

# HEMPHILL FOUND DEAD AFTER ARREST IN EUGENE JAIL

The many friends of W. E. Hemphill, who was found dead Friday night in the Lane county jail at Eugene, in which city he was arrested yesterday on the charge of arson, were shocked not only over his death, but at the cause of his arrest. Doubt was expressed Friday as to whether he committed suicide or death was due to a natural cause.

It was learned Friday that following his arrest and after fourteen hours of grilling questioning by officials, Hemphill had made a confession that he set fire to the Strickfadden house in Ashland on March 17. He implicated others in this confession.

Hemphill, who was about 45 years old and until recently was a moving picture operator at the Page theater, is survived by a wife and four children, who reside at 1012 East Main street. He is also well known in Ashland, the family having removed from that city to Medford about two years ago. Hemphill was a member of the Modern Woodmen and Elks lodges of Medford and of the Odd Fellows lodge of Ashland.

The widow and children were prostrated with grief Friday. The oldest child is Miss Agnes Hemphill, who is employed as stenographer at the Mason-Ehrman Co. wholesale grocery house. Two other daughters are students in the high school.

The funeral services will be held from the family home on East Main at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and will be strictly private. The body will arrive in Medford late Friday night, having been shipped from Eugene on Friday afternoon immediately following the inquest.

Others implicated in the burning of the Strickfadden house, according to County Prosecutor Roberts and other officials, are Mrs. Nan McFadden and her sister, Mrs. L. Dryfoos, who are under arrest in Seattle, and a Mrs. M. M. Garwood, who is supposed to be under arrest in Eugene. Sheriff Jennings and Deputy Sheriff Anderson left Medford Thursday to bring the prisoners back to this county from Eugene and Seattle.

County Prosecutor Roberts, ever since the fire, has been hard at work on the case, assisted by Deputy District Attorney Charles Robinson of Multnomah county, District Attorney Ray of Eugene and C. C. McCurdy of Medford and Ralph McCurdy of Portland, who is special agent of the insurance company in which the Strickfadden house was insured.

The burning of the house was plainly incendiary. It is charged that two days before the fire Mrs. Nan Strickfadden, who owned the house, returned from a two years absence in the east and with Mrs. Dryfoos reopened the house and started to living in two rooms furnished with cheap furniture. It is further charged that the two women conspired with Mrs. Garwood and Hemphill to burn the house so that Mrs. Strickfadden could collect the \$5000 insurance on it.

It seems that after leaving his Page theater employment Hemphill went into the land selling business with Mrs. Garwood, representing a company that was selling off a large allotment near Seattle. Hemphill and Mrs. Garwood worked at selling this land in Medford for a time and then worked at the same calling in Ashland and Eugene. But little is known in Medford about the Garwood woman.

## NO GOITERS WANTED IN UNCLE SAM'S FORCES

Unless the government becomes more liberal in its physical requirements, young men with goiters on their necks, no matter how small, will find themselves barred from enlistment in the United States marine corps.

Earl S. Smalley, who was enlisted at the Medford marine recruiting office this week by Sergeant Brooks was rejected when physically examined because he had a minute, unnoticeable goiter. The examining physician informed Smalley that the goiter was doubtless caused by drinking mountain water and advised him to boil all drinking water. Smalley, who had been working near Klamath Falls for some time, is now employed at the Suncost orchard, and hopes that medicine he is taking, together with boiled drinking water, will cause the goiter to disappear and thus enable him to enter the marine service.

Sergeant Brooks says that at the head Oregon recruiting office for the marine corps at Portland a number of enlistments have been rejected because of goiters.

# PLANT POTATOES FOR YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS THEM IN WAR

Due to the shortage of potatoes the past year and the consequent high prices, there is going to be an increase in the acreage for this year. Undoubtedly this increase will be general throughout the state, but it seems reasonable that because of the abnormal conditions there is going to be an increased demand for potatoes. One factor we should bear in mind is the matter of producing disease free potatoes in order to realize the greatest returns and in order to do so it is necessary to plant clean potatoes or if they cannot be obtained to treat them and to plant the same in diseased free soil. Crop rotation with potatoes is very important, especially in this valley, because of the general distribution of potato diseases. New soil is the best, but where it is not obtainable the next best soil which has not been seeded for potatoes for three or more years.

