

THE EVENING NEWS

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THE WEATHER
Tonight and Saturday, Fair;
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Lowest temp. last night...58

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PRISONER TRIES TO BREAK JAIL

Alleged Auto Thief Smashes Lock With Iron Slat Pried From Bedstead

THREATENS THE OFFICER

Officer Hodges Who Arrives in Time to Prevent Escape Is Threatened With Assault By the Young Man Being Held Custody.

PRISONER BADLY WANTED.

That the man captured here by Chief of Police Shambrook is badly wanted in California was proven late this afternoon by a telegram received from the chief of police at Los Angeles, George K. Home. The man answers the description given in every detail and the local officers are no longer in doubt as to the reason for the desperate attempt to escape made by Carter last night. His companion Butler, has not been located, but a Chevrolet car was stolen in Glendale last night and it is thought that he is probably the one who has taken it. The telegram received today from the chief of police at Los Angeles is as follows: Chief of Police, Roseburg, Oregon: Am showing your telegram of yesterday to K. M. Turner, 604 Hellman Bldg., Los Angeles. The Cadillac car was stolen from Turner here July 31 by four persons, all of whom are under arrest here except Willis Carter, who is 29 years old, about six feet in height, weighs about 165 pounds; has grey eyes, light brown hair and fair complexion. Is of Swiss descent. Left finger has been broken. Has mole at exterior of left eye; mole near corner of mouth and mole near point of chin. Has recent gunshot wound passing through the upper part of one breast, probably right. I have two grand larceny warrants and want him badly. I think he is the man known to you as Richard Willis. Hold the Cadillac auto, also hold E. T. Butcher and inform me fully as to his description and connection with the case. Geo. K. Home, Chief of Police.

ADDMITS HIS GUILT.

Carter when given a severe cross examination this afternoon admitted that he stole the Cadillac car in California. He says that he was a party to the big silk factory robbery there and that the silk shirts found in the car here were taken at that time. He was shot in the leg shortly after the factory robbery and has thrilling tales to tell of his escape. He says that he dug the bullet out of his leg with a jack-knife after he had leaped from an auto speeding at 55 miles an hour. He came through with complete details of his life and told the local officers about all the crimes he had been connected with. He is wanted in the south on five counts of grand larceny.

In his confession to the officers he stated that he would go to any lengths to make his escape. At all times, he said, he was looking for an opportunity to make his get-away and would have done so had an opportunity presented itself. He has a bad reputation in California and in speaking of Officer Shambrook said: "If you wired to the officers in California that you had picked up the street with a gun without a gun in your hand, they would wire back that you were either a d--- in fool or a brave man."

"I had a gun in my hand and my finger on the trigger," replied the policeman, "and any move on your part would have been fatal." The bullet which was extracted by Carter after being shot in the leg by the California officer was found on the front seat of the auto which is now at the city hall.

J. E. Lindsay alias Hal Miller, alias Willie Carter, picked up late yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Shambrook, charged with having stolen the Cadillac Sedan taken by the officers Wednesday evening, and also charged with having burglarized the Medford Service Station, last night made a daring attempt to escape from the city jail and but for the timely appearance of Night Watchman J. G. Hodges, would probably have been successful in his plan.

The young man, whose real name is believed to be Carter, was confined in one of the inner cells of the city jail last night and about three o'clock this morning succeeded in prying off one of the iron slats of the bedstead. With this improvised as a tool to wrench off the small lock used to secure the cage and was in the act of slipping into the main cell when officer Hodges appeared. The fellow threatened him with the bar but as the watchman cannot be bluff, the alleged auto thief was quickly disarmed and put back in a more secure place. Today he was transferred to the county jail, where he will be more secure.

OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH GROSS FRAUDS

Spruce Production Scandal Involves Department Heads In Grant on Public.

SUGGESTS PUNISHMENT

Democratic Senator Attempts Show That Ryan Is Innocent of Conspiracy—Millions Squandered It Is Alleged.

