

IDENTIFICATION
IS PROVING TO
BE HARD TASK

While there is comparatively conclusive evidence that more persons perished in the Houston hotel fire yesterday morning, Deputy Coroner C. C. McCoppen has been able to positively identify the members of only nine bodies. These are now in the county morgue, and to aid in the work of identification they have been numbered from one to nine.

No. 1 apparently is the remains of a female, although there is not much evidence to justify this statement. The unfortunate woman was about 18 years of age. Near these remains were found a pair of small folding scissors, one plain gold ring with a heart and star design, one ring with tiffany setting, from which the stone is missing; a signet ring with initials which cannot be detected, two other rings in a molten condition, one crocheted needle, an inexpensive tie pin, and a metal mounting, evidently part of a purse. It is believed that these bones are the remains of the girl known as Miss Grace Hall, who came from Portland last Thursday. According to several acceptable stories, she had stated that she was married, and that her real name was Mrs. Dolly Parker. Her husband, so she stated, was in Portland. Domestic troubles, so the report says, caused her to leave her husband, and to come here to seek work. She is described as having been about five feet and six inches in height, blue eyes, dark brown hair, nicely complexioned, and of stocky build. Reports state further that she had been working as a waitress in Medford, and that her father, a Mr. Hall, initials unknown, is a resident of Portland. An uncle and aunt are said to reside in Ashland. No wedding ring was found with the remains, which might indicate that she was unmarried, or estranged, as she stated.

No. 2 has been identified by Elmer Ayers, of this city, as the remains of Miss Marguerite Hanley, aged 42, who had been working at the hotel as a chambermaid. Mr. Ayers was affianced to Miss Hanley, and was familiar with the jewelry found with the remains. A brother, James Hanley, of Placerville, California, and temporarily in Kelsey, California, has been communicated with by wire. Another brother, John Hanley, and a sister, whose married name was not learned, also live in Placerville. James Hanley will probably arrive here soon to attend to business connected with the disposal of Miss Hanley's estate. It is understood that she owns real estate here and in other places, in addition to having a tidy sum of money in a local bank.

No. 3, represented by nothing more than the trunk and skull, is the remains of a male. The teeth are regular. No articles were found near these remains.

No. 4 evidently is the body of a man about 40 years old. The legs are missing. A small stag-handled knife with three blades, a small whetstone, and what appears to have been a suspensory were found with the bones. The teeth offer the best opportunity for identification.

Both bottom front molars are missing, and also the front upper molar. This body is supposed to be that of Clyde Pollock who is missing.

No. 5 is the body of a man, undoubtedly that of C. D. Harmon, who operated a peanut stand here. This identification was made possible by a key ring with the name "C. D. Harmon" showing plainly on it. A stag handled knife, with two blades, and a small amount of molten silver coins were found near this body.

No. 6 is a male. There were no articles found near it that will assist in the identification, and the remains are so badly burned, and there are so many members missing, that definite identification may be impossible.

No. 7 is a male about five feet and eight inches in height, and about 30 years old. The left side of the trunk and the left arm are missing. The teeth apparently are correct, with no gold replacements. There were no articles found near this body.

CORONER'S INQUIRY TO
BE HELD TOMORROW

A coroner's investigation of the Houston hotel tragedy will be held tomorrow afternoon, deputy coroner McCoppen stated today, at which time full inquiry will be made into all details that may serve to establish the causes of the fire and throw more light upon the death list and identity of the victims.

THE MISSING

From all sources the following incomplete list of missing persons, who may have perished in the fire is gathered:

Mrs. Dolly Parker.
Clyde Pollock, employee of the Lakeside Lumber company.

Frank Wilson of Klamath Falls.
Charles Shadrach, age 37, employed by Oskar Huber, highway contractor. His son, Harry, escaped. Another son, Lindley, is in Sacramento, Cal. A brother lives in Portland and a sister at Redondo Beach, Cal.

Bob Dawson, came here from Portland, age 32; had artificial leg. His sister, Mrs. King, lives in Portland.

If persons know of any further it will facilitate matters if they will report to the Herald office, coroner, police, postmaster or other authority.

RED CROSS READY
TO SUCCOR NEEDY

All persons whose belongings were destroyed by the fire can secure clothing and financial assistance by applying to Red Cross headquarters in the chamber of commerce building. Persons who have clothing or household furnishings that they wish to donate to the fire sufferers are requested to notify the Red Cross secretary and a list of the articles they wish to give will be taken and called for as needed.

