

## TWO BUSINESS HOUSES GUTTED BY BAD BLAZE

Prompt action of the fire department, coupled with the fire-proof barrier formed by the adjoining Arcade Hotel, probably saved the block on Main street between Ninth and Tenth streets from destruction by a fire that started at 2:50 o'clock this morning. As it was the building owned by Fred Buesing and occupied by the Mars Confectionery and the electrical shop of Coburn and Uhlig, 1022 and 1024 Main street bore the brunt of the loss.

The damage, including the building and contents of both stores is estimated at \$13,000, covered by about \$9,000 insurance. This does not include the insurance on the building, which Mr. Buesing did not reveal.

The cause of the fire has not been ascertained but from an inspection of the interior of the buildings, it is thought that the fire started in the ceiling of the Mars confectionery, spreading to the electrical shop.

The Arcade hotel, a three story brick building, checked the flames from spreading eastward and two rooms on the third floor were damaged by smoke and flames. Five windows in the hotel were burned out. Chris Blanas states that his loss will total about \$200. In connection with this fire, reports of bystanders this morning who were in Dunsmuir, California, a few weeks ago say that a similar brick hotel saved that city from total destruction.

The electrical shop of Coburn and Uhlig was completely gutted and practically nothing was saved from it. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hoag and son Leo, of Tillamook, arrived late last night to visit their daughter, Mrs. W. D. Coburn, and were asleep in one of the rooms in the rear of the shop, as were Mr. and Mrs. Coburn. When someone pounded on the rear door warning them of the fire, both families escape just as a bank of smoke and flames burst into the rooms. Mr. Hoag grabbed an armload of clothes off the wall and ran out the back way. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn were unable to save any wearing apparel and this morning, Mr. Coburn wore a pair of gum boots and hunting clothes while Mrs. Coburn had only her hiking costume left of all her wardrobe. The families slept the balance of the night in a tent which Mr. Hoag had brought along with him. Travelers' checks, amounting to \$39, were destroyed. Mr. Hoag is superintendent of the municipal water works at Tillamook and had planned on a hunting trip in this section.

The handsome marble fountain as well as two new pool tables in the Mars Confectionery were burned. The pool tables are a complete loss. The back bar of the fountain was ruined but the marble front and tops were undamaged. The soda charger was lost as was a lot of new stock just received. The Mars was owned by John Ilman and Jalmar Kahkonen; Ilman conducting the confectionery and Kahkonen, the barber shop. Kahkonen bought a partnership about four months ago. The partners stated that their loss was about \$10,000, with insurance about \$6,500. Ilman has been in business about one year.

The electrical shop of Coburn and Uhlig was nearing completion from an expensive remodeling and last night the plans for opening business was discussed by the partners. Mr. Uhlig bought in only last week. Previous to coming here, Mr. Coburn was in the electrical business at Roseburg.

Klamath Falls citizens can be proud of the manner in which this fire was checked by the prompt action of Fire Chief Keith Ambrose. The department was at the scene of the blaze within five minutes of the time it was reported and Ambrose had two lines of hose playing on the front of the building and one in the rear within five minutes after arriving on the scene. At one time the hose was

## Elk Herds From North Are on the Way to Marshfield

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Special trains bearing Elks to the Marshfield state convention started today. Organizing at McMinnville one special will move down the valley, picking up cars at Corvallis and Albany, and adding a car from Roseburg and another from Medford at Eugene. They will reach Marshfield tomorrow.

The Portland delegation will start tomorrow night, picking up Salem delegates on the way.

Exalted Ruler C. A. Hayden, Mayor W. S. Wiley and Charles Riley left this morning at 10:30 o'clock for Marshfield, where this party will be joined by Harry Peltz who left yesterday by train, and by Charles Hall who is already at Marshfield on a visit.

While there will be other members of the Klamath Falls Elks lodge present at the convention, the selection of official delegates to represent Klamath Falls will not be made by the exalted ruler until his arrival at Marshfield.

## NEW WHEAT IS BIG PRODUCER; MATURES EARLY

Seventy eight bushels of wheat to the acre is something of a wheat crop, but this is the proportionate yield on a small plot planted by Capt. O. C. Applegate to Burbank Quality wheat in the West side park. There was only the 122nd part of an acre planted, owing to the rarity of the seed, but this small area produced 38 5/8 pounds of wheat from one half pound of seed. The committee estimates that had birds and rodents not carried away some seeds, there would have been five to ten per cent more grain garnered.

