

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 Ollroom Sayed.

SALEM, Or., May 18 .- (Special.)structure and caused a loss estimated at \$25,000. There was no insurance. The

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 retted flax and adjoining the boiler room. Fanned by a high wind from the northwest, the fire spread rapidly and in less than 10 minutes it had been communicated to four buildings.

20 tons of retted flax, valued at \$25 a was burned off of the machine shop with companions capsized. and the machinery badly damaged by

rear of the dryer was destroyed.

Convicts Salvage Flax.

buildings north of the four burned structures were not damaged. These contained the state's large flax plant with probably 300 tons of scutched Through the efforts of convicts, most of the flax was removed from the buildings when it was feared the en-

tire group was doemed. Heroic work of the prisoners, asa score of asylum patients, undoubtedly prevented the destruction of the flames was obtained from the prison and from the auxiliary plant of the

Many of the convicts endangered their lives by plunging into the burn-

None Attempt Escape.

With the discovery of the fire, the night force of guards just coming on duty were rushed to the east wall, doubling the number on guard, but no attempt to escape was made.

After the fire had been extinguished It was discovered that a number of knives were missing from the prison shoe shop, but upon investigation no convict was found to have them in

That the fire was caused from a smut explosion in the flax dryingroom is the theory of Superintendent Minto, who said that this was a danger which it had been necessary to guard against throughout the handling of the crop. A few months ago some oil-soaked rags were found by prison employes hidden in a pile of flax straw and at the time it was suggested that some prisoner had attempted by this

means to destroy the flax crop. This same group of buildings was gutted by fire about seven years ago when the prison foundry was located in them. The fire started at midnight and its origin was never discovered. though incendiarism was suspected.

Fire Is Second in Six Weeks.

building containing the flax, but convicts extinguished the flames before vation Army.

material damage had been done. The south wall of the building cor taining the boiler room was partially MICE ARE WAR REFUGEES wrecked during the fire today when a quantity of lime stored within exploded with a terrific detonation. No one was in the vicinity at the time.

The oil room, situated in a brick building at the rear of the dryer, was saved from destruction by desperate work of the fire department and con-The saving of this building, it is said, probably prevented the spread of the flames to the entire prison, Great University. amounts of oil were stored in this building and had the flames reached it the explosion would have been dis-

Prisoners Brave Falling Timbers.

was carried out of the building by years. convicts. Lines of hose were run to the roofs of the blazing structures and prisoners, asylum patients and mer bers of the Salem Fire Department vied with one another in baftling the flames from above. One crew of prisoners braved the suffocating smoke and falling timbers from the roof of the dryer to carry a line of hose inside the building. Several of them were in a fainting condition and bleeding from bruises caused by falling embers when relieved

was sustained from water. The roof held in 1919. was burned away and a portion of the

### DOG SUMMONS AID FOR INJURED MEN

PIECE OF BLOODY SHIRT CAR-

Eugene Farmer and Assistant Arc Seriously Hurt by Stump-Puller, Far From Assistance.

weep broke, knocking them both un-

ulte a distance from the Steele home. enses. He realized that he was seri usly injured and could not summo help by calling. Raising himself to Tying a piece of his bloody shirt around he animal's neck, he sent it home. When the dog arrived at the house Mrs. Steele understood and, summon ing help, rushed to the assistance of the men, while physicians were called

Steele sustained a broken leg and a group of six, menaced the main prison and, it is feared, is internally injured. Slayer from Portland, Monday night,

Corpse of University Senior Student

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 The flax drying plant contained about 30, was recovered today by fishermen. ton. The prison steam plant and the Whallon, of Nampa, Idaho, lost his life shoe shop were gutted by fire, the roof when a canoe in which he was riding

The three other members of the party escaped with their lives after floating The penitentiary schoolroom in the down stream for more than a mile. body. Dynamiting was resorted to in thorities, wears a 161/2 or 17 shirt. an effort to bring it to the surface. Ristman, the night he was murder A reward of \$25 also was offered for

> its recovery. Coroner Veatch is holding the body material. awaiting directions from the boy's

### sisted by the Salem fire department WOMAN IS NOT EXEMPT the entire flax plant. Water to fight Desertion of Child Held Equal to

ing buildings to aid in fighting the for a woman to desert her minor chil- there is every indication that the flames and several sustained painful dren as for a man to desert his wife, stained shirt found yesterday was worn cuts and bruises from falling timbers was decided today by Judge Graham, by the man who committed the two and a bench warrant was issued for the ghastly murders. arrest of Mrs. Agnes F. Centlivre, who sued for divorce.

him or the children.

cision in the divorce case until Satur-

# Salvationists Return \$60, Found in

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 char-Yet the task was enlivened when a handbag dropped from a bundle of clothes before the workers. They

Six weeks ago sparks from the To Captain Andrews, who returned the boller-room set fire to the roof of the money, she expressed her gratitude by presenting one of the bills to the Sal-

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

In the last German air raid over London a bomb was dropped near the laboratory where the mice were being kept, and it was decided to send them to the United States for fear that an Most of the material in the shoeshop other bomb might destroy the work of

Woodmen Convention at Athena Is Well Attended.

