

WEATHER

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HOOD RIVER POSEMAN KILLS KIDNAPPER TO FREE THREE VICTIMS

Luther Fagan, Ex-Convict, Who Yesterday Wounded Man and
Captured Mother and Daughter, Killed by Herman
Pregge, Rancher and Expert Rifleman.

(By Associated Press.)
HOOD RIVER, July 7.—Mrs. T. J. Miller and daughter, Pearl, are recovering from a nervous collapse suffered as a result of being kidnapped by Luther Fagan, ex-convict, who was shot to death by a civilian posseman after taking them and a boy captive in Miller's automobile to a grove near here. Fagan carried them off after shooting and wounding T. J. Miller at the latter's ranch yesterday after Miller refused to divulge the whereabouts of Louise Watkins, the daughter of Mrs. Miller, for the attack upon whom Fagan was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1919.

Herman Pregge, a rancher, shot Fagan, after the convict held the prize at bay for two hours, threatening the captives if an attempt was made to approach him. Fagan was lured to approach the posse to receive \$50 which he was offered if he released the boy. As Fagan was about to take the money Pregge fired, blowing off the top of Fagan's head. Fagan was recently paroled. The shot that killed Fagan was fired about sunset. For two hours Fagan had held the posse at bay. The Miller automobile bearing in addition to Fagan and Miss Miller, the latter's mother and Arthur Anderson, founding from the Portland Boys' and Girls' Aid society home, who had recently been taken by the Miller family to raise, was surrounded.

Threats Made to Kill.
Fagan, with his pistol pressed against the young woman's body, with threats to shoot if officers or citizens of the posse approached too closely, alternately laughed scornfully and cursed bitterly at the officers.

Frequently members of the party tried vainly to draw a bead on the apparently crazed desperado, but the proximity of the man and the woman in the car caused them to withhold fire for fear of injuring or killing the latter.

When Fagan sighted threatening moves of men with guns, he would renew his threats against the young woman. The pleas of officers and citizens apparently only had the effect of increasing his anger at the two women. He declared his intentions of killing them before he would release them. Finally Fagan was offered a purse of \$50 if he would permit the Anderson child to go free. He accepted, and City Marshal William Hart went forward with the money.

Girl Used As Shield.
Fagan left the car, pushing the

Miller girl ahead of him with his left hand while he pressed the pistol against her body with his right. As he reached for the money Mr. Pregge fired, his bullet plowing through the top of Fagan's skull. The death scene was witnessed by about 200 persons, a sprinkling of women having joined the posse.

Mr. Pregge stated tonight that a shot was fired by another member of the posse simultaneously with his own. The bullet from his gun, however, is considered to have killed Fagan. Citizens called on him tonight to congratulate him on his steady hand.

Mrs. Miller and her daughter, who for six hours were in fear of their lives stood the ordeal well. Both suffered nervous collapse immediately following the shooting of Fagan, but soon rallied and became composed. When the shot that killed Fagan rang out, the man, with a convulsive movement as he fell, dragged the girl backward. She screamed, and for a moment it was thought she had been shot. "I hope Mr. Pregge doesn't let his conscience hurt him. 'His act is comparable to that of killing a mad dog.'"

Shot Fired at Distance.
Mr. Pregge was standing nearly 100 feet away from the pair as they approached Marshal Hart with the money. Fagan, with the girl in front of him, was facing the marksman. Only about six inches of the ex-convict's head was showing above the girl, but the bullet sped true. Fagan's body was brought to a local undertaker's parlor tonight. But little is known of the man's family. His mother, who lives near Los Angeles, Calif., is said to survive.

Vote on Tariff Bill July 21st

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—With the house beginning the consideration of the general tariff bill today, the republican majority fixed July 21 for the final vote on the measure. The general discussion will end July 14, the debate thereafter being under five minute limitation. The democratic members of the ways and means committee in a minority report filed in the house today denounced the administration tariff bill as a "conspiracy to benefit a few favorites at the expense of all humanity."

Cornerstone of New Church Building to be Laid Sunday Afternoon

Sunday afternoon will be a time of special interest at the M. E. church, South. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the cornerstone of the new house of worship at the corner of South Main and East Lane streets will be placed. This is one of the most significant and impressive services of the church.

