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ASHLAND HAS VERY LOW FIRE LOSS FOR YEAR

Insurance Rates Likely to be Reduced if Record Is Continued

PER CAPITA 82 CENTS
Department Made Up of Three Regulars and Ten Volunteers. Maintains Low Loss

Ashland has a splendid chance of having the lowest per capita fire loss in the state or Oregon, according to information given out this morning by Clint Baughman, fire chief. With a figure far under the lowest loss of any incorporated city in the state, according to figures compiled for 1923, Ashland will but have to maintain this average to establish a splendid record.

In 1923, the per capita fire loss for the state, according to the figures compiled in the office of the State Fire Marshal, was slightly over twelve dollars. This loss was boosted by a number of the smaller cities, where inadequate fire departments were maintained, and in some of the larger cities, where fire losses are usually proportionately larger than in small cities with efficient departments.

The per capita loss for Ashland during 1923, was \$2.88. This mark, almost ten dollars lower than the state loss for the year, was a splendid record, but this year the loss has thus far been still further reduced.

Including all fires up to November 1, of this year, the per capita loss in Ashland was but eighty-two cents per capita, over two dollars per capita lower than the loss during 1923.

No fires have been reported in the city since November 1, thus leaving but a month and a half in which to maintain this record. This mark was sent here this year, in spite of the fact that the water pressure was the lowest ever recorded here. The driest year on record made it almost impossible to keep the pressure up to an adequate mark.

According to Baughman, the largest fire of the year was the conflagration which destroyed the Putnam Brothers establishment on Holly street in July. This fire, the only total loss sustained during the year, caused destruction amounting to \$2500. The next largest fire caused a loss of \$800. This was the fire which destroyed the Green home on Eighth street, during May.

Chief Baughman has made application for a lower insurance rate for the city of Ashland, and should the low fire loss record be maintained, there should be little trouble in obtaining a reduction in the present rates. Although there is some fear in the State

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CAUGHT WITH COAT BOY ESCAPES FROM MEDFORD CITY JAIL

MEDFORD, Nov. 14.—A young man tied in a bundle, and wearing a good brown overcoat, apparently homeless, was taken into custody near the public market at 2 o'clock Thursday morning by Patrolman Sunderman, who took him to the police station in accordance with the local police policy of at night putting all homeless or penniless men in the city prison, rather than have them at large about the city.

The night was cold and hence the locked city prison cells were all filled with wanderers for "night lodging," so Patrolman Sunderman after taking the package from the young man left him in the corridor, while he went out again to make his rounds.

When the officer returned the corridor was empty, the man who later proved to be an overcoat thief having pulled back the catch lock of the outside door and disappeared.

Then the officer went into the police headquarters office and unrolled the package he had previously taken from the prisoner, disclosing a new white or cream colored overcoat, which had undoubtedly been stolen from some one.

FEWER RURAL CHURCHES SHORT SERMONS URGED

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 14.—Fewer rural churches, shorter sermons and greater cooperation between various denominations is the aim of the American Country Life association, which closed its annual conference here last night.

The executive committee will meet in January to select a convention city for 1925. Denver, Colorado, or Richmond Virginia, will probably be chosen, officials said.

GERBER DAM WILL BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER FIRST

Government Man Says Weather Conditions Ideal for Work on Project

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 14.—With 90 per cent of the concrete placed and with weather conditions favorable to date, indications point to completion of the Gerber dam, a government project 20 miles east of Bonanza, by December 1, is the prediction yesterday of E. C. Coppen, connected with the engineering department of the local bureau of reclamation.

W. D. Miller, contractor, has hauled the last of the cement, sand and gravel, necessary to manufacture the concrete and is now bending every effort to complete the project before the winter snow flies in earnest. When the huge structure is complete, 12,000 cubic yards of concrete will have been placed.

Contractors excavating the north canal and the lateral system by which water from the canal will be distributed through the Langell division, will be through by Christmas, Mr. Coppen said, unless unforeseen obstacles such as weather intervene. The upper eight miles of the north canal, which is being excavated by government forces, will be completed on or before May 1.