PENDLETON, Or., May 18 .- (Spe-

The Athena convention was well attended by delegates from every lodge The fact that the wind was from the in the district. The council was pre northwest undoubtedly prevented the sided over by Judge Thomas Fitzger-(Concluded on Page 3, Column 4.) ald, of Pendleton.

Garment Probably Was Cost of Delivery to Be Greate Worn by Slayer.

were brought to the Mercy Hospital Assumption Garment Was Ristman's Also Disproved.

Case Built Up Around Ex-Convict to \$32 a ton, or a total of \$360,000.

Mr. Barnwell and Mr. Luce, who are Is Upset-New Theory Is That Ristman Was Killed and Then Mrs. Jennings.

at the Gore farm, and Fred Ristman probably wore a dark-striped, white shirt, size 1516, ripped under the armpits, and fastidiously darned with white thread where a collar had rubbed

The torn cuff and gold link found in the roadway near the blood-stained panama hat identified as Ristman's ere not from the shirt of the jitney driver, as assumed by the authorities, but were torn from the shirt, the bloodstained remainder of which was found yesterday by Constable Virgil Wickers, of Sherwood, Washington County, and Deputy Sheriff Robert Phillips, of Portland, 420 yards north of the Gore home

Suspect's Shirt Larger. suspect arrested within 48 hours after the crime on circumstantial evidence For days the University of Oregon which satisfied Washington County and students patrolled the banks of the Portland authorities of his guilt, has a vain search to find the a thick neck and, according to the au-Ristman, the night he was murdered, wore a blue chambray shirt, size 1714,

> Sheriff J. E. Reeves, of Washington County, announced last night that he was coming to Portland today to see if Mrs, Ristman could identify the torn shirt found yesterday as her husband's, but Mrs. Ristman told The Oregonian last night she was absolutely positive

with soft collar and cuffs of the same

her husband wore no such shirt. Theories Are Upset.

finding of this shirt up SAN FRANCISCO, May 18 .- (Special.) house of cards the detectives had built -That it is as much a criminal offense fastening the crime on Thompson, for

conclusion is predicated on This found Tuesday in the roadway, 300 fragments and human hair; the stained Panama hat identified as Ristman's and the red-spattered election card.

# PACIFIC COAST TO

ment Is Via Galveston.

July 20,000 tons of Coast grain, mostly

It will cost \$40 a ton for delivery, or \$1,200,000. The two railroads receive \$8 a ton for the haul to Galveston, or \$240,000. The ocean carriage amounts the freight traffic chiefs of their rall-

roads, are now in the East closing the ered one of the oddest since the Euro-pean war opened.

### The murderer of Mrs. Helen Jennings | ALLIES BUY RHUBARB HERE

Washington Fruit to Serve as Antidote to Trench Gases.

digestion as a result of poisoned gases.

Twenty-one tons of rhubarb were anned at the plant yesterday.

### ELECTION BULLETINS TONIGHT.

Are you interested in the results of today's primary nomcome to Sixth and Alder streets tonight and learn who is nominated. The polls will close at count is well under way The Oregonian will begin flashing just as fast as it progresses. ies, will be thrown on the screen.

on the election.

By the way, do you know the location of the polling place in your precinct? A complete, revised list is published on page 11 of The Oregonian today.

# AMERICAN POLICY

Change Is Believed to Presage Peace Plan.

FRIENDSHIP IS MUCH DESIRED

Germans Warned Against Plotting in United States.

LAWLESSNESS MUST STOP

Sink-on-Sight Policy at Sea Also to End - United States Expected to Be Influential When

Terms Are Discussed.

ald, says, in part, that in furtherance of his government's changed policy to-ward the United States, Count von

country. trenches. The rhubarb will be shipped at once. Six ounces of the vegetable man Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Ambassador issued instructions to all MORE QUAKES PREDICTED respect for American laws by German

subjects. Germany's new policy contemplates: First-Abandonment of the slnk-onsight policy on the high seas. Second-Merchantmen to be visited

and searched and provision made for the safety of passengers and crews before destruction Destruction in America to Stop.

Third-Cessation of operations by lermans to destroy ships and munition the Venetian provinces. factories in the United States. It is the belief of the high German officials that in modifying its attitude with reference to this country the Ger-

peace negotiations.

