

TRAVELING CARRYING 700 PASSENGERS DITCHED

Excursionist Party Gets Scare Near Deer Island.

NOBODY SERIOUSLY HURT

But for Presence of Mind of Engineer Wreck Probably Would Have Proved Disastrous One.

ST. HELENS, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Spokane, Portland & Seattle train No. 23, bound from Portland to the beaches with 700 holiday excursionists aboard, was wrecked just beyond a 130-foot trestle yesterday, when a truck on the tender broke about one mile north of Deer Island.

Twelve of the 14 coaches in the special were piled against a deep cut just on the other side of the trestle and the track was torn up for 1000 feet. Because of the presence of mind of William Helgeson, the engineer, in bringing the train to a gradual stop instead of jamming on the tender brakes when he noticed his tender was bumping off the track, the cars piled up against an embankment instead of leaving the track while on the trestle. No one was hurt, though several in the smoking cars leaped through the windows when the cars listed heavily on the curve.

Wreck Occurs at Curve.
The special left Portland at 2:10 A. M. and was rounding a curve toward the trestle at Merrill creek when the engineer noticed that his tender was bumping along the track. Just before the train neared the trestle he applied the brakes gradually, bringing the special to a stop in eight car lengths, or 340 feet. The two baggage cars, two smokers and three day coaches were six feet off of the track when the train stopped and leaning against the side of the cut while the other cars had left the rails, but were not tilted against the embankment.

All of the coaches of the special were crowded with excursionists bound for Seaside and other beaches, but the train stopped so gradually that except in the smokers there was no panic. Railroad officials believe that it will take three days to repair the track and clear away the wreckage. The passengers on the special were transferred to an Astoria train that arrived four hours after the wreck and went on their way to Seaside, while the Portland-bound passengers on the Astoria train were taken on their destination by a relief train that came from the city.

Passengers Praise Engineer.
For the next three days while wrecking crews are working on the track and removing the wreckage, transfers will have to be made for 260 yards between trains bound for Portland and Astoria.

Passengers were enthusiastic in their praise of the engineer whose presence of mind prevented a disastrous wreck. The trestle over Merrill creek is 120 feet high and 35 feet long. Application of emergency brakes at that point with the train traveling 25 miles an hour would have produced a disastrous wreck, in the opinion of railroad officials.

When first word of yesterday's wreck was received in Portland great excitement prevailed among railroad officials and local citizens stood ready to hurry relief to Deer Island in case need should arise. The crowd that left Portland yesterday morning was made up of merry-makers who planned to spend the day at the beaches. That none of these was seriously injured is said by local officials to be due to the efficiency of those in charge, and their handling of the train after it was found that the tender was off the track. Astoria passengers arrived in Portland several hours later, and confirmed previous telegraphic reports that all passengers aboard the train to the beaches escaped injury.

DALLAS WATER IS LOW

City Calls on Consumers to Save on Supply as Much as Possible.

DALLAS, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—The water supply of Dallas has shown such an alarming decrease during the past several hot days that W. L. Soehren, superintendent of the Dallas Water company, acting upon the advice of Mayor August P. Rissler, caused notices to be distributed to the water users of this city Saturday asking them to economize. An additional pipe line was built this spring from Canyon creek to Applegate creek, about one-quarter of a mile distant, and it was thought that with the additional water the scarcity during August would be eliminated. With the hot, dry season of the past two months both creeks are running lower than usual and the amount of water used by consumers has been steadily on the increase.

JAP IS HELD BOOTLEGGER

Trunk Filled With Liquor Leads to Arrest in Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Yama Martoz, a Japanese from Maylands, Cal., will be tried tomorrow in the justice court on a charge of shipping liquor into dry territory. Sheriff Terrill received secret information several days ago that an attempt would be made to ship liquor to the local Southern Pacific station as baggage. For several days a close watch was maintained and Sunday the expected trunks arrived. When the Japanese appeared to claim them he was arrested and put in jail. Several hundred quarts of whisky were found in cloth-covered auto caissons. Martoz says he did not know what was in the trunks but was merely paid to claim them and express them on to Portland.

\$50,000 THEATER TO RISE

Jensen & Von Herberg Announce Big Playhouse for Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Herman T. Brown, special representative of Jensen & Von Herberg, large moving picture theater owners and operators, announced today that his company will start at once on the construction of a \$50,000 moving picture house to be completed by the first of the year. Jensen & Von Herberg recently acquired the Peoples theater in Portland, and with it the Liberty theater in this city. The latter is too small for present business in the city so a larger house will be erected. Medford has only two moving picture theaters.

