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SUICIDE AT RAY DAM

Mrs. Jos. Chapman, of Grants Pass, mother of Mrs. G. C. Noble, of Medford, committed suicide by jumping into Rogue river at the Ray dam sometime Saturday night. Her body was found at the rack built across the river below the dam to turn fish into the fishway by Jos. Caskey, about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Caskey was lying on the bridge above the water watching the fish when he caught sight of a woman's dress in the water, by looking a little closer he could distinguish the outlines of her form. The body was partially concealed by the foot log along the rack and people had been walking along this log all day. Coroner Cameron was telephoned for, but could not be reached. J. H. Butler, the undertaker, went down and brought the remains to Medford on the midnight train, where they were identified Monday morning by F. M. Stewart.

As nearly as can be learned, Mrs. Chapman had been afflicted with suicidal mania for several years, and had threatened on numerous occasions to drown herself. She had been stopping with her daughter, Mrs. Noble, for several weeks, and on Saturday evening suddenly announced her intention of going to Rogue river. Mrs. Noble was unable to dissuade her, and she proceeded to the depot about train time and bought a ticket for Toledo. That evening she was met on the railroad track near the dam by one of the workmen, sent out to warn travelers when blasts were being set off. This man stopped her until the blasting was over and then paid no further attention to her, supposing she was just one of the usual visitors. Evidently some time afterward she jumped into the river. She perhaps entered the river above the dam, as a severe gash on the head would seem to indicate that she had floated over the dam and struck on the rocks below.

Mrs. Chapman was in her 67th year at the time of her death. The funeral took place from the undertaking parlors of the Medford Furniture Co. Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Chapman, who is an inmate of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, at Roseburg, arrived Monday night.

W. C. T. U. Items.

Quite a number were present August 4th, at the home of Mrs. Duy. The Union was opened by the president reading St. John XI; prayer by Mrs. Hubbs. roll call, minutes of meeting read and approved. The committee reported seven families helped with clothes, food, etc. Flowers were carried to the sick. Election of officers by ballot voted Mrs. Hubbs acting president, as long as her stay in Medford; Mrs. Hoge recording secretary; Mrs. Hammond, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry Baker, treasurer. Light refreshments of ice cream and cake were then served. The Union was then dismissed by Mrs. Lozier, to meet at the home of Mrs. Hubbard, August 11th. A special invitation is extended to the ministers and their families. All come who may.

A Serious Accident.

Robinson Wright, the well-known pioneer of Butte creek, was the victim of a severe accident Friday evening, which may result seriously. Mr. Wright was up in the mow of his barn throwing down hay for his horses, when his foot slipped in some way and he fell to the hard ground beneath. His right thigh bone was fractured at the hip by the fall. Mr. Wright is well advanced in years, which, together with the nature of the injury, makes the case a serious one. L. Wade came in Sunday evening after the injured man's daughter, Mrs. Stanley, who left Monday morning for Butte creek, to take care of her father.

Oregon Game Laws.

Open seasons for game in Southern Oregon are as follows:

Deer—July 15th to November 1st; for bucks; August 15th to November 1st for does.

Elk—Killing prohibited until October 1, 1907.

Unlawful at any time to kill deer, elk, moose, etc., for hides, horns, or flesh for the purpose of selling the same. The lawful amount of deer which can be killed in any one season is five and in order that the hides of said deer may be marketed the owner thereof, shall attach a leather

tag, to be obtained from the county clerk or a justice of the peace, to each skin, and it is further provided that the state game and forest warden shall number and stamp these tags and distribute them to the various county clerks of the several counties, to be issued by the county clerks to justices of the peace in their counties.

In Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties geese, duck and swan may be killed from September 15th to January 1st of each year.

It is unlawful in the counties of Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Clatsop to kill Chinese pheasants until September 15, 1906.

The close season for trout, except salmon trout, extends from November until March, inclusive. Night fishing is prohibited and the sale of any species of trout, at any time, is unlawful. It is unlawful to catch more than one hundred twenty-five trout in one day.

A Pretty August Wedding.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Slover on Tuesday evening, August 9th, when her daughter, Miss Maggie, was given in marriage to Wilmer C. Cartwright.

The double parlors were tastefully decorated in ferns, ivy and roses, the prevailing color being white and green, while the dining room was draped in red. A vocal solo by Mrs. W. W. Bates preceded the entrance of the bride party. As Mrs. E. E. Gore played Mendelssohn's wedding march, the groom and best man, Mr. Earl Gaddis, took their places to await the bride and her party. The Little Misses Ruth Woodford and Ida Boeck as ribbon girls formed the aisle through which the maid of honor, Miss Florence Toft, and bridesmaid, Miss Katie Angle, passed.

