

The Talk About Dividing up Lane County is Just a lot of Applesauce, as They say in Flapper Slang

City News THE WEATHER Oregon: Fair tonight, cooler in east portion; Saturday fair and continued warm; light northwesterly winds. Temperature: Maximum yesterday 100 degrees; Minimum, 52 degrees. Stage of river, 2.1 feet. Direction of wind, northeast.

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THEATER BLAST FATAL

Cabinet Member Guest Here Today



William M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture, who is the guest of Eugene today on his tour of the Pacific coast.

MANY MISSING AS CRASH HITS NIGHT CROWDS

Kansas City Tragedy May Cost Lives of 30 to 35, Is Estimate

Balcony Falls And Scores Are Trapped in Debris As Panic Ensues

KANSAS CITY, June 26.—(AP)—Firemen late today found the bodies of two unidentified men in the ruins of the Gillis theater building, which was demolished by an explosion and fire late last night. Both were badly charred.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 26.—An unknown number of persons were killed and scores injured when an explosion, followed by fire, destroyed the Gillis theater, a baroque house, here last night. An audience variously estimated at 50 to 100 was viewing a motion picture film.

This morning, hours after the destruction of the five story theater building, no definite estimate of the number of dead could be made, although police and fire department officials said they believed from 30 to 35 of the hundred or more persons in the theater and restaurants and stores of the building had been trapped in the debris.

Early today firemen had organized a volunteer party of 100 men to search the smoldering wreckage for bodies. They predicted it would take many hours of digging before an accurate appraisal of the casualties would be made.

A fireman, John Hogan, was killed on his way to the scene when a fire truck overturned. Two other firemen were injured. The explosion came with startling swiftness at 11 o'clock. Flames enveloped the structure almost immediately following the blast and the roof and the floors of the ancient building, constructed 42 years ago as the city's finest playhouse collapsed.

Those who were able to make their way out of the building did so almost miraculously, according to eye witnesses.

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Now go on With the Story (GLORIA took Wayburn's cigaret case from Dick.

Wondering, she turned it over and over in her slim hands. "Where in the world did you get this thing?" she asked, puzzled. The last time she had seen it, it had been lying in the wet yellow mud beside the wreck of her car. And she was quite sure that she hadn't picked it up.

"The nurse in the office downstairs just gave it to me... along with the jewelry you had on when you came into the hospital." Dick answered. His voice sounded cold and flat.

He took a little handful of jewelry from his pocket and tumbled it down on the bed. Gloria picked up her rings and

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MAN IS VICTOR AS AVALANCHE MENACES LIFE

Rancher Wins Wild Race As Mountainside Starts To Slide

Moving Wall of Rock And Dirt 100 Feet High Roars After Rider

JACKSON, Wyo., June 26.—(AP)—Racing ahead of an avalanche with his life and the safety of his family and home at stake, and winning by a matter of minutes, was the experience of Gil Huff, Wyoming rancher, whose story of seeing the north side of Sheep Mountain crumble and fall across the Grosventre river valley, near here Tuesday, became known today.

Huff said he was riding on horseback at the foot of the mountain, when it began to move carrying on its back a section of the dense Teton national forest. He was riding near his ranch, he said, when he saw this. He turned and began a desperate ride for safety. The avalanche, with a road, Huff declared, bore down toward him in the form of a moving wall of boulders, trees and earth a hundred feet high. His frenzied horse, struck by flying splinters and stones, ran to higher ground at one side, and the big landslide missed him only a few feet, he declared.

Races to Home. Once clear of the oncoming mountain Huff raced to his home nearby. He rushed his wife and daughter to a point of safety and then returned to save as many of his belongings as possible. Most of these he saved by working throughout the night, he reports.

Huff said many of his cattle were killed. Two ranches above his were wiped out and that the ranger station nearby will be submerged by

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THREATS SENT FOR KELSO DETECTIVES WORKING ON DEATH

KELSO, Wash., June 26.—Anonymous letters threatening the lives of Luke S. May, criminologist, retained by Cowlitz county to investigate the murder of Thomas Dorrery, and Deputy Sheriff Clarence Dunbar, are the developments in the Dorrery murder mystery revealed today.

May received a letter Thursday evening through the mail. The letter, hand printed and with no name signed, informed the criminologist he had better "lay off" his investigations in this field or he would meet the same fate as Dorrery.

