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Fair tonight and Saturday,
continued warm; light north-
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\$600,000 ISSUE OF WATER BONDS FOR CITY WINS AT ELECTION, VOTE COUNT SHOWS

LANTERN LIGHT SHINES ON GAS, THEN DISASTER

Tank Being Filled Near Millican Explodes

TWO BADLY BURNED

Flames Destroy Auto and Fire Hay—Injured Men Drive to Bend for Aid

Two men were seriously burned, a barn and a haystack were destroyed by fire and a Chevrolet automobile was ruined at midnight last night in the Millican country when gasoline being poured into the tank of the automobile was exploded by a lighted lantern. The injured men are Herbert Moore, 45, and Curt Hirsch, 35. The two men, who live about 15 miles from Millican, had killed and dressed a calf and were preparing to drive to the market early this morning, when the explosion occurred. Hirsch was pouring the gasoline into the tank and Moore was holding the lantern for him when the tank exploded.

Fortunately, the burning gasoline did not spread over the men's bodies, the burns being confined to Hirsch's left arm and to Moore's right arm. Immediately following the explosion, Hirsch and Moore drove to Bend in Moore's machine, arriving here shortly before 5 o'clock. They were taken at once to St. Charles hospital, where their burns were dressed. The distance they drove after being injured by the explosion was 45 miles.

Flames Reach Haystack

Spreading from the automobile, the flames made their way to the Hirsch barn and haystack, destroying them in a short time. More than 25 tons of hay were destroyed by the fire. Hirsch estimates his loss at more than \$1,000, unprotected by insurance.

Despite their painful injuries, the two men saved their dressed calf from the fire, moving it from place to place as the flames ate their way through the barnyard. Regardless of their suffering, they brought the dressed calf to Bend. Moore and Hirsch were released from the hospital shortly before noon today, but will be under the care of a physician for some time.

Prisoner of Bandits Healing His Captors

PEKING, Aug. 7.—Bandits who spirited Dr. Harvey Howard of the Rockefeller hospital at Peking away after murdering Morgan Palmer, American, in Manchuria, have put Howard to work treating their ailments. Howard is an optical specialist, but a letter from him—bearing no indication of his whereabouts—says that he is giving medical aid to his captors, that they in turn are being kind to him and feeding him well. He reported his health good, but nothing was indicated as to the condition under which his release might be obtained.

Seattle Youngsters Drown Despite Comrades' Efforts

SEATTLE, Aug. 7.—Youthful companions witnessed the drowning of two nine year old boys in Seattle yesterday afternoon. Jack Ikord, son of a theatrical man here, lost his life at Mt. Baker park bathing beach. Richard Gilbert of Duwamish was drowned in the White river near the boy's home. Both boys drowned after their companions had made heroic efforts to rescue them.

ELECTROCUTE OHIO KILLER

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 7.—Loney Traylor, 21, Portsmouth, Ohio, died in the electric chair here today for the murder of Edward W. Funk, Seotsville filling station proprietor, during a robbery October 21, 1924.

Purchase of Courthouse Site Not Necessary Now, Continue to Rent Advises Committee From Clubs

Building Used at Present Held Adequate for Long Number of Years—Tax Burden Must be Considered as Factor in Construction, Urged in Report

Belief that the purchase of grounds and the construction of a county court house is not a necessary investment at this time, and a recommendation that the subject of rented quarters be given serious consideration, feature the report of the committee appointed by the board of directors of the Bend Commercial club to investigate and report, with recommendations, certain matters relative to a county court house.

USE OF RELIGION IN STRIKE BARRED

Miners Appealing for Sympathy Put Under Arrest

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) HENRIETTA, Okla., Aug. 7.—"Religious" procedure of striking union miners to gain public sentiment and "soften the hearts" of mine owners ended abruptly today as Sheriff John Russell of Oklahoma county issued a proclamation here ordering such demonstrations stopped and threatening martial law. Two alleged union miners, said to have disregarded the sheriff's order, were arrested. State troops have been here in charge for several weeks, following an outbreak. Between 700 and 1,000 union miners quit work, rather than accept the 1917 wage scale. Characterized as the strangest procedure ever employed by striking miners, the workers appealed to non-union coal diggers and mine owners through prayers and by singing hymns and "The Star Spangled Banner." In their prayers they asked "divine protection" for strike breakers.

Each day as the strike breakers quit their work, union miners and their families gathered around the mine openings armed with American flags and hymn books.

MOB HANGS NEGRO WHO SEIZED GIRL

Dragged from Jail by Mis-sourians Despite Guard

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Aug. 7.—A mob of 700 persons dragged Miller Mitchell, negro assaulter of Miss Maude Holt, 18, from the county jail here this afternoon and lynched him. The mob entered the jail shortly before 3 o'clock and brought the negro into the street.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Aug. 7.—A mob estimated at approximately 700 persons milled about the county jail here today where Miller Mitchell, negro, is being held under heavy guard after an attack on Miss Maude Holt, 18, early today. Authorities fear Mitchell will be taken from the jail and lynched. Miss Holt, who is in a serious condition, identified Mitchell at the jail this morning. The attack occurred early today while Miss Holt and Leonard Utt were returning from a picnic. The negro held Utt at bay with a gun while he dragged Miss Holt from the car.