The bride was gowned in a beautiful creation of white silk mull over white silk and carried white carnations, and was given away by her step-father, Mr. Slover. After a short and impressive ceremony, pronounced by Rev. F. W. Carstens, of the First Baptist church, of Medford, dainty refreshments were served.

The wedding gifts were many and beautiful and made a handsome display.

The bride is one of Medford's popular young ladies, accomplished and refined, and possess the many qualifications which have always made her prominent in all social gatherings, while the groom, who is a son of Owal Cartwright, of Eugene, is a most trustworthy and efficient young man and during his stay here has made many friends. He is to be congratulated upon his choice.

Another Pioneer Gone.

One by one the pioneers of Oregon are making their last journey; are "crossing the plains" of death and "climbing the mountains" of the great beyond.

The last one to face the mysteries of the unknown land was Charles Wesley Kahler, who died at Ashland, after an illness extending over several years, on Friday, August 5th; aged sixty-three years, nine months and five days.

Mr. Kahler was born in Ohio in 1840, and came to Oregon with his parents, the late William Kahler and wife, in 1852. The family first settled in Jacksonville and afterward in 1854, located on a farm near Table Rock. In 1865 Mr. Kahler graduated from the Willamette university, at Salem, and then entered the law offices of Orange Jacobs, being admitted to the bar in 1868. In 1869 he was appointed district attorney of the first judicial district by Gov. Woods, to fill out the unexpired term of W. G. T. Vault. He was active for several years in Republican politics, when the party was greatly in the minority. Mr. Kahler was an honest, upright man, a good citizen, and a lawyer of ability and wide experience.

He was never married and of his near relatives a sister and several brothers survive him.

The funeral took place in Jacksonville on Sunday, and the remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

Stockmen Meet.

The Jackson County Stockmen's Association met in special meeting on Saturday. The object of the meeting was the discussion of the matter of the selling of beef. The meeting was not as largely attended as it certainly should have been, but was, nevertheless, a successful one. The stockmen got together and discussed the situation freely, and finally separated with the impression that the association was benefiting them in more ways than one.

Quite a number of new members have been added since the organization of the association.

THROUGH BRIDGE TO DEATH

PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 8.—One hundred lives were blotted out by the wreck last night of the Missouri Pacific Flyer, on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, near Eden, eight miles north of Pueblo. The train struck a weakened bridge over an arroyo, which had been flooded by a cloudburst. The water was flowing over the trestle when the train started across. The bridge went down under the weight of the train, and the baggage car, snooker and chair car were precipitated into the torrent.

The engine got almost across, but fell back into the water. The body of Engineer Hinman was found 200 feet down the river.

All the cars were washed down stream. The express safe was found open and its contents gone. The cars were found four miles from the scene of the accident, half filled with sand, in which were buried the bodies of many passengers. The cars were not located until several hours after the time of the accident.

At 3 o'clock over fifty bodies had been recovered from the wreck and others are expected momentarily.

Passenger train No. 11, the Denver & Rio Grande and Missouri Pacific World's Fair Flyer, is the fastest train sent out of Denver by the Denver & Rio Grande, and usually carries a heavy passenger list. Yesterday the train was made up of six cars—express, diner, chair car and two sleepers. Nearly every coach was well filled when the train pulled out of Denver at 5 o'clock.

The train makes the run to Colorado Springs in two hours and five minutes. One hour and ten minutes is the schedule time from Colorado Springs to Pueblo, and the heavy train was whirling along through the storm to make this fast time when it dropped into the stream.

Wires being down, only bulletins giving meager details of the disaster, could be obtained here during the night. The disaster was the worst that has ever occurred on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

Dry creek, where the accident happened, is one of the most dangerous points on the road. It is not far from Butte, where two years ago washouts occurred which crippled the service of the line, but entailed no loss of life. It is close to the foot-hills, which by reason of repeated cloudbursts and washouts, have been slowly closing in, the bed of the creek continually becoming deeper, until it has reached a depth of about twenty-five feet.

