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YONCALLA FIRE BUG BLAMED FOR MORNING BLAZE

Incendiarism Evidenced in Fire Which Destroyed Two Buildings.

WIRES WERE BURNED

Sheriff Asked to Investigate Source of Blaze—Clothing Store and Billiard Hall Razed.

A bad fire which destroyed two leading places of business in Yoncalla, and for a time threatened the entire business district, early this morning, resulted from the activities of a firebug, officers who are investigating the ruins believe. Two bad fires in three weeks, both bearing evidence of incendiarism, are believed to point to the presence of a pyromaniac arsonist in Yoncalla, and Sheriff Starmer and the state fire marshal are being asked to aid in the investigation.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the ladies' furnishing store conducted by Mrs. G. B. Bunyan. The store was located in a one-story frame structure on the main street of the city, and adjoined the Billiard hall and confectionary owned by Joe Lutz.

The fire soon spread to the billiard hall, and the fire department had a hard struggle in preventing further spread, the entire business district being threatened for a time. With a hard wind blowing the volunteer department accomplished a real feat in holding the blaze in check and preventing further loss.

The telephone wires, which passed in front of the burning structure, were burned in two, shutting off all communication until shortly before noon today, when temporary repair were made.

The damage and loss are estimated to be in excess of \$15,000 with very little insurance. The fire had a good start before being discovered, so that it was impossible to save stock or fixtures in Mrs. Bunyan's store or in the billiard hall. Mrs. Bunyan carried \$5,200 insurance, while Mr. Lutz's property was uninsured. A small amount of insurance was carried on the two buildings.

This is Yoncalla's second bad fire in three weeks. The first was in W. F. Rupprecht's general merchandise store, when the fire, bearing evidence of incendiarism, but the perpetrator of the crime could not be located. Although the second fire also appears to have been started intentionally, yet the total destruction of both buildings has destroyed practically all clues.

SEVEN YEARS FOR MELON RAISER TOO HASTY ON TRIGGER

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Nov. 15.—James F. Trent, McMinville farmer, today was sentenced to seven years imprisonment and fined five hundred dollars by Judge William Ramsey, following Trent's conviction on second degree murder charges growing out of the death of George O. Hamlin, Portland.

FORMALDEHYDE IS BALMING USERS OTLEG HOOTCH

Nov. 16.—Chicago, (Stribling bootleg liquor) formaldehyde, ordinarily used to embalm the dead and thereby are gradually embalming or pickling themselves.

PASTOR REFUSES TO QUIT; ROW IN CHURCH RESULTS

Minority Faction, After Upsetting Services on Sunday, Will Take Case to Court.

REDLANDS, Cal., Nov. 16.—A religious quiet settled down over this orange belt city today as participants in yesterday's riot at the First Christian Church prepared to shift the scene of their conflict to San Bernardino, the county seat, where opponents of the Rev. R. Glenn Edwards, formerly of Yuma, Arizona, hoped to obtain the assistance of law officials in their efforts to oust him from the pulpit.

Sunday morning services were thrown into an uproar yesterday when Garner O. Osdick, son-in-law of Justice P. G. McVey, leader of the forces opposing Edwards, arose from his pew as the pastor began to preach. Reminding the congregation that at a meeting last Friday Mr. Edwards "had been voted out of the pulpit by 143 members," Osdick inquired pointedly of the clergyman whether he intended to bow to the will of the 143. The pastor replied that he did not, explaining that since there are 415 members of the church, the 143 are in the minority.

His remarks were made through shouts of "throw him out," "sit down," "let him speak," and the singing of "Nearer My God To Thee," by the choir.

One of the few women present at the services which were expected to be stormy in view of a month long clash of factions favoring and opposing the retention of Edwards as pastor, attempted to quell the tumult by hastening to the pulpit and, with her hand on the Bible, appealing for peace. Her voice was lost in a sea of shouting, hoots and cat-calls.

Quite some eventually when about 100 members walked out of the church in a "peaceful demonstration."

