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PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

2 CONFESS QUADRIPE SLAYING

SANTIAM ROAD INSPECTED BY COUNTY COURT

State and Local Officials
Go Over Construction
Work in Progress

Plan To Make Mill City-
Detroit Section Sec-
ondary State Hiway

A party of eleven, including State Highway Commissioner Spaulding, State Market Road Engineer Scott, County Engineer Swart, County Roadmaster Johnson, County Judge Siegmund, County Commissioners Porter and Smith, C. O. Wilson, secretary of the chamber of commerce, County Clerk Boyer, Roger Withing and Mrs. Jorgensen left Thursday morning for an all day trip up the new North Santiam highway. They expect to go over the route already worked on and if they have time may penetrate further up into the proposed route into Linn county.

While the road is being constructed on joint federal and county funds exclusively the state highway department is deeply interested in its project as eventually it will probably become the most important and most heavily used of any road across the Cascade mountains. The question of improvement of the road from the forest reserve area where federal funds are used.

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RENO DIVORCES BEING PROBED

Reno, Nev. (AP)—Reno's courts Thursday gave heed to the question of perjury in their fast and ever-grinding divorce mill.

The divorce issue was shocked and no little worried at the hint of changing from the rule that has prevailed—a minimum of questioning and a maximum of ease in severing the bonds of marriage.

Judge Benjamin F. Cutler, who presides over one of the two departments of the district court, declared that he is investigating the divorces obtained here in July by Ralph Modjeski, internationally prominent engineer, and Mrs. Mary T. Giblyn of New York, and their immediate marriage.

He said they had given Russian addresses in their divorce complaints, had listed Reno as their permanent residence and when they had applied for the marriage license they were from New York.

5 KILLED BY GARAGE BLAST

Battle Creek, Mich. (AP)—At least five persons were burned to death in an explosion at an east side garage and service station Thursday.

Fifteen persons were in the building when the blast occurred, it was reported. Firemen rescued individuals trapped in the burning structure.

Firemen smashed through windows to reach several persons, whose clothes had been fired by the blast.

Jack Glenius, owner of the garage, was one of the several reported missing.

The known victims were: Robert Finton, 20; Floyd Carlisle, about 40; Albert Latta, 31; and Clara Higgins, all of Battle Creek. A 12 year old boy was said to have been the fifth victim.

Gasoline, ignited by a blow torch being used on a radiator, caused the blast, firemen said.

A series of minor explosions followed the first one. Flames gutted the building.

Fined \$1 For Bumping Engine

A fine of \$1 and costs was imposed by Justice of the Peace Miller B. Hayden Thursday upon Frank Campanus of Woodburn who pleaded guilty to a charge of driving his automobile too close behind a Woodburn fire pumper, so close, in fact, that he collided with some of the protruding ladders with some damage to his automobile.

The fire pumper at the time was en route to a fire at the Lawrence Fischweiler house near St. Louis. The building was destroyed. A harvest crew of eight men was eating dinner in the house when the flames broke out and were unaware that the house was ablaze until the flames were seen. They heard the roar of the fire but thought it was an automobile in the road.

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper
By DON UPJOHN

And now Ma Kennedy wants to reward Mr. Hudson. But that should worry Mr. Hudson. One more wedding more or less wouldn't be much in his life, from all reports.

We notice that all of the safe nowadays seem to have combinations and no locks. The late Lady Godiva, as we remember the story, seemed to have only locks and no combination.

Which we consider a pretty fair joke if we did think it up.

"Oregonians Plead for Dam Projects," says a headline in the Statesman. Well, we hope they get their dam projects, and that's all we have to say on the matter.

We were interested in the note in last evening's paper in re Fred Lampport planning to resign as vice-president of the United States National bank to resume the practice of law. But as usual the story overlooked the real important point about Fred's career, same being that during the last summer he's taken four or five strokes of his golf score. But as usual patient merit plods along unhonored and unused.

The case of Seck Manufacturing company against American Trust company has used up three days in circuit court here and promises to last that long yet, or longer. It may be that if you Seck you will find but in this particular instance they've been a long time Secking.

We stopped on the street this a. m. to talk to George Neuner, United States attorney visiting from Portland. Jimmy Nicholson also strolled up. As we were standing discussing possibility of manufacture of a prune concentrate to compete with the California grape concentrate a panhandler joined in and bumbled us each for a dime. George and we chipped in. Jim in his thrifty, Scotch way gave the lad a quarter. Thanking us the panhandler turned, hurried up the street, and disappeared into the First National bank. We hope he got our money deposited all right.

