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A reward of \$250 for the capture and conviction of the man who committed the assault on Mrs. Hamilton has been offered by Sheriff Quine, who has sent messages broadcast along the coast, acting upon the suggestion of District Attorney Neuner and authority of the county court. The following circular has been sent out by Sheriff Quine to all sheriffs of Oregon and adjoining states:

"A reward of \$250 will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the man who committed a vicious assault and rape upon the person of a helpless woman in this county Saturday, May 29th, 1920. This man is described as being about 40 or 50 years old, 6 feet in height, weight about 175 pounds, smooth shaven, squinty eyes, prominent nose, brown hair (light) reddish face rather long. At the time of the assault wore dark soft hat, corduroy pants with overalls underneath and a dark coat. The man claimed to be a lineman and had a pair of linemen's spurs with which he brutally beat the woman.

"Brother officers, this man brutally assaulted two women and two little children, all of which escaped but the one woman who is now confined to her bed in a critical condition. I am anxious to bring this brute to justice and ask your earnest cooperation."

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Mrs. Hamilton is improving quite rapidly but is still very ill as the result of the ordeal. She was badly bruised about the face and head and she sustained bruises over her entire body in the fight which occurred when she was struck over the head with a heavy steel bar. She sustained a severe nervous shock and will probably be some time before she is completely recovered. She has been unable to leave her bed and can only receive visitors for a short time each day.

Sheriff Quine states that men have been placed at all strategic points and that California and Washington officers are co-operating in an effort to apprehend the man responsible for the deed. It is believed that he will eventually be captured.

Medford Postmaster Dies Suddenly

MEDFORD, June 3.—George P. Minna, postmaster of Medford, and brother-in-law of Oregon Governor John W. Alvord, died at his home in the Holland Hotel Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock of acute appendicitis. His death was sudden, and came as a shock to the city. Mr. Minna was in good health Tuesday and attended to his duties as usual. About 2 o'clock Wednes-

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CARLOAD OF GAS ARRIVES.

B. L. Hyland arrived in the city this afternoon with his mouth stretched in a broad grin and happily announced the fact that a carload of gasoline arrived at the plant shortly after noon and now gives them a supply for essentials of 8000 gallons. With this amount of the "joy-water" on hand at the Standard Oil plant, it is assured that all the milk wagons, jitneys, tractors, M. D.s, etc., will be kept on the job for some time to come.

The committee reported that over 100,000 men have converted their insurance for over \$400,000,000 and that many more must do so but that "no policies have yet been issued although policies were approved over one year ago and this had led to considerable friction." The committee stated that the "weakness in government insurance" lay in the fact that insurance could not be successful without active solicitation and the government was in no position to do this. It stated that there has been "very little delay" in settling claims of soldiers aggregating over \$1,000,000,000 of insurance.

Excellent Recital Given Last Night

Over thirty pupils were presented in recital at the high school auditorium last night by the Heinlein-Moore Conservatory of Music. This makes the third recital this year, and with the last one, to be given tonight over 100 pupils will have been presented by the conservatory this year. The auditorium was crowded with those interested in the young people, and they were heartily enjoyed, also receiving many beautiful flowers. The stage was attractively arranged to represent a rustic scene, with rough cedars forming a colonnade, and clusters of wild flowers. The pupils who gave numbers were seated on the stage in an informal manner on rustic benches and pillows. An unusual feature was the playing of Donald Parker, violin instructor at the conservatory, who played in concert with a phonograph, the tones of the two blending in perfect harmony. Those who were presented last night were: Max Smith, Milton Corum, George Churchill, Helen Bacher, Ray Hardon, Pauline Trusty, Myron Wood, Jessie Judd, Frances Butler, Doris Pickens, Sam McConnell, Maxine Moore, Leta Smith, Norma Byron, Vesta Beckley, Katie Spaur, Estel Lough, Ferrol Hes, Pauling Bubar, Nina Wells, Fonda Giles, Donald Parker, Elizabeth Abraham, Jessie Gibbs, Hazel Caldwell, Dorothy Gordon, Luville Koenig, Mildred Sinniger, Luville Parrole, Merrill Ritter, Gilson Jordin, Kenneth Crouch, Eldress Judd, Marlon Schwarz and Loas Wright.

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Highway Commission Decides To Continue Construction on Two Big Jobs.

CUT-OFF ROAD OPPOSED

Commissioner Kiddle Will Make Trip Over Tiller-Trail Cutoff Before a Vote is Taken on the Proposed Development.

PORTLAND, June 4.—The decision to suspend work on two road jobs, aggregating \$500,000, because of Judge Skipworth's decision in the Kiddle case, was reconsidered by the state highway commission before adjournment last night, and it was concluded to have these contracts carried on pending the decision of the supreme court in an appeal of the Kiddle case. The matter was brought up by R. A. Booth, commissioner, who said that according to Judge Skipworth the highway commission has no right to lay out and locate a road and that no one is authorized to locate a road except county courts.

"If this decision is the law," said Mr. Booth, "then the commission has violated it in two instances; first in Crook county, by the road from Prineville to the Shorty Davis ranch, and, second, in the Salem-Dallas road."

Decision is Reconsidered. Mr. Booth then moved that these contracts be suspended and no further action be taken until the supreme court is heard from. Later in the day the commission consulted attorneys and decided to have the work on these roads carried on. The Crook county road is 20 miles in length and about half the distance has been graded by the contractor, A. Guthrie. The price is \$199,588. The Salem-Dallas road is 14 miles long, four of which have been paved and most of the remainder has been graded. Oskar Huber has this contract for \$320,743.

Commissioner Kiddle announced that before voting on the proposed development of the Tiller-Trail cutoff to Crater lake in Douglas county, he personally will go over the ground. The trip will be about June 10. Chairman Benson wants \$15,000 or \$20,000 appropriated to connect the dead ends of the road so that the work can be carried on this year and the road can be used as a detour when the commission starts paving the Canyon section of the Pacific highway. There is considerable opposition to building this cutoff, coming chiefly from the northern part of the state, for south-bound tourists could take the cutoff to the lake and not visit Medford or Ashland. On the other hand, the forestry service would like to have the road finished as a fire protection.

On the Oregon and Washington highway the commission announced yesterday that a route through Lombard would be favored, which would eliminate grade crossings. The request from Lombard called for the commission building two crossings. A sign system, long under consideration by the commission, was adopted yesterday. All highways will be designated by number, after the Wisconsin fashion, and the California letter signs also will be used. Thus instead of having large signs on the Pacific highway designated "No. 1" and the Columbia highway signs will carry "No. 2." The lettered signs will show distances between towns in compact form.

J. O. Newland has received two carloads this week, and will have two more carloads to arrive early next week, making twenty automobiles in all, which fills all orders that are booked and will leave two to spare. So now is your chance to get a Dodge Brothers car.

Edwin Thornton and wife and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fitzpatrick arrived in Roseburg last night. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, who have been teaching school at Weston, were joined at that place by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and went for a short trip into Washington. They report that the excellent roads of Washington state are almost devoid of tourists because of the gasoline shortage. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick will remain here for the summer. old friendships. At this time there is to be dedicated a splendid new brick school building that has been built during the past year by the district, and was the result of the inspiration of the members of the association. Prof. W. C. Alderson, of Portland, an alumnus of the academy, will give the dedicatory address. meet tomorrow to commemorate the founding of the school and to renew