

MEDFORD MAN BADLY INJURED IN LOCAL FIRE

Sidney Olson Near Death As
Result of Fire at Medford
Cleaners Branch — Alarm
for Second Fire Put in By
Dog.

In two unusual fires, one yesterday afternoon with a property loss of \$1000 in which Sidney Olson, well known Medford young man and one of the proprietors of the Medford Cleaners establishment, was so badly burned that he lies in a local hospital in a very serious condition; and the alarm for the other fire at a West Tenth street house at 3 a. m. today was given by a neighbor's pet dog.

The first fire, in which Mr. Olson was so badly burned occurred at 6:30 o'clock last evening in a one-story frame structure at West Jackson and Narraigan streets occupied by the cleaning department of the Medford Cleaners. Mr. Olson, who is 32 years old and resides at the Riverside apartments, had just put a batch of clothing in the machinery washer, which was partly filled with gasoline, and started up the motor when a spark ignited the gasoline and the washer blew up scattering the burning gasoline throughout the room, terribly burning Olson's forearms and hands, his face and ankles. The room of course was set on fire in a number of places.

The explosion blew the door of the room shut, and the injured man with presence of mind lay down on the floor to escape the rising fumes and managed to crawl to the door, arise and open it and make his way outside to roll on the grass, where people living nearby found him. Olson was rushed to the Community hospital in a car by Earl York, a neighbor.

The fire department was summoned quickly after the explosion and fire, but on arriving found the frame structure practically ruined, with its roof and interior badly burned by the flames.

The total loss, outside of the clothing ruined by the washer blowing up and the fire is about \$1000, with partial insurance. Four or five hundred dollars of this loss is on the building and the remainder on the damaged machinery.

Mr. Olson had started his Medford Cleaners business several months ago and had developed it into a successful business venture in the face of a number of discouragements, and only yesterday had taken in G. A. Johnson as a partner. Yesterday was Johnson's first day on active duty in the business as a partner. Therefore much sympathy is felt for Mr. Olson, and also for Mr. Johnson.

The latter, who was conducting business in the main office of the Medford Cleaners on North Front street this forenoon declared that the business would go on as usual, and that new cleaning quarters would be established as soon as possible.

The fire alarm at 3 o'clock this morning summoned the department to 1027 West Main street to extinguish a fire in a new house that had been constructed there by Newton Hawk some time ago and which had not yet been occupied. This fire, it is thought, originated through spontaneous combustion in a ground floor closet of the one-story frame building among a pile of clothing.

The fire had burned up thru the closet to the roof and also set fire to the room adjoining the closet, and had destroyed a large portion of the roof and badly scorched the room, before the firemen arrived and extinguished it.

The hero of this fire was the pet dog of Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Thayer, next door neighbors, who by his excited barking aroused from sleep his owners, who thereupon quickly summoned the fire department.

The loss caused by this fire could not be ascertained today.

U. S. MAIL STAGE ROBBED.
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25 miles northeast of here. They encountered the vehicle, turned it around and started in the direction of this city. Posses were sent out to intercept them.

The driver of the stage was said to have identified the holdups as Tanko and Hall, for which a posse set out yesterday.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 5. — Shortly after 11 o'clock the Sacramento Bee's correspondent at Grass Valley phoned that the stolen mail truck had been found abandoned on a side road three miles from Grass Valley.

Five hundred dollars reward will be paid for the capture of these two bandits who, after their escape from San Quentin at 7 o'clock on the morning of April 17th, shot and killed merchant, H. J. Litzberg, while attempting to rob his store in Sacramento.

One of the two men, with a railroad brake shoe, struck down Litzberg's aged clerk, Gus Grillo, while the other bandit shot Litzberg with a firearm concealed beneath his overcoat, undoubtedly a .25-30 rifle. The man was sawed off and slung over shoulder on strap. Robbed till of \$20.00.

Later these same two men at Sacramento, halted an auto and under threats of death compelled Frank Harlow the driver, who was accompanied by his small child, to drive them to Stockton. On the way near the Western Pacific railroad shops the gasoline supply became exhausted which enabled Police Officers Taylor and Nunn to catch up with the bandits who opened fire with the rifle and seriously wounded Officer Nunn and jumping from the machine, escaped in the tall grass.

