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THE WEATHER
OREGON CITY—Fair, Thursday,
northeasterly winds.
Oregon—Fair, warmer east por-
tion; northeasterly winds.
Washington—Fair, warmer east
portion; easterly winds.
Idaho—Fair and warmer.

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OREGON CITY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1913.

PER WEEK, TEN CENTS.

STEEL BRIDGE PREY OF FIRE

RAILROAD SPAN AT PORTLAND
SITE OF DISASTROUS AND
PECULIAR BLAZE

WHOLE STRUCTURE MAY BE RUINED

Deck Floorings and Lubricating Oils
Provide Fuel for Flames that
Warp Themselves About
High Towers

Fire which is believed to have started from the short-circuiting of electric wires carrying power for hoisting and lowering the two decks of the new steel bridge in Portland Wednesday afternoon put that structure out of commission, burned away the flooring of both decks of the double span, and may have ruined the steel towers that rise high above the roadway on either bank. The fire completely demoralized the schedules of all Southern Pacific and Oregon-Washington trains, and southern travel from Portland was over two hours late early in the evening.

The fire was most spectacular, and attracted thousands to the river bank and to the other bridges, and inconvenienced other thousands who were unable to get home until after hours of delay. The Burnside bridge, next above the steel bridge has been out of commission for sometime for repairs, and its carlines have been routed over the steel bridge. The fire closed this span, and the Morrison bridge, the last remaining structure in service, was unable to accommodate a tenth of the traffic forced to it.

The flames ate away the flooring of the upper deck, dropped to the heavy ties on the lower decks, and soon found the rivers of oil and grease used to lubricate the lift sections of the bridge, and followed up these to the very tops of the towers. Shooting high in the sky, the oil-fed tongues of fire made a magnificent spectacle, while dense clouds of black smoke rolled away over the river. Both Portland fire departments were called into action, and engine companies fought the fire from either end of the span.

After the fire was under control, it was deemed best by the railroad officials not to attempt to use the structure, and Southern Pacific trains were routed out over the west side branch, running up Fourth street through the heart of Portland. The steel girders, and the rebuilding of the line for electrification made progress slow. From the west side line trains were bused over the Oswego bridge, north through Milwaukie, to the main line at Sellwood, and then resumed their journey over the main line. Oregon-Washington trains were routed out over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle bridge, striking the O.W.R. & N. tracks at Kenton.

Late in the evening Southern Pacific trains were routed out this way, and then worked back through the Peninsula district of Portland, connecting with the main line at East Portland. By this way the delay was cut down to about half an hour, and schedules were not so badly warped. Freight traffic was absolutely demoralized.

No estimate of the damage to the structure, which cost over a million dollars, could be made Wednesday night, as a careful investigation and testing of the structure will have to be taken up before the damage done can be discovered.

In the midst of the fire the fireboat got away from control of her skipper and rammed the lower deck of the bridge, breaking away her forward monitor, smashing the forward rail, wrecking the powerful searchlight, and denting in the front of the cabin. The vessel was backed out of danger before it caught fire.

BURNSIDE BRIDGE ON FIRE; BLAZE SOON EXTINGUISHED

At two o'clock Thursday morning the arcing of an electric wire on the Burnside bridge, when the draw was being opened, set fire to gas that was leaking from a six-inch main that was carried over the structure, and the roadway of the span caught fire. From this a stream of flames that shot from the broken pipe. Firemen and the new fireboat responded to the alarm, and got the blaze under control in about 20 minutes of lively work. The tarred-block pavement of the span made a ready fuel for the flames.

A baby-girl was left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross, of Gladstone by the stork on Wednesday, the little stranger weighing ten pounds. Mrs. Ross and her daughter are both reported to be doing well.

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At West End of Suspension Bridge

PROFANITY NOT ALWAYS CRIME

JUSTICE SIEVERS RULES EXTRA-
ORDINARY LANGUAGE GOOD
AT WILHOIT

GOVERNOR'S PET LAW DISREGARDED

Trial of Alvin Wyland Provides Com-
edy Relief to Seriousness of
Court Sessions—De-
fendant is Freed

The use of profane language at Wilhoit Springs is not a misdemeanor. Such was the decision of Justice Sievers Wednesday in the case of the State of Oregon against Alvin Wyland accused of "using profane and boisterous language at a public watering resort," as prohibited in a measure passed at the last session of the legislature. The trial was replete with many features that were quite as out-of-the-ordinary as the decision that ended it, and spectators enjoyed the session of the court, as much as they would have enjoyed a vaudeville performance.

