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OREGON CITY, OREGON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1911.

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SEVEN GIRLS DIE IN POWDER BLAZE

PENED BEHIND COUNTER YOUNG
WOMEN HAVE NO CHANCE
TO ESCAPE.

SCREAMS WARNING TO MEN WHO FLEE

Hot Paraffine Cause of Big Fire
Which Soon Envelopes Build-
ing—Bodies of Victims are
Not Recognizable.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 1.—Per-
ishing as they stood at their work-
bench which penned them in behind
a long counter with not a chance for
escape, seven young women were
burned to death today and another is
dying in agony as the result of a sud-
den flash of uncovered powder in the
mixing rooms of the Imperial Powder
Company.

As the death shrieks of the girls
rang through the building, twelve men
who had been working in other parts
of the plant escaped with hardly a
scorch. Several of them were blown
through the exits to safety.

The dead:
Vera Milford.
Sadie Westfall, only daughter of
Samuel Westfall.
Eva Gilmore.
Bertha Hagle, whose mother, Mrs.
Mary White, is a widow.
Ethel Tharp.
Thillie Rashback.
Ethel Henry.
Ethel Crown was so terribly burned
that her death is regarded as merely
a matter of hours.

Chehalis tonight is a city in mourn-
ing. At the morgue, where the bodies
of the dead girls are lying, their
charred corpses mercifully hidden un-
der sheets, hundreds of persons wait-
ed outside all evening, as relatives
strive to identify their dead. But even
this sad comfort was denied most of
them.

Only one of the bodies, that of Miss
Ethel Tharp, has been identified. Her
father, E. F. Tharp, identified it by
means of a ring discolored and half
melted by the terrible heat which she
wore on her finger.

Of the others, none will probably
ever be identified for certain.

The disaster befell with appalling
suddenness. An early report tonight,
which has since been denied, was to
the effect that a careless workman in
the mixing-room let a pot of paraffine
boil over, and that part of it ran into
some powder.

Whatever the cause, there was a
sudden flash, and in an instant the
whole interior of the factory was in
a blaze. There was no explosion, one
of the properties of the Imperial pow-
der product being that it will not ex-
plode unless confined. The powder
simply went up in a flash, and those
who were not near exits had no
chance to escape death.

The young women, who were all
employed as packers, were working
at a long counter next to a wall.
When found, their bodies were hudd-
led together, as if they had been
blown there by the force of the ignit-
ing powder, or had died trying to
escape. Their workbench was in their
way and completely cut off their road
to safety, even had there been time.



OREGON CITY TO PLAY STAR PORTLAND TEAM

The Oregon City Football Club will
play its fourth game of the season at
Canemah Park Sunday against the
crack Holladay Athletic Club team of
Portland. This game was to be played
in Portland but the Portland team
could not obtain grounds there.
Holladay is considered the best in-
dependent team in Portland and a
close contest is expected.
With the loss of "Jinks" Moore and
"Mart" Roos (the ends) the Oregon
City boys expect a hard game.
Oregon City has won all its games
this season and has not been scored
on. The championship of the state
is to be played off in Portland Christ-
mas day and Manager Harry White
expects the Oregon City team to be
one of the contenders. A large crowd
is expected to come here with the
Portland team next Sunday.

Are you a subscriber to the Morn-
ing Enterprise? If not you should call
and let us put your name on the sub-
scription list immediately.

GRAYS SURPRISED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gray, of West
Oregon City, were taken by surprise
Tuesday evening by a few of their
neighbors, just before the departure
of the Grays for Portland, where they
will make their home for the present.
They recently sold their twenty-acre
fruit farm to William Coates, of Cal-
ifornia, and he will take possession
Friday. About 8 o'clock Tuesday eve-
ning Mr. and Mrs. Gray heard a rap
on their door, which they opened to
admit Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schultz
and children, Mrs. A. C. Schultze, Mr.
and Mrs. W. M. Robinson and grand-
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall
and children, Mrs. H. P. Bestow and
C. L. Gray. The surprise was com-
plete and the callers were laden with
delicious edibles. After refreshments
served, the evening was devoted to
Hallowe'en games. Mr. and Mrs. Gray
have lived on the West Side about
four years, ever since their return
from Alaska, with the exception of a
few months spent at Green Point.
Their farm that they have just sold
is one of the finest small fruit ranches
in the valley.

