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SCORES KILLED IN SCHOOL FIRE

Lamp Explodes During Commencement Play—Seventy-four Die

STAIRS COLLAPSE

Are in Hospitals With Broken Arms and Legs—Comedy Turns to Tragedy—Audience in Panic

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, S. C., May 18.—The school in the Cleveland school fire at seventy three at noon today was missing, according to the school list.

CLEVELAND, S. C., May 18.—Eighty bodies were identified at ten o'clock today and turned over to the parents. The others are hopelessly buried and a mass of flesh and bones is being recognized.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, S. C., May 18.—Seventy one bodies, including whole families are missing and dozens are injured in a fire at the Cleveland school eight miles from here last night.

A lamp overturned and exploded on the stage as the commencement was reaching a climax. The play was turned into a tragedy as the audience of three hundred parents, brothers, sisters and friends of the graduates.

Steps from the single exit collapsed, hurling scores into a tangled mass and leaving others in a death grip as the fire spread.

74 Bodies Recovered.
CLEVELAND, S. C., May 18. (U. P.)—Seventy four bodies of men, women and children, had been recovered today from the ruins of a schoolhouse which burned last night during an entertainment.

Some are in the hospital today with broken legs and arms. Two perished from upper windows and landed broken backs.

A solid building burned like tinder as the flames started from a fallen audience in a maddened rush and the only exit. Scores of children were trampled.

Charred bodies recovered have been laid in a row and some are beyond recognition.

BOYS GOING TO SUTHERLIN
A local boy scouts will go to Sutherlin next Friday night for purpose of organizing a troop at that place. It was erroneously reported that the trip would be made next week, but the scouts are not planning the trip until a week from next. Considerable interest is shown in the work at Sutherlin and it is expected that a large troop will be organized there.

AMERICAN TOURISTS DISCOVER CLAIMS OF RIO DE JANEIRO
RIO DE JANEIRO, May 18.—(A. P.)—Never in any previous year Rio de Janeiro had as many American visitors as in the six months. In addition to full regular lists on the regular liners from New York, there have been several special tourist steamers.

In previous years almost all Americans coming to Brazil on business missions, whereas this year the majority have been tourists. Visitors of this kind from other countries are extremely compared to the North American.

The centennial exposition, which attracted the magnet attraction of the tourists, has occupied but a few of their time. After a few days' visits to the exposition, the visitors have given attention to the city's many attractions. Judging from conversations while here, in years to follow there will be a North American tourists in Rio de Janeiro who previously had spent leisure time in Europe.

Though the state of siege, originated at the time of the 1917 revolt last July, is still in effect, there is nothing to indicate that the way without interference of kind unless one of his cables happens to be held up by censor.

TREATMENT NECESSARY
NEW YORK, May 18. (A. P.)—The treatment of the Japanese in this city is the only thing apt to disturb the friendly relations between the United States and Japan, said the ambassador Hanhara, addressing the Japan society here today.

EFEATS SARAZEN

LEAMINGTON, England, May 18. (U. P.)—Walter Jagen defeated Gene Sarazen in the semi-professional golf tournament today and meets W. M. Jolly in the finals tomorrow.

CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

PEKIN, May 18. (U. P.)—Dispatches from Lin Cheng today report that the bandits, who still hold a dozen foreigners captive, have issued a call to all unpaid and dismissed Chinese troops to join them in a revolution against the government.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

VANCOUVER, May 18. (U. P.)—The motion for a new trial for George E. Whitfield, convicted murderer of little Anna Nosko will be heard Monday. The motion for a further time to file new affidavits will also be disposed of then. Efforts to have Whitfield examined by alienists indicate that mental deficiency will be pleaded in the affidavits.

AUTO FEES TO PASS FOUR MILLION MARK

Secretary of State Says That at Present Rate of Auto Registration Last Year's Records Show Will Be Surpassed.

The secretary of state and Mr. Rafferty are on their way to Medford where they expect to open up a registration station. The recent legislature passed a law requiring all motorists coming into Oregon to register their cars, the same as is done in California. In order to carry out this law, the state will open registration stations on all main highways leading into the state. Traffic officers will be required to check up on the stragglers. The station for Southern Oregon will be located at Medford providing conditions there are suitable, Mr. Koser states.

In regard to the construction of the new mess hall and kitchen at the Soldiers Home he states that the plans are now being prepared and that the Board of Control, of which he is a member hopes to have work started within a month.