Pretty Feminine "Pied Piper" to Drive the Rats out of Medford



Above, Miss Helen Caldwell of Huntington, West Va. Below, her co-worker, Miss Anne May Wright of Portsmouth, Virginia.

There are 20,000 rats in Medford and they are costing the city \$35,000 a year, estimating the human population here at 10,000.

This was the declaration this morning of Miss Helen Caldwell of Huntington, West Virginia, famous throughout the country as an exterminator of rats, who arrived here today and with the cooperation of the local health department, is planning a war on Medford rats during the next week or ten days.

In company with Health Officer Dr. E. B. Coker, city sanitary inspector, Miss Caldwell today has been inspecting Medford business men and property owners and getting her campaign under way. Her work has the sanction of the United States public health service, as well as the local health department, and she is using the public health service formula in her work.

When she gets through with her work here, there will be at least 10,000 less rats in Medford. This was the estimate of Miss Caldwell as she started the local campaign. Her figures are based on averages taken throughout the United States, and gathered through health departments in her various visits.

About four and a half years ago Miss Caldwell and Miss Anna Mae Wright of Portsmouth, West Virginia, were employed by the health department at Norfolk, Virginia, during a campaign to exterminate rats. They assisted in the extermination work and learned how to mix and apply the public health service formula most effectively.

Have U. S. Endorsement.
They got the idea of starting out to exterminate rats throughout the land, and received the endorsement of the public health service.

Working through local health departments during the past four and a half years they have conducted successful campaigns in 26 states and the Hawaiian Islands. In California they have exterminated rats in Marysville, Stockton, Sacramento, Napa, Oroville, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and other cities.

Miss Caldwell estimates there are two rats to every person in the average city, and it costs \$1.52 a rat per year to feed them, aside from the menace of disease.

The girls use the following formula for destroying the rats. The poison may be bought in any quantity at the drug stores and feed stores.

To one teaspoon of barium carbonate, mix three or four teaspoonful of any ordinary food a rat will eat, such as meat, cheese, cereals, fruits or vegetables. For absolute results mix three kinds of food, bait separately.

der of Harry Brown, young attorney here, as related by C. R. Moore, a the Oregon penitentiary are exactly as described by Moore except that the murder occurred on September 18. Moore said the killing took place September 23. On the night of the shooting Brown and his fiancée, Miss Florence Price were turning their

4 HEAD CATTLE KILLED, EATING RAW DYNAMITE

SAMS VALLEY, May 5.—(Special.)—Considerable excitement was evidenced here last week over the finding of four head of fine beef cattle lying dead, all within a short distance of each other.

The cattle were owned by E. R. Day and were grazing with about 100 head on the range near the old Fleming place.

Mr. Day called for the county veterinarian immediately after knowledge of the loss.

The county veterinarian, after investigation, notified W. H. Lytle, the state veterinarian who arrived Thursday evening and dissecting the animals, found the stomachs to contain dynamite in a raw form, the name of the company being plainly visible on the wrappers around the powder.

Being thoroughly convinced that this caused the animals' death, Dr. Lytle prepared to leave for Salem with the intentions of first consulting with our district attorney in regard to the matter of people carelessly throwing such poisons where stock can get it.

The punishment for such negligence should be as strict as any other dealing with poisoning animals.

It does seem at least as in this case, that the guilty one should pay the damages.

auto on a street in East Sacramento when a man appeared and ordered them to stop. He addressed an objectionable remark to Miss Price, she said, and Brown grappled with him. The man shot Brown, who died almost instantly.

Then the assailant rushed to a nearby automobile and drove off. Will Sitton, a resident of the district, had heard the shooting, and he rushed out. He declared at the time there was a woman with the man who shot Brown. No trace ever was found of the highwayman, although at one time Harry Dunlap, convicted "budge bandit" now serving a long sentence in San Quentin prison, was suspected of the crime.

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