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NO WATER TO QUENCH DEPT. TOWN INCENDIARY FIRE

NEW AND FRAUD GAME IS EXPOSED

Scheme Nipped by Arrest of E. G. Cooke, New York Broker—Had Party to File on Land in Special Coach.

Promised Tremendous Returns for Nominal Sums—Alleged the Government Could Not Prevent His Operations.

Traveling across the continent in a private car, living on the best things of the land, and accompanied by a party of 40 prospective customers as his guests, Henry E. G. Cooke of New York, a broker, was arrested in Baker City Saturday afternoon on a charge of scheming to defraud the United States government, and will probably be brought to Portland to have his preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner.

Fraud Charge Preferred. Cooke was arrested by a deputy marshal at the request of United States District Attorney John McCourt. Cooke was indicted in New York on a charge of fraud preferred against him by the government.

The warrant was issued by the United States attorney's office in New York after an investigation into the workings of Cooke which had shown, it is claimed, that he was defrauding the law. He will, in all probability, be taken to New York for trial and charged additionally with having secured or attempted to secure money from women to swear falsely regarding timber land entries. A. G. Marshall will also be arrested if it is expected.

When Cooke arrived in Baker City he was accompanied by many of the persons whom he had promised for a consideration to locate.

Good Rival to Pater. The arrest of Henry E. G. Cooke at Baker City brought to light a scheme for defrauding the government of timber lands which had been allowed to run would have rivaled if not surpassed the now notorious transactions of S. A. D. Pater, Horace McKinley and the rest of the land fraud ring which has recently brought Oregon into such undesirable prominence before the reading public of the United States.

Cooke was and is the general manager of the Oregon Ranching & Timber syndicate having headquarters in the St. Paul building, New York city. He is the owner or reputed owner of a large ranch in the eastern part of the state, in the vicinity of Baker City.

Twenty for One. The scheme for Cooke was simple. He advertised in the New York papers that he had a proposition by which investors could make "twenty for one," and he outlined it to those answering the ad about as follows:

Cooke represented that he was the agent for the Weyerhaeuser people who desired to secure a large body of timber in the state of Oregon. He admitted frankly that his scheme was shady, but contended that the federal authorities knew of it and of its operation but could do nothing to stop it.

The plan was for the prospective applicant to purchase 10 shares of stock in the Oregon Ranching & Timber syndicate, paying \$100 for the stock. Upon this collateral the syndicate would then loan the applicant \$400 with which the land was to be located and proved up and patent secured.

Promised to Buy Back. Cooke entered into a written contract with the applicants who went into his scheme in this it was agreed that Cooke would locate the applicant on 100 acres of Oregon land for the \$100 paid for the stock in the syndicate. Cooke was to locate the land, mark the boundary lines and then notify the applicant who in turn was to come to Oregon, follow the directions of Cooke and file on the land. It is further agreed that Cooke will buy back the claim for \$2,000 net as soon as a patent had been secured from the government.

As an extra inducement it was agreed that the applicants could stay at the ranch owned by Cooke in eastern Oregon pending the passage of the patents by the government and the final closing of the deal upon payment of \$1 a day board.

The operations of Cooke in this state (Continued on Page Two.)

TAGGART STRONGLY BACKS HIS FRIEND J. W. KERN



Tom Taggart, Who Advanced Interests of J. W. Kern for Vice-Presidency

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, July 13.—Tom Taggart has written a friend here: "Kern is a strong man and no matter what is said of him by his enemies he will show that he is for clean politics and a broader view of national affairs than any provided. I am sure that he is more than popular in his own state. He is a strong man and will prove an able running mate for Bryan."

LOVE IS WORTH HALF A MILLION KEEP HANDS OFF OF ROOSEVELT

Los Angeles Widow Refuses Democratic Leaders in Council at Lincoln Decide to Stop for a Little Thing Like a Legacy.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., July 13.—Surrendering her claim to \$500,000, Mrs. Carrie Derby Wayne today admitted that she is the wife of Herbert N. Wayne, a wealthy broker of Los Angeles and San Jose.

Mrs. Wayne has consistently denied rumors of the marriage, which have been afloat for several weeks, and refused even to take her own daughter, Miss Marie Derby, into her confidence.

