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THREE GIRLS BURN IN MONMOUTH FIRE

The Normal Students Perish When Dormitory Blaze **Starts From Candle.**

dents of Oregon State Normal College observations of the new air route, were incinerated in a fire which des-troyed a two story frame house on the campus Tuesday night. Fourteen the Interstate lines and had once behad narrow escapes from the flames fore been injured in a plane crash. which started as the house mother, Mrs. Minnie Mack, was lighting can- of the machine and two others were dles beside a Christmas tree.

Mrs. Mack said she had lit one can- one passenger being thrown free of dle on a pedestal beside the tree and the plane escaped practically unhurt. was carrying the match to light Lieutenant Harris married Miss another candle when the flame Marietta Savage, sister of Mrs. Si caught on the tree. The fire leaped Reitz of Pendleton. quickly, and Mrs. Mack, screaming a warning to the girls, seized the tree and rushed with it from the house, mains of the lieutenant were laid to being badly burned about the hands rest beside his father and mother, and body.

Sweeping rapidly up the curtains and catching on wallpaper the fire engulfed the old house, trapping three of the girls upstairs in their rooms.

The bodies of Miss Florence Graham, senior, of Newport, Ore., and Miss Evelyn Ohman, 1664, Montana avenue, Portland, were found on the springs of their bed. They apparently had been overcome before portion and permanent repairs will being able to escape from the sleep. be made early in the spring. For the ing porch which they occupied.

The body of Miss Marguerite Hemmers, of Gresham, a new student who the front of the building, which rewas to register today for the opening leaves some of the weight on the term, was found nearby.

the fire started, trying to open a win- and obstructions have been placed on dow, but she disappeared into the the sidewalk, with lighted lanterns smokefilled house before a rescuer was able to reach her.

Miss Alice Wallace, 21, of Woodland, Wash., president of a sorority at Monmouth, told newspaper men that she heard the screams of the girls on the second floor of the burning house and the crash of glass. Whether they were prevented from making their escape by locked windows and screens or were too panicstricken to attempt their way down the stairway was speculative, according to Miss Wallace.

"It was terrible," said Miss Wal-

Victim of Airplane **Crash In the Southland** Was Well Known Here

Lieutenant R. D. Harris, brother of Ortis Harris pastor of the Christian church at Everett, Wash., and Ellis Harris, former pastor of the Athena Christian church, but now a teacher in a Spokane college, who was killed in a monoplane accident at Chattanooga, Tennessee, was well known in Athena, where he had visited his pastor brother frequently.

Lieutenant Harris was flying in the Monmouth, Ore .- Three girl stu- monoplane as a passenger, taking

Besides Lieutenant Harris, the pilot killed in the wreck at Chattanooga,

Funeral services were held at who are buried there.

To Repair Masonic Hall

Precautionary measures have been taken to provide safety to the public from the weakened condition of Masonic Hall on Main street. The building is considered unsafe, as the result of cracks appearing in the walls of the building in the front present, several tons of brick have been taken down from the coping at weak parts. Also parking of cars is Miss Hemers was seen, just after forbidden in front of the building, to give warning at nights.

Muskrat Ranch

Dee Ireland, of Milton, has made application to the state engineer for a water right to the springs on what is known as the Lane Hoon swamp where he is planning a muskrat fur farm. He is enclosing ten acres with fine wire mesh netting, partly below the ground and partly above to pre-vent the little animals from leaving and to keep enemies away. Mr. Ireland will begin his new industry with five pair of rats which he exhin a

EARLY LIFE OF HERBERT HOAVE! YOLD BY FRIEND, BURT BROWN BARKER, LOW VICE-PRESIDENT AT U. OF O.

University of Oregon, Eugene. - ; when "Bert" would give them odds. dert' Hoover, a shy, diffident youth, and they had the usual boyhood adyet one who placed chivalry above all virtues; a boy who had but few close city of Salem. Mr. Barker recalis that defender and helper of his fellowmen; he and Mr. Hoover first saw and ate ous even in chess and checkers, this is the person known and loved long years ago in Salem, Oregon, by Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University of Oregon, who was one of the first to congratulate the newly elected president.



Vice president of the University of Oregon.