**Seed Treatment.**  
Seed treatment: Corrosive Sublimite is the disinfectant recommended for treating potatoes as formaldehyde will not get the rhizomania which is so commonly found. The price of corrosive sublimate at this time is about \$5 per pound, which is high, but nevertheless it should not be omitted. Dissolve four ounces of corrosive sublimate in 30 gallons of water, and the potatoes are allowed to soak in this solution for one and one-half to two hours. One solution of this amount is enough to treat about 40 bushels of potatoes. It should not be used for over four lots of potatoes. It is a rank poison. Potato seed, treated and not planted, should be either burned or buried deep. Send for Extension Bulletin 186 on potato diseases.

Under most conditions the 1 1/2 to 2-ounce seed piece is preferable. The ordinary 8-ounce potato should be cut into four pieces. If it is a roundish or blocky type of potato it may be cut into four pieces, cutting through the seed ends in both instances. If it is one of the longer type, however, such as the Burbank, it may be cut lengthwise, through the seed and stem ends, and then crosswise into quarters. There should be at least two good eyes in each seed piece. The cuttings so far as possible should be made in cubical or blocky shapes rather than in long slim pieces. The cutting can be done just before planting time, and in order to dry and close up the cut surfaces, the pieces are sometimes rolled in land plaster before planting. They should not be piled up in heaps after being cut as there is danger of their heating and spoiling the germination.

Those having seed potatoes for

# PLAN MOBILIZING FOOD RESOURCES WESTERN STATES

BERKELEY, Cal., April 13.—Representatives of the agricultural interests of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona convened today in the office of President Benjamin Ide Wheeler at the University of California for the purpose of mobilizing the food producing resources of the west. The meeting was given over chiefly to organization and to an address by L. C. Corbett, representing Secretary of Agriculture D. F. Houston.

A public session was held this afternoon when citizens generally were invited to offer information and suggestions. Several of the delegates will remain here until tomorrow for a closing conference.

Corbett stated this morning that the nation has to look to a great extent to the broad acres of the west to supply the nation with food during the war. Secretary Houston, he declared, desired to impress upon the delegates the necessity of their seeking means not only of conserving the food supply of the west, but of developing resources that are not now touched. Representatives of each of the seven states participating outlined prospects in their districts.

Among the delegates were President W. J. Kerr, Oregon Agricultural college; Professor R. H. Forbes, University of Arizona; President R. Lewers and others, University of Nebraska; President John M. Perry, California state board of agriculture; Secretary H. W. Savage, Oregon agricultural board; Commissioner of Agriculture H. T. Groves, Olympia, Wash.

## SITTINGS OF HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT SUSPENDED

LONDON, April 13.—According to a telegram from Budapest the sittings of the Hungarian parliament was suspended by imperial order following stormy demands of the opposition deputies for the instant introduction of a bill for direct suffrage, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen wires.

## OBITUARY

FRY—Mrs. Sarah Goble Fry, wife of Francis D. Fry, died at her home in Medford April 10th, 1917, of pneumonia, aged 25 years, 7 months and 17 days. Mrs. Fry was born in Beeville, Bee county, Texas, on August 23, 1891. She was one of a family

of thirteen children, eight of whom are living. Mrs. Fry came to Oregon with her parents in April, 1911. She was married to Francis D. Fry in Medford, January 28, 1913. Three children came into their home, one passing away at birth, two, Rachel Adeline, aged 3, and Francis D. Jr., age 3 months, are left without the care and love of a devoted mother.

Besides the husband and two children, Mrs. Fry leaves her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Croft of Trail, Oregon; two sisters, Mrs. Cornelia Montgomery of Texas, Miss Carrie Croft of Trail, and six brothers, John Croft of Texas, Warren and Joseph Croft of Eagle Point, Enoch Croft of Oakland, California, Earl Croft of Rogue River and George Croft of Central Point.

Mrs. Fry was a member of the Christian church of Medford and also of the Alpha Delta class of the Sunday school. She was a true Christian and kind and thoughtful of others, patient through suffering. She will ever be remembered by her family and the many friends who mourn her loss. Funeral services were held at the Christian church, Thursday, April 12th, 1917, conducted by Rev. H. E. Tucker.

