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AL D. BRADLEY MEETS DEATH

Killed Instantly Last Evening As The Gun He is Carrying Discharges Accidentally.

JUGULAR VEIN IS CUT

Found Lying By His Car in Pool of Blood by Deardorff, a Local Truck Driver—Inquest Held His Afternoon 4 o'clock.

One of the most shocking tragedies to occur in this section for many years happened last evening about 100 feet south of the junction of South Mill and South Main Sts., on the bluff road directly above the Alexander dam, when Al D. Bradley, a well known local automobile dealer accidentally shot himself with a .32 calibre special carbine which he was carrying. The bullet from the gun entered his throat just below the chin and ranged upward, cutting the jugular vein, the two main body arteries and severed the spinal cord. Death was almost instantaneous and the loss of blood caused by the cutting of the veins and arteries was horrible.

Swimmers Hear Shots

Shortly after 7 o'clock, several parties swimming above the dam saw Mr. Bradley appear on the bluff and fire into the river, presumably at a duck. Another shot was heard shortly afterwards, but Mr. Bradley was not in sight at that time. They jumped from the bluff until later when they noticed crowds gathering on the road near where Mr. Bradley stood.

Deardorff Finds Body.

J. V. Deardorff, truck driver for the gravel plant this morning stated that he was driving towards the city with the truck and came upon the Oldsmobile roadster driven by Mr. Bradley. He looked to the side of the car and there saw the lifeless body of the victim lying in a large pool of blood. He immediately jumped from the truck to ascertain the trouble. Dr. Bradburn then came upon the scene and instructed the truck driver to remain with the body while he hurried to the city and notified the coroner. Within a few moments time the coroner, Mr. Ritter, arrived and made an investigation and secured the names of several bystanders as witnesses for the inquest. The body of Bradley when found by Mr. Deardorff was lying right alongside of the roadster and the gun several feet away. It is the opinion of those who investigated the scene that he died immediately as the bullet crashed through the most vital spots of the body.

Talked to Parslow Last.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Bradley called at the second hand store of Parslow and Bell on Jackson street and the three went to the roof of the building, which is owned by S. Bradley, to inspect and arrange for some repair work. He made arrangements with the store yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock to do the work and he was to meet them there at that time. He arrived at the store shortly after 6 o'clock and seated himself in a large easy chair, resting his feet on another chair. He entered into conversation with Mr. Parslow who was in charge of the store at that time. According to Mr. Parslow the conversation drifted along on general topics and nothing out of the ordinary was discussed. The actions of Mr. Bradley were not peculiar and he remained there for an hour. At about 7 o'clock he arose from the chair and said, "It's funny you can't get anyone to do anything when you want them." This remark was made in reference to the laborers who had not yet arrived. He went to the back door on Main street and turned and said to Mr. Parslow, "I'll be back in a few minutes." He jumped into his roadster and drove up the street towards his residence on the corner of Jackson and Lane streets. He stopped his car in front of the house and went inside, remaining only a few minutes and appeared again outdoors with the rifle in his hand. He stepped into the car again and drove to the road south of the city where the sad accident occurred a short time later.

Wanted to Clean Gun.

Mr. Parslow stated this morning that several days ago Mr. Bradley mentioned to him that he wanted to clean his gun as he intended to take a trip to his mine and get a deer. It is the general supposition that as he was sitting in the store waiting for the workmen to arrive he decided to take a few minutes and get his gun, go to the city limits and shoot it, then return and clean it up and get it in condition for hunting. He only took two cartridges with him when he left last evening.

Body in Morgue.

Mr. Ritter brought the body to the undertaking parlors at about 8 o'clock and made an examination of

the wound inflicted by the bullet. He immediately notified all of the relatives of the death.

Leaves Several Relatives. Mr. Bradley was probably one of the best known residents of Douglas county and has resided here for many years, being one of the pioneers of this city. He is aged about 55 years. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Anna Meyers of Hubbard, Oregon, who was notified by telegram of her son's death last evening. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Reynolds of North Roseburg and Mrs. J. B. Stitts of Guthrie, Oklahoma. He also had several half-brothers and sisters, one of whom, Mr. Frank Myers, is well known in Roseburg. He has had considerable property holdings in this city and owned interests in mines located in Douglas county. He is well and favorably known among the business men of Roseburg and conducted an automobile agency here for some time, representing the Buick and Oldsmobile autos and trucks. As a hunter and marksman he had few equals and those who are closely acquainted (Continued on page six.)