Capt. O. C. Applegate, incidentally, guessed closest to the poundage of the crop, his estimate being 35 pounds. The wheat was distributed in prizes to those making the first, second, third and fourth closest guesses, under the condition that the recipients of the wheat should plant it and cultivate it carefully next year, in order that a sufficient supply may be obtained for commercial purposes.

The big outstanding feature that is expected to make it valuable to Klamath farmers is the rapidity of maturity. The experimental crop matured in 120 days, being planted on April 10 and harvested on August 19 and it was then a week or so over ripe. Farmers in the Tule Lake district who lost thousands of dollars worth of grain last year by being caught untrawled in September's heavy rains will appreciate what this early ripening crop may mean to the grain growing industry of the future.

The wheat is the result of long experimentation by Luther Burbank, the California plant wizard, and besides early maturity it possesses prime milling qualities.

The experiment was watched from the outset by reputable committees, who attest the time of maturing.

## Miller Awarded School Contract

W. D. Miller was awarded the contract for building the new Shipplington school at a meeting of the school board yesterday afternoon. His bid was \$31,780. Other bids were as follows:

R. E. Wattenburg, \$34,572; Cofer Bros., \$34,200; E. S. Henry, \$32,444.40; McAboy & Bockman, \$37,555; Marchand & Lane \$37,150.

The contract calls for completion of the school building by December 1.

**AUTHOR HUNTS MATERIAL**  
SALEM, Aug. 17.—Nelson McKenna famous writer and contributor to many of the most important magazines in the United States, arrived in Salem in search of material for a series of industrial stories.

## LATE OIL NEWS CONFOUNDS THE EVIL PROPHETS

Probably no news that has appeared in The Herald recently interested more readers, or did more to promote a feeling of confidence in the community, than The Herald's announcement yesterday that the Crater Oil company had recovered its tools and resumed drilling.

Between the times the average reader discovered the determination of the men, who are behind the oil development in this county—to go to the bottom of the oil possibilities, undeterred by temporary setbacks, if oil is present they are determined to get it. If it is not present they are going to be thoroughly convinced of that fact before they give over the quest.

Today The Herald is able to announce that work at the Siemens well will be resumed this week.

Captain Siemens stated today that a telegram was received last evening saying that the special cement for concreting the bottom of his well had been shipped and should arrive tonight.

This cement is produced at Santa Cruz, California, and is used almost entirely in difficult oil wells all over the country to shut out the water flow. As soon as it arrives work of cementing the well will start. The cement will be given a sufficient time to harden, then drilling will be resumed.

When the Crater company's cable broke, leaving the drill 600 feet down in the hole, and at the same time the cement in the Siemens well refused to hold, public confidence was shaken. There were plenty of pessimists to enlarge upon the bad tidings and prophecy that oil development here had reached an impasse. According to these prophets of the worst, it meant the end of the search for oil.

But the men who are bearing the brunt of oil development were not disheartened. These mishaps are of daily occurrence in the oil fields. They are mishaps that must be reckoned upon as likely to happen, and it takes more the probable accidents to daunt the men who are back of oil development in Klamath county.

Judging from the comments on the good news, the public has received the full benefits from this demonstration of the faith that the promoters have in their enterprise and with the removal of the last vestiges of doubt created by the calamity prophets the oil development is on a firmer foundation than ever before and the entire community is a solid unit in support of the men who are directing the drills.

## INDIANS CUT A RICH MELON

Klamath Indians on the reservation are \$150 richer apiece today as the result of the division of \$200,000 from the government for proceeds obtained by the sale of timber on unallotted lands. A fund of \$375,000 was available for distribution last fall but new amounts from sales of timber have taken place bringing the fund up above the \$400,000 mark. This sum distributed today was about 50 per cent of the money in the Indian communal treasury.

Four years ago, about \$400,000 was distributed in cattle and this distribution came under the heading of "reimbursable funds." This present disbursement comes under the rulings of the treaty of 1910, after congress had arbitrarily stopped allotment and authorized the sale of timber on unallotted lands.

**ROAD CONTROL FIXED**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—By a vote of 36 to 14 the senate struck from the good roads bill the provision for creating a commission to administer it and placed it under the control of the secretary of agriculture.

