

DAYTON MAY LOSE SCOPES TRIAL

FIRE RAZES TWO HOMES; LOSS \$2000

Summerville Residences Burned to the Ground Early Today

HARD WORK SAVED BUSINESS BLOCK

Crowd of Firefighters and Favorable Weather Conditions Prevented Blaze Spreading.

Only the presence of a breeze that favored the fire fighters, saved the main business block at Summerville, near the foot of Mt. Emily, from complete destruction early this morning, according to word received here today.

Two dwellings were totally ruined by fire in the next block and, despite weather conditions, it took a large measure of heroic and diligent work to prevent the business houses from igniting.

According to reports, the blaze started in the home of Jack Archibald, at about midnight. Although the origin is unknown, it is believed by many that a fire in the stove was responsible.

The flames gained a strong foothold and with such a start, it was impossible to extinguish them. The residence of Mrs. Molly McDowell, next door to the Archibald home, also caught and was razed.

Most of the contents of both places was saved although the buildings themselves were total losses. The Archibald home was partly covered by insurance but none was carried on the McDowell home.

Summoned Aid. When the fire started, Mrs. Fryer, telephone operator at Imbler, was notified, and she rounded up the entire countryside which rushed to Summerville and helped combat the flames. Many hold that her

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ROAD OILING NEARING END

According to announcement from the State Highway Office here this morning the oiling operations on the Old Oregon Trail highway between Lone Pine and Union will start Thursday of next week. At the present time the streets of Huntington are being oiled.

The points will be notified thru the news of the location of the detectors. When the work starts the detectors will be plainly marked and watchmen will be kept both night and day to direct the traffic.

Oiling operations this time of the year will be very much different than the work done near Pendleton early this spring, as the weather is now dry and hot and the oil will dry in twenty-four hours, causing very little inconvenience to the traffic.

Elgin Launches Two-Day July Fourth Celebration

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Elgin's big Fourth of July celebration was launched today at nine o'clock this morning with a band parade in the streets, which was followed by sports an hour later.

At 11:30 o'clock this morning the big free barbecue, the feature of today, was opened to all and the crowd present gave forth much testimony as to the excellence of the feature. Jack Rhodes, experienced in barbecuing, was in charge.

Horse racing started at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Union County Fair grounds.

The remainder of the program follows: 1:30 to 4:20 p. m.; Horse racing. Large and varied meet of saddle horses, ponies and many professional racing. Also steeple chasing, tacking contests, harness racing and many other rodeo and racing sports.

Endeavorers On Way To Convention

La Grande to Send Large Delegation to Portland for International Meeting.

That the La Grande Christian Endeavor Association will be well represented at the International Christian Endeavor convention to be held in Portland, July 4 to 10, is evident. Several members of the local association have already left for Portland by auto and others will leave this evening on train No. 25, to be there tomorrow, the first day of the convention. Over twenty-five people will attend from La Grande and in addition to this number several will go from Baker, Lostine and other surrounding points.

Accompanying the young people on their trip will be Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bowser, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Anderson, Miss Hulda Anderson, state superintendent and life work recruits of Oregon and Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McPherson.

A special train of C. E. members from Massachusetts is expected to pass through La Grande this evening at about 8 o'clock. Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the World Christian Endeavor union and his official party will be on the special. Governor S. A. and his wife of Pennsylvania are expected to be on the same train.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A special train carrying thousands of Christian Endeavorers from all parts of the United States and Canada, who will spend from July 4 to 10 attending the 30th International Christian Endeavor convention.

Edward P. Gates of Boston, general secretary of the convention.

Suitable Program to Honor July Fourth

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Proceeding the races, Saturday afternoon, the Fourth, there will be a brief Fourth of July program in front of the grand stand on the fair grounds. This will be made by the band and then a chorus of women, directed by Mrs. A. K. Parker, will sing. This will be followed by a solo by Mrs. Parker, on horseback, with band accompaniment.

Ralph W. Swagler of Ontario, who was here for Memorial day, will then make a brief Fourth of July address. Another number by the ladies' chorus will follow, and then the races will come on with a dash.

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U.S. COURT MAY TRY THE CASE

Announcements of Complaints Made by Clarence Darrow Today

WOULD RESTRAIN COURT IN DAYTON

If Petition Is Granted Evolution Case Would Lose All Its Appeal as a Great Drama.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Definite announcement was made today by Clarence Darrow that the Scopes evolution trial set for hearing at Dayton, Tenn., would be taken into federal court by the defense counsel. Darrow said two complaints, one by Scopes and the other by some property owner, would be filed in the federal court. The complaints, if in effect, would be applications for injunctions to restrain the state court from proceeding with the trial at Dayton.

Should the injunction be denied Darrow and his three associates would have no recourse but to proceed with the Dayton trial next Friday.

Should the federal judge grant the petitions, the evolution case would lose all its appeal as a great drama, with its nationally known witnesses appearing on the stand and expounding their views on man's creation.

Instead the lawyers themselves (Continued on Page Five.)

AID BY BILLY SUNDAY ASKED

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (By the Associated Press)—The Louisville Courier Journal today says that Walter White, superintendent of the schools at Dayton, Tenn., has invited Reverend "Billy" Sunday to assist in the presentation of the Scopes evolution trial.

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CARAVAN TO ARRIVE HERE 4:30

Portland Visitors to Be Met at Gangloff Park by Citizens

WILL BE GUESTS AT DINNER HERE

Two-Hour Stop in This City to Be Followed by Drive to Wallowa Wonderland.