## NEW SOUTHERN PACIFIC BOOKLET IS ATTRACTIVE

"Oregon Outdoors" is the annual illustrated folder issued by the passenger department of the Southern Pacific at Portland, Oregon.

This folder, this year, is one that will be of great assistance to the people of Western Oregon in acquainting the tourist with our matchless scenery and the general beauty of this state as a place to spend a summer outing.

Probably the most striking feature of this folder is the colored reproduction of Crater Lake on the center page. It shows the natural color of the water of this wonderful lake. Crater Lake Lodge is shown on the rim of the lake.

There are over 70 illustrations in this folder showing various scenes

throughout Western Oregon from Portland on the north to Ashland on the south. These illustrations include hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, bathing, mountains, waterfalls, lakes, beaches, forests, rivers, parks, —in short, everything that is apt to appeal to the tourist from the East.

Copies of this booklet are free and may be obtained from any Southern Pacific agent or by addressing John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

## GAGNON SAW MILL TO MAKE BOX SHOOK

J. T. Gagnon has commenced active operations at his saw mill and box factory, in West Medford. When his mill is in full operation, which will be within a few days, twenty-five men will be employed at the factory and in the timber.

Mr. Gagnon expects to manufacture at least 300,000 box shook and have them ready for use in time for the fall fruit crop. One and a half million feet of lumber will be required to make this amount of shook and when put on the market, at the usual price, will represent a cash value of about \$30,000.

Mr. Gagnon hopes to be able to dispose of the entire output of his factory either to Medford packing or commission houses or to the growers direct. His factory will have a daily capacity of 2,000 boxes.

## TEUTON'S LINES SMASHED

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giving a total width of three and one-half miles to the turning movement at the top of this famous position.

In falling back the Germans are making in the direction of an emergency auxiliary line to the rear a Hindenburg line called the "Drocourt-Queant" line. Work on this position is far from complete and the Germans seem to have no idea of using it except as a last resort. They are now fighting under orders to delay the British advance at every possible point to permit completion of the

work of making the new position defensible.

## Hindenburg Line Broken.

On retiring from the Somme last month the Germans apparently expected to hold all the Hindenburg line running southeast from Arras in front of Cambrai and through St. Quentin and Laon. The important point at the northern end of this line was Vimy ridge. There is no doubt the Germans never expected to be driven off that ridge by a frontal attack as was done by the Canadians on Monday. Anticipating a northern offensive, however, and the possible outflanking of the Vimy positions, the Drocourt-Queant switch running north from the Hindenburg line was planned.

In the meantime the Germans, driven back from their old positions, were endeavoring to dig themselves in at various places, especially in front of Monchy-le-Preux, in which process they suffered heavy casualties from artillery and machine gun fire. It is rather difficult to explain the exact situation where the attacks center on arbitrary German field positions, rather than on towns or villages. But in modern warfare the taking of a bit of trench or a strong point which is marked only on war maps may be of far greater importance and significance than the capture of a well-known city.

Toward the southern end of the British line northwest of St. Quentin an attack was made today over an extended front and at some places the British advanced more than a mile. Various important places, including Gouzeaucourt, were captured. In the meantime the Canadians further north, fought their way through the wood located on the eastern front of Vimy ridge. The Canadians, by the way, are loud in their praise of the Scottish troops that fought south of them in taking the ridge. The killed men everywhere kept pace with the troops of the dominion, giving invaluable assistance in winning the great victory. It was estimated today that the captured guns number more than 160.

## TO RELIEVE CATARRHAL DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES

If you have Catarrhal Deafness or head noises go to your druggist and get 1 ounce of Parmit (double strength), and add to it 1/4 pint of hot water and 4 ounces of granulated sugar. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Closed nostrils should open, breathing become easy the mucus stop dropping into the throat. It is easy to prepare, costs little and is pleasant to take. Any one who has Catarrhal Deafness or head noises should give this prescription a trial.

Heath's Drug Store, Strang's Drug Store, Haskins' Drug Store, Medford Pharmacy, West Side Pharmacy can supply you.