ACCUSED BANKER GOT DIVORCE HERE

James Evars, cashier of the First
State Bank of Philomath, which sus-
pended several days ago, is believed
to have obtained a divorce decree in
this city April 15, 1907, under the name
of Charles Evans. The defendant was
Angeline Evans. She asked for an
annulment of the decree, but the Su-
preme Court decided against her. The
couple were married October 10, 1889,
in Columbus, Wis., and moved from
there to Felton, Minn. The plaintiff
alleged that his wife frequently threw
dishes at him and that in March,
1901, in Northfield, Minn., she struck
him with a large stick, inflicting a
severe scalp wound. It has been
alleged that stock in the Philomath
Bank owned by Evars was paid for
with worthless notes. Evars' bail has
been fixed at \$5,000.

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**Program
TODAY**

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**The Conversion of
St. Anthony**
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The Land Thieves
A good Western Drama

**The Electric
THEATRE**

MARVEL ELY GIVES HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Marvel Ely was the hostess of a
Hallowe'en party given at the home
of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Ely, Eighth and Jackson streets, Tues-
day evening. All kinds of Hallowe'en
stunts were enjoyed by the young peo-
ple including bobbing for apples, ghost
stories, and fortune telling. Carlos
Ely proved an excellent fortune-teller.
The rooms were very pretty, with
decorations of pumpkins and autumn
leaves. Refreshments were served.
Mrs. Ely was assisted by Mrs. Mc-
Geehan in entertaining for her daugh-
ter. At a late hour the young people,
who were clad in sheets and pillow
cases, visited the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Duane Ely, where a party was
given by the Ladies' Aid Society of
the Presbyterian church. The young
people took possession and marched
through the rooms, while the lights
were turned low, and weird music
was rendered.

Miss Ely's guests were Amanda
Tooley, Elizabeth Dillon, Evelyn Wil-
liams, Carol Ely, Dorothy Stafford,
Florence McGeehan, Mary Mattley,
Helen Mattley, Ella Turner, James Mc-
Geehan, Stanford Ely.

TWO COUPLES CELEBRATE.

The eighteenth wedding anniver-
sary of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blackburn
and the forty-eighth wedding anniv-
ersary of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson,
of the West Side, were celebrated
Tuesday evening, and a most enjoy-
able time was had. The affair was
arranged by Mrs. P. J. Winkle and
Mrs. Swartz. There were fifty-eight
persons in attendance. Many use-
ful articles were given to the cou-
ples. A luncheon was served.

BARLOW CITIZENS FAVOR ROAD TAX

CAPITAL HIGHWAY TO BE AIDED
BY RESIDENTS OF RICH
SECTION.

DIMICK AND HAYES STIR CROWD

Good Roads. It is Declared, Will
Make Farms Almost As
Valuable As Property
In City.

A resolution providing that a spe-
cial tax be levied for building roads
was adopted by a unanimous vote at
a meeting held under the auspices
of the East Side Capital Highway As-
sociation at Barlow Wednesday night.
About 100 taxpayers were present, and
the meeting was one of the most en-
thusiastic held by the association.
C. P. Morse, vice-president of the
association, presided, and speeches
were made by Gordon E. Hayes, Grant
B. Dimick, Dr. A. L. Beattie, W. W.
Jesse, M. J. Lee and Dr. H. A. Ded-
man.

"The best investment you make is
when you pay taxes for schools and
the building of roads," declared Judge
Dimick. "The first thing we should
look after is the betterment of the
conditions for the farmers in the in-
terior. The trunk line roads should
be built first and after that the later-
als should be given attention. The
county should give each district every
dollar due it for road purposes. A
special tax should be levied and then
all interests would be taken care of
alike. The prairies of this neighbor-
hood form the garden spot of the
Willamette Valley and Portland will
take all your produce. With good
roads you can have automobile trucks
and take your produce to market
daily. Your land will then be worth
nearly as much as city property."

Judge Dimick cited the Springwater
and Logan districts as examples of
what may be accomplished by good
roads. These thoroughfares were
built with money raised by special
taxation.

"There is not a better section in
Oregon than this," continued the
speaker, "and all you need is adver-
tising and good roads. It has been
said that automobiles are hard on
roads, and they are, but they do not
do near as much damage as lumber
wagons and sawmills."

