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PRICE FIVE CENTS

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

YOUNG BOY DROWNS IN THE WILLAMETTE

Louis Deserano, 15, Claimed Victim by River at West Salem Camp

BOY FALLS FROM SWING

Led Sinks in 25 Feet of Water When He Loses Grip on Handle; Family Here Only Short Time

Falling from a swing into 25 feet of water in the Willamette river, at the West Salem auto camp, Louis Victor Deserano, 15, of Branch, Michigan, was drowned Wednesday afternoon at about 1 o'clock. The body was recovered after a search of nearly three hours.

The boy was playing on a swing which overhangs the water, and it is believed he lost his grip on the bar and plunged into the stream. He was dressed in a pair of trunks. It is said he could not swim. His parents have been in Salem only a few weeks, and are tourists from the east. The boy's father and mother, two sisters, and two brothers survive.

It is said that this is the second tragedy in the Deserano family in a short time. It was stated that recently three children of the family were burned to death when their home in Michigan caught fire. The Deseranos came to Salem with intentions of making their home here, and have been in the valley only a short time.

The body was recovered by W. B. Gerth, of West Salem, and E. M. Hammer, 1860 Marlon street. Mr. Gerth, owner of a grocery store on the west side of the bridge, owns one of the two sets of grappling irons in the city. In commenting on this fact, he stated that the city should possess such equipment, with someone invested with authority to use it.

"I have been called out in every case of drowning in the river," Mr. Gerth declared. "I have no authority to remove a body from the river. In case the person had been in the water for only a short time, and there was a chance of resuscitating him, I would shoulder the responsibility. But when it is evident that nothing can be done, coroners from both counties have declared that I could not remove the bodies. Someone should be empowered to do this, and the city should provide a set of grapplers. Some lives that otherwise would be lost, may be saved if this is done."

This is the second drowning of the season, another youngster having lost his life in Mill creek a short time ago.

CRASH DEATH TOTAL 44

MORE DIE FROM INJURIES IN WRECK; PROBE STARTED

HACKETTSTOWN, N. J., June 17.—(By The Associated Press).—The death toll of the wreck of the special immigrant train of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad at Rockport Sag yesterday which had fluctuated today because of confusion in identifications, tonight was definitely set at 44 by officials of the railroad. The official list placed 23 bodies at Easton, Penn., eight at Hackettstown, seven at Dover, three at Morristown, and three at Phillipsburg.

At least a score of persons are still suffering from injuries in hospitals at Easton, Phillipsburg and Dover. Several of these are in a critical condition.

Warren county officials today were conducting three separate investigations. Prosecutor J. C. Smith, Jr., of Phillipsburg, tonight expressed belief that the locomotive left the rails after striking a switch covered with sand and dirt washed down by the violent electrical storm. So far, he said, he had discovered nothing to indicate negligence by the railroad company. The public utilities commission has directed investigation of the wreck.

BANDIT'S BLUFF CALLED

GIRL CLERK NOT EXCITED BY COMMAND OF HIGHWAYMAN

SEATTLE, June 17.—When Gladys Orr, 22, clerk in a suburban grocery store here was confronted by a would-be bandit today, who, with his hand in an ominously bulging pocket, ordered her to "stick up her hands," she told him: "Be yourself, Bub. Run sell your papers."

"If you don't stick 'em up, I'll shoot," the robber warned.

"All right, Mister, proceed and shoot," Miss Orr responded.

The robber fled.

LIQUOR SEAPLANE TAKEN BY POLICE; RING FOUND

EVIDENCE SHOWS HUGE RING WORKING BY AIRPLANE

Officers Declare Over a Thousand Cases a Day Transported By Air

SEATTLE, June 17.—A rum running seaplane with cargo of 20 cases of gin, brandy and scotch was captured by federal prohibition agents on Lake Washington tonight. Officers declared liquor had been brought into Seattle at the rate of a thousand cases a month via the air route.

Glenn Holt, aviator, L. H. Swisher, reputed former captain in the United States army air service, owner of the plane, and George Rossman, shore helper, were arrested as they attempted to unload the liquor into a waiting eight cylinder automobile. The automobile was also seized.

The plane was a former naval ship and had later been used as a mail transport, being purchased by Swisher three and a half months ago. An average of 45 trips a month had been maintained during his career as a liquor carrier, Swisher is said to have admitted.

The aerial liquor depot was in Champaign bay, just across the lake from the Sand Point aviation field. The officers had been observing the flights of the plane for several weeks and had timed its arrivals and departures. One hour and twenty five minutes was required for a round trip from the Canadian landing point across from Wridby Island, the watchers observed.

