

LAX INSURANCE IS BLAMED FOR ARSON

Judge Gatens, Sentencing 2, Scores Policies That Are Temptation for Fires.

STRICTER METHODS URGED

"Companies That Affably Pay Losses" Declared Encouragement to Crime—Loss in United States Held Greater Than Abroad.

Judge Gatens, in the Circuit Court, yesterday charged Portland fire insurance companies with responsibility for the numerous cases of arson that have occurred in Portland during the past year. The matter came up in court in connection with the sentencing of Earl Mashburn and Philip Harris, convicted of arson.

Mashburn was sentenced to serve from 18 months to three and one-half years. Harris got a 3-year sentence but was paroled. Judge Gatens said he paroled Harris only because the trial jury had recommended leniency in their verdict and later sent him a petition asking special consideration of the matter.

"Fire making has become a fine art, so carefully planned, so ably executed and so complete the destruction of all evidence of incendiariness, that detection and conviction of this crime are extremely difficult.

"In the main, it is no hard matter to uncover the motive; not revenge nor jealousy, but from a monetary standpoint, made easy by our country-wide laxity in the issuance of insurance policies and the liberal payment of crooked losses, thus fostering a desire for incendiariness. The agent who thus makes it easy for the firebug by issuing fire insurance policies without investigation, is a danger to the state and in the interest of public safety should have his license to do business revoked.

Easy Policy Temptation.

"Nowhere else in the world is the firebug so active. In Europe, incendiarism does not exist, because insurance policies cannot be written without previous inspection of property and inquiry into the character of the applicants. Anyone in America can get a fire insurance policy for the mere asking, thus putting temptation in the way of one so inclined or financially embarrassed.

Rigid Investigation Urged.

"My observations, therefore, lead me to express publicly that in my judgment, there should be a rigid investigation into character of all applicants for fire insurance and inspection of all property to which fire insurance policies are issued and that insurance should be limited to actual value. That active co-operation should exist between the fire department and the fire insurance commission and underwriters relating to the granting of insurance, to licensing of brokers and adjusters and in the case of charging of suspected persons applying for insurance.

Aid in Elimination Sought.

Arson, therefore, is a condition governed only by the conscience and the particular cases of the arson account the most paramount incentive of which is over-insurance.

"The crime of arson is on a par with murder and treason and carries a heavy penalty. The man who commits arson is a cold deliberate perpetrator. Arson cannot be committed in the heat of passion, neither by accident nor unintentionally. A man who will deliberately set fire to his or any other man's property and destroy the same or to collect fire insurance, is a man possessed of a wicked, malignant and felonious heart and conscience.

"Here in Portland during 1914, 18 lives were lost by fire and \$1,762,493.48 in property. The same number in the United States in 1914 was \$2.25, while in Europe in 1913 it amounted to only 33 cents. In Portland in 1914 it was \$487.

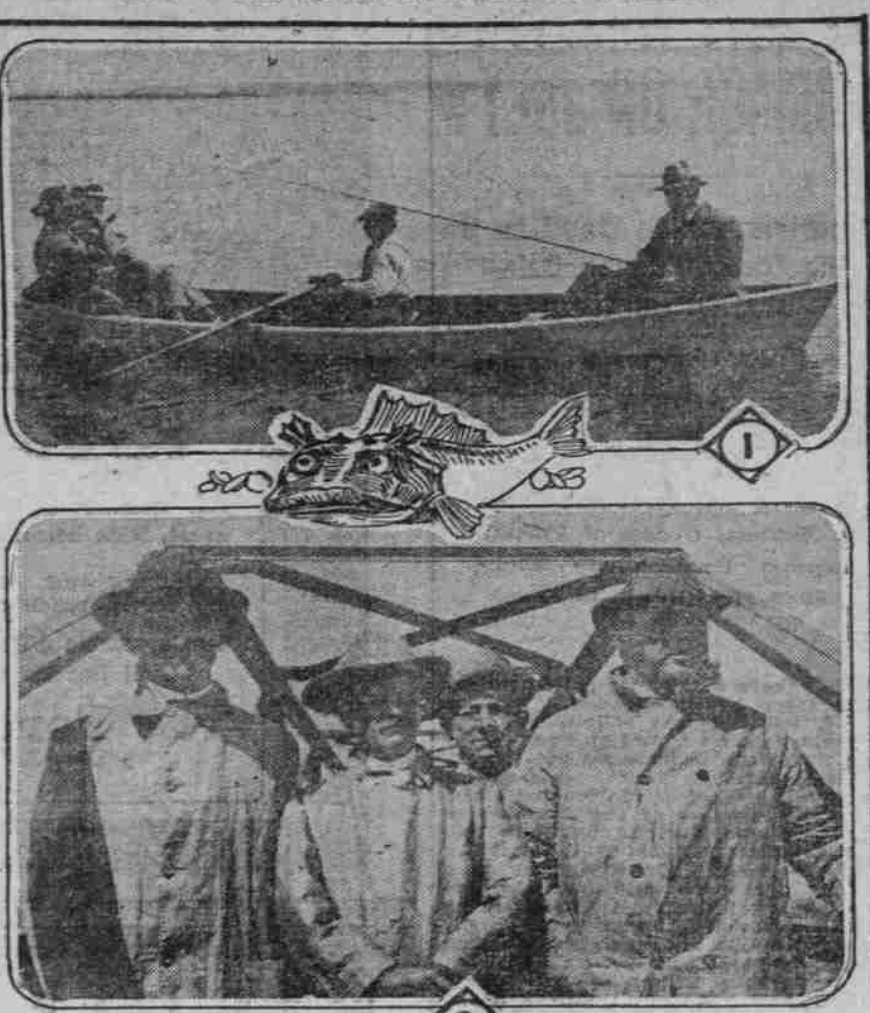
"The number of fire alarms in Portland during May, 1915, was 154, while the same month, 1914, through the vigilance of the arson squad the number of alarms were reduced to 76.

