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SCHOOL BURNED IN PORTLAND AT \$500,000 LOSS

WASHINGTON HIGH GUTTED BY BLAZE AT EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

ONE FIREMAN IS KILLED UNDER FALLING WALL

Several Others Injured; Building Covered by Insurance; Conflagration Threatened Entire East Side; Telephone Service Demoralized.

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Fire, the exact cause of which is unknown, but rumored to be possibly incendiary, gutted the Washington high school early this morning. The property loss is approximately \$500,000.

O. B. Gabriel, a fireman, was killed when a stone wall fell. Several other firemen were injured. A slight drizzle probably saved the east side from a conflagration, as a high wind carried the fire brands for miles. The flames shot from the roof—believed to be due to an explosion in the chemistry department. There are 1700 pupils out of school today, but the school board will place to other buildings tomorrow. The building was covered fully by insurance. It was constructed in 1907.

Thousands gathered to see the blaze. The telephone service was demoralized, and resident were unable to summon the fire department for 20 minutes. A general alarm was then sounded.

Police and fire department officials believe an east side pyromaniac set the Washington high school fire. The firebug is suspected of starting a dozen disastrous fires in this vicinity during the last few weeks, aggregating a loss of \$2,000,000.

ROAD HOUSE PROPRIETOR IS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Mrs. Ollie Blowers, Klamath county road house proprietor, has gone on trial for the murder of a Mexican sheepherder on September 1. She is charged with a first degree crime.

Evidence leading to the arrest was purely circumstantial. She did not testify at the preliminary hearing, but appeared before the Klamath county grand jury, where she was indicted. At the preliminary hearing she was bound over to the grand jury on a \$10,000 bail, which she failed to produce. Since that time she was confined to the city jail and later to the county infirmary.

The first two days of the trial, which began this week, were devoted to obtaining a jury, and it was thought likely the trial proper would be in full swing today.

OREGON SCHOOLS RANK SECOND IN EDUCATION

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Oregon ranks second from an educational viewpoint and twenty-sixth in financial support given the school systems according to a survey made by the Russell Sage educational foundation covering the period between 1890 and 1918. This fact was made known by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, a few days ago. The only state ahead of Oregon was California. According to the survey, Oregon ranks eighteenth as to average salary paid to teachers.

FINAL CHAPTER WRITTEN IN DR. BRUMFIELD CASE

SALEM, Oct. 25.—The last chapter in the notorious Brumfield murder case was written here Tuesday, when the supreme court allowed a motion to abate filed by the district attorney of Douglas county.

By this action, a mere technical formality, the court takes official recognition of the death of Richard S. Brumfield, who hanged himself in his cell in murderers' row at the state prison here September 13 while awaiting execution for the murder of Dennis Russell, Douglas county hermit, on July 13, 1921.

Redecorating House—

Dr. T. J. Malmgren, who recently purchased the Gasaway property on Nob Hill street, is having the interior of the place renovated and redecorated.

BERLIN LIBRARIES ARE HARD UP; MAGAZINES FEW

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Berlin state libraries are compelled to cut down their expenses for subscriptions to foreign periodicals, owing to the unfavorable exchange situation.

While in 1914 some 3000 foreign periodicals at the price of about 35,000 marks were at hand in the reading rooms, there are only 200 periodicals available at the present time, which cost the government about 80,000 marks.

FASCISTI LEADERS MAKE THREATS AT ITALIAN MEETING

NAPLES, Oct. 25.—An open threat of civil war against the Italian government was made by Deputy Mussolini, fascist leader, at the convention here.

"Be certain that the government will be given to us, or we will take it by storming Rome," the leader said.

The convention ended without bloodshed.

AMERICAN MAY BE FOUL PLAY VICTIM

MOSCOW, Oct. 25.—Colonel William Haskell, head of the American relief administration, has begun a personal investigation of the disappearance of Ralph Shield. A hat found on the bank of the Volga river seems to indicate foul play or suicide.

MANY AUTOS ON HIGHWAY DURING 16 HOUR SATURDAY

A traffic census on the Pacific highway at the Jackson county fairgrounds Saturday, October 21, continued from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m., shows that 1717 vehicles passed the point. Of this number 1357 were touring cars, with Oregon licenses, while all other states were represented with a total of only 184.

"The hour of heaviest traffic was between 9 and 10 p. m., when 180 vehicles were recorded. However, this was hardly a fair count, as it included all cars bound for the fairgrounds dance. Otherwise, between 5 and 6 p. m., was heaviest, with a total of 156 vehicles.