To Mr. Barker, Herbert Hoover was known as "Bert," just as other play do such things." mates were known by their boyhood nicknames. Mr. Barker himself was "Buck," Oswald West, former gover nor of Oregon, was "Butch," and Charles L. McNary, United States sen ator from Oregon, was "Charlie." This quartet played together in Salem back in the early '90s, and one of their staunch friends was "Ike" Patterson. now governor of this state, who ran a small grocery store.

Friendship Highly Regarded.

It was not until recently that Mr. Barker made known details of his intimate friendship for the newly elected president, for it was a friendship so **Inactive Grain Market Reflected By Dullness** Of the Holiday Period

ventures in and around the then little Holiday dullness, and inactive markets were the most outstanding facfriends, yet one who always stood as it was at parties about this time that tors in the bread grain markets last week. Wheat quotations were gena young man whose mind eternally powdered sugar and tasted their first erally lower. A reported reduction was busy with solving problems, seri- ice cream. These commonplace foods of 8.6 per cent in winter wheat acre- State Line Hall Scene of were rare and delectable viands for age and 151/2 per cent in winter rye acreage has tended to keep the mar-It was at a party during this time kets a little firmer than they might that "Bert" Hoover showed signs of otherwise have been in view of rather chivalry that has dominated his life, large stocks of North American Mr. Barker relates. A young man who wheat and good prospective crops in

was present was called upon for a South America. story and told the old myth in which Although the reduction in new a young woman who asked of the gods | winter wheat acreage is mostly in the that she be given eternal life, forgot soft wheat states, markets for soft to ask for eternal youth. She grew red winter showed further weakness for the Walla Walla Bulletin: older and older until finally there was and prices declined about 3 cents a nothing left but her voice. When the bushel.

party was over "Bert," usually shy Pacific coast markets also showed and diffident and seldom given to holiday dullness, but the demand quarreling, savagely attacked the story from export flour mills held priecs about steady at around \$1.17 to \$1.18 what he deemed a reflection against for soft white and western white womanhood. It was useles for the boys to try to explain to him that it wheat maintained substantial premiums over all other classes in Pacontention that it was one that should cific Coast markets. It was reported that mills are having some difficulty at Portland to obtain sufficient cargo

space to handle March and April ex-

At Denver No. 2 soft white wheat was quoted \$1.00 to \$1.12 a bushel. Some soft white wheat changed hands at St. Louis for \$1.41 a bushel basis both No. 1 and No. 2 bulk. The of Germany. Hoover was at that time future trend of the soft red winter wheat market, and the probable effect thereof on the demand for soft white wheats remains uncertain

Last year there was a sharp up-turn in soft wheat prices after the ed, which the kaiser refused, declar- first of January that continued until ing that "German soldiers would not about the first of May. The presence of abundant supplies of hard red winter wheat on the markets has tion, said sternly, "All right, we'll had a depressing influence on all kinds of wheat so far this year and may continue to do so unless the export movement becomes brisker.

It seems likely that the closing of the Lakes will result in Europe taking more United States wheat until the time when southern hemisphere supplies are available. But exports of United States wheat, including flour, from July 1 to December 8 were only 92,569,000 bushels, or nearly 57,000,000 bushels less than for the same period in 1927 and the move-

HODGEN CLAN IN ANNUAL REUNION

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Large Gathering On New Year Day.

The following account of the annaul reunion of the Hodgen family and friends at State Line hall on New Year's day, was written by a reporter

The gathering of a clan that "could have elected Al Smith president if they had all been old enough to vote," was making a mecca of the State Line hall today where all who have Hodgen blood or are married to those of the original Hodgen family that crossed the plains in 1864, are assembled for their seventeenth annual reunion.

From Idaho, Washington and Oregon they were gathering for festivities that started at one o'lcock this afternoon with a "feed" that was to start the year of 1929 right, while other events were to keep all busy un-til midnight tonight, and possibly later, depending upon the amount of enthusiasm shown at that time.

Oldest of all the 100 assembled, is Harvey Hodgen, now 73, and one of those who crossed the plains in an ox cart in 1864. From him came the remark that the clan could have put Al Smith in office, even though one of their members was a Republican. It is estimated that there are about 300 relatives in the United States, but because of illness, distance, or other cause, the attendance today was near the century mark.