Articles should not be brought to headquarters until called for. Persons unable to find lodgings should apply to the temporary roominghouse conducted by the Red Cross in the new courthouse building on Main street.

REED WINS HARD
BATTLE WITH RITCHIE

Wild Bill Reed, of San Francisco, knocked out Earl Ritchie, of this city, in the last round of their ten-round battle here last night. Ritchie kept after his man from the gong, but Reed's straight lefts and infighting punished him severely. Ritchie was slightly outfought, but was not outgamed, and the fight was either man's up to the finish. There was a big crowd in attendance.

The preliminaries were full of action, and were mighty funny, but cleverness and other evidence of ability were lacking.

No. 8 undoubtedly is the body of Mrs. C. Bilderback. Investigation shows that the deceased was about 45 years of age, and of good build. The skull and other members are missing. A plain gold ring and several small coins were found near these remains.

No. 9, represented by nothing more than the hips of a girl about 19 years old, evidently are the remains of Miss Leona Bilderback, who occupied a room with her mother.

Mr. Bilderback and two sons occupied another room on the floor beneath the room occupied by Mrs. Bilderback and her daughter, and escaped uninjured. Mr. Bilderback said that his wife had \$200 in cash and a revolver under her pillow, but they were not recovered.

Deputy Coroner C. C. McCoppen stated that he would conduct a coroner's investigation tomorrow afternoon.

Meanwhile the bones of the unfortunate are in the morgue in a temporary state of preservation. Their burned condition precludes preservation treatment, and they will be buried as soon as it becomes evident that identification is impossible, or as soon as definite instructions from relatives arrive.

ASK GOVERNOR
TO TAKE ACTION
ON FIRE TRAPS

Declaration that a housing emergency existed in Klamath Falls was contained in a telegram forwarded Governor Olcott today by Mayor I. R. Struble and Dr. A. A. Soule, city health officer, with a request that an investigator be sent here.

Dr. Soule stated that this is the opening gun of a battle to get rid of the firetrap rooming houses and secure "safe and decent" lodgings. He said that many of the city's hotels and lodging houses are no better than was the Houston hotel and now is the psychological time to attack them while the Houston hotel tragedy is fresh in the public mind.

A conflict of authority arose at the scene of the fire yesterday when Dr. Soule ordered the work of removing bodies to begin. He said Chief of Police Wilson ordered him to desist and leave the fire zone. The health officer was backed by County Judge Bunnell, acting coroner in the absence of Coroner Whitlock and Justice of the Peace Chapman, he said, and went ahead with the work of removal. To have left the bodies, he asserted, would have been a menace to the health of the city.

Dr. Soule has prepared an announcement of the legal authority for his action which will be published tomorrow.

REVISED LIST
OF ROOMERS

From Mrs. Goldie Houston, Harry Jones and others information for a revised list of occupants of rooms and apartments in the Hotel Houston has been secured. Persons who are listed here as unknown or missing will greatly aid the work of establishing an accurate death list if they will call the Herald office by phone, or come in and give their names and room numbers, or give the information to the coroner, police or other proper authorities.

Apartment No. 1.—Mrs. Tony Capiluso and baby; escaped, woman injured.

Room 2.—Tom Linsey.
Room 3.—Frank Wilson.
Room 4.—Jack Hughes.
Room 5.—Mrs. R. E. Chapman of Chico, Cal.

Room 6.—Cliff O'Brien.
Room 7.—Mike Connelly.
Room 8.—Unknown.
Room 9.—Shadrach and Sanders.
Room 10.—Thomas Butts, Portland.

Room 11.—Garfield.
Room 12.—Roomer out.
Room 14.—H. E. Miller and Jack Holcomb.
Room 15.—Alva Beals, badly burned.

Room 16.—Martin D. Schuler.
Room 17.—Charles D. Harmon, dead.

Room 18.—Harry Jones.
Room 19.—Clyde Pollock, missing.
Room 20.—Dawson, missing.
Room 23.—Wm. Morse, injured.
Room 25.—Shadrach, dead; father of roomer in No. 9.

Room 28.—J. E. Ponder, badly burned.

Room 29.—Miss Margaret Hanley, chambermaid, dead.
Room 30.—Alfred Kinable.
Room 32.—Tom Pappas.

Room 34.—19-year-old girl from Medford, dead; supposed to be Mrs. Dolly Parker of Portland, registered as Miss Florence Parker.

Room 35.—Wm. R. Scott, injured.
Room 36.—Harry McCharles, injured.

