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## FALLING BLOCK CAUSE OF DEATH OF WORK MAN

Edward Bradley, aged 39 years, employed in the construction of the new burner at the Booth-Kelly mill, was struck on the head by a block, falling from the refuse conveyor just before noon last Friday, and he died in the Eugene hospital at 3:30 the same afternoon. He leaves a wife and two children, Litta and Lyman. The body will be shipped Wednesday evening to Clifton, Michigan, their old home, for interment there.

Mr. Bradley, Paul Lansbery and Jack Graham were at work digging a trench from the new burner into the mill race, and were standing nearly under the conveyor by which refuse was taken from the mill to the old burner. This conveyor has been cut short, and the refuse is now dropped into wagons to be hauled away. Either because the conveyor became clogged, or because some other stick caught underneath, a block of wood probably eight by ten inches and two feet in length, was forced over the side of the conveyor and it struck Mr. Bradley squarely on the top of the head. He had just straightened up from his work, and in a moment would have started for his dinner. When the block hit him he crumpled down backward, and was lifted from the trench by his fellow workmen. He was hastily taken to the office and a physician called, who found that the skull had been fractured at the base of the brain. Mr. Bradley recovered consciousness far enough to recognize those near him and to ask what had hit him.

## TWOHY BROS. TO PUSH BUILDING OF LINE FROM GRANTS PASS TO COAST

Portland, Dec. 24.—The Telegram this evening says:

R. B. Miller, former general traffic manager of the O.-W. R. & N. Co., has become identified in an important capacity with Twohy Bros. company, contractors and owners of railway lines, timber lands, mines and banking interests. Announcement of this was made this morning by Robert Twohy on the return of Mr. Miller from Grants Pass.

Mr. Miller will give special attention to the development of the California and Oregon Coast Railroad company.

This line, which is now in operation a distance of 15 miles out of Grants Pass, is planned to be constructed to Crescent City, in the northwestern corner of California.

The line has been located by George W. Boschke, formerly chief engineer of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. system, and now on the staff of the Twohy Bros. company, through to Crescent City. Its construction to the proposed terminal will probably be undertaken soon. From Crescent City to Trinidad, north of Eureka, the distance is 70 miles and it is quite likely that the gap will be closed within the next two years, connecting with the northern terminus of the railroad owned jointly by the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe systems, running along the coast from San Francisco.

"The importance of the line projected from Grants Pass to Crescent City can be appreciated," said an official of the Twohy Bros. company, "when one studies the railroad maps and notes the access the Oregon Trunk or the Oregon Electric lines will have to a connection down the coast to San Francisco."

The traffic resources of Illinois valley and tributary country are said to be almost incalculable in redwood, sugar pine and other timber, copper ores and agricultural products.

Mr. Miller's headquarters will be at the company's shops in Portland, although he will spend part of his time at Grants Pass. Mr. Miller was with the O.-W. R. & N. company and its predecessor and the Southern Pacific for 29 years and rose to the highest office in the company's traffic service.

## SPRINGFIELD GARAGE TO HANDLE FORD CARS

H. Sandgathe, proprietor of the Springfield garage, last week made arrangements to be the Springfield agent for the Ford car. A demonstrator car will be here shortly after the first of the year. A line of supplies will be kept on hand here, and the interests of Ford owners carefully looked after.

## BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE TO HOLD WINTER RALLY

Meeting of Umpqua District Will Be Held December 30

A mid-winter rally of the young people's societies of the Baptist churches of the Umpqua district, will be held at the First Baptist church in Eugene December 30. Delegates are expected there from a dozen or more towns in the district. The officers are as follows: Truman Chase, of Springfield, president; Miss Lucy Ely, of Eugene, vice president; R. E. Crawford, of Roseburg, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. R. E. Crawford, junior superintendent. The program is as follows:

- 1:00—Opening Song and Devotional Service, led by Arthur Pengra.
- 1:10—Greetings and Welcome from the Eugene Society—Mentor Boney.
- Response on Behalf of Delegates from out of town—Ed Ayers, Junction City.
- 1:20—Opening Address, "Young People and Sincerity"—Rev. W. N. Ferris, Springfield.
- 1:50—Address, "No More Dull Moments in the Meeting"—Walter Bailey.
- 2:00—Discussion from the floor.
- 2:20—Address "Loyalty to the B. Y. P. U."—Rev. H. W. Davis, Eugene, Music.
- 2:50—Address and Discussion, "The Standard of Efficiency; What Has It Done?"—Rev. J. D. Springston, Portland.
- 3:15—Address, "The Larger Outlook"—Mrs. Mabel Burton, state president.
- 3:35—Address, "Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Society"—Rev. C. E. Dunham.
- 4:20—Address, "Our Juniors" (unassigned) and "Intermediates"—Miss Beulah Kinsey.
- 4:35—Business Session: Roll call and reports from the societies.
- 7:15—Devotional.
- 7:30—Stereopticon Lecture.
- 8:30—Grand Free-for-all Rally Social under the direction of the Eugene Society. A special feature of this will be a reading by Dr. Keeney Ferris of Springfield.

