

### CORONER TRAVELS 84 MILES TO GET 'DEAD MAN'S BODY'

GRANTS PASS, July 25.—(Sp.)—A "body" that took Coroner Virgil E. Hull and his assistant, M. E. Crane, on an 84-mile wild goose chase so Oak Flat Tuesday and that kept women at the home-makers' vacation camp out of their swimming pool most of the day was on a slab at Hull's mortuary here Wednesday.

The "body," sighted lying in the Illinois river across from the vacation camp about noon Tuesday by women at the camp, was a dummy placed there obviously as a practical joke to thrill or scare the women.

It went even further than that. Members of the camping party rushed at once to a ranger station ten miles away and word was phoned to the sheriff's office. The coroner was notified and he left for the camp about 1:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Arriving at the camp, Hull found that Dr. J. L. Helms had already crossed the river and brought the "body" over. Many of the women still believed it to be a man, however, and would not go near it, Hull said.

The dummy had a wooden block for a head with a nose nailed on. The body was made of straw stuffed inside a shirt with poles for legs. Clothes were wired and nailed onto the dummy.

With the nose, one arm and both shoes showing above the water in the brush where it had been fastened by the joker, the dummy looked like a man's body from the camp site.

All "identification" was missing. There were no papers, and the maker's labels had been cut from the clothing.

"Strong men grew faint" when the "body" was described to them. A nail had been driven through the "nose" (to hold it in place). Nails were also driven into the feet (to hold the shoes on). The "maniac" had shot his victim several times in the "face" with a .22-caliber rifle (target practice, evidently, at the block of wood from which the head was formed. The "chin" had been chopped away with a hatchet or ax.

Although roughly shaped and dressed, the posture of the dummy was such that it could easily be mistaken in the water. Wires and sticks were used in a few joints so the "body" moved naturally in the waves.

No estimate as to the cost of the county for the coroner's trip could be obtained.

### NEBRASKA PICNIC CORVALLIS, AUG. 4

The twelfth annual reunion of former Nebraskans will be held in the city park in Corvallis Sunday, August 4. Last year over 1,000 "Cornhuakers" were present, representing 75 of the 95 Nebraska counties. Registrations were noted from all parts of Oregon and many cities in western Washington.

The 1934 reunion was unanimously voted "the best ever" but preparations are being made for a better program this year. A prominent state official will speak. Mrs. Minnie Bosworth, who was visiting in McCook at the time, will tell of the Republican river flood. A special feature will be Frank M. Harrington, "Henry Ford's champion fiddler," who is also a contortionist of remarkable ability for his 75 years. Many novelty features will insure an interesting program. Free coffee will be provided.

W. M. Ball, Corvallis, formerly of Beaver City, is president of the Nebraska Picnic association and Miss Bertha Eddy, Corvallis, secretary.

### KALAMA GIRL'S BODY RECOVERED FROM SEA

LONG BEACH, Wash., July 23.—(UP)—The body of Jean Teagarden, 18, Kalama girl who drowned with her father, Harvey Teagarden, in a rip tide July 11, was recovered from the surf today five miles from the scene. The father's body was recovered on the next tide after the drowning.

### Meteorological Report

July 25, 1935.  
Forecasts  
Medford and vicinity: Unsettled tonight; fair Friday, normal temperature.  
Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Friday, but low clouds near coast and unsettled tonight northwest portion; normal temperature.

Local Data  
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 95; lowest 54.

Total monthly precipitation, 6.32 inches. Deficiency for the month, .02 inches.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1934, 16.17 inches. Deficiency for the season 1.65 inches.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 32 per cent; 9 a. m. today, 82 per cent.