In the stone will be placed the books, papers and other documents connected with Methodism, a Bible and also a manuscript containing events of local history. Ministers of the local and neighboring churches will participate in the service.

Rev. W. J. Fenton of Corvallis will be present and will speak and Dr. Louis Albert Banks will give the principal address in connection with the speakers.

The church extends an invitation to all the people of Roseburg and particularly the friends of the denomination and members of other churches. The stone is now being prepared by Contractor L. W. Metzger and W. E. Marsters.

The new church building is rapidly

ly nearing completion, the main part of the cement work having been completed. It is going to be a very attractive structure and the plans call for a building of strictly modern type well adapted to the usage to which it is to be put.

The contract has been taken by L. W. Metzger who has had a large force of men at work, completing the structure as rapidly as possible. The interior will be completed quite rapidly and it is hoped to have the church building ready for use in a few more weeks.

Disarmament to Depend on Alliance

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—Authoritative reports state that the disarmament plans depend upon the Anglo-Japanese alliance. Should the two nations renew the pact in its present form it will be impossible for the United States to take the lead in calling a conference of Great Britain, Japan and the United States. The alliance may already prove a stumbling block to this country's disarmament plans. The United States could not participate if such plans were even started by another nation, as the Anglo-Japanese alliance is essentially a military pact which provides the participation of the other contracting party should either Great Britain or Japan become embroiled in a war with a third power.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

PORTLAND, July 7.—Cattle steady, hogs fifty cents higher, prime light \$9.25 and \$9.75; sheep steady, eggs firm, butter firm, extra cubes 32 cents and 33 cents.

MONEY FOR RAILROADS.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced that the railroad would receive approximately \$500,000,000 additional advances from the government within six months. The government will receive six per cent security from the railroads receiving the advances.

NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE.

LONDON, July 7.—General Jans Smuts will not attend the Dublin meeting Friday between De Valera and the Unionists. Smuts went to Dublin Tuesday on the invitation of De Valera. Lloyd George told the house of commons. Asked whether he saw the general before the latter went to Ireland, the premier replied that he was seeing Smuts constantly.

NAVAL BLIMP EXPLODES.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The naval blimp C-3, exploded at Hampton Roads naval air station today, burning and injuring four persons aboard.

ATTORNEYS HAVE FIGHT.

PORTLAND, July 7.—Attorneys Thomas Mannix and Arthur Murphy came to blows during the trial of the Ellers case today.

Fate of Irish Peace In Balance

By ED L. KEEN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
LONDON, July 7.—The fate of Irish peace depends upon the result of tomorrow's conference between Eamon de Valera and the Unionist representatives. Premier Jans Smuts is expected to attend the meeting and make known the results of yesterday's conference with members of the British government, following a flying trip to Dublin. Should De Valera and the Unionists approve of Smuts' proposals, a London conference between the British government and the two Irish factions will be held immediately, with Smuts umpiring. Cessation of Irish raids, eliminating the necessity of declaring an official truce is anticipated. The British government is reorganizing home rule on two grounds, that Ireland remain a part of the empire, and no coercion of Ulster.

WAREHOUSE CLERK INJURED.

What might have been a very serious injury occurred this morning when I. M. Center, a warehouse clerk fell eight feet from a box car, striking his back on a rail of the track. The workman was climbing to the top of the car to ascertain if it was empty, when one of the handholds gave way, letting him fall. It is the doctor's opinion that if he had struck the rail higher on his back it would have broken his spine. As it is, however, the injury is badly swollen and very painful.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Carr, of Carr's Variety Store, leave tomorrow morning for Newport where they will spend a couple of weeks enjoying a vacation. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Carr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, of Seattle, who are spending the summer with their daughter.

Peroxide Blondes Get "Bawled Out"

(By United Press.)
HARTFORD, Conn., July 7.—President Daniels of the Aetna Life Insurance company, declares that "extemporaneous blondes and bobbed hair girls" have no place in American business.