WIFE IS TAKEN IN HURRY

W. J. Plover, Pullman Conductor, Gets Bride, but Leaves Her.

In between trains, W. J. Plover, 1045 East Twenty-fifth street North, found time to get married Friday when he was in Spokane.

SNAPSHOTS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO VISITED HERMISTON LAST WEEK TO LEARN IRRIGATION NEEDS.



Upper—Representative Sherley, of Kentucky (With Straw Hat), and Representative Raush, of Indiana (In Bow of Boat Fishing on Cold Springs Reservoir. Middle—Representative Byrne, of Tennessee. Lower—Representative Fitzgerald of Wyoming; Senator Lane, of Oregon, and Representative Stanoff, of Oregon. Lower—Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, Chairman of the Committee, Looking Like Colonel Roosevelt Coming Out of Africa.

COMMITTEE IS BUSY

Federal Delegation Has Time Only for Steady Work.

Members of the Congressional appropriation committee who visited Portland last week are enjoying their trip through the West and gaining a lot of first-hand knowledge about irrigation at the same time.

BANQUETS ARE DECLINED

Much information is gathered on Trip Through West and Claims of Each Project Are Heard in Meetings With Settlers.

at midday and then only when they are arranged in connection with hearings on irrigation projects. Thus the committee members have the opportunity to entertain the Congressmen and present their arguments for Federal aid at the same time.

Members Heard Are Varied.

As a rule, however, all members of the committee get out over every project visited and make personal investigations. The Federal Government is paying the expenses of the trip. When the party gets back to Washington it will prepare a detailed report for submission to Congress.

MEMBERS OF FAMILY OF FOUR GENERATIONS MEET AT SIRE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.



LEFT TO RIGHT—N. L. ACKLES, MASTER GRAYDON HAYS, MRS. G. G. HAYS AND GEORGE ACKLES. At the 83d birthday anniversary of George Ackles, held at his residence, 267 East Thirty-seventh street, May 20, four generations of the family were represented in the gathering. They were, besides himself, Mrs. G. G. Hays, 781 Wygant street, a daughter of N. L. Ackles, and her son, Graydon Hays. The elder Mr. Ackles came to Oregon in 1865.

SALVAGE SALE

Marshall Field & Co.'s Sample Stock Now on Sale at SIMON'S SALVAGE STORE

Here's a sale that makes itself welcome because the merchandise involved is of high grade, from the famous house of MARSHALL FIELD & CO. It's a sale that's doubly welcome because PRICES ARE HALF and less than half of that asked by department stores. Be here tomorrow and see these offerings.

Fire Sale

Of Groceries From Powell and Sanders of Spokane, Wash.

- 15c Fancy Sugar Corn, per cal. 5c
- 10c Choice Sardines, can. 5c
- 10c and 25c Tea, pound. 15c
- 10c Almore's Mince Meat. 5c
- 10c Colton Tomatoes. 5c
- 15c Bayless Mustard Horse-radish for 2c. 7c
- 5c Heinz White Soap. 3c
- 10c Heinz Pork and Beans. 6c
- 20c Middle-Town Box, five-pound package. 35c
- 10c Campbell Soup. 1c
- 30c Coffee, three lbs. for. 50c
- 3c Prunes, very fine, lb. 4c
- 10c L. K. Chicken Tamales, can. 6c
- 11.25 Holland Herrings, per cal. 75c
- 15c Raisins, the pound. 7c
- 15c Apricots, the pound. 10c
- 15c Currants, package. 10c
- 10c Pigs, the package. 5c
- 5c Bids, the package. 5c
- 7c Beans, the pound. 5c
- Arm and Hammer Soda. 3c
- Ten-pound can Wedding Breakfast Sorghum for. 75c
- Ten-pound can Chewable Syrup for. 65c

