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AUTO TRUCK IS HIT BY ENGINE

Edenbower Crossing is Scene of Miraculous Escape From Instant Death.

ONE MAN IS INJURED

Both Occupants of the Machine Are Thrown Out and Land on the Engine Where They Rode for Some Distance.

An accident which, miraculously, was not fatal in results, occurred this afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock at the Edensbower railroad crossing when a light engine struck a Ford truck, demolished it, and threw the occupants onto the cow-catcher and carried them for some distance before the engineer could stop his engine.

SCHOOL HOUSE IN BAD CONDITION

Report is Filed by the County Nurse Concerning Roberts Creek Building.

OTHER REPORTS LATER

Deplorable Conditions Under Which Children Are Compelled to Attend School Are Made Public by Investigation.

Going about the county in her work of organizing nursing classes in the various school districts, some deplorable housing conditions for school children have been brought to light by Emily Hammond Smith, county health nurse. Miss Smith was requested by County School Supt. O. C. Brown, to inspect various school houses when convenient, with a view of finding if any conditions exist which would impair the health of children, and which could be remedied.

So far Miss Smith has reported on but one school house, No. 37, in the Roberts creek district. This is not the first time that conditions in that district have been made public, but no steps have been taken by those in that section which would mean improvements. There is no law by which a school district can be compelled to build or improve their school house, so matter how much damage is caused the children. The Roberts creek district is well known, and there are no financial reasons why a tax should not be levied for the purpose of building a new school house. According to the opinion of many, criminal neglect is responsible for the conditions existing. There are ten or twelve other buildings in the county which are to be investigated by Miss Smith at a later date.

POLAND DEFENSIVE LINES PENETRATED

American Aviators Stationed in Protection of Warsaw As a Last Resort.

CONSULATE IS CLOSED

Officials Leave Tonight—Government Prepares to Move on Short Notice in Event Bolsheviki Forces Reach the City.

(By Associated Press.)
WARSAW, Aug. 6.—With the defensive lines of Polish troops east of Warsaw pierced in several places by the Russian bolsheviki forces, capture of the city by the enemy is apparently not a remote conclusion of the campaign. That the government fears this result is indicated in the preparations being rushed to move on short notice, although hope is still entertained that the Russian army advance will be checked somewhere east of the Vistula river, preventing fall of the Polish capital. Koschuzko's air squadron, composed mostly of American aviators, has been transferred from the south to the front nearest Warsaw, and it is hoped they will be able to prevent the bolsheviki from taking the city in event the defensive lines are crushed. The United States consulate here closed today, and Consul Rankin will leave tonight. Most of the official records have already been moved, and the American legation plans to move soon.

Say Bolsheviki Defeated.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 6.—Russian bolsheviki forces in the south were severely beaten, according to reports reaching here. The anti-bolsheviki troops captured many prisoners and a lot of war material.

Roumania Preparing.
PARIS, Aug. 6.—A Geneva dispatch declares that Roumania, alarmed over the bolsheviki success in Poland, is concentrating troops in Bessarabia in anticipation of attack from the Russian bolsheviki menacing Poland.

Good For Five Years.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Military experts here assert that Russia can wage war on the present scale for five more years without additional munitions.

Consider Russian Reply.
LONDON, Aug. 6.—The British cabinet today deliberated upon the Russian soviet reply to note concerning Poland, which was received late yesterday, but there is no official indication as to what course will be taken. It is understood, however, that although the reply from Moscow was not wholly satisfactory, it will be accepted.

The Russians assert that the Bolsheviki is ready to conclude an armistice with Poland, provided reasonable guarantees are given. It says the sole obstacle in the way of negotiating negotiations immediately is the absence of Polish delegates.

RIOTERS DRIVE FOREIGNERS OUT

Five Thousand Compelled to Flee From Illinois Coal Mining Town.

TROOPS RESTORE ORDER

Murder of Two Boys Cause of Disturbance—Japanese Take Exceptions to Statement of Congressman Johnson.

(The Associated Press.)
WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Aug. 6.—Following a night of rioting, in which five persons are believed to have been killed during the street fighting and a score more injured, comparative quiet was restored today. Approximately five thousand foreigners, against whom the rioters directed their attack, have left the town, and this fact, coupled with the arrival of troops, tended to bring about order.

Enraged mobs attacked the foreigners, who fled in all directions in terror. The homes of about fifty foreigners were set on fire and the residents beaten.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—A mob of 300 in control of West Frankfort, Ill., last night is said to have killed several persons, wounded 40, burned scores of homes and to be driving the foreign population from the town.

Five companies of Illinois infantry have been ordered to West Frankfort.

The rioting started yesterday afternoon when two suspects were arrested in connection with the murder of Aniel Calcuttra, 19, and Tony Hempel, 18, whose bodies were discovered Wednesday.

At 10:30 o'clock last night the mob began setting fire to the homes in the Frankfort Heights, a section occupied by foreigners, according to reports reaching here. Other homes also are being fired, it was stated.