It is apparent to Berlin that the United States will play an important part in the negotiations. It may initlate them through a tender of media-

tion and it may even participate in them, should American interests become involved. The moral influence this country will be able to exert in any case will be tremendous.

In this connection it is recalled that ment during the Russo-Japanese peace negotiations was responsible for the mands which threatened to cause a resumption of hostilities

It is known that the action of the German government was the result of a lengthy review by Count von Bernstorff of the situation of Germany in connection with the United States. The Ambassador has emphatically denied any official German connection

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 57 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees.
TODAY'S—Partly cloudy and occasionally threatening weather; warmer; northwesterly winds.

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Summer school plans laid. Page 8, Buyers to come in August. Page 2 Jitney driver and car conductor fined f speeding. Page 22. Portland joins Nation-wide demonstrati-for preparedness. Page 10. Hen lays erg in court and is restored owner. Page 15.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MEASURE PROVIDES FOR REFERENDUM

Jail Sentences for Infractions Would Be Given Instead of Fines. Success Predicted.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 17 .- The government's bill for a referendum on prohibition in British Columbia which was cial Parliament today had not been pre sented when the House rose tonight. The cause for the delay was not diwill be introduced tomorrow.

fective July 1, is more drastic than the Washington State law. There is to be no interference with the consumption or keeping of liquor in private houses, RELIGION IS MADE ISSUE but it must be imported for the pu pose. Offenses against the act will no be punishable by fines except in the cases of corporations, where the punish ment for infractions will be a fine o \$1000. As to individuals, jail terms of

from six to 12 months are provided. Dispensaries are to be established and administered in most cases by the provincial police. Sacramental wine and liquor for doctors and hospitals will thus be provided. A doctor may CHICAGO, May 18 .- (Special.) - John get two quarts at a time, a dentist is Callan O'Laughlin, in a special dispatch limited to a pint and both must keep from Washington to the Chicago Her- records for inspection by the Attorney

Of a house attendance of 40 mem bers, probably less than 10 will vote TACOMA, Wash., May 18.—Several Bernstorff, German Ambassador in thousand cases of canned rhubarb have been sold by a Washington association an end to German lawlessness in this should be provided for the liquor in-

Shock of Great Violence Felt on fices in Multnemah County. Adriatic Shore in Italy.

make of particular violence has occurred along the Adriatic coast between Rimini and Cerena. At the later town a dozen persons were injured. Father Alfani, director of the observ-

The entire central section of Italy was shaken by repeated earthquakes, which lasted through Tuesday and man government is actuated by a de-sire to regain American friendship in as yet been received in this country Wednesday. Only meager details have

abandonment by Japan of certain de- that which won freedom for her father from the Middletown Asylum is under way among art patrons in Chicago. As an incompetent she is having difficulty in marketing her paintings.

# the Progressive bailot in Multnomah

primary election. Prohibitionists and ocialists name their candidates at party conventions. So the primary is principally a Reublican affair. Republican voters of the state today will make nominations for three Representatives in Congress, Secretary of State, two Supreme Court Justices, Dairy and Food Commissioner,

County Officers to Be Named. In addition to these are nominations to be made in each county for various

Representatives in Congress, Circuit President personally pleads with Britain in State Representatives. One of the lat-behalf of Irishman. Page 4. ter is to be nominated jointly with

Clackamas County. Delegates to Be Chosen.

Though this is a primary nominating election, elections are made for two offices. Both Republicans and Democrats elect 10 delegates to the Republican and Democratic National conventions, respectively, chosen two from each Congressional district and four from the state at large. Each voter

The Progressives elect five defegates. Each of the three parties also elects number as Oregon has Congressional

Lending additional interest to the race for delegates is the fact that for the first time in Oregon women are

running for Republican delegate-atlarge, being one of 12 candidates for the four delegates-at-large to be chosen. Mrs. Helen L Tomlinson, also

this year is 241,482, of which 161,819 are Republican, 60,570 Democratic and 1275 Progressive. In Multnomah County the registra-

tion figures for the three parties are: Republican 55,701, Democratic 16,190 and only 668 Progressives.

vote will be cast. This would be about

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# VOL. LVL.-NO. 17,314.

### 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 Deer- SIZE WRONG FOR THOMPSON orn, 20 miles from Eugene, this aftrnoon. The victims, J. H. Steele, a farmer, and his employe, Ole Pufpe n Eugene tonight. The men were working with a stump-puller when the

The scene of the accident was a field Purpe was the first to recover his ACCUSED MAN CONFIDENT his elbow he saw his employer's dog.

from Eugene was badly bruised about the head and Fire at the Oregon Penitentiary today face. Pufpe is in a serious condition. destroyed four large brick buildings in He is cut and brulsed in many places the automobile man who drove the

# NAMPA BOY'S BODY FOUND

Recovered by Fishermen.