It appeared from the evidence that the complaining witness, a school-teacher, and a 16-year-old girl were at Wilhoit at the same time, and that the girl's relatives, one of whom was the defendant, desired her to accompany them home. The girl refused, and Wyland was said to have grasped her by the nape of the neck and forcibly taken her to the carriage which was to carry her home, saying at the same time, "By God, you will go."

For that the school teacher concerned in the case swore to the complaint. George Brownell appeared for the defense, and Deputy District Attorney Livy Stipp conducted the prosecution for the state. The witnesses called were somewhat doubtful as to whether the defendant had used the name of the Deity in vain, or whether he had just said "by gosh." They admitted, however, that profane language was not unusual at the resort. Bearing this in mind, the court ruled that the use of such language at Wilhoit Springs was not a violation of the law, and dismissed the charge.

In arguing for the prosecution, Mr. Stipp told the court that the violation charged came under the law that Governor West and Representative Schuebel of this city had taken such pride in passing and getting upon the statute books, and said that aside from the duty of the court in the matter, he felt sure that both the governor and Mr. Schuebel would like to see a conviction under their particular statute.

Mr. Brownell, pleading for the defense, admitted that such might be true, and added that he knew Mr. Schuebel was a nice man. "I don't believe he would use profane language," said Mr. Brownell. "I don't think I have ever heard him swear. I think he is very temperate in his language, but I can't say that I would always believe all he said. I think all the Schuebels are nice men, and I don't believe any of them are ever profane."

The case not being tried before a jury, the court seemed to take Mr. Brownell's view of it, and gave the defendant his freedom.

APPRAISERS NAMED ON LIFT APPROACH

At a special meeting of the city council Wednesday morning O. D. Eby and E. T. Causland were named as members of the board of appraisal that will fix the valuation of the property at the end of Seventh street, desired for the upper approach to the public elevator construction work upon which is soon to commence. Mr. Eby and Mr. Causland were named to take the places of Mr. Andresen and Mr. White, both of whom resigned after an earlier appointment because they felt that they were personally interested in the matter.

Aside from this the council transacted no other business. Many matters that have been piling up for some time will be taken up at the regular meeting next Wednesday evening. Among the subjects pending, and upon which it is hoped to get action at this time, are the report of the special water committee upon a new city supply, the report of the special committee at present having in hand the proposal to purchase the Jones rock-crusher for a municipal plant, and several street improvement matters in which have been held up pending further committee discussion with property owners.

The Prevailing Note in Retailing

THE PREVAILING...
In a recent newspaper...
statement we saw the following sentence:

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Provisional President Huerta Embracing Orozco, Former Chieftain of Mexican Revolutionists.



Mexico came back into the news, centering renewed interest upon Provisional President Huerta and General Pascual Orozco, his military adviser. At the left in the picture is shown the ruler who supplanted the slain Madero greeting the former rebel leader Mexican fashion. General Orozco has been called "the man who never smiles." No person in the republic of unrest to the south of us wields a greater influence over the native Mexicans, and because of their bitterness over the refusal of the administration at Washington to recognize the Huerta government and the calling home of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson he loomed up as a commanding figure in a situation the seriousness of which was admitted in diplomatic circles.

NOT A TORNADO; ONLY FANCY AUTO

That cloud of dust with the noise of a small tornado in it that swept across Clackamas county roads late Wednesday afternoon and in the evening of the same day was E. P. Preble, Portland lumberman and dilettante with gas engines, who was trying out his new "combination car," and seeing what it could do. Mr. Preble, when he isn't busy supervising his mill at Helvetia, on the United Railways, spends his time experimenting with gas engines and dirigible balloons. The result of recent experimentation is what he brought to Oregon City Wednesday on a business trip.

It has the frame of a Waltham auto, which is an Eastern car, the engine of a Hudson, and various and sundry attachments of Mr. Preble's own. Taken in the long run it doesn't look very inviting, but it will ramble along at any speed up to 75 miles an hour. Mr. Preble knows it will do this, for he had it up at Tacoma when Teddy Tetzlaff and other speed marvels were carrying for the benefit of the Montanara Feste visitors, and he hammered around after Teddy on the prairies when that worthy was buzzing over the pebble roads at 75 miles an hour, and sleek right to him.