Contract for the construction of turnouts, checks and flumes on the east side lateral system of the north canal has been recently let to James Brockway for \$3980. Mr. Brockway must have the job completed by June 30.

Before next spring, contracts will be let for installing of culverts, bridges and turnouts on the north canal and lateral system, Mr. Coppen said.

Another step toward the completion of the entire Langell valley project was taken Saturday by the opening of bids for the construction of a pipe line of a 30-inch diameter 1800 feet across Lost river. Bids were also opened for the construction of a similar pipe line across Miller creek. Officials of the local reclamation bureau have not as yet awarded the contract.

MAN FOUND DEAD

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 14.—Maid at the local Y. M. C. A. today found Jacques Ward, 23, of Granger, Washington, a resident of the building, dead on the floor of his room. Death was either from natural causes or from an overdose of medicine, physicians said.

GIRL GETS \$15,000 FOR BROKEN HEART

PORTLAND, Nov. 14.—Harriet Neff, who sued Dr. Raymond Waters, Portland chiropractor for \$50,000 heart balm and breach of promise, was awarded \$15,000 by a jury in the circuit court here today.

CAPTURE MOONSHINER AFTER PISTOL FIGHT

YREKA, Cal., Nov. 14.—Joe Pappas, suspected of making moonshine whiskey was captured last night in his mountain home near here after a pistol battle with constables from Siskiyou county and Indian agents from Klamath Falls, Ore. He was charged at MacDoel, Cal., today with intent to commit murder.

Pappas said that when the officers appeared he thought they were robbers and opened fire upon them. When his wife faintly he surrendered. He denied he had sold liquor.

POLICE SEEKING YOUNG WOMAN IN KATZ CASE

Dorothy Carroll Disappears After Telling Authorities of Threatening

HER HUSBAND IS HELD

Woman Admits Being "Last Sweetheart" of Dead Broker. Gun in Husband's Room

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 14.—Efforts by the police to solve the mysterious murder of Harry Katz, master musician and diamond broker of this city, who was shot in his apartment here on Monday night, were further blocked today when the police failed to locate the whereabouts of Dorothy Carroll, beautiful young blonde woman, who was the self admitted, "last sweetheart" of the slain man.

Mrs. Carroll has been missing for three days, following her story to the police of having been threatened by a "killer" acting for a Los Angeles business man whom she charged as being responsible for the murder of the dead man.

The police also held Chase Carroll, husband of the missing woman, who admitted to them that he had shot and seriously wounded a man named Hughes at Bakersfield, after discovering Hughes in company with Mrs. Carroll on what he described as a "wild party." This shooting occurred several months ago, and Hughes refused to appear against Carroll, claiming the shooting had been accidental.

The police claim Katz had been shot with a 32 automatic and a gun of that description was found in Carroll's room. Carroll readily admitted ownership of the weapon, but claims it has not been out of his room for several months, and that he only kept it there for protection. Hughes was shot in Bakersfield with a 32 calibre automatic and it is alleged by the police that this is the same gun as was used in that shooting.

MRS. HARDING IS REPORTED BETTER

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Warren Harding, who has been seriously ill for the past several days, suffered a bad heart spell last night, but was better today. She is still weak, and takes but little nourishment, according to her physicians.

EVANGELIST WILL SPEAK IN ASHLAND

Mark A. Willis, an evangelist, will speak tonight and tomorrow night in the Stone Church, at Fifth and East Main streets, according to an announcement made here this morning.

Willis has been engaged in evangelistic work for several years, and is reputed as being a forceful, emphatic speaker, who knows his subject.

In his sermons, Willis will take up the work of answering the members of a movement, who, Willis claims, deny, the "Efficacy of the Blood."

The sermons are open to the public and all interested are invited to attend.

