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## TWO DIE WHEN GAS LAUNCH EXPLODES

### No Witnesses To Sea Tragedy Near Bayocean Tuesday Morning

## TOWING CRAFT COMPLETELY DESTROYED

### Both Victims Were Residents of Bay City and Leave Large Families

What is thought to have been a gasoline explosion aboard the 40 foot launch Dorothy May early Tuesday morning cost the lives of the two men aboard her and destroyed the craft.

L. E. (Louie) De Rock and J. B. Lougheed, who have been operating the boat for some time on Tillamook bay left Bayocean about 2:30 Tuesday morning after taking a scow load of lumber over on the tide for the lighthouse. They had been having trouble with the carburetor on the trip across and were heard to say that they would repair it on the way back. That was the last seen of the men alive. When they did not return Tuesday evening their families became worried and a search was started. Several people remembered having seen what appeared to have been a fire near the Bayocean side of the bay but thought very little of it until the launch and two men were reported missing. The remains of the boat were found Wednesday but the missing men were not located until Thursday morning when a large crowd of searchers combed the flats along the Bayocean side.

De Rock was found with an anchor fastened about his waist with a rope and a pike pole stuck in the mud to mark the spot where he lay while Lougheed was somewhere near shore. The supposition is that an explosion occurred aboard the boat while De Rock was working over the engine and that he was killed either by flying pieces or by gas and that his partner, fearing that the boat would be destroyed by fire attempted to save it by anchoring, after which the survivor attempted to swim to shore and was drowned. Evidence that Lougheed tied the rope that held De Rock was that the knot was tied in the back with a timber hitch and Lougheed was a logger. It is not thought probable that De Rock was able to tie himself in that manner. Neither body showed serious wounds that would have likely caused death. It is said that both men left large families in straightened circumstances. De Rock has lived in Bay City for about six years while the other moved there recently. A subscription is being taken for the relief of the two families.

Some idea of the fierceness of the fire that destroyed the boat may be gained from the fact that the brass and copper fittings were melted from the heat. About 100 gallons of gasoline was thought to have been aboard when the fire occurred. Men about the bay familiar with such accidents say that they had never before seen such complete destruction in any boat fire.

One peculiar thing about the accident was that when leaving Bayocean the two men decided to leave their skiff which they usually used and which would have allowed at least one of them to escape death had they taken it along.

## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE HELD SUNDAY EVENING

The baccalaureate services of the Tillamook High School were held at the Christian Church, last Sunday evening. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. H. E. Tucker to a class of fourteen. His subject was "The Ending is Better than the Beginning."

The music rendered by the chorus under the direction of Mr. O. M. Cook was very fine and appreciated.

The commencement exercises will be held Friday evening at the Christian church. The address of the evening will be delivered by Dr. Geo. R. Varney, of Oregon Agricultural College, whose subject is "The Man of the Hour."

The members of the graduation class are: Frances Grace Joliff, Edna Archibald, Geneva Abrams, LeVerna Holden, Anne Newberry, Halvema Large, Alta Simmons, Emma H. J. on Grant, Mac Pesterfield, J. Leland Bester, James J. Campbell, Henry D. Boehler and Bryan Tucker.

## LOCAL HIGH WINS CO. TRACK MEET

Tillamook High School won the first high school county track meet by a score of 62 to 37. Cloverdale secured the next highest score, getting the 37 points. A good crowd witnessed the contest and proved to be much interested in the outcome of the meet.

Thomas Large of Tillamook High was high point man, getting 7 firsts and 1 third place making a total of 36 points for the winners.

Owens of Cloverdale High was the next highest point getter, securing 19 points for his school. Owens secured the only two firsts that leave Tillamook, by winning the 220 and 440 yard dashes.

Mitchal Miller ran a pretty half mile race and won an easy first over opponents.

The order of events and winner of places were as follows:

Shot put, Large first, distance 40 feet 8 inches; C. Gabriel, second, Owens, third.

Boad jump, C. Gabriel, first, distance 17 feet 10 inches, Owens, second, Large, third.

220 low hurdles: Large first, time 31 seconds; Johnson, second, Moore third.

50 yard dash: Large first, time 5.4; Owens, second, H. Miller, third.

Pole vault: Large, first, height 10 feet 6 inches, Johnson, second; Owens, third.

220 yard dash: Owens, first, time 26.2; Light second, C. Gabriel, third.

High Jump: Large, first, Height, 5 feet 4 inches; C. Gabriel, second, H. Miller, third.

440 yard dash: Owens, first, time 66; Light second, Blackburn, third.

Discus: Large, first, distance 94 feet 7 inches, A. Gabriel, second; Owens, third.

100 yard dash: Large first, time 11 seconds, H. Miller, second, Light third.