Everything seems to be in readiness for the Portland caravan which is to arrive here about 4:30 this evening. A large delegation of La Grande citizens is expected to be present at Gangloff park, west of the city, a few moments before the appointed time to escort the visitors into La Grande. Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has requested any who can do so to drive to the park at the time the visitors are scheduled to arrive. Traffic going west will be held up for a few minutes at the park in order to eliminate the possibility of congestion.

On their arrival here the members of the party will retire to the "Eggs" club, which the lodge has tendered for the occasion, to prepare for the dinner to be served in the Methodist church basement at 5 o'clock.

The caravan will be guests of the chamber of commerce at this dinner which is to be served by the ladies of the Methodist church. Dr. Meadory will be chairman of the dinner and H. E. Coolidge will deliver the welcoming address. Leave here at 6:30.

The party will leave La Grande at 8:30 to drive to Wallowa lake. Incidentally, the trip will be made over a highway which has been placed in tip top condition this last week through the courtesy of the local highway office. The road from La Grande to Pendleton has been worked on and the approach to the city from Gangloff park has been sprinkled by the highway department also.

D. M. Major, secretary of the commercial club at Wallowa, has written with the information that the city of Wallowa will be ready with some of "Wallowa's famous ice cream" and other refreshments when the caravan passes through there this evening.

At Enterprise the party will be escorted through the city by a cowboy gang. A special program has been arranged at Wallowa lake this evening when the party arrives at that point.

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Earthquake Pictures



Upper—Once this building covered a whole block in Santa Barbara. Today it is a demolished structure, shaken to the ground by the earthquake last Monday. Center—This photograph shows how the Catholic church, standing alongside of the Knights of Pishias hall, was ruined. Lower—Another view of the Catholic church as it was wrecked.

TALL MEN WIN HOTEL BATTLE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The Hotel McAlpin has announced the conversion of part of its twenty-two floors into special accommodations for tall persons.

When complete by the end of next week, there will be accommodations for fifty "oversized" guests. The change is being made under the direction of Benjamin Oakland, of Marshfield, Ore., president of the Tall Men's association. Oakland stands six feet five inches tall.

Fellow members now plan driving on theater seats and Pullman berths.

BLAST KILLS WORKMAN MEMPHIS, Tenn. (By the Associated Press)—Paul Nelson, 31, was killed by a premature explosion while blasting stumps on the McAlpinville Coal company's new shafting home site, two miles north of McMinnville.

The body was discovered at 5 o'clock by Harvey Park and John White, who had been working nearby. The last explosion heard was at 11:55 a. m. Operator May took charge of the 1925.

President's Wife Nearly Hit By Motor

Mrs. Coolidge's Leap to Side of Road Saved Her From Being Run Down Today.

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge barely escaped being run down by a motorcycle this morning during a walk about Swampscott, a leap to the side of the road saving her.

She had just turned into a private driveway when four members of the state constabulary on motorcycles turned into the lane behind her, driving at a fast clip, according to witnesses.

Grinding of brakes and a yell from a second car, gave Mrs. Coolidge her only warning. As she jumped aside a machine shot past.

XTRA

FOUR KILLED SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Four persons are dead and another reported dying as the result of a collision between their automobile and the Spokane and Inland electric train at Freeman crossing, 20 miles southeast of here today. The dead are: Mrs. Henry Olson, 33; her son Hans, 3; Miss Vera Frye, 17; Anna Franz, 3; John, 5, the son of Mrs. Olson, is reported dying.

BANDIT IDENTIFIED TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—One of the two bank bandits killed Wednesday by Buckley citizens was today identified as Charles W. Nyger, 27, of Portland. The other bandit is still unidentified.

FIRM FAILS NEW YORK (AP)—The president of the New York stock exchange today announced the failure of the firm of Dean Onatvia and Company, a member of the exchange. An involuntary petition was filed against the firm on petition of three employees. Liabilities are estimated at 25 million dollars or more and assets at from 30 to 35 million dollars by the firm counsel.

BUYERS SHARE IN MILL ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—R. C. Wiley has purchased the interest of the Wallowa National bank and W. R. Holmes in the Enterprise Flouring mills. The property, real estate, machinery and business now is owned by George S. Craig and his sons-in-law, Mr. Wiley and H. C. Mahaffey.

Mrs. Perkins Round-Up Visitor PENDLETON, Ore.—Mrs. Charles E. Perkins, one of the persons killed as a result of the earthquake at Santa Barbara was known in Pendleton. She was the widow of a millionaire and often visited the Pendleton Round-Up. She saw the 1924 show.

MINERS TO ASK PAY INCREASE SCRANTON (By the Associated Press)—The 168,000 anthracite miners late Thursday decided on terms they will serve on the mine owners for renewal of the contract expiring August 31. They announced negotiations would open at Atlantic City on July 9.

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NO DAMAGE DONE BY TREMOR TODAY

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SANTA BARBARA (By the Associated Press)—Santa Barbara was rocked again by a heavy earthquake at 8:38 o'clock this morning. The quake lasted six seconds and shook the city rather violently.

The vibrations consisted of two shocks and appeared to be from east to west. They swayed buildings perhaps more severely than any of the shocks following the major disturbances last Monday.

No major damage is reported. Occupants of the buildings rushed into the open and several girls employed became hysterical.

The vibrations loosened a few bricks and widened cracks in some shatterd walls. There were a few chimneys toppled to the ground. Another shock occurred at 10:21, less violent than the earlier one. Another was felt at 10:41 and a more prolonged tremor shook the city at 10:46.

There were wild rumors concerning damage caused by today's quake but they proved to be without foundation.

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