Man's Leaving Family.

is known as Agnes St. Claire, being these facts: The cuff and link was Centlivre testified that he had offered yards from the Gore ranch home

her \$75 a month, but that she had left green laprobe, matted with blood, flesh him, saying that she did not care for "It is unnatural for a mother to desert the children she brought into the were found in the brush at the edge of world," said Judge Graham, as he is- the roadway, carefully hidden. The

# KINDNESS IS REWARDED

Old Clothes, to Woman.

opened it to discover six \$10 bills, The woman who had contributed the oundle was at once sought and located.

cancer research laboratory at Columbia

### LODGE NAMES PENDLETON

cial.)—Pendleton was chosen as the meeting place of the next district convention of the Woodmen of the World at the convention held in Athena yes-In the machine shop great damage terday. The next convention will be

# MAY FREE SUN ORDER FOR 30,000 TONS OF

# GRAIN IS PLACED.

# Cost of Delivery to Be Greater

### SAN FRANCISCO, May 48 .- (Special.) A wartime story presenting the features of Pacific Coast food supplies for the allies, scarcity of ships and astonshing cost of ocean transport developed today in the practically completed arrangements of the Marseilles and Liv-erpool purchasers through George W. Luce and W. B. Barnwell, of the South-ern Pacific and Santa Fe Railroads, to have delivered to them by the end of

### The cost of transportation is to ex eed the value of the grain. The latter is worth in the market today \$1,110,000.

to the allies for use by men in the will be given each man in the trenches daily when fighting since it has been German Consuls directing them to urge found the men suffer keenly from in-

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inating election? If you are, 8 o'clock, and as soon as the returns. You will be kept in ! touch with the carivass of votes : those from the Portland primar-

Six motion-picture comedies ! will intersperse the bulletins, and there will be cartoons and extemporaneous verses bearing



## DRY BILL IS BEFORE PARLIAMENT TODAY

Oregontan.

to have been introduced in the provin- POLLS OPEN 8 A. M. TO 8 P. M.

The measure, which would become ef-

General's department.

## terests.

ROME, via Paris, May 18 .- An earth-

atory at Florence, predicts a repetition of the earthquake, which extended to

anticipation of the inauguration of and it is not known what loss of life occurred, if any.

Patrons Seek to Liberate Girl Held as Incompetent. POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 18 .- as devoid of interest as it is devoid of Miss Marion Blakelock, daughter of R. candidates for most offices. Nominathe change in American public senti- an artist, may soon be released from made by writing in the name of fathe Hudson-River State Hospital in vored brethren. Poughkeepsie. A movement similar to

Within a few days a committee will be chosen by the local court and habeas corpus proceedings to procure her free-

### dom will follow.

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Representatives.

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# SHOUTING IS OVER: PRIMARY ON TODA

Campaign of Bitter Invective at End.

vulged, but it is understood the bill Count May Not Be Completed for Several Days.

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

There now remains only to cast the votes and count them. The shouting a over. This is the day of the state primary nominating election

In Multnomah County this primary

ulminates one of the bitterest prinary campaigns of recent years. Though one or two nominations for state offices are closely fought, in neither warmth nor lack of dignity has the statewide campaign in any instance approached that for several of-

it 8 o'clock this morning. They close at 8 o'clock tonight, and the count begins It is quite possible that two or three days may elapse before the nominees for certain offices are known. With one exception, the only contests of importance are in the Republican pri-

Polls Open at 8 o'Clock.

The polls open throughout Oregon

mary. The Republican ballot is long, o the count will be slow The exception noted is the race for the Democratic nomination for Representative in Congress from the Third District (Multnomah County). John A. Jeffrey is the only Damocrat whose

ame is on the ballot,

However, recalling Mr. Jeffrey's active I. W. W. leanings of a few years ago, John H. Stevenson, Newton Mc-Coy, W. Maurice Hudson, Oglesby Young and others have urged Democrats to write in the name of C. L. McKenna for the nomination. Otherwise the Democratic ballot

Name to Be Written

Progressives Have Clear Fleid. No interest whatsoever attaches to the Progressive ballot. Only 10 Progressives are running for anything, and all must be selected because there is no opposition. Eight names will be on

No other parties participate in the

Service Commissioner in both the Western and Eastern Oregon districts, 17 Circuit Court Judges, 17 State Senators and 60 State Representatives.

county offices. Judges, Public Service Commissioners, State Senators and State Representatives are voted for by districts. Multnomah County nakes nominations for one Representative in Congress, three Circuit Judges, one Public Service Com missioner, six State Senators and 13

San thus votes for six delegates.

office. Women Are in Race. Mrs. G. L. Buland, of Portland, is

It is conservatively estimated that about 60 per cent of the Republican