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## ERNEST SMILEY KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Ernest Smiley was instantly killed at his farm home here Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. His death greatly shocked the people of this vicinity where he had lived a number of years, especially so because he was well liked and had the confidence and good will of everyone.

Mr. Smiley was working at his silo when the accident happened. The fly wheel, made of heavy cast iron, on the ensilage cutter broke off and the scattered pieces flew into the air, one semi-circular piece striking the unfortunate man, punctured his heart resulting in instant death.

Ernest Smiley was an active worker in the Methodist church and lived the life he professed. He frequently assisted in the musical part of the services.

The funeral, directed by A. L. Keeney, was held this afternoon at the Methodist church. The beautiful and impressive service was read by Rev. F. S. Clemon in a house to filled to more than capacity. The music rendered was under the direction of Mrs. J. G. McIntosh and was a group of deceased's favorite songs. At the grave songs were chanted and as the sweet strains were wafted away, another life that was given of God soared above to a realm of peace and eternal happiness. Friends and loved ones brought an abundance of the sweetest of flowers that grow. So many that the offerings were one of the most magnificent ever seen on a similar occasion.

Ernest Smiley was 46 years old the 13th day of last June. He was born in Nova Scotia where his aged mother, whom he visited about a year ago, still lives. He is survived by one brother, Charles, of Independence and

## YOU MAY CALL AGAIN



Messenger—My employer has requested me to present you this bill for settlement.

Lieutenant Briggs—Well! Well! May I congratulate you on having obtained a steady job?

## MINING TOWN'S BRIEF LIFE

Ehrenberg, in Arizona, Flourished for Four Years, and Then Its Population Scattered.

A few unevenly crumpled adobe walls, long since having lost the superstructures that bridged them over and made them habitable homes, are all that today remains of Ehrenberg, the historical old settlement opposite Blythe, Calif., on the Arizona side of the Colorado river.

Ehrenberg 50 years ago was a "wild and woolly" mining town, and in its day contributed more than \$17,000,000 from its La Paz mine alone to the gold supply of the nation.

Its population of more than 5,000 is scattered through the West, many of them residents of Blythe, Yuma, Ariz., and other southwestern centers. Its only visitors are occasional tourists, who inquisitively browse among its deserted ruins, sprawled over barren, sagebrush country.

Ehrenberg, founded in 1870, ended its active and colorful days of mining and gambling in 1882, when the Indian settlements along the banks of the Colorado became restless. In that year there were Indian wars, and after a number of Ehrenbergs were killed the citizens began an exodus.

another brother, Alexander, who resides in California; three brothers, James, Will and George who live in the East; also two sisters, Nellie and Jessie; his faithful wife, Carrie, and 8 year old daughter, Ernestine, who have the sympathy of the entire community in this hour of great sorrow.

## Midnight Fire Destroys Hop House and Contents

The first hop house fire of the season occurred last Wednesday morning at 1:30 when about 5000 pounds of L. Damon's choice hops went up in smoke. Tuesday was the last day of picking, the last day of drying and the last hops were in the kiln in the process of drying when the old gentleman in charge of the firing heard a suspicious crackling noise. The roof of the house was afire and almost ready to fall. Nothing could be done to subdue the flames; and the house, kiln and baling room, which were all under the same roof,

together with the hops, were consumed. The house belonged to C. E. Herren and was located about half a mile from Monmouth in the Joe Craven field. Mr. Herren's loss was about \$1200 and only partially covered by insurance. He had baled all his hops and had moved them to the warehouse. Mr. Damon had just moved 18 bales of his crop to the warehouse and is still the proud owner of several pounds. His hops were contracted for 40 cents and were insured. Both Mr. Damon and Mr. Herren lost a number of tools, crates, scales, hop sacks, etc

## MILLINERS THREATEN TO CORNER SNAIL MARKET



Hint to housewives: If you want to get your snails, you would better go and get them now. If you don't get them now you may find that the Retail Milliners' association has cornered the market. The milliners need snail shells for decorative purposes. Here is a French model hat that is trimmed lavishly with nothing but snail shells.

## CHILD SUICIDES INCREASE

More Girls Than Boys Make Up Number—Nearly Double Last Year.