Of all the types recorded the motorcycle was in the minority, there being only 16 during the 16 hours of counting time.

LADIES ARE INVITED TO COUNTY Y. M. C. A. MEETING

The committee wishes it understood that ladies are cordially invited to the Y. M. C. A. convention supper Friday night, at 6:15 o'clock. State Secretary W. W. Dillon has some very strong conviction regarding the value of county Y. M. C. A. work and will have opportunity to present them during his address.

It should be noted that for the convenience of friends in different parts of the county, two convention sessions are being held, the first at Medford Thursday night and the second at Ashland on Friday night. Those desiring plates at the supper may secure them by calling Mr. G. H. Billings by Wednesday night.

CENTER OF POPULATION SLOWLY MOVES WESTWARD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The department of commerce announces that the center of foreign born white population as determined by the bureau of the census on the basis of the fourteenth census enumeration, taken January 1, 1920, is located in latitude 41 degrees 3 minutes and 44 seconds, and longitude 84 degrees, 49 minutes and 17 seconds; being in the eastern part of Allen county, Indiana, about 10 1/2 miles east of New Haven and 16 miles east of Fort Wayne. For the first time in three decades the center of foreign born white population showed a western movement.

SUPREME COURT DENIES BARRIER TO DRY RULING

APPLICATION BY FOREIGN SHIP OWNERS TURNED DOWN BY BRANDEIS

SHIP OFFICIALS STATE LOSSES WILL BE HEAVY

Rioting Among Crews Is Expected in Dismal Picture Drawn; Two Vessels Have Difficulty in Getting Sufficient Men Aboard.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—On the heels of the government decision not to enforce the Daugherty ruling, Supreme Court Justice Brandeis has turned down an application by foreign owners which would have acted as an official bar to enforcement.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Until the supreme court gives its decision, Daugherty's ruling outlawing all liquor on foreign ships in American waters, will be sidetracked by the government.

Foreign shipowners have been granted an indefinite stay by the treasury department. The argument before the supreme court will be heard shortly after November 13.

Foreign shipowners have pictured enormous losses under the dry order. They said the crews would rebel and rioting would likely be the outcome. The Olympic, due to sail today, and the Carnania, which will sail tomorrow, are threatened with great loss due to inability to recruit the ship crews, an attorney for the Cunard and Anchor lines told the treasury department.

CAROL M. WAGNER MARRIED TUESDAY

Carol M. Wagner and Miss Marion A. Black were married at the home of the bride's parents, 1900 Fillmore street, San Francisco, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Wagner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagner of Ashland, and a grandson of Mrs. E. H. Wagner, also of Ashland, all of whom were in attendance at the wedding. He is a native of Jackson county and a graduate of the Ashland high school. Later he was graduated from the Oregon State University at Eugene, after which he took a post graduate course at the California State university at Berkeley, majoring in geology and mineralogy. For a number of years past he has been engaged as a field geologist for one of the largest petroleum development companies on the Pacific coast. He now has headquarters at Los Angeles, in charge of the field work in a large district in southern California for his company. The bride is a San Francisco girl.

The newly wedded couple left immediately after the ceremony for a brief honeymoon, after which they will make their home in Los Angeles. Many Ashland friends of the groom extend best wishes.

Hood River.—Work has started on a new creamery building here.

COMING EVENTS

October 27—County Y. M. C. A. Convention.
October 28—Dedication of community house.
October 31, November 1.—"We Should Worry." Elks' musical comedy.
November 7—General election.
November 11—Armistice day.
November 22—"Colonial Players." Lyceum number.
December 4-7—Winter fair.

HOTLY CONTESTED MEETING AT TALENT IS WON BY JANITOR

One of the warmest political meetings in recent years, in which everyone participated in a free-for-all verbal barrage, which was finally won by the janitor when he turned out the lights, was held in Talent Tuesday evening.

One inducement to peace and quiet was the non-appointment of a chairman and the man with the best lungs was the one to receive the attention of the gathering.

W. W. Cowling was the first speaker to address the meeting, followed by E. E. Kelly and E. A. Reames, the latter being interrupted by Ralph Cowgill before he had an opportunity to relieve himself.

C. M. Thomas was supposed to follow Reames, but the vocal chords of the men who had the floor were almost too much for him. A large delegation of loyal henchmen accompanied the candidates for various political offices, and hooted and booed in an effort to cause Cowgill to cease. Cowgill, according to those present, accepted the yowling as plaudits for his eloquence, and continued to talk.

