

ORPET ON STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

College Boy Describes Last Meeting With Girl in Woods and Tells of Her Death.

POWDER NOTED ON HANDS

Youth Says He Offered Girl Molasses and Water as "Medicine," but She Refused It—Guardian Tells of Finding Bottle.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 26.—William H. Orpet, the 20-year-old University of Wisconsin student, charged with the murder of Marion Lambert, his school-girl sweetheart, took the stand this afternoon and told on his direct examination of his meeting with her on February 9 and of her death. Adjournment for the night interrupted the recital, which will be resumed tomorrow.

He did not see her take poison, nor have it about her, he testified, but he saw her dying convulsions. He supported the theory that the cyanide of potassium which caused the death was taken in powdered form and not in solution, as insisted by expert toxicologists, called by the prosecution.

"I noticed a white powder on her face and one hand," he said. The "medicine" which he gave her was simply molasses and water. He told her she should not be in a delicate condition, and adopted this subterfuge to relieve her mind, as she told him in letters that she was alarmed at her condition.

Girl Expresses Alarm. At the meeting in the woods, he said, Marion expressed alarm at her condition and he tried to persuade her that her fears were groundless. He offered her the molasses and water as a "fixer," but she said that it would do her no good.

He suggested that she would better catch her car, and started away, but she called him back and asked if he was going to write to her any more. He said he thought not and started away again.

"Something, I don't know what, made me turn around," he testified. Marion had taken the poison. He could see she was having a convulsion. He returned to her and said she had two more tremors.

Witness said that he became dazed and remembered only flying from the woods. He took a train back to Madison. After leaving the woods he said he threw away the bottle of diluted molasses. The bottle was recovered nine days later by K. R. Hawkins and others sent out by attorneys whom Orpet had by that time retained.

Youth Is Willing Witness. The case of the defense began at the forenoon session with the opening statement by James H. Wilkerson, chief of counsel for the defendant. The statement was completed in the afternoon, and to the surprise of those who have been attending the trial, Orpet was the first witness.

Every eye turned toward him as his name was called, a slender youth of marked regularity of feature, but nothing save a natural pallor to distinguish him in a crowd. He wore a dark suit and a deep fur overcoat. He had sat far down in a big chair, beside his mother, with an expression which seemed part sullenness and part nervous strain.

His face lighted up, however, as he heard his name called and with an encouraging look from Mrs. Orpet he went forward and was sworn. His voice was plainly audible at first, but soon developed periods of weakness. He recollects very little of the statement of his conversation with Marion.

He suggested that they go into the little waiting room to testify, and to the woods and suggested that they go there. This they did. Orpet's testimony was interrupted to allow Mr. Hawkins to testify as to the finding of the bottle, as he is a member of Battery C, Illinois National Guard, and under orders to proceed at once to the mobilization camp at Springfield.

BANKS MILL IN DOUBT

Question of Rebuilding Plant to Be Decided by W. H. Eccles.

BAKER, Or., June 26.—(Special).—No definite plans for the rebuilding of the \$40,000 Eccles mill at Banks, destroyed Saturday by fire, will be made until the return of W. H. Eccles, president of the company, now in Osgood, according to the announcement made by Roland E. Eccles today. It is expected Eccles is expected to arrive in Baker tomorrow.

Only a minor part of the contract held by the Banks mill can be handled in Baker, it is said, because of the different class of lumber available.

FOUR FOREMEN DROPPED

Greater Efficiency in County Road Work Is Aim.

With the discharge of foremen of four road districts and the consolidation of the eight districts on the East Side into four, intimated in a letter of Roadmaster J. B. Yeon to the County Commissioners yesterday, the shake-up, which had its beginning in the combining of three West Side districts

into two a month ago, will have ended, except for minor tremors in unimportant positions. The foremen who will be dropped by Mr. Yeon in his new plan are James Kephka, C. Christensen, J. L. Tyndall and George W. H. Smith. The remaining foremen of the original eight will have charge of the enlarged four East Side districts. The three districts between the Willamette River and the Sandy River (originally six) will be turned over to J. M. Hillyard, D. W. McKay and W. M. York. That part of the county east of the Sandy River, with the exception of the Columbia River Highway, and which formerly comprised two districts, has been made into one district under the charge of C. E. Bramhall.

FOUR PARTIES CONFER

PLATFORM CONVENTIONS OPEN TODAY AT BOISE.