## BETTER THAN CALOMEL

Thousands Have Discovered Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a Harmless Substitute

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the substitute for calomel—are a mild but sure laxative, and their effect on the liver is almost instantaneous. They are the result of Dr. Edwards' determination not to treat liver and bowel complaints with calomel. His efforts to banish it brought out these little olive-colored tablets.

These pleasant little tablets do the good that calomel does, but have no bad after effects. They don't injure the teeth like strong liquids or calomel. They take hold of the trouble and quickly correct it. Why cure the liver at the expense of the teeth? Calomel sometimes plays havoc with the gums. So do strong liquids. It is best not to take calomel, but to let Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets take its place.

Most headaches, "dullness" and that lazy feeling come from constipation and a disordered liver. Take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets when you feel "lumpy" and "heavy." Note how they "clear" clouded brain and how they "perk up" the spirits. 10c and 25c a box. All druggists.

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All Silk Moire Ribbon, worth 25c, sale price, yard..... **15c**

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# Saturday Suit Sale

25 of this season's newest Suits, made of all-wool serges, gaberdines and poplins, come in the latest spring shades, values up to \$35, on sale Saturday, each . . . . . **\$25**

Women's and Misses' Corduroy Coats, Fitrite Petticoats, made of all silk tafeta, new colors, well worth \$4.00, these in quite a range of bright colors, values up to \$12.50, while they last, Saturday, each..... **\$5.00** we place on sale Saturday at..... **\$2.98** each.....

## Saturday Sale of Gloves

Kayser's Silk Gloves, all colors, worth 75c, sale price, per pair..... **65c**  
Women's Two-Clasp Cape Gloves, in tan and champagne, \$2.00 grade, pair..... **\$1.50**  
Kayser's Fancy Silk Gloves, in all colors, something new, special, pair..... **\$1.39**

## Saturday Sale of Hosiery

Kayser's Silk Hose, every pair guaranteed, very special, pair..... **\$1.25**  
Women's Lisle Hose, in black, white and colors, on sale Saturday, pair..... **39c**  
Women's Silk Boot Hose, in all colors, very special, Saturday, per pair..... **69c**

## Saturday Sale of Corsets and Underwear

Women's Lingerie Gowns, Envelope Chemise, Drawers and Skirts, values up to \$2.50, very special Saturday, each..... **\$1.39**  
Women's Ribbed Union Suits, low neck, no sleeves, knee length, a very good 75c grade, on sale Saturday, each..... **48c**  
A full line of Baby Shirts, Booties and Caps, special for Saturday: Infants' Bibs, Booties and Bonnets, special, each..... **25c**  
1 lot of Corsets for dancing and athletic purposes, low bust, elastic top, flesh color, very special, Sat'y..... **\$1.48**  
1 lot newest model in heavy Coutil Corsets, all sizes, a very good \$1 quality, special Sat., pair..... **69c**  
1 lot of Corsets in white and flesh color, a good range of sizes, new model, \$1.50 quality, pair..... **89c**



## Saturday Sale of Notions

Domestic Bay Rum, best quality, very special Saturday, bottle..... **48c**  
De Luxe Tar and Glycerine Soap Shampoo, very special, Saturday..... **39c**  
Perfect Cold Cream, a splendid face lotion, special, can..... **39c**

## Saturday Sale of Toilet Articles

Good Hair Nets, Perfect Neck Bands, all sizes, Good Hooks and Eyes..... **5c** each.....  
Real Hair Nets, Cape Shape and Hump Hair Pins..... **10c** each.....  
Children's Hose Supporters, all sizes, in black and white, very special, pr..... **15c**

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# Too Sick To Work

Many Women in this Condition Regain Health by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Tennille, Ga. — "I want to tell you how much I have benefited by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. About eight years ago I got in such a low state of health I was unable to keep house for three in the family. I had dull, tired, dizzy feelings, cold feet and hands nearly all the time and could scarcely sleep at all. The doctor said I had a severe case of ulceration and without an operation I would always be an invalid, but I told him I wanted to wait awhile. Our druggist advised my husband to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has entirely cured me. Now I keep house for seven and work in the garden some, too. I am so thankful I got this medicine. I feel as though it saved my life and have recommended it to others and they have benefited." —Mrs. W. E. Laxness, R. R. 3, Tennille, Ga.

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