Trains Nos. 3 and 15, preceding No. 11, passed over the bridge and reached Pueblo safely. The rains had been severe, but danger was not apprehended at Dry creek, as a recent inspection showed that the bridge was in first-class condition. No reports of trouble on the line were received at Pueblo at 9 o'clock that train No. 11 had been wrecked. Just prior to that time there were reports that a heavy rainfall was in progress in the vicinity of Eden, but there was no intimation of a cloudburst. So far as the officials of the road can determine, the engineer evidently did not see the trouble until it was too late to stop the train, which was going at a right rapid rate of speed.

Mr. Berrian's Ideal Mountain Home.

J. W. Ling, the painter and paper hanger, returned Monday from a two weeks' stay at the home of J. W. Berrian, on Elk creek, where he, with two men, have been at work painting and papering. Mr. Ling is saying all manner of pretty things of Mr. Berrian's new home. Says it is an ideal mountain home, and if situated in a city would be as much of an ideal there as among the tall pines of Elk creek.

The house has four large rooms on the first floor, together with a large cellar house and pantry, and around the entire building are porches from ten to sixteen feet in width. There are three large sleeping rooms above, also a bath room. The exterior of the house is painted a pure white, while the window sashes are traced in a bronze green, and the interior is finished in hard oil. The house is situated in the midst of a grove of tall pine and fir trees—and the pure white of the house with the green foliage of the trees surrounding presents a picture one cannot look upon but to admire—look again and realize a growing admiration, and a desire

to feast the eye upon the grandeur of nature to which has been added the beautifying effect of man's master hand. Pure mountain water is carried to all parts of the house, and while 'tis as a whole a beautiful house its convenience surpasses even its great beauty. Messrs. D. W. Hazel and F. Amann did the carpenter work on this house, and Mr. Berrian is very complimentary in his remarks as to the merits of the work performed.

Mr. Berrian has 160 acres of land here and while it is not all agricultural land a goodly number of acres have been cleared, broken and seeded. He has sixteen acres of fine alfalfa as is grown any place in Oregon and he is going to plant a larger acreage. He is buying thoroughbred cattle and hogs and hopes soon to have a fine band of each.

Mr. Ling tells that there is another very pretty and profitable home being made up Elk creek—the same being that of Mr. Tucker, who purchased the Pollett-Holms' 300 acre tract, a few years ago. Mr. Tucker has about 100 acres of fine alfalfa growing, besides other crops and still owns good land fit for crops. He has but recently built a fine house—the same having been constructed of boulders and cement. The dwelling is octagon in shape and was built at a cost of over \$2500. This fall he will have the exterior walls cemented and blocked off to represent square cut stone.

Salmon at Ray Dam.

There has been a good deal said about fish being obstructed at the Ray dam on Rogue river, and it has been claimed that the fish were packed so tightly in the river that one could walk across on their backs. While it is no doubt true that when the dam was first finished it was impossible for the fish to get over it; but that difficulty has been removed to a great extent by the building of a fishway, so that now the fish are passing freely into the upper river.

Master Fish Warden Van Dusen reports as follows:

"While salmon are stopped and interfered with to a considerable extent by this dam, very few are being injured in any way, and they are passing up through the fish ways that have been provided and are getting above the dam as fast as we can expect. On investigation recently I found they were going up through the fishways at the rate of 2000 or 3000 a day, and that they have been going at this rate for two weeks. Two thousand a day is a very conservative estimate. By a very careful count, made by State Water Bailiff Williams, who is there continuously to see that the fishways are kept clear and the fish are not molested in any way, it appears that some days 5000 or 10,000 have passed over the dam."

"D. H. Miller, of Medford, who fishes a great deal with rod and line on the upper Rogue river, and who has been very much interested in seeing that the fish get above this dam, writes me he was down to the dam July 25th, inspected both the fishways and figures that salmon were going through both fishways at the rate of 250 an hour. He was there in the middle of the day and from evening to morning he figures that we could count on double that number."

"Notwithstanding the fact that they are passing above the dam in such numbers, others are continually coming up the river to take their places. This keeps the pools below the dam literally alive with salmon and other fish, eager to get by the obstruction, which makes it appear to a casual observer that the same fish are there today that were first stopped and has caused all this complaint."

"With a massive structure, like this dam, conditions will always be about the same way. Fish ascending the stream will be stopped, sometimes in great numbers, and it will take them a few days or a week before they will satisfy themselves sufficiently to enter and take the ladder fish way contrivance in order to get above the obstruction."

Welcomed as an Old Friend.

