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JEFFERSON HIGH

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WOMAN ADVISED  
TO KILL HERSELF  
Husband Whom She Shot Advised Mrs. Benjamin to Commit Suicide.

After she had shot her husband at their home at 693 Johnson street he recommended to her that she commit suicide, declared Mrs. A. M. Benjamin, wife of a special officer, in her cell at the city jail today.

"You have got to now the best thing for you to do is to do the same thing for yourself," Benjamin told her, she says, and she was looking for cartridges to fill the emptied revolver when she fainted.

"My husband has often threatened me and I have been in constant fear of him," declared the woman. "When he came home Saturday night he struck at me and missed me. He again made threats against me and I thought he was going to carry them out. Some how I got hold of his revolver and fired. How many times I don't know. Then I went to the telephone and called the police station to tell them what I had done.

"My nerves had left me completely and I took some whisky to steady myself while waiting for the officers to come. Then my husband told me I had better kill myself. I thought his advice was good and was looking for cartridges to fill the emptied revolver when I fainted."

When arraigned in municipal court this morning Mrs. Benjamin entered a plea of not guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and declared she would contest the charge on the grounds of self defense. Her case was continued until tomorrow.

Benjamin's condition still remains critical. He is at St. Vincent's hospital.

FOREST FIRES ARE  
CHECKED BY RAIN  
Forestry Men Much Pleased With Slight Precipitation; Good Soaking Needed.

The gentle rain which has fallen during the past few hours will check temporarily at least the forest fires which are burning in the moistened district.

In western Oregon and Washington, there are no serious fires to check, but the long spell of dry weather has made the situation so acute that up till yesterday the closest attention of a large number of forest rangers and patrolmen was required to stop the spread of small fires.

The amount of rain which has fallen so far is not enough to allay danger from fires for any length of time.

"Unless rain continues to fall heavily for two or three days," said E. E. Allen, secretary of the Western Forestry and Conservation association, this morning, "the relief from patrolling the forests for fires and fighting them will be of short duration. A day or two of good soaking rain would eliminate the danger for several weeks.

"A light rain does not set down through the big trees and into the dry ground on the ground but it damps the dry grass and trash and stops the spread of the fires until a few more days of sunshine make it possible for the fire to spread again. A fire may smolder for weeks in decayed logs."

Forest Service headquarters here are anxiously awaiting reports from the burners in the Colville reserve. The fire there is entirely a ground fire and a little rain there it is said would do an immense amount of good. A fire line 15 miles long has been maintained along the north side of the reserve for several days and a large force of the rangers has been working constantly to check the progress of the flames, by trenching and back firing. The destruction has been limited almost entirely to young growth, and in most instances the fire has gone through the areas of large trees without injuring them.

The railroad companies whose lines run through the heavily timbered belts of Washington, Idaho and Montana have rendered much assistance this season in keeping down the forest fires. Where the lines run through the government reserves, the forest service has been constantly free of charge in fighting fires started by sparks from the locomotives.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads have employed large numbers of fire patrolmen and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has cleared the timber and brush for 150 feet on each side of the right-of-way between keeping on hand a large force of men to check small fires. The logging companies have also put forth great efforts to check fires both in their own holdings and in the reserves.

In one or two instances the use of dynamite in checking a fire has been effective. This method requires the expenditure of considerable money for powder but the results attained are thought to warrant the expense.

Burning of oil in locomotives instead of coal has done much to lessen the number of forest fires. When oil is used the only time sparks are emitted is when the smoke stacks are cleaned by the use of sand. This causes the burning soot to fly.

WOODCOCK APPOINTS  
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

A. C. Woodcock, chairman of the non-partisan judicial organization, has appointed his executive committee to have charge of the campaign in the interest of the candidates nominated at the mass meeting of the members of the bar of the state. The committee appointed is as follows:

Chairman: Pipes, chairman; Alex Bernstein, secretary; A. S. Bennett of The Dalles, Charles J. Schnabel, A. E. Clarke, Clarence Reames, Medford; John Manning, William A. Munly, and Dan J. Fry of Salem.

Stock Buyer Complains. (Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Ore., Aug. 15.—J. E. Reynolds, a stock buyer and shipper, today filed a complaint with the railroad commission against the O. R. & N. company, in which he asks that the company be made to provide better freight service. He alleges that through the failure of freight trains on the Condon and Shastika branches to make proper connections with the main line at Arlington and Rigby, shipments to Portland have, because of the delay, had untold suffering and shrinkage imposed on stock shipped.