Later Osdick announced he and other members of his faction would go to San Bernardino today, to seek a criminal complaint against the pastor and three elders charging them with disturbing a religious meeting. He declared that Edwards and his supporters "by entering" the church after the pastor had been "deposed," were to blame for the resultant uproar.

LIMIT ON SLASH IN GOVERNMENT TAXES REACHED

Reduction Not to Go Under 304 Millions, Says Head of House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Chairman Green of the House Ways and Means committee believes the federal revenue for next year has been sliced to the limit of sound policy in the reductions already voted by the committee in the new revenue bill and indicates he will oppose any attempt in the house to increase the tax cut.

ONE ITEM FACES TILT

Proposal to Lower Rate on Auto Vehicles Sure to Meet Opposition at Coming Session.

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In a statement issued as the committee prepares to complete the drafting of the bill, Chairman Green announced that the book was closed there to any further pleas for tax relief. The treasury, he said, could not stand any reduction beyond the \$304,000,000 estimated under the revisions already approved.

This is taken to mean that the committee intends to stand on the rate schedules as now adopted and furthermore, that vigorous opposition will be interposed to any attempt in the house, as threatened, to go beyond the committee's proposal for reduction in the automobile tax from five to three per cent.

Referring to proposals for total reductions ranging from \$350,000,000 to \$500,000,000, as compared with the \$309,000,000 limit recommended by the treasury, Mr. Green said he was opposed to the use of foreign debt proceeds for ordinary expenses instead of reduction of the national debt as contemplated in some of these proposals. He further called attention to the need of a federal building program and the additional demand on government revenue this would impose.

F. W. HAYNES DRUG STORE IS OPENED

The new drug store owned and operated by Fred W. Haynes was opened this morning in the Haynes building on North Jackson street. The building has been thoroughly renovated and remodeled and provides an attractive place for the new business. Mr. Haynes, an experienced pharmacist, is putting in a full line of usual drug store supplies, prescription department and soda fountain.

German Search For Sunken English Vessel With Secret Device Puzzles John Bull

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The people of London feel that there is something quaint in having German deep sea divers aid in the attempts to locate the British monitor submarine, which last week in the English channel made a dive with 68 officers and men on board and failed to come to the surface.

Whether it is a business proposition on the part of the Germans or voluntary service is not quite clear, but some persons prefer to regard it as a "striking act of humanity and worthy of being considered the first fruits of the Locarno pact."

The newspapers today are filled with descriptions and pictures of the wonderful apparatus of the Germans are the sole possessors. The machine weighs half a ton and is equipped with an electric light and a telephone. The area is 12 miles off Start Point, where oil rose to the surface of

RAILWAY MEN AND SHIPPERS OF WEST HOLD RATE MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Proposed revision of western freight rates is under discussion here today by some 400 representatives of shippers and carriers at an adjourned meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission. W. H. Wagner, examiner for the commission is presiding.

Chief among the problems to be threshed out are whether 84 western railroads are entitled to a five per cent increase in freight rates, as requested in an application pending before the commission; whether rates should be reduced on livestock and agricultural products, as petitioned by shippers; whether eastbound rates on California deciduous fruits should be reduced, and what general readjustment of freight rates may be made with fairness to shippers, carriers and the public.

The hearing is being held in pursuance to the Hock-Smith resolution calling for a congressional investigation of western freight rates. Interested parties from Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico are attending the sessions.

BILL GIVES MARRIED WOMEN WIDER RIGHTS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 16.—Under a bill introduced in the upper house this morning by Senator L. L. Westfall, Spokane, married women owning shares in corporations will be empowered to transfer such shares, collect earnings upon them and otherwise handle the shares totally independent of her husband—"just as though she were unmarried," to quote the bill.

HANEY'S VIEWS THOSE OF WEST, COOLIDGE TOLD

Senator McNary Discusses Shipping Board Case With President.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—President Coolidge today informed Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, that he would not reappoint R. E. Hanev as commissioner of the United States Shipping Board.