Officers believe the letters are the effort of some "crank" or of someone who knows something about the Dorrery murder, who is attempting by these letters to establish a theory that the crime was committed by a half-wit.

A. Ruric Toss, recalled mayor, last night departed for Seattle. It was learned today. "I have told my followers to keep their mouths shut and their eyes open during the time that most elapses before the hearing of the quo warranta proceedings," instituted this afternoon," Toss said prior to leaving. "I expect to call a mass meeting in Seattle for Monday night when I shall discuss land fraud charges."

Toss declared he expected to remain away from Kelso until the action started in an effort to regain his former office is heard in court three weeks hence.

Eugene Stars To Meet Coos Club Golfers

Marshfield and Eugene golfers will meet Sunday at the Eugene Country club in what officials declare will be the biggest meet of the year. The visitors are bringing a team of at least 18 men, and six women, who will participate in the play, it is announced. The best golf talent in the two cities will be seen in action here.

Eugene won the match at the coast city recently, and the visiting team is determined to win back the inter-city honors, it is stated. The entire party will arrive Sunday morning, and will be guests of the Eugene country club during the day.

The teams will line up as follows:

- Marshfield Eugene: Wm. Wade, Bert Prescott, B. S. Fisher, George McGill, I. R. Tower, E. O. Immel, M. Keith, Bud Sigwart, Frank Shaw, Ray O'Donnell, R. R. Chandler, Ralph Martin, J. H. Jeffrey, A. R. Tiffany, S. Claud Nasburg, Ivan Anderson, R. H. Rowley, Art Morris, H. J. McKeown, Geo. Hitchcock, W. J. Conrad, Wilson Coffey, Fred Abbot, Harry Dunbar, G. R. Thiering, Al Stien, Dr. Endicott, Jack Pratt, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Seth Kerren, Dr. Gordon, Jim Seavey, Dr. Penick, Clyde Johnson.

Others who will come are Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Conrad. Other men who may make the trip and play are W. E. Chandler, C. McJohnson, and Fred McCollum.

Youth Drowned as He Swims Stream

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 26.—Arthur Dillon, aged 19, was drowned at Dillard last night, while swimming in the South Umpqua river. Dillon went into the water a few minutes after eating a hearty meal and was swimming across the stream carrying little Jack Nook on his back. Dillon was an expert swimmer, but suddenly sank out of sight, without an outcry, and did not appear again. The youngster, who was being taken across the stream, cried out and attracted help, and was going down for the third time when he was rescued by George Peterson. Peterson also raised the body of Dillon, after it had been in the water for about 20 minutes. Resuscitation was attempted but nothing could be done. The young man's father is secretary of the chamber of commerce at Oroville, Cal., and Dillon has been employed at the R. H. Davidson farm at Dillard since last fall.

Boys Are Thought Drowned in Slough

MARSHFIELD, Ore., June 26.—Lester Jam, 21, and Albert Franz, 16, half brothers, sons of Mrs. Jean Franz of South Slough, are believed drowned in South Slough. The coast guard and most of the citizens of Charleston, nine miles from here, are searching the head of the slough for the bodies, using grab hooks today.

The boys left Monday night in a row boat of new-ton good construction, taking a few supplies and their dog, starting for the head of the slough in about morning. The slough was extremely rough Monday night and it is believed neither of the boys could swim. The dog came back today, wet and whining, and Earl Wasson, another youth who was waiting for them at the head of the slough, returned with word that they had never arrived.

LEGION MEETS IN PRINEVILLE; RODEO IS HELD

Five Performers Injured in Big Frontier Show on Opening Day

Estimated Attendance of War Veterans is 5000 From all Over State

PRINEVILLE, Ore., June 26.—Five performers were injured on the opening day of the rodeo show, held in conjunction with the American Legion annual state convention here yesterday. One accident threatens to prove serious. Elmer Smith of Alberta, Canada, attempting to ride a wild horse bareback, was thrown and the animal fell on him.

The convention opened with delegates present from nearly every post and auxiliary in the state. The attendance is estimated at 5000. In the first event, the free-for-all half mile thoroughbred race, Calera, owned by Dore and Carl, placed first. Dewa, owned by Dore and Carl placed second, and Doctor Hayer, owned by Lorena Trickey placed third.