William Hodgen of Freewater, is second in rank with age 68 as his boast, while the youngest of all is Louis, six-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendelin Leidl of this city. Four generations are represented in the gathering. Grover Hodgen of La-Grande, is the one who traveled the longest distance to attend the reunion.

A known record of 59 years during which no member of the large family has ever been arrested, was university vice-president. Throughout ment has continued slow in Decemfound today to be still intact, due highly regarded that he did not wish all of them can be noted the qualities ber. Canadian exports, however, are perhaps, one of the older folks re-it to be exploited in any way during that made for succes in later life. ahead of last year about 78,000,000 marked, to the fact that "maybe some should have been but were too slick."

teller and severely chastised him, for was a myth, for he was firm in his

the boys in those days.

not be told in "mixed company." Later Life Told.

Then Mr. Barker tells how, years port business. later, during the World War, just before America's entry, this same man, still shy and diffident, but driven against his sense of outraged chivalry, steeled himself to approach the kaiser in charge of relief work in Belgium, and German soldiers he told the kaiser were looting food stores consigned to women and children refugees. An order to stop the robberies was demand-

Finally Hoover, driven to despera-

shoot a few of your soldiers with the

loot in their hands and bring them to

you. Then you will have to believe

The kaiser, livid with rage, then

came back, and agreed to issue the

order. This was witnessed by Ambas-

Mr. Barker.

sador Girard, who told the story to

Incidents Related.

hood together can be recalled by the

Many other incidents of their boy-

"The fire was raging. There were screams and then I heard crashing glass. I will never forget the cries of the poor victims and the sight of the spreading flames."

Investigators for the state fire marshal said that Miss Ohman and Miss Graham apparently died together. Fourth streets was entered by rob-Their charred bodies were found in bers sometime Wednesday night and the bed which they shared. The body a small amount of change and a of Miss Hemmers was found in an- flashlight taken. Entrance to the other part of the ruins.

Burglars Steal a Safe At a Milton Garage

Burglars who evidently knew their onions entered the Central Service station at Milton, Friday night and carried away a safe weighing 350 pounds . The safe was found along the highway near Spofford, neatly cracked by a hammer and punch.

According to John Dresler, proprietor of the service station, the safe had contained some cash, checks and notes. All of the notes were found with a single exception but the checks as well as the cash was gone. Entrance to the station was gained through the back door which evidently was opened with a master key as the door and lock were not damaged.

Hay Hits High Mark

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Alfalfa ranchers of the Hudson Bay district who have not disposed of last season's hay crop, are now leaning back in their easy chairs and smiling in anticipation of the flow of gold coming their way when they sell their hay. The reason for this, says most to the sky. The prevailing prices at the present time range from \$17.50 to \$20.00 per ton and the winter has only started.

Editor Turns Farmer Eugene Lorton, former editor of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, World. In a recolumn of comment entitled, "Out on the Farm."

Ex-Governor Pierce Weds

Miss Cornelia Marvin, for 23 years state librarian, was married at her country home near Eola, Polk county

Service Station and **Pool Hall Robberies**

The service station conducted by C. B. Moore at corner of Main and station was effected by removal of a pane of glass in the front door permitting the lock to be turned on

the inside. Automobile tracks in the snow showed that the car had stood for sometime in front of the service station.

At W. R. Harden's pool hall, a portion of glass was removed in the front door with a glass cutter and the key turned from the inside to admit the robbers. The safe door was left unlocked by the proprietor, so the drawers on the interior were gold piece was taken but a dollor bill ly found two bags containing silver, which Mr. Harden had secreted under a counter, one bag containing \$22 delux package. in nickles rolled in \$2 packages. The

two bags held \$80. From a punch board the thieves took a cigaret holder and a nail clipper. Also they Harden place.

a window on the north side of the about 'steen others. the Freewater Times, is that alfalfa building. It is reported that a garage hay is becoming rather a scarce arti- at Weston was robbed of cash cle in that section and as a conse- amounting to about \$50. Nothing was quence prices have been boosted al- missed by the proprietor of "Pink's Place" on Third street.

