

HEAVY DAMAGE BY BLAZE AT WAREHOUSE

Capital Transfer Building Fire Hard to Corral Because of Smoke

Stored Household Goods on Second Floor Ruined To \$20,000 Extent

Damages estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000 were done to household goods stored in the Capital City Transfer company's building, 225 State street, when fire broke out about 7 o'clock yesterday evening on the first floor of the plant and spread up an elevator shaft to the second story storage room. Dense clouds of smoke from burning tires and furniture rolled from openings so heavily that no flames were seen from outside during the 45 minutes firemen were playing hose streams through front and rear windows.

Losses to owners of the water-soaked and charred blackened goods are covered fairly well by insurance, it is believed. Fighting the flames was severely hampered because their actual location could not be ascertained. It was necessary to lead from the firemen to be led from the smoky entrance and windows to fresh air, they became so nauseated with the choking fumes. Once the most seriously affected ones filled their lungs with the clear air, there was a propping of the returning to their posts, although they were reeling on their feet.

Most of downtown equipment called. The two big pumps, the ladder truck and a hose truck were called out to the scene and five streams of water deluged the structure for 45 minutes before men could get through the building to find the fire center. Despite the time required to extinguish the burning goods, floors and walls, the upper story supports remained intact and prevented the immense piles of furniture from crashing down to the ground level.

One of the Adolphs, in the cigar store at the corner of State and Commercial streets, said the smoke pouring from the building sounded the alarm at 7:17 o'clock, just as a number of pedestrians were running pell mell seeking telephones to sound the alarm. Frank E. Loose, proprietor of the transfer company, was called from his home and soon appeared on the scene to direct firemen concerning the arrangement of the building.

Spontaneous Origin. They are the definite theory of the fire's origin advanced last night was that of spontaneous combustion. Persons in the large crowd that gathered at the scene claimed they had heard an explosion. The last person known to be in the building was Mrs. Loose, who left sometime between 6 and 6:30 p. m. He stated there had been no fire there within the past month, and further declared that no highly combustible material was stored in the warehouse.

Loose's records and books, while water-soaked, were salvaged from the safe and vault in the offices, so that ownership of the stored property can be learned. In the building there was the largest and finest collection of household goods he ever had. Loose said. In addition there was a large quantity of sacked flour and automobile tires. The loss on the building and the contents is estimated to be "pretty well covered" by insurance.

Before headway of the fire was checked smoke filtered into the Archer implement company's adjoining building, and did a small amount of damage to stock.

LOYD GEORGE BETTER
LONDON, July 30.—(AP)—David Lloyd George, who underwent a serious operation yesterday for macularia, was reported in a satisfactory condition tonight.

Oregon Briefs

GETS LIFE SENTENCE
PORTLAND, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—Albert D. Gilbert, 58, pleaded guilty today to second degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting here last February 23 of John W. Bevis, superintendent of the Inman-Poulsen mill. Circuit Judge Kanter sentenced Gilbert to life imprisonment.

Gilbert was tried on the murder charge in June but the jury failed to agree.

LODGES IN LUNG
ASHLAND, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gregory, of Coquille, died here today with an ailment in one lung.

The child swallowed the nut Sunday and it lodged in his throat and later passed into the lung.

SUN IS OBSCURED
MEDFORD, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—Forest service lookouts

Boardman, Polando Set Distance Mark; Lindberghs on Way

Record of 4986 Miles Claimed by Pair Landing At Istanbul; Herndon and Pangborn On hop to Moscow Today

KOENIGSBERG, Germany, July 31.—(Friday)—(AP)—The American round the world fliers, Hugh Herndon, Jr., and Clyde Pangborn, were sighted over Koenigsberg at 2:20 a. m. flying in the direction of Kaunas.

Audacious airmen traced a series of spectacular performances across the sky paths of the world yesterday in perhaps the greatest day of flying since Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic from New York to Paris.

With a degree of precision seldom, if ever, equalled in the air, Russell Boardman and John Polando set their monoplane down in Istanbul, Turkey, 49 hours and 26 minutes after leaving New York for what they claimed was a new long distance non-stop record. They calculated the distance at 4,986 miles or 85 miles more than the former mark established from Paris to Manchuria by the French flier Coste.

Skimming around the globe in an effort to better the Post-Gatty hour, for the first time, the pair, Clyde Pangborn, reached Berlin and then set out for Moscow at 10:49 p. m. (4:49 p. m. E.S.T.). A fog over the British coast had shoved Herndon and Pangborn far behind the Post-Gatty schedule, but the brevity of their stay at Berlin enabled them to pick up several precious hours. When they pointed toward Moscow they were 13 hours and 49 minutes behind Post and Gatty.

Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh, bound for the Orient, flew the 370 miles separating North Haven, Me., and Ottawa, Ont., in three and a half hours.

Amy Johnson, British aviatrix, enroute from England to Tokyo, landed at Kurzan, Siberia, last night, after a flight from Sverdlovsk, Russia, and the Graf Zeppelin returned to Friedrichshafen after a six-day Arctic cruise.

CLOUDBURST DOES \$100,000 DAMAGE

COLFAX, Wash., July 30.—(AP)—A cloudburst struck with terrific violence tonight on farms along Union Flats, Little Penewa and Little Alimota creeks near here, washing buildings away and causing property and livestock damage estimated at \$100,000.

Walls of water eight to 12 feet high swept down gullies in the storm area, carrying farm buildings, garages, machinery and fences downstream.

The water at Alimota, on the Snake river, was reported the highest since a disastrous flood in 1920.

Mrs. William Cochran, whose home on Union Flats creek was swept away, was said to have been seriously injured. Reports reaching Colfax did not tell of any other casualties.

Old Man Faints In Crowd Crush Around Theatre

One casualty resulted from the crowd gathered about the Elsinore theatre last night when an old white-haired man, whose identity is unknown, tottered into the Bluebird about 7 p. m. and sat down to rest. A moment later a waitress noticed him slumped over the table and found that he had fainted.

An ambulance was called but by time that it arrived the old man had been revived by cold packs and refused to be doctored any further. He left the building unassisted and disappeared into the crowd.

Gilbert Pleads Guilty
Butterflies Swarming Almond Fatal to Child Forest Receipts Lower

from Mount Wagner and Dutchman's peak in the Skiskiyou mountains have reported seeing huge swarms of brown butterflies. At times the swarms have been so great they obscured the sun.

The insects were flying southward, the reports said.

TIMBER SALES FEW
PORTLAND, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—Receipts from the 22 National forests in Oregon and Washington during the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$575,664.96 less than during the preceding year, said a report issued today from the office of C. J. Buck, regional forester. Receipts for the year totaled \$895,331.43.

The decrease was caused chiefly by a decline in timber sales. Settlement and trespass receipts also declined although grazing receipts, land leases and water rentals showed an increase, the report said.

TWO PARDONS ARE ISSUED BY MEIER

Emil Knorr, Convicted in This County one of Convicts Freed

Governor Meier issued two conditional pardons and four commutations of sentence, just before leaving for Portland Thursday night.

One of the conditional pardons was issued to Fred M. Black, who was convicted in Willows county on March 18, 1930, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. He was sentenced to a term of five years.

Black's pardon was recommended by the district attorney and other officials. Black was said to have been a model prisoner while in the penitentiary.

The other conditional pardon was issued to Emil Knorr, who was received at the penitentiary from Marion county on February 1, 1926, to serve a term of 10 years for the crime of assault with a dangerous weapon. J. O. Dixon, cashier of the bank from which Knorr stole \$21, recommended the pardon. Prison officials reported that Dixon had given valuable service while in the institution.

The sentence imposed on Mickey Murphy, who was received at the penitentiary December 6, 1927, to serve 15 years for assault and robbery was commuted to 10 years. He was committed from Multnomah county. Officials said that Murphy had been a model prisoner.

Life Sentence of Chinese Reduced
The governor commuted the sentence in the case of Ed Eng, Parisian, who was sentenced to life for the murder of a woman in Multnomah county. Officials said that Eng had been a model prisoner.

FREE HAIRCUTS FOR NEEDY ARE OFFERED
Final settlement of the barbers' price dispute, as far as the union is concerned, was concluded last night by H. C. Pickering, seventh vice-president of the Journeymen's International union who was preparing to return to Tacoma. Two points of the troubles stand out: first, where there were 25 union shops in the city, there are now but 13, the others having been revoked; and second, the union shops are contemplating cutting without charge the hair of needy children at prescribed hours each week, in answer to the "outs" who declared over a week ago they would lower their prices to 25 cents for children.

A lengthy statement was prepared by Pickering yesterday averring he and Clarence Townsend, executive secretary of the journeymen's local organization, had visited all the barbers in the city personally. It says they asked the former union employers to remain in the union and hold to the constitutional price scale, unless they desired to use their privilege of seeking amendment of the agreement by ways provided in the document.

Two of the 14 shops which had been with the "outs" were persuaded to go back to the union, Pickering said. The others who lost their cards and the "bosses" declared that prices of haircuts and shaves for adults were not changed and that they are making no effort to cut prices any further. They last gave as their reason, for reducing the cost of children's haircuts and of plain shampoos and shaves, that it was a necessary move to aid families who are feeling the effects of the present slackness in employment.

