

LOS ANGELES MEN BUY 3,380 ACRES

HUGE DEAL CLOSED FOR LOCAL LAND

Largest Single Purchase Ever Made in Jackson County Involves Property Appraised at Half a Million—Three Orchards and Four Ranches Included.

The largest sale of orchard and farm lands in the history of southern Oregon was completed yesterday by a group of Los Angeles business men...

The real estate purchased includes three of the finest orchards and four of the best ranches in the valley...

With the exception of one orchard, which is the Glen Rosa near the Voorhels crossing...

Six hundred of the 3380 acres are irrigated, known as the Davis ranch at Davis station on the Owen Oregon logging railroad...

The Rogue River Properties company includes five stockholders, all of whom are residents of Los Angeles...

The officers of the company include Mr. Pike as president, Mr. Stanton, secretary, and Mr. Booth, treasurer...

Mr. Booth, accompanied by his family, arrived last week to take up his duties...

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May Try Negro Leper in Glass Cage On Charge Killing Wife

NEW ORLEANS, July 23.—(A. P.)—A negro leper who has been indicted on a charge of wife murder, but never placed on trial will face the judge and jury here...

FOUR KILLED IN EASTERN STORM LARGE DAMAGE

Severe Electrical Storms and Cloud Bursts Bring Destruction in New York and Colorado—Baker, Oregon Also Has Deluge of Rain.

NEW YORK, July 23.—(A. P.)—Four persons were killed by lightning in Metropolitan New York and south New Jersey yesterday...

A fourteen year old boy was killed by lightning in Brooklyn when he attempted to climb a tree to dislodge a kite...

TRINIDAD, Colo., July 23.—(A. P.)—Pair skies and a warm sun today greeted inhabitants of Trinidad as they returned to their homes...

No casualties are reported following the heavy rains that sent the Purgatoire river out of its banks last night...

Train service on all railroads entering the city is practically demoralized. With six hundred feet of track and a steel bridge gone between here and Raton...

Reports dribbling in from outlying communities indicate that property loss and damage would exceed the \$400,000 estimate made early today by Trinidad businessmen...

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LATEST APE TEST FROM AN ATHEIST

L. M. Wittner, Plaintiff in Suit Against Law Passed By Congress, Springs Surprise By Declaring His Opposition to Anti-Evolution Law—Poses With Monkeys.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(A. P.)—Science will have its day in court on the question of teaching evolution...

In making clear that he was "attacking from the evolution side," a provision of the current District of Columbia appropriation bill...

"No, I am not an agnostic, I am an atheist," declared Wittner, who is a government employe and once candidate for congress from Illinois...

Wittner made this statement just after he had spent an hour at the zoo posing with monkeys for a group of photographers...

On the question of the constitutionality of the clause involved, which was inserted as a rider to the appropriation bill and sponsored by Representative Summer, republican, Washington, E. S. Stevens...

Wittner expressed surprise today at the statements his suit has drawn from William J. Bryan and Clarence Darrow...

Mr. Darrow, commenting at Dayton, said he believed the proceedings here were "probably an exhibition of bigotry and crankism..."

Death Toll of the Automobile

AURORA, Ore., July 23.—Frank Hensit, of Linton, Oregon, was killed at 2 o'clock this morning when the light touring car which he was driving turned and went through the railing of a bridge three-quarters of a mile west of Hubbard...

Coal Strike Is Called LONDON, July 23.—(A. P.)—A strike of all British union coal miners will commence July 31...

"Authentic" Russian Princess Wins Prize in Comedy in France



Mile. Fedor, said to be an "authentic" Russian princess, has won the first prize in comedy for 1925 at the Conservatoire Nationale de Musique, Paris.

COCOANUT KING ESCAPES FROM LETTER DELUGE

Leopold Schepp, 83 Year Old Multi-Millionaire, Flees to Country Home to Escape Swarm of Grafters and Cranks After Cash.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Leopold Schepp, 83 year old philanthropist and cocoanut magnate, sought refuge today in his country home in New Canaan from a deluge of suggestions as to how to spend his money for benevolence...

On the heels of his appeal to the public to advise him how to do good with his millions came an avalanche of mail, telegrams and personal appeals...

Three thousand letters bulged his correspondence. The most of the letters were frank touches for funds and pleas for jobs...

All but fifty of the letters failed to hit upon Mr. Schepp's main purpose—the most good to the greatest number for the longest time...

A few altruistic letters pertain to plans for the aid of boys and girls, a subject close to Mr. Schepp's heart. He has already established a \$2,500,000 fund to help young boys...

Assistant Postmaster Appointed. SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., July 23.—(A. P.)—W. Irving Glover was appointed second assistant postmaster general today, succeeding Paul Henderson...

NEW YORK, July 23.—(A. P.)—Cotton prices jumped approximately \$4 a bale today on heavy buying and covering by shorts...

ABANDON HOPE OF RESCUE IN MINE DISASTER

10 Miners Entombed By Blast in Tennessee Believed Dead—Explosion Occurs When Fire Fighters Go Below to Combat Flames.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 23.—(A. P.)—A telephone message received here from Rockwood this afternoon stated the number of men entombed in the Roane Iron company's mine was thought to be ten and that no hope was entertained for their rescue alive...

ROCKWOOD, Tenn., July 23.—(A. P.)—William J. Snow, superintendent of Roane Iron company coal mines and a party of six men, who went into Bryson Dip on No. 7 entry to combat a mine fire last night, were trapped behind an explosion early today and grave fears are entertained for their safety...