DEFENDANT WINNER IN COURT CASE TO SETTLE OWNERSHIP

A jury in the circuit court hearing the civil suit of Charles Morris against J. G. Walker, both of Ashland, to decide the ownership of a sorrel mare, aged six years, returned a verdict Wednesday afternoon in favor of the defendant. The value of the equine was fixed at \$150, but according to Attorney Newman of the defense, three times that sum will be expended in legal channels, to find out who is entitled to buy the oats.

The controversy embodies the following facts.

Morris alleged that he loaned the mare to Walker, and has not been able to get her back.

Walker claimed that he borrowed the horse, and that Walker's sister-in-law owned him a claim, and that it was agreed that he was to take the mare in lieu of the claim.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF GENERAL AND MRS. DAWES.



This is the latest photograph of Vice-President-elect and Mrs. Charles Gates Dawes, taken on the lawn of their estate at Evanston, Ill., after the election.

HIGHWAY IN SHASTA AND SISKIYOU ARE NEARLY COMPLETED

Road Work in California Rated as Part of Greatest Construction Job of Entire State

YREKA, Nov. 14.—Probably no piece of construction in the state of California outranks in importance the work that was done last summer on the Pacific highway north of Redding. Not only is this construction of interest and benefit to the whole state of California but to the nation as well as the Pacific highway is recognized as the greatest international highway in the world, connecting Canada with Mexico across the breath of the United States. It also is the most nearly completed international highway.

The construction work this year has consisted of three main contracts: The Redding-Bayha unit, the Bayha - Halfway creek unit, and the Shasta river-Oregon line unit. The first contract provided for ten miles of twenty-foot concrete paving and the other two for a total of twenty-five miles of grading and surfacing. The contracts aggregate more than \$1,405,000.

The first contract north of Redding was let December 29, 1923, to the Kaiser Paving Company for approximately \$478,000.

The work covered by the contract was straightening, widening and paving ten miles of road from just north of Redding to Bayha. This construction was in progress all summer and necessitated an annoying detour. The contract has been completed this fall and traffic now is traveling over the ten miles of twenty-foot concrete.

Commencing where this contract leaves off the Nevada Contracting Company has a contract for grading and surfacing another ten miles of road to Halfway creek. This contract will amount to about \$572,000 and is 80 per cent completed. The contractor is expected to be through before the first of the year.

This work, although coming under the classification of reconstruction, is some of the most spectacular and interesting on the state system. The old road was reasonably good for a moderate traffic but abounded in sharp curves. With the increase of traffic to 1000 cars per day the old road became not only inadequate but dangerous due to the many curves and narrowness.

MEXICAN CABINET MUST CHECK GUNS

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Nov. 14.—All members of the next Mexican Chamber of Deputies will be asked to check their firearms at the door of the cabinet chamber. President-elect Calles indicated this edict to be one of the first acts after taking office. The move will be made in order to stop shootings which have occurred from time to time during the meetings of the deputies.

JERSEY CITY IS SCENE OF BIG FACTORY FIRE

Industrial Section in Danger of Being Wiped Out by Great Blaze

BUILDINGS BLASTED

Entire Blocks of Factories Are Burned. Looters Are Busy Raving Deserted Homes

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 14.—The entire fire fighting department of this city continued this afternoon to fight with desperation in an effort to check the conflagration which is now threatening to wipe out the downtown industrial district here, with its immense manufacturing plants and warehouses.

The damage already sustained is estimated, will run far into the millions of dollars. Hundreds of workmen, employed in the plants in this section, who had homes in the immediate vicinity are homeless, the fire wiping out entire blocks of homes along with the industrial plants. Most of these families are virtually penniless, their entire savings having been lost in the conflagration.

Five great factories, two of them the largest of their kind in the world, and several immense warehouses have been ravaged by flames. Fear has been expressed by officials of the fire department that the immense plant of Colgate and Company, occupying two square blocks, might be destroyed, since it is in direct line with the course of the flames, which are as yet unchecked.