Oregon's Ballot Cast

Salem, Or.,-Oregon's republican presidential electors gathered in the executive department here and formally cast the state's electoral vote for had a roll of stolen bills and each con-Walla Walla Union and founder of Herbert E. Hoover for president and fessed, officers said. the Bulletin, is now publisher of the Charles H. Curtis for vice-president. One copy of the vote has been sent cent editorial announcement he said he to the president of the United States was "retiring" to his farm a few senate, two copies to the secretary of miles from Tulsa. He will continue state in Washington, one copy to the to maintain active management of federal judge in Portland and two they were vehemently "pulling" for the World and has begun a Sunday copies to the secretary of state here.

Buffalo For Oregon

ford will endeavor to interest the ing presented with "two points by state game commission to bring the that boner pulled by Riegels." buffalo back to his native heath in Wallowa, Harney and Union counties. Tuesday, to ex-Governor Walter M. The purpose of the plan is two fold-

the campaign.

Barker tells, admiration for the qual- to friends, a willingness to help a felities that brought the quiet "Bert" low man in every way. Hoover to the fore was early felt by his reticence seemed to denote ster qualities that endeared him to us as a ling qualities that drew the other boys boy. He will bring in addition a vast working for the Oregon Land com- lems of the world. He will bring a

Played Together. gether, played chess and checkers first.

"Harold Teen" Coming **To Standard Theatre**

"Harold Teen," with Lillums and Giggles and all the characters of the recent date contains an article writcomic strip have joined the movies ten by Harry Kuck, former Pendleand will be seen at the Standard ton newspaper man, relative to win-Theatre tomorrow night. Don't fail nings made by George Drumheller's easily opened with a jimmy and a \$5 to see the ultra modern high-school horses on the Tijuana track. Kuck boys and class co-eds. They are says: was overlooked. The robbers eventual- a whole year ahead of anything you This was a gala day for the northever heard of in styles and gags-a west. George Drumheller scored a real collegiate comedy done up in a double with Pat, always a favorite

Sunday night Ruth Taylor and other bag contained change, in all the James Hall will co-star in "Just Married," a fine Paramount comedy, built for the express purpose of selling when the game gelding, Pat, dropped theatre seats and thoroughly entermade away with a \$15 robe from the taining the audience sitting in them. Some cast, too: Harrison Ford, Wil-Finkerton's service station on low-er Third street was entered by raising Ricketts, Lila Lee, Arthur Hoyt and

Theatre Robbers Captured La Grande, Or .- Less than two hours after a holdup at the Arcade theatre here in which Francis Greulich, one of the owners, was robbed of \$535, John Richard Byng, 24, and Ben Robins, 22, were under arrest. Byng was captured in a box car and Robins was taken at his home. Each

When Georgia Teck Won

Interest was at a high pitch among land Grain Company, a new \$25,000 Athena football fans New Year's day corporation at Freewater with H. S. when clustered around radio receivers Murray, A. L. Grover and John R. Barnes as incorporators were filed their respective favorites. When with the county clerk recently. The

Georgia Teck won by a one point margin, the backers of California had State Game Warden Harold Clif- a lot to say about the southerners be- a par value of \$100 each.

Snow At Hailey

At Hailey, Idaho, snow is reported the other day, and after the barber

Many of them showed courage and bushels. It is a warm, human story that Mr. chivalry and love of truth, faithfulness

"The United States has chosen wise-"Buck." He recalls their first days ly," declared Mr. Barker. Mr. Hoover together, when "Bert" said little, yet will bring to his new position all the to him. Hoover was at that time experience in dealing with the prob pany, while his friends, "Butch," trained, scientific mind, and best of "Charlie," and "Buck" were in school. all he will have as a basis for his actions that chivalry and love of truth

Drumheller's Horses Win **On the Tijuana Track**

The San Diego Evening Tribune of

here, and No Effort. Both were ridden by Jockey H. Louman and the odds were liberal in both cases. No Effort was a \$4.10 to \$1 shot and his nozzle down in front of Deep race at six furlongs, the connections realized \$26.80 on each \$2 investment.

Highway Snow Plow

After the snow yesterday morning the highway crew was out bright and early with a snow plow in front of a big truck, clearing the highway of its four inch coat of snow. Before noon are reported to be in good trim for visit to Eastern Oregon. the highway on both sides of town the games tomorrow night. had been cleared of and on Main street the snow was shoved to the

center from the curbs on both sides, giving freedom for traffic and parking purposes.