Mrs. G. C. Dickey, formerly of Sams Valley, now living at Corvallis, writes The Mail as follows:

"We have decided to stay in Corvallis for some time, perhaps all winter, so we will be very thankful if you will send us your paper, as it has all the home news and is welcomed as an old friend. Corvallis is a nice place, but it needs some of Medford's enterprise to stir it up and make them fix their sidewalk, tear down unsightly buildings, etc."

Teams Wanted.

Men and teams wanted to work on Irrigation Canal. Work commences August 1, 1904, and lasts until snow flies. Horses, 37 1/2 cents per day. Men, \$1.50 per day. Board and horse feed furnished free. Write,

KLAMATH CANAL CO.,
30 ft. Klamath Falls, Ore.

PURELY PERSONAL.

James Smith was in from Big Butte Saturday.

F. L. Champlin was up from Foot-creek Saturday.

H. Shaffer, of Gold Hill, was in Medford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hull left Saturday for Crater lake.

Hon. Miles Central, of Rich, was in the city Monday.

A. F. Hunt, of Ashland, was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Hon. H. Von der Hellon, of Wollen, was in the city Tuesday.

D. B. Thompson, of Jacksonville, spent Monday night in Medford.

Geo. Porter, of Grants Pass, paid Medford friends a visit Sunday.

Will Brown, of Eagle Point, did business in Medford Wednesday.

W. C. Kapnick returned Tuesday from a visit to the eastern states.

V. A. Dunlap, of Talent, was in Medford on business on Tuesday.

Hon. Geo. W. Colvig, of Grants Pass, was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Misses Prudence and Bernice Angle spent Saturday and Sunday at Colestin.

J. W. Slinger, F. F. Downing and T. H. Flynn were in from Lake creek Wednesday.

L. C. Coleman and Isaac Mensor, of San Francisco, are in the valley on business.

Mrs. Edgar and Clarence Hafer returned Monday from a few days' stay at Colestin.

J. A. Pankey and daughter, Miss Emily, of Sams Valley, were Medford visitors last week.

J. D. Heard and Tom Reed enjoyed a couple of days of good fishing on Rogue river this week.

Druggist O. H. Haskins is enjoying a few weeks' vacation at the Brophy ranch, on Dead Indian.

Mrs. A. M. Berry, of Ashland, who has been visiting in Jacksonville, returned home Saturday.

The Misses Eifert spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Harbaugh, near Jacksonville.

Howard Betts, of Gold Hill, is officiating at the Medford, while J. Court Hall is in the hills.

J. B. Osborne, the blind socialist speaker, and his wife, were in Medford a couple of days this week.

Mrs. W. H. Mosker returned last week from a several weeks' stay at the homestead, on Butte creek.

Hop. E. B. Watson came up from Portland Saturday for his annual outing at Cinnabar springs.

Mrs. Orrin Davis and Miss Beulah Hazel were among the Medford people visiting Colestin this week.

A. H. Walker and family left Monday for Tolman Springs, to spend a month or more at that resort.

Silas McKee, the forest ranger, who is stationed at Lake o' the Woods, came in last week after supplies.

Oral Burnett and Mack Adams started Saturday on a trip to Crater lake, Pelican bay and other points.

Mrs. Ann Beall and son, Tyson, of Central Point, were in Medford Tuesday, doing business with our merchants.

Mrs. B. N. Bunch and Mrs. Ray Bunch and child arrived Sunday from The Dalles; the latter for a visit with home folks.

Miss Ella Gaunyaw, who has been employed as a stenographer at Yreka, Calif., returned home Sunday evening on a visit.

George Fiecko, the expert miner, who has been prospecting in Southern Oregon for the past several months, left Saturday for Sisson, Calif.

Mrs. R. F. Anderson returned Tuesday evening from a couple of weeks' visit to relatives and friends in San Francisco and Berkeley, Calif.

Miss Jessie Look, who has but recently completed a term of school in the Big Butte district, returned Monday to her home at Goldendale, Wash.

Mrs. Fred Farrier, of Salt Lake city, who has been visiting in Medford, left Monday evening for Grants Pass for a visit before returning home.

W. S. Edwards, Pres. Phipps, Chas. Parker and Art. Anderson left Wednesday morning for a trip to Crater lake and through Klamath county.

Miss Barbara Burkhalter, of McCloud, Calif., who has been spending several weeks in Portland, visited Medford friends for a short time last week.

Geo. W. Owen, president of the Jackson County Stockmen's Association, was in Medford Saturday, attending the special meeting of the association.

