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## FIRE MYSTERY PUZZLES LOCAL OFFICERS

### SPECIAL CITY ELECTION IS DUE TOMORROW

Street Fund Bond Issue for \$8000 To Be Put Before Voters

### TWO POLLING PLACES City Hall and Fourth Street Fire Station Are the Voting Booths

Ashland voters will go to the polls tomorrow to determine whether or not the city council shall be authorized to sell \$8000 in bonds for the depleted street fund. The money is urgently needed to complete street projects in the normal school improvement district which are now under way. The polls will open at 8 o'clock in the morning and remain open until 8 o'clock in the evening. Two polling places have been authorized. The first ward voters will cast their ballots at the city hall, and those residing within the second ward will vote at the Fourth street fire station. The resolution authorizing the special election was adopted by unanimous vote of the city council. City officials say that unless the needed bonds are authorized it will be impossible for the school district to pay the street work which has always been borne by the entire city.

### HUGE WHALE TAKEN AFTER HARD FIGHT

A Sea Monster Weighing 75 Tons Is Captured Off Catalina Island

OCEAN PARK, Calif., Aug. 31.—An 80-foot blue whale, weighing 75 tons, which the Norwegian whaling ship Hanka, captured after a spectacular four hour battle off Catalina island, was held in tow at the port here today for observation. The sea monster towed the Hanka 25 miles after he was first harpooned, according to officers on the whaler. Captain C. M. Bryde, who directed the catch, said it was "the toughest battle" in his 30 years of whaling experience. Three 100-pound steel harpoons, each loaded with a TNT bomb were encased into the vitals of the whale before he gave up his battle.

### Jealous Husband Belies His Name

LONDON, Aug. 31.—"My husband's temper is uncontrollable. Mad with jealousy, he threatens to cut my throat," a wife complained in police court. "His name?" queried the judge. "Oswald Howe Innocent," she replied.

### Advertiser Got Too Many Wives

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—"It pays the advertiser as well as any one else to advertise," observed Judge Francis X. Mancuso in sentencing Isador Goldstein to the penitentiary after defendant had sworn he had three wives. He got them by advertising.

### Returned to Home—Miss Leona Lewis of Etha Mills has returned to her home after a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. M. Lewis and uncle, Guy Lewis, of Ashland.

### CHINESE TONGS IN CALIFORNIA RENEW OPEN HOSTILITIES

Oriental Cook at Santa Rosa Falls Victim to Chinese Gunman

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Aug. 31.—(UP)—Tong warfare in Pacific coast cities, after a lull of more than a week, flared again last night when Chow Tuck, 60, a cook in a local restaurant, was shot to death, his assassin being a member of the Bing Kung tong. The slaying occurred near the restaurant as Tuck was leaving work. Four shots were lodged in his body and the police today found the assassin's gun a block away. They hope to find the slayer through finger prints. This is the first tong death here in nine years.

### HOLD CONTESTS IN MINE RESCUE WORK

First Aid Experts from All Parts of Country Are Competing

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—(UP)—International mine rescue and first aid contests will be held here starting today, continuing until September 3, when more than 50 teams gathered from parts of Canada and all over the United States. The gathering marks the third exhibition by international teams in California.

Medals, trophies and certificates are the awards the teams will seek. Each team is composed of five men and a captain. Many of the country's largest mines and great industrial centers are represented. Competition will include theoretical mine rescues and problems of rescue work prepared by the judges.

Major James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco and Governor Friend W. Richardson will be honorary judges. The Pacific coast safety conference will be held in conjunction with the international tests.

### Alleged Passer of Checks Held For New Charge

Oregon City, Ore., Aug. 31.—(UP)—Something new in "paper passing" was attempted here when Patrick Comer presented and asked payment on a cancelled check.

He pleaded ignorance and said he thought the check was good, since a farmer had given it to him in payment for work. He refused to name the farmer so an investigation was made. It was disclosed that Comer entered the United States illegally from Canada. He is now being held for federal authorities.

### Accident Halts Plan to Suicide

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Aug. 31.—After writing a farewell note, Anna Quinn started toward the lake intending to end her life. But before she reached the water's edge, she fell, sprained her ankle and fainted. After being revived she announced she had changed her mind about committing suicide.

**THE WEATHER**  
Oregon — Fair tonight in the interior but cloudy on the coast. Warmer in the interior Wednesday.

### LOCAL NORMAL SESSION WILL CLOSE FRIDAY

Summer Term Declared To Exceed Expectations of the Faculty

### NEW TERM TO START Many Students Will Return Next Month; Housing Is Problem

The first summer session of the new Southern Oregon state normal school will close on Friday of this week, with final examinations starting Thursday and closing Friday. President Churchill and the entire faculty are more than pleased with the result of the first term of the new school and feel that good progress has been made during the summer months. Of the students who are attending the summer session, 41 have announced they will return here next month for the regular fall and winter term.

### UNSETTLED WEATHER IS WEEK'S FORECAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 31.—Unsettled weather is the forecast for far western states for the week ending September 4 of the United States weather bureau report issued today. It said: "Considerable cloudiness and showers are probable in Washington, Oregon and along the northern California coast. Normal temperature is expected and the fire hazard will be normal."

