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GIRLS ESCAPE FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Outsiders Believed to Have Aided Children's Escape From State School.

Salem, Or., July 23—Sheriff and police officials are searching today for three girls who escaped from the state industrial school for girls last evening with what is believed to have been aid from confederates from the outside. Adhering to what appears to have been star chamber policy adopted for the institution, Mrs. Darst, superintendent of the school, declined to divulge the names of the girls even providing officials with only their given names.

The girls escaped from the grounds just before dark, and shortly afterward penitentiary bloodhounds, at the request of Superintendent Darst, were put on their trail. Bloodhounds followed the trail of the girls from school for more than a mile to a road, and then refused further pursuit. Inquiry at this point by prison officials elicited information from a farmer that he saw three girls a short time before arrival of the officials board a waiting automobile driven by two men.

Mrs. Darst said that the escape apparently had been well planned, and said she was satisfied that the men were former associates of the girls. Several weeks ago several other girls escaped from school, and Mrs. Darst then also declined to make public their names.

Ingratitude.

Cottage Grove, Or., Sentinel. It seems like Uncle Sam is a mighty ungrateful old fellow. During the past months he has made call after call upon the newspapers for free advertising space. The newspapers have responded with millions of dollars worth of such space, and through the giving of that space, the food preparedness campaigns were made a success; through this free space the liberty loan was oversubscribed 50 per cent; through this free space the war census was successfully conducted, and through this free space the \$100,000,000 asked for the Red Cross was oversubscribed. Yet, after all this, congress proposes to put a tax on advertising. Talk about ingratitude.

China appears to be threatened by the yellow peril.

GOVERNMENT URGES SETTLEMENT.

Pressure Exerted to Keep Shipyards and Mills of Washington Running.

Seattle, July 24—Under pressure from the national government, Seattle business men today continued their efforts to bring about settlement of the Seattle street car men's strike and the lumber strikes that have closed many of the lumber and shingle mills of Western Washington.

Federal officials are interested because the street car strike threatens to involve the great Seattle shipbuilding industry through a sympathetic strike of the building trades, in which the shipyards would become immediately affected; because the wooden shipbuilding industry is already suffering from a shortage of timber and because a shortage of lumber for the construction of the national army camps is feared.

Washington Organizes Militia To Protect State.

Seattle Wash., July 19—The organization of 16 infantry militia companies has been ordered by Adjutant General Maurice Thompson. They are to be known as the Washington state guard and will take the place of the present troops when drafted into the service. The troops will not constitute a part of the present national guard and will not be subject to federal draft. Instead they will be exclusively state troops and subject to the laws and regulations of the state of Washington.

End of Joyriding Is Urged As Aid In War.

Washington, July 24—An appeal for conservation of the country's oil supply by curtailment of pleasure riding in motors and by eliminating other sources of waste, has been issued by Chairman Bedford, of the defense council's petroleum committee.

"If our government is to have the petroleum it will need to prosecute the war successfully, the public will have to economize in the use of gasoline. Not a gallon should be used in the present emergency except for some useful end," he said.

TWENTY-FOUR FOREST FIRES REPORTED.

Incendiaries are Blamed At Klamath but Loss Is Trivial.

Klamath Falls, Or., July 24—Twenty-four forest fires have started within Klamath County forests within the past two weeks, and all have been extinguished, according to the report of Jackson F. Kimball, head of the Klamath Lake Counties Forest Fire Association.

Practically all of the fires reported by Mr. Kimball thus far occurred in District No. 1, which lies in the vicinity of P. Kegama. While a few of the fires are believed to have been caused by lightning, most of them had all the indications of having been carefully planned and set. The total loss thus far has been very light, as they were discovered early and were put out quickly.

SOLDIER SHOOTS SELF

Private Brown Commits Suicide At Medford Monday.

Medford, Or., July 23—Private Burton T. Brown, of Company I, 3d Oregon infantry, which has been stationed in Medford on duty for several months, committed suicide in the army at 3:50 a. m. this morning by shooting himself in the head with his rifle. Death was instantaneous.

No cause is known for the self destruction except that he had complained of not having been able to sleep for several days. Brown was 19 years old and his home is at Canby, Oregon.

Body of Dead Man Found At O. W. R. & N. Offices.