The barricade was removed this week in the presence of state and federal mine inspectors who pronounced its condition satisfactory and left the city last night. At eleven o'clock the old blaze broke out again and Mr. Snow organized a party consisting of Roy Limberg, John and Tom Green, Jim Wilson, Mal K. King and one or two others to go in and fight the fire...

Later the superintendent told King to make his rounds in other parts of the mine and as he was returning before two o'clock, he heard an explosion and smelled an onrush of after-damp gas. It is said that he only managed to escape by leaping into a mule-drawn mine car and outrunning the deadly gas cloud...

A rescue party, headed by James B. King went in to try to save the entrapped men today.

Portland Chamberlain Arrives PORTLAND, Ore., July 23.—George E. Chamberlain, former governor and United States senator, now an attorney at Washington, D. C., arrived here today to spend his vacation...

No New Fires Lane County EUGENE, Ore., July 23.—Lane county's sole remaining forest fire, reported to be blazing near March 2 yesterday, was checked today, according to word sent here, and during the day there were no new fires reported.

Low Neck and Short Pants Urged by M. D. As Healthy Attire

BATH, England, July 23.—(A. P.)—Men should stop wearing long trousers and thereby avoid the dreaded ailment of varicose veins, Dr. Leonard Hill, member of the British institute of medical research today told the British Medical association...

FIRE EPIDEMIC HITS MEDFORD \$12,000 LOSS

Church Residence, House, Tent, Barn and Silo Destroyed By Fires in 12 Hour Period—Department Does Excellent Work.

A veritable epidemic of fires, which destroyed a church, a residence, a house tent, a barn, and a silo in and about Medford, Oregon during the past 24 hours, raged during the past 24 hours...

The barn and silo, which belonged to Justin Judy of Griffin Creek, about four miles south of this city, was burned to the ground about 2:30 this morning with the cause unknown...

Fire, which started yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock from an undetermined source, completely gutted the Seventh Day Adventist church on North Riverside and the residence of E. A. Smedley at 450 Pine street...

That the loss, which is estimated at \$9000, partially covered by insurance, was no larger is due to the prompt arrival of the fire department, which was confronted with the task of fighting fires burning in five different places, with a strong wind blowing...

At 3:15 an alarm was sounded for the fire department, which was promptly answered by the powerful Stutz pumper and two direct from fire hydrants, and within an hour of steady pumping the fire which had threatened to be a disaster was under control...

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U. S. CITIZEN MURDERED BY CHINESE

Washington Aroused By the News That Morgan Palmer Killed By Bandits and Dr. H. J. Howard Captured—Stern Note to Be Sent—Whereabouts Unknown.

PEKING, July 23.—(A. P.)—Morgan Palmer, an American, has been killed by bandits at his ranch on the Sungar river near Harbin. Dr. Howard, an eye specialist attached to the Rockefeller hospital, was captured at the same time...

Consular advices from Kalgan state that Palmer was killed on July 20 while defending his property against bandits. Mr. Palmer and his mother, Dr. Howard and his son, James, and an American trader named Baldwin of Kalgan, Chihli province...

The consular advices say that Dr. Howard last night still was in custody and the others are "safe for the present" but their whereabouts is not known...

Power for Good in China. NEW YORK, July 23.—(A. P.)—Morgan Palmer, killed by bandits in Manchuria, formerly lived in Plattsburg, N. Y. He was an engineer and several years ago joined the American Red Cross for service in Siberia and China...

Dr. Howard was born at Churchville, N. Y., and was educated at the University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania and Harvard. His son, James, is 12 years old.

Washington Worried. WASHINGTON, July 23.—(A. P.)—Officials here were manifestly distressed over the killing of one American and the capture of another yesterday by Chinese bandits...

Heretofore Americans in China have been noticeably immune from the attacks directed against the nationals of other countries and the first impulse was to regard yesterday's incident as a domestic trouble...

Formal comment on the raid on the Palmer ranch was withheld pending full investigation. Meanwhile, American authorities in China are expected to take prompt measures to secure the release of Dr. Howard, the American held captive, and the punishment of those responsible for his abduction...

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DOWAGER DUCHESS SPURNS BLACKSTONE WHEN IT REFUSES TO ROOM HER PET DOG

CHICAGO, July 23.—(A. P.)—The Dowager Duchess of Sutherland traveling as Lady Millicent Hawes, accompanied her Pekingese dog when it was barred from the Blackstone hotel today. "Glinko," the Pekingese, barked his presence in a small basket and when the hotel management politely said that dogs were not allowed in the hotel rooms, the duchess replied that...

"Glinko has traveled around the world with me," and that she would find a hotel where different rules prevailed. The duchess is the widow of one of the largest land owners in Europe. She came from the west where she had paid a visit to Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks, whom she had met in London. Lady Millicent explained that she is doing some writing as well as traveling.

IZZY EINSTEIN POSING AS ACTOR DIRECTS RAID ON BROADWAY CLUB

NEW YORK, July 23.—(A. P.)—Izzy Einstein has long been an actor but now he's gone and posed as one, much to the dislike of thirsty members of the profession and the Fern club. Representing himself as Eitelbert Sauter, a legitimate actor at liberty, Izzy got himself elected a member of an establishment in the "roaring forties" with a clientele confined to...

recognized members of the theatrical profession. Yesterday he introduced Mae Smith and two other federal agents. "They're actors too," said Izzy. "Set 'em up." Came forth four whistles at sixty cents each, as Izzy tells, and Charles Burns, manager of the club, and a waiter were arrested. Then in walked one of the club's sources of supply with a half gallon jug. He too was arrested.