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AGED WOMAN LIVES LIFE WHEN OAKLAND HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE TODAY

Augusta Delilah Moot Aged 73 Years Burned to Death When House Caught Fire This Morning—Lamp Explosion Is Believed Cause of Fire

ATTEMPTS RESCUE.
Marshal R. C. Powell attempted to rescue Mrs. Moot and broke in the door. He made his way through the smoke and sparks and upon reaching the aged lady's bedroom found a mass of coals. It is believed the woman upset the lamp and was unable to check the fire.

Augusta Delilah Moot, aged 73, was burned to death at her home in Oakland when her residence was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was caused either by the explosion of a lamp in the aged woman's room or an overheated iron which she had taken to bed with her. She was alone in the house and her body was practically all burned with exception of a small portion of trunk.

Mrs. Moot was brought back to home in Oakland about five days ago, after having spent several years in the asylum for the insane at Salem. She was cared for by friends and as she was harmless and delusions and actions it was felt necessary to continue her residence in the asylum.

The fire was discovered at about 10 o'clock this morning by the night watchman, who immediately gave alarm. At the time the fire was over the interior was a mass of flames and the heat was so intense it was impossible to enter the building or approach close enough to the flames. Volunteers immediately set about saving the adjoining buildings and worked diligently several hours, while the residence in which Mrs. Moot had been alone was burned to the ground. It was not established for certain fact that she had been in the flames until the walls of the room had collapsed and then her body was discovered on the floor where she had been lying. The body was allowed to burn itself out. Coroner Ritter was forced to ask assistance in cooling off the fire with water in order to reach bed where the remains lay.

The woman was evidently suffocated by the smoke and heat in the room and probably never gained consciousness.

James Dearing, who resides in the home adjoining, was one of the first to arrive. He assisted in saving her release from the asylum during the past few months. For several weeks he employed a man to care for Mrs. Moot, but latter objected so strongly to the presence of another party that it became necessary to accede to her wishes and allow her to continue her residence alone.

Mr. Dearing had been in the habit of going to her home every morning to see if there was anything he could do for her, and was usually

pleased with the excellent conditions existing at the home, especially when the equipment with which these officers are required to work with is taken into consideration.

The members of this sub-committee will carry the report of their investigation to a joint meeting of the ways and means committee of the senate and the house and at that time will place their recommendations before the committees to be placed before the legislature in the form of a budget contained in the appropriation bill.

They will advise the committee in regard to the needs of the institution and recommend whether or not the full amount of the budget should be allowed together with the proposed improvements, or whether a cut should be made. It is very probable, however that the inspection will result in the allowing of the full amount of the budget.

In commenting on the Soldier Bonus Bill, which was introduced in the house yesterday, Senator Eberhard stated that practically no opposition would be met, and that the bill would undoubtedly pass both of the houses with a big majority.

Legislators in Roseburg Today Make Inspection of Old Soldiers Home

A sub-committee of the ways and means committee of the state legislature visited Roseburg today to conduct an investigation of the Soldiers Home in order to prepare the budget for that institution for the coming year. The committee is composed of Senators John B. Bell of Lane county, Senator Eberhard of Unadilla county and Representative T. B. Kay of Marion county. The members of the committee stated that they can make any definite announcement at this time regarding the recommendations for the institution but was stated that the home will undoubtedly receive the majority of the improvements recommended. Several hours were spent by the legislators this morning in thoroughly investigating the condition of the home and learning the needs. Sufficient fire escapes and a central heating system, both of which are badly needed, were practically assured by the members of the committee following their inspection, but beyond this, they did not desire to commit themselves.

Court Martial For Jap Sentry

(By United Press).
TOKIO, Jan. 29.—The Japanese sentry who shot and killed Lieutenant Langdon at Vladivostok three weeks ago has been adjudged guilty in the preliminary report filed with the court martial an chief, according to a Vladivostok dispatch.

Detroit Bank Is Robbed of \$14,000

(By United Press).
DETROIT, Jan. 29.—Four bandits robbed a branch of the American State bank here of \$14,000 and escaped in an automobile. They locked two employees of the bank in a rear room and knocked a third unconscious. The bandits took the money from a vault which had just been opened for the day's business.

Five Killed in Engine Explosion

(By United Press).
WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 29.—Five were killed in an explosion of an engine at Board Tree, 50 miles from here.

Why Not Let 'Em Alone, Uncle Sam

(By United Press).
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The state department requested General Allen, commanding the American forces on the Rhine, for a report on the alleged attempt to capture Grover Cleveland Bergdoll in Germany, and reported the imprisonment of the Americans who were said to have made the attempt.

