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## FORTY EIGHT ENTOMBED IN GOLD MINE WHEN FIRE IN SHAFT CAUSES CAVE-IN

For Saving Miners Brightened This Morning When Word Was Received That Shaft Above Had Good Air—Pitiful Scenes Enacted—Rescue Work Continues.

Fire is believed burning on the 2800 foot level.  
Forty-Eight Entombed.  
JACKSON, Cal., Aug. 28.—(Associated Press.)—Forty-eight men, entombed in the famous Argonaut gold mine, below the 3500 foot level by fire which broke out in the main shaft at midnight, were still in the mine this morning at 7:30 o'clock. Efforts are being made to rescue the miners thru the abandoned Muldoon shaft.  
The fire was discovered at midnight when dense smoke and fierce heat was noticed by two men at the 2000 foot level. They came to the top and spread the alarm.  
Rescue parties equipped with gas masks, went down, and found roaring flames. They were unable to reach the lower levels.  
The situation of the entombed men was made worse when the air pipes burst and the electric wiring went out of commission.  
The fire is burning at the 4300 and 4500 foot levels, according to the superintendent.

## SENATOR McNARY BOOSTS SOLDIERS' BONUS MEASURE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Congress has an opportunity "to do a grand thing in empire building in connection with the soldiers' bonus," Senator McNary, of Oregon, declared today in the senate, urging his reclamation amendment to the bonus measure. Declaring that in every aid, land for the veterans, he argued that there was no good reason for abandonment of this policy at this time. He said the amendment contemplates the ultimate expenditure for reclamation of the arid, semiarid and overflooded lands in the sum of \$250,000,000. He said that the amendment does not supersede or displace the present reclamation law.

## HERRIN MASSACRE TO BE INVESTIGATED BY JURY

(By United Press.)  
MARIOL, Ill., Aug. 28.—After two months' apparent inactivity the special Williamson county grand jury convened today to probe the Herrin massacre, when twenty-three men were slain.  
Attorney General Brundage of Illinois said that probably one hundred indictments would be returned.

## Era Meeker, Ox Team Tourist, On New Trip Across Continent



International News Service.  
ALLA WALKER, Wash., Aug. 28.—The old man, hoary of head yet clear of eye and clean and healthful of spirit despite his 31 years, is headed eastward on the 22d trip across the United States. He is Era Meeker, pioneer, lecturer, historian, who has spent 70 years of his life in the Pacific northwest.  
The old emigrant became nationally known 15 years ago when, in his 16th year, he completed his third across country by ox-team, arriving in New York city late in 1907.  
The date Era Meeker has made 17 continental trips by train, three by automobile and one by automobile and train. His purpose is to gather data preparatory to the production of a moving picture historical serial to be known as "The Winning of the Frontier."  
Meeker is preparing for this trip, he said, "to illustrate the Oregon Trail as I found it 70 years ago, and as I find it now. There will be no element of fiction in it. It will be all historical and will commemorate the Trail and old pioneers such as Governor Peter Burnett, of California; Senator James Nesmith, of Oregon; Senator Levi Ankeny, of Washington, and Governor Isaac I. Stevens, of Washington Territory.  
"I plan to appear before the senate military committee in Washington in behalf of Senator Jones' bill to provide for the establishment of the old Oregon Trail as a military highway."

## SETTLEMENT EFFECTED

CINCINNATI, Aug. 28.—The clerks and station employees of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the El Paso and Southwestern railroads have effected settlements on wages and working conditions, the union headquarters announced today.

## ENGINEERS, FIREMEN, SWITCHMEN AND CONDUCTORS QUIT

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. LOUIS, Aug. 28.—Passenger and freight service on the western division of the Chicago and Alton is at a complete standstill today as a result of the walkout of engineers, firemen, conductors and switchmen, who are protesting against armed guards at Slater Missouri and Roodhouse, Ill.

## JUDGE SEHLBREDE DIES AT CORVALLIS

Former Roseburg Resident Dies After Long Period Of Ill Health.