FLIERS APPROVE OF NEW FIELD

Two Forest Patrol Planes Land On Site Chosen By The Local Supervisor.

SIX MACHINES COMING

Leave This Afternoon For Medford to Meet Six Machines Assigned to Oregon For State Forest Patrol Duty.

Demonstrating beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the Hanan field, south of the city, is the most practical aviation field in the near vicinity of Roseburg, Lieutenant Kiel and Sergeant McKee, made perfect landings this morning with the forest patrol planes which flew to this city from Eugene, landing in Roseburg at 11 o'clock, despite the fact that the field had not been touched to put it in condition, beyond picking up a few large bowlers. The landing was made purely as an experiment to test out the site which has been advocated by a large number of local citizens who desire to see it adopted as a permanent landing place.

The planes were sighted shortly before 11 o'clock flying at a high altitude. Directions had been given the pilots by Supervisor S. C. Bartrum and they headed directly for the grounds which had been selected for the purpose. A large canvass tent had been constructed to guide them and this was sighted as they were still a great distance in the air. Dropping down to within a few feet of the ground, both aviators skimmed above the surface scrutinizing it carefully before attempting to make the landing. After circling for a few minutes over the field almost within reach of the large crowd of onlookers, Sergeant McKee took the first chance and made as pretty a landing as has ever been seen in this locality. He was followed a few moments later by Lieutenant Kiel, who also made a good stop. The field was found to be in good condition for landing and the planes were jockeyed into position, side by side, without a mishap.

Officials Enjoy Ride.

Sergeant McKee carried as a passenger, Deputy State Forester C. C. Ritter, while M. J. Skinner, district warden for Lane County, made the flight with Lieutenant Kiel. This was the initial flight for both the officials but they were greatly pleased and already are ardent aviation enthusiasts. With Supervisor S. C. Bartrum, the pilots inspected the grounds pronouncing them perfectly acceptable and then came into the city with Mr. J. W. Perkins, to enjoy luncheon and a brief rest after their trip. Mr. Skinner returned to his home at Eugene this afternoon while his place was taken by S. C. Bartrum, who will go on to Medford with the fliers.

Will Meet Relief.

Shortly after the noon hour the two planes carrying as passengers Mr. Scott and Mr. Bartrum, left the city for Medford. There they will meet the six planes which have been ordered to Oregon to assist in patrolling the forests. The eight planes will arrive in Roseburg tomorrow and will land on the newly selected site. It is quite probable that four of the fliers will be assigned to duty out of Roseburg, two to fly north and the other two south patrolling the forests between Eugene and Medford and to the east and west sites. A tractor and disk with a drag will probably be used within a couple of days to put the ground into first class condition and with only a slight outlay the entire place could be put into a perfectly satisfactory condition for all year round flying.

FIRST AIRPLANE ACCIDENT OCCURS

Machine Crashes Through The Fence on Account of Faulty Field Conditions.

WILL MAKE REPAIRS

Telegram Sent to Mather Field, Ordering Parts to Make Necessary Repairs to Damaged Plane. And It's Propeller.

Crashing through the fence at the north end of the field the privately owned airplane belonging to C. E. Pangborn and R. A. Reed of St. Maries, Idaho, was slightly damaged yesterday evening as an attempted start was made. The accident came as a fulfillment of the prophecy contained in the letter of State Forester Elliott, which was published yesterday and which stated that the Roseburg flying field on account of the hills which make a get-away dangerous, predicting that eventually an accident would occur on that account.

The accident was directly attributed to the inability of the plane to head into the wind with the wind blowing at an angle it was unable to raise properly and was thrown from its course by a sudden gust which struck it from a quartering direction.

The two aviators landed in the city in the middle of the afternoon after jumping from Medford, following their flight from Sacramento where the machine was purchased. They paused here to correct engine trouble and to take on gasoline and oil and then prepared to start for Eugene, where they had planned to make the next stop before going on to Portland.

