

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ROBERT W. SAWYER, of Bend, is the editor and owner of the Bend Bulletin. He is president of the Bend chamber of commerce. He is a member of the Oregon highway commission. He is president of the Oregon State Editorial association. He has served as county judge of Deschutes county. And, in addition to all this, he has a hobby.

So, you must agree, he is a busy man. That, in all probability, is why he finds the time to do so many things. It is the busiest man who have the most time for real accomplishment.

MR. SAWYER'S hobby is the history of Central Oregon. He can hold you enthralled for hours with the early story of that fascinating region.

He is familiar with the Journal of Peter Skene Ogden, the Hudson's Bay company factor who in 1825 journeyed up the Deschutes. He knows all about the Central Oregon travels of John C. Fremont, who named Summer and Abert lakes—the former because of the contrast of its green shores with the surrounding wintry landscape and the latter for one of his subordinates in command.

And if you want to earn Mr. Sawyer's everlasting gratitude, tell him where he can find some good and hitherto unknown examples of Indian picture writing.

ALL of which brings us around to the subject of this column for today, which is an original diary kept by one of the members of an expedition sent out in 1855 by Jefferson Davis, then U. S. secretary of war, to seek a route for a railroad from San Francisco bay to the Columbia river.

This diary recently came into Mr. Sawyer's possession, and he is now transcribing it. He is planning to have it published soon in the quarterly of the Oregon Historical society.

THERE were many interesting persons in this party, among them the author of the diary—then Lieutenant Abbot, and later Major General Abbot. Another was Dr. Newberry, after whom the Newberry crater is named.

Still another was Lieutenant Williamson, whose name survives in the Williamson river, in the Klamath Basin. The party included also Lieutenant Hood, later a famous Confederate general in the Civil war.

MOST interesting of all, perhaps, was Phil Sheridan, who first appeared in Oregon with this party. Sheridan, by the way, when ordered to join the expedition, was in Texas, and in order to reach San Francisco returned to New York, where he took ship for the Isthmus of Panama, which he crossed, and then boarded a ship on the Pacific side and thus came to the Great Bay and its budding metropolis, already growing into a big city because of the trade of the California gold fields.

They traveled a long way around to get a short distance in those days.

THE party traveled up the Sacramento valley, and apparently branched off and followed about the present route of the Cascade line of the Southern Pacific, thus arriving in time at the site of Klamath Falls.

Thence they came north along the foothills and eventually reached the site of the present town of Sisters. Here a part of the expedition turned westward and crossed the McKenzie pass, but was deterred from reaching the Willamette valley by the maze of canyons and rim rocks that had turned back still earlier adventures who had had sought to cross the barrier of the Cascades by this pass.

ANOTHER party from the expedition crossed the Willamette pass, followed down the river and reached the valley, passing Eugene City and going on north. The McKenzie was crossed, a few miles above its mouth, at Spores Ferry. Thus, away back in 1855, the present route of the Cascade line was covered by engineers, sent out to report on the best location for a railroad along the Pacific coast.

It was many long years before the railroad builders actually followed in the footsteps of these early railroad viewers.

THE story told by the Abbot diary is a long and fascinating one. (Continued on page 4)

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LOOKINGGLASS FARMER SHOTS SELF THRU HEAD

Charles Brumfield, 72, III
and in Financial Diff-
culty, Commits
Suicide.

Has Been Sufferer From
Asthma for Long Period;
Severe Attack
Today.

Charles Brumfield, a well known resident of Looking Glass, ended his life this morning by shooting himself through the head with a .38 calibre revolver. The suicide act was prompted, it is believed, by a long period of poor health, which caused a great deal of suffering, coupled with financial reverses.

Mr. Brumfield resided at Melrose and Lookingglass for the past fifteen years, operating a large prune orchard for a considerable time. He lost the orchard, through financial trouble, a few years ago, and has since been living on a place owned by George B. Best at Lookingglass.

An aunt, Mrs. Sarah Powell, has been keeping house for him, and has made her home at the place. This morning, according to Mrs. Powell's statement, Mr. Brumfield arose about 5:30 o'clock. He had not been well during the night, being troubled with a severe case of asthma, this condition having been of long standing, and after getting up this morning he suffered a very hard attack.

Mrs. Powell attempted to relieve him, and while he was lying on the couch she went into the kitchen to light a fire and heat water for chest packs. While she was lighting the fire she heard a shot and ran to Mr. Brumfield's room, where she found the body on the bed.