Supreme Council Endorses Plans

(By Associated Press).
PARIS, Jan. 29.—The allied supreme council today approved the German reparations plan drafted by a special committee last night. It provides for the payment by Germany of 236 billion gold marks in forty-two annual installments on a rising scale, beginning with two billion marks the first year, and also the payment of a 12 per cent tax on German exports. The council virtually approved the plan for the disarmament of Germany. The civil guards must be disbanded by July 1 next.

Wage Reductions are Made Today

(By Associated Press).
HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 29.—A wage scale board for lumber mills in this district reduced common labor from \$4 to \$3.60 per day. The lumber workers, however, won a virtual victory when the scale board abrogated a reduction of one-third in the wages of all workmen and substituted a 16 per cent cut.

Senator Johnson Issues Statement

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Senator Johnson, of California, issued a statement today criticizing the reported agreement between Ambassador Shidehara and Ambassador Morris regarding the status of Japanese in America. "When stripped of its diplomatic camouflage," Johnson said that reliable information he had was that the agreement provided for a repeal of California's anti-alien land law. A new "gentlemen's agreement" for the exclusion of the Japanese "which does not exclude" was also proposed, Johnson declared.

Suspects Killed in Auto Accident

(By United Press).
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Miss Lita Westmore, aged 28 years, and Charles Beverly, aged 30 years, who have been shadowed for several days by detectives investigating the mysterious abduction of Mrs. Gladys Witherell from her Hollywood bungalow, were killed early today in an auto accident. Miss Westmore was a stenographer for O. S. Witherell, husband of the victim of the mysterious kidnapping. The automobile in which they were riding was struck and almost totally demolished by a street car. The girl, whom Beverly had said was his sweetheart, was killed outright. Two others in the auto were injured, one perhaps fatally.

Miss Marie Gilkerson is in the city today from Wilbur and will spend the week end with her parents here.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING TODAY

Officers Elected and Other Business of Important Nature Transacted.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

All Parts of Douglas County Represented—Open Session at City Hall This Afternoon—Addresses Are Given.

A meeting of the Douglas County Pomona Grange was held in the city hall of Roseburg today, and all parts of the county were represented. The election of officers was held and the following were elected: Master, F. A. Goff, Melrose Grange; Overseer, Geo. Burt, Evergreen Grange; Lecturer, Mrs. George Winston, Evergreen Grange; Steward, William Jackson, Looking Glass; Assistant Steward, A. C. Armstrong; Treasurer, John Alexander, Glidde; Chaplain, Mrs. F. A. Goff, Melrose; Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Bailey, South Deer Creek; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. John Alexander, Glidde; Gate-keeper, J. T. Redford, Drain; the executive committee will consist of C. E. Banning, South Deer Creek; H. P. Conn, Melrose, and C. H. Bailey, South Deer Creek.

A number of resolutions were passed by the meeting this morning and a vote of thanks was extended to the mayor and city council for the use of the council chambers for the Grange meeting.

The following resolutions were passed:

Want Cruise Finished.
Whereas, taxes in the state of Oregon are beginning to be a burden, especially to the tillers of the soil, the only class that can not pass the tax burden on to the ultimate consumer; and,

Whereas, there is a widespread opinion among the people of Oregon that the standing timber of the state does not pay its equitable share of the administration of the laws, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Douglas County Pomona Grange, in regular session, hereby indorses house bill No. 42, compelling timber owners to furnish to the assessor of the county in which such timber may be located a copy of a timber cruiser's estimate of such standing timber, and that the secretary of the Douglas County Pomona Grange is hereby instructed to mail a copy of this resolution to each member of the legislature representing Douglas county, and also to the chairman of the Oregon State Grange legislative committee.

The bill recently introduced in the Oregon legislature compelling manufacturers of woolen cloth to label such cloth as to the amount of virgin wool, silk manufacturers to label their goods as to the amount of pure silk, etc., was also favored.

Appropriations Asked.

Whereas, Douglas county is one of the principal agricultural counties of the state of Oregon, and

Whereas, a citizen of the county of Douglas has been honored with the position of president of the Oregon State Fair board, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the Douglas County Pomona Grange, in regular session, hereby urge the Douglas county court to make such appropriation as is necessary to permit Douglas county to have at the next state fair an adequate display of Douglas county products.

Endorse Farm Bureaus.

Whereas, the Farm Bureau work co-ordinates with the Grange work; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Douglas County Pomona Grange endorses the work of the county, state and national Farm Bureaus.