Man With Bullet Wounds Held as Robbery Suspect

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—Portland police were holding William H. Bennett under arrest today, suspected of attempting to rob Jacob Stauffer, aged Marion county rancher. Bennett went to the Good Samaritan hospital last night for treatment of bullet wounds in his abdomen, saying he received them in a fight on the lower Columbia river highway. Earl Brown, Bennett's companion, was also held for investigation.

Mrs. Lida Bechtell Dies, Is Taken Ill On Outing

Brought to Bend in an ambulance yesterday evening from the Hansen resort on the Metolius river, Mrs. Lida Bechtell, 67 years of age, died at the St. Charles hospital shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. Cause of death was an affection of the alimentary tract. The body was taken to Prineville today for burial.

BUILDING ROCK ATTRACTS DEAN OF UNIVERSITY

College of Mines Head Here to Investigate

MATERIAL PRAISED

Capitalist From East Also Comes to Examine Stone Found in Mid State

That the attention of eastern capitalists is being attracted by light weight building stone common in Central Oregon became known this morning with the visit to Bend of Dr. Milnor Roberts, mining engineer and dean of the University of Washington college of mines. Dean Roberts was accompanied to Bend by F. G. Bemis of Boston, Massachusetts, representing a large building incorporation. The "pink stone" of the Bend country, light in weight and very durable, is an ideal building material, in the opinion of Dean Roberts, who, with Bemis, is making an examination of building stone deposits in the Pacific states this summer. Dean Roberts and Bemis spent yesterday visiting deposits near Bend and examining buildings in this city. A cement used by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co., having as its base cinder material and black sand, was also examined. Bend is most fortunately located in the matter of securing building material, it was mentioned by Dean Roberts.

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Schoolboy Writing His Confession of Patricide

Iowa Slayer of Unusual Intellectual Attainments—Mother, Thought Dying, Accuses Her Son

(Copyright 1925 by The United Press) ALLISON, Ia., Aug. 7.—Alone in his cell, Warren Vandervoort, 17 year old intellectual, this afternoon was writing a confession that he killed his father and seriously wounded his mother. Warren admitted the shooting but said he could tell the details only in writing. He asked the sheriff to leave him alone in the room so that he could compose his confession.

ELMORE MARRIAGE REPORT VERIFIED

Mrs. W. P. Downing Bride In Ritzville In June

Verifying a rumor which has been current in Bend for several weeks, information was received today from Adams county, Washington, stating that Mrs. W. P. Downing was married in Ritzville, Washington, June 19 to Claude H. Elmore, by Rev. O. T. Just, German Lutheran minister. Witnesses were Mrs. Just and her daughter. Both Mrs. Elmore and her husband are well known in Bend. Elmore was employed for a time by a newspaper here and later in a local furniture store. Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore left for Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they purchased a restaurant. Mrs. Elmore's three younger daughters, Florence, Reita and Dorothy, have joined her in Minneapolis.

O. T. GIVES REPLIES TO I. C. C. QUESTIONS

Service to be Afforded Now Isolated Points

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) SALEM, Aug. 7.—The Oregon Trunk railway will probably establish stations on its proposed extension from Bend to Klamath Falls at La Pine, Crescent, Skookum, Beatty, Bonanza and Olene, according to information filed with the interstate commerce commission. The Oregon Trunk's reply to a questionnaire from that commission has been placed on file with the public service commission here. Of the above points La Pine, Crescent, Beatty and Bonanza have no railroad service whatever now. The paper declares the railroad would serve an area of approximately 12,000 square miles.

Fight For Girl's Favor, Medford Laborer Stabbed

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 7.—Physicians today declared there was a good chance for the recovery of F. K. Lightfoot, Weed, Cal., laborer, who was stabbed last night in a fight over a woman's favor. Lightfoot came here to visit with Edith Maxey, pretty restaurant waitress. Jack Phillips was paying his attentions to Miss Maxey when Lightfoot arrived and a quarrel ensued which grew more serious until the stabbing resulted. Phillips made his escape and was still at large.

British Columbia Miners Find High Grade Claims

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 7.—Despite the disappointment of hundreds of miners who participated in the rush to the Cassiar country in British Columbia, gold is being brought out of there in paying quantities at last, according to word received from Wrangell. The first shipments of gold were brought down the Stikine river yesterday, with the report that several claims have averaged from \$20 to \$30 a day per man, the message said.

