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RANCHER'S SHOT KILLS KIDNAPER

Ex-Convict Dies After Capturing Three.

WOMAN PLACED AS SHIELD

Orchardist Wounded, Family Stolen When Address of Girl Is Refused.

REVENGE THOUGHT MOTIVE

Luther Fagan, Sentenced After Attack on Nurse, Returns to See Her Again.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 6.—

(Special.)—Luther Fagan, ex-convict, today shot T. J. Miller, Oak Grove orchardist, kidnaped Mrs. Miller, their daughter Pearl and an 11-year-old boy, Arthur Anderson, and later was killed when posing from all parts of the valley surrounded him in a burned-over tract a short distance from the Miller home. The shot that ended Fagan's life was fired by Herman Preege, Oak Grove rancher and a noted marksmen. The shot that killed Fagan was fired about sunset. For two hours Fagan had held the posse at bay. The Miller automobile, bearing in addition to Fagan and Miss Miller the latter's mother and Arthur Anderson, foundling from the Portland Boys' and Girls' Aid society home who had recently been taken by the Miller family to raise, was surrounded.

Threats Made to Kill

Fagan, with his pistol pressed against the young woman's body, with threats to shoot if officers or citizens of the posse approached too closely, alternately laughed scornfully and cursed bitterly at the officers. Frequently members of the party tried vainly to draw a bead on the apparently crazed desperado, but the proximity of the man and the woman in the car caused them to withhold fire for fear of injuring or killing the latter.

When Fagan sighted threatening moves of men with guns, he would renew his threats against the young woman. The pleas of officers and citizens apparently only had the effect of increasing his anger at the two women. He declared his intentions of killing them before he would release them. Finally Fagan was offered a purse of \$50 if he would permit the Anderson child to go free. He accepted, and City Marshal William Hart went forward with the money.

Girl Used as Shield

Fagan left the car, pushing the Miller girl ahead of him with his left hand while he pressed the pistol against her body with his right. As he reached for the money Mr. Preege fired, his bullet plowing through the top of Fagan's skull. The death scene was witnessed by about 200 persons, a sprinkling of women having joined the posse. Mr. Preege stated tonight that a shot was fired by another member of the posse simultaneously with his own. The bullet from his gun, however, is considered to have killed Fagan. Citizens called on him tonight to congratulate him on his steady hand.

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STATE COMMISSION DIRECTS REMOVAL OF BLIND TRAPS.

Portland-Astoria Unit of Columbia River Drive Will Be Made Safer for Motorists.

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CABINET MEN TO STAY HOME TO EXPLAIN ACTIONS.

Overhauling of Government Departments Keeps Heads Alert to Supply Information.

GROWERS TO UPHOLD GRAIN DISCOUNT LAW

MILLERS' THREAT TO IGNORE RULES PROMPTS ACTION.

Umatilla County Grain Interests Take Steps to Compel Compliance With Statute.

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\$50,000 FIRE RAZES MILL AT REEDSPORT

CITY'S POPULACE SAVES TWO BIG LUMBER PLANTS.

Blaze Which Threatens to Wipe Out Whole Town Is Checked by Use of New Water System.

WOMEN KEPT OFF OF KABER JURY

Defense Succeeds in Selection of Men Only.

TERRIBLE STORY PROMISED

Woman Accused of Murder Declared Insane From Birth.

POISON ATTEMPT CHARGED

Testimony That Will Not Reflect Credit on Dead Is Said to Be in Defense's Hands.

REEDSPORT, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Fire which started at 6:30 o'clock tonight, and led to spontaneous combustion, destroyed the Reedspport planing mill, with a loss of \$50,000, three residences nearby, and for a time threatened to wipe out the whole town of Reedspport.

Efforts of the male populace of Reedspport, supplied with water through a new \$150,000 system recently installed, confined the fire to the planing mill and saved the large saw-mills of the Reedspport Lumber company and the Johnson Lumber mill, the plant of the Pacific Fish & Cold Storage company, in addition to large stocks of lumber, railroad cars and other material.

The fire started in the storeroom of the planing mill, where large quantities of planed lumber were piled. A quantity of gasoline is said to have ignited from spontaneous combustion. In two hours the plant was destroyed. Insurance totaled \$12,000. The plant was owned by H. C. Morris and C. L. Johnson. Two of the residences were owned by workmen and the other by Mr. Johnson.

The large mills threatened constituted almost the entire industrial structure of Reedspport.

BELLS FACE REGULATION

Proposed Tacoma Ordinance Would Limit Ringing of Chimes.

TACOMA, Wash., July 6.—(Special.)—Church bells must not ring at unreasonable lengths of time; street cars must not run on flat wheels; the curves on the city streets must be smoothed; whistles of any kind or steam escaping must not continue longer than five seconds; automatic or mechanical musical devices must not play in front of the moving picture shows; if the ordinance introduced at the city council today by Commissioner of Public Safety Shoemaker is passed.