Pie Fruit

Peaches, Apricots, Pears, Apples, Cherries, Blackberries, Grapes, Loganberries, Plums, Pumpkin, Rhubarb, etc., gallon cans, your choice, per 23c can. 23c

All Groceries Guaranteed

10 POUNDS OF SUGAR 50c

With Purchases of 50c or over in any dept.

35c Child's Rompers	\$15.00 Ladies' Suits
10c Child's Parasols	\$1.00 Ladies' Parasols
25c	49c

Dresses and Skirts

\$2.00 Ladies' Summer Dresses.	98c	\$1.25 to \$1.75 House Dresses.	69c
\$3.00 and \$3.50 Ladies' Summer Dresses.	\$1.35	\$1.50 Wash Skirts.	75c
\$4.00 Ladies' Summer Dresses.	\$1.69	\$1.75 to \$2.50 Wash Skirts.	95c
\$5.00 and \$6.00 Ladies' Summer Dresses.	\$2.75	\$3.50 Dress Skirts.	\$1.75
\$7.00 and \$8.00 Ladies' Summer Dresses.	\$3.49	\$5.00 Dress Skirts.	\$2.45
		\$6.00 Dress Skirts.	\$2.95
		\$8 to \$10 Dress Skirts.	\$4.45

COMBINATION SUITS

- 50c Muslin Combination Suits. 22c
- 1.00 Muslin Combination Suits. 45c

PRINCESS SLIPS

- 1.00 Princess Slips. 49c
- 1.50 Princess Slips. 79c
- 1.75 Princess Slips. 89c

CORSET COVERS

- 25c and 35c Corset Covers. 15c
- 50c and 75c Corset Covers. 25c
- 85c-1.00 Corset Covers. 42c

MUSLIN NIGHTGOWNS

- 1.00 Muslin Nightgowns. 49c
- 1.25 and 1.50 Nightgowns. 69c
- 1.75 and 2.00 Nightgowns. 85c

MUSLIN DRAWERS

- 25c Muslin Drawers. 14c
- 50c and 75c Muslin Drawers. 29c
- 1.00 Muslin Drawers. 49c
- One lot of Child's Draw. 75c

MUSLIN SKIRTS

- 45c Muslin Skirts. 29c
- 75c to \$1.50 Muslin Skirts. 49c
- \$1.25 to \$1.50 Muslin Skirts. 69c
- \$1.75 to \$2.50 Muslin Skirts. 89c

CHILD'S WHITE DRESSES

- 75c Child's White Dresses. 29c
- 1.00 and 1.50 Child's White Dresses. 49c
- \$2.00 and \$2.50 Child's White Dresses. 69c
- \$3.00 and \$3.50 Child's White Dresses. 1.25

INFANTS' WHITE DRESSES

- 50c and 75c Infants' White Dresses. 33c
- 1.00 and 1.50 Infants' White Dresses. 49c
- 1.50 and 1.75 Infants' White Dresses. 79c

CHILD'S FANCY DRESSES

- 35c and 50c Child's Fancy Dresses. 15c
- 75c and 1.00 Child's Fancy Dresses. 39c
- 1.25 Child's Fancy Dresses. 59c
- 1.50 Child's Fancy Dresses. 79c
- \$2.00 and \$2.50 Child's Fancy Dresses. 98c
- \$2.50 and 4.00 Child's Fancy Dresses. 1.59

BOYS' ROMPER SUITS

- 25c and 35c Boys' Romper Suits. 15c
- 50c and 75c Boys' Romper Suits. 33c
- 1.00 Boys' Romper Suits. 49c
- 1.25 Boys' Romper Suits. 69c

INFANTS' COATS

- 1.50 and 2.00 Infants' Coats. 75c
- \$3.00 to \$5.00 Infants' Coats. 98c

28 BARS QUIT IN JULY

NUMBER IN PORTLAND REDUCED TO 208 AS LICENSE TIME ENDS.

Three Restaurants and Two Wholesale Also Limit Liquor Sale Fee. Lower Rent Offered Some.

Twenty-eight saloons in Portland will go out of business July 1, having failed to renew their licenses Friday night. The time for making the payments expired at 5 o'clock Friday, but checks mailed prior to that time renewed up to noon yesterday. When all the licenses were checked over it was found that 28 saloons, two wholesalers and three restaurants were missing. These will go out of business July 1.