When Mrs. Wayne's first husband died he left her \$500,000 on the condition that she never marry again. Speaking of her marriage, Mrs. Wayne said: "I married Mr. Wayne for the same reason that any other woman should marry a man—because I love him. I don't see why the public should be so dreadfully interested in me wanting to keep the marriage a secret. I see no reason why mere dollars and cents should prevent me from marrying the man I love."

No Number Shown. Mrs. F. P. Baumgartner, one of Portland's leading society women and wife of F. P. Baumgartner, was fined \$10 this morning for running an automobile without a license and without a number. Judge Van Zante imposed the fine.

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ARLETA'S BLIND PIG

Mass Meeting Called to Determine Why There Is Not Sufficient Supply From Wells When Needed—Developments in Fire.

Arleta's alleged "blind pig," which has been the object of much discussion in the Mount Scott district for some time, together with a grocery store, a real estate office and a house were destroyed in what was evidently an incendiary fire early this morning.

Owing to the regulations of the Woodmere Water company which supplies the district with water, there was no water to put on the fire, and it had to burn itself out. The fire, together with other slighter inconveniences suffered by the people of the district has resulted in the calling of a rally to discuss the water problem at Kern Park tomorrow evening.

In addition to completely destroying the frame building in which W. J. Armitage's drug store, jokingly known as the "blind pig," and A. Chisholm & Son's grocery store were located, the fire spread east to the real estate office of the Palmer Real Estate company, and south to the frame dwelling of D. L. Day, carpenter, who with his wife and 6-year-old child, escaped by forcing the side wall of their house down. The total damage is something over \$10,000.

Armitage had just about closed a deal for the sale of his drug store to William H. Miller. A month ago he was operating a drug store on the street from the one that burned this morning. It burned to the ground, and the assurance has not yet been made by Armitage, who owned the frame skating rink building across the street moved in there with a new stock.

There has been considerable trouble in Arleta and Kern Park over the operation of the drug store. It was said that a deal for whiskey has been sold in there, and that the place had been the hangout for men of the district. It is not known whether the fire started in the drug store, or saw several leave in an intoxicated condition by way of the rear door. It is said that there was a fight in the store last evening that threatened to become serious.

Sound of Flames. At any rate, D. L. Day was awakened at 2 o'clock this morning by the sound of flames crackling over her head. She found that the roof and side walls of the drug store were a mass of flames. Waking her husband and picking up their 6-year-old child, she fled from the wall of their house in order to get out and save what they could. They moved out a few family belongings, and most of the house furnishings were burned.

While the Days were busy saving themselves, the fire and called out the volunteer bucket brigade and sent in an alarm to the Sunnyside fire company. The bucket brigade found themselves up against the restrictions of the water company. It is said that when the fire started the water in the Woodmere company's reservoir was shut off, so that it was impossible to get any to throw on the fire, which by this time was spreading rapidly.

Kerosene Saved. In the rear of the grocery store is a stable where the two horses of the Chisholm company are kept. This stable was a fire several times and was badly damaged. The horses were saved before they had been more than singed. The little office of the Palmer Real Estate company, adjoining the grocery store, was burned and nothing of its contents saved. The only things saved from the Chisholm store were the books, and the rest was not out of the drug store. The loss to the grocery store was \$4,000, with \$3,000 insurance. The drug store was valued at about \$3,000, with small insurance. Day had no insurance on his cottage.

Although many explanations of the cause of the fire were offered by the residents of the little suburb this morning, no one seemed to know definitely what its origin was. It was suggested that enemies of Armitage might have burned the place in order to rid the town of the blind pig, but as a fire in the drug store would necessarily destroy surrounding property, it is not believed that anyone would have gone to the trouble of such a deed. The investigation will be conducted by the insurance companies, however, to ascertain how and by what the fire was started.

PERMITS FOR JULY BREAK ALL RECORDS

For the first 11 days in July the building permits amounted to \$496,880, which is considerably more than \$100,000 above the total for the first 15 days in July, 1907.

At the present rate of issuing permits the building inspector's office will issue more than \$1,000,000 worth of permits, exceeding last year's business by more than one half, when the total was \$763,371.

Early this morning the permits issued for today brought the total for this month to more than \$500,000 and it is expected that instead of diminishing the building in the city will increase as the month wears on.