The ordinance defined nuisances in the city limits and provided for their abatement and if the church bell rings too long the church can be abated by order of the city officials under its terms.

CALIFORNIA IS LIKE OVEN

State Swelters Under Temperatures Above One Hundred.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—With a temperature of 94 at 1 o'clock this afternoon, San Francisco experienced one of the hottest July days in its history and from many other towns throughout California hot weather was reported.

At Needles, according to official figures, the temperature rose to 120, and at Red Bluff and Sacramento to 106 and 104, respectively.

Temperatures in other cities were as follows: Eureka, 60; Fresno, 106; Los Angeles, 80; Point Reyes, 75; San Jose, 102; San Luis Obispo, 82; Visalia, 116.

Today, with 94, was the hottest July day since July 1, 1898, when locally it was 96.

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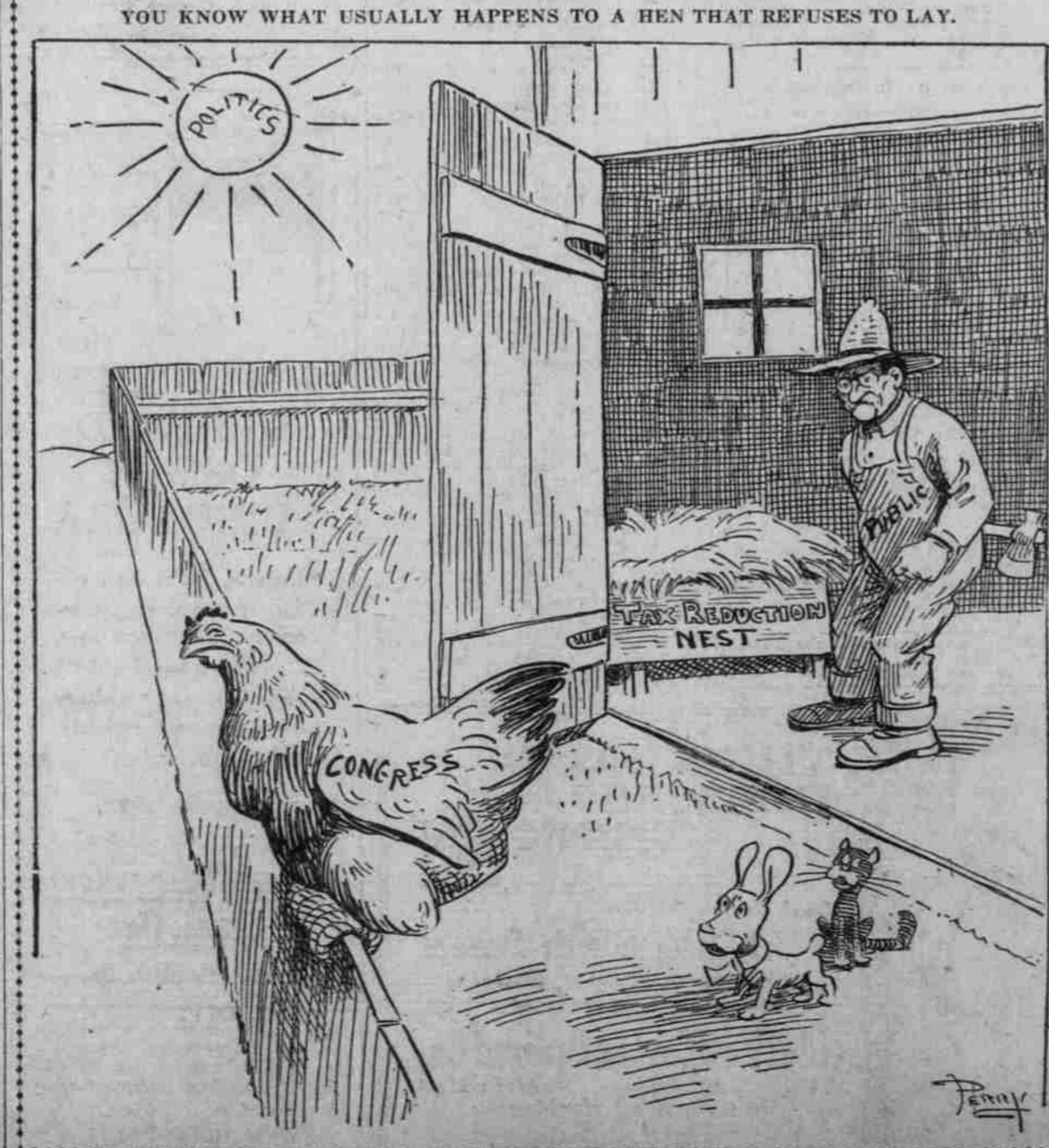
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