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Salem, Ore., Dec. 27.—Work will be started at once on new road down the Umatilla river from Pendleton to Pilot Rock Junction, costing \$20,000.

It is planned to oil roads around Echo. 7,500 Douglas Co. turkeys bring owners \$15,000.

## COUNCIL FAILS TO CONFIRM MAYOR'S NIGHT WATCHMAN

After spending considerable time in discussion, with some flights of orators, the town council in special session Thursday evening adjourned without taking a vote on the question of confirming the nomination of S. J. Calkins as nightwatchman. Adjournment was taken when it became evident that confirmation was impossible. The council did, however, pass a motion declaring its belief Mr. Calkins should be exonerated from any blame of malicious intention in disposing of the Tad Luckey stock of liquors, stored in the Morrison-Calkins warehouse. This motion was made by Coffin, seconded by Peery, and was in a form satisfactory to Mr. Calkins. Coffin, Peery, and Fischer voted for the motion, and Fenwick voted no for the reason, he explained, that no charges had been made against Mr. Calkins, and the motion before the house would get an unnecessary matter into the minutes.

The meeting Thursday was the result of one held the last of November Fenwick had objected to the confirmation of Calkins on the ground that a quantity of liquors, belonging to Tad Luckey and stored in the warehouse after the town went dry, on express permission of the council, had been removed without any record having been made by Constable L. E. Thompson, who had checked in the various items.

When this point was raised, it was agreed that Mr. Calkins should have an opportunity of appearing before the council to make any statement he might desire.

Mr. Calkins' statement was that he had received the liquors from Mr. Luckey, and had delivered them back to Mr. Luckey upon request and surrender of the warehouse receipts. He denied having any information of an agreement or order that the liquors were to be checked out, and said if there were such agreement it must have been with some other person—it might have been with Jack Littell, who had charge of the warehouse at that time.

Coffin stated that he had heard it stated that Mr. Morrison had stated he would keep the old officers, unless for cause, and that some of these persons had said they would make affidavit to this effect, and agreed to bring these affidavits to the council at its next meeting.

Mr. Morrison declared it would not have been lawful for him to make any promises as to whom he would appoint. He declared he had not pledged himself before election—had not promised Calkins or any one else. He had

no idea but that he would make a change—that that was what was expected. He said he wanted men in office who would work in harmony with him, because the mayor is to a large extent responsible for the acts of his appointees.

The mayor expressed the hope that there might be less boys' play, and that the council might get down to work in harmony. He felt that now that the question had been raised after the appointment had been made, that the only thing to do was to bring it to a vote.

Fenwick declared the only way to have harmony between two contending forces is for both to concede a bit, or to go in for a fight to a finish. He said he understood that the grand jury had been asked to investigate his bringing some old people to the polls on election day. He said he would be perfectly willing to have that matter carried through to the end, but would like to see all other matters of controversy dropped.

Councilman Peery declared the publicity had not been to the credit of the parties involved and he criticized Fenwick for making a grandstand play instead of going to Calkins privately and asking for the information he wished.

When it became evident that the session could take no action, a motion to adjourn prevailed. The next regular meeting of the council occurs Monday, January 10.

## SUPT. KIRK GOES TO MEETING OF STATE TEACHERS' ASSN.

Supt. R. L. Kirk of the Springfield schools, left this morning for Medford to attend the sessions of the Oregon State Teachers' association. He is one of the four accredited delegates from Lane county, the others being County Superintendent E. J. Moore, Supt. W. R. Rutherford of Eugene and Supt. Cooper of Pleasant Hill. Mr. Kirk has a paper before the convention on "The Elimination of Class Rivalry in the High School."

On Wednesday there will be a meeting of the State High School Debating league, of which Mr. Kirk is president. Revision of the constitution will be one of the subjects to come up for discussion. On Wednesday the executive committee of the State High School Athletic association, of which Mr. Kirk is a member, will meet, also for the revision of its constitution.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF W. C. SEVERNS

The home of W. C. Severns who lives three miles east of Winberry was entirely destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Severns was at home at the time but some distance from the house when she noticed the flames and did her best to save some of the contents but most that was removed to the yard took fire from the great heat and burned later.

The house and contents were insured for about half value in the Oregon Fire Relief Association.

Mr. Severns will erect another house as soon as conditions will admit.