Lad Sent Back To Washington
Joe Ralph, 16, who was arrested here early in the week on bad check charges, was yesterday released from juvenile court to parole officers from the Washington state training school for boys at Chehalis, Wash. Ralph had been paroled from that institution.

The bad checks given Salem merchants were made good. Sheriff O. D. Bower, said he had heard.

Californians Said Parveying 'Music' By Wholesale Here
Salem music teachers were up in arms yesterday upon learning of the invasion of the city by some California syndicate specializing in mass selling of music instruction and herding youngsters into classes for the teaching.

Solicitors are reported to pull doorbells all over town to get persons to sign up contracts for a whole year's instruction. The instruction is to be given in a factory-made violin is said to be "thrown in." While the enterprise is entirely legitimate, Salem music teachers protest that there are plenty of instructors here of known competence without running risks of possible inferior teaching from outsiders.

The Statesman advises its readers to make full investigation of the proposition before signing any contract.

GENERAL HINES HERE ON JAUNT TO VIEW SITES

Looks Over Salem Hurriedly and has Conference With Hawley

On to Eugene and Roseburg Today; States Hoover Gets Final say

Salem was host last night to Major General Hines and Admiral Rogers, members of the veteran's hospitalization board of the United States Veterans' bureau and two men who have been on a possible site for the northwestern soldiers' home before leaving between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning for Eugene and Roseburg.

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LANGTRY FIGURE IS FASHIONABLE AGAIN
By ADELAIDE KERR
PARIS, July 30.—(AP)—The Lily Langtry figure with accented bust and hips returned to the style world today as a prominent Parisian fashion designer, presented her fall collection before scores of startled buyers.

The voluptuous mode of the gay nineties when figures were figures colored by feminine fancies which ruled the mode from the time of Louis the Fourteenth to Napoleon the First, were displayed amid the gasps of a surprised audience.

Although the day modes were tempered to the practical demands of active modern women, evening styles revealed the figure curves as mannequins swooped about the salons in a manner reminiscent of the famous English beauty who took two continents by storm 40 years ago.

Reeves Held on Serious Charge
Charged with doing an act manifestly intended to lead a minor to become delinquent, Roseburg, Ore., man, was remanded to the county jail yesterday to await disposition of his case, probably at the hands of the grand jury, according to Sheriff O. D. Bower. Reeves was apprehended in the Coos Bay district and returned here by Constable Pitney of Silverton.

DEALER HERE WILL SUPPLY MAGAZINES
Attending the time limit for bids for supplying Salem high school with magazines, as ordered by the school board July 14, resulted in two bids being submitted by Salem dealers. The contract remaining in the city, it was revealed at the city school superintendent's office yesterday. Last year the deal was made with George O. Goodall of Eugene. The new contract is to be awarded to Mrs. Frank A. Winslow, 304 North Church street, for \$103. A bid given by Patton Brothers book store was for \$104.50, and that by Goodall, Eugene, \$112.21.

EPIDEMIC SPREADS
JUNEAU, Alaska, July 30.—(AP)—The spread into scattered localities of the scarlet fever epidemic, which two days ago had taken the lives of 11 natives at Nushagak village, was reported today in messages from the region.

Road Delegations Appear; Police Personnel is Told

PRAY PLEDGES COURTESY AND IMPARTIALITY

Moratorium Auto Licenses Is at end, Motorists Must get Plates

Field Force Here Includes Abst, Clayton, Larios, Mogan, Thomason

"Strict impartiality in the enforcement of the law, dignity in the performance of duty, courtesy in dealing with the public, and loyalty to the ideals of the department, will constitute the policy of the new state police," said Charles P. Pray, state superintendent of police, Thursday, in announcing the field force, the commissioned officers and sergeants having previously been appointed.

"The regulations and instructions incorporated in the state police manual have been formulated with the conviction that an officer can render service with courtesy and helpfulness to the public and at the same time be efficient in the performance of his duties," continued Mr. Pray. "In this connection, I want to add that it is as much the duty of the public to observe the law as it is the duty of an officer to enforce it, and it necessarily follows that to bring about satisfactory law enforcement, any police system must enjoy, to the fullest extent, the cooperation of the public."

"The utmost care has been exercised in the selection of the personnel of the state police staff, and a majority of members thereof are of experienced men, selected from the various law enforcement units which have been merged in the state police system. A limited number of recruits will be given thorough instruction in police work at our police school."

