

# FIRES SWEEP COAST TIMBER

## AUDIENCE CHEERS AS SHEPHERD IS GIVEN ACQUITTAL

Believe Verdict Ends all Possibility of Further Action

## RELEASED ON BAIL

Judge Olson Says He Will Continue Investigation of Affairs

CHICAGO, June 27. (AP)—William Darling Shepherd was found not guilty of using typhoid germs to kill William Nelson McClintock, his millionaire foster son, after the jury trying him deliberated five hours and forty minutes last night.

Within half an hour he was freed from the county jail where he has been since March 13, on his personal bond of \$5,000 on the charge of slaying Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, William's mother.

It was said at the criminal courts building that six jurists had been taken by the jury. The vote for the first standing 11 to 1 for acquittal.

The verdict was considered by the Shepherd attorneys as ending all possibility of further criminal action against him. It gave him the presumptive ownership of the McClintock estate, left him by McClintock's will, pending final action in a suit to break the will started by nine cousins of the dead youth.

Despite the jury finding, Judge Harry Olson, municipal court chief justice and instigator of the investigation of the McClintock's death will continue to probe and prosecute, if that is possible, he said.

During the trial Judge Olson expressed keen disapproval of the efforts of the state's attorney and reiterated his criticism when informed of the acquittal.

A burst of cheers, despite warnings of bailiffs against any demonstration came from the crowded spectators when the verdict was announced by Mr. Barnet, foreman.

"The state made a good fight and lost," said Robert E. Stowe, state's attorney, "The verdict speaks for itself."

Attorney Stewart, who argued throughout the trial that his client was the victim of a plot, said "the verdict is in reality a finding of guilt of the plotters. It is another proof of the sanctity of the jury system."

## Cars Will Meet Children Who Went To O. A. C.

The delegation of 71 Klamath boys and girls who are returning today from their trip to O. A. C. summer school will be met at the train in Ashland at 3:30 this afternoon, due to the generosity of local people who furnished cars that the final leg of the trip might be completed without delay.

Those who supplied cars were as follows: O. Peyton, A. R. Wilson, California Oregon Power Company, Charles DeLap, A. R. Campbell, Charles Mack, C. L. Merritt, Ben Kern, Roland Wright, U. S. Reclamation Service and Reekard Auto Service.

## Bus Man Says New Parking Rule Needed

Cars Will Not Operate Here Unless Change Is Made

"Klamath Falls must either adopt parallel parking along Main street or we will not operate our auto street-cars in this city."

This was the ultimatum issued to city officials today by W. E. Young, general manager of the Linnton Transit company, whose concern recently was granted a franchise to operate motor busses in this city.

It was indicated today that a special meeting of the city council will be called for next Monday night, at which time the parking problem and other matters affecting the new auto bus line will be fully discussed.

"With parking as it is at present on Main street, it would be an almost impossible task for our big cars to operate here," he said. "The street would be entirely too congested."

Mr. Young said that the finishing touches are now being put on the three big busses which will be sent here. They are even larger and better than he had first planned, and will be the very best operated by his concern any place in the state, he said.

Providing the traffic regulations are adjusted to his satisfaction, Mr. Young said his busses would be here and ready for operation within the next 30 days.

## Pelicans Will Take on Yreka Here Tomorrow

A baseball game which ought to draw close to a record crowd will be tossed up at the league grounds tomorrow afternoon when the Klamath Falls Pelicans and Yreka battle it out for what probably will prove to be the top rung of the league ladder. The game is scheduled for 2:15.

Word from Yreka this morning is to the effect that a large crowd of Stokiyast motopolls to give their team the needed moral and vocal support. As usual, Klamath Falls is expected to turn out a good crowd.

The manager today announced his lineup would be the same as last Sunday, with Lefty Mohler and Demitt doing the battery work for the locals. Arnold will romp around the initial sack, Watts at second, Buxness at third, Norwest at short and Matthews, Noel and Booth in the outfield.

## Water Dispute Is Cause Of Fight

BEND, Ore., June 27.—A dispute over hot water led to a shooting affray last night at Opal City in which two men were injured, according to Sheriff Ray Freeman of Jefferson county who brought one of the men to the Bend hospital this morning. At the request of Freeman, Sheriff Roberts of Deschutes county placed Jesus Manzanera, a Mexican section hand under arrest this morning in Bend. Manzanera admitted that he was the one who did the shooting, officers said.

A man named Carlos who was shot in the hip is at a local hospital while Pedro Coyas, who had a flesh wound in his leg is at Madras.

## PORTLAND COOLER

PORTLAND, Ore., June 27. (AP)—Cooling breezes early today made the weather comfortable in spite of a torrid sun. There was a gradual rise in the early morning hours from 58 at five a. m. The weather bureau expected the maximum for the day to be between 85 and 87.

