

FLAMES DESTROY QUIET OBSERVANCE MISS WARING WINS SCIENTIST SHOWS BARN; HAYSTACK OF LABOR DAY PARK PROMOTION THE BUSY BEE IS CENTRAL PT. AREA NOT SO VERY BUSY

Fire of undetermined origin last evening at 8 o'clock destroyed a large barn and 100 tons of haled hay on the Utah-Idaho Sugar company property between this city and Central Point, causing a loss estimated at over \$2500, partially covered by insurance. R. L. Hague, who lives on the farm, suffered a burned arm in attempting to save equipment from the flames, which burned very rapidly.

Mr. Hague discovered the fire when it covered less than five square feet in the hay but due to the dry condition of the bales, the flames spread so rapidly that he was only able to save two harnesses from destruction. In addition to the hay, one calf was lost and practically all of the farm machinery on the place was destroyed. A wagon setting near the barn was also burned.

Favorable winds kept the fire from spreading to the other ranch buildings nearby. The Medford chemical truck was called to the scene but left immediately upon arriving inasmuch that its services were not needed. The barn, which was one of the largest structures of its kind in that section, caused flames to be shot skyward for nearly a hundred feet, attracting many motorists to the scene.

The forest and brush fires near Phoenix and Ashland were both reported to be under control last evening, after having burned over considerable acreage.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The east and northwest were connected today by co-ordinated rail and air passenger service, when the Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., began the operation of a definite schedule of passenger-carrying airplanes between Chicago and Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Tomorrow in Medford will be almost as quiet as Sunday because of its being Labor Day, a legal holiday, with practically all business ceased, and the postoffice, stores, banks, barber shops and most other business places closed. Because of this many local residents left the city yesterday to enjoy the double holiday.

As usual for years past there will be no formal celebration on Labor day in the city beyond the cessation of business; the baseball game between Medford and Marshfield at the fairgrounds in the afternoon, and American Legion ball and other social affairs at night.

HANCH AND HOME SALES FOR WEEK

Harry F. Caton, service station man on North Riverside, has bought the Christie Martin ranch in Sam's valley, consisting of 160 acres with all equipment, trading in his service station and home adjoining, consideration \$18,000.

Alice Blapham, proprietress of the Elite Beauty Parlors on West Sixth street, has purchased the V. E. Conner home on Crater Lake avenue.

Amelia Bunch has purchased the Anna B. Arnold home on the corner of West Tenth and Hamilton streets.

Blanche Thomas of South Riverside has purchased the Clas. Mee ranch on the Barnburg road. The deals were made through the office of French & Atwood, 15 North Fir streets.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Helen Wagner Eiker, 39, who shot her husband has been convicted of murder in the second degree. The jury recommended leniency.

The many friends in Medford and Grants Pass of Miss Mary Waring, who since last January had been stenographer of Superintendent C. G. Thompson of Crater National park will be pleased to learn that this exceptionally gifted young lady has just been promoted in the national parks service to the position of personal stenographer and private secretary of Horace M. Albright, field director and assistant director of the national parks service, with headquarters in Yellowstone National park.

Miss Waring, who was in Medford and Grants Pass from Crater lake last Friday enroute to assume her new duties in Yellowstone park, is a graduate of the Grants Pass high school and was a former stenographer in the Josephine county agent's office at Grants Pass until she passed the civil service examination test last December for the national parks service and became stenographer in Medford of Superintendent C. G. Thompson.

Chairwoman for Jackson County Hoover-Curtis Club

Mrs. Charles E. Runyan, of Portland, state chairwoman of the Hoover-Curtis clubs in Oregon, has chosen Mrs. M. J. Norris as chairwoman for Jackson county.

One of the purposes of the organization is to get the thousands of republican women all over the country, who do not vote, to take an interest in politics and to register and vote for Hoover and Curtis.

Greater activity is being manifested in this campaign by the women of the country than ever before.

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ITHACA, N. Y.—(AP) Science apparently is on the threshold of an opportunity to produce bees that keep really busy.

The adage about the busy bee has not stood the test of making them figuratively punch the clock each time they return to the hive with more honey. The checking process has revealed that a honey bee makes six to 10 trips for nectar, then calls it a day and seemingly loafs the remainder of the time.

The possibility for breeding bees which includes mating of the more energetic varieties to produce busier workers, was developed by Dr. Lloyd R. Watson, of Alfred, New York, who is working at Cornell university under the August Recklescher Foundation for Research. He demonstrated a method, which is the only successful one so far recorded in scientific history, before the Fourth International Congress of Entomology at Cornell.

Dr. Watson perfected his method nearly two years ago, and now is proceeding with experiments at hybridizing and selection among various varieties. He began his studies 15 years ago.

The present method, which after years succeeded, requires expensive laboratory equipment and great technical skill, but it permits absolute control of the mating of the bees, and by means of its employment hitherto impossible studies in the genetic relationships of honey bees are being made.

One economic objective is to produce more honey by developing types of bees that shall be more active, but already other unusual secondary problems are in sight. Red clover nectar, for example, cannot ordinarily be obtained by

bees, because the nectaries of the clover, where the sweet rests, are too deep for the bee's tongue to reach. It has been observed that in dry seasons, when lack of moisture shortens the corolla, bees can sometimes reach the nectaries. Dr. Watson believes that controlled mating opens the possibility of developing long tongued varieties of bees, which can reach the red clover nectar in any season.

Obituary

Mrs. Sarah Collier of Central Point, Ore., passed away at the Sacred Heart hospital September 1, 1928, aged 57 years. Mrs. Collier came from Idaho four years ago and had made her home in Central Point until her death. She is survived by three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Blackford of Central Point, Mrs. Ralph Hubbard of Riverside, Wash., Mrs. Irvin Mason of Middleton, Idaho, Clifford and Joe Collier of Central Point.

The Perl Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements which will be announced later.

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G. O. P. PLAN OF BATTLE

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week-end at the executive mansion.

He placed a ban on politics and work for a few days, and figured he could get more comfort and rest here than by joining the Labor day excodus to the sea, the Adirondack lake region to the north, or to the nearby Berkshires, Catskills or Helderberg mountains.

Before he became a democratic presidential nominee, Mr. Smith was able, even though governor, to slip away for a vacation with some degree of seclusion. But he has found that those days are over. His last week-end in New Jersey, where he continuously was the center of crowds, convinced him of that.

More than anything right now, as he steels himself for the hardships of campaigning, the democratic standard bearer is looking for rest and sleep. At the executive mansion he feels that he can get both, and at the same time enjoy close contact with his family.

The mansion, a rambling red brick structure nestled among trees about six blocks from the capital, was first used more than a half century ago by Governor Samuel J. Tilden just before, as a democrat, he almost captured the presidency. It is surrounded by a high iron fence that serves to exclude the curious, although none of the gates are ever locked. On three sides of the big house are porches, the rooms have high ceilings and are cool, and to the rear is the zoo housing the monkeys, deer and other animals that have been presented to the governor.

TIFLINA, Albania, Sept. 1.—(AP) Ahmed Zogu, president of the Albanian republic, was today formally proclaimed king by the national assembly.

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