

# Tom Elliott Killed At Summerville Trying To Stop Runaway

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### 130 CONTROL BLAZE SOUTH OF THIS CITY

Beaver Creek Forest Fire No Longer Threatening, is Report.

### HUMIDITY, HEAT CAUSE OF WORRY

Fires in Other Points in Pacific Northwest Raging Unabated—More Burning in Oregon.

The forest fire in the forest reserve south of La Grande, near the reservoir on Beaver creek, is reported to have been controlled yesterday, and conditions in general are much improved, in spite of excessive low humidity and 100-degree weather.

Reports received by the assistant fire warden here state that a part of the crew, which at one time reached 130 men, has been released. The fire burned over 100 acres of lodge pole timber.

At present there are no other fires in this district.

**100 Above Here Tuesday**

It was reported that a fire near Palmer Junction on Aug. 12 burned over nearly 800 acres of land, mostly grass and lodge pole timber, but it was extinguished in six hours. Yesterday found the humidity at the lowest point this year and in La Grande the mercury soared to 100 above, the warmest day since July.

The minimum temperature here last night was 57 above, and at 10 o'clock, this morning the mercury was at 72 above, one degree warmer than yesterday at the same time. However, occasional light clouds today and the weather forecast of cooler weather, gave some promise of relief.

Fires in this district have been held to a minimum and forest men regard this as very fortunate. In many sections of the northwest, major fires have caused losses of many thousands of dollars, with some loss of life.

### CLOSE ROADS DUE TO FIRES

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP)—Emergency measures to combat the forest fire situation in Chelan county and the Chelan national forest in Washington, were taken today by the federal forestry department. Major John D. Gopfert,

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### TICKETS FOR CULVER DINNER NOW ON SALE

Announcement was made today by the La Grande Rotary and local tickets, at \$1 a plate, for the dinner to be held Friday evening for Harry H. Culver, national president of realtors, may be secured from any local realtor up to Thursday evening. It will be necessary to have all reservations made by Thursday evening in order to arrange for accommodations for local men who are to attend.

Among the realtors who have tickets are: George H. Curry, R. A. Bentham, Sherwood Williams and other members of the organization.

The dinner will begin at 8:30 o'clock and will be held in the Sycamore Inn.

Mr. Culver is to arrive here about 4 p. m. by airplane.

### Soviet Plane Is Down In Siberia

MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (AP)—The flight of the Russian military plane "Lionel de la Soviets" from Moscow toward New York has ended in a forced landing 170 miles from Irkutsk, Siberia. There was no information as to whether they would be able to continue their flight.

State officials news agency said that the plane had come down in an uninhabited region after taking off from Krasnoyarsk Sunday afternoon.

### ENGLISH ACTOR DIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (AP)—Cyril Keightley, veteran English actor, died here today. He was 84 years old.

He had been engaged for a part in "Scotland Yard," a play which is to appear in about a month. He last played in the "Trial of Mary Dugan."

### WEATHER TODAY

7-28 a. m.—72 above.  
Minimum: 57 above.  
Condition: mostly clear.  
WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum: 100, minimum 52 above.  
Condition: clear.  
WEATHER AUG. 14, 1929  
Maximum: 72, minimum 41 above.  
Condition: partly cloudy.

### Arranging For Rooms For Fall Term of E. O. N.

Listing of Part-Time Employment Available for Students is Also Being Made Here.

The listing of living accommodations and part-time employment for fall term students is now occupying the attention of Miss Helen S. Moor, dean of women at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, in order that the housing service of the school may be of greatest assistance to the young people who come here to attend the normal school. Miss Moor is visiting each home listed, acquainting herself with the type of accommodations provided, and discussing the social aims and standards of the school with the homelender.

A considerable number of prospective students indicate either their desire for part-time employment or the necessity for such employment if they are to continue their education. To meet this situation, President H. E. Inlow is addressing letters to heads of local civic organizations suggesting the need of student employment and the desirability of a cooperative program working to the mutual advantage of students and employers.

The range of work suggested, for girls, includes housework; care of children; dining room; soda fountain; typing, stenographic, and telephone service. Boys will be available for window washing, home cleaning, care of furnace, clerking, mill work, dairy work, and odd jobs.

Living accommodations should be listed and arrangements for part-time employment made with Miss Moor at the normal school.

### Union County's Products To Be Shown In South

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP)—Union county's products, along with those of the whole state of Oregon, will be exhibited to the people of California at the state's Diamond Jubilee, during the ten days from Aug. 21 to Sept. 10 at Sacramento. It is announced here by Governor I. L. Patterson.

The cooperation of the Union county chamber of commerce, the county court and other local agents, is asked by the state in getting up the exhibit which is sponsored by the state in getting up the exhibit which is sponsored by the Oregon state fair board, with D. M. Lewis, of Ashland, in charge of arrangements.

The exhibit will make a particular appeal to tourists, who will be able to gain an idea of Oregon's great beauty of flowers and trees, her wealth of wild game and fish, and industrial and agricultural products. It will be as representative of the whole state as it is possible to make it.