### WIFE IS SLAIN IN DOMESTIC TRAGEDY

Texas Doctor Kills Self and Turns Weapon on His Spouse

SINTON, Tex., Aug. 31.—(UP)—Dr. W. C. Reinhardt, prominent physician of Sinton, is dead from a pistol wound in the heart, and his wife, with a bullet lodged in her breast, was reported near death, late today following a shooting which occurred in a bedroom of the doctor's home here. Neighbors were attracted to the Reinhardt home by the report of two shots and called authorities. A pistol was found on the floor. On the way to a hospital, Mrs. Reinhardt regained consciousness for a moment and said that she had been shot while she slept.

### MOTHER KILLS SELF AND FOUR CHILDREN

San Francisco Woman Murders Youngsters Because of Worries

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 31.—(UP)—A mentally deranged mother killed herself and four children with gas last night. The dead are: Mrs. Edna Fuller, 33; Georgette, 10; Glenwood, 9; Norman, 4; Ormston, 2. All were found dead by the father today, with the house heavy with gas fumes. A fifth child, Winfield, 11, was unconscious but alive. The family was worried over money matters and had been ordered to vacate a cheap basement apartment.

### Tells How to Get To Ripe Old Age

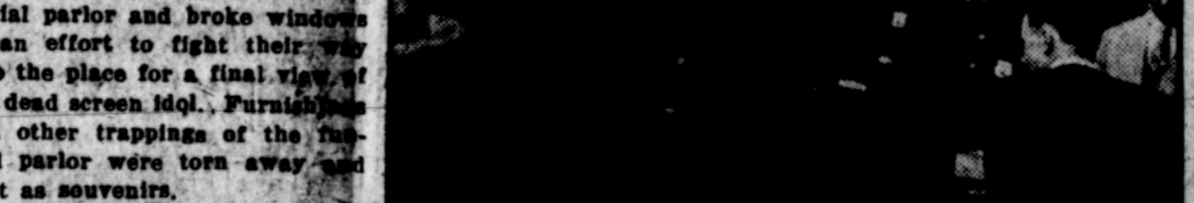
OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 31.—(UP)—Eat nine pancakes at every breakfast, don't let anyone except your wife do the cooking and smoke with moderation, if you would pass the century mark in age, is the advice of Captain David Swain who, hale and hearty at the age of 90 said he has adhered to this program of moderation as far back as he can remember, and predicted that he is good for at least a score more years.

As he chops firewood, or goes downtown for his regular afternoon game of pool, few suspect that this sturdy man guided the first ferry boat across the strait of Carquinez, in 1861, carrying fortune seekers to the Mother Lode country of California.

### WHEN VALENTINO DIED



Above are pictured two scenes in New York last week when crowds swarmed the streets near the burial parlor where the body of Rudolph Valentino was taken following his death in Polytechnic hospital. Crowds swarmed in front of the burial parlor and broke windows in an effort to fight their way into the place for a final view of the dead screen idol. Furniture and other trappings of the funeral parlor were torn away and kept as souvenirs.



### STANFIELD TO RUN FOR U. S. SENATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 31 (U. P.)—Senator Robert N. Stanfield, who was defeated for the republican senatorial nomination by Frederick Steiwer, announced today that he will be an independent candidate for the United States Senate and will oppose Steiwer, the republican nominee, and Bert E. Haney, the democratic candidate. This action has been expected for several days. It followed a statement last week in which Stanfield repudiated Steiwer because of alleged unfair methods during the primary. In making the announcement Stanfield called attention to his high committee stading and scored the Oregonian for attempted dictatorship and accused it of trying to block the Oregon and California land grant tax refund bill. He mentioned the "yellow ticket" as one reason for running. Political observers predict the three-cornered race will be one of the bitterest in the history of Oregon.

### No Blondes for This Bachelor

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 31.—A gentleman who does not prefer blondes is Eddie W. Guest of Staunton, Va., who filed this request with Mayor Bader: "Get me a wife, one who is a home body. Not a blonde."

### AIR MAIL ROUTE TO START SEPT. 15TH

Postmaster General New Announces Plan to Begin Coast Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31.—(UP)—The air mail route from Seattle to Los Angeles will start Sept. 15th, Postmaster General New said today. Eight planes will be used. The air way will be lighted from Seattle to Portland and from San Francisco to Los Angeles to permit night flying.

### Three Killed at Railway Crossing

GARY, Ind., Aug. 31.—Three young members of socially prominent Gary families were killed here today when their automobile was struck by a Michigan Central railroad train at a grade crossing. The victims were Robert H. Webster, Miss Hazel Lagrow and Miss Elizabeth Betts.

### Threat of Death Is Sent to Aimee

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 31.—A telegram, construed as a death threat against herself and Aimee Semple McPherson, was received at Angelus Temple by the evangelists' mother.

### VISIT LITHIA PARK

While you are a guest in our city, be certain to visit Lithia Park, a playground of many acres, with the main entrance at the Plaza, where Nature's deepest beauties are found along the walks that lead you through the forest bordering on Ashland creek.