He had apparently decided to end his suffering and had gone to his room, taking the revolver that he had borrowed some time previous from a neighbor, and shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

In the absence of Coroner H. C. Stearns, who is attending a state convention of morticians at New York, an investigation was made by Sheriff V. T. Jackson and Deputy Coroner Kenneth Crow. The case, it was declared, was plainly one of suicide, so that no inquest is necessary. The body was brought to the Douglas Funeral Home.

Mr. Brumfield was of a very retiring nature, little is known of his personal history. He was 72 years of age and had been a resident of this county for about 15 years. He and his wife separated a number of years ago. Two daughters are living, but their addresses are unknown. A sister and nephew reside in Healdsburg, California, and have been notified of the tragedy.

Jack French was a visitor here late yesterday from Sutherlin.

Settlement of Catholic Church Question in Mexico Brings End To Seventy-Two Years' Strife

(By Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, June 22.—Seventy-two years of strife, beset with revolution, rebellion, sudden death and suffering, was the history of Mexico's religious troubles as representatives of the Roman Catholic church and the Mexican government entered peace negotiations here.

The Juarez constitution of 1857 was the fundamental starting point of the discussion which flared and cooled in various stages of violence down through the years to the present time.

However, it was only since 1926 that general religious services as such have not been held.

The constitution of 1857 prohibited the ancient practice of a government confiscating property without the consent of the owner, but, at the same time, declared "no religious corporations shall have legal capacity to acquire title to or administer real property, other than the buildings immediately and directly destined to the services of the church." The same constitution abolished religious orders.

In 1874 drastic laws to enforce the provisions were modified but under the iron hand of Diaz, who ruled until 1910, religious worship, education and administration, almost entirely in the hands of the Roman Catholic church, went on as usual with little attention to the constitutional limitations.

1917 Saw Climax
The constitution of 1917, following the mad years of the Diaz regime, when governments were overthrown with bewildering rapidity

CAPTAIN JOHNSON OF WRECKED SHIP RECEIVES CENSURE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., June 22.—Captain Louis Johnson of the Quaker line freighter Laurel, which was wrecked off the Columbia river a week ago, was today charged with inefficiency by Inspector F. Edthofer of the United States steamboat inspection service.

Captain Edthofer made this accusation at the investigation today into the wrecking of the Laurel. The ship grounded on a sand spit in a heavy storm. One of the crew lost his life, nearly five million feet of lumber was lost, and the large freighter reduced to wreckage.

"I feel that you did not exercise good judgment," Captain Edthofer declared as he addressed Captain Johnson, who, with ashen gray face, had just completed his testimony.

"If I had been in your place I would have ascertained the condition of the weather at the mouth of the river; I would then have placed a sufficiently large crew on watch to care for the ship properly in case of emergency; I would have tested the steering apparatus previous to my departure; I would have stationed a man at the hand wheel."

"You did none of these things," Inspector Edthofer is an old-time sea captain.

A report of Captain Johnson's testimony will be forwarded to the department of commerce at Washington, D. C.

EARWIG FIGHT IN ROSEBURG PLANNED BY COMMISSION

A fight against earwigs will be one of the first undertakings of the new commission in charge of the City Beautification campaign, according to Maurice Newland, chairman. This work has been assigned to the Roseburg Garden club, with Charles A. Brand as chairman, and Roseburg residents will be asked to cooperate in a determined fight to rid the city of this pest.

The committee is receiving assistance from J. C. Leedy, county agent, and arrangements are being made to secure poison for distribution at low cost.

The earwig fight is one that is demanding the attention of practically all Pacific coast cities. The pests are increasing with great rapidity and are constantly spreading out into new territory. While they made their appearance in Roseburg only about three years ago, they have now spread out to include practically the entire city, and it is necessary that every resident cooperate if a campaign is to be effective.

Many methods of control are suggested, but so far poisoning seems to have given the best results, and the committee is now engaged in working out a program, which it is hoped will be put into effect in the very near future.

Mrs. Henry Lander motored to this city yesterday from her home at Green and spent the afternoon shopping and calling on friends.

MEXICO-CHURCH BREACH HEALED BY AGREEMENT

Accord Between President
Gil and Two Prelates
Restores Right of
Public Worship.

Devotees Pour Out Thanks
and Demonstration for
Nation's Head Will
Follow July 6th.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MEXICO CITY, June 22.—The Mexican religious question which has troubled the peace of Mexico for the past three years has been solved by an agreement between the government and the church.