New Grain Elevator

Articles of incorporation of the Inhis house.

capital stock of \$25,000, the articles show, is divided into 250 shares with Gets Doll Bobbed

A 6-year-old Chinese girl took her

doll to a Walla Walla barber shop Pierce of LaGrande. Rev. Norman Kendall Tully, pastor of the First sources of the state and to augment for that region is 31.56 inches: A her doll's hair be bobbed. Accom-from appendicitis was performed without delay. At her performed was engraged in mining operations in Remain runny, paster of the prist sources of the state and to augment for that region is 31.56 inches. A ner don's nair be booked. Accom-the income of the game commission, vear ago the fall measured 32.75 modated, she left the place carrying without delay. At last reports Alton was engaged in mining operations in the Baker district.

The general appearance of all at the meeting, termed by themselves as "just folks," showed how such a Al NorDean Car In record could be made.

Good, clean vigorous living has made of the clan a healthy lot that came down from Spokane Sunday to has contributed to their own happiness and in addition been a factor in athletics in Northwest colleges.

Greatest Book Circulation

The month of December was the greatest month in the history of the Athena branch library in point of number of books in circulation. For that month, the librarian, Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn, reports that 1061 books were taken from the library by readers. The Athena branch was estabwhile ago it was under supervision of a board comprised of five Athena women. These ladies gave efficient service gratis, each serving a day in turn at the library. However, the cided to place the library in charge of a librarian, and the city council appointed Mrs. Littlejohn.

John Stone In Hawaii

While on a recent visit to the Hawaiian Islands, Fred Lockley, feature writer for the Oregon Journal met John Stone, old-time Athena boy. John is one of the busy men of Honolulu now. He is private secretary for F. C. Atherton, president of the Castle & Cook company; secretary of the Territorial Hotel company; secretary of Central Y. M. C. Coach "Pike" Miller will take his A., and is International News corbasketball tossers to Touchet tomor- respondent. John asked to be rerow night for a game with Touchet membered to Dr. S. F. Sharp and F. high school. The local players have B. Boyd of Athena, and Clark Wood had a rest during the holidays and of Weston, on Mr. Lockley's next

State Basketball Tourney

Dates for the annual Oregon high school basketball championship tournament were fixed by the board of control of the Oregon State High School Athletic association at the annual meeting of the association. The title frays will take place at Salem, as usual, in Willamette university gymnasium March 11 to 16. The nine district champions and Portland will compete as in the past.

Harry Hendryx Passes

Harry Hendryx, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Hendryx, pioneer residents of Weston, died Friday last at Hot Lake shortly after leaving a train on which he was a Alton Lieuallen was taken to St. passenger from Portland. Mr. Hen-

Fire Being Probed

Under Slide The body of Gene Gibbs, 25, a miner, was found in the Granite district, near Baker under a snow slide, which probably caused his death. His

skiis were found near the body, which was not more than 100 yeards from

The Monmouth Normal fire is being probed by the state fire marshal's of-

fice. It has found that the fire started from a candle, but not placed on the Christmas tree. The tree decorations, so it is said, did include candles,

Wreck Near Waitsburg Mr. and Mrs. Al NorDean and son

spend a few days at the W. C. Russell home in Athena. On the way down from Spokane they encounterer a storm and when near Waitsburg,

the car stopped for want of gas. Getting his Ford to the side of the road, Mr. NorDean went after a sup-The four boys went to parties to- that stamped him as a leader from the ply of gas, leaving his wife and boy in the car, with the lights on.

Shortly after he left, a car came up from behind, striking the NorDean machine in the rear, shoving it into the ditch. Fortunately Mrs. Nor- lished in 1914, and up until a short Dean and her son escaped without injury, but the machine was badly wrecked. A car went from here to bring the visitors down from Waitsburg.

Mr. NorDean went to Waitsburg duties involved required a great deal Tuesday, where his car is undergoing of their time. Recently it was derepairs, and will proceed on to Spokane, his wife and son remaining here for a short visit.

Succeeding a heavy rain which considerable bolstered up the moisture snow fell Wednesday night to when it melts. This is the first real

Athena At Touchet

average, and gave joy to wheat growers in this section, four inches of

Four Inches of Snow

Thought and Short Price in the fifth augment the quantity of precipitation snowfall of the season.