Room 37.—Tony Sousa, out at the time of fire.
Room 38.—D. Bagland, injured.
Room 40.—Mrs. D. Bilderback and daughter, Leona, of Ashland, both dead.

Room 41.—N. J. Flemming.
Room 42.—M. J. Welch.
Room 50.—Thomas Higgins, back hurt, leg badly cut, in hospital.

The latest English dictionaries contain 500,000 words.

WELL KNOWN
LUMBERMAN
DIES SUDDENLY

Death came suddenly last night to H. H. Edmonds, aged 63, manager of the Saddle Mountain Lumber company, a lifetime mill operator, who expired sitting in his car on Main street in front of the McDonald pool room.

Mr. Edmonds with his son, H. M. Edmonds, had attended the boxing contests and the elder man left the pavilion talking and joking with friends. His son drove to the pool room and both men went in to try and find a sawyer to take out to the camp. The younger man missed his father after he got inside and concluded he had gone back to the car. After remaining not over five minutes, the son went out and found the elder man was dead.

He was summoned by his brother-in-law who noticed that Mr. Edmonds sat very still on the back seat, but thought he was asleep.

H. H. Edmonds was a man of wide experience in sawmill operation. He came to Klamath Falls about seven years ago and built the Algoma Lumber company's mill at Algoma. Before that he built and operated a mill for the company at Pokegama, and prior to that was employed in the lumber industry in Siskiyou county, Cal. He came to Siskiyou county from Cadillac, Michigan in 1899.

In Michigan he grew up in lumber manufacturing, following the industry for his entire lifetime and knew the business from start to finish. He was deeply interested in the development of the Saddle Mountain enterprise and bent every energy toward the development of the enterprise.

He was a man of sterling character and had the confidence of his associates in every enterprise in which he engaged to the fullest extent. All of his friends loved and trusted him as only the best of men are trusted, and he repaid them with unwavering loyalty and friendship.

Besides the widow and son, who reside here, he leaves a niece, Mrs. A. M. Miller of Chico, Cal. The funeral will probably take place at Yreka, Thursday, his son said today. His first wife is buried there.

The decedent was a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue lodge at Cadillac, Mich., and the Knights Templar commandery at Yreka, Cal. He was also a member of the local B. P. O. E. lodge.

CITY SCHOOLS,
HIGH SCHOOL,
ARE OPENED

The public schools reopened this morning with a total attendance in the four grade schools of 652. Of this total 211 are registered at the Riverside school, 285 at the Central school, 60 in the Pelican Bay school, and 98 at the Mills Addition school. With one exception all of the teachers are on duty, this exception being Mrs. J. M. Ezell, who has been compelled to remain at home because of sickness in her family. She is expected to assume her duties next week.

Superintendent J. P. Wells stated that he believed that yesterday's disastrous fire exercised some influence on the attendance, and that a few days will witness a very satisfactory increase.

Robert Goets, principal of the high school, had not, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, checked up the attendance of his pupils, but he seems to be gratified with the attendance outlook, and expects to see quite a number more enroll within a few days. At the same time, Mr. Goets wishes to remind parents and pupils that late entries are derogatory to the success of the school as well as to the pupils, and urges all prospective students to enroll as soon as possible.

The Sacred Heart academy also

STATE FIRE MARSHAL
WILL INVESTIGATE

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 7.—The state fire marshal's office will immediately investigate the Klamath Falls fire to ascertain if the hotel building was adequately provided with fire escapes, it was announced today.

NEWS OF KLAMATH FIRE
HAS TRAVELLED FAR

Portland headquarters of the Associated Press today informed the Herald that they were receiving countless inquiries from practically every state in the union from people who have relatives in Klamath Falls, inquiring if they were safe.

INJURED ARE
ALL IMPROVING

All of the injured in Monday's fire are improving and were able to see visitors at the Warren Hunt hospital today. They talked freely of their narrow escapes. More than a dozen people reported at the hospital this morning for treatment for face and hand burns.

Following is a list of the injured, whose hurts were most serious and who are in the hospital:

Harry McCharles, temporarily here from Yreka, California, occupying room 36 on third floor, was awakened by the heat and, jumping up, ran out into the hall where he was met with a seething mass of flames. He dashed back into his room, grabbed a chair, smashed with it, jumped to porch and, swinging onto a sign, expecting to jump from there to the street, was hampered by having the sign break and fall with him to the pavement. No bones were broken but McCharles is badly burned and bruised. He is a patient at the Warren Hunt hospital.