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SOCIETY NEWS

THE most largely attended event on today's social calendar will undoubtedly be the tea to be given this afternoon by the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at the studio of Mrs. Ferdinand Smith on the Barnes road for the benefit of the University of Oregon woman's building fund. Mrs. Robert Tucker will be the hostess for the afternoon.

Patronesses are Mrs. George Gerlinger, Mrs. B. Montgomery, Mrs. R. L. Donald, Mrs. Otis Wight and Mrs. Willis S. Dunaway. Mrs. William Wheelwright, Mrs. A. A. Morrison, Mrs. Henry Lane Corbett and Mrs. William E. Borah, wife of Senator Borah, will preside at the tea tables and will be assisted by the Misses Georgina Giesler, Hazel Young, Evelyn Fitzgibbon and Emma Garbade.

One of the special features of the afternoon's entertainment will be the pantomime dances of Miss Jean Wold, who has just returned from study with the Morgan dancers in New York. Mrs. Edwin Seeley Parsons, Mrs. Folger Johnson and Mrs. William Randall will tell fortunes.

Flower lovers will enjoy the exhibition of gladioli from Mrs. Crissey's gladioli farm and the flowers will be sold later in the afternoon for the benefit of the fund. Mr. Crissey will be on hand to give a talk on the blooms which he is sending.

Another display will be one of artistic hand-branded rugs, which will be on sale at the tea. Mrs. George T. Gerlinger is arranging this collection. This tea will close the series of the Arts and Crafts societies' teas which have been given throughout the month of July and August. The charge of 50 cents which is always made for these teas will go this afternoon for the woman's building fund. The sorority girls are also arranging a jiney service, which will take guests to the studio for the price of carfare. The matinee will be given at the Broadway entrance of the Hotel Portland and Twenty-third and Washington streets between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30.

Those wishing to go by street car may take the Kings Heights cars, which leave Twenty-third and Washington streets on the half hour. An invitation is extended to all friends of the University of Oregon to attend the tea. No special invitations have been issued, but the university women who are planning the affair wish everyone interested to come. The tea hours are 4 to 6 o'clock.

A series of talks in the interests of the Albertina Kerr nursery home fund will be given this week at Mrs. Ginger's cooking school classes. Mrs. A. F. Fiesel, prominently identified with the work of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations, will speak today at 3:30 o'clock for a few minutes.

Mrs. J. T. Kelly will speak tomorrow, Mrs. A. Bayley, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, on Thursday; Mrs. J. P. Chapman on Friday, and Mrs. E. Boudurant, president of the Albertina Kerr nursery board, on Saturday. On Saturday the proceeds from the sale of home-made bread will be given to the building fund.

Miss Henrietta Sommer and James Olsen, Emerson were married yesterday at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Velma Sommer, 725 Fifty-eighth street north. Rev. O. B. Pershing, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. The attendants were Miss Dorothy Phillips and Charles O'Malley. The bride was given away in marriage by her grandfather, Dan Sommer of Elgin, Or.

Mrs. Helen Elkin Starrett entertained last Thursday from 3 to 7 o'clock at her home on Portland Heights at the third meeting of the small group of pioneer women of Oregon recently organized at a luncheon for which Mrs.

to say relative to their services, as a thing of much more value than anything I could do or say as a man of no military experience. "I might state, however, that the people of the state are grateful to these men. That they will always remain grateful to them, and that they realize fully that there was no hesitancy on their part in responding to any call that they might hear to rally to the aid of their country in the place where they might be most needed."

MODESTY LIMITS EULOGY

OLCOTT PRAISES WORK OF HOME GUARD.

Governor Answer's Colonel Leader's Request for State Recognition of Elderly Men's Work.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—"As a member of the home guards, it would hardly be becoming for me to utter many extensive eulogies of them," writes Governor Olcott in reply to a letter received recently from Colonel Leader asking that the state recognize these men for the part they played in the great world war.

"I might say, however, that I am certain that these men, who because of advanced age or for other reasons, were unable effectively to participate against the enemy abroad, were actuated by the highest of patriotic motives when they devoted their time and energy in preparing for defense against any contingency which might arise at home.

"I believe the people of Oregon appreciate their service. I believe the soldiers who went across the seas also have deep appreciation of what these men did who were compelled to remain at home. In fact I have frequently heard men who have returned from the front in France and elsewhere, speak highly of their elder brothers in arms who could not accompany them on their great adventure.