By the accord the Mexican government permitted a broad interpretation of the religious laws which the Roman Catholic church found a satisfactory basis for resuming services in Mexico's Catholic churches.

The accord followed negotiations between President Portes Gil and two eminent Mexican prelates, Monsignor Leopoldo Ruiz Y. Flores, archbishop of Michoacan, and Bishop Pascual Diaz of Toluca. Simultaneous statements were issued by the men concerned last night, thus bringing toward an end the religious stalemate of the last three years.

People Made Happy
Mexicans, moved to happiness as three weeks ago they watched with foreboding crowded to their churches today to give thanks for settlement of the acute phase of the nation's bitter religious strife. Flowers—Mexico's own, zempoalchilli and maravillas—were heaped high around the altar at the church of Nuestra Señora de la Guadalupe near the capital, the thank offering of a new smiling people to their national saint. Some of the blossoms were brought from as far as the floating gardens of Xochimilco.

While the government moved fast to permit return of churches and church property to the clergy for the first masses June 29, the bishops themselves announced arrangements to bring the country's priests back to their parishes.

Archbishop Flores said he had accepted the offer of the Missouri Pacific for a special train in which the priests might return together to Mexico.

Gil to Be Honored
Plans were already afoot today for a monster nation-wide demonstration July 6 to President Portes Gil, for having effected the settlement which, without destroying the structure of Mexico's revolutionary social laws, will permit the priests to return to their flocks.

The first mass probably will be said at the shrine of the Virgin, Guadalupe, June 29, day of Saint Peter. The shrine is to the Mexican what Mecca is to the Mohammedan or the Ganges to the Hindu. Literally tens of thousands should be on hand for a glimpse of the ceremony before the legendary image of "Our Lady of the Guadalupe." The next service would be in the great Mexico City cathedral.

Credit To Morrow
MEXICO CITY, June 22.—Am- (Continued on page 8)

NATIONAL HEAD SONS OF VETERANS COMING MONDAY

Word was received here this morning that George Hawley, of San Francisco, national commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, will arrive in Roseburg Monday to visit the local camp. No previous announcement of the visit of this high official of the organization had been received, and so the local members are busily engaged today in getting out notices of the special meeting that has been called for Monday evening at 8 o'clock. It is the desire of the local officers that all of the members of the Roseburg camp be present to meet the commander.

AVIATOR KILLED, PASSENGER HURT IN PLANE CRASH

TEXARKANA, Ark., June 22.—Oscar Nash, pilot, was killed and Howard Webb, passenger, was injured today when their plane crashed into a tree at a landing field near here while taking off for Dallas. Miss Gladys Fisher, who had taken them to the field in an automobile, witnessed the accident. She extricated both men from the wreckage, placed them in the car and brought them to a hospital here. Nash was dead when they arrived. Both men resided here.

Pays \$10,000 To Improve Golf; Wins \$5 Wager

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, June 22.—The pet peeve of Alfred S. Austrian, Chicago attorney, has been his inability to play a round of golf with a dignified score. Day after day, his score card was in the nineties, and perhaps occasionally even in three figures.

Austrian went to George O'Neill, formerly professional at the Lake Shore country club, and said: "I will give you \$10,000 if you will teach me to break 80."

Nell told him to take off his coat, and the training began. It was no overnight miracle; it was months of toil. The attorney seemed to have some vital reason for wishing to attain this golfing ambition.

There came a day when the professional said to his pupil: "Go out and play; return and pay."

The attorney came back with a score of 78. He came back a second time with a 79. And the third time his score was 77. He paid.

Austrian was asked why he was willing to pay \$10,000 to shoot under 80.

"To win a five dollar bet," he said.

PORTLAND YOUTHS STEAL AUTOS AND ABDUCT 2 GIRLS

Make Getaway in Timbered
Area After Gun Battle
in Which They Hit
Police Car.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., June 22.—Two youths started on a tour of banditry last night, kidnaped two 19-year-old girls, held up four automobiles, filling one full of bullet holes, and finished up with a running gun battle with two deputy sheriffs. They were at large today, sought by a cordon of police and deputy sheriffs under the leadership of Harvey Thatcher, chief of Portland detectives.

At 10 p. m. yesterday the 20-year-old bandits held up Roy Glaser and Harry Smith, took their automobile and forced Laura Shewey and Maude Hallett, who were with the boys, to accompany them.