Hood River, Or., July 23—The body of an unidentified man was found this morning at the O. W. R. & N. freight office. Physicians advance the opinion that death was caused some time during the night from hemorrhage of the lungs. The dead man wore laborer's clothing, had a scar on his forehead and his body was covered with tattoo marks.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Stage Driver Killed in Runaway.

Eugene, Or., July 21—When his horse became frightened and ran away, overturning the vehicle on a high stump Lee Damewood, the stage driver between Red Bridge and Bohemia, in southern Oregon, was thrown 30 feet on his head and was instantly killed. He was 63 years old.

Blind Woman Is Injured.

Hood River, Or., July 24—Mrs. Galligan, aged 72 years, and blind, suffered painful injuries when she fell down stairs.

Contract Let for Brick Block

Hood River, Or., July 23—Hubert Cramer, a local contractor, has been awarded the contract by E. A. Schiffer for the construction of a one-story and full basement brick business structure which was destroyed by fire six weeks ago.

Riddle Robbery Trial Set

Riddle, Or., July 23—The trial of the three men who were captured at Riddle recently and charged with attempting to rob the Riddle Postoffice, has been set for July 25 in the Federal Court at Portland. Mrs. N. D. Burgoyne, D. W. Crosby and O. V. Logsdon, from Riddle, will be called to Portland as witnesses. Mr. Galligher, the postal inspector for this district, was in Riddle Wednesday gathering evidence for the state, and Sheriff Quine, of Roseburg, took pictures of the post-office to help in prosecuting the men.

Flour Mill Sold.

Wallowa, Or., July 23—A deal has just been closed in which J. O. Kiddle became the owner of the Wallowa flour mill, having purchased the plant from the Wallowa mercantile company. The mill will be overhauled and placed in first class condition for grinding in readiness for the new crop as soon as it is harvested.

Voting On New Charter.

Cove, Or., July 23—Cove is voting today on a new charter proposed on initiative petition. A year ago a similar proposal was defeated.

Loganberry Crop Is 40 Per Cent Failure.

Salem, Or., July 23—If the dry weather continues fully 40 per cent of the loganberry crop will be lost, according to Robert Paulus, manager of the Salem Fruit union. At least 25 per cent of the crop has now been lost, and rain is needed to prevent a further loss, he said. He further declared that the growers are also badly in need of pickers, some yards having only half crews.

Adds Two More Freight Trains.

Salem, Or., July 23—The public service commission today received further advice that the Southern Pacific has converted two mixed trains which it has run between this city and Silverton into straight freight trains.

Farmer Hurt In Runaway.

The Dalles, Or., July 23—Willis R. Norval, a farmer living near Wamic, was injured last week when a team of horses ran away with the binder on which he was working. He is at the Dalles hospital with a fractured leg.

Public Bathing Beach Opened

Salem, Or., July 23—Riverside Dip, the municipal bathing beach, was opened here yesterday. It is conducted by the Commercial club for the benefit of the public, and an admission of 5 cents will be charged to defray expenses incident to its management.

Rosecoe Krier Breaks Arm.

The Dalles, Or., July 23—Rosecoe Krier, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Krier, suffered a fracture of the left arm while playing with several other boys last Thursday evening.

UNDER FIRE IN WAR

Return From Study Of Army Conditions With Bullet Scarred Helmets.

An Atlantic Port, July 23—Eleven American army officers, members of a special commission sent to France, England and Belgium early in June as investigators of army conditions, arrived here today on an American steamship.

The officers visited all the commands on the Western front and shrapnel scarred steel helmets, which they brought back as souvenirs, supported their admission that they had been under fire.

They confirmed cabled reports of the enthusiasm with which the American soldiers were received by the French people and as one officer expressed it: "We are mighty proud of the way our boys sized up along-side the soldiers of whom they are now allies."

TESTER BLOWS UP; TWO ARE HURT.

Cream Examining Device Bursts At Lebanon Plant.

Lebanon, Or., July 23 W. E. Bohle, one of the proprietors, and Sheridan Long, a buttermaker of the Lebanon Creamery Company, were seriously hurt last night by the explosion of a steam cream-testing instrument while they were making a test. The instrument was not working just right and Mr. Bohle turned on too much steam when the whole top of the tester blew off, fragments of which struck both men.

Mr. Bohle's right hand was badly lacerated and his thumb broken, and Mr. Long was badly cut about the face.

Appetizing Work Is Given Idle Men.