William Morse, Klamath Falls, has been employed as a plumber with Starr Bros. and John Shannon during his residence here. He occupied room 23, and is bruised and burned.

Thomas Higgins, room 50, on first floor, believes himself to have been the last man out of the burning building. He did not awaken until the hall outside his room was blazing, as well as the walk outside his room. Higgins didn't even wait, he said, to break the window with a chair, but dove through head first. Lighting on his hands and knees he crawled through flames to safety. Mr. Higgins said, when visited in the hospital this morning, that he thought every movement was his last, he was so faint with pain from his cuts and burns, and that that was the longest crawl he ever hoped to take. When he was finally reached he was a mass of blood from three or four cuts on his legs from the window, and his hands and feet were badly burned. Due to his having kept his face close down to the ground he is not burned there.

Mary Capiluso and baby, three or four days old, are not seriously injured. In fact the baby is not hurt at all thanks to its father having caught it when the mother threw the infant from the third story. A logger reports having caught the mother when she jumped. But Mrs. Capiluso in her excited condition retains the impression that several men were standing around, and that none of them caught her. She has no injury other than a wrenched leg and several sore spots.

D. Boydland, room 38, 60 years old, is in the hospital with bad burns from having jumped from his room on the third floor and forced to run through flames to get to the porch. His ears, neck and face are badly burned.

opened for the fall term this morning. The children and many of their parents attended church at 8:30 this morning to invoke a blessing on the year's work. After church all repaired to the school where the pupils were assigned to classes. The register showed 126 names, an unusually large registration.

LABOR SPEAKER
SCORES CITY'S
'DEATH TRAPS'

The central labor council held its annual labor day celebration yesterday and, despite the gloom cast over the entire community by the Houston fire of the early morning, the parade and sports were uniformly successful.

Immediately upon the arrival of the special train from Weed, bearing the Timberworkers' Union and their band, the procession formed and wended its way along Main to Third streets, countermarching on Main to Seventh, thence along Klamath avenue back to Second, on which street the parade moved to the block in which were the still burning ruins of the buildings destroyed by the fire. There, amidst the ruins, the Reverend C. F. Trimble offered a brief and feeling prayer for the unfortunate victims of the blaze, whose charred bodies were plainly visible to the paraders.

Mr. Trimble's prayer was eloquent in its simplicity and, as the thousands of more spectators stood with bared heads, tears were seen on the faces of many. The Weed band then played "Nearer My God to Thee," many joining their voices in the chorus of the sad hymn.

The parade then resumed its formation and proceeded to the court house square, where at noon the band played the national anthem, the audience standing. W. S. Conkling, president of the Central Labor Council, acted as chairman of the day.

The first speaker was Mayor I. R. Struble, who stated that he had not expected to be called upon but greatly appreciated the opportunity afforded him. He reviewed past history. Mr. Struble went on to say that his organization had proved its value in many fields of endeavor. The Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem was a landmark to organized labor. Stones were hewed and laid without clink of tools, and the result stood for all time. Passing along to present days Mr. Struble stated that the progress of the world was due to organization.

Stephen Baralis, of Weed, California, made an address in the Italian language. He emphasized the necessity for standing firmly, in order to retain present and secure future betterments in the laborers' lot.

Mr. Baralis was followed by William Kay, secretary of the labor council, who said in part: "I have no outdoor speaking voice; I have no gifts of oratory; but I have a message for you. You who paraded were led to the scene of last night's fire. You viewed what was left of the shack buildings which for so long have persisted in open and notorious violation of the laws of safety and of decency. Any one of those seated here today might have been burned to death, as were those poor souls who perished miserably. That it was not any one of my hearers who perished is due simply to the luck of circumstances, which enabled you to secure more acceptable places to sleep in. For years those death-traps have existed and you who daily passed them must have observed the dangling knotted ropes pendant from the upper story of the hotel now a mass of smoking ruins. Those ropes were absolutely the only provision made for escape from the fire which everyone knew to be inevitable. Who burned to death in this calamity? Not business men, not doctors or lawyers, not any of the more fortunately situated of our citizens; none of these, but working men and women were destroyed by fire. That such a thing could come to pass lies upon the lap of each and every one of you, who by your silence and inactivity, permitted those elected by you to neglect criminally the duties you imposed upon them. How much longer is this condition to exist? The answer lies with you and you cannot if you would evade the responsibility."

The Rev. C. F. Trimble was the orator of the day. In introducing Mr. Trimble, President W. S. Conkling of the labor council said: "During my connection with organized labor, I have had to suffer obligations."

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