(The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Senator Thomas, democrat, of Colorado vigorously defended John D. Ryan, former assistant secretary of war, who was in charge of the air craft production, from the alleged "frauds" in the report made last night to Secretary Baker by two republican members of the congressional sub-committee now in Portland investigating the spruce production scandal. Investigations of the committee at Seattle brought to light instances of glaring incompetency of war department officials and charges that were declared should bring punishment to offenders. In the investigation which is being continued at Portland, Oregon, this week, reports sent to the department state that approximately five million dollars of government funds were recklessly squandered in the construction of 33 miles of railroad, alleged to be for spruce production but which was converted to uses of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, in which company Ryan is a director. While the committee has not found a waste of aircraft funds, Thomas said that the inroads against Ryan were unjust and unreasonable. The senator read a letter from Col. Disque, who had charge of the northwestern division, denying that Ryan had connection with the construction of the government road.

SOME DIFFERENCE.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Frank Pedgley, former superintendent of aircraft for the Canadian government, today told the congressional sub-committee investigating the Oregon-Washington spruce production scandal, that by depending on its logging and mill industry for airplane spruce production, Canada produced twenty-six and a half million feet of airplane lumber between April and November of last year. Besides, the lumber was gotten out much cheaper than similar lumber cost the United States under management of the spruce production division of the war department. No soldiers were employed in Canada and only six miles of railroad were built.

WANTS TO TESTIFY.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Brigadier General Disque quite unexpectedly arrived here today and is reported to be preparing a formal statement to testify before the congressional investigating committee which is probing the spruce production scandal.

NEW IDEA CLUB HONORS MRS. ASHBY

The New Idea Club, of Eden-bower, met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. L. Calkins in honor of Mrs. Norman Ashby, who has been an active member of the club for several years but who expects soon to leave for England, where she will make her home. The meeting of the club was a happy event, as it was the first occasion of the sort since finishing their war work more than a year ago. A delicious luncheon was served during the afternoon, and the decorations were a charming blend of colors. Mrs. Ashby was presented with an engraved sterling silver piece, a memento from the club of the high regard for her services. Mrs. F. A. Stewart called the afternoon business session to order, and in the election of officers, Mrs. Ashby was elected president, and Mrs. Howard Calkins secretary-treasurer. Those present at the meeting were Mesdames S. Cooley, R. H. Williams, F. A. Stewart, Howard Calkins, F. Fisher, J. Porter, C. Calkins, S. Clemens, G. B. Lallier, S. Curtis, N. Ashby, W. Forest, and the hostess.

HAS ENGINE TROUBLE.

Lieutenant Goldsborough landed at Hanau field this morning in a De Havilland plane from Eugene. He was enroute to Medford on the forest patrol beat and on account of engine trouble was forced to land here. The engine was fixed and he continued his journey this afternoon. According to the Lieutenant the De Havilland plane are being used very successfully in the patrol work.

KNOWS IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Lieutenant Frederick Waterhouse, one of the United States army aviators, who were reported late yesterday afternoon to have been located in the Sierra Mountains in Lower California, after being absent for a week, visited with his cousin, Mrs. R. Lacey, in Portland, last May. His home is at Weiser, Idaho. The young aviator is well known here. Lieutenant Conroy was with him when located in the Sierra mountains.

INDICATIONS OF OIL IN COLES VALLEY

Prospect Found on The Loyal Emery Ranch When Well Is Being Bored.

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Experienced Oil Man Here on Vacation Will Endeavor to Interest Company in Venture in Douglas County.

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The well was bored for the purpose of furnishing water for a prairie ranch, and a depth of 128 feet was reached, a big stream of flowing water being struck at that distance. Mr. Emery was satisfied and so ordered the drill removed from the hole and arranged to make it ready for the installation of a pump. The shaft was left until morning and yesterday when he went to make his inspection, he found a hundred feet of water in the well and on the surface a substance closely resembling oil.

SHOULD PRESERVE HIGHWAY TIMBER

Director of National Parks Urges Retaining Beauty Of Thoroughfares.

FAVORS ADDING LAKE

Believes That Rim Road Around Crater Lake Should Be Extended to Include Diamond Lake As An Added Attraction.