COOLIDGE INFORMS McNARY THAT HANEY WILL NOT BE RENAMED

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The president's refusal to reappoint Mr. Hanev is the sequel of a controversy centering around the authority of the shipping board and the Fleet Corporation. Mr. Hanev was among those opposing the president's desire to have the operations controlled by the Fleet Corporation.

ALICE WROTE KIP TO HURRY IF HE WANTED HER; RIVAL SO NUMEROUS SHE COULDN'T WAIT MUCH LONGER

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 16.—The fervor of the love letters which Alice Beatrice Jones, daughter of a neuro taxi-driver, first sent to her husband Leonard Kip Rhinlander, during their courtship, gradually changed to an insistent threat that he would lose her unless he married her.

Today's series of letters, introduced a resumption of the trial of young Rhinlander's annulment suit, are filled with demands of marriage and at the same time promise the greatest secrecy until the wealthy young scion of an aristocratic family should have attained his majority.

WOULD NAME JEW OR CATHOLIC TO KILL PREJUDICE

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—James W. Gerard hopes that one of the major parties will nominate either a Catholic or a Jew for president.

FEATURES FOR WOMEN BE GIVEN AT CONFERENCE

Program for Agricultural Conference Will Take Up Many Farm and Other Problems.

In connection with the Douglas county agricultural economic conference which convenes in the armory at Roseburg next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock there will be special features for the women of the county. All of the problems which affect the different phases of agriculture have an indirect bearing upon the farm home, and it is deemed that a conference of this nature would not be complete without a division wherein the home problems were discussed and an effort made to work out some program whereby the farm homes would be benefited.

BEND PRISONER BREAKS JAIL AND IS SOON CAUGHT

BEND, Ore., Nov. 16.—John Tuel, under indictment in Klamath county for burglary, and who was arrested last Thursday in Bend as a suspect in a Prineville robbery, was recaptured this morning at day break by Crook officers after having broken jail in Prineville at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

When taken, Tuel was walking along the highway 20 miles east of Prineville bound for Mitchell, where his wife's family are said to reside. Officers were on their way back having just given up the search. The escape was not discovered until 9 o'clock last night by the courthouse janitor. Tuel was the only prisoner in the jail as he is said to have broken a bar on the window which had been broken in a previous jail break and not well repaired. Tuel's wife is said to be in Klamath Falls at the present time.

TIMBER FROM LANDS IN THREE COUNTIES SOLD

Eleven Tracts Disposed of Today by Government Land Office.

BUYERS PAY \$134,087

Ben Chandler of Marshfield Buys Largest Amount, Paying Over \$78,000 for Fir and Cedar.

One of the biggest timber sales to be conducted in recent years by the Roseburg Land Office was held today when the government disposed of approximately 64,500,000 feet of timber on 1,854.22 acres of land, located chiefly in Coos, Jackson and Lane counties. The sale brought in \$134,087.

The largest purchases were made by Ben R. Chandler of Marshfield, who bought two quarter sections of Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land in Coos county. The total amount paid was \$78,000.

The Booth Kelly Lumber company of Eugene, bought 15,700,000 feet of fir, cedar and hemlock timber on 349 acres of O. and C. grant lands in Lane county, paying a total price of \$23,230.12.

Juan and C. M. Miller of Marcola, Oregon, also purchased O. and C. grant land timber, buying 780,000 feet of fir on 28.44 acres in Lane county.

Henry Fischer of Nott, paid \$1,442.88 for 720,000 feet of fir timber on 41.44 acres in Lane county. The amount paid was \$78,000.

Other half section purchased by Ben R. Chandler of Marshfield, contained 4,200,000 feet of old growth fir, 2,245,000 feet of second growth fir, 25,000 feet of spruce, 750,000 feet of hemlock and 475,000 feet of cedar. The purchase price was \$18,774.98.

The other half section which he acquired had 10,470,000 feet of old growth fir, 16,005,000 feet of second growth fir and 2,515,000 feet of hemlock. The price paid was \$58,317.50.