## YOUNG WOMAN JAILED ON BAD CHECK CHARGES

Miss Mary Fuches, aged 25, for the past year a nurse at the Dorris hospital, is detained by authorities at Albany, Oregon, on a charge of victimizing the La Vogue store and Van Bellen's shoe store here with bad checks of \$50 each. This is according to Sheriff Lloyd Low, who has been working on the case since August 6, the date of the alleged offense. The sheriff said there was some doubt of the woman's sanity and that he was communicating with Albany authorities regarding the possibility of having her examined for sanity there, saving the expense of returning her to Klamath county. If she is proved mentally competent she will be brought here for trial.

Miss Fuches told friends in Dorris that she was at home. Her parents live at Cannon, near Albany. She took the train at Dorris Saturday, the sheriff discovered, after a leave talking with friends, but left it at Macdoel and in the afternoon took the train for Klamath Falls.

She purchased a dress at the La Vogue, giving a check for \$50 and receiving \$5 in change. She gave a \$50 check to Van Bellen's for a pair of shoes and got \$45 in cash as change.

The checks purported to bear the signature "H. Burkovitch." Mr. Burkovitch is manager of the Dorris Mercantile company. They were made payable to Carlotta Sly. The Sly family is well-known around Dorris and, posing as a member, the woman had no difficulty in passing the checks. The real Carlotta Sly, however, is now Mrs. W. D. Miller.

Sunday morning Miss Fuches left. She had kept her identity well concealed throughout the transaction, but after reaching home she wrote a letter back in which she said that it rained hard Sunday while she was traveling over the Siskiyou. As she left Saturday morning she should have passed through the Siskiyou Saturday night. This discrepancy gave the sheriff a clue and he soon had a web of evidence on which he ordered her arrest.

## Shark Hunting To Entertain Press Congress

(Special Correspondence.)  
HONOLULU, Hawaii, Aug. 1.—The nerve thrills occasioned by riding the surf in outrigger canoes or on native surf boards, or standing on the rim of the continuously active volcano of Kilauea and gazing down into the roaring, tossing sea of molten lava, have an active rival in the keen excitement that accompanies the hunting of the shark in the waters outside the coral reef that encircles the island of Oahu.

Newspaper men who are coming to Honolulu in October as delegates to the Press Congress of the World will find that shark hunting goes hand in hand with other sports, and, although intensely exciting, is in no way dangerous. The shark hunters go to sea in a launch or sampan which tows a dead white horse. When the fishing grounds are reached, the boat begins to circle about, and soon the fins of the sharks may be cutting through the water.

If one is an expert, he may harpoon a shark as it turns over to strike, or he may try his luck with a high-powered rifle. The shark is a furious fighter and, once harpooned or caught with hook and line, displays amazing strength. But he finally tires and is gradually hauled aboard and then dispatched.

There are few Hawaiians living today who care to meet a shark in the open water and fight as his ancestors did. In the olden days a Hawaiian armed himself with a hard, wooden double-pointed javelin about 18 inches long, and with the center portion large enough to permit a good grip. He then let him-

## De Valera Asserts Ireland Will Not Accept Gov't. Terms

DUBLIN, Aug. 17.—The public session of the Dail Eireann was adjourned indefinitely this afternoon. Private session will be held, however, beginning tomorrow.

De Valera today declared that the Dail Eireann would not accept the terms of the British government extending the dominion status to Ireland.

BELFAST, Aug. 17.—Leaves of absence for all the Royal Irish constabulary have been cancelled, dating from today. Officers and men of the military forces were called back from leave by an order issued yesterday.

## C. OF C. HOLDS 1ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The forum of the chamber of commerce celebrated its "first birthday" today and the presents it received were figures of a year's attendance of 4,718 persons. Another present was the board of director's attendance which gave Fred A. Baker a 1,000 percent attendance record.

The coming county fair on October 5, 6 and 7 was the topic of the forum and E. H. Thomas, county agriculturist, dwelt upon the value of a county fair this year. In the course of his remarks, he said, "Spoons of the permanent fairs at other places some of which are holding their 25th successful fair, is due to owning their own grounds and to having long time fair boards who started to work as soon as a fair closed, in preparation for the next year. They hold four or five day diversified programs, part educational, part amusement, for all classes. Why not hang up a trophy to be competed for at least two or three seasons for both beef and dairy cattle? Klamath county this year has the greatest grain, forage and fruit crop in its history. Why not get up a display for the coming Portland exhibit this year? While it will take \$1,500 to \$2,000 to finance it, the results will return many fold to Klamath county. But above all let's push this coming county fair now to a successful conclusion."