Republicans Will Debate Action on Primary Law, While Democrats Will Want Housecleaning.

BOISE, Idaho, June 26.—(Special).—The platform conventions of the Republican, Democratic, Progressive and Socialist parties meet in this city tomorrow at noon. The Republicans will determine their main debate over the primary law and a plank to condemn the Land Board and Land Department. The Democrats will enthusiastically endorse President Wilson and demand cleaning out of the Statehouse, aside from Governor. The Progressives will determine what their future policy will be in face of Roosevelt's declaration for Hughes, and the Socialists will plan to poll a heavier vote this year than two years ago.

Either A. H. Conner, of Sandpoint, Speaker of the House of Representatives, or Frank W. Wyman, of Boise, a prominent attorney, will be named chairman of the Republican convention. H. Gibson, chairman of the Progressive party committee, issued a call convening Progressives here tomorrow. Failing to elect delegates, as provided by law, the Progressive party does not plan a regular platform convention. "While we do not predict a large attendance, we will hold a convention," said Chairman Gibson. "The peculiar situation of the Progressive party will, of course, make it impossible to secure a full representation from many counties; but Progressive workers in every section of the state who can possibly come to Boise for the meeting are invited to do so, as it is planned to hold an informal conference to consider our future course."

SEALS VISIT SEASIDE

BIG SCHOOL GIVES SUNDAY CROWD EXCITEMENT.

Preparations Go Ahead for Bangup Celebration to Signalize Completion of Highway.

SEASIDE, Or., June 26.—(Special).—A large school of seals just outside the breakers in front of the Hotel Moore attracted the attention of the Sunday visitors to the beach. Crowds watched the seals from the pier and from the veranda of the hotel. The rare sight of seals in such large numbers caused even the old-time residents to marvel.

Preparations for the celebration of the completion of the hard-surfaced highway, marked Astoria and Seaside are complete and Dr. F. Van Doren, chairman of the committee of arrangements, has announced that the festivities would be of a more elaborate character than any heretofore planned for Seaside. The permanent arch at the entrance to the city will be finished by Tuesday.

Several surprises are in store for the merry-makers. The bands of both Astoria and Seaside will play alternately throughout the day. Dancing in the streets will be a feature. Mayor Faget will present an immense key, the official passport of the Astorians into Seaside. The automobiles will parade through the main streets and will be parked in the afternoon on Ocean Way. Special trips early in the day will be made to bring visitors from Astoria to the celebration.

Several dinner parties are planned by Portlanders visiting here, who will entertain guests coming to the beach for the occasion.

2 ACCUSED OF ARSON

CHARGES MADE AGAINST JACOB MARTIN AND H. OSWALT.

House in St. Johns Is Said to Have Been Set on Fire to Collect Insurance Totaling \$1800.

Jacob Martin, who was burned severely in a fire at 623½ Kellogg street, St. Johns, the home of his brother-in-law, Henry Oswalt, Saturday night, is charged, together with Oswalt, with arson in connection with this fire, it was announced by the District Attorney's office yesterday.

The fire occurred about 10 o'clock at night, accompanied by an explosion which blew out windows and shattered doors. Martin was in the house and was badly burned about the face and hands. Oswalt, with his wife and children, were spending the night in Albina, and did not return to their home until taken there by Fire Marshal Stevens Sunday afternoon.

In a statement made to a stenographer in the presence of Deputy District Attorney Ryan Sunday, Oswalt admitted that Martin and he planned the fire. He asserted, it is said, that Martin sprinkled gasoline about the house and set the fire as part of a plan to collect the insurance, which amounted to \$1000 on the house and \$800 on the furnishings. Oswalt is said to have maintained that Martin suggested the fire as a means by which his brother-in-law could secure cash sufficient to permit him to pay debt of \$175 due Martin. This alleged confession has since been repudiated, it is reported.

Body Washed in by Ocean.

NEWPORT, Or., June 26.—(Special).—The body of a man came ashore at Agate Beach, near here, today. An inquest will be held tomorrow. From the fact that wreckage of fruit, etc., similar to that lost from the steamer Bear, has been washing on the beach near where the body lies, it is thought that the body may be one of the wreck victims.

HOMES BLOWN OVER IN HEPPNER STORM

Farmers Flee From Cloudburst—Wheat and Fruit Ruined by Hail.