For two hours the quartet drove around the city. Then the young highwaymen drove to Council Crest, held up a car driven by A. K. Smeor, and commandeered the machine. Ten minutes later they held up Lee Holmes and took his car, discarding that stolen from Smeor. Several blocks away they stopped another automobile and when the driver sped away after being accosted, the bandits fired upon it, sending several bullets through the back.

Battle With Police
They then crossed to East Portland and told the girls to get out. After leaving the girls the youths were spotted by a police patrol car. In their lighter machine the police gave chase, finally opening fire with a sawed-off shotgun and revolver. The bandits returned the fire, one bullet puncturing the dashboard of the police car and narrowly missing an occupant.

The big car driven by the highwaymen careened around a corner and was found a moment later stalled in a ditch. The youths had disappeared in brush and timber in the vicinity. The car had bullet holes in one tire, the back window and the gasoline tank.

Police later revealed that the two girls in the case were arrested recently in a downtown room with two men wanted in Oregon city for burglary. At that time the girls disclaimed any knowledge of the men being robbers.

WHITE MOTHER OF 8 CHILDREN GIVES BABY TO NEGRESS

KANSAS CITY, June 22.—A woman who told the hotel agent she was Mrs. Irvin Thompson, 25, of Iowa, sat in a bus station here last night surrounded by six of her eight children. Five of them were crying lustily, the youngest, a three-month-old baby boy was silent.

"Don't children sure noisy," remarked Mrs. Ruth Watson, negro woman, "all 'cept that baby, he's one grand child."

"If you like him you can have him," said the mother placing the baby in the negro woman's arms. "I've too many to take care of now."

Not until the negro woman arrived home with the child did she become doubtful. Then she called police and requested permission to keep the baby. The police objected.

CROSS-COUNTRY FLIER HOPS AND MISSES ARREST

Lee Schoenhair, Trying for
New Non-Stop Record,
Charged With Bad
Check Passing.

Warrant Issued at Request
of Jeweler—Start of
Flight Marred by
an Accident.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, June 22.—With a new non-stop transcontinental flight record his goal, Lee Schoenhair took off from the Metropolitan airport in a Lockheed Vega monoplane in an effort to shatter the mark of 18 hours 21 minutes 59 seconds held by Captain Harry Hawks.

Nine minutes later a telegram was received at the central police station here from W. G. Walker, chief of police at Fresno, Cal., requesting that the pilot be held on a charge of issuing fictitious checks. Schoenhair left his plane on the ground after a run of approximately 2000 feet. He circled the port once and then disappeared eastward in the morning darkness. The craft was loaded with 485 gallons of gasoline. Weather reports indicated he would meet favorable conditions during the entire flight.

The take-off was delayed almost three hours when a wheel and the propeller of the monoplane were slightly damaged in a collision with another plane as bandits pushed the craft on the runway preparatory to the flight. Mechanics made hasty repairs before the machine was pronounced fit for the journey.

Arrest Impends.

Chief Walker, in a long distance telephone communication here, when informed that Schoenhair had already left for New York, said that he would have officers here meet him on his return. The message read: "L. Schoenhair wanted felony warrant fictitious checks. Hold. Will send for him."

The Fresno police chief said that there was no question about the man wanted being the flier. He (Continued on page 8)

JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAM PLAYING AT MEDFORD TODAY

The Douglas county Junior League baseball team left this morning to play against Medford in the first game of the district series. The coaches of southwestern Oregon have each formed a team made up of their best ball players under 17 years of age, and these three teams are now to play for the district championship. The Douglas county team is playing at Medford today against the Jackson and Josephine county team, and the winner of that contest will go to Marshfield to play against the Coos and Curry county team. The second game will determine the district championship, and the winning team will go to Eugene to play the winners of the southern Willamette district. The state final will be played at Portland and the coast final at San Francisco. The national championship series will be held at Chicago.

The Douglas county team is a classy organization and plays a beautiful game of baseball. The team has beaten several groups of much older and more experienced players in practice games. The members of the squad are from Glendale, Sutherlin, Myrtle Creek and Roseburg. They are Rex Anderson, Burtons Avery, Paul Babue, Thomas Bayles, Jay Chaney, Arthur Darland, Daniel Entler, Reginald Eskrine, Lloyd Goff, Robert Romanini, Harold Rattenecker, Gilbert Weaver, Kenneth Wimer, Herbert Yocum.

ENGINEER TAKEN FOR ROBBER; SHOT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SPOKANE, June 22.—Mrs. R. B. Brown shot and seriously wounded Harry Dodd, 23, locomotive engineer, early today, because she mistook him for a burglar, she reported to police.