Over four million dollars will be raised from motor vehicle licenses this year, according to Secretary of State Sam Koser, who with T. A. Rafferty, chief of the motor vehicle department, was in Roseburg at noon today on the way south to Medford.

"Up to May 15, this year, we have registered 127,370 cars," Mr. Koser stated, "as compared with 103,814 cars up to the same period last year. Last year after May 15 we registered 23,556 cars and from the rate of registration this year we anticipate that the total will be over 150,000."

"Our receipts last year, up to May 15, were \$2,810,865, while for this year they are \$3,455,000 indicating that we will pass the four million mark."

CITY OFFICIALS AT EUGENE QUIT JOB

EUGENE, May 18.—A bombshell not entirely unexpected, was hurled into municipal politics here today when Mayor C. O. Peterson, City Attorney O. H. Foster and Chief of Police C. B. Christensen handed in their resignations shortly before noon.

Dramatic in the extreme was the presentation of the resignations. Shortly before noon Mayor Peterson drove to the city hall, entering the recorder's office, laid his resignation on the counter with the request that it be presented to the council as soon as possible. Within a few minutes' time Chief of Police Christensen presented his, and he was followed shortly by City Attorney Foster. All came in separately, and none, at that time, gave reasons for their action.

When interviewed later in the afternoon, Attorney Foster said his action was prompted in the interests of city harmony. After his superior quit Mr. Foster felt, he said, he would offer the least embarrassing resignation to the mayor that will be named by the council by getting out of the way and allowing the successor to Mr. Peterson the chance of appointing some one personally agreeable to him. Other than that he had nothing to say.

Neither Mayor Peterson or Chief Christensen could be reached early this afternoon, although it was understood that statements might be forthcoming later.

Early in the afternoon W. R. (Obak) Wallace, recently appointed councilman from Ward 4, took his oath of office before Recorder Alta King. As his action followed that of the three other executives, their could not be formally charged as an act of protest, but it is understood that the circumstances did not coincide accidentally.

ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH SUNDAY

Local Christian Church Will Give Special Program for 34th Birthday

WORKING FOR BUILDING

Effort Being Made to Raise Sufficient Funds to Build New House of Worship—Invite Former Members

The First Christian Church, of Roseburg, will observe its 34th Anniversary next Sunday. This congregation was organized on May 26, 1889, at the home of Judge C. A. Sehbredre, there being fourteen charter members in the original congregation. Almost a year later, on September 28, 1890, A. D. Skaggs, now known as "the marrying parson" of Vancouver, Wash., became the first minister. An effort was made to induce Rev. Skaggs to come to Roseburg for Sunday's meeting, but because of his poor health and feeble condition, he was unable to make the trip, but is sending his message to the church by letter.

Services were held each month. The Baptist church, M. E. Church, South, and the Court House being used as gathering places.

The church was incorporated on November 24, 1890 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shupe and the following year a building was constructed. The building now occupied by the church is the original structure, but has been enlarged and altered so that it is considerably changed from its former appearance.

The church, small in numbers had a hard struggle with debt for many years, but has made a steady growth until it is now one of the largest and strongest in the city. The pastors during the 34 years of the church's existence have been, A. D. Skaggs, D. C. Kellems, W. A. Wood, B. E. Yontz, George Ritchie, B. W. Bass, J. N. McConnell, R. E. Jope, and C. H. Hilton, the present minister.

During these years since the first organization of the church, the growth has been such that the present quarters have become entirely too small and inadequate to efficiently house the work of the congregation and an effort is being made to raise funds for the construction of a new building.

The church recognizing the fact that none of its members are wealthy and that the raising of money to build a structure is to be a hard task, mapped out a five year campaign and is now upon the third year of that effort. Nearly every member of the church is making a weekly pledge toward the building fund which is steadily growing, and in addition to the pledges, special offerings have been taken, and bible school classes and other departments of the church have raised funds by means of entertainments, sales, etc. A good investment was made in Liberty bonds at the time they were at their lowest point and this has served to aid in the increase. All money obtained is being promptly invested in interest bearing securities so that the fund is being made to increase as fast as possible. It is proposed to keep this money earning interest until enough is secured to erect the building so that the church will not be saddled with a heavy debt following construction as is so often the case.