FEAR IS FELT FOR LIVES

Towns in Several Valleys Are Inundated, Bridges Are Weakened, Slides Cover Roads, Service of Trains Delayed.

EFFECT OF WIND AND HAIL STORM OVER STATE.

Heppner—Homes blown over, wheat beaten down by hail, bridges washed out; loss is thousands. Hermiston—Valley covered by four feet of water. Helix—Inundated by cloudburst. The Dalles—Waterspout causes slides. Bend—Heavy rains. Albany—Rain saves grain. Walla Walla—Cyclone wrecks homes, topples trees, damages wheat and fruit; hail breaks windows.

HEPPNER, Or., June 26.—(Special).—The entire northern part of Morrow County experienced, shortly after noon today, the worst hail, rain and wind storm since 1903, when Heppner was practically destroyed.

Huge clouds which had been gathering for the past two days broke at 1 o'clock over the entire section, the two worst affected parts being Rhea Creek and Sand Hollow. Many farmers in this district were forced to leave their homes and take to the hills. On Sand Hollow the wind was strong enough to blow over several farmhouses and barns.

As yet it is impossible to estimate the damage, but the property loss alone will run into many thousands of dollars. The hail storm continued for about 15 minutes, beating all the fall wheat into the ground. Some of the ballstones measured three and one-half inches.

There were no reports of loss of life, but grave fears were entertained regarding some who were found in unprotected places. The railroad has not been seriously damaged, but tonight's train was delayed because several bridges were washed out. The sky night was filled with heavy lowering clouds, and much anxiety was felt here.

CYCLONE WRECKS HOMES

Hail Near Walla Walla Damages Fruit and Grain.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 26.—(Special).—Cyclones, cloudbursts and hail did heavy damage in Walla Walla, Columbia and Umatilla Counties today. A cyclone on Mill Creek blew down a barn and other outbuildings on the Joe Smith place and took over some giant pine trees. On Cottonwood Creek the Bud Marum home, under construction, was wrecked. A combine was completely wrecked, a binder and farm wagon damaged and trees three feet in diameter blown over. The family had to escape.

South and east of Walla Walla, in what is known as the foothill district, a rich farming community, extensive damage was done by hail, fruit trees being stripped and heads of wheat cut off cleanly, while other wheat was beaten to the ground. Tom Copeland, an extensive farmer, declared that much of his wheat would have to be cut for hay as it would not be worth harvesting.

The hail was so large and came down so hard that windows were beaten out and birds killed. In Walla Walla the rain fell heavily but there was no hail. An inch and 12-100ths fell in less than 24 hours, about a quarter of an inch falling in 20 minutes. It was one of the heaviest rains ever recorded in Walla Walla.

At Milton, 12 miles south, an inch and a third of rain fell in 24 hours, but no damage was reported. Waitsburg reported a heavy rain but no hail, showing that the damage belt was small. Reports from the mountains are that a terrible rain fell, but no damage was done.

Dayton had a heavy rain, and near Turner there was a cloudburst this morning. A small auto was caught and buried deep in mud and rocks, it took six teams to free it. The passengers were not injured.

WATERSPOUT CAUSES SLIDE

Heavy Rains, However, Will Raise Cherry Crop of Wasco.

THE DALLES, Or., June 26.—(Special).—The first slides in 25 years occurred yesterday on grade 10 on the Dalles-California highway near here. The slides, which were caused by an immense waterspout, threw thousands of yards of earth on both the old and the new grades.

The heavy rains that have occurred here during the past three days have not injured the cherry crop but will make the crop next year the biggest this section has ever known.

County Agent Chase said today that the past three days' rains would raise the crop estimate from 65 to 75 per cent. Spring grain will be improved, although some of the winter grain has been washed down.

PENDLETON TELEPHONES DOWN

Three-Foot Wall of Water Covers Ralls With Mud.

PENDLETON, Or., June 26.—(Special).—Wind and hail at Pendleton put most of the telephone lines out of commission today. Many big trees were blown over, and a large glass front was blown out of a store. Bear Creek is reported to be raging. All telephone lines between Pendleton and Pilot Rock are out. All of the county bridges near Helix were washed out and the roads are in bad shape.

