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HOW GOES IT?

A letter from San Francisco tells of a recent fishing trip in the Sierras without a single catch. Since its writer is an ardent fisherman it is only natural he should ask about the chances here.

Men who go out week-ends and run into any sort of luck, are just as apt as not to camouflage their hiding place. About the only chance one has to get at actual facts is when the game warden arrests a man, as he did Sunday, for catching more than the legal limit.

CAUTION

If Klamath develops into a speculative market it will be bad for the town. The collapse of Florida real estate is too recent to be easily forgotten, and any attempt to inflate values here will not benefit the community.

A single issue of a Portland paper featured Klamath development no less than six times. That gives a wide impression of unusual activity, and has the effect of attracting adventurers, as well as legitimate business enterprises.

FOR INSTANCE

Outsiders who want to make their stake in Klamath had better organize along lines of constructive service. The two essentials of every-day living, food and shelter, are easily capable of expansion without hurting existing businesses.

Food specialization is usually profitable anywhere, but more so here on account of numerous strangers. Even tourists have to be fed, and good wholesome meals are fine advertisements for any town.

tory style of quarters has very little appeal these days, and as a business proposition they fall short.

BUILD MORE HOMES

With land and lumber aplenty why the continued scarcity of homes here? The News pressman has shown good faith and good judgment by building a neat little house of his own.

Aside from the personal satisfaction, the steadily increasing value of local property should be a big incentive. This is a good time to build.

CATSKILL TAVERN IS DAMAGED; 15 PERISH

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Winch and Miss Ida Lader of New York, next to the hotel. The sleepers escaped.

Was Frame Building
Fire started in the servants' quarters in the northwest corner of the hotel. The building, constructed of wood over which a thin layer of stucco had been laid, burned like tinder.

H. S. Stryker, the night watchman whose presence of mind in warning guests probably saved many lives, gave the alarm, running through the corridors and knocking on doors.

Whether he escaped could not be determined. He is listed among the missing.

Wife of Chef Heroine
Mrs. Erdline, wife of the chef, was another believed to have died in an heroic attempt at rescue. She had been carried to safety, but falling to see her husband outside, hurried back into the flaming building. She has not been seen since.

Tragic irony was added to the vain attempt when it was learned that her husband was safe at the time she went into the hotel.

Late today a wedding ring was found in the ruins. It was inscribed: "To Mary from Cornelius, October 29, 1910."

It was believed to have belonged to Mrs. Cornelius Eckenbrecker of Orange, N. J., who has been listed as missing.

Late reports gave the number missing as six. Two persons, Mrs. F. W. Backus, 70, of Forest Hills, N. Y., and Mrs. Laura Garrett, 55 of New Jersey, are in a critical condition, while 17 others were slightly hurt.

NEW FIRES WAGING SCATTERED SECTIONS

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starting at 11 o'clock in the morning in the Silver Lake district near Sugar Pine Mountain, proved the most serious of the trio and reports received here late last night advised that the original force fighting the blaze had been materially increased.

Kimball was of the opinion that the Sugar Pine fire would be under control early today provided no wind arose to increase the ferocity of the flames. Today will be an exceedingly dangerous day for forest fires because of prevailing low humidity, according to word received from Portland.

A small slashings fire near the Ewauna logging camp on the Indian reservation, burned for a short time late yesterday afternoon. No damage resulted from this blaze, which covered a few acres and which, according to C. H. Daggett, was extinguished in short order by men at the camp.

"Too much emphasis cannot be placed at this time upon the necessity of taking every precaution against forest fires," declared Kimball. "The woods are terribly dry and the weather is very much against us in fire fighting. All this makes for highly abnormal conditions this season, by far the most critical I have witnessed in all my 35 years of service."

SUICIDE LEAPER MADE DOUBLY SURE; HAD POISON

EASTBOURNE, England, July 14.—("Suicide leap" took a new victim in a new way during the recent holidays. The cliffs descend 600 feet precipitously into the sea.

"Is this where so many people jump?" asked a visitor of Major Harry Delbos. He was told it was. As the visitor tried to fling himself over the cliff the officer caught and held him, but the man died in Delbos' arms. He had taken the precaution to drink a bottle of carbolic acid.

The Water's Fine!



Guns of Gangland Blaze Again; Two Murders

CHICAGO, July 14.—The guns of gangland are blazing again in Cicero. After a brief lull occasioned by police activity in the killing of Assistant State's Attorney William McSwigin, the old feud between rival beer runners has been resumed.

Detective squads are smashing their way through another series of raids on saloons, many of which have been reopened in the little suburb since the "clean-up" which followed McSwigin's death, but they are running into the same conspiracies of silence that have defeated them before.

