

VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT DIES

Edenbower Man Hurt Saturday When He Was Struck by Automobile Dies.

ITNEY DRIVER INVOLVED

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That the failure of Clifford Howard, local Itney driver, to dim the lights on his machine was responsible for the accident which cost the life of J. B. Fessler, a resident of Edenbower, who died last night, is the claim of Ray Siegrist, local dairyman, whose car struck the unfortunate man Saturday night on the Pacific highway a few rods north of the Edenbower store. Howard, on the other hand, claims that he did dim his lights and that Siegrist failed to do so. Howard's claim is substantiated by Wm. Moss, who was a passenger in Howard's machine.

Fessler, the victim of the accident, sustained an injury to the spinal column which resulted in paralysis from the neck down. He never regained consciousness after the accident and died last night at about 10 o'clock at Mercy hospital, after operations had been performed to relieve the pressure which was causing his condition. No hope was held out for his recovery from the start, although everything possible was done to save and prolong his life.

The accident occurred on Saturday evening when the two cars driven by Howard and Siegrist were passing on the road just north of the Riverside store. Siegrist was going north and Howard was traveling south, neither machine traveling at a rapid rate. The dairyman states that Howard did not dim the light on his machine and consequently Siegrist says he was blinded. As he swung his car into the road he struck Fessler, who was walking behind the Itney, knocking him down. Siegrist was not traveling rapidly and stopped his machine and ran up to the fallen man.

Howard, it is said, did not stop, although it is claimed that he had knowledge of the accident.

The injured man was picked up at the scene and taken to Mercy hospital, where medical treatment was given by Dr. Shumaker. Fessler roused slightly yesterday afternoon but did not gain complete consciousness and quickly lapsed again. He gradually grew weaker from the time the accident occurred until his death.

Both drivers claim that they dimmed the lights on their machines but say that the other driver did not. Howard was driving a new Ford touring car which he uses in Itney service, and Siegrist was driving a light Ford truck which he uses in his dairy business. Howard's machine was equipped with the regular Ford lamps, while Siegrist recently had new lamps placed on his machine, which is of an older model.

Wm. Moss, who was a passenger in Howard's machine, says that the driver did dim his lights. Moss was walking to Roseburg and was picked up by Howard, who was returning after delivering a passenger to an Edenbower address.

It is alleged that Fessler had a habit of walking in the road and being automobiles to drive around him. He was a recent arrival in the county from Michigan. His wife survives him and was present when death occurred.

Coroner Ritter announced that an inquest would be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon. In the event that the inquest fixes the blame on Howard it is possible that his license will be revoked by the city.

The funeral of Mr. Fessler will be held from the undertaking parlors Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. McKen conducted. The place of interment has not yet been definitely decided.

Opponent of Bonus Denounced by Legion

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the Willamette Falls Post No. 1, American Legion, held in this city last night, the following resolution was adopted unanimously, criticizing the attitude of William M. Stone, representative elect to the next state legislature from Clackamas county.

Whereas, Representative William M. Stone, of Clackamas county, has publicly asserted his position in regard to the proposed Oregon state bonus bill, as being against the measure, and

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NEW DEBATE ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(By Assoc. Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The astronomical device used by Prof. A. A. Michelson, of the University of Chicago, revealed in experiments at Mount Wilson, California, that the star Alpha Orionis, in constellation of Orion, is three hundred million miles in diameter, approximately three times the diameter of the sun. The sun is a million miles in diameter, approximately. This latest discovery makes the earth seem most insignificant in comparison with Alpha Orionis. The announcement was made by Prof. Michelson before the American Physical Society in session here.

Ministerial Union Makes Arrangements for Tabernacle Revival Services.

At a meeting of the Ministerial Association on Monday and again yesterday it was decided to make arrangements for the evangelistic campaign to be held by the Bulgin-Lewis Evangelistic company. Those of the churches that can see fit to enter into this campaign are invited to do so.

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The young man was found dead yesterday 17 miles this side of Myrtle point. He has been residing with his family near Reston, since his discharge from the army recently. According to the information received by Mr. Laird, the young man left home day before yesterday on a hunting trip. When he did not return home that night a search was made for him and his body was found yesterday at the foot of a 250-foot bluff. He had evidently been wandering around night and while wandering around, accidentally plunged over the bluff.

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BUDGET FIGURES GIVEN.

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the national forest was \$2,001 and in addition the forest service co-operated to the extent of \$1,074, with individuals and other organizations in combating fires.

"Building Trust" Being Dissected

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OTHER BONDS IN MORRIS CRASH

Holders of Certificates Other Than on City of Edmonton Bonds Will Lose.

PROBE HAS STARTED

Ex-President of Defunct Firm Held Prisoner in Minneapolis Avers That Books Are Straight—Trip Was For Health.