R. E. Bradbury, a member of the county fair board spoke on the same subject and stated unless a fair was held this year, Klamath county would lose its appropriation from the state. He said that Klamath county farmers had the greatest crops of wheat and forage crops, within his own knowledge, for the seven years past, but this wonderful harvest was a bill of expense to the farmers instead of an asset because there was over-production and freight rates were prohibitive on sending produce out of here. This county could support 35,000 dairy cows instead of the 4,000 now here; he said, and this would do away with troubles for the farmer to a certain extent. He urged the support of all business and private citizens as well for the county fair this year.

Recognition of the free market instituted by Chris Blanas, was made today at the forum and it was announced that the next one, Saturday, August 20, would be held in the rear of the Central Hotel on Main street. The rest of the month the markets would be at this one location. Chris Blanas, A. B. Collins and R. E. Smith were appointed to make arrangements for it.

Make that idle dollar work! Put it in the bank.

self down into the water. As the shark approached and turned over to strike, its great jaws open to their full width, the Hawaiian, with a quick movement, thrust the javelin between the jaws, one point penetrating the room of the mouth and the other the lower jaw. The shark, thus unable to close his mouth, and helpless, was either speared or allowed to swim away as the Hawaiian chose.

## MEMORY LAPSE IS DEFENSE OF DR. BRUMFIELD

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Dr. E. M. Brumfield arrived here this morning in charge of Sheriff Starmer and Deputy Webb. He was taken by Starmer to the county jail. The prisoner now admits his identity but claims that he remembers nothing since the Sunday before his alleged crime.

District Attorney George Neuner met the officers here. Brumfield was questioned by Neuner within the view but out of hearing of newspaper reporters. After the interview, Neuner told the reporters that "Brumfield says that with the exception of flashes in Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, his mind was absolutely blank from Sunday, July 10, until he awoke yesterday morning and found himself shackled to Webb. Brumfield recalls that on July 10 his boy applied a lot of buckshot and Brumfield had trouble in picking it up. He then became ill and his mind went blank. He has a hazy recollection of some trouble at the boundary in Blaine."

Neuner and Brumfield made no reference to the crime with which Brumfield is charged. The district attorney refuses to allow the prisoner to be interviewed or photographed and allows nobody to see him. Neuner said Brumfield spoke of suffering a mental lapse during his college days, similar to that just experienced.

Brumfield told, Deputy Webb he suffered from pains in the head while a student and, some extent since he has lived in Roseburg. When the attack came he would have to quit work for several days. "Very obviously his defense will be that he was suffering from a lapse of memory," Neuner told the newspaper men.

## ALLEGED SAFE CRACKER JAILED

Joe Smidl, 17, one of the men accused of cracking safes at Dorris and Mt. Hebron, California, June 26, last, is in jail at Heppner, Oregon, according to a wire received today by Sheriff Low from Sheriff McDuffee of Heppner. He is held for the Siskiyou county authorities.

Allen Houshina, alleged to be implicated in the crime, was arrested shortly after its occurrence and is in jail at Treka.

Smidl, according to Sheriff Low, came to Klamath Falls after the robbery in a stolen auto. The car was ditched in the canal near the Enterprise ranch. Smidl prevailed upon a girl friend to take him to Ashland and temporarily eluded the law.

North from Ashland the officers several times picked up the trail. Smidl used the aliases of Bob Murphy and Bob McDonald. He was traced to Heppner, and owing largely to the information given by the local sheriff, the authorities there were able to apprehend him.

## Runaway Girl Is Detained Here

Lydia Bellis, aged 15, whose home is near Malin, was turned over to Sheriff Lloyd Low yesterday after she had called upon Mrs. Sam Summers on Seventh street and asked to be taken in. Mrs. Summers did not recognize the girl, who gave her name as Lydia Landreth. Sheriff Low temporarily detained her at the county hospital and today got in communication with her father who said he would come for her. The father said that the girl ran away from her mother, who was visiting at Modoc, Cal., Monday.

**WEATHER REPORT**  
OREGON—Tonight and Thursday, probably showers, with thunder storms in the high mountains in the east portion; fresh southerly winds.