Wind is Gusty.

The wind was gusty blowing from a general northerly direction. On account of the hill to the north of the field, the base of which forms a portion of the upper part of the landing place, the wind did not strike the field properly and the aviators determined to take off travelling with the current instead of against it as is customary. The machine was jockeyed to the north end and was turned back towards the road and the engine speeded up. Just at that time a quick gust of wind shot in from the side and with a quick swing the machine was turned to the East. In an attempt to save the plane from disaster the pilot "gave her the gun" and the wheels were partly off the ground when the whirling propeller struck the barbed wire along the top of the fence and burst into a thousand pieces. The wings striking the posts tore down the fence for a distance of over a hundred feet. The planes, however, being only slightly damaged. The aviators had another propeller, which they shipped from Sacramento to Spokane, but will arise their repairs from Mather Field. They have telegraphed for a new propeller and the necessary material for making repairs to the wings and hope to get away within a short time.

STEWART APPOINTED.

Mayor D. J. Stewart this afternoon received a message stating that his appointment to the position of County Judge, to succeed retiring Judge Marsters with company which he will Governor, Mr. Stewart will take his seat August 15th. Judge Marsters returned to this city last night and states that after leaving his present position he will take a short vacation before taking up his duties the Company which he will represent. Mr. Stewart has not yet decided whether or not he will resign as Mayor.

MATHIS FAMILY IS REUNITED

Private Eugene M. Mathis, arrived in Roseburg this morning, having received his discharge at Camp Lewis yesterday. Mr. Mathis enlisted in February, 1918, and was placed in Co. C 326 Field Signal Battalion, going overseas in August of the same year. This battalion has been with the Army of Occupation in Germany since last November. He did not return with his company having been placed on the casual list on account of sickness and sent from the hospital at Treves, Germany, to the hospital at Savenay, France, thence to the base hospital at Ft. Meleyrie, Baltimore, Md., where he has been since June 27. His arrival completes the reunion which is being held in the family of R. E. Mathis on South Deer Creek. One son, Victor, with his family, came from Pittsburgh, Pa. Two daughters, Cora and Frances, from California, and one daughter Olive from Texas, where she has been serving at Fort Sam Houston as a reconstruction aide.

MORE PLANES ARE ORDERED TO OREGON

At two o'clock yesterday afternoon the expected wire was received from Mayor Crispy, of Mather flying field, by State Forester Elliott, stating that it response to the representations made to the aviation authorities they would dispatch a squadron of six planes to Roseburg within the next two days. This gratifying news seems to make certain the permanent establishment of the Oregon fire patrol, with Salem and Roseburg as the pivotal points in the service.

The forestry office now has a complete, though tentative map of the four patrol districts covering western Oregon. The northern district extends from Salem north to the vicinity of Tillamook county and east to the vicinity of Bull Run in Clatsop county. The second district extends from Salem to Eugene, west nearly to the western line of Benton and east to a line from Melama to Foster. The third covers the territory between Eugene and Roseburg, west to Scottsburg and east to Oak Ridge. The fourth extends from Roseburg to Medford, taking in Grants Pass, west to the west border of Douglas and east to Bold Mountain in Jackson county.

As blocked out there is approximately 200 miles in each of the circuits to be covered in a day's leisurely flying.

SHOE PRICES NEXT FOR INVESTIGATION

Federal Trade Commission Announces All Industries Are Profiteering.

CONSUMER IS GRAFTED

Packers Set Pace.—Tanners and Other Dealers in Leather and Leather Goods Close Seconds.—Profiteers to be Prosecuted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The almost prohibitive prices of all classes of shoes, and a constantly rising market, are declared in a report submitted to congress today by the Federal Trade Commission, to be entirely due to excessive profits taken by every factor in the shoe production industry. It is alleged that the packers began the pyramiding of high prices on shoes by unwarranted increase in prices on hides, and then successive handlers, tanners, manufacturers and retailers all follow suit, until the consumer is practically robbed when he comes to buy footwear.