Fortunately for the peace, quiet and public safety of the county, Mr. Preble doesn't bring his made-over benzine buggy into these parts very often. However, as he owns considerable land in this county, he has to come up here occasionally. He says the Clackamas county roads are pretty good, but it is to be doubted if he knows very much about it, for he only hits the high spots. Slipping over from Gladstone Wednesday night he made the run in four minutes, and from the county road crossing of the Southern Pacific to a point opposite the test well on the Englebrecht tract he only hit the road twice.

SUNNYSIDE WANTS STOCK TETHERED OFF ROADWAYS

The precinct election held at Sunnyside Tuesday upon the question of stock running at large resulted in a vote of 57 to 14 in favor of keeping all cows, horses and other farm animals tethered and off the public roads. The election was held under the "local option stock law" passed by the last session of the legislature and was the second of the kind to be held in this county. The first election resulted the same way.

Oldest Naval Officer

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—Rear Admiral James H. Wadsworth, the oldest officer on the retired list of the United States navy, celebrated his ninety-first birthday anniversary today. Born in Pennsylvania in 1822, Admiral Wadsworth became a midshipman in 1843 and for forty years was in active service in the navy.

DO IT NOW

The county clerk's office will be open until eight this evening so that voters may register for the recall election. Tomorrow the office will close at five in the afternoon, and there will be no further opportunity to register for this election. Citizens who cannot get to the court house to register in the daytime and who want to vote at the recall election, should register this evening without fail.

There is only one more day to register—DO IT NOW.

WASHINGTON HIT BY FATAL STORM

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Like a giant flail, a cyclonic storm of wind, rain, and hail whipped back and forth across the nation's capital today, leaving death and ruin in its wake. Three were killed, scores injured and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property was ruined, according to a hurried canvass made when the city aroused itself from half an hour of helplessness in the grasp of its elements.

Out of a blazing sky, under which the city was sweltering with the temperature at the 100 point, the storm reaching a velocity of nearly 70 miles an hour, swept the streets clear, unroofed houses, tore detached small structures from their foundations, wrecked one office building, overturned wagons and carriages in the streets and swept Washington's hundred parts, tearing huge branches from the trees and even uprooting sturdy old elms, the landmarks of a century.

BEAVERS PINCH VICTORY

Portland 9, Los Angeles 7.
Oakland 5, San Francisco 6.
Sacramento 3, Venice 2.

Coast League Standings.
Portland 556
Sacramento 514
Los Angeles 513
Oakland 483
Venice 483
San Francisco 458

Powerful Wireless Station

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 30.—Wireless service to the public will begin Friday at the local station of the United Fruit company. This is the most powerful station in the United States excepting the government station at Arlington. The plant has been in operation since May 15th, but up to the present only company business has been handled.

DENVER TO HONOR VISITING KNIGHTS

DENVER, Colo., July 30.—No city was ever better "dressed up" to receive a great company of guests than will be Denver, when the hosts of Knighth's Templars from all parts of the land gather here week after next for their thirty-second triennial convocation. An army of electricians, decorators and others is already at work, and their efforts promise to result in the most lavish and beautiful display of flags, bunting, electric lights and color imaginable.

Probably the most beautiful and elaborate feature of the decorative scheme will be the court of honor, extending four blocks in the downtown district. The court will be surrounded by forty-eight immense electric pillars, each having a different combination of colors.

At night the visiting Templars will be treated to the dazzling sight of a mammoth electric cross on Pike's Peak. Other features of the decorations will include reproductions of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem, the water tower of Chateau de Langlers, France, and the Mickel-gate bar of the Benedictine Abbey of York, Eng., which was a popular meeting place for the knights 400 to 500 years ago.

STATE COLLEGE TO GET NEW BUILDINGS

Contracts have been awarded by the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, for the erection of the central portion and one wing of the men's gymnasium and for the domestic science wing of the home economics building. To Snook & Traver, of Salem. The contract price of the gymnasium, exclusive of heating, is \$88,500, and for the home economics, exclusive of heating, \$49,900. Bids ranged from these prices, which were the lowest, up to \$99,671 for the gymnasium, and \$71,162 for the home economics building.