The company recently issued a mandate that no peroxide blondes would be employed, charging their light-headedness and inefficiency. The girls were urged to drop artificiality and return to "normalcy." The natural Swedish blonde was declared all right, industrious, faithful and studious. Peroxide using brunettes are under ban, according to Daniels. Ninety per cent of the blondes and all bobbed hair girls are useless in business, he says. According to him the ideal business woman has two or three years of college education, does not powder her nose, watch the clock, rouge or smoke cigarettes. He says girls should dress neatly and attractively. Long-haired brunettes are the best in his judgment.

DURLAND DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Jury Finds no Evidence to
Support Theory of
Suicide.

GUN WAS DEFECTIVE

Jammed Extractor and Careless
Handling of Small Calibre Rifle
Cause of Death of Promi-
nent Man, Jury Finds.

A verdict of accidental death was returned this morning by the coroner's jury investigating the death of Samuel Durland, who was found dead Tuesday evening at his ranch home near Brookway. From all evidence introduced it was apparent that Mr. Durland had started to clean the .22 rifle and that he endeavored to remove a cartridge which was in the chamber. The extractor was stuck and he carelessly placed the butt of the gun on the floor, leaned over the rifle and endeavored to work the pump. The cartridge exploded and the bullet penetrated his forehead.

This conclusion was reached chiefly from the position of the body and the gun and the decided lack of any motive which would lead to suicide.

According to the statement made to the jury by the coroner, the body lay in the chair and was prevented from falling by a bed which stood about side. The butt of the gun lay by the right heel with the barrel angling outward to the left. Beside the chair was a ram rod and a small strip of cloth, showing that the gun had not been cleaned but that it was the intention of the owner to clean it. When the coroner endeavored to extract the exploded cartridge he was unable to do so and it was several minutes before the jammed mechanism could be operated, considerable force being required to open the breech.

From these facts the jury reached the conclusion that the deceased had endeavored to extract the cartridge prior to cleaning the rifle and that he assumed the careless position while endeavoring to apply sufficient pressure to the pump to operate the extractor. It was stated that he was not overly familiar with the use of firearms although he had handled rifles and revolvers considerably during his life.

The inquest was held this morning at 10 o'clock at the undertaking of O. H. Fickens, Charles McElhinny, P. H. Churchill, M. L. Webb, Robert Kill and Lester Bell.

Mrs. Durland, widow of the dead man, was the first witness called. In spite of the great shock which has almost prostrated her with grief, Mrs. Durland was a good witness. She told of their trip on July 4, and of the incidents leading up to the finding of the body. She stated that there had been no financial worry, that there had been no trouble of any kind in the family, and nothing which would in any way lead her husband to suicide.

She was followed by S. C. Durland, a son, who testified regarding the purchase of the ranch in which he is interested and who stated that his father could not have been worried over financial matters. The son resided at Cecil, Oregon, where he was employed with the Oregon-Hassam company and corresponded regularly with his father. The tone of the father's letters was always cheerful, he stated.

The only evidence which in any way hinted of suicide, was given by W. S. Johnson and son, Clarence.

Mr. Johnson stated that on the morning of July 4, Durland came to the Johnson home near Brookway and asked to see Clarence, who was the nearest neighbor to the Roseburg man. Clarence was not out of bed, and while Durland waited Mr. Johnson said he was nervous. When

"Phantom Ship" Is Being Sought

(By United Press.)
BALTIMORE, July 7.—Baltimore shippers are seeking the "phantom ship" which Captain Giles of the liner Monarch, declared approached his vessel off Philadelphia and "looked him over" and then disappeared with lights darkened, traveling at a great rate of speed. Giles statement has revived the belief that a pirate craft, or a soviet cruiser, perhaps captured over twenty vessels which have disappeared off the Atlantic coast within the last few months. All vessels are taking precautions.

CONTRACT IS LET.

Senator B. L. Eddy, attorney for the state fish commission, this afternoon received word that the contract on the construction of the dam at the North Umpqua hatchery was let today to Thomas Sweeney, of Portland. His bid was in the sum of \$9000, which was \$1200 below the next lowest bid. The contractor will be here in a few days. Mr. Eddy was informed, and will start work at once. A force of at least 80 men will be needed to do the work.

MAKE BONUS PLANS.