Dr. C. R. Ray and J. D. Aloop left Sunday for San Francisco, where they will select electrical appliances necessary for the conveyance of current from Gold Ray to Medford.

George King, Sr., returned Sunday from a six weeks' visit to various parts of the East. He visited in Michigan, New York, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa—and the World's Fair at St. Louis.

J. H. Ray left Saturday for Smith river. His mission to that locality was to secure samples of ore from a

volcanic ash dike which he and others parties have located. The samples are to be sent to San Francisco for analysis.

Mrs. Arthur Weeks and children left Saturday for their home at Oakland, Calif., after a six weeks' visit with relatives here. They were accompanied by Mrs. H. P. Hargrave and baby, who will visit in Oakland for a month or more.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roth, of Fairfield, Iowa, arrived in Medford last week and expect to remain hereabouts for a few months. Mr. Roth is in poor health and it is his hope that his health will improve that their residence is taken up here.

Merchant E. N. Warner and Mail Carrier Willie Warner are over in the Dead Indian country upon a hunting expedition. Wilson Walt is carrying the mail on Rural Route No. 4 during the latter Mr. Warner's absence.

Mrs. E. M. Hibbard and daughter, Miss Elvira, left Monday evening for Seattle, Wash., where they will make their future home. Mrs. Hibbard's daughter, Miss Pearl, has been a resident of that city for the past year or more, where she has a good position as a stenographer.

Mrs. E. L. Frieburg, of Charles City, Iowa, arrived here last week on a visit to her brother, E. C. Boeck, and family. Mrs. Frieburg is a professional nurse and has been employed at the government hospital at the Presidio until lately. She will probably remain here several months.

Rev. W. B. Moore, of North Yamhill, was in Medford a few hours Monday. Mr. Moore had been called from his pastorate to officiate at the funeral of the late C. W. Kahler, at Jacksonville. On Monday he went to Ashland on a visit to his daughter, leaving the same evening for home.

F. H. Green returned last week from a three months' trip into Northern California and Klamath county. He brought back with him a three-year-old running illly, which he purchased at Klamath Falls. The animal is of the Ooakwood stock and is said to be very speedy. Mr. Green will track her and may enter her for some of the fall races in Northern California.

J. H. Miller, who is interested in the Butte creek Falls Milling company and who is as well interested in the proposed new railroad to that country, left for his home, at Grand Rapids, Mich., Tuesday evening. He will remain East a couple of months. It is expected that by that time Mr. Miller returns he will have gotten matters in shape to be taken up and pushed with regard to the location and construction of the new road.

H. C. Gregory and son were in from Agate Saturday. Mr. Gregory is another of those enthusiastic users of water from the Fish Lake Irrigating ditch. He seeded a portion of some high land, which he has, onto last spring, and part he did not. The oats irrigated gave him a fine crop, while those which were not irrigated did not even germinate. The same conditions existed as regards a piece of corn which was planted on high land and which has never before grown a crop, this year, with water, produced as good a crop as could be grown any place. This being the first year water has been provided and not having had any insurance that it would be supplied this season he, like many of his neighbors, did not get properly fixed to use as much as they will hereafter. He is a firm believer in the use of water and as soon as the people learn how to properly and advantageously apply it to the land he feels confident that every crop planted will be successfully grown and profitably harvested every year.

Had a Narrow Escape.

E. S. Wolfer and Clyde Applegate had an experience last week that they are not desirous of repeating. They were engaged in making some repairs at the Jacksonville gas plant and were working in a pit. The gas accumulated to such an extent that both men were over come and would have been asphyxiated had they not been promptly rescued.

In speaking of the occurrence Mr. Wolfer said: "We were over come before we were aware of it. And really it is a most delightful sensation. One feels as light as air, all sense of weight is lost; but I don't think there is much danger of my getting the habit, as it is a little too dangerous. It was probably ten minutes before we came to our selves, after being taken into the fresh air. In a short time the after effects of the gas made one deathly sick, but I recovered soon. Applegate was the same way. A very short time more in that pit, however, would have ended the story for both of us, but we would have died absolutely painlessly."

Ringling Bros.' Circus Coming

The big shows of Ringling Bros. will be in Medford on September 3 and already the small boy is saving his nickels and dimes to buy pean and pink lomonade. The reputation these shows have leaves little to be said in regard to it. The aggregation was here last year and showed to record breaking crowd, and no do the audience will be fully as large this year. Many new and attractive features have been added.