Chehalis, Wash., July 23—Eight more men were taken off trains in this city Saturday night and Sunday morning and lodged in jail by the soldiers here. This made a total of 32 men in custody here without visible means of support. Ten of the men were taken to Meskill Saturday to begin their sentence of hard labor breaking rock, and 10 more are ready to go, and the others will be given a similar sentence as fast as they are gathered in. At Meskill they will either break rock for their food or they will not be fed.

China Signs Big Contract

San Francisco, July 23—Contracts totaling \$75,000,000 for financing the construction of 2699 miles of railroad in China, and for dredging the grand canal, have been closed between the republic of China and the American International Corporation, according to an announcement here today by Warren R. Austin, council for the corporation.

Mr. Austin has just arrived from the Orient.

Prices of Bread And Meal Are Cut In England.

London, July 23—A reduction of 25 per cent in the price of bread at an early date has been announced by Baron Rhodda, food controller. A graduated reduction in the price of meat for the army and civilians also was announced.

Troops Go In Winter

Washington, July 23—In response to protests against the training of Northern National Guardsmen in Southern states, a letter from Secretary Baker, read in the Senate, said the arrangement had been made for climatic reasons and that the Guardsmen probably cannot be sent to France before cold weather.

He said it is planned to send divisions of the Guardsmen to France probably during the winter, as soon as they are trained and tonnage is available.

The wages of Kultur is moral death.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Portland Roofing Co. gets \$50,000 contract from American lake.

Oregon & California grant lands will be taken into court again over taxes. Oswego—Smelter here starts Oct. 1, on ore shipped from San Bernardino, Calif.

Salem—State Highway board opened half a million dollars of paving bids.

Following the lead of Corvallis, Salem voted to reduce the number of names required to get paving and to validate previously made street assessments.

The one industry responsible for a large share of the prosperity of the west is shipbuilding. The war has shown the impossibility of operating an American merchant marine under present laws and it is to be hoped that the drawbacks will be eliminated, so that this industry may live after the war conditions cease.

Irving to have a large farmers warehouse.

Port of Coos Bay to erect 30-foot drawbridge at Coos City.

Eugene—Springfield bridge to be rebuilt.

North Bend box factory will add 2500 mill to increase output.

Legal department refuses to pay counties back taxes due on O. & C. land grant may delay opening lands to settlement.

Mosier sawmill to reopen with \$2000 a month payroll at Portland and vicinity.

Salem—Plans drawn for large state tuberculosis hospital.

Portland—Old O. W. R. & N. Co. boatyards to build 23 ships.

Salem and Marion county to build \$6000 comfort station.

Demurrer overruled in Oregon Cement Company anti-trust cases.

Pendleton—State Press Association endorsed permanent highway policy.

Wheeler—Nehalem cannery overhauled and will operate on Salmon.

No more forcible argument to show the folly of conservation policies which prevent the development of our wonderful western water powers than the present shortage of coal and fuel oil.

Glendale gets a \$5000 shingle mill.

Eugene lets contract for paving and larger water mains.

North Plains does not need to go to sleep or cause anyone to say, "There is nothing to do here—no payroll or anything." Get busy and make a payroll.

Harrisburg gets a big Standard Oil products distributing plant.

Roseburg—Wells Fargo Express Co. to erect office building here.

Bandon—Prosper shingle mill sold and will resume operations.

Stanfield secures a big fruit shipping warehouse.

Huntington to receive 25 carloads 16 inch sewer pipe from Ephrata, Wash.

Contract let for Coos City, Summer and Moon highways.

Pacific highway expenditures in Jackson and Josephine counties \$380,000.

La Grande gets washing powder and metal polish factory.

It is marvelous that the U. S. has the best and cheapest railroad service and rates in the world today.

Foundation in for Doll and Kaufman brick block.

Pilot Rock-Hopner highway being laid out with better grades.

Telephone lines being built from Wolf Creek to Red Butte.

Myrtle Point-Coquille road being built with force of 20 men.

Lakeview wool clip will reach a million pounds.

Germany Turns To Planes

Geneva, July 21—The Zeppelin factory at Friedrichshafen has begun building airplanes, the German general staff being convinced that future supremacy in the air belonged to airplanes and that Zeppelins were of little war value.

The Germans are said also to fear an extensive war offensive and have begun to plan to meet it.

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