880 yard dash: H. Miller, first, time 2 minutes 34 seconds, Light second, Gaves, third.

The 880 yard race was won by Tillamook High. The team was made up of H. Miller, M. Miller and Large.

The pennants for both the track meet and the relay race fall to Tillamook High.

Those in charge of the meet were well pleased with the response of the Tillamook people in supporting the project and it is hoped that similar events on a little larger scale can be held again next spring.

## AUTO TURNS TURTLE NEAR YORK'S MILL

Last Friday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, the big Mitchell automobile owned and driven by E. M. Curtis of Portland, turned turtle on the curve, near York's mill, about 7 miles south of Tillamook. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were said to have been driving between 20 and 30 miles an hour, when the accident occurred. Mr. Curtis was unfamiliar with the road and seeing the sharp curve ahead, suddenly applied his brakes. The car lurched and turned turtle in the ditch on the opposite side of the road. Mr. Curtis was bruised about the shoulders, but was able to be up Saturday.

The curve at York's mill is one of the bad spots of Tillamook's highways as the curve slants the wrong direction for the turn.

## CAR DITCHED WHEN STEERING GEAR BREAKS

On Monday of this week an automobile driven by Ole Toney ran in the ditch about one half mile up the Miami river, from the forks of the road. The steering apparatus of the machine buckled and turned the car into the ditch. The front end of the car was badly smashed and the body slightly dented. Mr. Toney was accompanied by his wife and 20 months old baby.

None of the occupants were injured. The accident occurred about 2:30 A. M. Monday morning.

## TILLAMOOK BALL TEAM DEFEATS BEAVER TEAM

Tillamook Ball Club scored its third straight win in the third game of the season last Sunday on the Beaver diamond, by defeating the Beaver team, 8 to 2. The game was featured by heavy hitting. Donnyva pitching for Tillamook, played his usual game allowing only 3 runs.

As far as known at present there will be no more this week.

## TILLAMOOK PLANE MAKES FIRST TRIP

### Local Aircraft Company Inaugurates New Service Between This City and Portland

## FIFTY MINUTES CONSUMED IN FLIGHT

### Carries First Woman Passenger To Fly Over Coast Range

The arrival Sunday of the Tillamook Aircraft company's new plane marked what is hoped to be the beginning of a successful career for Tillamook's new enterprise.

The machine arrived here in the afternoon after a forced landing at Forest Grove on account of fuel trouble. The actual flying time was said to be about fifty minutes from Portland.

Pilot Lyle Smith brought as his first passenger Mrs. F. B. McKinley, who is said to be the first woman to cross the coast range in an airplane.

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"For a long time I had wanted to make a cross country flight in an airplane and was delighted last week when given the opportunity to fly from Portland to Tillamook with Mr. Smith. We left the field in Portland and circled above the city for nearly half an hour, which I enjoyed very much as Portland was my home for several years. We then took a course due west, passing over Hillsboro and several other places which I did not recognize.

"The Willamette valley was a beautiful sight with its wooded hills green trees and pretty roads and streams winding through it. While we were above Tillamook City I threw some advertising cards over the side of the ship and when we started to make a nose dive in landing I found I was strapped in the seat. We also went through some other stunts, the names of which I am not familiar with but I never felt one moment of anxiety from the time I left Portland until we reached Tillamook.

"I cannot see anything about riding in an airplane to make one sick or frightened and just to circle over the city and look at the surrounding country is well worth the price of the trip. I never realized what a pretty country Tillamook was until I saw it from the air.

"I have explicit confidence in Pilot Smith as an aviator and I expect to make another trip in his ship in the near future."

Mrs. McKinley says she was not in the least frightened by the forced landing at Forest Grove.

The machine is now undergoing some repairs at the hands of expert mechanics and Pilot Smith expects to resume flying next Sunday.

J. R. Harter, former Tillamook resident for many years, is in the city on business.

## BOTTLING WORKS IMPROVES PLANT

To accommodate the expected rush of summer trade, F. W. Talbot, proprietor of the Pacific Soda Work has installed a new labeling machine and a boiler and bottle washer. Mr. Talbot now has a complete plant for making sodas and soft drinks.

The labeler is a unique machine that will handle one case (24 bottles) per minute, fixing the labels much better than it could be done by hand. The boiler and washer removes the old labels and sterilizes and washes the bottles in the same operation.

The trade of the Pacific Soda works has grown to a very satisfactory amount since the advent of prohibition and from appearances seems fair to continue. The local concern has its own trade name for its products and seems to be selling on excellent grade of soft drink.

Mr. Talbot states that he covers the whole county with his two trucks going on some trips to Yamhill county also.

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## GRADE SCHOOL OPERETTA WAS GREAT SUCCESS

The operetta "On a Midsummer's Day" presented by the children of the Tillamook grade school, in the high school gymnasium, was a great success.