BELLBOY TURNS STATE'S HELPLESS EVIDENCE ON THEFTS MEN ESCAPE DROWNING



Lloyd Ross, Bellboy at Merchants Hotel, and His Wife, Irene, Both Under Arrest as Accomplices in Numerous Robberies at the Hotel. Both Have Confessed, Implicating Others.



After Mildred Long Claimed by Waters, Captain Hosford and H. R. Patterson Unconscious, Imperiled in Fording Same Stream.

Heads of Unconscious Men Barely Held Out of Water—Cora Hosford Rescues Father and Uncle From Slough at Washougal.

Having barely escaped with their lives in vain efforts to save Mildred Long, aged 14, of 445 East Ash street, Portland, the other three members of the party had a second experience Saturday night while being taken to their homes while crossing a slough in a wagon near Washougal, Wash., just above the place where the drowning occurred.

The wagon contained the body of the girl, recovered half an hour after the drowning, and Miss Cora Hosford, of the same age, who saved her father, Captain L. P. Hosford, and her uncle, H. R. Patterson, father of Miss Long, both of whom had become exhausted in endeavoring to save the child who met death in the water of the Columbia.

Unconscious Men in Danger. There were several others in the wagon who had assisted in the work of rescue. The two men were unconscious and Miss Hosford was almost in hysterics owing to exhaustion and the terrible experience she had passed through during the half hour before.

In trying to take a short cut across the lake the driver struck deep water, which went above the boards of the wagon and almost took the horses off their feet. For a second it looked as if all in the vehicle would be compelled to swim for their lives and do the best they could to save the two unconscious men. The water got so high that for several minutes the heads of Patterson and Hosford had to be held above the surface of the water so that they could breathe.

Drowning of Miss Long. Miss Long was drowned in trying to cross the slough, who went to the rescue in company with the other three. They had started out for a swim. She and Captain Hosford were behind the other two and had almost reached the shore. She told her uncle that she was becoming exhausted and he tried to assist her. The girl eventually became frightened, although she was a fair swimmer, tried to take hold of Captain Hosford with both hands and then seemed to give up altogether.

Her father heard her cries for help and having already assisted the Hosford and Miss Hosford was almost in hysterics owing to exhaustion and the terrible experience she had passed through during the half hour before.

Rescues as Witnesses. As a result of the disclosures already in the hands of the district attorney, Coffey and Horton are held in the city jail under \$500 bonds to answer to a charge of larceny. The same charge, which was made against Ross and his wife is dismissed but they are being held under \$500 bonds also to appear as witnesses. In consideration of this the state will not prosecute the bellboy and his beautiful decoy wife Turner is still at large.

The preliminary hearing of the prisoners will be held tomorrow morning when they will in all probability be bound over to the grand jury on the robbery of Patrick Joyce last Friday morning at 2 o'clock.

Robbery's Aid Suspected. This robbery is the only one of the three to come under the notice of the police in the past eight days which can be directly fastened to the thieves, and Ross' confession shows that this was committed by Coffey and Turner at points conclusively to connivance by the night clerk, Horton.

Ross says that on the night of the theft he passed out man Joyce's room several times during the night and knew that he was awake, so when he saw Coffey and Turner in the corridor at 12 o'clock, and they told him they were going to get Joyce's money, he advised them not to try it, as they might be caught.

They too called for help and it was little Cora Hosford who went to their rescue. She had been on shore a minute and related to some extent. Without any hesitation she swam out and one by one dragged the two men out of the bank. She was so nearly exhausted that she was just able to get the head of her father above the water line, she pulled his body upon the river's bank.

The Hosford girl then began looking about for sight of her cousin and playmate, but she was not to be seen. Then it was that the girl who had just saved her father and uncle realized what had happened.

Calls for Help Heard. She began screaming frantically and became hysterical while the two men lay on the water's edge, one of them unconscious and the other not being able to move.

Hearing the girl's calls for help persons living in the vicinity hurried to the scene and within half an hour had recovered the body of the girl who had lost her life.

SOCIETY WOMEN IN AUTO WRECK

Miss Elizabeth Sherley Breaks Jaw and Is Hurt Internally.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Louisville, Ky., July 13.—A party of three prominent society men and two women, with a chauffeur, were seriously hurt when a big touring car, in which they were riding, plunged from a wooden bridge over Salt river, a small stream here, at 1 o'clock this morning. The bridge had been wrecked by a storm which had weakened the foundations and the car went crashing to the ground without the slightest warning to the occupants. The injured are:

Miss Elizabeth Sherley, jaw broken and badly injured internally.