An open meeting was held this afternoon and Hon. A. C. Marsters addressed the Grangers. Several other speeches were scheduled, and the business session closed this morning.

Allies are Now in Full Accord

(By United Press).
PARIS, Jan. 29.—The allies are fully in accord regarding German reparations," Premier Briand told the correspondent. "We are closer to an agreement than ever before and there was absolute cordiality throughout today's conference."

Lotisso Probably Be Tried Again

(By Associated Press).
PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—The retrial of Thomas Lotisso on the charge of slaying his 19-year-old English wife, is expected following the disagreement of the jury late yesterday.

Lord Mayor Ordered to Leave U. S.

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, has been ordered by Secretary of Labor Wilson to leave the United States by February 11. He is now in this country as a seaman and is waiting an opportunity to reship.

Prepare Bill Without Hearing

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The house agricultural committee voted to proceed with the preparation of a report on the senate meat industry regulation bill without hearings. The motion to hold hearings for five days was defeated.

Pneumonia Causes Death of Baby

Phyllis Jennings the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Jennings of South Mill street died early this morning after a short illness. The child contracted pneumonia several days ago, and her condition became steadily worse until this morning when death ended her suffering. She was born in Roseburg and had endeared herself to all those who knew her and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the grief stricken parents and the nine year old daughter, Josephine, who survive.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon from the Roseburg Undertaking parlors, Rev. C. H. church officiating. Interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

To Take Position in Local Store

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Coburn arrived today from Tillamook, Oregon, and will make Roseburg their home. Mr. Coburn is to take charge of the sales and merchandising part of Uhl's Electric Store, being an experienced man in the electrical sales and merchandising department, having been connected with the power company at Tillamook for a number of years and later in business for himself in electrical lines.

Mr. Uhl feels very fortunate in having secured Mr. Coburn for this position and feels that he will be a large addition to his business and a great benefit to the public in connection with his business.

Elks Restaurant Opens Tomorrow

The Elks' club restaurant will open tomorrow with a big special dinner at 11 o'clock and continuing all afternoon and evening. After Sunday meals will be served all day long, starting with breakfast in the morning. This new arrangement will undoubtedly be very attractive to the Elks and their families. A big attendance is expected at the opening tomorrow and Chef Robinson promises a meal that will tickle the palate of the most fastidious. The Sunday dinner will start at 11 o'clock, and no time limit is set.

Reedsport Editor Injured in Fall

J. H. Austin, editor of the Port Umpqua Courier, at Reedsport, was quite badly hurt at that place Sunday night. He was on his way to the Winchester hotel to attend a banquet given in honor of the Reedsport teachers, and in crossing the yards was almost caught by the switching engine. In jumping he landed too near the edge of the grade, which is about 15 feet high, and losing his balance fell among rock and was precipitated to the bottom of the grade, where he lay unconscious for some time.

P. W. Beckley Buys Bonaday Farm

One of the largest land deals that has been made for some time was closed today wherein Pitzer Beckley purchased the Bonaday farm, containing 512 acres on Deer Creek, owned by the U. S. Mortgage & Investment company of Portland. This place Mr. Beckley is going to highly improve and will build a fine residence this summer on one of the most beautiful building sites in the county. The farm was at one time devoted to the raising of thoroughbred race horses, and the section where the track and stables were formerly located will be put in a high state of cultivation. This place Mr. Beckley proposes to make an ideal home. The deal was closed through Rice & Rice, local real estate dealers.

SENATOR EDDY REPORTS PROGRESS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO DOUGLAS CO.

Many Measures are Still Before Committees and Will Not Come Up for Open Discussion for Several Days—City Officials to Appear in Salem.

Senator B. L. Eddy arrived in Roseburg last night from Salem, where he has been representing Douglas county in the state senate, and will spend the week end with his family. Mr. Eddy reports that the business of the session is well in hand and that the affairs of the senate are rapidly shaping up. Senator Eddy's bill regarding the validity of contracts between municipalities and public utilities will be up for hearing before the committee on Monday. Several of the city officials will go to Salem Sunday to appear before the committee in the interest of this bill, which provides that any contracts given as franchises to public corporations cannot be set aside by the public service commission, as was done with the contract between the city of Roseburg and the Douglas County Light and Water company. It is expected that officials from other cities will also appear before the committee, while it is believed that the commission will also be represented.