Dodd, with two companions, was seeking a certain street address, and before daylight they used a flashlight to examine the number on Mrs. Brown's house. Mrs. Brown's home had been robbed some time ago. She was nervous, she said, so she fired through a screen door and drilled Dodd through the bone of his leg. Officers accepted the explanations of those involved.

To Join Chief Behind Bars



Henry Mason Day

SINCLAIR'S ALLY ORDERED TO JAIL; DETECTIVE FINED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, June 22.—Harry P. Sinclair and Henry Mason Day, vice-president of one of Sinclair's oil companies, were ordered committed to jail today by the District of Columbia supreme court for contempt of court as a result of jury shadowing activities in the Fall-Sinclair trial.

Sinclair now is in the Washington jail serving three months' sentence for refusal to answer questions asked by a senate investigating committee and the sentence imposed today will start immediately and run concurrently with his present sentence. As a result the time the oil man must remain behind the bars will be shortened by about 35 days.

Allowing time off for good behavior, it is expected he will complete both sentences by about the last week in November.

Detective Fined
The court today also ordered W. Sherman Burns, head of the Burns Detective agency, to pay a fine of \$1,000. A sentence of 15 days imposed upon William J. Burns, retired head of the detective agency, by the lower courts, was set aside recently by the supreme court.

The trial which resulted in the contempt sentences began in December, 1927, but the district attorney stopped the prosecution of criminal charges against Sinclair and Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, as a result of the jury shadowing charges.

At that time one of the jurors in the case said at the end of the trial he expected to receive an automobile as long as a city block. Later the criminal case against the two was separated because of Fall's ill-health. Sinclair stood trial and was acquitted and Fall's case has not yet been tried.

The shortening of Sinclair's sentence followed the fallacy of Justice McCoey to specify that the six months' sentence begin at the (Continued on page 8)

UNBREAKABLE BOND TAKES DAY TO JAIL WITH SINCLAIR, WHOM HE TRIED TO MAKE OIL RULER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer
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WASHINGTON, June 22.—Henry Mason Day, mystery man, commercial adventurer extraordinary and veteran of international politics, is going to jail to be with his boss and his closest friend, Harry Sinclair.

A few years ago these two were about to make Sinclair the greatest oil king of the world.

Day's fidelity to Sinclair got him into this jam. His fidelity to Sinclair may make his incarceration easier, since Sinclair will be there, too.

Any story about the Damon-Pythias friendship and joint activities of Day and Sinclair must be fragmentary because Day is, as noted, first of all a man of mystery. He has moved mysteriously and effectively over the world, seldom leaving a trace. And he never seems to have missed a trick or made a slip until he had to depend on a group of Burns detectives to shadow and investigate the jury which was trying his pal.

But it was Day who plotted with Sinclair gigantic exploits in the Empire of Oil. It was Day who went quietly into Asiatic and European capitals to arrange and consummate the huge bargains for the oil fields which were almost in Sinclair's grasp when Teapot Dome came crashing down upon their heads.

Defeated Old Oil Interests
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S. P. TRAIN HELD UP BY 2 BANDITS

Engineer Barnes Shot
When He Disobeys.

Deed Occurs Near McAvoy,
California; Mail and
Express Looted.

COOLNESS DISPLAYED

One Outlaw Holds Crew at
Bay While Pal Secures
Booty—Getaway
Made in Auto.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MARTINEZ, Cal., June 22.—The booty secured by the bandits who held up a Southern Pacific train near McAvoy today may have included a \$130,000 payroll of a steel concern. A check is being made to determine this. The bandits abandoned their automobile a mile east of Concord. It is believed they transferred their loot to a second car and headed toward Oakland. All entrances to Oakland and Berkeley are being closely watched.

MARTINEZ, Cal., June 22.—Two bandits today held up Southern Pacific train No. 36 near McAvoy, shot J. H. Barnes, engineer, in the arm, and rifled the mail sacks of all registered letters.

Barnes was said to have attempted to thwart the robbers by keeping the train in motion, and was shot when he refused to obey orders.

Working with precise ease, the bandits boarded the train at Bay Point, where they bought tickets for Pittsburg. Shortly after the train, a local enroute to Tracy, was under way, they ordered the rear brakeman to stop at a certain point east of McAvoy.

At the point, it was reported to the sheriff, the two bandits had a "set-up," consisting of one machine gun, and two automobiles in which to make their escape.

The engineer ran past the (Continued on page 3)

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