RELIEF WORK NEXT WINTER IS TALKED
Twelve members of the board of directors of Associated Charities met here last night at the call of Mayor P. M. Gregory to plan relief work for the winter season. The group agreed to use every feasible means to tide over needy families.

An appeal will be made soon for food and clothing to be distributed this winter by the organization and circular letters will be sent to men and women of financial means asking them to give cash to the movement. Boxes are to be placed in local stores soon where small contributions to the work may be made.

It was agreed by the committee that it would attempt to obtain for Associated Charities some of the moneys still on deposit locally from the governor's bail given last January.

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HIGHLIGHTS IN HIGHWAY BOARD MEETING HELD HERE YESTERDAY

Delegations totalling more than 500 persons ask for addition to highway program. Commissioner Lynch and Governor Meier both emphatically deny any change effecting Lynch's seat on commission. Delegations ask Champeog shortcut road Portland-Salem, wider Pacific highway, Wilson river highway, ridge highway to coast, completion Central Oregon highway, Cascade highway on secondary road map, Halfway-to-Homestead road east of Baker.

Two construction bids let; Salem firm gets award for heating plant at state machine shops here.

County judges and commissioners discuss details of new secondary road system with commission.

Commissioners Spaulding moves, motion unanimously adopted, that wherever feasible commission utilize lumber in highway work.

Spaulding suggests million dollar state road program be augmented by million dollar county program, funds to be obtained by county borrowing from state highway funds.

Meier, Lynch Deny Resignation Rumor

Highway Commissioner Indignant at Report he Styles Totally Unfounded; Cause of Embarrassment to him

GOVERNOR JULIUS L. MEIER and Highway Commissioner Lynch both made strong statements late yesterday afternoon, both denying that the governor intended to remove the eastern Oregon commissioner or that the latter had resigned.

Informed in Portland that an afternoon paper here had carried news that Lynch's resignation was in his hands, Governor Meier said there was no truth in the report. "I have received no resignation, no word that a resignation is forthcoming and have asked none from Mr. Lynch," Governor Meier stated.

"Do you intend to remove Mr. Lynch?" the governor was asked. "I do not," he replied. "As far as I am concerned his work has been satisfactory."

Lynch himself was quite indignant at the report. "I have no intention of resigning unless requested to do so," he stated when informed of reports that he had sent a letter of resignation to the governor.

"It is true that I conferred with Governor Meier today, but our conversation was in no way connected with a resignation."

Lynch went on to say that repeated speculations in newspapers.

STORM AND DEATH ACCOMPANY FIRES
Butte man Killed When Tree Falls; Lightning Cause Of Many new Blazes

SPOKANE, July 30.—(AP)—Storm and death entered the forest fire battle in the northwest today and both fought on the side of the flames.

Lightning bolts blasted into the timber lands of north Idaho and everywhere they struck fresh flames flared up. Between 30 and 40 new fires were started.

E. D. Murphy, Butte, Mont., smoke chaser, was killed by a falling tree while fighting fires near the giant Deer creek conflagration on the Kootenai and Pend Oreille forests not far from Bonanza Park, Idaho.

The Deer creek fire crept slowly on, increasing its perimeter to nearly 70 miles, although five fire plow units clawed up the scorching earth with steel teeth in an effort to halt the flames with.

TWO BODIES FOUND BY HARBOR PATROL
PORTLAND, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—Harbor patrolmen, sent to recover the body of a man seen floating in the Willamette river here today, discovered the body of a second who, they said, apparently had just committed suicide.

The body discovered by the patrolmen was tentatively identified as that of Rawley Young, about 45 years of age. A grocery slip from a Port Angeles, Wash., store bearing that name, was found in his pockets. Patrolmen said the body probably had not been in the water more than 20 minutes.

The other body was identified as that of John Kinsler, 60, Portland. His watch was still running, the patrolmen reported.

Secondary Road Law is Clarified at Meeting

Clarification of the legislative act of 1931 providing for secondary roads in the 36 counties of Oregon, built and maintained under direct supervision of the state highway commission, was accomplished here yesterday when the commission thrashed out the details of the act with a committee of county judges and commissioners headed by Judge L. N. Schanep of Umatilla county.