The Oregonian joined us editorially the other day in our campaign against Rod Allen and insists there are places where beautiful sunrises may be seen on Oregon beaches. Well, we knew we were right all the time like we always are.

A lady described as a beautiful blonde, with big blue eyes came into the office yesterday and left an ad. "By the way," she asked the young lady at the counter, "is Sips here?" The young lady inquired no but asked if there was any word to leave us. "Isn't that too bad," said the beautiful lady. "I brought this all all the way down here just to see what Sips looks like and he isn't around the place."

If this sort of a thing is going to keep up we'll have to start hanging around the office more.

It seems it doesn't make much difference whether you build a better mousetrap or write bigger and better Sips the blondes will beat a path right up to your door.

UNION PACIFIC TO CUT SHOP WORK

Omaha (AP)—W. M. Jeffers, vice president in charge of operations of the Union Pacific railroad system, Thursday announced the company "in order to avoid reduction in force," is closing some of the larger shops on the system for four or five days each month for a few months only.

The move he said, is being taken with the concurrence of shop employ organization representatives.

Shops affected are located at Portland, Omaha, Pocatello, and Los Angeles.

Laval Accepts Bid For Return Parley

Paris (AP)—Premier Laval Thursday afternoon accepted Chancellor Bruening's invitation for a return Franco-German conference in Berlin and the trip was set for August 28. The invitation to Premier Laval and Foreign Minister Briand to visit Berlin for a return meeting with Chancellor Bruening was delivered to the ministry of the interior Thursday by Ambassador Leopold Von Hoesch.

SPORNS ROBBED
Portland (AP)—Two couples who parked on lonely lanes Wednesday night complained to police that they had been held up and robbed.

W. C. Meyer said he lost his watch and his girl companion was robbed of 50 cents.

E. W. Conziff said \$2 was taken from himself and his companion. They are the deer.

CLEMENCY TO FALL REFUSED BY PRESIDENT

Former Cabinet Officer
Now in Jail Must Serve
Sentence for Bribery

Prosecutors and Judges
Hold Out for Punish-
ment of Ex-Secretary

Washington (AP)—Executive clemency was denied Thursday to Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, serving a sentence of a year and a day for accepting a bribe.

The reason for the denial was given that none of the three prosecutors and judges whose opinions were asked on the petition advised clemency.

A recent executive order signed by both President Hoover and Attorney General Mitchell provided that "when none of the persons so consulted advises clemency the papers shall not be sent to the president" except in exceptional cases.

The attorney general said he had determined there was "no reason to make a special order submitting the papers to the president" and thus the plea in behalf of Fall automatically was denied.

Besides the year and a day sentence Fall was fined \$100,000. He.

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PLAN BRIDGE AT JEFFERSON

With Market Road Engineer Oscar Cutler and some other representatives of the state highway commission and Linn county making a general inspection trip Thursday, covering the old Sanderson bridge in Linn county on a road between Jefferson and Lebanon, to see what can be done about the bridge, County Commissioner Smith of Marion county Thursday morning made a proposal to State Market Road Engineer Scott at the courthouse here to give the Pacific highway bridge at Jefferson to Linn county to replace the Sanderson bridge to permit the highway commission to construct a new bridge at Jefferson.

By the proposal it was shown two extremely dangerous bridges could be gotten out of the way and the Jefferson bridge which is in first class condition but too narrow, would be salvaged and Linn county saved the expense of purchasing materials for a new long bridge to replace the Sanderson bridge. The Jefferson bridge it is stated, is long.

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BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS BUTTERMAKER

Bellingham, Wash. (AP)—E. C. Ward, 47, buttermaker and manager, was killed and Chris Rosler, a farmer, suffered a broken collar bone when an explosion of a steam-boiler wrecked the creamery plant of the San Juan county dairymen's association at Friday Harbor Thursday.

The explosion was believed to be due to a defect in the boiler.

The building, a new structure of concrete blocks, together with equipment was valued at about \$15,000. Every window was shattered, the rear end was blown out and other walls of the structure were badly damaged.

Ward is survived by the widow and four children.

Cat Fights Rattles To Save Kiddies

Rawlins, Wyo. (AP)—"Pussy," a house cat owned by Ted Cross, of South Rawlins, pounced upon a rattlesnake approaching his three children playing in the backyard of the Cross home, and held the reptile at bay until three passersby killed it. Cross vowed for the story.

The cat, Cross said, sprang on the snake and to its back. When the snake coiled the cat sprang away, and when it uncoiled "Pussy" again sprang upon the reptile and tore it with its claws. The snake has eight rattles and a button.