At the present time an effort is being made to raise \$8,000 for the purpose of a suitable site. A unique method of keeping up interest has been adopted. A large drawing of the lot has been prepared and blocked off into 8,000 squares, each square representing a square foot of the actual site. These squares are being sold for \$1 each and as rapidly as the money is received the squares are shaded. An effort is being made to obtain sufficient funds on anniversary day to complete the purchase. Many of the former members are sending in checks for the purchase of squares and it is expected that a large sum will be realized.

In observance of the anniversary a special program has been arranged. Mrs. D. C. Kellems will be the speaker at the morning hour. Mr. and Mrs. Kellems came here shortly after their marriage, the Roseburg church being Mr. Kellems' first pastorate. He later became one of the leading evangelists of the Northwest and for many years was an instructor at the Eugene Bible University. His death occurred only a few months ago while he was engaged in a meeting in one of the southern states. Mrs. Kellems is (Continued on Page 2.)

BAND CONCERT SATURDAY

Another of the enjoyable Saturday evening band concerts will be given Saturday night on Jackson street. The band has arranged a fine program and will play some excellent music. It is understood that several unique features are planned and that everyone present will greatly enjoy the program. The band is working hard to make these concerts interesting and the crowds which are attending speak well for the success of the effort made.

TRACK AND FIELD MEET ON TODAY

Great Interest Is Shown in County Meet Staged in Roseburg Today

DECLAMATIONS HEARD

Sutherland Contestants Win Both First Places in High School Contest and Dillard and Roseburg in Grades

Great interest today surrounded the declamation and field meet held in Roseburg. Visitors from all parts of the county thronged to Roseburg and the streets were crowded with school children and parents. A great interest was shown, apparently, by outside residents, rather than by local people the percentage of attendance from Roseburg being comparatively low.

The children gathered at the high school early where numbers were issued to all contestants. The organization functioned perfectly and the value of careful preparation, made under the direction of Chairman Fred Goff, was clearly shown when the great throng of children was handled without undue confusion or delay.

The high school declamation contest started promptly at the hour announced and was a very interesting affair. The speakers presented their readings in fine style and the work of the judges was most difficult. Miss Rosa B. Parrott presided, and a large audience was present. Each speaker was given hearty applause, particularly by his or her fellow classmates.

Miss Katherine Compton of Sutherlin, won first place, and Miss Margaret Rusko, of Roseburg second in the contest among the girls. Miss Carol Doyle of Myrtle Creek received third prize.

For the boys Morrill Weaver, of Sutherlin, was the first prize winner. Kenneth Clark of Roseburg second and Donald Oliviant of Lookline Glass third.

The judges were Miss Margaret Pace, Senator B. L. Eddy, and Rev. W. S. Gordon.

The grade school contest at the Presbyterian church also was very interesting, the contestants showing much careful training and natural ability. The first place of the girls' contest went to Virginia Buell, of Dillard, reciting "How Johnny Killed the Bear" by Riley. Dollie Horner of Sutherlin was second with another Riley selection, "Our Hired Girl" Lucia Rogers of Lookline Glass won third place with "The Captain's Daughter."

In the contest for boys first prize went to William Knight of Benson school at Roseburg, who gave Henry Cabot Lodge's address on "Americanism." Loyal Goff of Sutherlin was second with "When the Minister Came to Tea" and Will Fitzpatrick of Myrtle Creek won third place with "The Wreck of the Hesperus" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

The judges for the grade school event were Miss Loda Davis of Wilbur high school, Rev. L. B. Quick, of Roseburg, and Miss Irene Thompson of Wilbur.

This afternoon the interest centered in the track meet in which over 500 school boys and girls from all parts of the county participated. The events were exceptionally good and created a good deal of excitement. Special interest centered around the dashes and distance runs some good records for grade and schools being made. There was a large crowd of spectators present and the school children were earnest rooters for their teams. At a late hour this afternoon the events were still in progress. As the fact that there were so many entered caused some delays.

Visited Here Today—
F. A. Lashier, of Sutherlin drove over early this morning to look after business matters in Roseburg.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR NEW LIGHTS

Local Electrical Dealer Is Successful Bidder on New System

CAREFUL STUDY MADE

Light Committee of Council Makes Exhaustive Study of Street Lighting Before It Adopts Style of Light

The contract for the materials and installation of Roseburg's new street lighting system, was let today by the light committee of the council to Harold Hudson, local electrical dealer, whose bid of \$10,739.50 on Westinghouse equipment was found, after careful consideration, to be the best proposition for the city.

Mr. Hudson has been of great help to the city in planning its new street lighting system, and has, through the Westinghouse company which he represents, called into conference engineers who have aided the city in preparing the plans and specifications.