Automobiles laden with armed parties are reported arriving in great numbers. All city officials and St. Louis residents are said to have been given 24 hours to leave town.

Japs Are Rolled.
TOKIO, Aug. 6.—The statement of Congressman Albert Johnson at Tacoma, on August 2, that thousands of Japanese were smuggled into the United States from Japan each year, gives evidences of a tendency to increase the feeling with regard to America created by the arrival of the recent note from the Washington government, and the subsequent newspaper attack against the United States. The Japanese foreign office in a statement issued today expresses surprise at the Johnson charge, and declares that the scheme of entry, as outlined by the congressman, is fantastic and most improbable. The foreign office alleges that Japan will gladly co-operate with the United States in exposing any such illegitimate and unwholesome system of gaining entrance to that country. Johnson charged that many Japanese were brought to Mexico and then smuggled into California, where they were kept on farms operated by their countrymen, and after five years they were able to establish their residence.

Riots in Denver.
DENVER, Aug. 6.—Fear that the street car strike rioting which started yesterday and last night resulted in the death of two men and injury to thirty-four others will be resumed this afternoon or evening, was expressed in official police circles this morning. The trouble was precipitated yesterday afternoon when street cars manned by strike breakers passed a parade composed of strikers parade their sympathizers. The peaceful parade was immediately turned into a frenzied mob, which wrecked several of the cars and then attempted to set fire to them.

Not content with attacking the company property, the mob raided the offices of the Denver Post, which opposed the strike, and partially wrecked the plant, throwing wrenches into the mechanism of presses and linotypes and destroying the forms. Every window in the Post building was broken. The presses hammered and hand thrown into the ink and on the press rollers. The fighting at the car barns, where the mobs attempted to burn the buildings, resulted in two of the strikers being shot. Last night Governor Shoup, Mayor Bailey and other officials, held a conference, at which time they decided not to call out troops, but instead will rely on special police volunteers to quell riots. Up to noon today no further attempts have been made to operate car lines.

Roseburg Girl Goes To Alaska
Miss Dolly Smith, a well known resident of this city, left last night for Alaska where she expects to

HOMESTEADER SAYS LIFE THREATENED

Perdue Resident Claims That Someone is Continually Shooting at Him.

SON HAS A CLOSE CALL

Bullet Passes Through Clothing of Boy but No Injury Results—Asks for Protection or the Right to Protect Self.

Charging that some person is continually shooting at him and that his small son's clothing was penetrated by a bullet last Sunday evening, Ross Stiltner, of Perdue, has written to District Attorney Neuner and Sheriff Quine asking that he be given the right to protect himself and family.

Mr. Stiltner is located on a homestead in the Perdue section and states that he has made a number of improvements on the property. Recently another person filed on his property in the preference right list and Stiltner states that he is quite reluctant to give up his property to the newcomer without receiving a sum of money for the amount of improvement work he has accomplished on the homestead.

Judging from the letter received from him this morning, he is of the opinion that his life is threatened by the present owner of the homestead.

"Several days ago a bullet whistled by me," writes Mr. Stiltner, "and it didn't miss me half a foot! I could feel the rush of air as it passed me. Several different times this has occurred, and last Sunday evening my boy was around the place and was shot at. The bullet passed through his trousers. I would like to know what can be done about this matter. I want the right to protect my family, and I am getting tired of being fired at all the time."

Sheriff Quine at once phoned to his deputy in that district and instructed him to visit the homestead of Mr. Stiltner and make an investigation. No word had been received from him late this afternoon.

The officers thought it best to make an immediate investigation and prevent a tragedy. This is the first trouble which has been reported by homestead squatters, although considerable misunderstandings between the squatters and those who have lately filed on the lands were expected.

Gasoline Jumps Sky-ward Today

"Someone is always taking the joy out of life," and today comes the announcement from the Standard Oil Co's agency that gasoline today jumped skyward 3 1/2 cents, making the retail price to quote 25 cents.

The rise in price is in accordance with recent advances made by other oil companies on the Pacific coast," says Manager Hyland, "and has been expected for some time owing to the fact that crude oil suffered an increase about two weeks ago. The supply is also mighty scarce and no relief is expected for several days."

Miss Karhart, from Virginia, was a visitor in Roseburg for a short time today. The lady is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ackerman, of Drain, who also was in Roseburg this morning. The southern lady expressed her delight for Oregon scenery and climate. They returned to Drain on the afternoon train.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT IS FILED

Financial Standing of Schools of Douglas County Are on a Good Basis.

MANY STAY IN SCHOOL

Large Increase in Number Finishing Eighth Grade Is Shown This Year—Large Increase of Cash on Hand.

The annual report concerning the standing of the schools of Douglas county has just been completed and placed on file by County Superintendent O. C. Brown. The form is filed out every year and forwarded to the superintendent of public instruction, it shows the schools of the county to be in excellent condition, both from the standpoint of finances and number of pupils attending.