Oregon Native Dies at Age of 68.

SHERIDAN, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—C. O. Burgess, of this place, died at his home on Mill creek last night at the age of 68 years. He was a prominent real estate man of Yamhill and Polk counties. He was a native of Oregon and had lived for the most part of his life on his ranch on Mill creek. During the last year he underwent three operations. He is survived by his wife and three children. The funeral will be held tomorrow and interment will be made in the Harmony Cemetery.

BOOSTER CLUB WILL MEET

Improvement Plans for Southeast Portland to Be Considered.

Plans for the improvement of Southeast Portland will be discussed at a meeting of the Southeast Portland Booster Club at Brooklyn Library Hall Thursday, July 1. The club held a meeting Friday, at which a great deal of life and public spirit were shown. Several committees were chosen to have charge of the different branches of work carried on by the organization.

POLK ROAD WORK PUSHED

County, Communities and Private Citizens Join Efforts.

MONMOUTH, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—The erection of several small bridges in various districts, grading and extensive rolling, more graveling, and additions of connecting roads are the accomplishments of the Polk County road force this year. Early in the spring, when the first clear weather came, men were set to work with the scrapers and the rough places for years were placed in permanent shape for summer travel.

1 JITNEY ASKS PERMIT

LONE APPLICATION MADE, WITH ONLY THREE DAYS LEFT.

New Ordinance Provides for Drivers to Be Examined and Cars Inspected. Many Are Expected to Quit.

Although only three days remain for jitney drivers to make application for permits to operate under the new jitney ordinance, which goes into effect Thursday, only one driver so far has applied. He is B. Schlarf, who applied yesterday for a license to operate a jitney on the South Portland run. The jitney ordinance requires that before a jitney shall be driven the driver must make application to the city for a permit and must undergo an examination to determine his ability to drive a car, and also must permit an inspection of his car to ascertain the efficacy of the parts essential in operation with safety.

TEACHERS TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS.

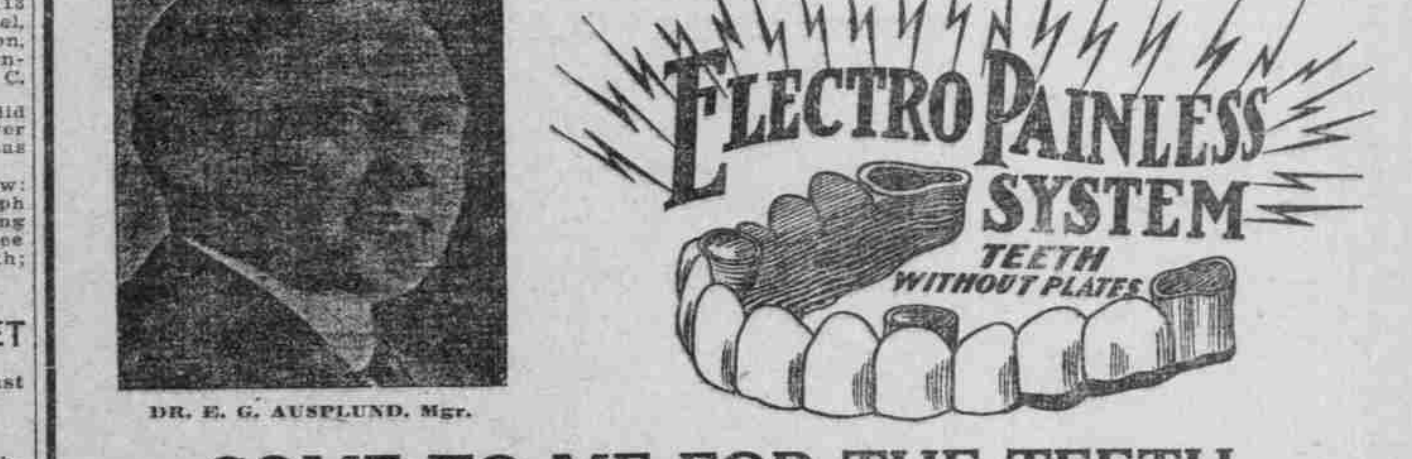
MONMOUTH, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—Seventy-five teachers of Oregon, attending the Summer session of the Normal school here, will take the state teachers' examination to be held in each county next week. The body has attempted to change the place of the Polk County examinations from Dallas to Monmouth, to accommodate the large numbers here.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and members of G. A. R. and Relief Corps for their help and sympathy during the sickness and burial of our wife and mother, Mary Campbell. (Signed) J. H. CAMPBELL, JR. Adv.

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