Deer Jumps in Road, Killed, Car Wrecked

Eugene, Ore. (AP)—Casualties: One dead deer, one wrecked automobile.

It happened when the deer jumped off the cribbing along the city hydroelectric plant canal at Lebanon, directly into the path of the automobile.

The only persons benefitted were inmates of a charitable institution. They ate the deer.

Fall Fashions Give Women Play Of Moods

New York (AP)—The fashion mode for fall and winter reveals a paradox—daytime wear is communicative, evening attire is royalistic.

The new evening gowns are super-sophisticated—jewel encrusted and regal with trains and trailing hems. Afternoon and street frocks reflect individualism and freedom of taste and manner, reveals Mrs. Paul Adler, New York fashion designer, who has returned from Paris.

So influenced are women of fashion by the changing tempo of the mode, says Mrs. Adler, that they are not the same persons at night as the year during the morning when in different attire.

For instance, Mrs. Adler noted.

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FIVE-DAY WEEK URGED BY LABOR

Atlantic City, N. J. (AP)—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor Thursday urged adoption of a five-day week and a six-hour day to meet the "national emergency" of the coming winter, the third consecutive winter of widespread unemployment.

Finding unemployment "increasing to an astonishing degree," while the owners and managers of industry "stand impotent and helpless," the council issued a plan of action which included six provisions:

Adoption of the five day week by private and government industries.

Adoption of the six hour day if necessary, and "work security" wherever possible.

Maintenance of the standard rate of pay.

Inauguration and maintenance of a federal, state and municipal building and construction program "minimum wage type."

Formulation and use of a plan to stabilize industry.

Calling of a conference of representatives of industry and labor by President Herbert Hoover.

Reports of the federation from member organizations in daily contact with labor conditions tell of distress and human suffering, according to President William Green. "It would be a reflection upon the nation."

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CUBAN REBELS TO SURRENDER

Havana (AP)—President Gerardo Machado left for Santa Clara Thursday to meet prominent rebel leaders who have expressed the desire to surrender to him. It was announced officially at the presidential palace.

It was hoped in official circles that the president's trip would break the revolt in which some 600 persons have been killed and 200 taken prisoner.

Although the "prominent rebel leaders" were not identified by palace officials, it was understood that the president would confer with General Mario Menocal, former president and the insurgent leaders, Mendieta and Gomez.

Reports of peace conferences with the rebels came from other quarters. Senator Wilfredo Fernandez told the United Press that the government was attempting to reach rebel leaders for conferences, aimed to avoid further "regrettable bloodshed."

Garage Fire Takes Lives of 5 Persons

Battle Creek, Mich. (AP)—Five persons were burned to death Thursday in a fire and explosion in a garage on the eastern limits of the city.

Cotton Destruction Plan Is Expected To Arouse Controversy

Washington (AP)—The federal farm board's proposal for destruction of one-third of the cotton crop is the most extensive effort yet made by the government to deal with the huge surplus of the necessary crop of life which are piling up in the midst of depression. The proposal was expected Thursday to lead to severe controversy.

It follows up private efforts in the same direction in other commodities. California peach growers are reported to have agreed to destroy a large portion of their surplus. In Kansas wheat farmers have dumped their grain in the streets or let it lie rather than sell it for 25 cents a bushel.

Proposals are being revived to send part of the government-owned wheat to feed famine-stricken

LINDY AWAITS CLEARING SKIES FOR SEA FLIGHT

Rainy Weather Keeps
Vacationists at Home
—Guests of Eskimos

Kyak Races Staged by
Natives—Historic Gold
Fields Visited

Nome, Alaska (AP)—Lowering clouds and rain-filled skies Thursday prolonged the visit of Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, flying vacationists, in this historic "gold rush" town, barring their immediate departure for the Orient.

On retiring Wednesday night, Lindbergh declared it was "very doubtful" if the take-off for the Siberian coast would be made Thursday morning, and the storm and severe rain continued unabated through the night.

The weather also prevented a photographer's plane from leaving for the east and Fairbanks, with a fifth of an inch of rain falling in 12 hours up to 5 p.m.

In commenting on the change of their plans, for Lindbergh had announced a few hours after arriving here Thursday afternoon that they "must be on their way" Thursday morning, he said they were in no great hurry and could well await clearer skies for the next 1000-mile flight.

Final preparations for a sudden lift in the weather, however, have.

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FRUIT GROWERS PROTEST RATES

Portland (AP)—Further protest against the proposed flat increase of 15 percent in railroad freight rates was filed with the interstate commerce commission here Thursday by fruit growers of the Pacific northwest.