A fine Oregon buck, a whole colony of live beaver, a large quantity of live wild ducks, wild pheasants and quail, two pet bear, and numerous agricultural and industrial products, will all be a part of the extensive exhibit at the 75th anniversary of the California state fair.

The buck will be returned to Steve C. W. Noyes at 1581 Adams avenue, and escaped with her purse and two rings, she notified the police by telephone shortly afterwards. Officers went to her home immediately and today are investigating the robbery.

### Purse, Two Rings Stolen From Home

Some time last night a burglar or burglars entered the home of Mrs. C. W. Noyes at 1581 Adams avenue, and escaped with her purse and two rings, she notified the police by telephone shortly afterwards. Officers went to her home immediately and today are investigating the robbery.

The purse contained about 50 cents in change, it is reported.

### Defense Attorney Blames Miss Hix

COLEMAN, O., Aug. 14 (AP)—Responsibility for the three-year love affair between Dr. James H. Snook, former Ohio state professor, and Thora Hix, the co-ed he killed last June, was placed on the shoulders of the girl today by Max Reyster, defense attorney in his closing arguments to the jury.

Reyster drew a picture of Miss Hix, who he said was a stenographer three years ago in the veterinary building at Ohio State University here she met Dr. Snook, describing her as the moving spirit in the affair that grew up between them.

### AMPHIBIAN PLANE SINKS

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 14 (AP)—A Cleveland-Detroit Amphibian passenger plane sank in Lake Erie after being forced down in a dense fog yesterday and the co-pilot was missing today, the Thompson aeronautical corporation reported. The pilot and two passengers, one of them a woman, were rescued after battling to keep afloat in the water two hours.

### RUNAWAY AT SUMMERVILLE FATAL TO MAN

Tom Elliott, 50, Meets Instant Death in Attempting to Stop Team

### WAGON CROSSES OVER HIS BODY

Accident Occurred Late This Morning at Abe LaViers Place—Burial to be at Baker.

When he attempted to stop a runaway team belonging to his brother-in-law, Abe LaViers, of Summerville, Tom Elliott, about 50 years old, was killed instantly today, shortly after 11 o'clock.

The man caught hold of the neck-yoke of the pair as it started to run from the barn and was thrown as they left the yards and careened over a bridge. The heavy wagon crossed his body breaking his neck and crushing his head.

Mr. Elliott is originally from Baker. He has been working here for the past two years with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. LaViers, who live three miles north of Summerville. Shodgrass & Zimmerman are in charge of the body. They said today that funeral arrangements had not yet been made but that services will be held in Baker. He was not married.

### House \$2,000 Burn; Owner Badly Hurt

NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP)—Seriouly burned while attempting to salvage his hoarded money from his flaming house, Ed Hubbe, a recluse, was in a hospital here today receiving treatment for multiple burns. His house and his life's savings of \$2,000 were destroyed. The fire started yesterday as Hubbe was cooking.

Neighbors said Hubbe had lived in the house for many years, hoarding his money in boxes about the place. He kept \$1000 in greenbacks under the floor, and more than \$1000 in silver in a box in the loft.

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Regions in Pennsylvania, New York state and Vermont were visited by a series of storms yesterday in which damage by fire and flood was added to the havoc wrought by wind and hail.

At Glen Falls, N. Y., and in the vicinity of Lake George, huge hail stones punctured the tops of automobiles, broke windows and stripped foliage from trees. Crops were beaten to the ground.

In the vicinity of Reading, Pa., a series of electrical storms, and three hours while torrents flooded property and made bridges impassable.

### RESORT DEVASTATED

RITLAND, Vt., Aug. 14 (AP)—A devastated strip of rural country stretch from a summer resort on Lake Bomoseen, ten miles from

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### State Treasurer Is Much Improved

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP)—"Tom H. Kay, state treasurer, who became critically ill while touring Europe, arrived in Portland today in a much improved condition, and continued the trip to Salem in an ambulance.

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner who met the party in Montreal, said the state treasurer had improved considerably and that his condition was not critical.

### Expect Large Group of Medics At Lake Session

Eastern Oregon District Society Ready for Convention—Entertainment Arranged.

Final arrangements are being made in Wallawa county this week for the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon District Medical society, which is to be held at Wallawa lake Friday, Aug. 16.

Dr. John Gregory, of Wallawa, is president of the association and expects a large attendance, with several prominent medical men from Portland stentifying their intentions of being present.

Plans for the entertainment of the ladies auxiliary also are being discussed. Today it was announced that a luncheon will be given the women at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the Wonderland lodge, and following this, Mrs. Margaret McDonald will entertain them at her summer home at the lake.

Dr. Gregory is planning a breakfast at the lodge at 7:30 o'clock in the morning.

In the evening, following the business of the convention the medical men will dine at the lodge at 7 o'clock, this to be followed by dancing. A program, including speeches, will feature the banquet.

The program, in detail, follows:  
Morning Session (9:30 to 12:30)  
"The Treatment of Esophageal Stenosis," illustrated by lantern slides, Dr. John H. Fitzgibbon, of Portland.  
"The Relation of Nasal Sinus Disease to Bronchial Asthma," by Dr. Lee B. Bouvy, La Grande.