## Crater Lake Road to Be Open Sunday

Park Head Says Crews Have Cleared Way for Cars

Travel to the very rim of Crater Lake will set in Sunday, June 28. This is the message received today from C. G. Thompson, superintendent. "The battle between deep snow drifts and long-handled shovels welded by husky blue-eyed men has been won by the shovels with a three day margin. The unusually hot weather prevailing for four days has been a handicap rather than an asset, causing rapid melting in the newly cut snow and imposing many drainage problems," Thompson advised.

"The severe hot spell in the lowlands has driven thousands of vacationists into the mountains, so that pre-season travel into the Park is unusually heavy. All of the camp grounds excepting those at the rim and at government camp are already open, with sufficient snow retained in adjacent heavier forests to furnish both sport and refrigeration for campers who 'dude' it."

"Illustrative of the wide variance of duties imposed upon Park officers, Wednesday and Thursday a crew of men were fighting a 3-acre forest fire caused by lightning, while another crew were shoveling through six feet of snow on the last mile of road to the rim. The discharge of any more men from the snow crew to the fire fighting gang will necessarily delay the opening of the last mile."

"The hotel operators are already in the Park and announce that, while full service will not be inaugurated until July 1st, the official date, nevertheless guests will be well cared for in an informal way. The ranger station will be functioning June 27th, water supply and sanitary provisions in operation, and park operations in general fairly well established."

"In keeping with the general spirit practically all of the best known and friendliest Park bears are already back at their regular haunt at Government Camp, and so hungry after their long fast that it has been necessary to iron bar all of the cook-shack windows."

## Will Photograph Workers In Fire Prevention Move

Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls who will participate in the Stop Forest Fires drive for the signing of fire pledges are requested to meet at the corner of Fifth and Main, near the Chamber of Commerce rooms, at 9 o'clock Monday forenoon, where a picture of the gathering will be taken.

All the Boy Scout troops in the city are expected to participate, together with Camp Fire Girls from the Winema, Sanheco, Navakamoka and Apeya groups.

A determined effort is to be made this year to exceed that of last when 7000 signatures to the pledges were secured. Cash prizes are offered to those boys or girls who secure the most signed pledges during the drive.

The movement here will be duplicated in many other western cities, the Stop Forest Fires movement, which had its beginning here, having spread throughout all the sections of the west in which there are heavy timber stands.

## MEDFORD COOLER

MEDFORD, Ore., June 27.—The extremely hot spell in Medford appears to be broken, according to the local weather bureau. The minimum this morning was 58—two degrees less than yesterday. At eight o'clock today the mercury had only reached 68, while yesterday at the same time it had reached 75. The weather bureau predicts the maximum today will be below the 100 mark.

## Purchaser Of Malin Paper Gets Setback

It seems that someone "bought a pig in a poke" in the deal involving the defunct Malin Progress. Recently announcement was made that the Progress had been acquired by Ben H. Stevenson of the Klamath News. But it seems that the announcement was premature. Instead of buying the newspaper he acquired only a mortgage on the newspaper plant, and now it develops that he has lost even this.

When the people of Malin learned that Stevenson was sticking his finger into their community pie they began to look around for a good sized colored gentleman in the woodpile and they thought they discerned the well-developed features of the California Oregon Power company. They didn't sit around for something to happen, but they made things happen for a few days. It was learned that John Reber was going to Portland on business and he was commissioned to purchase the name, good will and subscription list from the former owner of the Progress, who was then in Salem. That left Mr. Stevenson with the pig securely tied in a poke.

Then they proceeded to cut out the bottom and he now has lost the pig, for as soon as they closed the deal with the former owner, they began negotiations with the bank for the liquidation of the mortgage. This was accomplished yesterday. Today with consternation spread across his countenance Mr. Stevenson is holding the empty sack and the people of Malin are enjoying a good laugh at his excursion into the high finance of newspaperdom.

Not satisfied with the success of his efforts, a new company has been formed with the purpose of publishing a newspaper that will be in the interest of the Tule lake valley and not the Power company. Already the stock has been practically all subscribed and within a short time a newspaper that will be the people's mouthpiece instead of that of the California Oregon Power company, will be published in the bustling little city of Malin.

## \$50,000 Plot Fails; Youth Tells of Plan

Tried to Emulate Loeb-Leopold "Master Crime"

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27. (AP)—Blig Baker, 24, a senior student at the University of California, told his mother, when she called on him at the city prison last night, that he was responsible for the attempt made yesterday to obtain \$50,000 from Daniel C. Jackling, mining magnate, under the threat that Mrs. Jackling had been kidnapped from her suite at the hotel St. Francis, police announced today.

The demand for \$50,000 was received at Jackling's offices here yesterday after Mrs. Jackling had been called by telephone and told that her sister, Mrs. Rudolph Spreckles, had been seriously injured in an accident in San Mateo county.