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OREGON TROOPS  
CAPABLE OF BLUE  
AND RED BATTLE

Intense Rivalry Between Organizations and Officers Adds to Interest Taken in Maneuvers at Cosgrove.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Maneuver Camp, Cosgrove, Wash., Aug. 15.—While all of the regulars were the field maneuvering as a division, the Oregon troops today carried on the battle between the Blue and Red armies by regiments. The Third regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Forrester commanding, went into the field as the Blue or attacking force, while the Fourth, commanded by Colonel Moran, defended their position near Spray Lake, some three or four miles east of here.

Although both regiments were in the field early today, the actual conflict did not begin until afternoon. The rivalry between the two organizations and their commanding officers makes the struggle of more than passing interest, and the outcome is awaited with interest by both regulars and National Guard-officers.

Red Army Guards Depot. According to the situation outlined by Major Caball, chief of staff, at brigade headquarters, the Red army has established a depot with a quantity of stores near Spray Lake. Colonel Moran has received orders from the commanding officer of the Red army to guard these stores. The general of the Blue forces learns through patrols and friendly inhabitants of this supply depot and orders Colonel Moran to capture it, if possible.

With this situation before him, Colonel Moran took the field shortly before noon today, and through scouts soon developed the position of the enemy. The Red forces had taken up a strong line of defense in the wooded country southeast of the camp, and there followed a series of maneuvers on the part of each commander to outwit the other and draw the main force of one with a small force while he threw his main force on a weakened position. The forces are not expected to engage in a pitched battle until late this afternoon.

Wilson Drills Regulars. This morning Colonel R. H. Wilson, Fourth Infantry, took all of the regular troops through a problem of rear guard and the occupation of a defensive position. The troops used were the First Infantry, Second Infantry, Fourth Infantry, Twenty-fifth Infantry, Second Cavalry, First Cavalry, One Battalion Second Artillery, Company F, Engineer Corps, Company E Signal Corps. The maneuver was chiefly interesting because of the use of the signal corps.

The different forces, although miles apart, were connected by a network of telephones strung by the signal men, over which Colonel Wilson conducted his maneuvers.

Dr. Stewart of Portland, in command of the Oregon hospital company, was severely injured last night while riding out to camp from Tacoma. His horse ran into a barb wire fence in the dark, and in its frantic plunging to get out, threw Dr. Stewart. He sustained a dislocated shoulder and a number of painful cuts and bruises. He is being treated at the field hospital.

DEPARTMENT STORE  
EMPLOYEES PICNIC

Two trains carried over 800 pleasure seekers out to Estacada yesterday to enjoy the first annual picnic of the Co-operative Association of the Employees of the Meter & Frank Company. The train started from the Morrison and Water streets at 9 o'clock to lively music by The Journal Band.

As the large crowd was far in excess of what had been planned for, it became necessary to make up a second train on short notice. This was manned by C. E. Franklin, superintendent of the Meter & Frank Co., as motorman, and P. D. Hunt, traffic manager, as conductor, and their courtesy and promptness in handling the situation were greatly appreciated.

Arriving at Estacada, lunch was the first thing on the program, basket lunches being carried by the picnicers. Several athletic events were then pulled off, the first being a ball game between Munch's Rustlers and Ackerson's All Stars. The game was won by the former team, score 7 to 1. A tug-of-war match between the "Floorwalkers" and the "Buyers" team was won by the Buyers' team. The 75-yard dash transfer girls was a revelation in speed possibilities and was won by Miss Jennie Quinn, Miss Susie Padden second.

The women's ball throwing contest was won hands down by Miss Ada Markets, who completely outclassed all the other entries. The hot apple dumping eating contest for boys of 16 years and under was won by Fred Stewart, who manfully ate his way to victory.

Next year's outing is already being planned for on a larger scale. It is hoped to hold next season's picnic on the grounds of the association's country home, funds for which have already been largely provided.

FAKE AUCTION BOOSTER  
IS SENT TO ROCKPILE

The fake auction practice was scored and James Smith, a "scamp," given a 60 day sentence on the receipt by Judge Bennett in municipal court this morning. Judge Bennett also declared that he would write to the city council and advise that the license of Cranwell & Rosenthal, 74 North Sixth street, for whom Smith worked, be cancelled.

Smith was arrested last Saturday by Patrolman Humphreys, who watched him in plain clothes. Smith's method was to advise people in the store to buy articles which were put up on the promise that he would later buy them from Smith, worked at Humphreys and made such a proposition to Humphreys and the officer placed him under arrest.

EXCESSIVE SPEED LEADS  
DE RANGO INTO COURT

Harvey De Rango, who was caught by Patrolman Evans speeding in the fire limits on Union avenue, paid a \$25 fine in municipal court today. L. H. Hoffmann, arrested at Union avenue and Skidmore streets, by Patrolman Stina, was assessed \$10.

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