"The Increasing Frequency of Pulmonary Abscesses Following Post-Infuenza and Post-Pneumonic Conditions," illustrated with lantern slides, by Dr. Edward Allen Pierce, of Portland.

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### WHEAT KING



A college youth of 21, Ed M. Carter of Plainview, Texas, is known as the wheat king of the southwest. On his 6500 leased acres near Plainview he averages nearly 30 bushels of wheat to the acre, or some 195,000 bushels. He estimates that receipts for his wheat this year will be more than \$200,000. Yet he has been wheat farming for just one season, having graduated from the University of Texas recently.

### EAST OREGON REVIVAL OF MINING DUE

Major Frank McCulloch, of Baker, Tells of Developments.

### FUTURE APPEARS IN BRIGHT HUES

Outside Capital Interested in Ores—Gold, Copper and Other Metals to be Mined.

The mining future of Eastern Oregon is bright and that much development of both new and old claims may be expected in the next few years, was the word brought to the La Grande Rotary club at its weekly luncheon today at noon by Major McCulloch, son of Circuit Judge McCulloch, of Baker.

Mr. McCulloch, whose knowledge of the mining belt in Eastern Oregon and of its history, is very complete, gave a very interesting talk largely concerning the prospects for mining in Eastern Oregon, particularly in the country around Baker.

He made the statement, substantiated by authority, that out of placer mines of this district, largely in Baker and Great countries, and later from quartz operations, a total of \$140,000,000 in gold was produced from 1882 to 1906. About 1906, he said, the cost of production under methods then in use became so high as to cause most of the mines to close down.

Since that time, with the flotation method permitting cheaper operation in grinding the ore, the prospects are being rediscovered. Many of the mines of years ago have been unused for so long that data on them has completely disappeared, their tunnels caved in, etc.

Sensitve investigations, however, are being made, and a report from Professor Lundgren, who recently conducted a four-month survey of a district forming a parallelogram 20 miles down the Snake river and then west from Huntington, including part of Union county, says that he found 31 different metals and believed there were about three times that many in the belt.

A new device, which sends ether impulses through the ground with an instrument to record the reactions as the wave passes through different precious metals.

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### CATTLE MAN, HOMESTEADER IN QUARREL

Lake County Scene of Controversy that Developed Over Fences.

### HUMANE SOCIETY MAN RESPONSIBLE

Cut Fence to Permit Stock to Reach Water Hole—Homesteaders Take Matter to Courts.

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP)—Lake county, one of the few remaining frontier outposts of the western country, now faces that age-old controversy that has always preceded the crowding of cattle from open ranges by the march of population to the westward shore. It is the controversy between open range cattlemen and homesteaders.

The Wagontire Mountain district is the scene of this latest issue threatening a range war. As in other days, plainmen and cattlemen here resent appearance of homesteaders whose presence must surely mean fencing of the plains.

On the other hand, homesteaders are indignant over attempts of the cattlemen to usurp the great ranges for use of their herds.

The controversy flamed yesterday when it was learned that the justice court in Lakeview upheld the action of a state humane society officer in cutting fences around a homestead owned by Frank Dobkins, that the cattle and horses owned by ranchmen might have access to the water hole on Dobkins' property.

The court held that the humane society representative "had no evil intent" in cutting the fences but that he acted as he did in order that the cattle and horses of the district might have access to water on Dobkins' ranch.

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### Crop Conditions In Oregon Good In Most Cases

Increase in Estimates Noted for Winter Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Potatoes, Apples Pears.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14 (Special)—All Oregon winter sown grain crops except barley and all late spring crops have shown an appreciable improvement over the state generally according to the regular August first report of Paul C. Newman in charge of the federal state cooperative crop reporting service. Increase in the August first estimates are reported in the case of winter wheat, oats, rye, potatoes, apples pears and hops.

Winter wheat shows the greatest actual increase, with the August estimate placed at 19,712,000 bushels compared to the July estimate of 18,507,000 bushels. The present estimate is almost up to that of a year ago.

Some Deterioration  
The Oregon corn crop is now estimated at 2,762,000 bushels compared to 2,595,000 a month ago. An increase of 735,000 bushels in the oats estimate boosts the August forecast to 10,881,000 bushels. Oregon potato production shows an increase over a month ago and is now estimated at 5,316,000 bushels compared to 6,240,000 bushels last year. Rye and all of the fruit crops reported show increases in production as well. The remainder of the principal Oregon crops have dropped from a month ago.

All hay crops, spring wheat, and barley have deteriorated since July 1. The drop in the case of hay is the most serious and is causing the most concern as present indications point to a possible winter feed shortage in some sections which may be serious depending entirely upon the severity of the winter.

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### Village Swept Away by Floods In New Mexico

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 14 (AP)—The levee at the San Marcial, N. M., broke this morning, and as the flood waters of the Rio Grande rushed through the gaps all the buildings in San Marcial with the exception of the Harvey hotel and the Santa Fe depot were swept away.

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### CHINESE AND RUSSIANS IN BORDER TILTS

Actual Combats, With Loss of Life, Occur On Soviet Soil.

### OFFICIAL REPORT GIVEN OF BATTLE