ON TRAIL OF PROFITEERS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Department of Justice agents throughout the country are busy carrying out orders from the attorney general regarding profiteering. Boards of local products or materials used in manufacturing will be traced down and prosecuted under the lever food control act. President Wilson will address congress Friday, and is expected to make recommendations for legislation designed to assist material producers in the high cost of all commodities. The cabinet sub-committee appointed last week is furnishing the executive with recommendations calculated to aid the government in meeting universal demand that something be done.

It is believed that one of the recommendations the president will make to congress is that the present laws should have "more teeth" to make them effective in coping with profiteers. He may also ask for a licensing system, under which the margins of profits could be controlled to bring an immediate reduction in prices.

BRITISH HIT HARD.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—According to an announcement made by Sir Auckland Geddes, the British government has found it necessary to curtail profiteering in England. The government will establish a central authority for dealing drastically with profiteers.

WAS "NOT PRESSED."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Secretary Lansing told the senate foreign relations committee today that the plan of the United States delegates for a league of nations "was not pressed" at the Versailles council and never presented to the full peace conference. Lansing did not know whether there was a copy of the American draft of the league covenant in existence, but thought that the president might have a copy.

ULTIMATUM ISSUED.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—Messages to the peace conference from Hungarian sources state that the Romanians had served an ultimatum on the Budapest government making demands far in excess of the armistice terms. The Hungarians are given until 8 o'clock tonight to comply.

CRATER LAKE LURES MANY.

The Crater Lake tourist season continues to break all records and the present ratio of gain over the attendance of other years keeps up. It is estimated that the total attendance of visitors at the lake this season will number at least 20,000. Last month 6223 persons visited the lake, which is 1364 more than were attracted to this great nature wonder in July last year.

The following tabulated statement taken from the official records and furnished by Will G. Steel shows the Crater Lake travel ending July 31, for the past three years: 1917, 530 automobiles and 2411 visitors; 1918, 893 automobiles and 4568 visitors; 1919, 1911 automobiles and 6932 visitors.

Morton Hadley and wife, who have been visiting Mr. Hadley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hadley, left this morning for San Francisco, where Mrs. Hadley is making her home while her husband is in the army service and located at the Presidio.

NEW LANDING SITE IS INVESTIGATED

Forest Patrol Planes Land On Hanan Tract Short Distance From the City.

NEW SITE IS APPROVED

Leo Devaney Says That Proposed Field is Best Within Immediate Vicinity of City of Roseburg After Survey.

With the purpose of locating a possible the most logical aviation field near the city, S. C. Bartrum, forest supervisor, Leo Devaney, former aviation instructor, O. C. Houser, of the forestry service and a News reporter visited the E. R. Hanan place a short distance south of the city and made a rough survey of the land. It was found, running the distance by an automobile speedometer, that the entrance to the proposed field is exactly 1.1 miles from the Evening News office where the start was made from the Pacific Highway, over a small knoll and down the slope, lying along the railroad track, one finds a rectangular shape over 250 yards wide by 500 yards long. This land is perfectly level measured across its width while it slopes downward to the north at a grade of approximately 2 per cent. On all sides there is perfectly open land with no obstructions. On the south side there is almost a duplicate field, the only difference being a small rise in the center. Across the river to the north and south there are open fields which could be used for emergency or for straight away flying to those who are familiar with the flat land can be more easily located by stating that it is the strip lying in a northerly direction from the old barn which stands in the center of the property. There is ample room to get-away in any direction while the land on all sides is such that a machine can fly low to the ground and still clear obstructions.

"It is by far the best field near Roseburg," said Mr. Devaney, who has served as an army flying officer on a large number of fields. "It is ideal in as much as wind conditions are concerned while there are many other features which make it the best location in the immediate vicinity of the city. One thing that will appeal to the aviators is the emergency landing fields. In case any thing goes wrong in the take-off it is a very simple matter to find another spot on which to land. In the event that it is later desired to enlarge his field, there is the duplicate field to the south, which will be a little leveling, would be as good as this one. Personally I favor this piece of land much more than any other that has been offered."

The soil is of a nature unsuited to extensive agriculture. It contains a great deal of fine gravel and is of such composition that it does not crack in the summer time. During the winter it is said to be much less sticky than the black soil as the land all slopes in a general direction it is well drained. It is estimated that a cost of \$50 will put it into temporary shape and with a tractor and scraper it could be smoothed up and put in an excellent condition.