Tonight the dry agents pounced upon the plane as the nose of the vessel touched the water.

The rum and the liquor were promptly arrested. The plane was towed to a harbor. F. A. Hazeltine, divisional chief of the federal prohibition agents, announced that he would seek confiscation of the seaplane to be used in chasing other rum runners.

"So far as I know for sure," Hazeltine declared, "this is the only plane in use in the rum trade here—but I've heard reports of others, and if I had a machine myself it would be a lot easier to make certain. I'll also try to get the automobile for you. There is a clause in the new law permitting us to do so."

CLOUDBURST SOAKS CITY

ENTIRE TOWN SUBMERGED RESULT OF TORRENTIAL RAIN

ELIZABETH, Colo., June 17.—This entire town is virtually submerged under two feet of water tonight following a cloudburst. The sudden precipitation followed showers throughout the afternoon. Cherry creek is running high, moving the flood in the direction of Denver and two bridges are reported to be on the verge of going out between Elizabeth and Frankfort. Added to the flood waters from Elizabeth, heavy rain is reported falling at Parker and Elbert.

SALEM FIRMS LAND JOB

STATE T. B. HOSPITAL PAVILION CONTRACTS LET

The Cherry City Construction company of Salem was awarded the general contract for the construction of the new pavilion for the state tuberculosis hospital with a bid of \$18,015 at a meeting of the state board of control Wednesday. William F. Bunce, Portland, received the plumbing contract for \$3156 and J. A. Bernard, Salem, the heating contract for \$2869.42. The pavilion will cost \$24,940.42.

All bids for the boiler installation were rejected by the board. The low figure was Johnstone & Young, Portland, who offered to do the work for \$12,479.

CROWN CLOSES CASE

VICTORIA, B. C., June 17.—The crown closed its case against Owen Baker and Harry Sowash on trial here for the murder of Capt. W. J. Gillis and his son, tonight with the testimony of Mrs. Gillis, widow of the slain rum runner.

POSTOFFICE MEN HELD

SEATTLE, June 17.—Henry Smith, former postmaster at Fortson, in Snohomish county, and Virgil Cantrell, former postmaster at Van Horn, in Skagit county, were indicted on embezzlement charges by a federal grand jury, which reported to Judge Jeremiah Neterer today. Smith was charged with converting to his own use \$589 of postoffice funds. Cantrell is charged with taking \$475.

CONTROL OF POWER OPPOSED BY HOOVER

Federal Regulation of Electrical Industry Is Declared Unnecessary

RATES SAID REASONABLE

State Declared Capable of Maintaining Control of Utilities; Adequate Provisions Made by States

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Federal regulation of the electrical power industry was opposed by Secretary of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover in an address here tonight before the convention of the National Electric Light association.

Mr. Hoover expressed the opinion that the states safeguarded the interests of the public amply. "During the past year," he said, "the department of commerce has been engaged upon a study into the effectiveness and the results of state regulation of the industry. Few people seem to realize the fullness, the extent and the authority of the regulations now in effect. It is scarcely necessary for me to say that there is either state or municipal regulation of the rates of electrical utilities in all but two of the states, and of service in all but five. The financial operations of such utilities are supervised and controlled in a large majority of the states.

These principles are being re-emphasized by the remaining states.

The work and the decisions of the courts are gradually developing a science.

WILL INSPECT HIGHWAY

COURT VISITS DETROIT-NIAGARA WORK FRIDAY

Members of the Marion county court will visit the new Detroit-Niagara highway Friday, and will approve or reject the work which has been done on the \$300,000 project which leads into the heart of the forest reserve. The grading has been completed, and the roadbed is now being laid, preparatory to surfacing. The county has about \$30,000 in the highway.

A note received from the state department last week announced that the government agents had approved of the construction, and that it was only necessary for the county to approve before undertaking final work. No definite plans have yet been made towards extending the road into the Fisk Lake district.

PORTRAIT PURCHASE MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

APPEAL IS MADE TO PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS

"Inception of the Birth of Oregon" Sought by Historical Association

A movement which promises favorable conclusion is on foot for the purchase of the "Inception of the Birth of Oregon," an oil painting by Theodore Goguet.

This picture was on exhibition at the capitol during the last session of the legislature with the hope that sufficient interest would be aroused in it to obtain favorable action upon its purchase by the state.

State officials and members of the legislature favored the purchase but the opportunity passed on account of the financial condition of the state. Appeal is now made to the public spirited citizens of the state for the few thousand dollars necessary to save it as a historical portrayal of the founding of Oregon at Champeo.