An unusual circumstance this year which has caused the county school superintendent and other educators much satisfaction is the fact, over 78 per cent of the pupils that entered the eighth grade at the beginning of the year finished and received their diplomas. While this may not seem astonishing on the surface, when taken in comparison with the record of other years it sets a new goal for the efforts previously expended to keep the children in the schools. The eighth grade is the hardest year for pupils, and the year in which more quit than any other. If they are safely carried beyond that period, in nine cases out of ten they will complete their high school course. This year, of the 495 pupils enrolled in the eighth grade during the year, diplomas were presented to 317. For the 4290 pupils registered in the county, 271 teachers were employed, almost all of these instructors holding certificates based on graduation from standard normal schools or standard colleges and universities.

The financial statement is also eminently satisfactory, showing an increase of the cash on hand this year from the annual report for last year. The cash on hand following all disbursements in 1919 was \$41,034.43, and in 1920 is \$43,930.56. The total cash on hand for this year, including the sums from district tax, county school fund, state school fund, tuition, sale of bonds and warrants, library fund and other sources, totaled \$269,392.83. The total amount of disbursements for the year, the largest amount of which came under teachers' salaries, for which \$132,594.87 was spent, was \$225,462.27.

The amount of bonded indebtedness of the schools of Douglas county is \$140,200. Outstanding warrants total \$130,538.62, and other indebtedness \$2,804.80, making a total debt of \$273,543.42.

The estimated value of the school houses and grounds at the present time is \$535,977, and the estimated value of school furniture and apparatus, \$97,622. On this the amount of insurance carried is \$327,730.

The average monthly salary now being paid to male teachers is \$120, and to female \$81.50. The average for teachers in one room buildings is a little lower, being \$81.42. The average monthly salary of more than one room is \$145.25 per month and for assistant teachers in districts of the first class \$2100 annually.

A material increase is also seen in the library department of the various schools. A number of books totaling 2,025 were purchased during the year, making the total number of library books on hand 23,569.

AGE LIMIT IS TO BE ENFORCED

New State Auto Law Requires That Drivers Be Over 16 Years Old.

NO SPECIAL PERMITS

Impression Has Gone Out That Minors Can Get Permission to Drive Cars.—Is Labeled as an Erroneous Report.

Secretary of State Koser, in a statement gotten out regarding automobile laws, says there has been a misunderstanding on one or two points. Regarding the age of a driver of an automobile, which is an important point, the following is given out by the secretary of state as authentic:

"The belief has developed in certain sections of the state that persons under 16 years of age may, under certain circumstances, obtain licenses or permits to operate motor vehicles. Such is not the case. The Operator's Law (Section 4, Chapter 3, Laws Special Session, 1920) specifically prohibits the issuance of a license or permit to any person under the age of 16 years, whether or not such person be the owner of a motor vehicle, and the same section further enacts that 'No person, who is the owner, custodian of any motor vehicle, shall permit any person who is less than 16 years of age to operate or drive any such motor vehicle or employ any person to operate or drive any such motor vehicle who is less than 16 years of age and a licensed operator or chauffeur.'

"Section 5 of this law provides for the issuance by the secretary of state of special licenses or permits to persons who are physically incapacitated, and the term 'physically incapacitated' is defined to include 'any person who has lost the use of one hand or one foot, or whose eyesight or hearing are greatly impaired.' The impression seems to exist among some that under the terms of section 5, a special license or permit may be issued to a person under 16 years of age, but the attorney general has held that such a conclusion is erroneous. In no part of the law is there any authority given to the secretary of state or any other officer to issue to a person less than 16 years of age a license or permit to operate a motor vehicle, under any circumstances whatever."

Professor A. G. Smith, superintendent of the Roseburg schools last year, arrived in the city from Eugene and is arranging for the transportation of his household goods from this city to Eugene. He has been appointed high school principal at that place for the ensuing year.

Situation is Same In Roseburg

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 5.—Ashland, in common with many other railroad division-point towns throughout the country, where the railroad payroll contributes to the prosperity of the community, feels that it is coming out "on top of the heap" in the railroad wage and rate increase turmoil. For while Ashland will have to pay higher prices, if higher prices result, the increase turns loose in the city on paydays twice a month

Supplemental Plan Referred to Atty.

The supplemental agreement concerning the improvement and construction of 15 miles of the Tiller-Trail road presented to the county court yesterday afternoon by a delegation from Tiller and this city has been placed in the hands of District Attorney Neuner for his inspection.

The county court informed the delegation that they were also very anxious to see the work started but must first ascertain where the necessary funds are to come from. In the event the appropriation can be made the work will be started in September as a road crew now employed by the bureau of public roads is at the present time ready to commence operations on the project.

Some beautiful specimens of gladiolus are being displayed in the windows at the Casey Land Company, and are attracting some comment. They were grown by Mrs. Harry Kinney, who takes great care of the flower and who achieves some wonderful results.