Looters are reported as being active in the deserted homes, going into these places before the flames reach them, and removing anything of value which they are able to carry away. The police force, most of which has been stationed at the scene of the fire has been instructed to "shoot to kill" any of these looters caught in the act.

Dynamiting buildings, in the course of the flames was started early this afternoon. Several blasts were unsuccessful, the flames jumping the gaps thus formed, but the work is to be continued.

FORMER ASHLAND GIRL IS BURIED IN CALIF.

The funeral services of the beloved daughter of Mrs. B. M. Sherman, Maude ("Peggy") May Russell, were held from the Burland Chapel, Tuesday afternoon, at 2 p. m., Rev. J. Miller Ice, Pastor of the First Christian church, officiating. Music was furnished by Mrs. Burland at the organ, and two beautiful solos were sung by Mrs. Hoyt.

The pallbearers were her three brothers, Theodore, Ellis B., and Merle Madison Russell; Kenneth Mann, Mingus Aitken and Ted Menzel.

Present at the funeral were her father, F. E. Russell, of Ashland, Ore., Lois Russell, of Pasadena, Calif., her brother, Theodore Russell, of Ashland, Ore., Ellis B. Russell and family of San Jose, and her cousin, Annie Fitzgerald, of Stockton.—Watsonville Parajanian.

SUIT AGAINST SEC. WILBUR DISMISSED, WILL CARRY HIGHER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The District of Columbia Supreme Court today dismissed the suit brought by William Shearer of New York, who asked for an order restraining Secretary of the Navy Wilbur from destroying the historic old battleship, Washington, which has been condemned, under the Washington Arms conference naval treaty.

Wilbur asked for the dismissal, saying that he was merely carrying out the will of Congress in ordering the ship to be scrapped, since that body had accepted the terms of the arms conference, and these terms specified that the Washington be destroyed.

Shearer's attorneys, immediately after the decision, filed an appeal with the Columbia Court of Appeals, and they state that if they get an adverse decision at that tribunal, they intend to carry the suit to the United States Supreme Court.

WORLD CONDITIONS ARE BETTER THAN IN 1914

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—General world conditions are more favorable than at any time since 1914, Myron T. Herrick, ambassador to France, said today before sailing for Paris to resume his post after a vacation on his farm near Cleveland.

"The new world and the old are reflecting a spirit of confidence and hope," he said. "It is the first time for a great many years that I have gone abroad in a happy mood."

PRICE IS TO STAY IN GAME COMMISSION SAYS GOV. PIERCE

Protests Against Official Are Laid Before Executive While Friends Rally to Defense

SALEM, Nov. 14.—Requests for the removal of Richard W. Price, member of the state game commission, were taken to Governor Pierce Tuesday and presented at an informal conference in Portland.

Governor Pierce indicated after the conversation in which the protests were presented that he would take no action. He admitted that Mr. Price's activities as game commissioner had been discussed, but he declared that nothing had been thus far presented which would lead him to ask a resignation.

Friends of Mr. Price defended him in the face of the opposing criticism, according to the governor. He said that he had discussed the protests with other members of the game commission, several of whom were present when the criticisms were made. He mentioned the name of William T. Lee of Klamath Falls as being among those who had taken the matter up with him.

"I have been asked to take a hand in the matter several times since a resolution was adopted by sportsmen in the Willamette valley against Mr. Price," said Governor Pierce. "Nevertheless, I have nothing to say."

Immediate cause for the action against Mr. Price was said to have been his charge at a sportsmen's meeting in Eugene a month ago that Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, and M. L. Ryckman, state hatchery superintendent, were responsible for the loss of 7,000,000 eggs at the Diamond Lake trout hatchery in the summer.

The charge was aired at a meeting of the state game commission in Portland Monday and after some discussion it was decided to ask J. R. Russell, western representative of the United States bureau of fisheries, and Hugh C. Mitchell, state superintendent of hatcheries for the commercial fish commission, to make an investigation. Both men, experts in fish work, have agreed to study the facts of the Diamond Lake loss and to fix responsibility.