Thomas was the target of a majority of the speakers, and the object of a particularly violent attack by A. S. Barnes, Medford realtor. Barnes charged Thomas with incompetence regarding the manner in which he had acquired water rights for the Talent irrigation district, to which Thomas warmly replied.

ARCHITECT SUICIDE BELIEF OF POLICE

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Lloyd Warren, 48, an architect and well-known in New York society, was instantly killed when he either jumped or fell from a window in his bachelor apartments. The police believe it to be suicide.

He is a brother of Whitney Warren, the famous residence designer.

Toledo.—The Standard Oil company will erect a new \$25,000 service station here.

MAYOR LAMKIN REFUSES REPLY FOR DISMISSAL

STATEMEN WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT PRESENT TIME

NATURE OF COMPLAINTS BEING SOUGHT BY WERTZ

Dismissed Night Patrolman Declares He Does Not Seek Reinstatement, But Demands That the Public Know Why He Was Ousted.

In a statement this morning, Mayor C. B. Lamkin, who was very friendly to the interviewer, firmly but politely refused to commit himself by commenting upon his dismissal of Webster Wertz from the police force.

"I have absolutely nothing to say regarding the situation at this time," remarked Mayor Lamkin. Nothing else. A pleasant conversation about the world in general followed, but nothing more was said about Officer Wertz.

"All I ask is vindication," declared Wertz today. "If the present mayor does not wish my presence upon the force, that is his privilege, but I do request that I be informed of the nature of the complaints upon which I was dismissed from the force."

Verne Cary, a son-in-law of Mrs. Jillison's, is filling the vacancy caused by the removal of Wertz.

Astoria.—Project launched to increase city water reserve by enlarging big dam at cost of \$75,000.

MEDFORD MAN HELD ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Karl Knapp, of Medford, is being held under bail set at \$3000, and Tom Fuson, former Ashland man now living in Medford, is in the hospital as a result of an encounter between the pair Tuesday. Knapp is charged with assault and battery. Bad feeling is said to have existed between the two men for some time.

According to stories told by witnesses, Knapp met Fuson as he came out of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph office, where both are employed. He walked up to Fuson and struck him with his fist, the unexpected blow knocking Fuson down, the back of his head striking a stone wall, inflicting an ugly scalp wound, which bled freely. Upon realizing what had occurred, Knapp attempted to lift him up and called for assistance. He did not attempt to leave the scene.

Knapp was taken into custody and Fuson sent to the hospital, where, it is said, he will remain for some time. It will take a day or so to learn just how serious his injuries are.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp and son were ready in their automobile to leave for Fresno, Calif., where they expect to make their future home. Knapp had started into the office to say goodbye to the employees when he met Fuson. The assault followed.

Dublin Folk Running Away From an Ambush



Despite the dominance of the Free State forces there is almost daily fighting in Dublin and the republicans carry on their guerrilla warfare there as elsewhere. The photograph shows people running from the scene of an ambush at Eden quay, Dublin, near O'Connell street. A number of civilians were wounded in this affray.

POTATO PATCH IS VISITED BY CLEVER THIEF

DEFIANCE, O., Oct. 25.—Glenn Leaders, superintendent of the Defiance county infirmary, made a trip to his potato patch recently.

There stood his potato vines, all in rows, just as they had come up and flourished all season, but examination revealed that nary a potato was left on their roots. Some marauder had pulled the vines, stripped the potatoes and then stuck the roots back into the ground to cover the evidence of his deed.

LAW'S CABINET IS NOW HEAD OF BRITISH GOVT.

PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED PAVING WAY FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

LOYD GEORGE SPEAKS TO LIBERAL LEADERS

Entry of United States into League of Nations Needed to Make that Body Effective, Is Message of Ex-Premier.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The new tory cabinet, headed by Premier Andrew Bonar Law, took office today. At the same time the privy council issued a proclamation dissolving parliament, to pave the way for a general election on November 15. The new ministers have accepted the seats which were vacated by the old ministers.

Lloyd George, in a fighting speech before liberal party leaders, brought America into the British political campaign.

"Until the United States enters the league of nations it is not effective," the ex-premier stated. "Our policy must be to work with America. Our ideals are the same. Together Great Britain and the United States can insure a just and lasting peace."

Pleas were made for national unity and extrication from post-war difficulties.