As explained by J. M. Devera, attorney for the commission, the following points are to be observed in carrying the new law into effect:

1. The state highway commission in conjunction with the county courts is to designate various roads in different counties to be known as secondary state highways.
2. Funds amounting to a one-mill levy on assessable property in each county are to be given that county, Multnomah excepted, from state highway funds raised by the gasoline and auto license fees.
3. Work of maintaining and building the roads may be done by the counties directly but the state highway department is to supervise and pay for the work through the counties.
4. The counties are not obliged to match secondary highway funds.
5. The old market road law is in full force except for two articles regarding state appropriations. Each county is required to maintain its present market roads out of monies raised by direct taxation, but not in excess of \$200 a mile per year.
6. In the discussion which followed Devera's explanation, Chairman VanDuser pointed out that the highway commission expected to approve as secondary roads those of a general character which would fit into an inter-county road map.
7. It also developed that a county

HIGHWAY BOARD LISTENS, GETS NOW WORK DONE

Steady Stream of Petition For Improvements and New Roads Heard

Arguments for Widening of Salem-Portland Route Presented Early

From 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning until a hot summer afternoon was beginning to cool with night's approach, the state highway commission, convened in the hall of representatives in Salem, heard one delegation after another tell it why immediate work should be started on its particular road project. As a result the 31-point agenda of the commission was laid aside and virtually no routine work was accomplished. The highway commission agreed at adjournment to hold another meeting here next Thursday, August 6, at which time incomplete business of yesterday will be attended to.

More than 500 men from all parts of the state crowded before the commission, to back up the pleas of two scores of spokesmen who kept a running fire of oral attack going on the commission as the hours hurried on.

Widening Highway To Portland Urged

A widened highway between Portland and Salem, a new Champeog route to Portland, two proposals for a short-cut road to the coast, completion of the Central Oregon highway, inclusion of the Halfway to Homestead highway in eastern Oregon, widening of the west side highway between McMinnville and Middleton and rerouting of the Pacific highway through Astoria and Springfield to eliminate six miles of road as well as the designation of the Cascade highway as a secondary road system for the state came in for consideration before the commission. That body made no commitments on road construction but listened carefully to all speakers.

The four-line highway between Salem and Portland was first considered. Henry R. Crawford, president of the Salem chamber of commerce, gave the principal talk. Crawford pointed out the heavy traffic over the road, the great number of fatalities each year, the need of employment this winter for thousands of men and the nearness of this project to the center of the state and the fact that the road money of the estate should be spent where the most people could be benefited.

Crawford was backed up by a delegation of more than 200 men from communities along the proposed widened road. A Woodburn lead the list with a delegation of 50 men. Speakers who reinforced Crawford's presentation included James Smith, Marion county commissioner, Ray Glatt of Woodburn, E. C. Starkweather of Albany, O. D. Eby of Oregon City, R. Hedler of Mt. Angel, Dr. Gerald Smith of Woodburn, Judge C. W. Kruse of Oregon City.

Pioneer Highway Backers Appoint
Mrs. Violet Abild, Portland attorney and president of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, was chairman of the group which presented the case for the new short-cut Pioneer highway from Portland to Salem by way of Champeog. Milton A. Miller, making the first speech, said there would relieve traffic density on other highways up and down the valley, would provide a suitable memorial for the pioneers and would aid the Champeog park organization in getting support for the development of the park.

George W. Lippert, leader of the United West Side clubs representing 52 communities in the valley, told the commission there had been too much procrastination in building roads. He insisted a road built shortening the distance from Portland to the coast.

Speaking of the proposed Champeog road, he said a 190-foot roadway would not be sufficient to handle the traffic of the next 20 years. Other speakers for the road included Dr. Henry Morris, of Salem, Harvey Starkweather of Albany, Mrs. Christopher E. Hart of Portland, Judge Peter H. D'Arcy of Salem, L. M. Lepper of the East Side Commercial club of Portland, S. V. Graham of Butteville, Mrs. I. L. Patterson of Dale.

G. W. Culler, 93-year-old Civil war veteran and a member, as he said "of that fast disappearing group of pioneers" made a spirited plea for the highway. Culler said his wife was the last survivor of the Applegate party of one thousand people. The Cullers live in Portland near the place where the proposed road would start.

Yamhill Widening Project Through Up
W. S. Allan, Yamhill county

NEGOTIATIONS FAIL IN MILK SQUABBLE
Recent attempts to reach an agreement between the milk producers and distributors in the Portland-Salem and Vancouver areas, with failure to the price that shall be paid to producers for their product, have failed, according to letters received Thursday by Max Gehlar, director of the state agricultural department, from the Dairy Cooperative association.

Following a series of conferences between committees representing the two factions, it virtually was agreed that the producers would receive a maximum price of \$2.10 per 100 pounds for milk delivered in Portland, Salem or Vancouver.

A contract was prepared, but was not signed because of some disagreement relative to the price and disposal of surplus milk.

Gehlar declared that there is no law under which the state agricultural department can force an agreement between the warring factions. He said he merely acted as chairman at the several conferences, but not in the role of an arbiter.

W. S. Allan, Yamhill county
It also developed that a county