Sunrise tomorrow, 4:58 a. m.  
Sunset tomorrow, 7:36 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 A. M., 120 Meridian Time

CITY	High Temp		Lowest Temp		Precipitation Past 24 Hrs.	Weather
	Last Night	Today	Last Night	Today		
Boise	86	80	60	50	Clear	
Boston	88	74	60	50	Cloudy	
Chicago	88	74	60	50	P. Cdy.	
Denver	92	59	40	30	Clear	
Eureka	60	52	40	30	Cloudy	
Helena	86	65	40	30	Clear	
Los Angeles	78	58	40	30	Cloudy	
MEDFORD	66	57	40	30	Cloudy	
New York	86	76	60	50	Cloudy	
Omaha	84	74	50	40	Clear	
Phoenix	108	78	60	50	Clear	
Portland	76	54	40	30	P. Cdy.	
Reno	86	54	40	30	Clear	
Roseburg	88	60	40	30	Clear	
Salt Lake	98	60	40	30	Clear	
San Francisco	66	54	40	30	Cloudy	
Seattle	74	52	40	30	T. Cloudy	
Spokane	84	60	40	30	Clear	
Walla Walla	88	60	40	30	Clear	
Washington, D. C.	82	76	50	40	T. Cloudy	

### CLERICAL STAFF TRANSFERRED TO PARK QUARTERS

Members of the office staff of Crater Lake national park, who have remained in Medford this summer more than a month later than usual while repairs to the dormitory at the lake were being completed, yesterday officially checked out of the national park rooms in the federal building.

While Superintendent David H. Canfield, the ranger staff and other executives of the park force have been at the lake for some time, the office personnel has been required to wait for improved accommodations for the latter part of the summer. Last year, an open season, the move was made May 15, exceptionally early.

The personnel consists of R. B. Hodges, chief clerk; Ethel Wilkinson, senior stenographer; Clayton East, purchasing agent; James A. Shepherd, bookkeeper; George S. Grant, junior clerk; Margaret Oensbrugg, junior stenographer. Personnel of the ECW offices, which have been located in the Holly building, consists of Mrs. Alice McKinstry, clerk, and Raymond Rogers, enrollee clerk.

Three truckloads of equipment accompanied the staff to the park. They will remain until the middle of October. The official season ends with closure of the lodge, September 20.

### ASHLAND NORMAL GYM BUILDING IS ASSURED

ASHLAND, July 25.—(Sp.)—The new gymnasium for the Southern Oregon Normal school is assured, according to announcement given by Dr. Walter Redford, president. According to present indications, the work will be begun in September and will be completed around December.

The only change in the new plans for the gymnasium provides for the placement of showers and dressing rooms in the basement, thus lessening the roof area and cutting the cost.

### D'SOUZA ATTENDING THREE-DAY MEETING STATE POSTMASTERS

Postmasters' Association of Oregon and the District League of Postmasters were scheduled to open a joint three-day session at Coquille today, with Medford represented by Postmaster Frank DeSouza, who left for the convention yesterday afternoon.

Prominent speakers will include the following: Postmaster DeSouza, announced here before his departure; Dr. E. T. Hedlund, state director of the national association; Hon. Harrison H. Parkman, purchasing agent, postoffice department, Washington, D. C., who represents Postmaster General James A. Farley; Hon. Geo. E. Starr of Seattle, national director; Hon. John D. Goss of Marshfield, who represents Governor Charles H. Martin; Hon. A. D. Lawrence of Seattle, representing the railway mail service; S. H. Morse, postoffice inspector from Eugene, and others.

Sessions for business matters are scheduled each day, both in the mornings and afternoons, and word from Coquille indicates that a complete program of entertainment has been prepared. At a banquet Thursday evening, Dr. Hedlund will be toastmaster.

### KENNEWICK BARTLETT PICKING STARTS SOON

KENNEWICK, July 25.—(Sp.)—According to the present outlook, the first picking of Bartlett pears will be ready early next week. The crop is somewhat lighter than normal, as is the case with all tree fruits in this district this year. The bulk of the pears will be shipped to nearby canneries, although the local houses plan to have small crews at working packing fruit for shipment to Eastern markets. The indications are for a better price than last year, when \$20 per ton was offered.

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