The call for instruction in the various branches of domestic art is greater each succeeding year and the new one of this department will be more in keeping with its importance. When completed with the necessary modern apparatus installed, the course, already recognized as among the best obtainable, will be still further extended and improved.

LAW PROVIDES NO STOP-OVER

EFFORT OF MINISTERS TO PRE-
VENT SUNDAY CIRCUS
SEEM TO BE FUTILE

SHERIFF'S AUTHORITY IS LIMITED

Person Responsible for Show Alone
May Be Guilty of Illegal Act,
but Performance is
No Crime

Apparently, even under the state law, the proposed circus performance billed for this city on Sunday cannot be stopped by the local ministers who have already registered objection to it. When the pastors first made their complaint to Sheriff Mass, he referred them to Deputy District Attorney Stipp, and that official rendered an opinion, in which he quoted the law in the case, and subsequently told the sheriff that he should consider a circus an amusement.

Section 2125 of Lord's Oregon Laws which refers to the matter now in dispute, reads in part: "If any person shall keep open * * * any place of amusement on the first day of the week * * * such person upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars." Attorneys who have looked up this law, which they find was passed in 1854, are now of the opinion that there is nothing in the measure which prohibits the performance of a circus, and furthermore, that there is nothing in it which gives any police officer the right to interfere with the performers. The law merely specifies that the person who shall keep open an amusement is liable to a fine.

The most the sheriff can do, therefore, these attorneys believe, is to find and arrest the one man responsible for the performance of the circus—probably the manager—and hold him. As for stopping the performance, the law provides no way by which this may be done. That the arrest of the manager of the circus would in any way interfere with its performance is scouted by those who are now registered against the circus, and they therefore conclude that the objecting pastors are "up against it."

This interpretation of the statute was laid before Sheriff Mass Wednesday night, and that official was much put out. He has given his word to the objecting ministers that he will stop the performance if it is shown to be a violation of the law, but he now doubts whether there is any law directly applying to the matter.

"I have said I would arrest violators of the law unless I was restrained from such action," said the sheriff, "and I mean to do it. The other day I thought it might be necessary to arrest every performer at the circus, but if this later view of the law is correct, I can only arrest the manager, and cannot legally stop the show. If that is the limit of my power."

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REGISTRATION'S RUSH KEEPS UP

THREE EXTRA DEPUTIES NOW
BUSY ACCOMMODATING
VOTERS AT BOOKS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON IS LAST CHANCE

Majority of Citizens Make No Secret
of Fact That They Are Op-
posed to Recall of Two
County Officials

So great has been the rush of registration in County Clerk Mulvey's office that a third extra deputy has been put on to handle the voters who desire to get their names upon the county books before Friday afternoon at five, when registration for the recall election will cease. A great majority of those who have registered declare openly that they are going to vote for the retention of County Judge R. B. Beattie and County Commissioner Blair, who are named in the recall petition.

Among those in the city Wednesday to sign the rolls were J. W. Watts, of Logan, and Eugene Cummins, the owner of a sawmill at Clarks. Mr. Watts said that he had been somewhat inclined to believe the charges preferred against the county court by the small political ring that is backing the recall, but that after a thorough investigation of the complaints he believed them groundless, and was desirous of registering so he could support the present county administration.

Mr. Cummins, who is a heavy timber owner, said that an appeal had been made to him to favor the recall because of the county cruise. As far as his property was concerned, he said, the county cruise had been most accurate, the descriptions had been good, and while a considerable increase in the valuation had been shown, he was more than ready to pay his share of the taxes assessed thereon. He added that he had no fault to find with the manner in which the county business was conducted. Many of the women who are now registering for the first time are also readily declaring their intention of supporting the present administration.

Public opinion can be pretty closely gauged by the voters who register, owing to the fact that many of them misunderstand the question asked as to their "political preference," and thinking only of the recall election they answer that they are for or against the recall. The great majority who have thus answered off hand say they oppose the recall idea.

Thursday evening will be the last evening for night registration. The county clerk's office will be open until eight for voters to sign the rolls, but Friday, the last day for registration, the office will close at five. County Clerk Mulvey Wednesday received a written opinion from Attorney General Crawford, saying that voters who had registered for the November, 1912, election, need not register again to be able to vote in the recall election.

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