FRED MORRIS ARRESTED.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Fred S. Morris was arrested on a federal warrant charged with aiding John L. Etheridge, former president of the defunct Morris Bros. Inc., bonding house, in obtaining naturalization papers by concealing Etheridge's record of terms in New Jersey prisons. Creditors of the defunct bond house are preparing to protect their interests by the appointment of an attorney and trustee in bankruptcy.

That there will be a great number of persons, holders of interim certificates on other bonds than those of the City of Edmonton, who will lose heavily as a result of the collapse of the Morris Bros. bonding house in Portland, is the statement made by the auditors who find that the company has issued a large number of these certificates on various bond issues. W. J. Whitcomb, temporary receiver and head of the firm now auditing the bond house books, said yesterday that it is still impossible to give even an estimate of the true conditions of the affairs. He held to the belief that his original estimate of a shortage between \$550,000 and \$750,000 will not be far amiss.

Some Bonds Still Safe.

For the benefit of scores of people who had bought and received their bonds and left them with Morris Brothers, Inc., for safe keeping, Mr. Whitcomb said they would not be the losers through the collapse of the firm. Those bonds which were merely being held in trust for private individuals are not listed as assets and are the sole property of the persons purchasing them.

It was further pointed out by Mr. Whitcomb that investors who have purchased bonds other than the city of Edmonton issue and who hold the interim certificates issued by Etheridge are in the same predicament as those who have these certificates on the Edmonton bonds. There were many persons who felt that they would not lose through the failure by reason of the fact that their certificates were called for other bonds.

There were a great many people who, like E. P. Skinner, of this city, cashed in on their certificates during the week preceding the closing of the doors. It is roughly estimated that over \$450,000 was paid back by the company to investors who held certificates. The money being paid in bonds.

On the Saturday night that Etheridge appeared before Al Kader temple of the Mystic Shrine and there confessed his past criminal record in one of the most dramatic sessions of the temple, his firm had approximately \$475,000 in cash on deposit in banks throughout the northwest.

Rumors of Etheridge's past penitentiary record, coupled with street stories of the uncertain condition of the firm, caused many persons holding these certificates to return them to the firm and receive their cash.

Mr. Skinner held \$4,000 in certificates but becoming alarmed, sent them to the Ladd & Tilton bank in Portland and succeeded in protecting his investment and now has the bonds. There are a score or more of other investors in Roseburg, however, who were not so fortunate and some varying from \$100 to \$500 will be lost as a result of the crash.

Juries to Investigate.

The case will be thoroughly investigated by the federal and state grand juries. It has been learned that the company had a contract with Fred Morris by the terms of which the latter was paid the sum of \$500 per month for the use of the firm name, the contract being given for a period of five years. This contract will be probed as well as other acts of the ex-president, John L. Etheridge.

United States District Attorney Humphries announced the initiation of a probe into the methods employed by Etheridge to procure his naturalization.

It is believed that the audit will take at least ten days and possibly two weeks, and until that is complete no authoritative information on the exact status of the company's financial affairs will be available.

Etheridge Is Held.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—John L. Etheridge, in custody here today, is eager to return to Portland to face the charges developed against him since leaving there last week, and today offered to start west at once. He offered to pay the expense of a guard to be supplied by the Minneapolis superintendent of police to travel with him, or to go alone.

Sheriff Hurlburt, of Multnomah county, declined to accede to either proposal and telegraphed the Minneapolis officials to hold Etheridge until and officer from Portland should arrive here to take charge, and asked that no bail be allowed Etheridge.

Books Declared Straight. Etheridge said his books were straight, when he left Portland, and that he was adviser by Morris, his attorneys and friends to take a vacation on account of his health. He said that Fred Morris went over everything with him and that all his property was turned over for the purpose of providing additional security for banks where loans were carried for Morris Bros' account.

Etheridge turned over \$11,500 in cash when taken into custody. He said \$10,000 of it was given him by Fred Morris and secured by his personal note to finance his vacation trip. He said that Morris knew of the bonds in the Tacoma depository and that they were to be returned by Etheridge.

Market Quotations Are Given Today

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Medium grades of steers and good choice cows are selling at 25 to 30 cents higher. Hogs are going at \$19.50 to \$21.50, and sheep are quoted as higher. Most of the mountain lambs are selling at \$9.50. Eggs and butter prices are reported to be steady.

Storm Warnings Been Sent Out

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Warnings of a storm moving from the North Pacific to the Oregon coast have been given by the weather bureau here. Strong southerly gales are predicted.

British Want Notes Changed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A representative of the British treasury will soon arrive, Secretary Houston said, to continue in Washington the discussion of the exchange into long term obligations of the demand notes of the British government held by the United States.

D'ANNUNZIO SURRENDERS.

(By Associated Press.)
FLORENCE, Dec. 29.—Gabriele D'Annunzio, the head post of Fiume, early today surrendered all of his powers to the Fiume communal council. General Cavaglia, commander of the regular Italian forces, will arrange the conditions of peace with the delegation of the council today.

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