



FLAMES DESTROY 4 PRISON BUILDINGS

Convicts Dare Death in Fighting Fire.

FLAX DRYING PLANT GUTTED

Prisoners at Oregon Penitentiary Do Not Try to Escape.

ORIGIN OF BLAZE MYSTERY

Asylum Patients Also Aid in Subduing Flames—Fire Is Second in Six Weeks—Greatest Peril Over When Oilroom Saved.

SALEM, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—Fire at the Oregon Penitentiary today destroyed four large brick buildings in a group of six, menaced the main prison structure and caused a loss estimated at \$50,000.

The fire was discovered at 4:45 P. M. by convicts, when flames were seen issuing from the rear part of the building used for drying flax.

The flax drying plant contained about 20 tons of flax, valued at \$25 a ton. The prison steam plant and the shoe shop were gutted by fire.

The penitentiary schoolroom in the rear of the dryer was destroyed.

Convicts Salvaged Flax. Two buildings north of the four burned structures were not damaged.

Heretic work of the prisoners, assisted by the Salem fire department, undoubtedly prevented the destruction of the entire flax plant.

None Attempt Escape. With the discovery of the fire, the night force of guards just coming on duty were rushed to the east wall.

That the fire was caused from a smut explosion in the flax drying room is the theory of Superintendent Hinto.

Six weeks ago sparks from the boiler-room set fire to the roof of the building containing the flax.

The south wall of the building containing the boiler room was partially wrecked during the fire.

MICE ARE WAR REFUGEES. Animals Used in Medical Research Taken From Zeppelin Path.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Four mice, whose ancestors had been inoculated with tumor germs for 15 years, took up their residence today in the Crocker cancer research laboratory at Columbia University.

WOODMEN CONVENTION AT ATHENA IS WELL ATTENDED.

PENDLETON, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—Pendleton was chosen as the meeting place of the next district convention of the Woodmen of the World.

DOG SUMMONS AID FOR INJURED MEN. Eugene Farmer and Assistant Are Seriously Hurt by Stump-Puller, Far From Assistance.

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PIECE OF BLOODY SHIRT CARRIED AS SIGNAL.

EUGENE, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—Two men were seriously and perhaps fatally injured, and a dog occupied the role of hero, in an accident at Deernhorn, 20 miles from Eugene, this afternoon.

The scene of the accident was a field quite a distance from the Steele home. Puppe was the first to recover his senses.

Steele sustained a broken leg and was badly bruised about the head and face. Puppe is in a serious condition.

NAMPA BOY'S BODY FOUND. Corps of University Senior Student Recovered by Fishermen.

EUGENE, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—The body of Owen Whallon, a senior at the University of Oregon, who was drowned in the Willamette River April 20, was recovered today by fishermen.

Whallon, who was a son of C. V. Whallon, of Nampa, Idaho, lost his life when a canoe in which he was riding was overturned.

WOMAN IS NOT EXEMPT. Descent of Child Held Equal to Man's Leaving Family.

SALEM, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—That it is as much a criminal offense for a woman to desert her minor children as for a man to desert his wife, was decided today by Judge Graham.

THE MURDERER OF MRS. ETOEN JENNINGS AT THE GORE FARM, AND FRED RISTMAN, THE AUTOMOBILE MAN WHO DROVE THE PORTLAND TO PORTLAND, MURDERER OF MRS. ETOEN JENNINGS AT THE GORE FARM.

FINDING OF SHIRT MAY FREE SUSPECT

Garment Probably Was Worn by Slayer.

Assumption Garment Was Ristman's Also Disproved.

SIZE WRONG FOR THOMPSON

Case Built Up Around Ex-Convict Is Upset—New Theory Is That Ristman Was Killed and Then Mrs. Jennings.

ACCUSED MAN CONFIDENT

The murderer of Mrs. Etoen Jennings at the Gore farm, and Fred Ristman, the automobile man who drove the Portland to Portland, Monday night, probably wore a dark-striped, white shirt, size 15 1/2, ripped under the armpits, and fastidiously darned with white thread where a collar had rubbed holes.

PACIFIC COAST TO HELP FEED ALLIES

ORDER FOR 30,000 TONS OF GRAIN IS PLACED.

Cost of Delivery to Be Greater Than Value of Foodstuff—Shipment Is Via Galveston. SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—(Special.)—A wartime story presenting the features of Pacific Coast food supplies for the allies, search for ships and astonishing cost of ocean transport developed today in the practically completed arrangements of the Marcellus and Liverpool purchasers through George W. Luce and W. H. Barnwell.

ELECTION BULLETINS TONIGHT.

Are you interested in the results of today's primary nominating election? If you are, come to Sixth and Alder streets tonight and learn who is nominated.

KINDNESS IS REWARDED.

Salvationists Return \$60, Found in Old Clothes, to Woman.

They were sorting old clothes at the Salvation Army Industrial Home the other day, with never a thought of hidden riches in the frayed and spotted garments that had been given to charity.

LOGE NAMES PENDLETON.

Woodmen Convention at Athena Is Well Attended.

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ALLIES BUY RHUBARB HERE

Washington Fruit to Serve as Antidote to Trench Gases.

TACOMA, Wash., May 18.—Several thousand cases of canned rhubarb have been sold by a Washington association to the allies for use by men in the trenches.

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SHOUTING IS OVER; PRIMARY ON TODAY

Campaign of Bitter Inveective at End.

POLLS OPEN 8 A. M. TO 8 P. M.

Count May Not Be Completed for Several Days.

RELIGION IS MADE ISSUE

Oregon's Vote on Presidential Preference Believed Important, as Name of Justice Hughes Is on No Other State Ticket.

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