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TWELVE DIE IN NEW YORK FIRE TODAY

Five Story Brick Tenement
Destroyed Early This
Morning.

BLAZE ORIGIN IS ONE OF MYSTERY

Two Hundred Were Living
In Building; 20 Injured;
Firemen Stage Spectacular
Rescues.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 27.—Fire, of a mysterious origin, starting in a rubbish pile on the first floor of a five-story brick tenement at East 109th street early today, swept the building causing the deaths of twelve persons, the members of two families living on the fifth floor.

WILL LECTURE TO POULTRYMEN

J. E. Mayton, who makes his home in San Francisco, Calif., will give a lecture at the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock on "Poultry." The lecture, which is of interest to all who are interested in poultry raising, either commercially or not, is sponsored by the Union County Poultry Bureau and the livestock committee of the Union County Ad. Club.

Mr. Mayton has given lectures all over the state of California and Oregon and is unanimously acclaimed, by those to whom he has spoken, as carrying a message to poultrymen that should not be missed. These lectures have been attended by the commercial clubs and farm bureaus.

The lecture will be illustrated by a lantern slide that will portray and bring out certain points in his lecture in an easily understandable way.

DEBATE TEAM GIVEN FORENSIC LETTERS

Superintendent A. C. Hammon, of the La Grande high school, this morning awarded debate that the four members of the debating team that defeated Pendleton, in a special study body assembly.

The letters were received by Lucille Craig, Fonda Hanks, Donald Rohan, and Floyd Smith, and, in order to not conflict with the athletic letters, are smaller L's surrounded by a felt circle.

BOY IS SENTENCED

(By Associated Press)
BEND, Ore., April 27.—Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy, this morning sentenced Walter Evans, convicted here Monday evening of a serious offense, to two years in the penitentiary at Salem. The court promised to write to the state parole board recommending that the 19-year-old boy's case be reviewed by that body.

Paul E. King, counsel for the defendant, gave oral notice of possible motion for retrial of the case following passing of sentence on the youth. Evans eloped from Bend last Christmas night with a local school girl.

Modernization Program Is Abandoned by Navy

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27.—Modernization of the older ships of the American fleet will await specific authority of congress, Secretary Denby announced Thursday, and the navy department will abandon for the time

Weather Forecast



Portland, Apr. 27.—Rain tonight or Saturday.

Huntington, Oregon, Is Expected to Be Meridian Point, Idaho Wins Fight

PORTLAND, Apr. 27.—Huntington, Ore., is expected on May 15 again to become the meridian point between Pacific coast and Rocky mountain time on the main line and branches of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company.

DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST BABE IS WITHDRAWN

Miss Dolores Dixon Stops
Seduction Damage Suit
Charges Against "Home
Run King."

NEW YORK, Apr. 27.—Miss Dolores Dixon, who brought a suit for \$50,000 damages against Babe Ruth, "home run king," alleging seduction, withdrew her case today just as the case of Robert McChesney, who was to have been examined in the supreme court as to Miss Dixon's record, was about to be called.

SAID FRAMEUP
(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 27.—Ruth's attorney, Hyman Bushel, said that he had obtained a confession signed by Miss Dixon to the effect that the \$50,000 damage suit was the result of a frameup in which several persons were involved.

MERRYMAKERS' REHEARSALS ON

Annual Presentation of the
High School Boys' Entertain-
ment to Be May 4.

The entertainment to be staged by the boy students of the La Grande high school, on the evening of May 4, which is an annual event similar to the girls "April Antiks," only carrying the cognomen of "Merrymakers," is practically advanced from preliminary and rehearsal, now being held nearly nightly, are putting the program into concrete shape.

According to Principal E. D. Towler, in charge of the rehearsals, the student show this year will excel previous performances without a single doubt.

Several members of the cast are showing exceptional ability in their various parts and a large number of entirely original numbers are being added that will be sure to make a hit with the audience. Not a minute during the evening will drag," he asserts, "as the numbers will follow each other in rapid succession with no uninteresting periods between numbers."

DANCES 112 HOURS

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 27.—A. C. Watson of San Antonio broke the world's non-stop dancing record when he left the floor of a dance hall here Thursday with 112 hours continuous dancing to his credit. He was in good physical condition.