H. M. Gilbert, for the past 34 years an apple grower and business man of Yakima, Wash., told the commissioners Thursday that "the railroads should hesitate before they kill the goose that lays a \$30,000,000 golden egg for them every year."

"It is an amazing economic theory," Gilbert insisted, "that the railroads can drive \$30,000,000 a year in long haul freight rates away from their rails to water and truck transportation, and still hope to increase revenue by the rate increase."

The interstate commerce commission hearing opened Wednesday, to give Pacific northwest shippers, ranchers and lumbermen an opportunity to oppose the petition for increased rail rates.

Gilbert and H. D. Scudder, chairman of farm management at Oregon State college, were the only witnesses heard during the morning session.

LOANS TO BROKERS DROP 17 MILLIONS

Washington (AP)—Loans on stocks and bonds to brokers and dealers by reporting federal reserve member banks in New York City decreased \$17,000,000 during the week ended August 12 to \$1,329,000,000, a new record low for the present completion.

This week's total compares with \$1,346,000,000 in the preceding week, \$1,390,000,000 two weeks ago and \$1,355,000,000 on August 13, 1930.

Postmaster Takes Burglar and Auto

Chehalis, Wash. (AP)—The usual order was reversed at Lebanon Wednesday when Postmaster G. W. Adams held up two safe crackers, and captured their automobile.

Adams was awakened by the men working on the postoffice safe. The pair fled when he fired a shotgun, not even stopping for their car.

Adams appropriated it, and overtook Verill H. Rapp, Portland, four miles from Lebanon.

Rapp, 25, was jailed on a charge of being one of the burglars.

Pendleton Shirt Ready for Meier

Pendleton (AP)—A shirt, designed as far as possible in keeping with gubernatorial dignity, but without of fittingly loud hue and pattern, awaits Governor Julius L. Meier when he visits the Pendleton Round-up on the last three days of the month.

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Three Groups Vie For Domination of Republican Party

By HARRY N. CRAIN

Believing the visible aspects of which Oregon politics is clothed during these lethargic dog days there is being waged a quiet but determined struggle for control and reorganization of the republican party which gives promise of developing into an interesting and violently bitter war of wits during the primary campaign of next spring, and may or may not complete the overthrow of "old guard" domination, still stunned and staggering from the trouncing experienced during the last gubernatorial free-for-all.

So far there has been no ballyhoo, but of intrigue and strategic maneuvering there are a hundred evidences.

At the outset the objective of the attacking forces is the unseating of Ralph E. Williams, republican committeeman from Oregon and vice chairman of the national committee, and the aggressors are the forces which last fall elevated Julius Meier to the governorship as an independent, and that younger group of republicans who, taking

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400,000 ACRES FOREST CLOSED

Governor Meier Thursday issued a proclamation closing 400,000 acres of forest lands in Coos and Douglas counties.

These counties were the hardest hit in the forest fires which swept the state the past 15 days.

The proclamation was issued at request of Lynn Cronmiller, state forester, and is effective Friday morning.

Two hundred and forty-five acres of timber land in eastern Coos and western Douglas counties were closed, and 114,500 additional acres in the same section of the state were closed to entry except by permit.

Areas closed to absolute entry include 60,000 acres in the Eden ridge country south of Camas valley and 180,000 acres in the Tloga and Bottom creek country in Coos and Douglas counties.

Areas closed to entry except on permit include 5,000 acres on the headwaters of the west fork of Cow creek in Douglas county; 17,500 acres east of the town of Powers on the south fork of Coquille river in Coos county; 12,000 acres north of the Roseburg-Mainfield highway between Bradford station and three miles below Remote in Coos county.

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SUDDEN FLOOD TAKES 5 LIVES

Tehachapi, Cal. (AP)—A 20-foot wall of water which raced out of the Tehachapi mountains, carried two and possibly five persons to death late Wednesday.

A six-inch fall of rain within a half hour turned the dry Mathrone canyon into a raging torrent, as it swept down upon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis.

Davis saw the flood coming and tried to escape with his wife in his arms, but she was swept away.

William M. McFarland, of Portland, Ore., and Robert Olive and A. L. Cooper, Los Angeles, driving 10 miles east of this town, became stalled in the rising water. They started to wade to safety, but McFarland became exhausted in the struggle, and died as his rescuers rushed him to Mojave, crossing the La Rose bridge just as it was washed away.

Three others, a mother, father and their child, were reported to have perished when their cabin on Oak creek, near Woodford, was swept away by the sudden cloud-burst.