The Oregon Historical association is sponsor of the campaign, and Judge Charles H. Carey is chairman of the committee engaged in raising the necessary funds. Subscriptions to this fund should be mailed to the United States National Bank, Portland.

FARMER DEAD IN BARN

HEART ATTACK FATAL TO J. C. MORRISON, LIBERTY

Joseph C. Morrison, 68, a farmer of the Liberty district, was found dead in a barn near his home about noon Wednesday by F. L. Scott, who lives across the road. Heart failure is believed to have caused his death. He had lived in the Liberty district for 10 years and was born and raised in Polk county. Funeral services will be held from the Webb's funeral parlors Saturday afternoon, with Rev. Dunsmuir of Independence, officiating. Interment will be made in Dallas.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Ralph C. of Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Vera Morrison, Marysville, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Martin, Amity; and two brothers, H. Morrison, Dallas and Frank Morrison, Perrydale.

WHITNEY'S LEAD LARGE

NEWARK, N. J., June 17.—(By Associated Press).—More than 32,000 votes marked the plurality of State Senator Arthur Whitney over his nearest rival former attorney general Thomas F. McCran, in yesterday's primaries for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

BLAZE SWEEPS MILL

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—Fire of undetermined origin early tonight swept through 7,000,000 feet of lumber at the Eastern and Western Lumber company's yards causing a loss estimated by company officials at \$100,000.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION SHOULD AGREE, STATED

INVESTIGATION OF ALL FACTS DECLARED NECESSARY

Evolution Controversy Is Rapped By President of Pacific Scientists

PORTLAND, June 17.—Science has no quarrel with religion nor can full knowledge of the facts of life interfere with religion and the uplift of the human race, Dr. C. E. Grunsky, retiring president of the Pacific division, American association for the advancement of science, told delegates today who are here attending sessions of the association's convention.

"Nothing better can be done for the welfare of the human race than to facilitate the present tendency to investigate into the facts of life as fully as possible," said Dr. Grunsky. "It is surprising to me that in our time there should be such a controversy as the present one about evolution. We must encourage the study of facts wherever they may lead."

Speaking on the subject "Forestry and the Economic Welfare of the Northwest," A. W. Cooper, of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, Portland, said he sensed a hopeful indication in the perpetuation of the timber and lumber industry in the new interest that is being shown in the subject of the re-forestation and in the inclination of government agencies, both federal and state, to draw upon resources of scientific experiment and knowledge in combating destructive elemental forces and fungus and insect life, working continually in opposition to natural forest growth, and in the co-operation of timber interests with the meteorological departments of the United States government.

LA FOLLETTE IS WORSE

WISCONSIN SENATOR IS ILL WITH BRONCHIAL ASTHMA

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(By The Associated Press).—The condition of Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, who is ill at his home here from bronchial asthma, has taken a change for the worse, but has not alarmed his physician and members of the family said today.

Dr. C. O. Marbury said the senator had a good night last night, although some slight congestion of the lungs was noticeable and the heart was somewhat weakened. Announcement of the change in Senator La Follette's condition was made in a statement issued by his son Robert M. La Follette, Jr., shortly before noon.

NURSES ARE ACQUITTED

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Two naval nurses sat as defendants today in what is said to be the first court martial of women in the navy's history. They were speedily acquitted on charges of bringing liquor into the United States.

FAIMAN IS TO BE PROBED BY JUDGE

State Prosecutor Recommends Questioning by Jurist; Defense Objects

TRUTH NOT VOUCHERED FOR

Crowe Declares State Can Not Be Bound By Testimony of Man Jointly Indicted for Crime

CHICAGO, June 17.—(By Associated Press).—Guarded in a hotel for months as a principal witness in the trial of William Darling Shepherd on a charge of feeding typhoid germs to his millionaire foster son, William Nelson McClintock, Charles C. Faiman, was not called as a witness today by state's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, who said he could not vouch for Faiman and asked the court to question the witnesses.

The motion to have Faiman questioned by Judge Thomas J. Lynch was opposed bitterly by William Scott Stewart and W. W. O'Brien, the defense attorneys, but Judge Lynch indicated he would call Faiman, examine him and permit cross examination by both sides.

Counsel will be given a further opportunity tomorrow to cite precedents before Judge Lynch gives his decision.

"If Mr. Crowe will say the witness is not worthy of belief I have no objection to the step," argued Stewart.