Mrs. Bonnie, badly bruised and rendered unconscious.

Carl Wiseman, leg broken and badly hurt internally.

Shelby Bonnie, leg broken and hurt internally.

Richard Menefee Bowles, badly bruised and hurt internally.

Samuel Bait, the chauffeur, badly bruised.

The party had been on a tour over the surrounding country during the evening and had started back to the city, when the accident occurred. The bridge is in an isolated section and there was no aid near. The cries of the injured were heard by no one and the members of the ill-fated party dragged themselves up the banks of the stream, out of danger from the water.

Bait and Bowles were able to give the others some assistance, but were so badly hurt themselves that they could do little.

They lay at the side of the stream, beside the wrecked car, ministering to each other as well as possible, until this morning, when a farmer, starting from an early trip to town, discovered them and summoned aid.

All the victims of the accident are members of prominent Louisville families.

Miss Sherley is a beautiful young woman who has been prominent during the last few seasons in New York and Newport, as well as here. She was engaged to Captain Shevlin of the Yale football team but after a romantic courtship the affair was broken off.

Miss Sherley suffered great agony from the injury to her jawbone during the hours through which she lay on the bank of the stream practically without attention.

Mrs. Bonnie is one of the most prominent members of the blue grass "400." The accident has caused a great sensation here.

Shelby Bonnie when seen at the hospital said the party had been to Mammoth Cave and were traveling at extra speed because they were late.

Miss Sherley first gained national fame as a beauty when she became the pet of the Vanderbilt at Newport two summers ago.

Startling Story of Numerous Robberies in the Merchants Hotel Is Told by Ross.

Confessions by Lloyd C. Ross, the bellboy of the Merchants hotel, made to Detectives Tichenor and Jones yesterday, corroborate those already made by Mrs. Ross Saturday morning and make the case of the state against Will Coffey, dish-washer at the hotel, and a hanger and accomplice in the robberies named Turner practically complete.

Willis Horton, the night clerk, may also face a long term in the penitentiary if the plans of the prosecution are not upset.

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HAZEL DREW'S BODY IN POND--MYSTERIOUS AUTO PARTY SOUGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Troy, N. Y., July 13.—Showing evidence of a brutal murder, the result of fiendish motives, the body of Hazel Drew, a beautiful 13-year-old girl of Troy, was found lying today floating on the surface of Ten pond, 10 miles from the city. The whole community is shocked and astounded at the discovery of the revolting crime, which recalls the drowning of Grace Brown by Chester Sillitoe in Big Moose lake since July 4, and a persistent search led to no trace until the discovery of the body. The skull is crushed and a physician who made an examination of the body says there is no doubt the girl was assaulted and horribly maltreated before her death.

Excitement has been increased by the testimony of several persons living on the road which leads from the city to the pond, that on the evening of July 12, they saw a big automobile with two men and two women. When it returned later it carried two men and only one woman. This story is substantiated also by several persons who live at a hotel near the pond. The automobile was seen by following the road which leads to the pond and by following several of the roads leading to the pond. It is believed that the car was seen by a man who lives on the road which leads to the pond. He says that he saw a man who was driving a car and that he saw a woman who was sitting in the car. He says that he saw the car on the evening of July 12, and that he saw it on the morning of July 13.

REBELS SAY SHAH MUST BE SLAIN OR RUSSIA WILL RULE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Teheran, July 13.—The news received here today that Zill-E-Sultan, uncle of Mohammed Ali Mirza, the shah, is advancing on the capital from the south with a large army of revolutionists, has thrown the Persian capital into a state of terror.

It is believed here that the shah has no intention of reestablishing the constitutional government and that the revolution will eventually break out afresh in all parts of the empire. Whether the revolution succeeds is a question, because it is thought Russia will aid the shah.

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Gompers stated after his interview with Bryan that he had merely come to Fairview to secure the candidate of his personal support.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN PORTLAND LODGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., July 13.—Colonel M. G. Wilkins, of this city, has just been granted a life membership in Klamath lodge No. 111, A. F. & A. M. at Portland. For a quarter of a century Colonel Wilkins has been an active member of this lodge, and their action is an expression of appreciation for the many years of faithful work.