote on Her Golden Wedding Anniversary



It was a great day for Chicago suffragists, young and old, when they went to the polls 150,000 strong and registered as voters. Many ardent workers wiped tears of joy from their cheeks when they registered their names; others took the matter in more joyous mood. But there was no more interesting sight than when Mr. and Mrs. D. E. R. Abbott of 842 Crescent place, Chicago, swore to the facts of their registration, as pictured here. The day happened to be their golden wedding anniversary. Their registration was a prelude to the celebration which followed at their home. Mr. Abbott is seventy-seven years old and Mrs. Abbott seventy years. The business of the polling place was suspended to congratulate the couple.

## DONATES QUARTERS

J. W. Perkins today informed the members of the library commission that he would donate two rooms for public library purposes. These rooms will be heated and lighted by Mr. Perkins gratis. With this assistance assured the members of the commission confident that they will be able to establish a library in city at an early date.

are in dairying, poultry and clover products. In his superb faith in Oregon's fitness for these he travelled into every section and almost every community in the state to teach the people the great advantage of these industries. His influence in the phenomenal development of diversified farming in Oregon is the greatest single factor in bringing it about. Diversified farming, increased production, farm business management, cooperative effort, enrichment of rural life, spiritualizing the industries, and stay on the farm are phases which will always be associated with the name of Dr. Withycombe.

## NEW BIDS FOR STAR ROUTES

Government Re-advertises For New Bids to Be Submitted For Three Star Routes

Postmaster F. L. Reizenstein today posted in the post-office notices asking for bids for carrying the mail on the three star routes out of Roseburg to Peel, Melrose and Cleveland and to Marshfield. The notice asks that bids be submitted for the period from July 1, 1914 to June 30, 1918, covering four years. This would indicate that the government does not contemplate its line from Eugene to Coos Bay within that time. Coles Valley and Millwood will be supplied hereafter from the Oakland office.

Sam Sandry, district game and fish warden, left last evening for his home at Rogue River. He was accompanied as far as Riddle by F. B. Harrington, also connected with the game and fish department.

## VICIOUS JURIST

Sensational Charges Entered Against Justice Wright.

## DISGRACED JUDICIARY OF THE NATION

Alleged Misconduct in Professional and Private Life is Charged—New York Gun Men April 13

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Sensational charges of professional and private misconduct were today filed against Justice Daniel Thew Wright, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, by Wade Cooper, a financier. Justice Wright is the man who sentenced Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, labor leaders, to prison for contempt of court. Cooper alleges in his complaint that Justice Wright has disgraced the judiciary of the nation by his conduct. The charges include financial and moral wrongs, and allegations that certain special interests have been favored by judicial decisions.

## Four Gunmen Will Die

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Warrants for electrocuting the four gunmen convicted for the slaying of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, were today signed by the members of the court of appeals. The men will die at Sing Sing on April 13. The warrants were forwarded to Warden Clancy.

## Haitien Rebellion Progressing

CAPE HAITIEN, Feb. 26.—News is momentarily expected of the fighting between government forces under General Zamor, and rebel troops under Gen. Theodoro, the latter being entrenched at Liberte. The rebels have recently suffered disastrous defeats, but their present position is strong, and will put up a hard fight. The government is determined to make a clean job and exterminate the entire force.

## TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Interesting Items Taken From United Press Wire

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Salt shippers were heard today in the Interstate Commerce Commission investigation of eastern railroads requests for increases in freight rates.

## To Utilize Vacant Lots

TOPPENISH, Wash., Feb. 26.—Every vacant lot in Toppenish will be a garden this spring and summer, yielding vegetables and flowers in profusion under the careful cultivation of students in the city boards schools, according to plans announced today by Superintendent E. T. Robinson. The school authorities will have the ground plowed and the boys and girls will plant and care for the growing crops with experts to advise them. Prizes are to be given for the best results from a lot of a given size.