## WAS PROMINENT JURIST

Was Appointed by President McKinley to Position of Judge in Alaska and Saw Many Stirring Scenes While in That Territory.  
CORVALLIS, Aug. 27.—Judge C. A. Sehlbrede died at his residence here this morning. He was 70 years of age. Mr. Sehlbrede was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and came to Oregon in 1877, locating at Salem, where he practiced law. In 1880 he married Lanthe Downing and moved to Roseburg.  
Mr. Sehlbrede was elected to the legislature from Douglas county in 1897, and the following year was appointed judge by President McKinley for the southeastern Alaska district, with headquarters at Skagway. Mr. Sehlbrede was judge of this district during the famous Sophie Smith crimes, and took an active part in bringing the Smith gang to justice.  
Judge Sehlbrede was a constant preacher of government by law, in that all but lawless country and when a mob broke open the jail in which a part of the Smith followers were incarcerated, with the definite intention of hanging them to the nearest limb, the judge left his bed in the middle of the night, worked his way through the mob and harangued it vehemently, urging them to help him uphold the dignity of the United States government and permit the law to take its course. Because of his earnestness and very evident patriotism the mob surrendered to his plea and returned the prisoners to jail. The prisoners afterward were tried and convicted of numerous crimes, and some were hanged.  
On his return from Alaska, Judge Sehlbrede returned to Marshfield to practice law. While there he served as president of the Coos and Curry county bar association and also as president of the state board of the Christian church.  
Five years ago he came to Corvallis on account of failing health. Here he had practiced law ever since his arrival, though for the past year he had been too feeble to pay much attention to business. During the war he was an active worker in the various patriotic campaigns. He is survived by his widow and two children, Mrs. W. A. Reed, of this city, and Mrs. Bertha Gettings, of Arlington.  
Funeral services will be held here Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. C. W. Reynolds officiating. Interment will be held in the Newton cemetery, where the services will be in charge of the Odd Fellows, of which organization Mr. Sehlbrede had been a member for nearly 40 years.

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## ROSEBURG WINS GAME

The "Invincible" Roseburg baseball team yesterday defeated the Sutherlin team by a score of 7 to 1 in the last game of the Upper Willamette Valley league to be played by the local team. Irr Street, pitching for Roseburg would have shut out the visitors, had not one error let in a Sutherlin runner. The remainder of the team played wonderful ball and had the Sutherlin boys at their mercy at all times. Pitch, the famous Sutherlin hurler, was forced to retire from the game on account of wildness. He was succeeded by Anderson, whose pitching was no tamer.  
Eugene yesterday defeated Harrisburg, thus tying them for pennant chance in the Upper Willamette Valley league. The championship game will be played off next Sunday on some neutral ground. Devine, Roseburg's former catcher, played with Eugene yesterday, and was largely responsible for the victory. He slammed out two two-baggers and two singles in the game.

## FEDERAL AUTHORITIES CONNECT "REDS" WITH STRIKE DISORDER

(By United Press.)  
CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—The federal authorities today claimed information connecting the "Reds" with the recent wrecks and strike disturbances in Illinois and Michigan. Four men are held in connection with the Gary wreck, according to the police who claim that Charles Husolis confessed that he, with three companions, pulled up spikes which sent the Michigan-Central express into the ditch with two dead. Husolis with his companions, have been arrested, and have confessed to other contemplated bombings, according to the federal officers.