## WILL EXTEND RAILROAD INTO NEW TIMBER

Word comes from Mabel that the West Coast Lumber company, shortly after the first of the year, will build a two-mile spur into its timber above Mabel. The company has been working on a patch of timber from which it was difficult to get the logs fast enough to keep the mill busy, but when the new timber is reached, the supply will be sufficient. The company has been getting many orders of late and is anxious to have the mill running full time. Two to four weeks will be required to construct the spur, depending in a large measure on the weather.

## Gets a Pleasant Surprise

W. L. McCulloch, Chief Engineer of the generating plants of the Oregon Power Co., was very pleasantly surprised when on Christmas eve employees at Dallas, Independence, Albany and Springfield had delivered at his home a very beautiful reclining smokers chair.

L. E. Durrin and A. F. Herrick made the presentation, representing all the employees of the above plants. Mr. McCulloch in reply thanked them and the rest of the loyal boys assuring all that the gift was appreciated beyond words.

## WESTERN ROADS GET INCREASE IN RATES

Washington, Dec. 23.—Railroads west of the Mississippi river were given material increases in freight rates today by the Interstate Commerce commission in a second decision in the so-called Western advance rate case.

Important increases granted included carload rates on agricultural implements except to points in Louisiana; carload rates on canned goods and carload rates on boots and shoes and leather between Missouri manufacturing points and points west.

Increases were denied in carload rates on eggs from points in Kansas to the southwest, as were increases from points throughout the west on cider and vinegar to points in Kansas and Missouri.

The opinion of the commission is confined strictly to a discussion of the merits of the contentions for and against the individual increases proposed except for one general reference. In this it says:

"The testimony heard in the western advance rate case relating to the financial needs of the carriers was made a part of the record in this case. That testimony was carefully analyzed and discussed in the Western advance rate case and will, therefore, not be again discussed here, but it has been carefully considered as part of the justification offered by the respondents for the increases here promised."

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Ada G. Wells was born in Shoreham, Vermont, Jan. 7, 1847 and died in Thurston, Lane county, Oregon, Dec. 12, 1915. Her husband, Dorus F. Wells, passed away Dec. 8, 1911.

Of the seven children born to them one son Elmer R. Wells of Thurston and three daughters, Mrs. C. M. Odell of Fall Creek, Ore., Mrs. J. B. Nesbitt of Springfield, Ore., and Mrs. Nellie Hiltbrand of Cabool, Mo., together with one brother, Wm. F. Wilson of McKenzie Bridge, Ore., and two sisters, Mrs. Isabell Burlington of Houston, Texas,

## TAXPAYERS O. K. GREATER PART OF COUNTY BUDGET

Efforts of the majority of the roads committee to have the Lane County taxpayers, at the annual budget meeting, last Thursday adopt a plan for a reduction of the road levy failed, and the minority report, favoring the budget practically as prepared, was adopted by a vote of approximately 100 to 40. This did not occur, however, until after the majority of the committee—T. H. Garrett, E. E. Kepner and Welby Stevens, had put up a hard fight. They had argued that the cities of the county are independent road districts and as such should be exempt from the general county road levy. The point raised considerable discussion, and was referred to the county attorney for an opinion. The discussion, however, had gone into a contest of town versus county, and continued in a sharp vein until cooler heads turned the trend another way.

Another point that raised considerable discussion was the report recommending that the assessor be asked to return to the old alphabetical system of listing his assessments instead of the new block system. The committee maintained that the old plan was the less expensive. The committee recommended also that real property should be assessed on the ground only once in two or four years; that the school supervisors be employed for ten months instead of 11; that a general purchasing agent be appointed to make all purchases for the county and that a reduction of \$10,000 be made in the retiring warrant fund, making this item \$40,000 instead of \$50,000.

If the county court adopts the recommendations of the taxpayers' budget meeting, it is believed the tax levy may be cut from 16 mills to 15 mills, or at least to 15 1-2 mills. An unexpected increase of the public service corporations' property in the county, which figures have come in since the budget was made up, of \$777,165, over the court's estimate, was not figured on by the court and will tend to help reduce the levy.

The Taxpayers' association was unanimously voted to be made a permanent organization on a motion made by E. J. Adams. Mr. Adams included in his motion that an executive committee, consisting of Cal. M. Young, C. J. Hurd, B. A. Washburne, Walter Griffin and Fred Fisk be chosen, this committee to be augmented by 40 other taxpayers, of whom each grange in the county will select one, and the executive committee, is to choose the rest so that every portion of the county shall be represented.

and Mrs. Lucy Tinker of Oklahoma City, Okla., remain to mourn their loss.

Mrs. Wells was suddenly stricken with paralysis about 9:30 P. M. Dec. 11th and passed away the following day about 1 P. M.

St. Helens industries in full blast employ 90 men in shipyards, 30 in creosoting plant, 150 in two sawmills, and 50 in two road metal plants. Standard Oil Company build tank at Stanfield.

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