## Student Co-operative Store is a Success

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—A co-operative store, established at Reed college eight months ago where books, athletic supplies, general stationery and college novelties are sold as nearly at cost as the running expense of the concern will permit, is proving such an unqualified success that plans are being made today for the widening of its scope. The store was started with a capital of \$100 and now shows a net gain of more than \$550, besides having a stock valued at \$750. No student is refused credit and on an average of 100 charge accounts are carried at all times. The manager of the store stated that not one cent had been lost through the dishonesty of its patrons.

## Cleveland Women Are Becoming Bald

CLEVELAND, Feb. 26.—Cleveland's fair sex today are in a state of genuine alarm not to say panic, rightly so according to expert hair dressers. They are due to become bald within five years and all because of chemicals used in city water. Startlingly already are declared to be noticeable since the use of the chemical, which water experts declare is imperative to the purity of the city water supply. Gray haired matrons are becoming blond; women with brown hair find it turning to auburn, while

auburn haired women find their tresses becoming flaxen. The whole change is the preliminary stage of baldness, expert hairdressers declare. "I find no other excuse for the alarming condition and the noticeable change in color, but the water," declared Mme. Schaefer, foremost of Cleveland's hair experts. A score of other experts confirmed.

## Houston Canal Ready March 15

HOSTON, Tex., Feb. 25.—The Houston ship canal will be completed and ready for service March 15, Chas. Groty, government engineer in charge of the work announced today. This will be two years ahead of the time allowed. The canal will have a depth of 25 feet from the turning basin clear to the gulf. During December the dredges removed 2,000,000 yards of material. The heavy work already is completed, the barges being devoted to clearing up odds and ends and making that work perfect. The channel will give Houston all the facilities of a sea port.

## Movies Used to Teach Boys

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Feb. 26.—The moving picture machine used for the past two years at the Minnesota Training school for Boys has proven extremely beneficial and has more than paid for itself in the good results obtained, according to J. T. Fulton, acting superintendent of the State Training School for Boys, here today. The state board has sanctioned use of moving pictures at the institution as a permanent course of instruction and educational amusement. Pictures are chosen for their educational value.

## TRAIN ROBBED

Masked Highwayman Makes Good Haul—Escapes.

## UNEMPLOYED ASK FOR SHELTER TENTS

One Day's Rations and Supply of Blankets Included in Request Filed With San Francisco Supervisors

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—A lone masked robber held up the express car on the S. P. train between Burlingame and San Francisco, last night, and secured a considerable sum from the safe. The express company has issued no statement concerning the robbery. It is believed that the highwayman had probably heard of the shipment of cash and chose his time accordingly to rob the car. All trace of the bandit has been lost sight of.

## Unemployed Give Ultimatum

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Blankets, a days' rations, shelter tents for 3500 men, are demanded of the board of supervisors by General Kelley, leader of the unemployed army. "If it demand is granted," he said, "we will leave Monday at the latest. Otherwise we will stay, perhaps all summer."

## French Warship Coming

PARIS, Feb. 25.—A second French war ship will be sent to Mexican waters soon. This was heard here today from authoritative sources. The foreign office stated that a guard would not at present be placed in the French legation at Mexico City.

## Attempted to Burn Negro

LELAND, Miss., Feb. 25.—Falling in an attempt to burn him, a mob today shot Sam Patty, a negro, accused of murder. The victim was tied to an iron post and when the flames from a fire kindled under the man burned the things that held him. Patty tried to run when he was shot to death. He was charged with killing Deputy Sheriff Love.

## Becker Granted Retrial

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—There is strong belief that Police Lieutenant Becker, granted a retrial on the charge of murdering Herman Rosenthal, will not be retried. The attorneys for Becker are confident that the action of the circuit court of appeals criticizing the action of Judge Goff, and attacking the evidence of Sam Scheppe, indicated certain certain success for Becker.

James Laird, of Lairds, is spending a couple of days in Roseburg looking after business matters.