"I do not say that," stated the prosecutor. "It simply means the state does not vouch for him and does not wish to be bound by his testimony, that of a man jointly indicted with the defendant and a confessed accomplice who more than once has changed his story."

The defense argued state's attorney Crowe was not acting in good faith, and that the prosecution hoped through the move to broaden its scope of questioning the man heretofore called the "star" witness.

A letter mentioned by Mr. Crowe alleged to have been written by Shepherd to the National University of Sciences, conducted by Faiman, and to have inquired about a course in bacteriology, was the subject of extensive testimony today. It was given by Patrick J. McMahon alias John P. Marchand, formerly a salesman of courses at Faiman's school. He admitted that he could not remember whether the letter was typewritten or in long hand.

He said Shepherd said he wanted the course "about legal cases," he admitted that in a discussion of Shepherd's alleged letter, he had said "such a letter ought to be worth \$100,000."

The letter is due in Wisconsin to Shepherd for \$50, the first payment of a promised \$100,000 for teaching him how to slay young McClintock with the typhoid germs and supplying the bacilli.

Four other witnesses were called by the state today in its effort to show that Shepherd had guilty knowledge of the cause of the death of his foster son.

EARLY DAYS RECALLED

STATESMAN OF 1868 FOUND USED AS WALL-PAPER

Events chronicled in The Oregon Statesman more than half a century ago were brought to light this week when an issue of the paper in 1867 was found adorning the wall of the old Chapman place, at 449 North Capitol, near Center, which is being remodeled by J. W. Bollen, a mail carrier, who purchased the place four years ago.

Premium awards for the annual state fair, one of the first to be held, and an account from the Oregonian about a contempt of court case were easily readable. The case had to do with a "drunk" who was fined. The remarks of the sentencing judge were criticized by the person arrested, and he was held in contempt of court.

The Chapman place was built in the early '60s.

GATEWAY BEING BLENDED

LANDER, Wyo., June 17.—(By Associated Press).—An all night battle, with nearly fifty hand rock miners on one hand leading the attack with dynamite and TNT, and mountains of snow and ice on the other hand, was begun at the southern entrance to Yellowstone park tonight, the objective being to rout the deeply entrenched forces of nature so the gateway will be clear in time for the official opening of the big playground tomorrow.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT ASKS FOR EXTENSIONS

GUARANTEE OF BONDS AND CONCESSIONS SOUGHT

Tumalo Project Seeking to Reduce Price of Lands and Attract Settlers

Extension for two years of the state's guarantee of interest on \$650,000 worth of bonds and release of lines on contracts with settlers which have not been fulfilled aggregating \$45,000 with settlers which have not been fulfilled and other minor concessions was urged of the state security commission Wednesday by representatives of the Tumalo irrigation district.

In return for the concessions upon the part of the state the settlers have agreed to pay 40 per cent instead of 25 per cent for the additional water necessary to develop the new project. The water was purchased under the Carey act. It was held that the result would be a reduction in the price of lands to \$51 an acre and that new settlers would be attracted.

Members of the commission will visit the project early next month before taking any definite action.

Directors of the Jordan Valley project have reached an agreement looking to the consolidation of the project with the North Side irrigation district. Reclamation costs would not be increased by the consolidation, it was pointed out, but the irrigable acreage would be increased from 11,000 to 15,000 acres and claims against the properties amounting to \$107,600 would be eliminated. Under the consolidation the Jordan Valley district would obtain title to the North Side project lands.

CHERRIANS OUT FRIDAY

PARADE FORMATION IS AT CHAPMAN AND TAYLOR

Inside information from Portland is that Friday will be one of the greatest days ever known in a rose festival. According to reports, more than 300 entries of marching organizations have entered and the parade will be one of the most thrilling ever offered.

Contrary to a report that was circulated, the big parade is not a Merrykhanas parade throughout, as the leading marching bodies of the state will participate. But in the Multnomah field before the parade begins, there will be stunts of a laugh-producing order.

The Cherrians will appear in the big marching parade of Friday, forming at 12:30 o'clock at Chapman and Taylor streets, just one block from Multnomah field.

INSANITY WILL BE PLEA

YOUNG, CONFESSED SLAYER, WILL PLEAD NOT GUILTY

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—Dr. Thomas Young, Los Angeles dentist, who told representatives of the district attorney's office that he killed his wife, Grace Grogan Young, and aided in the recovery of the body from beneath the false floor of a cistern, will plead not guilty to the charge of murder contained in an indictment returned yesterday by the grand jury.