The new system will be the same as the light which he has had on display in front of his store for several weeks. The light is known as the Westinghouse Arcadian cast iron ornamental post, with a Sol-Lux senior glass top. It is fitted with a 400 candle power light which lights up the streets in a very efficient manner.

In deciding upon this type of installation the light committee of the council has made a very thorough examination and investigation of the street lighting problem. The committee has been in conference nearly every day or evening, going over material received from other cities and towns and has obtained a vast amount of data and information from which to draw its plans. Many types of light were considered, and after taking into consideration the width of the streets, the area to be illuminated, etc., the committee found the light which Mr. Hudson handles to be the best fitted for efficient street illumination in Roseburg.

H. L. Canfield, Westinghouse street illumination engineer, who has been working in the middle west and who recently was assigned to the coast territory, at the request of Mr. Hudson and the light committee, assisted in designing the system so that the type of fixtures selected will give the greatest efficiency.

The transmission system will be of sufficient size and type to permit of future extensions and when once installed will be permanent.

The cable to be used is known as Number 8 Hazard-Parkey cable. It has two layers of steel in its protecting cover and is non-corrosive and water-proof. It is required to stand a test of 12,000 volts under water.

This cable is considered among the best obtainable and is in such demand that the factory is far behind in its orders and will not promise delivery for the Roseburg installation for fourteen weeks. This will delay work for more than three months unless an earlier shipment can be arranged.

Sixty of the new ornamental type lights will be installed in the new system. They will be located at practically the same places as the present lights and will be set upon concrete blocks 24 by 24 inches in size. These posts weigh 500 pounds each and consequently it is necessary to secure a good foundation. The concrete blocks, upon which the posts will rest, will be set flush with the sidewalk. The cables will be placed in a trench about 4 by 6 inches which will be dug along the curb line, and will then be completely sealed in so that it will not be exposed to the elements in any manner.

The new system, operating on a 2500 volt circuit, will give approximately 24,000 candlepower, as compared with 4,800 candlepower delivered by the present system.

The city council is deserving of a great deal of praise for its work in this connection. It has determined upon making this improvement and has gone ahead carefully with the one view in mind. A most thorough and exhaustive study of the situation was made and every condition taken into consideration so that the city is assured that the system finally selected is the best for the interests of the city from every standpoint.

CLOUDBURST IN TEXAS

BEAUMONT, Texas, May 18. (U. P.)—A cloudburst took place here at six a. m. and a heavy rain is still falling which has inundated the city. Street cars stopped and automobiles were stranded. Business houses were flooded by the water overrunning the curbing.

CANCELS ENGAGEMENT

PARIS, May 18. (U. P.)—British Premier Bonar Law was forced to cancel a luncheon engagement with Poincare today because of a throat affection which almost totally deprived him of speech. Lord Beaverbrook here in a conference with the premier is understood to be discussing a successor for Bonar Law.

ATTEMPT TO KILL OFFICIALS

MEXICO CITY, May 18. (U. P.)—A bomb placed under the American consulate exploded early today. No one was injured and no damage was done to the consul's office. No arrests have been made.

JURY ACQUITS WOMAN

KLAMATH FALLS, May 18. (U. P.)—A jury Thursday acquitted Mrs. Mabel Nichols charged with murdering Robert Greer at Summit Station last December.

SINCLAIR ISSUES CHALLENGE

PASADENA, May 18. (U. P.)—Upton Sinclair out on \$500 bail charged with unlawful assemblage announced today that he would address a public meeting in Los Angeles on Saturday night under the auspices of the American Civil Liberties Union, denouncing the police methods used in the San Pedro harbor strike.

ENGLAND DEVELOPS AIRPLANE CARRIER

Vessels Upon Which Airplanes Traveling at Rate of Three Miles a Minute Can Land Are Built.

LONDON, May 18.—(A. P.)—Every building in London with a flat roof has become a potential airfield by reason of the invention of apparatus to facilitate the landing and taking off of airplanes from the decks of Britain's aircraft carriers. The businessmen of the future, English air experts predict, will ride in an elevator to the roof of his home and leave by airplane. The invention which will make this possible will enable every navy of the future to put to sea with not only a vast number of airplanes, flying boats and seaplanes, but its own airbases and workshops, say these writers.

Already some vessels have been converted into aircraft carriers by the United States, Great Britain, and Japan, but the British admiralty has laid down ships of this kind which are held to be better than those of any other power. They have not only been provided with airplane landing facilities, but are as well equipped to carry out repairs as is any ground station of the Royal Air force.