25,000 ARE EXPECTED TO SEE PAGEANT

BENDLETON, Apr. 27.—Plans being laid by the committees from Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, Union and other points, which have charge of parts of the gigantic program to be staged on the Old Oregon Trail near the summit of the mountains, July 4, in celebration of the completion of the trail, are now forming to such an extent that the magnitude of the proposal is being revealed. Estimates from La Grande place the expected attendance at 25,000 people, and arrangements are to be made for the parking of over 5000 cars.

A huge camp will be erected for the event, which will start Tuesday evening, July 3, and continue over the entire Fourth of July.

A complete survey of all land adjacent to the highway on both sides, from Meacham on over to the other side of the mountains will be made Monday by the committees from all of the cities, and a site will probably be selected. In the consideration of the site there are many problems among which are: availability to automobile and railroad travel, a natural amphitheatre large enough to stage the great historical pageant, with room enough for the great crowds, a huge auto camping ground, water for drinking and sanitary purposes, a place clear of timber but with shade available, and many other details yet to be worked out.

The local committee headed by L. C. Schamp, chairman of the local committee, met last evening and worked out some of the details of the Pendleton part in the event.

Chauncey Bishop will be responsible for having an Indian camp at the site of the event. S. R. Thompson will be in charge of getting the old stage coaches on the mountain for the old time color and other members of the committee will have other details of the Pendleton part of the celebration.

The Pendleton committee will drive up to Meacham to meet the other committees early Monday morning.

EVANGELIST WILL LECTURE TONIGHT

The Bible lecture held by Evangelist E. D. Wagner last night in the Eagles hall was well attended and a deep interest was manifested in the subject presented. Due to previous arrangements the hall could not be secured regularly, therefore Evangelist Wagner, assisted by Editor C. M. Rittenhouse, superintendent of Southeastern Oregon, will continue lectures in the Adventist church on M street, opposite the high school building.

Miss Edna Blackstock, soloist of Boise, Idaho, has been secured to assist in the musical program.

The subject for tonight at the church will be "The Capital and Labor Question, and Its Outcome as Revealed in Bible Prophecy."

L. H. S. Girls Winners Oregon Essay Contest

Wife Murderer

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Apr. 27.—John A. Carlson, plumbing contractor, confessed today that he drowned his wife by sitting on her head in a shallow pond into which he had deliberately overturned his automobile.

RUHR TRAFFIC DISORGANIZED BY EXPLOSIONS

(By Associated Press)
DUSSELDORF, Apr. 27.—Five separate bomb explosions in the Ruhr valley during the night cut railway, telegraph, telephone communications, temporarily disorganizing traffic.

BULLETINS

ORDERS ARMISTICE
(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Apr. 27.—The chief of staff of the Irish Republican army ordered a cessation of hostilities from noon Monday with a view to peace negotiations.

DEMPSEY MAY MEET GIBBONS
(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Apr. 27.—Prospects for a bout between Dempsey and Tom Gibbons is better today after a conference between Manager Kearns and Montana promoters.

BRUSH BREAKS IN TWO
(By Associated Press)
MARSHFIELD, Apr. 27.—The steamer Brush broke in two today on a reef where she was stranded in South Coos Bay yesterday. The lumber from the cargo is coming ashore. It appears that there is no chance of salvaging the valuable Oriental goods in the cargo.

GOVERNOR GRANTS PARDON
(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Apr. 27.—Governor Pierce today granted a conditional pardon to J. L. Huiras, who was serving a six months' term in the county jail here for being intoxicated. Huiras lives at Woodburn. He was released from the jail today.

THE MARKET
PORTLAND, Apr. 27.—Cattle and hogs steady, sheep steady, choice spring lambs \$7.00 to \$12.00; eggs firm and butter steady.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS
PORTLAND, Apr. 27.—Hard White \$1.36; Western Red \$1.23.

Wholesale Murder Done In Haworth, Oklahoma; Slayers Unidentified

(By Associated Press)
HAWORTH, Okla., Apr. 27.—Thomas Hammill, planter, his wife, and their daughter, Mrs. Tope, and the latter's ten year old son, were shot to death when they were called to the door of the Hammill home near here early today and were fired upon by two unidentified men on horseback.

The five year old daughter of Mrs. Tope, is probably fatally wounded. Two boys sleeping in the back room escaped. Neighbors said that Mrs. Tope was estranged from her husband and came to her parents home three weeks ago to live.

IDAHO ADOPTS OREGON TRAIL MOVEMENT

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Apr. 27.—The Oregon Trail movement was boosted again here Thursday afternoon when more southern Idaho cities pledged support, monetary and otherwise, to the proposition as outlined by W. E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association. Delegates from Hagerman, Buhl, Murtaugh, Twin Falls and Burley met here and pledged whole-hearted support. A budget from each town was agreed upon to help finance the association.