Drops Fire In Street, New Law Allows Arrest

Discards Cigarette In Town of Sisters, Charge

Local Justice Court Invokes Statute For First Time In Central Oregon

Because he threw a lighted cigarette on the main street of Sisters, not far from the Sisters Cash store, a warrant was issued today for the arrest of Fred Schira. Schira is charged with unlawfully and wilfully throwing away a lighted cigarette on a public highway in Deschutes county. The warrant was issued under the law passed by the last session of the state legislature which makes it a misdemeanor to throw lighted material on public property. So far as known, this is the first case in Central Oregon which will be tried under the new law. The warrant for Schira's arrest was issued from the office of Justice of the Peace E. D. Gilson in Bend.

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MAJORITY OF 121 SUPPORTS DEBT TO BUY AND IMPROVE OLD PLANT; WATER BOARD TO BE NAMED LATER

Fox and Schilling Want Precinct Action

CONDEMNING LIKELY

Buyers of Bonds Silent, But Other Dealers Asking For Information

Bend voted \$600,000 worth of general obligation bonds, and provided for a tax levy to pay interest and principal thereon, it was learned last night when the ballots in the municipal election were counted. The vote was 876 in favor of the charter amendment making these provisions, and 755 against. Sixteen hundred and forty-one ballots were deposited at the three polling places at the Reid, Kenwood and Central schools, but 10 which were defective in one way or another were thrown out. Only in one of the three polling places were the bonds defeated. That was at the Reid school, where the vote stood 296 in favor and 345 against. Kenwood voted 295 to 221 in favor of the bonds, and Central voted 285 to 189.

FLAMES IN FOREST LEVEL WHOLE TOWN

Dance Hall and Depot Remain at Maple Falls

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) BELLINGHAM, Aug. 7.—The entire town of Maple Falls, 350 inhabitants, was destroyed by fire this morning. Nothing was left but a dance hall and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway station. The loss was estimated at \$70,000. Forest fires destroyed camp No. 4 of the Clear Lake Lumber company near Lyman, and camp No. 11 of the Lyman Timber company, despite efforts of 200 men who attempted to check the blaze. Three other camps were in danger.

Forest Fire Spreading Toward Northern Line

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 7.—The Mount Sophia fire in Stevens county near the Canadian border is spreading and more fire fighters are needed to combat the flames, according to a wire received here today from P. C. Caverhill, chief of forestry of British Columbia. He appealed for more men to combat the flames and prevent them from crossing into Canadian territory. Caverhill said all his men are employed elsewhere. American and Canadian fire fighters are cooperating in battling flames in the border zone. Three smaller fires were reported from Eastern Lewis county and a new fire at Maytown was spreading in the Simpson Logging company's holdings.

Central Oregon Is Praised By State Farm Magazine

Under the caption "Central Oregon Produces Good Hay," the issue of the Oregon Farmer for August 6 has for a cover illustration a picture taken on the J. A. Struss place near Cline Falls. The picture is that of an alfalfa field. "Central Oregon is recognized as a livestock and hay producing country," the article accompanying the illustration states. Struss feeds most of his hay to his dairy herd.

Seattle Fire Is Halted After 12 Hour Fight

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) SEATTLE, Aug. 7.—After raging all night, flames which swept the Columbia Croosoting Works on the west water way were finally brought under control when the last blaze was put out at 6 o'clock this morning. Firemen had been on duty at the fire for more than 12 hours. Warren Brown, 17, was drowned while watching the spectacular blaze. Four firemen were seriously hurt when a fire truck crashed into a telephone pole as it was rushing to the fire. The damage to the croosote works is estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

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"We will condemn if a satisfactory price is not reached," he said. "But what is a satisfactory price? What might be satisfactory to some?"

Water Board Considered

It will be at least two weeks before members of a water board will be designated to have charge of the city water system, it was made known today by Mayor R. H. Fox. Tonight's meeting, he expects, will be given over to payment of bills, canvassing of ballots, and other routine matters. Both he and A. O. Schilling, president of the council, state that the city administration would prefer not to take the initiative in the matter of appointment of a water board. Both officials suggest that in each of the eight county precincts within the city petitions recommending appointment of individuals be circulated and presented to the council. That body, said Fox and Schilling, would like to have strong recommendations of the kind as a basis for action. No petitions are in, said Recorder Louis Bennett, and he has received no intimation that any are likely to be filed immediately. Charter Makes Provision The water board would be in charge after a municipal water system is acquired and ready for operation, according to the provisions of the city charter, which says: "The income of such plant, and the operation, maintenance, extension and improvement thereof, after said plant shall be so far completed as to be ready for operation, shall be in the hands and control of a commission to be known as the Bend Water Board, which shall be composed of not less than three freeholders of the city of Bend, whose salary, duties, term of office and appointment shall be fixed by the common council of the city by ordinance at or before the time when said plant is ready for operation."

Likelihood Exists that the Water Distribution System of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. will be Condemned, a Promise Having been Given, it is Understood, that such action would be taken in exchange for certain support for the bond issue. Virtual corroboration that such procedure would be started was given by Councilman Schilling, who stated that it is practically the only way of reaching a generally satisfactory price for the company's system.

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