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## NEW MACHINERY AIDS

Automatic Cookers Allow Fruit to Pass Throughout the Full Cooking Process Without the Cans Being Touched by Hands.  
Over one thousand cans, or more than thirty tons of pears will be put out daily by the local cannery as soon as the force of workers can be recruited to full strength, according to Manager Frank Norton, who is today making arrangements to attack the Unquappa valley pear crop in real earnest. With the season just starting, the cannery is putting out more than 400 cases daily, but the fruit is coming in much more rapidly than it can be handled by the women who do the peeling, grading, etc., and, consequently, the plant is not working at full capacity, as it will as soon as additional help can be obtained.  
The new automatic cookers which have just been installed, more than double the capacity of the plant, and in addition, does away with the labor of five men who are employed in other parts of the plant.  
With these cookers in operation the fruit is not touched by hands from the time it goes into the cans until it is dished out by the consumer. The cannery at the present time presents a very active appearance.  
There are 110 persons employed and all are kept busy. The main floor is piled high with pears undergoing a ripening process or being graded and made ready for the peeler. In the canning room approximately 75 women are busily engaged in peeling the pears, slicing them and removing the cores. The fruit then goes to other tables where it is carefully washed, all spots removed, and is graded and sorted and placed in cans. This work is all done by women and girls who are quite adept at this task.  
From there the fruit goes to a long table from which it is taken, can by can, and placed on a long conveyor. This conveyor passes under a series of spouts which pour the cans full of syrup. The cans then pass on thru a long box filled with steam, which exhausts the air in the cans, which are then sealed by an automatic tapper. With the cans still untouched, they are conveyed automatically into the cookers, and there the fruit is cooked at a temperature of 212 degrees for a certain period of time, and then it passes out of the cookers onto other conveyors which carry the cans thru a vat of cold water where the temperature in the cans is reduced to a point below cooking. Removed from this vat the cans are conveyed to another trough from which they are removed and packed into the boxes ready for shipment. In the event they are to be labeled before shipment, they are removed to the labelers' tables before being crated.  
At the present time the cannery is sending out about 400 crates daily, but the capacity of 1,000 crates will be reached in a few days. Mr. Norton predicts. In order to handle the fruit 100 or more women are needed, and an effort is being made today to obtain this help. The pears are coming in faster than they can be canned, and in order to save them, the company has leased cold storage space and will continue the season until October.  
The pear crop this year is excellent in quality, Mr. Norton says, and the fruit being canned should bring good prices on the market. The process thru which it goes results in a thick cook, while none of the true flavor of the fruit is lost. The fruit is also whole and firm, and is very nice in appearance as well as delicious in flavor.

## ANTHRACITE STRIKE WILL BE SETTLED IN FEW DAYS

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## FORMER ROSEBURG ATT. ADVANCES NEW THEORY ON BRUMFIELD MURDER CASE

F. C. Heffron, Personal Friend of Convicted Man, Says Doctor Is Not Guilty—New Theorist Is Personally Sure of His Ground and Hopes to Free His Friend.  
F. C. Heffron, former Roseburg attorney, now located in Eugene, has advanced a new theory concerning the famous Brumfield murder case. The theory, in detail, is given in the Sunday Journal as follows:  
"Not Brumfield, but bandits! Not a criminal, but a man pitifully insane. Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist and prominent citizen, did not kill Dennis Russell, near-hermit of Douglas county and victim of one of Oregon's most baffling murder mysteries.  
"In any event, there is ground enough in support of that belief to warrant—to command a rehearing before the state supreme court of the circumstantial evidence that convicted Brumfield and now holds him in the shadow of the hangman's noose at the state penitentiary."  
These bombshells were hurled into the comparative quiet that has engulfed the Brumfield case by F. C. Heffron, Eugene attorney, who brought to Portland on Saturday the results of an investigation he has privately carried on since the day of the Finnish murder of Dennis Russell near his improvised little home in Douglas county more than one year ago.  
Heffron, schooled in caution, yet personally certain of his ground, asks only, he says, that his deductions and theories be given such consideration as will lead to an official investigation. He promises in such an investigation developments enough to thrill a Dr. Watson or a Craig Kennedy, those keen, fletitious investigators who pry into the oddities and the vague psychologies of crime and criminals.  
The Eugene attorney, although in no manner legally connected with the Brumfield case or family, is personally interested because of the friendship he held for Brumfield when he had offices in the same building with the dentist at Roseburg a few years ago. There he had, he declared, opportunity to know the man as few others outside his family could know him.  
"I knew Brumfield and I would not for the world see him or any other man pay the great penalty for a crime he did not commit," Heffron said.  
"Remember that Brumfield was convicted on circumstantial evidence; that the state never did prove its case conclusively."  
"Dennis Russell was killed at a time when the roadways near Roseburg and throughout southern Oregon were infested with highwaymen."  
"The bullet wounds in Dennis Russell's body were never explained in any court."  
"The presence of automobile tracks other than those made by Brumfield's car at the Russell shack were never explained nor sufficiently considered. Were they made by the bandits who, trying to rob Brumfield, killed Dennis?"  
"A jury that would have acquitted Brumfield at a time when every man's blood boiled and when every pulse was fevered, would have been lynched. "No motive was ever established that would give the slightest reason for Brumfield to commit such a crime."  
"Brumfield had drawn from the bank a large sum of money and it was in his possession when Russell was killed. That hasn't been explained."  
"There never was a 'woman' in the case and none of the circumstantial evidence against Brumfield gave weight to such a supposition. Such a theory, to one who knew Brumfield, is too silly, too impossible even to countenance."  
"None but an insane man could have acted as Brumfield did."  
Offers Bandit Theory.  
These are the major points in Heffron's case, offered almost coincidentally with Brumfield's plea for a rehearing of the case before the state supreme court on the ground that a misunderstanding in the matter of a change of venue had resulted in a previous supreme court refusal for a rehearing.  
The Eugene attorney is convinced that highwaymen and not Brumfield accomplished the awful death of Dennis Russell.  
"The highwaymen were made terrible by bandits about that time," Heffron points out. "My belief is that Brumfield had gone to the Russell shack to give Russell a 'lift' to the Brumfield farm, where the hermit had been engaged to labor."  
"Brumfield was in possession at that very time of a large sum of money and it is reasonable to presume that highwaymen knew that fact."  
"Therefore, either at the Russell cottage or not far from it, the dentist and Russell were attacked. Either in an effort to shield himself or to protect Brumfield, the probable object of the bandit attack, Russell was killed by gunshot."  
Other Auto Tracks.  
"Brumfield was bordering then on insanity and the terror of the scene enacted before his eyes threw over the balance and the quiet professional man became a maniac to whom the sight of blood shouted for concealment of the crime. That is one theory."  
"The other is that, with death at his hand, Brumfield was in a mental haze without an idea what to do. He therefore loaded Russell into his automobile and drove back through Roseburg over the main highway, instead of taking a handy little traveled road where he could have been shielded from all eyes and could have concealed any signs of crime a thousand times. On that road or elsewhere on the route he took he could have concealed the body and hurled his auto."  
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## Court Must Decide Who Gets Coin Taken In Gambling Den