The old barn could be used temporarily to house one or more planes and in the event that the ground accepted will probably be used to such purpose until more suitable hangars can be procured.

Mr. Bartrum wired in last night to the State Forester and made preparations for the landing of the forest planes which reached this city this morning and early today had a force of men busy, picking of bowlers, marking the grounds and getting ready for the planes which landed shortly after 10 o'clock.

WOMAN MAY KNOW OF BRADLEY'S DEATH

Unidentified Woman Was Seen At Place of Tragedy Shortly Before Shots Were Heard.

FOUL PLAY POSSIBLE

Although Accidental Shooting is Believed to Have Been the Cause Some Curious Phases Have Been Observed

Although it is generally believed that Al Bradley, whose sudden death yesterday evening has shocked the entire community, was killed accidentally, yet many of his closest friends feel that he either intentionally ended his own life or was the victim of foul play. The suicide theory is held but by very few, but he is known to have said upon many occasions that if any other escape from trouble appeared blocked he would take the suicide method of ending all. However, there are many suspicious phases in connection and one of them is that a woman, who desired to keep her identity unknown, was seen in the exact spot of the tragedy only a few moments before the act took place and it was quite evident that she was waiting to meet someone there.

Earl Powell, a son of W. S. Powell, the second hand dealer, who was formerly a partner in business with Mr. Bradley, saw the woman while on a return trip from Dillard where he delivered a few articles of furniture.

He was traveling at a rapid rate of speed and barely noticed the woman but noted that she seemed to be waiting for someone there and that as he approached she dropped her parasol in front of her face so as to prevent him from recognizing her. He was unable to describe her but said that she appeared to be well dressed. He came on into town and the shooting is known to have occurred within 20 minutes from the time he left the scene. In fact Mr. Bradley went on his way to the spot as Earl Powell passed it.

Mr. Bradley was wanting money and was wanting it in a hurry. A few days ago he offered to sell his residence at the corner of Jackson and Lane Sts., to Sheriff Quinn for \$6,000. Later he offered the same tract for \$1,000 if the money could be procured at once. He also consulted Mr. J. W. Perkins relative to financial matters stating that he had to have a large amount of money soon. John Throno, Mr. Bradley's banker does not believe in suicide but feels sure that death was not caused by an accident on the part of the auto dealer.

There are many curious phases which will probably be probed at the inquest, the greater amount of evidence, however, pointing to the theory of accidental shooting.

NEW GARAGE AT CORNER CASS AND STEVENS ST.

Indicating that he has great faith in Roseburg's future, J. O. Newland has purchased the lot at the corner of Cass and South Stevens, adjoining property already owned by him, and will build a modern structure thereon. Mr. Newland formerly owned the entire frontage on Cass street between the alley and Stevens street, but eleven years ago sold 25 feet at the corner to W. H. Richardson. For a number of years he has used the old structure on the street for a Garage and sales room for Dodge cars, but his business having increased to such proportions as to demand more room, he negotiated a repurchase of the lot from Mr. Richardson. Plans are now being drawn for the structure which will occupy the corner, the building to be 50x50 feet, with full basement and one story high, the walls being sufficiently heavy to carry any additional stories which may at some future time be found necessary. The building will be used as a sales room for Dodge cars, and a well equipped garage will be in connection. Mr. Newland will also carry a complete line of Dodge accessories and parts, so that owners of machines of that make can get repairs without delay.

Among those who have lately purchased Dodge cars are the following parties: Frank Buckingham, of Middle; F. F. Wells, Elkton; C. B. Cleland, Eugene; Douglas County Creamery, Roseburg; Mrs. J. Young, Willard; Clyde McDonald, Elkton; Ernest Lane, Dillard; E. L. Rice, Roseburg; Mrs. C. E. Brown, Roseburg; Harrison Manning, Oakland, and A. G. Sutherland, Roseburg.

Harry Pearce left yesterday evening for Seattle, where he will purchase the necessary machinery for constructing automobile tops, back from Bay.