### RIVER TRAGEDY IN RUSSIA RESULTS IN BIG LOSS OF LIFE

150 Persons Are Reported Drowned When Vessel Rams Ferry

MOSCOW, Russia, Aug. 31.—(UP)—Unconfirmed dispatches from Leningrad today estimated that 150 persons had died when the ferry boat Burevestnik sunk last night after a collision with a German ship in the river Neva. An inexperienced pilot was in charge of the boat, it was reported. A panic among the passengers contributed largely to the tragedy. There was only one life boat on the vessel, while officials said there were only 55 life preservers to be found. One lifeboat put out from the German vessel but it was overturned by a rush of persons.

### BARGAIN OFFER IS PROVING POPULAR

Many Tidings Subscribers Are Paying for Paper in Advance

In commemoration of its seventh anniversary as a daily newspaper, and following its custom for several years, The Tidings this week is offering a special bargain rate of \$6.00 for a year's subscription. Many subscribers, new ones included, are taking advantage of this special offer, which will remain open until Saturday evening. "I've been saving money this time for the past four years and intend to keep on doing it indefinitely," declared one thrifty subscriber this morning as he wrote out his check for \$6.00. The offer is open only to those who pay their back subscriptions up to Sept. 1.

### COOLIDGE SAYS WAR DEBTS WILL BE PAID

This Country Cannot Cancel Obligations, Declares Executive

PAUL SMITHS, N. Y., Aug. 31.—(UP)—The United States cannot consider proposals to cancel war debts because that would shift the burden to American taxpayers, the spokesman for President Coolidge said today in answering a cancellation appeal by Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war.

### Pioneer Officer of State Passes at Country Home

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 31.—(UP)—John W. Minto, 77, well known peace officer of Multnomah and Marion counties, and later postmaster of Portland, died late yesterday at his country home. He recently suffered a stroke of paralysis.

### Base Caught in Rogue

Taking a large-mouth bass, the first ever known to be captured in the Rogue, was reported here today by Harold Bechtel. The bass was caught about 2 miles down the river on a small No. 2 spinner. It weighed a pound and three-quarters and put up a hard fight before being landed. Several local anglers have inspected the fish and state that as far as they can determine, it is the only bass known to have been taken from this river. It was in a deep hole.—Grants Pass Courier.

### TWO MIDNIGHT BLAZES FOUND JUST IN TIME

Christian and Congregational Churches Marked By Firebug

### DESCRIPTION GIVEN Police Look for Small Man With Big Feet; No Damage Done

Fire and police officials today were bending every possible effort toward learning the identity of the unknown firebug who late last night started incendiary fires at the Congregational and Christian churches and then escaped in a heavy touring car. The two fires were started within ten minutes of each other and undoubtedly by the same man. At 11:45 flames shot skyward from the center of the new Congregational church building which is now being erected at the corner of the Boulevard and Morton street. A few moments later flames shot up from the rear of the rear of the Christian church at Second and B. streets, and both blazes kept the fire department busy for a few moments. The only damage was a broken window pane at the Christian church.

### Oil-Soaked Shavings

At the Congregational church firemen found a pile of shavings and boards soaked in kerosene. The steady, drizzling rain, however prevented the blaze from getting a good start and the firemen had no trouble in extinguishing the blaze. At the Christian church a pile of kerosene-soaked boards had been placed at the rear of the building close to the concrete foundation. The window sill also had been soaked with kerosene. But the rainy weather also prevented this fire from getting a good start. Firemen said they could detect the odor of kerosene more than a block away from both fires. Suspect is Seen

Arthur Peters, who resides at the corner of the Boulevard and Walker street, said he noticed the peculiar actions of a man racing through the alley a short time before the Congregational fire was started. The man walked back of the houses several times, and Peters, growing suspicious, climbed in his car and gave chase. The stranger darted behind buildings and soon fled under cover of darkness. Mr. Peters described the prowler as being short and heavy set with unusually large feet. Investigation this morning disclosed large footprints through the alley and back of the church. William Sams, who lives at 143 Third street, reported that earlier in the evening he saw flames shoot up from the Christian church. The flames died down quickly, he said, so he gave it no further heed. When he noticed the flames again shortly before midnight he called the fire department.

### Escapes in Car

He said he noticed a car parked at the corner of Second and B streets with the engine running at the time the fire was started. A moment after the flames burst forth he noticed a man run and climb into the car and then drive away. The mysterious part of the entire thing is the motive for the ill-timed attempts at incendiarism, said fire and police authorities today. It was raining and dark.

### City Is Wrecked By Earth Temblor

HORTA, Azore Islands, Aug. 31.—(UP)—Three-fourths of this city was wrecked and damaged today by an earthquake, the extent of which is still unknown. Many are believed to have been killed and injured. A large area of the city is in ruins.

### Left for Honolulu

Francis Prescott of Medford left yesterday for Honolulu, H. I., to enter the University of Hawaii, when it opens next month. Mr. Prescott has aspirations of getting a berth on the university football team, the coach of which is Otto Klum, former well known local high school coach.—Medford Mail Tribune.

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