ELKS ANNUAL HARVEST BALL ATTENDED BY LARGE CROWD

The Elks' club rooms were the scene of much merriment last night when a large number of the "Bills" with their wives and sweethearts, gathered to enjoy the annual Harvest Ball given by the Ashland lodge. The ladies did themselves proud in the decorations and had the lodge rooms covered with corn stalks, bows and foliage, which gave a very pleasing effect. At 11:30 o'clock light refreshments were served, after which the dancing continued into the wee hours.

One of the big surprises of the evening happened about 10 o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Powell (who are producing the musical comedy "We Should Worry," for the Elks at the Vining next Tuesday and Wednesday) led their famous pony ballet on the floor and went through the opening chorus of the play to the great pleasure of all present. Everyone was amazed at the way the little ladies went through the number and remarked they could see no reason to wait until next Tuesday to put on the play.

The entire cast of "We Should Worry" were the guests of the committee at the dance, and the younger set added much to the pleasure of the evening. The music for the occasion was furnished by Loveland's orchestra and was excellent.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDY CLASS MEET THURSDAY

The study class of the Presbyterian church will meet Thursday with Mrs. C. W. Nims, 125 North Main street, with Mrs. Jos. Angell, of Phoenix, leader. These two facts bespeak success. The book studied is, "Building with India." All women who are interested are invited to come at 2:30 o'clock.

There is no more fascinating or farther reaching study, say members of the class, than this ancient land with its mystery, unrest and tremendous possibilities. The following questions will be discussed: What do you think is India's outstanding heritage? Make a list of India's outstanding gifts to the world. Why, having such a heritage, has she not advanced further among the nations?

SIDE WALLS ON ENDERS BUILDING ARE COMPLETED

The cement side walls of the H. G. Enders wholesale house, which is being erected at the corner of A and Oak streets, have been completed, and the mixing machine was moved out of the building the first of the week.

Carpenters are busy preparing the timbers for the roof and the inside supports while the cement floor will be delayed for a few days awaiting the grading of the ground within the building.

DIRIGIBLE SWINGS INTO HANGER WHEN FLIGHT ATTEMPTED

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 25.—While attempting to get away on a flight, the army dirigible 14 crashed into the side of a hangar at Langley field. A big gap was torn in the hydrogen inflated bag. No one was injured.

This is a sister ship of the C-2, which was recently destroyed by fire at San Antonio, Tex. It is claimed the accident today was similar to the one that destroyed the C-2.

STUDENT BRANDERS ARE BEING SOUGHT

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25.—Federal officers, police and private detectives are searching today for the men who branded "Bill" Sykes University of California, southern branch, with acid. He was branded yesterday on his forehead and back with the letters, "U. S. C."

RETURN GAME TO BE PLAYED AT KLAMATH FALLS FRIDAY

Work of the hardest kind has been the program of Walter Hughes, football coach for the Ashland high school, this week. Even though a majority of the players are now seasoned veterans, having won two good games and played the Alumni in the opening contest of the year, there has been no let up on the daily grind. Scrimmage, kicking of various kinds, blocking and tackling have been dished out the squad regularly.

Friday afternoon, 15 members of the team and the coach will leave for Klamath Falls, where they will meet the eleven of that school in a return game Saturday. In as much as the team has had the benefit of another contest and two weeks more practice, it is expected that they will win again by an even larger margin. Several of the high school students are planning on leaving Ashland early on the morning of the game and will be on hand to root for the red and white.

15 CARLOADS OF SHOW STOCK PASS THROUGH CITY

Fifteen carloads of fine show stock passed through Ashland Tuesday bound for Portland and other points in the northwest. Ten cars were billed for Portland, one for Monmouth, one for Wrens, Or., and three for Spokane, Wash. Hogs, sheep and cattle were comprised in the shipment.

The entire 15 cars had been on display at the San Francisco stock show and had carried away some of the blue ribbons there. The ten cars going to Portland will be seen at the stock show which will be held in that city in the near future, after which the animals are to be sent east where they will be entered in other like shows.

MAN, 87, TIRED OF LIFE, ENDS ALL WITH RIFLE

IGO, Calif., Oct. 25.—Benjamin F. White, age 87, Shasta county farmer for 40 years, committed suicide in his home five miles from Igo. Lying in bed, he adjusted a rifle so that by pulling a string attached to the trigger, the weapon would be discharged, the bullet pierced the head at the temple.