Nobody knows who killed Jules Portuguese, the flashiest gunman of the "valley," and nobody knows who killed Joseph Ciccone, the alcohol peddler who was too ambitious. Both men were murdered Wednesday.

All that police can learn is that two more competitors in the "liquor racket" have been eliminated by the guns of their rivals. Their bullet torn bodies and their records are evidence enough that the bloody war is on again.

Portuguese's career abounds in good excuses for murder but the identity of the persons who took him "for a ride" remains obscure. He often cut in on the profits of the Sicilian beer runners and at one time was under suspicion in the murder of Dion O'Banion.

Ciccone's death was a simpler matter. He had just started in the lucrative alcohol trade. No doubt he was threatening to get some of the business of the two men who drove up in front of his home and shot him down as he stepped out of his automobile with a demijohn of whisky in his hand.

WILD WEST GUN PLAY IS STAGED

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whizzing over their heads. Traffic became confused. Policemen's whistles sounded. Motor horns were sounded. Broadway experienced all the sensations of a wild west shooting spree before the gunfire subsided.

The three other bandits escaped. The three wounded women, Mrs. Mary Steffanson, Mrs. Bernard Susser and Mrs. A. Jabig, and the wounded hold-up man were taken to Bellevue. Physicians said the man's condition was critical and that he might die.

PORTLAND, July 14.—(United News)—Another year will be allowed Oregon and California poultrymen in which to prepare to meet the quarantine regulations of Washington on bacillary white diarrhoea of fowls which were to have gone into effect August 1.

Butter Substitute Is Butter, States Leader of Women

DES MOINES, Ia., July 14.—(United News)—"The best substitute for butter is butter. That applies throughout the business world."

This counsel was proffered to a group of delegates attending the national convention of business and professional women here today by Mrs. Ora Snyder of Chicago, famous for her capitalization of the home-made candy idea.

"Personality is the greatest factor in success and a smile is the biggest factor in personality," she said in explanation of her business philosophy and practice which requires all of her salesgirls to greet customers with a smile.

"Big Tim" Fired As Boss of Tire Dealers' Combine

CHICAGO, July 14.—(United News)—"Big Tim" Murphy, Chicago's famous labor leader, has been ousted as president of the local tire dealers' association, where he was trying to make \$20,000 with which to pay a government fine for his part in the Dearborn station mail robbery.

The injunction restraining Tim and his associates from holding office was issued Wednesday by Judge Ira Ryner on application of members, who said Tim had "strong-armed" himself into the presidency. The disgruntled members charged that Murphy had resorted to his old practice of using dynamite bombs against tire dealers who declined his invitations to join the association and pay the initiation fee.

Tim says the association will be sorry it got him out and that unless "something turns up here" he may go back into the banana and banana oil business in southern Texas.

OBITUARY

RUFUS ELSWORTH IRWIN

Rufus Elsworth Irwin passed away at the residence of his son Elmer W. Irwin, 515 1/2 Jefferson street, shortly after midnight Tuesday at the age of 84 years. He is survived by one son, Elmer, of this city; one daughter, Mrs. Harriet Lucretia Crowley of San Francisco, California, and a brother, Thomas W. Irwin of Oswego, Oregon. The remains are at the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine avenue at Sixth street. Mrs. Crowley will arrive this evening from California, and the remains will be sent to Aurora, Oregon, Friday morning. Funeral services and interment will be held at Barlow, Oregon, where Mrs. Irwin was laid to rest seven years ago.

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Skirts Higher Is Fashion's Latest Offer to Women

DES MOINES, Ia., July 14.—(United News)—Women dress revealingly to attract, but short and even shorter skirts are not demanded by women. They are products of dress manufacturers' designers, who seek to make and sell dresses with the least amount of cloth.

In these words Madame Hall, middle aged modiste of Leavenworth, Kansas, explained to delegates attending the national convention of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs the reasons for dresses which are worn high and are gradually going higher.

Questioned as to whether girls of the middlewest should adopt fashion's latest edict, elevating knee length dresses now in vogue, four inches higher, Madame Hall said: "Certainly. Girls from the Kansas wheat fields and Iowa corn country dress as well as their eastern or western sisters, and if the manufacturers give them dresses without skirts they will wear them."

"Booth Tarkington has made the statement that the woman fifty years hence would wear no dress at all. I would say that at the present rate of abbreviation women will go unclothed in half that time."

its passage by parliament is regarded as a certainty.

While the bill nominally vests the power in the king its meaning is that the government may take any measures necessary during the troubled financial situation without having to consult the parliament. The king's signature will be requested after the measure has been definitely determined by the cabinet.

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Belgian King Is Given Power of Greater Scope

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