At noon Thursday Mr. Meacham presented an outline of the work accomplished before the members of the Rotary club at Buhl. Friday noon he will address a joint meeting of the Rotary club and Chamber of Commerce at Burley.

MRS. SCHWAIGER CALLED BEYOND

Anna Schwaiger, aged 74 years, the mother of Mrs. Anna Polack and Rupert Schwaiger, of this city, passed away about 11:45 o'clock this morning at the residence of her daughter. Her death came as a sad shock to her many friends who today mourn her demise.

The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel at present. The funeral will be held at North Platte.

Mrs. Schwaiger is survived by her daughter and son of La Grande, and a son, Joe Schwaiger, of North Platte, Nebraska.

THREE REAL ESTATE SALES ARE RECORDED

Real estate transactions have been fairly lively in the offices of George H. Curry, real estate agency during the past few days. Mr. Curry reports the following sales:

Orellia G. Wright has purchased a corner North 21st and will take immediate possession.

I. W. Nelson has purchased an acre tract on North 19th and will immediately commence the construction on a new modern residence.

J. A. Gruppe has purchased the George Workman home in the eastern portion of the city.

FAST TIME OVER BLUE MOUNTAIN

BAKER, Apr. 27.—If anyone thinks the Old Oregon trail over the Blue mountains is not open to travel, just listen and watch Bill Ellis' smoke. He left Baker by car yesterday morning accompanied by Ed Parker at 5 o'clock and a phone message to J. C. Bowen, manager in charge of the Ellis Transfer company, announced his arrival in Pendleton at 9 o'clock, just four hours, and at the same rate of going it is expected Portland was reached in time for the first table for dinner at the Hotel Benson.

Mr. Ellis said in his phone talk that he had no trouble over the mountains, although three or four cars were stalled and waiting help that was close at hand.

Root Defends World Title

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27.—Supporting President Harding in his contention that the United States should participate in the permanent court of international justice, Elihu Root Thursday night told the American Society of International Law that the question presented by the president's message to the senate was really only a question of moral support.

"The amount of contribution towards the support of the court, to be determined by our own congress, would be negligible," asserted Mr. Root.

"We undertake to do nothing and to give nobody authority or power to do anything for us. The question is merely whether we shall give our moral support to the establishment of the same kind of court which our

I. W. W. NOT SATISFIED WITH STRIKE

New York Secretary Admits
Walkout Not Up to
Expectations

OREGON HAS NO MORE WALKOUTS

Situation in Washington Is
Said to Be Less Serious
Than the Wobblies Would
Make People Believe.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 27.—The strike of I. W. W. marine workers, begun Wednesday, has failed to come up to the expectations of Union leaders, Jampa Walsh, secretary of the strikers publicly committed, admitted today. He estimated that not over 900 answered the strike call.

Portland Quiet.
PORTLAND, Apr. 27.—Except for activity in distributing I. W. W. literature on the waterfront, no evidence of the strike was noticeable today. Shipping operations are going on as usual. No additional walkouts were reported in Oregon lumber districts.

W. C. Ruegnitz, executive secretary of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, said that the situation in Washington is not so serious as the I. W. W. would have people think.

Camps north of Tacoma are operating one side or more, and many men who walked out the first day have returned, he said.

STRIKE SPREADING
SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—The Industrial Workers of the World general strike in the Pacific coast states spread to longshoremen and transport workers at San Pedro, Calif., Thursday, and it was reported 1500 men had quit work there. In Oregon it was said the strike had not gained new adherents but in Washington indications were that it had caused additional workers to leave their jobs.

Figures compiled by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen in Seattle showed 9000 men were out. These principally were loggers. A few hundred longshoremen are included in the strikers, but few, it any, lumber mill workers.

Higher Pay Demanded.
Five steamers that were tied up at Everett, Wash., left without taking cargo. The strikers at Everett have demanded \$1 an hour and \$1.50 overtime instead of 80 cents and \$1.20, the present scale.

It is expected the lumber mills will be forced to lay off their night shifts if the loggers refrain from working for any great length of time. It is predicted by the I. W. W. leaders that the strike will grow as it had.

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DRIVING HOME FROM DOTT AND

New Dark Room,
Velox Developing,
Pictures.

Special, we want to
bring us Sunday and
at your films in this
specified, so bring us
found see the beautiful