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Aug. 28.—Serving papers upon himself is getting to be a daily task of Sheriff "Dolph" Thomas, of Sheridan, County and he says he wonders where it all will end, for no less than three times in as many days he has had to serve papers upon himself to make answer to cases filed against him in the district court.  
And all because one stormy Sunday evening last December when most of Sheridan was at church, O. L. Haegger is alleged to have robbed the Palace pool hall of \$439.02 in silver, \$185 of which he said he had lost earlier in the evening.  
Haegger was taken before a jury in the district court and admitted robbing the game, which he said was being conducted in a specially licensed casino within a block of the pool station.  
The jury decided that "honesty is the best policy" and after deliberating ten minutes upon Haegger's candid story returned a verdict of "not guilty."  
With a verdict of "not guilty" Haegger's attorney said that "it didn't steal it, the only logical thing to do was to secure the money for Haegger."  
Sheriff Thomas, with whom the money had been entrusted when Haegger was arrested, didn't "get" the lawyer's line of talk and balked at the idea of giving to Haegger the money after Haegger had told the court he stole it, even though a jury of twelve representative men had acquitted him of the charge.  
True, Haegger said he had lost \$185 of it in a game, but even that amount the sheriff couldn't figure belonged to him any longer.  
"I'm not taking any chances having to pay it back to the court out of my own salary of \$40 a week," said the sheriff.  
Then Orin Moore, whom Haegger charged with operating the pool hall brought a suit against the sheriff, on behalf of Haegger to force the sheriff to give over the money. This was time number 1 for the sheriff to serve papers upon himself to make answer to the allegation.  
Then Orin Moore, whom Haegger said in court was "running the game," called the sheriff into a quiet corner and suggested that he be given the money. Another refusal and another suit.  
Later, W. F. Keith, proprietor of the pool hall, whose innocent looking tables covered over with their Sabbath dressings concealed more interesting tables in the sidewalk casino, made a visit to the sheriff.  
"Say, Dolph, how about handing over that money? That was house funds, and I've got to have it," he said.  
But Keith had told the court that it was money he had exchanged with Moore for currency in place of the bulky silver that had been collected, as he said, "in Saturday night's pool games."  
"There's too many of you birds claiming this coin, and if any of you get it, it'll be because you tell it to the judge. Good-by."  
And so Keith sued the sheriff.