In regard to Mr. Eddy's bill on road district boundaries, he states that this bill was favorably reported by the committee and has been passed by the senate. The bill in its present form gives all municipalities the right to vote on whether or not they are to become separate road districts or are to affiliate with surrounding districts. In this same connection Mr. Eddy has introduced a bill, which has received the approval of the committee on roads and highways, which provides that the county courts must turn over to the road districts, where such districts are bounded by municipality limits, 70 per cent of the money raised within those districts for road purposes.

In regard to the bill providing for remuneration of orchardists and farmers damaged by depredations of protected game animals and fowls, Mr. Eddy states that a hard fight is being waged. Sportsmen are working hard to defeat the bill, while those who have sustained such damage are working equally hard for its passage. Mr. Eddy states that it is possible that a slight relief may be given, but that there is little chance for the bill to pass in its original form. The committee has as yet made no report on this measure, but expects to take final action within a few days, so its framer has been informed.

The Douglas county delegation has succeeded in introducing a bill in the lower house for the appropriation of the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of completing improvements at the salmon hatchery on the North Umpqua river. This money, if appropriated, will be used to build the proposed dam at that place, install feeding ponds and complete the improvements for which plans were drafted several years ago. In the event the bill is passed the capacity

of the hatchery will be increased to handle approximately 5,000,000 salmon fry.

Senator Eddy states that an agreement has been reached regarding the season on salmon. A meeting of the fish commission was held recently and it was decided that it would be safe for all interests on the North Umpqua river to move the spring season five days later. Consequently the new game code will provide that April 15 instead of April 10 will be the closing date of the season, and that May 20 instead of May 15 will be the opening date of the summer season.

Although the lower river fishermen had hoped to obtain a greater extension of the season, they acquiesced in the decision of the fish and game commission and the dates stated will be made law in the new game code unless overruled by the legislature.

The bonus bill, Mr. Eddy states, will pass the legislature with practically no opposition and will be put up to a vote of the people at the next election.

Red Cross Classes Prove Successful

Miss Alice Rlen, American Red Cross instructor who has just returned from a trip to western Douglas county where she spent last week to organize classes in health instruction, says that her work is progressing very rapidly and that classes at Myrtle Creek, Days Creek, Canyonville, Glendale and Riddle will be in full operation next week. Although Miss Rlen has been here but two weeks, she has been very successful in her organizing of these classes, and a great deal of interest and enthusiasm is being evidenced by the people in these communities. The people all seem very glad to have the chance of securing this instruction and have co-operated with Miss Rlen in every possible way. At the meeting held for the purpose of organization at Riddle last week, there were 26 ladies present, at Glendale meetings were held only with the high school pupils, at Canyonville, seven were present, at Days Creek six and at Myrtle Creek there were twenty. Besides these meetings with the women Miss Rlen also spoke in the schools in each town.

The dance held last night at Myrtle Creek was attended by a very large crowd and a fine time was enjoyed by all. Another dance will be held on next Friday night and new music has been secured for the occasion. A big jazz orchestra, the first ever to play in Myrtle Creek, has been secured and a large crowd from every part of the county is expected.

New Club Hits Dan Cupid a Mighty Blow in the Solar Plexus Says Dispatch

(By Associated Press).
MATTOON, Ill., Jan. 29.—Dan Cupid is finding his bows and arrows are thus far quite useless against the hearts of the girls of the West Side Christian church of this city, who have formed a club not to keep company with boys who smoke cigarettes or use tobacco in any form.

The club is continuing to grow, according to Edward McKee, its sponsor, superintendent of the Sunday school of that church, and though a marked decrease in the number of local "matches" is noted, according to Mr. McKee, quite a few boys have quit the bad habit.

Dan Cupid's second and hardest blow—the one which a week ago sent him reeling blindly—came when a number of boy students at the Mattoon high school retaliated by the forming of a club to try and make out of the girls of today. "The kind of girls our mothers were."

"I do solemnly affirm that I will not court a girl who persists in: "Wearing knee length skirts. "Wearing low cut waists below the point where mother wore them when she was a girl."

"Wearing silk stockings. "Using paint or rouge. "Attending dances minus her coat."

"Falling out her eyebrows or wearing her hair in such a style as to hide her ears."

Mr. McKee looks upon the boys' organization as "merely a bluff club to frighten the girls out of their stand against tobacco."

"It would be a good thing though," he added, "if something like that could be done. We need more girls today like our mothers were."

In the meantime both sides are holding firm and "much good is being done," according to McKee.

"This is not a temporary move on the part of the girls," said Mr. McKee. "They are in earnest. "So are we" retorted the boys.