The decks of these aircraft carriers are entirely free of all obstructions. The funnels for carrying away smoke are set on the starboard side. The recent appearance of two of these huge aircraft carriers in the Dardanelles threw a fright into the Turks, who believed them to be strange monsters of the deep.

In the new type of aircraft carrier there are two decks connected by huge lifts. The upper is the air-drome deck, and the lower is equipped with workshops for carrying out repairs. There are also supplies of necessary spare parts, ranging from a propeller to a complete engine, all ready for instant use. The flying deck is fitted with a searchlight and landing-light tower, which make it possible for a machine to land at night, light illuminating the deck of the vessel and the surrounding water. There are also cranes for hoisting on board flying boats which need repair.

It is now possible for the fastest machines to land with safety on the deck of an airplane carrier. An arrangement of nets brings the airplane to a standstill without danger, and a machine which attains a speed of three miles a minute can land in a distance of not more than 40 feet.

TO BROADCAST ADDRESS

SEATTLE, May 18. (U. P.)—The committee in charge of the reception planned for the president on his way to Alaska announced today that the president will address the nation from a powerful broadcasting station which will be ready for installation within a few days.

In Town Today—

Among the out of town people here today were Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Dixon and daughter Betty Jane of Oak Creek who spent several hours shopping.

WEEDS MUST GO SAYS MAYOR RICE

Will Order Strict Enforcement of City Ordinance, to Begin at Once

IMPROVE APPEARANCE

Protection for Property Owners Who Co-operate in Effort to Make Roseburg a More Attractive City

Strict enforcement of the city's weed ordinance will be ordered starting next week, according to an announcement made today by Mayor N. Rice. Property owners who have done their share in the city beautiful campaign by improving their yards and surroundings are to be given protection by the city which will see that weeds and tall grass are not allowed to go to seed on surrounding lots and cause damage to the places which have been improved.

Heretofore spasmodic attempts to enforce the ordinance have been made, but this year the city expects to employ several men to cut the grass where property owners fail to do so, and the cost will be assessed against the property as provided by the ordinance and the property sold at public sale unless the amount is paid.

"The weed ordinance which was passed by the city council in 1893, has never been strictly enforced," Mayor Rice said today, "but now people are taking greater interest in caring for their homes, are cutting the weeds and grass in parkings and vacant lots, and I think it is the duty of the city to enforce this important ordinance and give protection to those who are making an honest effort to make the city a more attractive place in which to live."

"There is nothing which will add to our town, in inducing the home-seeker to locate here, than clean and well-kept lawns and parkings. It is hoped that those owning lots, either occupied or vacant, that have been neglected, and where the grass has not been cut this spring, will do this work at once and thus save the trouble of enforcing this ordinance."

"If it is necessary for the city to have the grass cut upon vacant lots or others where this matter is not attended to there will be more expense than that to which the owner would be put. There is considerable expense in filing a lien on property and in the collection so that there will be a large additional expense in the event of failure to comply with the city's requirement."

"Property owners should not wait to receive a notice, but if they have a lot that has not been looked after they should attend to it at once and receive the thanks of the city officials and their neighbors."

BRYAN IGNORED IN APPOINTMENT TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, May 18.—Dr. Charles F. Wishart, newly elected moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, caused a surprise today when contrary to the usual practice he failed to name his nearest rival, William Jennings Bryan, as chairman of the important committee on bills and overtures, the steering committee of the convention. Instead he elected Rev. Hugh K. Walker, of Los Angeles, for the chairmanship, relegating Bryan to the leadership of the less important committee on home missions. Walker's committee will pass on the overture from Philadelphia on the preaching of Harry Emerson Fosdick. Bryan, as a leader of the fundamentalists, is ranked as an active opponent of the liberals of Dr. Fosdick.

The new moderator declared that unity would be the chief aim of the assembly and the committee assignments indicated his intention to subordinate the conservative views and Bryan's opinions on such subjects as evolution in the interest of harmony.

SENTENCES CONFIRMED

DUSSELDORF, May 18. (A. P.)—The sentences imposed by the recent court martial upon Dr. Krupp Von Bohlen and other Krupp directors tried for instigating opposition to the French at the Krupp plant at the time of the shooting on March 17th, were confirmed today by the court of revision. The convicted men will be transferred to the prisons in France, pending further appeal.