In the first round of the bucking contest, Mac McCullough, rode Jumping Jack; Bay Cash rode Steel Head;

High Market Sale In Wool Reported

PORTLAND, Ore., June 26.—The largest wool sale of the season has been closed, establishing new high market levels and stimulating interest in the trade. The Portland Wool Warehouse company sold 350,000 pounds of fine and half blood at prices ranging from 45 to 49 1/2. Boston firms were the purchasers.

Baseball Results

Table with columns for National and American League results, listing teams and scores.

CONDITIONS BETTER

RENO, Ore., June 26.—Forest fire conditions were greatly improved this morning, the relative humidity having gone as high as 75 last night and standing at 50 this morning, according to the forestry office. This is high, as that it has been in several days. Nine forest fires have been reported so far as a result of the electric storm yesterday.

KLAMATH HAS FIRE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 26.—The first forest fire of the year in Klamath county was of incendiary origin, according to a report made this morning by the Klamath forest protective association. Accidents are reported to be made within the next two days, officials said. The fire was started yesterday in a six acre tract of green timber in the Big Slough, and was placed under control before it had opportunity to spread into larger tracts.

Cool Breeze Comes; Hot Spell Halted

Cool breezes, sweeping out of the mountains from the northeast today, brought relief from the oppressive heat of the last two days.

Moderation in temperature was noted early this morning, and at 3 o'clock noon, the thermometer had registered 11 degrees lower than at the same hour yesterday. The heat wave is apparently broken, although no signs of rain have been seen.

The extreme heat of Wednesday night was not noticed last night, the minimum record being 52 degrees, according to the instruments kept by Gerard M. de Broekery, United States weather observer.

The hourly records today, showing the cooling temperature, are as follows:

Table showing hourly temperature records for June 26, 1925.

The Willamette river is down to the lowest point of the year, the river gauge at the Ferry street bridge showing only 2 1/2 feet of water. Continued moderation of the hot weather depends almost entirely upon the

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PRECAUTION TAKEN TO PREVENT BLAZE

The forest fire hazard continues in the Siuslaw national forest, according to R. H. Shelby, forest supervisor, although every precaution is being taken by men of the forest service. No fires have been reported as yet from the Siuslaw district, although the big fire burning in the Silette basin on the upper Silette river is 10 miles from the forest, and might menace the forest timber under conditions of lower humidity and higher temperature. Mr. Shelby said, "The fire is on the burning site of the Valdez Lumber company."

A report from V. G. Backman looking out from Prairie Mount yesterday afternoon, on what was believed to be a forest fire on Condon creek, was found to be a slash burning on private land. The check-up was made with Louison Joe Berrens at Condon creek.

As 1:15 the fire was still burning, but the fire department had it well under control.

MINER IS KILLED

MEDFORD, Ore., June 26.—R. A. Thompson, a miner, was killed and his son Archie, was seriously injured on Thursday afternoon by the premature explosion of a blast in the tunnel of their mine in the Trail district, according to word received by the coroner here this morning.

PRaise VOICED BY SECRETARY ON FARM PLAN

W. M. Jardine is Guest of Lane on Coast Trip And Is Greeted Here

Co-Operative Enterprises of County Complimented By Visitor

Lane county received the congratulations of Secretary of Agriculture Jardine this morning for having the greatest number of successful farmers' cooperative enterprises in Oregon. This comment was made at a one-hour session with leading farmers and business men of Eugene at the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Jardine said that he had received reports on Eugene's cooperative work, through his brother, James T. Jardine, director of the Oregon experiment station, who accompanied him on the trip from Rossburg.

"Keep up the good work," the secretary said, "cooperative marketing is the only way the farmer can put his business on a profitable basis and hold it. I've been making a study of cooperative work in California and have found the reason they are successful is because they use business methods. I don't know of any big business today that is being conducted any more successfully than that of California agriculture."

Wrong Methods Told. "It's the surplus that's been breaking agriculture everywhere. California is getting on because they are merchandising products of the soil as Gary is merchandising his steel."