SALEM, July 7.—Details of the administration of the soldiers' bonus act will be discussed at a meeting of the world war veterans of the state and commission Friday morning. Governor Ben Olcott called the meeting.

PHONE RATE HEARING.

SALEM, July 7.—The telephone rate rehearing will start in the house of representatives July 18.

STUDY FIRE PREVENTION.

SALEM, July 7.—According to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, fire prevention will be made a regular study in all of the eight grades in the Oregon schools in the future. The material for the course is being sent out this week.

Wanted Medium to Kill Her Husband

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, July 8.—Mrs. Mary K. Wade, spiritualist medium, testified in the trial of Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, for the murder of Daniel P. Kaber, that Mrs. Kaber on her last visit said, "I want you to try and get rid of Dan Kaber for me." "How?" Mrs. Kaber said she asked. "I want you to kill him, any way to get rid of him. The man I love has no money, only brains, and Kaber has \$50,000 in life insurance," Mrs. Kaber was alleged to have replied. Mrs. Wade had told of Mrs. Kaber saying she met a professor at an eastern college which her daughter, Marian McArdle, attended, and that she loved him. Mrs. Wade offered in reply to a question to communicate with the spirits in the courtroom, but the court sustained the objection by the prosecutor.

Little Hope of Bonus Measure

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—The president today made a personal attempt to shelve the soldiers' bonus bill when he proposed to the senators that they vote to recommit the bill to the senate finance committee and take a recess, according to the best authority. He told the senators that he is considering sending a message to congress opposing the bonus enactment now and that he favors a senate recess. He desires the hastening of tax attention to tariff legislation. The president favors an adequate bonus, though he intends to communicate further regarding the subject.

Mrs. E. W. Strickland and son, Homer of Riddle, are in town today.

Bill Will Stop All Grain Gambling

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—The senate agricultural committee ordered a favorable report on the Dapper-Tincher anti-grain gambling bill, designed to eliminate boards of trade grain gambling through heavy speculative transactions. The committee amended the bill to prevent concerns from conducting wire trade outside of the "contract markets" operating. They adopted an amendment permitting the farmers' co-operative associations to become members of the boards of trade, and distribute the patronage profits to the members despite the rules of the boards. The bill will appoint the secretary of agriculture, secretary of commerce and the attorney general on a commission to pass upon the rules to conduct the grain business.

LOCAL CANNERY MAY START WORK ON PEARS, APPLES ABOUT MIDDLE AUGUST

Company Hopes to be Able to Adjust Financial Affairs by That
Time and Desires to Put Up a Big Pack of
Umpqua Valley Fruit.

The Roseburg cannery will probably be ready for business about the first or middle of August, according to A. J. Geddes, the local manager, who has received notice from the state headquarters that every effort is being made to time the opening of the cannery to take care of the pear and apple crops of the Umpqua valley. Although there is nothing definite yet regarding the cannery, Mr. Geddes states that the newly organized company is doing everything in its power to get matters satisfactorily adjusted to permit the plant to start operations about the first of August.

If this can be done the cannery will be in a position to take the pears and the apples and will be able to save the growers a large sum of money. Unless the cannery operates there will doubtless a considerable loss experienced by the growers of these two fruits.

The smaller apples and pears, for which the price is not good in shipping, can be used advantageously by the cannery, providing a good market for fruit which otherwise would bring little return. The cannery can start on pears about the middle of August and can run until late in the apple season, and can make a fair profit on its work. It is believed.

According to Mr. Geddes, little effort was made to put up a big pack of cherries. The canneries still have much of last year's cherry pack left as this fruit has moved very slowly, and with the uncertain market conditions and inability to definitely ascertain the exact status of the market and the strength of the demand for cherries, the canneries have been very reluctant to put up a big pack of cherries.

With pears and apples, however, the situation is much different. There is always a demand for these fruits and the market usually absorbs much more than the canneries can produce. Last year's apple and pear pack has been almost completely exhausted and the demand is still strong. This means that the canneries will have a ready sale for fruit of this kind and as a result plans are being made to put up a large amount.