The play was the result of considerable work on the part of director Miss Mildred Hamilton.

Every one agrees that the children did splendidly and deserve great credit for the trial.

The setting was a woodland scene where the occupants of a flower garden were much neglected by their mistress, Pearl Anderson. The fairy queen finds them in this condition and decides to teach the child a lesson, thereby removing the flowers to her fairy garden, where they are taken care of by the queen's brownies. The child comes to her garden and finds her flowers gone and is very much broken up about it. The queen finding her in this condition, tells her where her flower are but will not return them unless the child promises to care for them which she does and all ends happily.

## DRILLING FOR WATER; STRIKE OIL PROSPECT

In an attempt to drill below salt water level and procure fresh water for their sprinkler and fire system at the Garibaldi mill the Whitney company has discovered favorable indications of oil.

About two months ago a drill was started working near the sawmill and a well about four hundred feet deep has now been cut.

The oil indications consist of gas and a small amount of what appears to be crude oil. It is said that small quantities of oil have been discovered in the county before but there is little hope that there is enough for commercial purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lamar were Portland visitors this week.

## GOVERNOR NAMES TAX COMMITTEE

### To Make Careful Survey of Taxation and Economic Conditions

## LEGISLATION TO BE BASED ON REPORT

### Tillamook Companies File Articles of Incorporation—Other State Capitol News

Salem, Or., May 25.—(Special)—Governor Olcott has announced the members of the special committee on taxation which was provided for by the 1921 legislature. After making a careful study of taxation and economic conditions in Oregon the committee will submit data and recommendations to the governor on or before November 1, 1922, together with a proposed bill to be introduced in the legislature of 1923. The members of the committee are:

Henry E. Reed, Portland tax expert and for several years county assessor for Multnomah county. Mr. Reed is now connected with the Harman & Thompson bank in Portland.

I. N. Day, Portland, representing general business interests. Mr. Day is a student on taxation matters and was a member of the special committee appointed by the governor before the legislature met to investigate similar questions in regard to taxation.

C. S. Chapman, Portland, forster for the West Forestry and Conservation association and also secretary-manager of the Oregon Forest Products association. Mr. Chapman has a wide knowledge of taxation questions.

Co. A. McKenna, Portland, president of the Portland Realty board and vice president for Oregon of the Interstate Realty association. This realty association includes the associations of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia and the Province of Alberta.

Walter M. Pierce, La Grande, extensive farmer and livestock man.

E. H. Smith, Lakeview, county judge of Lake County and president of the State Association of County Judges and Commissioners. Judge Smith was for many years a practicing physician of Lakeview.

Charles A. Brand of Douglas county, agriculturist and horticulturist, and a former member of the legislature from that county.

The public service commission on Saturday ordered a rehearing of the rate case of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. The date is June 27.

The following articles of incorporation were filed during the week with the state corporation department:

Pacific City Water & Light Co., Pacific City, Tillamook County, incorporators, George P. Winslow, F.

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## WITHDRAW LAND FROM ENTRY

Washington, May 23.—Senator Stanfield before the committee on postoffices and post roads, considering the Townsend highway bill, submitted the following statement in regard to forest highways:

One hundred and fifty six million thirty two thousand and fifty three acres of public land for the most part heavily timbered, has been withdrawn from entry and placed in national forest reserves to be conserved by the government for the use and benefit of all the people of all the states.

This was done after the eastern and middle Western states had passed practically all of their public lands to private ownership, improved and developed them, and these lands, together with their improvements, are found upon the tax rolls of these states, helping to bear their part of the public burden of government and development.

The forest reserves are confined largely to eleven of the western states and Alaska.

All the people of all the states are the owners of the reserve lands, and their children, born and unborn, are the beneficiaries of this vast conserved wealth.

## CLOVERDALE GRANGE LECTURER SURPRISED

Cloverdale, May 23.—Sunday was as bright a day as one could ask for. The good weather was a necessary factor in order to carry out the plan of some of the Cloverdale Grangers. Some of the members learned that May 22nd was the birthday anniversary of their lecturer, J. L. Gay, and they forthwith began to plot. The result was that the following friends and relatives gathered at Mr. Gay's home Sunday afternoon: "Uncle Charlie" Ray; Mrs. J. W. Gay; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Earl; Mrs. Tom Blackburn; Webster, Will and Clyde Hudson; Mrs. James Inlah; Cora Gey; Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor; Lillian Hamilton; Thelma and Beatrice Blackburn; Ethel Ray; Solie, Gladys and Nettie Earl; Ulrich Schmelzer; Paul Light; Alec Reusser; Lynn George; Robert, Wilma and Nan Taylor; Elizabeth and Jean Inlah and Lurline Allen.