Judge Hayes said that good schools
and good roads went hand in hand.
The school fund, he said had been
doubled in the past six years, and
the money for road purposes should
be increased in proportion. He has
said that automobiles are not every-
thing, but the roads and you are on
the pathway that leads to them. Roads
are the harbingers of civilization. Ore-
gon is noted for its red apples and
pretty women and it will soon be
noted for its good roads. The people
are awake and the march of progress
has started."

Mr. Lee said he recently spent sev-
eral days in Medford, and while he
would not give half of this county for
all of Southern Oregon, he had to
admit the roads were better there than
here. He declared that eighty-five
per cent of the property in the coun-
ty was owned by fifteen per cent of
the people, but that all the people had
a say in the improvement of the
roads.

"The route of the capital highway
has not been determined definitely,"
said Dr. Beattie. "I was talking with
a Molalla man a few days ago and he
said he would donate \$1,000 if the
road was built by his place. He also
informed me that two of his neigh-
bors would give a like amount. If you
want the thoroughfare along the route
proposed it is up to you to get busy.
There is hard work yet before you,
and you must not become convinced
that you are going to get the high-
way without fighting for it."

Mr. Jesse said he favored the route
suggested by the association and
would do all in his power toward aid-
ing the movement to build the road.
Dr. Dedman said the improvement of
roads in the county had amazed him
to use an automobile eight months in
the year. He said when he located in
the county he was compelled to go
horseback and later as the roads were
improved he was able to use a buggy,
and he did not think it would be long
before he could use an automobile all
the year.

W. C. Oathout, S. J. Berg and H. T.
Melvin were appointed a committee
to represent the Barlow district in
the association. It was decided to
hold the next meeting in Canemah
Wednesday night.

The delegation from Oregon City
went to Barlow in automobiles donat-
ed by Charles Risley, Mullino Town-
site Company, M. E. Park and Ches-
ter Elliott.

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If there is any piece of furniture
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Eleventh and Main streets. They will
replace same with a new and up-to-
date article, allowing you full value
for your property.

C. G. MILLER SEES MINK KILL RABBIT

A battle between a mink and a rab-
bit was witnessed by C. G. Miller, of
this city, Monday afternoon on the
West Side. It was an unusual sight,
which no doubt will not soon be for-
gotten by Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller was
on his way to Portland in his automo-
bile, and when about one-half mile
from Bolton, and about one mile from
this city, he saw two small animals
ahead of him in the road, one seem-
ing to be running after the other. He
put on full speed and almost overtook
them. He alighted from the automo-
bile, and found that a mink, about two
feet long and a rabbit were fighting.

Mr. Miller picked up several rocks and
started for the mink. The animal had
the rabbit by the throat, and had sev-
ered its windpipe. Mr. Miller suc-
ceeded in getting the rabbit away from
its enemy, but no sooner had he done
this when the mink started for him.
He threw the rabbit away and ran.
The mink's eyes were bulging from
its head and Mr. Miller says it was
the fiercest looking little animal he
had ever seen. The mink again at-
tacked the rabbit. Mr. Miller called a
man who was passing and the two
descended upon the mink which dis-
appeared in the brush, leaving the rab-
bit dying.

Reports of Recorder Stipp and Chief
of Police Shaw showed that 167
tramps had been arrested in October
and nineteen prisoners prosecuted.
The fines received during the month
totalled \$195. One man served a jail
sentence of twenty-five days for hav-
ing given another a drink of whisky
on Sunday.

PARKPLACE BOYS PLAY MANY PRANKS

Many pranks were played by Park-
place boys Hallowe'en night. W. A.
Holmes, the merchant, found the sign
of the St. Agnes Baby Home, on his
front porch. He was thankful that
gladly returned the sign. Another
prank played by the boys was the haul-
ing a wagon to the schoolhouse, where
it was taken apart and placed on the
veranda against the door. It took the
boys more than an hour to take off
the wheels, tongue and other parts,
and it will be a great task for the
owner to make the necessary repairs,
and probably the assistance of a
blacksmith or wagon-maker will have
to be necessary.

INTOXICATED PAINTER WANDERS FROM HOME

Frank Halstead, a painter of Por-
land, partially dressed, was found in
a dazed condition in a swamp near
Brown's schoolhouse at New Era early
Wednesday. It was at first thought
the man was insane, but Sheriff Mass
soon learned that he was suffering
from the excessive use of intoxicants.
He was brought to this city and was
able late in the afternoon to tell his
name and give his trade. He said he
did not remember leaving Portland,
but is supposed to have wandered
away while under the influence of
liquor.

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