This was indicated today by attorneys John Cooper and John L. Richardson, who have been retained by Young to defend him. Outlining their program of defense, the attorneys said Young would repudiate his confession and allege that it was obtained from him by technical third degree methods. And independently of this, the attorneys said they expected to offer insanity as a defense.

The fight to free Young, the attorneys said, would be begun tomorrow when they will open a technical fight upon the validity of the indictment of Young returned by the grand jury. They expect to prove, they said, that the time Young was indicted there was in the grand jury room persons connected in no way with the case which is contrary to law.

ELDERLY MAN DROWNED

INDEPENDENCE, Or., June 17.—Cyrus Blair, 66, was drowned today in Mill creek, 25 miles north west of here. His body was found in three feet of water. Coroner Keeney was called but held no inquest. Evidence indicated that Blair had slipped from a steep bank into the creek, the current carrying the body into shallow water.

BELGIUM HAS CABINET

BRUSSELS, June 17.—After having been 10 weeks without a cabinet, Belgium tonight finds itself possessed of a duly constituted ministry. The general council of the socialist party, by a vote of 40 to 25, gave its approval and adherence to the new regime.

FAIR FOUND GUILTY

TACOMA, June 17.—After 66 balling less than three hours, a jury in superior court here tonight returned a verdict of guilty against Frank Kelley and Frank Gorman, accused of robbing the Bothell State bank of \$3,000 on January 20. The money has not been recovered.

AUTO CARAVAN IS PLANNED BY CLUB

Oregon Booster Organizations Will Invade California Cities in 1926

TAYLOR NEW PRESIDENT

Former Captain Kidd of the Coos Bay Pirates Succeeds Al N. Pierce, Founder of the Association

M. S. Taylor of North Bend, former Captain Kidd of the Coos Bay Pirates, was elected president of the Oregon Hospitality club, in session yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce. W. R. Allen of Grants Pass was elected vice president. Mr. Taylor succeeds Al N. Pierce of Corvallis, former King King of the Cherrians, and founder of the club.

At the suggestion of Irving E. Vining of Ashland, president of the State Chamber of Commerce, delegates from the seven Hospitality clubs in attendance, unanimously voted that the big event of next year should be a caravan to California, in which each of the 15 boosting organizations of Oregon would send delegates.

It is proposed that the auto caravan make the tour of California as far south as Stockton and then into Oakland and San Francisco, returning by way ofureka and the Redwood highway.

Cooperating with the Oregon state fair, Friday, October 2, will be known as Hospitality day at the fair. Ella S. Wilson, secretary of the state fair board, will offer three cups for the boosting organizations making the best record attendance, the best drilled, and then the most unique offering.

The Umpqua Indians have already issued a challenge to any marching organization. Members of the boosting Roseburg organization attended the Hospitality club meeting yesterday and issued the challenge.

Clubs that will be asked to send representatives with the big Oregon caravan into California next May are as follows: Salem Cherrians, Portland Rosarians, Newberg Berrians, Umpqua Chiefs of Roseburg, Cave-men of Grants Pass, Pirates of Coos Bay, Craters of Medford, Lithians of Ashland, Pelicans of Klamath Falls, Prunarians of Vancouver, Lava Bears of Bend, Gobblers of Oakland, Beachmen of Bandon, Pheasants of Albany and Radiators of Eugene.

McMILLAN PARTY STARTS

SEARCH FOR AMUNDSEN MAY BE CONDUCTED, STATED

BOSTON, June 17.—(By The Associated Press).—Amid the din of roaring guns and shrieking marine whistles, Lieutenant Commander Donald B. MacMillan and his little crew sailed from the Charlestown navy yard shortly after noon today on the steamer Peary to start for the north voyage into the Arctic.

When the Peary passed beyond sight of land MacMillan left the steamer and boarded an automobile to speed to Wiscasset, Maine, where his schooner Bowdoin is anchored and ready to sail north on Saturday.

The Peary is due in Wiscasset at daybreak tomorrow. Just before the Peary sailed MacMillan outlined his plans to the Bunker Hill day celebration. He explained his exploration of the Arctic tract called Crocker Land might be delayed to permit search for Captain Roald Amundsen.

If word is not received from the Norwegian explorer by August 1, MacMillan's flyers will begin a search. Amundsen, he said, will run out of food tomorrow if he has failed to reach Cape Columbia. The American believes that the lost explorer will be found in one of three places he plans to search.

TWO SECRETARIES PRESENT

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—(By The Associated Press).—Two cabinet members, secretary of commerce Herbert C. Hoover and Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine, today joined the corte of nationally prominent men and women attending the 48th convention of the National Electric Light association.

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