CLOUDBURST FLOODS HELIX

Railroad, Homes, Autos and Sidewalks Are Carried Away.

and even automobiles were swept for some distance. The railroad tracks are completely under water. Considerable other damage was done. It is reported a flood occurred at Black Horse, four miles east of Heppner. The amount of damage done will not be ascertained. At Heppner, rain and hail fell in great quantities. The storm yesterday afternoon took on the nature of a cloudburst in the eastern end of Umatilla County, but no reports of any considerable damage have come from that section, except the very heavy storm hit Jack Canyon yesterday.

RAIN IS BENEFIT TO GRAIN

Hay Crop Near Albany May Be Damaged Somewhat by Water.

ALBANY, Or., June 26.—(Special).—Rain which fell in this section of the state yesterday and today has been of great benefit to spring grain, and will mean thousands of dollars to Linn County farmers.

Spring grain in this part of the Willamette Valley was planted much later than usual this year, and, generally speaking, was not in good condition. The week of warm weather this month also retarded the growth of spring grain and rain was badly needed.

The rain may do some damage to hay, which is down, but unless it continues several days is not expected to cause serious injury.

VALLEY COVERED BY WATER

Dry Bed of Creek Filled by 15-Foot Tide of Rushing Water.

HERMISTON, Or., June 26.—(Special).—A waterspout occurred on the Upper Butter Creek today at the Antone Vay ranch, 27 miles south of Hermiston. Fifteen feet of water rushed down the Butter Creek channel, which is dry at this time of the year, and spread over the valley three to four feet. Much damage was done to property and livestock, but no lives were lost.

O-W. R. & N. tracks were washed out at Campbell Station, and trains are being detoured via Walla Walla.

Third of Inch Falls in Half Hour.

BEND, Or., June 26.—(Special).—Unusually heavy rains have been frequent here for the past week, more than one and one-half inches having fallen since June 17. Friday more than one-third of an inch fell in an hour. On grain farmers in the Agency Plains country are looking for the best crops they have ever had.

Wasco's Normal Rain Exceeded.

WASCO, Or., June 26.—(Special).—More than an inch of rain has fallen here since Tuesday, which brings the total since September 1 up to 15 inches. The normal rainfall for the entire year is not more than 12 inches. The regular season is well advanced, and excellent condition for tourist travel.

RECRUITING CASE DROPPED

Canadian Officer Dismissed Because of Lack of Evidence.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 26.—The charge against Lieutenant Ernest Austin, of the Canadian army, who was arrested by Federal agents Friday night on a charge of enlistment here for the Canadian army in violation of the United States neutrality laws, was dismissed today by United States Commissioner E. W. McClelland, before whom Austin was given a preliminary hearing.

The Government had not produced sufficient evidence to warrant holding Lieutenant Austin for the grand jury.

OREGON SENATORS DIVIDE

Chamberlain Votes Against Paying Guardsmen's Families.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 26.—(Special).—The Oregon senators divided today on a vote on the Senate amendment to the Hay National Guard resolution, Senator Chamberlain voting to strike the House provision allowing dependent families of National Guardsmen \$50 a month.

Senator Lane voted against eliminating the provision. Senators Jones, Borah and Brady voted with Senator Chamberlain and Senator Poindexter voted with Lane.

BIG CANNON TO BE BOUGHT

\$5,000,000 Added to Fortifications Bill—Invention Probe Ordered.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Five million dollars was added to the fortifications bill as it passed the House by a Senate committee today to be used for purchase of several other states with a 15-inch gun. The committee eliminated the \$750,000 provision for the purchase of the John Hays Hammond, Jr., invention for wireless to control the torpedoes and \$417,000 for installation of one of the Hammond plans, substituted an appropriation of \$20,000 for investigation of the Hammond inventions.

Railway Clearances Ordered.

SALEM, Or., June 26.—(Special).—A general order covering both vertical and horizontal clearances along all railway lines in Oregon was issued today by the Public Service Commission. This order places Oregon on an equal footing with several other states which have similar regulations, and will insure safety of trainmen in passing through bridges, tunnels, along platforms, in passing switch stands, interlocking signals and other obstructions along the tracks. This order will apply to all future construction.

Training Ship in Collision.

NEW YORK, June 26.—The Massachusetts nautical training ship Ranger was in collision in a dense fog early today with a British warship, believed to be one of the merchant auxiliary cruisers on patrol duty. A wireless message indicated neither vessel was damaged seriously.

Grand Army Veterans Meet.