A number of others had planned to be present but were detained at home by the unexpected arrival of company. The afternoon was spent in social intercourse and several pictures were taken of the crowd. Cake and lemonade, which were furnished by the visitors, were served. After spending a pleasant afternoon and wishing Mr. Gay many happy returns of the day, the guests departed for their homes. Mr. Gay said this visit helped make this one of his happiest birthdays.

What is regarded as the "first blood of the season" is the news that has just reached the Portland office of the forest service, of the conviction at Bend, Oregon, of two careless campers. The report shows that P. J. Larpenster and George Ludwig camped on the Fall River Camp Ground on the Deschutes National Forest, on May 15. When they broke camp, they left their camp fire burning, in violation of State and Federal Laws. Later in Bend, before Judge Sawyer of the County Court they were fined \$5.00 each.

From the Okanogan Forest, Washington, comes news of another successful forest fire law enforcement case. A. L. Arneson of Mabton, Washington built a camp fire near inflammable material on the National Forest. The fire spread and damaged Government timber, and on May 6, 1921, Mr. Arneson sold \$1,500 in damages for his criminal negligence in addition to a fine of \$100.

On May 19, a federal jury in Portland brought in a verdict of guilty against Lorenzo E. Dolb, for maliciously setting a fire on the Siuslaw National Forest in Oregon.

Forest officers point out that there is a growing sentiment against forest fires in the northwest, not only by persons being more careful with cigarette stubs, matches, and camp fires, but also on the part of peace officers of the State in giving splendid cooperation in the prosecution of offenders. At the same time they say, there are still energetic and thoughtless persons in the west, and such a campaign as that of the Forest Protection Week is still needed to bring home the necessity of dealing with fire in the forest.

## FIRST EXCURSION OF HOMESEEKERS

### Special Train Will Leave Middle West For Oregon July Nineteenth

## COOPERATION OF COMMUNITIES ASKED

### Plans Being Made To Assist New-comers In Financing Deals

Portland, Ore., May 22.—(Special)—July nineteenth will mark the date when the first trainload of homeseekers from the middle west will start from Omaha to Oregon, according to announcement made by the executive committee of the Oregon state chamber of commerce following receipt of a long telegram from William Hanley from Omaha. This date was selected by the heads of the agricultural department of the Union Pacific system at Omaha and confirmed here by the executive committee of the state chamber.

Hanley, as director of the state chamber is in Omaha, with J. R. Heuring, colonization expert who is working with Union Pacific officials in grouping together homeseekers to be brought to Oregon in a body. The agricultural department of the Union Pacific will swing its whole forces into the drive to send settlers to Oregon, it was announced.

Following notification as to the results of the conference in Omaha, Secretary Quayle of the state chamber sent out letters to each commercial organization of the state, urging them to prepare for the coming of the settlers, first, by obtaining listings of land in their districts at prices based upon careful appraisal, and second to form, if possible, a corporation or financing commission composed of the leading business men of the community, for the purpose of buying up these available lands, or obtaining options upon them, under terms that will permit the settler to make good.

"In regard to preparing for the reception of the settlers when they arrive in Oregon," said Secretary Quayle, "Eugene business men have already perfected a tentative organization, the purpose of which is to buy or obtain option on lands available for the settler, and re-sell these lands on easy terms and long time payments. The Cook county chamber of commerce was recently formed and is already at work preparing for homeseekers. The Baker county chamber of commerce has a committee working on plans for taking care of settlers when they arrive in Baker.

Many applications for admission to the special homeseekers party are already on file from the middle western farmers according to Secretary Quayle. A recent letter from Gary, Indiana, stated that three representative citizens of a large colony of prospective settlers had been selected to join the party.

## SUDDEN DEATH

Taken suddenly ill P. B. C. Lucas died last Tuesday of heart failure at his home east of Tillamook. Mr. Lucas leaves his widow and several sons and daughters to mourn his death.

The funeral will be held Sunday at the Fairview Hall.

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The commencement program for Friday evening May 27, 1921 it is as follows:

Invocation — Rev. Clark Song — High School girls' Glee Club Address — Dr. George Varney "The Man of the Hour."

Cornet Solo — C. E. Frimley Presentation of Diplomas, H. T. Boats Duet "Oh, That We Two Were Young" — Mrs. Koch, Mrs. M. G. Gaudin Benediction — Rev. A. A. Melius

## IMPORTANT

Owing to the illness which has taken Rev. Lienkaemper at Portland it has been decided best to change the place of the Memorial Service to the Methodist Church, Rev. Clark preaching the sermon of the day.

Rev. Melius will accompany and address those who go to the State cemetery in the afternoon.

Adjutant, Co. 8th Reg. I. C. P.

Dr. Percy Miller, a former Tillamook man, was killed by a train last week.