"I have read with interest what you have to say of the revelations of von Altendorf, as I read with interest what you had to say along the same line some time ago. I think the people generally appreciate your keen insight into these things, and because you have had that insight and that military experience, I believe probably the men of Oregon who are enrolled in the home guards, consider what you have

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VANCOUVER JUDGE DIES

SUDDEN ILLNESS TERMINATES ILLNESS OF W. S. T. DERR.

Justice of Peace and Police Magistrate Had Long Service in Public Life.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Performing to the last his official and business duties, W. S. T. Derr, justice of the peace and police judge of this city, died suddenly at the Oregon City hospital this morning at 2:30 o'clock. In company with Mrs. Derr, he was returning from a convention of the Columbia central Luther league at New Era, Or., when he was taken ill. The cause of death was pleurisy. However he had been in poor health for over two years. He was 43 years of age.

Judge Derr came here from New York in 1902 and engaged in the bakery business. Following this, he served two terms as county clerk and two terms as justice of the peace, serving his third term at the time of his death. He was president of the Washington Oregon Luther league; secretary of the Pacific synod of the Lutheran church and secretary of the Clarke county immigration association. He was responsible for the establishment here of the Lutheran church. He served as secretary of the county republican central committee.

He was a member of B. P. O. E. No. 823, Knights of Pythias lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., Brotherhood of American Yeomen, No. 1123, and the Longshoremen. He is survived by his widow Edith and three daughters, Eleanor, Gwendolyn and Mrs. A. J. Smith, all of Seattle, and a sister, Barbara Jane Smith, who will return today from Gearhart where they have been spending the summer.

Mrs. Della Hahn Gearin has changed the date of her informal luncheon party from today to next Tuesday, when she will entertain a few of her close friends. The guests will enjoy bridge in the afternoon.

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RAIN DOES NOT STOP FIRES

Blazes Near Marshfield Still Are Burning, but Not Spreading.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Rain which all here failed to extinguish fires although the district about Coos Bay experienced a liberal downpour. Today fires which were burning within sight of the bay were still smoldering. It is believed that the fires have been retarded, however, and may not become dangerous before another wetting occurs.

Frank Heath, in charge of the fighting at the Tioga districts, reports the aeroplane scouts visit that section every day and receive reports of the progress made toward stopping the spread.

BIT OF HIGHWAY BUILT TO LAST FOREVER SHORT-LIVED.

Thoroughfare So Rough That Patrons Feared They Wouldn't Last Long Traversing It.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Lincoln county's locally famous "Roman road" no more. A Waterloo man in Albany last week reported that this stretch of road, which was built of large stones in imitation of ancient Roman highways, has been torn up and regraded. This "Roman road" extended from the Lebanon-Sweet Home road to the bridge across the South Santiam river at the mouth of McDowell creek. A few years ago someone in that district who had read that roads built by the Romans had lasted for centuries, conceived the idea that a similar permanent highway should be built there. Large rocks were plentiful, so the superintendent consented to build a stretch of road about 60 yards long to see how it would work.

This was done, but the stone used evidently was not like that of the ancient Romans had, for the road proved to

PAPER MILL IS BURNED

\$250,000 FIRE WIPES OUT FACTORY AT ASTORIA.

Blaze Starts in Waste Paper and Spreads to Mill and 20 Tons of Finished Product.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—The most serious conflagration, which Astoria has had, for several years, occurred about 5 o'clock this morning, when the Astoria Paper company's manufacturing plant on Youngs bay was completely destroyed.

The plant was in operation and the full night crew was on duty. Smoke was seen emerging from one of the bundles of waste paper stored in the south end of the new mill. Water was turned on it immediately and the men thought the flames had been extinguished, but when they rolled the bundles over to make an investigation, the blaze which was smoldering underneath burst forth and soon enveloped the entire structure. Everything in the plant was destroyed with the exception of about 200 tons of waste paper and the loss is about \$250,000 partly covered by insurance.

The plant had just been overhauled and a vast amount of new machinery installed. It had been closed down about three months for reconstruction and had been in operation only a month. It was manufacturing about 20 tons of paper a day and approximately 100 tons of finished product were consumed by the flames.

BARBER ATTENDS CONVENTION. CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Today Walter Dalton left for Buffalo, N. Y., as delegate from the Centralia barbers' union to the international convention of barbers, which opens in Buffalo on September 8.

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