It has been charged that Mr. Price had hampered the efficiency of the game department and that his criticism, made at a large public meeting, had been evidence of misunderstanding in the commission.

The entire history of the argument has been reviewed, including the action of the commission at the meeting Monday. It has been further charged, according to reports, that Mr. Price's interest in concessions at Crater Lake had made him unsuitable for the position on the commission.

PIONEER KLAMATH WOMAN IS BURNED

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 14.—In spite of her advanced age of 70 years, Mrs. Henrietta Melhase, Klamath pioneer, who was severely burned when a can of gasoline exploded at her home Wednesday, was reported as resting easily this morning. She is expected to recover.

The explosion was caused by static electricity as Mrs. Melhase was cleaning a woolen dress in the kitchen of her home. Melvin Smith, a youth and fireman A. O. Dunn tore through a screen door and dragged her to safety from the flame-enveloped kitchen.

Portland—Parkrose water district asks for bids for 500,000 gallon steel water tank.

BOY MISSING FOUL PLAY IS FEAR OF FATHER

Motorcycle Found in Ditch Near This City by Passing Motorist

FATHER ON WAY HERE

Los Angeles Youth Mysteriously Drops from Sight Here. Authorities Searching

Fearing foul play for his son, who disappeared in this vicinity several days ago, a Los Angeles man this morning phoned Chief of Police George McNabb that he would arrive in Ashland tonight or tomorrow to help investigate the conditions of his son's sudden drop from sight.

The boy, whose name could not be learned, was riding a motorcycle through from Los Angeles. His father kept in touch with him until he arrived in Ashland, and then received no further word from him.

The news first reached local authorities Sunday when a Medford motorist, whose car was damaged, stopped at the side of the road about nine miles south of Ashland to make necessary repairs to enable him to reach Medford. He walked to the side of the roadway, and found a motorcycle with the California license number 2-394 lying in a ditch.

He immediately notified Chief of Police McNabb, and McNabb and State Traffic Officer J. J. McMahon went to the scene and recovered the cycle. McNabb then wrote the sheriff's office in Sacramento, in order to determine the ownership of the cycle.

The father of the missing boy was notified by the Sacramento authorities, and he immediately went to Sacramento, where he verified the ownership of the machine. This morning, he notified McNabb of his intentions of coming to Ashland in order to aid in the search for his son.

The motorcycle was not damaged, thus going away with any theory that the youth was injured in the crash and picked up by a passing motorist.

Oregon authorities have been notified by McNabb, to endeavor to locate the missing boy. This will be a difficult thing to accomplish, since the boy's name and description are lacking, but there is a possibility of his being found somewhere along the highway by police officials.

PROTEST IS FILED AGAINST K. LAKE REFUGE FOR BIRDS

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 14.—

A protest against the establishment of acreage in the Lower Klamath lake basin for a bird reserve has been received by the Klamath Sportsmen's association from the Klamath Drainage district. The communication outlines in sketch the stand of the Drainage district on the proposed government move to recreate lower Klamath lake as a bird reserve.

The local sportsmen's association has been sponsoring the establishment of a bird reserve on the lower lake for three years. It has held that there were certain lands in the affected section that are unproductive and could be flooded over without loss to the rural element. Its recommendation is to flood over the unproductive lands and protect the adjacent fertile lands by dikes.

FASCISTI IN ITALY FACE BAD OUTBREAK

LONDON, Nov. 14.—Italy, under the direct control of Mussolini premier-dictator for the past year and a half, is trembling on the very verge of a wide-spread anti-Fascist demonstration, dispatches from Rome, received here today, indicate.

A Fascist deputy was shot down in Castellammare yesterday, and a serious situation existed at Mesago, where ex-service men are actively working against the Fascist.

Premier Mussolini is alarmed, according to the dispatches, but it was explained that the moving of warships to San Remo was not in anticipation of further communist outbreaks.