Secretary Jardine was unable to visit the Eugene Fruit Growers' association plant as he planned, although he discussed it with M. H. Harlow, president, and J. O. Holt, manager. Mr. Jardine's party included his secretary, F. M. Russell, his brother, James T. Jardine, W. A. Jensen, ex-

Blaze Loss Heavy In The Dalles Fire

THE DALLES, Ore., June 26.—Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the contents of the Walter Williams warehouse, where the fire started. Both structures were of corrugated iron over wood frames. The loss was estimated at about \$25,000.

The loss sustained by the Edward C. Pease company, owners of the contents of the Pease warehouse, was \$15,000, fully covered by insurance. No insurance was carried on either of the buildings or on the contents of the Williams warehouse.

The Pease warehouse belonged to the Smith-French estate. The Walter Williams warehouse was owned by A. N. Williams.

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FLAPPER WIFE

The Story so Far GLORIA GORDON, beautiful flapper, married DICK GREGORY, a struggling lawyer. Her idea of marriage is fun and fine clothes... but no work or children.

She refuses to cook or keep house and hires RANGHOLD SWANSON to do it for her, although Dick says they can't afford a maid. And she swears Dick with debts for her clothes and a new automobile.

Dick becomes seriously ill with pneumonia. During the days of his slow recovery, Gloria sees Wayburn constantly. He tells her he is going to New York to get a job. He needs money. Gloria borrows \$200 of Dick's money from his secretary, MISS BRIDGES. She tells Miss Bridges she wants the money to improve the house and yard.

Gloria and Wayburn go driving and

Whopper

This is a fish story. Not one of those illustrated by spreading hands, but proved by exhibiting the actual fish. The story is related by A. C. ... manager of the Booth-Kelly ... company, who went fishing ... the McKenzie above Blue River, ... leisurely fishing this stream ... Diven felt something on his line ... gave indications of being a trout, ... pulled like a whale. It proved to ... whopper of a reddside, 23 inches ... and according to statements of ... three sportsmen in the largest fish ... kind hooked this year. The fish ... as an exhibit in the display window ... the cigar store last night and ... morning. Fishing in the McKenzie ... not been so good the last few ... according to a number of men ... fished on the river the last two ... Whether the hot weather had ... going to do with it or not is not ... but fish caught in anything ... large quantities were taken in ... the cooler parts of the evening. No ... catches have recently been ... and the 23-inch specimen ... by Mr. Dixon proved to be a ... surprise locally.

Service Installed

A central telephone exchange for water service is being installed at the Southern Pacific depot. Under the new system all Southern Pacific offices will have one telephone number, and a new operator will be employed to take care of the switchboard which is now being put in. The operator will give special information to those calling, as well as connect those telephoning with whatever permission is wanted. The expectation is that the new system will simplify the telephoning for the public, according to J. B. Hewitt, chief clerk of the Southern Pacific office. The work on the installation will be completed as soon as certain cable changes can be made in the next week or two. The new operator will work with operators in the telephone office.

Man Prostrated

Carl H. Smith, 1190 Alder street, was stricken with the heat at 4 p. m. Saturday while at work on the Stearns and Perkins building, Fourth and 10th streets, Springfield. He was lying on the ground, with the emergency hovering around 100 when he was unconscious on the ground. His wife overcame by the heat was attributed partly to the fact that he had been drinking too much water, while continuing his work in the sun. Fellow workmen brought him to consciousness in the course of a few minutes, and he was taken to his home in Eugene by Bert Snook, foreman of the building operations.

Trail Work Started

The new 15-mile trail from Scottsburg to Smith river is well under way, according to word received this morning by R. S. Shelley, supervisor of the Siuslaw national forest, from Henry Spaulding, trail foreman. Six miles of trail have been completed to a point a mile north of Fern Top lookout, a mile over the divide on the Smith river side. A crew of eight men has been at work since May. Considerable blasting is needed along the trail, though it will only be wide enough for pack horses and men to pass over.

Back from Vacation

Edwin Humphrey returned yesterday from a two weeks' vacation spent traveling about the state in his automobile. He visited Astoria and the coast district, Portland, and also went to Klamath Falls and Diamond Lake before returning home.

Elks Take Seven

Seven new members initiated by the Elks lodge are: Archibald Eckels, Eugene; Oscar Ellis, Oakridge; James C. Robinson, Oakridge; Robert C. McKinnert, Westfir and James A. Hayes, Oakridge. James Totts of Cottage Grove was reinstated.

Ray Veach Will Speak

Ray Veach, who recently returned

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