"Preservation of timber along the highways of the western states is strongly advocated by Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service who was in Roseburg yesterday afternoon on his way south. Mr. Mather has recently made a motor trip through the redwood forests of Humboldt and Del Norte counties in Northern California and declares that to cut away the great trees that border the road between Eureka and Grants Pass is a crime. He found a number of big lumber companies operating in the redwoods and in some instances the trees have been cut away from the edge of the road, making it bare and uninteresting. He finds the same conditions along the Central Oregon highway in the vicinity of Bend, where in Northern California and the improvement of the highway between that section and Grants Pass Oregon, the loop by way of Sacramento valley thence to Grants Pass and back south through these great forests or vice versa will be one of the most interesting motor trips that can be taken anywhere in the country," said Mr. Mather. "The preservation of timber along the highways means much to the Pacific Coast states. It will make the highways more attractive, thereby drawing more tourists to the national parks and other scenic places. The California highway commission has already taken action to preserve a strip of forests along the highway in that state that pass through the mountains, and in many cases the commission will probably have to buy the timber in order to prevent its destruction."

ADD DIAMOND LAKE TO PARK.

Mr. Mather said he is much interested in the project to add Diamond Lake to Crater Lake national forest. He declares that it is easy of access, being only 10 miles from Crater Lake, and he is urging the extension of the recently completed rim road around Crater Lake to Diamond Lake where there are excellent camping facilities and where fish abound in great numbers.

Mr. Mather said that the road around the rim of Crater Lake has been open to motor traffic since August 2 and hundreds and perhaps thousands of cars have made the circle since then. A better view of Mt. Thielsen, a rocky point that looms up across the lake from the lodge and the camping grounds can be had from different places in the new road and many other scenic spots are

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CAR IS STOLEN.

The sheriff's office this morning was notified that a Chevrolet auto had been stolen from the Glendale Garage between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning by some unknown party. The car carries an Oregon license number 60757. A close lookout is being kept by the local authorities for the stolen car.

SEN. McNARY WORKING.

That Senator C. L. McNary is working for the best interest of all communities in the cause of change of air base is shown by the following telegram, received today. "Mr. George Neuner Jr., The air service of the War Department at Washington has received the following telegram from Col. Arnold department of air service officer, Western Department: Oregon Forest patrol being reduced from seven J. N. four to five D. H. fours. The five De Havillands will cover forest areas previously covered by the J. N. fours. In addition areas which could not be covered by J. N. fours on account of their slow speed and low ceiling. Bases at Salem and Roseburg abandoned and all operations consolidated at Eugene. Patrols are going north to Portland and south to Medford."

"However, I am submitting your telegram of the twenty-eight to the air service for submission to Colonel Arnold. CHAS. L. McNARY.

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Many Will Camp.

To those who wish to camp, the grounds, wood, water and lights will be free and straw will be furnished or improvised mattresses. All of the tents furnished by the comrades will be set up on the grounds by the committee, if they are shipped here prior to the opening day and this feature will be a convenience worth while for the veterans, who upon their arrival here can walk right into their own tent and "feel at home." It is thought that a great number of the vets will camp and enjoy the outdoor life which will help to revive their memories of the war-time days long ago. Interesting camp-fire meetings will be held each evening and around these the vets can gather and light over again the battles of the war.

Get Railroad Rates.

One and a third fare has been secured on the Southern Pacific line, with the provision that 250 tickets are disposed of. Comrades traveling by rail should obtain receipts from the ticket agent at their station. It is very probable that the required number of tickets will be sold and the special rates can be obtained.

War Time Music.

Who can keep their feet still when a life and drum corps is sounding off? Well, the committee in charge have completed all arrangements for the Roseburg old soldiers drum corps to furnish their stirring martial music for the reunion. M. L. Webb, colonel and commandant and D. R. Andrews, adjutant, of the association, are very enthusiastic over the coming reunion and in conversation today stated that "it's going to be a hum-dinger."

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Let us advise you as to the location of this camp site, the conveniences, size of park, etc., we will be glad to give it publicity in the various motor and trade papers in your United International North-west."

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