Jackling notified the police when the demand was received. Mrs. Jackling telephoned to her husband when she arrived at the Mills hospital in San Mateo and learned her sister was not injured, and Baker was arrested with a taxicab driver near Milbrae, at the point where the ransom money was to be delivered by Jackling. The taxicab driver was held for a time and released.

After his arrest Baker said he had received his orders to participate in the plot from a mysterious Chinese, but later he said the entire scheme had been concocted by himself and a book agent pal whose name he gave as George Beeman.

The police are searching for Beeman today. Beeman, Baker said, cut the telephone wires to the Spreckles home in Pittsburg as part of the plot.

"Beeman and I had been studying criminology together," Baker told the police.

## Southern Pacific Makes Two Offers N. C. & O. Railway

WASHINGTON, June 27. (AP)—A transaction by which the Southern Pacific company agrees to pay alternatively two different prices for one railroad was laid today before the I. C. C. for approval.

The road is the Nevada-California-Oregon, operating 154 miles of narrow gauge in the northwest. The Southern Pacific agrees to buy from Charles Moran the present owner, the \$750,000 of preferred stock within four years. If before the end of the four year period the Southern Pacific demands delivery of the stock, it agrees in goods in exchange \$725,000 in bonds; but if a demand for payment is made within that time by Moran, the Southern Pacific will have to pay only \$400,000 in bonds.

The line is to be transformed to standard gauge and new bonds issued to replace the \$975,000 N. C. O. bond issues outstanding.

## Range Outlook Best In Years

Klamath county range conditions have never been better at this time of year at any time in the past 25 years, was the declaration today of Rex Bord, prominent stockman. Excessive dry weather later in the season may considerably alter conditions, but as they stand now there can be no complaint, Mr. Bord said.

SYDNEY, N. S., June 27. (AP)—The schooner Bowdoin, bearing Commander Donald B. MacMillan's Arctic expedition, left Sydney this morning for the north.

## 500 Men Engaged in Fighting Flames; One Man Burned to Death

Electrical Disturbances Blamed For Starting Conflagrations Which Are Aided By Hot Weather And Low Humidity

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—Forest fires on the Pacific coast yesterday burned one man to death, destroyed 62,480 acres of timber, grazing and stump lands and defied the efforts of more than 500 men who attempted to bring them under control.

## ASPEN LAKE HAS BLAZE, IS REPORT

Word of a fire in the Aspen Lake area was received here this afternoon at the Klamath Forest Protective Association offices. The message came from rangers at the Pelican Bay Ranger station, who sighted the blaze but were unable to determine its area because of the distance. Men employed by the Klamath Forest Protection Association in the Aspen Lake area were informed of the blaze immediately.

Major blazes were traced to electrical storms while hot weather and low humidity combined to permit the flames to continue blazing away today at many points in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

At Point Neville, British Columbia, Oliver G. Clark was burned to death when a fire swept in the direction of his claim.

Two other fires in British Columbia burned two bridges, two small houses and destroyed a lumber mill of the Blue Bird Lumber company. The Blue Bird fire destroyed 100,000 feet of lumber.

In California the largest fire of recent years is raging on a ten mile front in Tuolumne county, 51,200 acres of brush having been burned over.

The fire was also started by an electrical storm. Volunteer fire fighters are fighting the blaze and the fire warden has appealed for more men.

After burning over 25,000 acres of grazing land the fire which started in the Stanislaus river canyon, California, was reported under control late last night.

A fire which started on a ranch near Orangeville, California, spread into nearby fields and burned over several hundred acres of land before being extinguished.

The buildings on the ranch were all destroyed. Three thousand five hundred acres of brush and timber were burned over by a fire in the Angeles mountain forest near San Bernardino.

A fire north of Bremerton, Wash., destroyed 1,280 acres of timber. One hundred people are homeless as a result of a fire which destroyed practically all of the homes in a lumber camp near Hanahan, Wash.

## IS SENTENCED

CONCORDIA, Kans., June 27. (AP)—Charles B. Davis, retired Concordia merchant, today pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to kill in connection with a plot to slay his wife last fall and was sentenced from 1 to 10 years in the state penitentiary at Lansing.

## Chamber Directors Will Study Daylight Saving Plan at Tuesday Meeting

Chamber of Commerce directors will take up the movement to start daylight saving in Klamath Falls during July and August at their regular weekly luncheon next Tuesday, it was announced today by Secretary Sabin. The chamber of commerce will get back of the movement and seek to interest other cities of the state in the project.

It also was reported today that the central labor council favors the proposal, and it is understood that a chamber of commerce committee may be named to interview mill operators and other extensive employers in the plan.

Under the proposal, which has met with a hearty response from merchants generally, it is proposed to advance the clocks ahead one hour, thus giving workers an added hour of day light, after their work is over.