More than 500 feet of the San Joaquin valley main line of the Southern Pacific railroad was washed away, and a four-foot earth fill several thousand feet long, between Mojave and Cantil, was being placed Thursday so that trains could resume their schedules.

At Monolith, 2½ miles from here, the torrent inundated the railroad tracks to a depth of 8 feet. Five feet of water poured through the Monolith cement plant.

RODENT WAR BREEDS PESTS

Washington (AP)—Prof. A. Brazier Howell of Johns Hopkins Medical school, Baltimore, Thursday charged in a public letter to Senator McNary of Oregon, that the grasshopper menace in the middle west was a result of the government policy of extermination of rodents.

Ground squirrels and other small animals, Howell said, constitute the chief check on the increase of insects on the western plains where there are few insect eating birds. Such animals eat large quantities of grasshoppers, he explained, and disperse and devour egg cases of the insects.

The department of agriculture is practically exterminating rodents by poison over thousands of square miles, Howell said, with resulting "terrible scourges of insects."

He requested Senator McNary, who is chairman of the senate agriculture committee, to use his influence for control, rather than extermination of rodents.

KEYSTONE POLITICAL LEADER PASSES

Philadelphia (AP)—Thomas W. Cunningham, 72, sheriff of Philadelphia, treasurer of the republican state committee, and one of the leaders in the Philadelphia republican organization, died in an Atlantic City hospital Thursday from heart disease.

"Big Tom," as he was known among his friends, was in politics more than 35 years. He came into public notice after the senatorial election of 1926 in which William F. Vare was elected to the United States senate only to be refused a seat in that body because of alleged excessive campaign expenses.

Cunningham refused to tell on the senate special committee investigating campaign expenses the source of \$50,000 he contributed to Vare's campaign fund.

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London (AP)—Despite the decision of the Indian national congress not to participate in the all India round table conference, that conference will be held beginning September 5 as planned, it was stated Thursday in authoritative circles.

WHITE OWNER OF GUN, NEGRO ADMIT CRIME

Fred Smith, White, Na-
than Blackstone, Ne-
gro, Confess Murders

Killed Two Boys and Two
Girls on Road and Set
Auto Ablaze

Ypsilanti, Mich. (AP)—Fred Smith, white, and Nathan Blackstone, negro, confessed Thursday that they killed the two boys and two girls whose bodies were found on a country road near here Tuesday morning.

Blackstone did most of the talking.

He detailed to the officers how they killed the four young people, drove around with the bodies in the automobile of one of the young men for quite a while, and then set fire to the car in which the bodies were piled.

Ypsilanti, Mich. (AP)—"We have the man," Prosecutor Harry S. Toy of Wayne county declared Thursday after questioning a suspect in the murders Tuesday morning of two couples in their teens near Willis, Mich.

"He admitted having the gun Monday night and on several previous occasions," Toy added. "I can't say more at present."

It was learned the man is a former inmate of a Michigan prison who gave the alias of Herbert Smith, said to be a former neighbor of Harry Lore, 16, of Ypsilanti, who was shot to death. Thomas Wheatley, his chum, of Detroit, Mich., and Vivian Gold, and Anna May Harrison, both of Cleveland, were beaten to death and their bodies burned in Wheatley's automobile on a lonely road near here.

The pistol referred to by Toy has been proved by ballistics experts to be great.

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MEXICAN TOWNS ARE INUNDATED

Mexico City (AP)—A dispatch to the newspaper El Universal Thursday, from Tampico said 16 villages, averaging 500 each in population, had been inundated along the river Panuco by a cloudburst. The loss of life was unknown but was believed to be great.

The majority of the people fled to the hills where it was reported they are almost starving.

The dispatch says Miravillas is entirely surrounded by water and the people have nothing to eat. Twenty bodies were seen in the water.

BRITISH PARTIES STUDY FINANCES

London (AP)—The three major British political parties were preparing Thursday to cooperate in seeking means to solve the nation's grave financial problem.

Following a hurried conference with the conservative leaders Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald, and the two conservatives and Sir Herbert Samuel, liberal leader, to a three party conference on government economy scheduled for early next week.

Baldwin rushed back from France and Chamberlain made an overnight trip from Scotland to meet the prime minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Snowden at 10 Downing street Thursday.

Indian Nationals Not To Attend Meet

Bombay India (AP)—The Indian national congress Thursday decided definitely not to participate in the second round table conference on Indian affairs at London this fall.

The committee's decision to have no part in the conference was based upon charges of "repeated serious breaches of the Delhi pact by the provincial government."

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