SPOKANE, June 26.—Veterans of the Civil War began arriving here today for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington and Alaska. It is expected that 900 of the 2000 veterans in Washington and Alaska will attend the convention.

Idaho Bankers Granted Respite.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Respite of 30 days pending hearing of pardon applications were granted today by President Wilson to E. D. and W. E. Simpson, officers of the American National Bank of Caldwell, Idaho, convicted of issuing a fraudulent certificate of deposit.

Massachusetts Troops Leave.

FRAMINGHAM, Mass., June 26.—The Ninth Infantry Regiment, part of the Massachusetts militia to start for the Mexican border, left here at 11:10 tonight for El Paso.

Advertisement for Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth, featuring a man in a suit and a woman in a dress, with text: 'YOUNG Men's clothes of intense personality, attractively priced. See the new fabrics tailored in Pinchback and English models. \$15 \$18 \$20 Second Floor. Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth.'

KNIGHTS TO VISIT HERE

TEMPLAR BODY NEEDS ROSES AND AUTOS TOMORROW.

Canadian and New England Delegates to Los Angeles to Be Feted and Taken for Hides.

Three hundred of the leading Knights Templar of the United States and Canada will be guests of the Templars of Portland tomorrow from 8 o'clock to 1:30.

They will arrive in two special trains from the encampment at Los Angeles, reaching the Union Depot at 8 o'clock. One train carries the commanderies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the other will bear the officers of the Grand Commandery for the United States and Canada.

J. O. Freck, chairman of the entertainment committee, announces that 100 automobiles will be needed to care for the visitors and urges all who will be able to furnish machines to have them on hand promptly at the Union Depot tomorrow morning.

The visitors will be taken for an hour and a half ride about the city and its scenic boulevards, after which they will be guests of the Templars' entertainment at Pantages, where the Shriners' motion pictures of the Columbia Highway trip, the Rose Festival and the Berger-Jones color pictures will be shown, with S. C. Lancaster as lecturer. A musical program will be presented under direction of William Boone.

While the visitors are out on the trip and at the entertainment, the flower committee will decorate their trains with roses. Rose blossoms are wanted for this purpose.

Why Suffer From Migraine or Sick Headache?

Dr. J. J. Caldwell says that this exceedingly distressing disease does not shorten life but does not appear to be curable. Sufferers from this affliction are condemned to undergo the periodic attacks every few weeks until they are forty years of age, after which the attacks are less frequent and finally disappear entirely. Palliative measures during the attack are all that is possible to suggest, while care in the diet is the best preventive measure. An attack may often be prevented by taking two anti-kamnia tablets when the first symptoms appear, and one anti-kamnia tablet every two hours during the attack shortly it, eases the pain and brings rest and quiet. Anti-kamnia tablets may be obtained at all drug stores. Ask for A-K Tablets. They quickly relieve all pain.

Large advertisement for Swastika Biscuits, featuring a train of trucks carrying various biscuit brands like Snow Flake Sodas and Fig Sultana. Text: 'See them go! A highly efficient delivery system is one of the big factors in the maintenance of that Crispness and Freshness for which Swastikas are famous. Our ability to make daily deliveries throughout this city and surrounding territory is due to the consistent demand of an overwhelming majority of our Good Housekeepers for SWASTIKA BISCUITS. Think of a caravan of thirty trucks engaged daily in the delivery of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company's pure-food products and you can imagine, with a fair degree of exactness, what this big business means to Portland and other cities of this region. Swastika Biscuits are made of the purest ingredients, in big sun-lit factories located right in your home territory, by Master Bakers who joy in nothing short of perfection. You will find Swastika Biscuits—from our crisp and flaky Snow Flakes and nutritious Grahams to our dainty Panama Creams, Fiesta Wafers and Sultana Figs—all generously good. Look for the Good Luck Seal—the Sign of Prosperity, on a bursting sun on the ends of every package of biscuits you buy. Pacific Coast Biscuit Company Portland Oregon. Fig Sultana PACIFIC COAST BISCUIT CO.'

Advertisement for Rosenthal's shoes, featuring an image of a shoe and text: 'THE BEST ON EARTH ROSENTHAL'S SHOES. IT PAYS TO BUY THE BEST. Rosenthal's SOLE AGENTS, 120 TENTH ST., NEAR WASH. NO BRANCH STORES.'