The company hopes to be able to adjust its affairs so that all of its largest plants can be put into operation by the time the fruit starts coming in and is particularly anxious that the local cannery be put to work as the pack here is expected to be quite large this year.

All indications point to a big crop of both apples and pears, and al-

though the bulk of the crop will be shipped fresh, there will be a big reserve for the canneries; sufficient it is believed, to keep the plant working full capacity for several months.

Mr. Geddes has kept a small force of men doing routine work, reconditioning cherries, shipping out last year's pack, and unloading supplies. These men have kept the cannery machinery in first class shape and the manager states the plant can be put into operation upon very short notice.

The company which was reorganized following the failure of the Rupert company, has been working hard to secure a financial adjustment of its affairs and has succeeded in putting two of its largest plants back into operation. The Roseburg cannery is the next on the list to be started and as quickly as the money can be secured to insure operation the company will order Mr. Geddes to start work.

Officers Break Up Poker Game

A raid led by S. P. Special Agent Stewart with Deputy Sheriff Webb and Chief of Police Shambrook participating, on two cardrooms, Mexicans bound for El Paso, netted considerable money for the city of Roseburg today when the Mexicans were caught gambling. The cars were stopped in the yards and were boarded by the officers who found ten or twelve games in progress with considerable money on the tables. The officers confiscated the "pot" in one game but the money disappeared before the officers could reach the others. The sum of \$430 was taken in the one game and the six players were arrested. Four of them furnished bail in the sum of \$10 to guarantee their appearance and this was accepted. The bail was forfeited, however, and the city is \$43.80 to the good on the deal.

FAMILY REUNION ON FOURTH.

Twenty-two representatives of the family of Hellwell met at Cottage Grove on July 4th for a family reunion. They were entertained at the home of Albert Hellwell, Abner those present were Frank, Earnest and Barton Hellwell, of Roseburg, and their families; Sydney Hellwell, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. William Hellwell, of Yoncalla, the father and mother of the boys.

Community Fair Committee Asks Help In Arranging Hay and Grain Exhibit

The committee having in charge the management of the fair of the county and the county exhibit at the state fair met yesterday and arranged with C. O. Garrett of Glendale, to have direct charge of the preparation of all the exhibits. This committee also met with the county court and received assurance that sufficient funds would be available to put on creditable exhibits.

The committee or the general manager cannot do this work alone, and they are asking for the assistance of every one who has any suitable product to exhibit. Hay, vetch and grains are ready to harvest and it is asked that every one who has wood crops put up sample and when ready notify the secretary, E. Hallett or Manager C. O. Garrett.

"Let everybody boast. We need more people here. This is one way to help get them," says County Agent H. E. Hallett.

"The following directions are given for putting up your samples: "All grasses should be cut when in full blossom or when pollen is showing and before they begin to ripen. Cut full length straw, using a curved blade, clasp, pruning knife. Spread out in well-ventilated room over night, then build sheaf, using a table about 2 1/2 by 5 feet, making a pattern as follows: Mark on the table three equal spaces over which you will place the stems, the fourth space will take the heads. Place three ties of twine on the lower three marks and fasten temporarily with jacks, this will give you a fan shape head about one-fourth the length of the straw, and three marks

for ties. The tacks hold the twine while the sheaf is being built. One tie should be at the base of head and the other two at equal distances apart, leaving ends of straw loose.

"The straws at the back are laid to fit the pattern and each succeeding row is drawn down a bit until the fan shaped head is completed and you have a sufficient quantity of stems to measure four inches in diameter at center tie, when tightly tied. Tie the sheaf by loosely tying first one tie, then another and gradually drawing together tightly so the shape of the sheaf is not destroyed. Wrap twine around about three times and tie, leaving ends so it can again be tightened as bundle cures. All sheaves should be cured by suspending heads down, from a curing rack placed in a dark, well ventilated room. (Room must be kept dark if color is to be retained). "Samples of all crops representing forage or hay should have all leaves left on. Remove only the head, dried ones and smoothing the others straight with the straw. Vetches and clovers are cut when in full blossom, full length. Can be pulled

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HEAT CAUSING DEATHS.

CHICAGO, July 7.—A sweltering heat wave which covers the middle states caused five deaths here yesterday.