A world-wide increase in suicides has taken place during the first six months of this year, according to statistics of the Save-a-Life league. In New York City there were 443 suicides, of which 319 were men and 124 women. This is an increase of 102 over the same period for 1920.

While 225 children ended their lives in the United States during the first half of 1920, the number has more than doubled this year. The children reported as having committed suicide during the first half of this year were 214 boys and 203 girls. The average age of the boys was sixteen and that of the girls fifteen. Most of the girls took poison, while most of the boys shot themselves.

Miss Lavilla Cooper has arrived from San Francisco to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Hobart Dickson is home from an extended visit with relatives in Washington.

Misses Betty Stilwell and Opal Hewett left Tuesday for Corvallis to continue their work at O. A. C. The young ladies will be domiciled at the Tri Delta House and went in time to make necessary preparations.

Mrs. A. L. Keeney went to Salem yesterday to meet her sister, Miss Willetta Moore who was enroute to Iowa. Miss Moore is a recent graduate from the U. of O. and has accepted a position as head of the Home Economics department of Ames college.

## Newly Weds Guests at the Dickson Home

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson of Toledo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickson this week. Mrs. Anderson was Miss Lillian Lanore Dickson, a sister of Frank Dickson and was married last Saturday to Mr. Anderson. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Dickson of Toledo. Both young people enjoy a wide circle of friends and are extremely popular wherever they are known. They will be at home to their friends after a brief wedding trip.

The Misses Ulla Dickinson and Lucile Craven will leave Sunday to enter O. A. C. Miss Dickinson will take a course in Home Economics. Miss Craven will specialize in "Home Ec's" and music. Both young ladies are graduates of the Normal and will enter O. A. C. as juniors.

Mrs. Harry Douglas and daughter, Miss Ora, of Canby were guests of the O. A. Creamers last week end. Miss Douglas has entered the Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olson (Katie Murphy), of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sloper last Sunday. Mrs. Olson is a niece of Mr. Sloper.

## Fitness for Marriage Test Law Should Include Women as Well as Men

By ROSE ROTHENBERG, Assistant District Attorney

Coincident with the action of the legislature of Wyoming passing a bill making it mandatory for every male resident of the state about to be married to obtain a certificate from a reputable physician certifying that he is physically fit and free from disease, plans are being made to present a similar bill to the next session of the legislature in New York state.

But the proposed laws will go further. Women as well as men will be required to undergo the eugenic examination and present certificates of physical fitness for marriage. There is just as much reason for requiring one of my own sex to submit to a fitness for marriage test as there is for the man: Men are not always the offenders, as my experience as an assistant district attorney in the Women's Night court and the Domestic Relations court has proved.

Such a law, in my opinion and that of many other women to whom I have spoken, will prevent many unsuccessful marriages. Not alone will it do that, but it will guarantee to the coming generations the birthright which countless thousands of children have been deprived of under our present system.

## With No Revolvers, the Holdup Man's Victims Would Have a Chance

By JOHN R. THOMPSON, Chicago Restaurant Man

Citizen disarmament! Aside from world disarmament there is nothing so important to civilization.

This is my opinion and incidentally explains why I have inserted in several newspapers an advertisement reading thus:

"I will pay \$1,000 to anyone who will give one good reason why the revolver manufacturing industry should be allowed to exist in America and enjoy the facilities of the mails."

The revolver always has been and still is a menace to any community. It is merely a weapon for the thug, the holdup man and the murderer. It is impossible to turn to any useful purpose, as one uses the rifle or shotgun. Where would our holdup man, doing such a thriving business in Chicago today, be, if he could not get hold of a revolver? He couldn't very well go round packing a shotgun or rifle, and if he carried only a piece of lead pipe or club the victim would at least have a fighting chance.

I have long been convinced the revolver should go and the advertisement is the first of a series to arouse public sentiment against it as the initial step toward a bill in congress banning the making of small firearms.

## SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 26

The "day of grief", as school children both "big" and small are prone to term it, has been postponed from September 19 until September 26, and the school bell will not ring until the latter date. The postponement was deemed wise on account of the Normal opening on the 19th and it is thought school affairs, especially the training school, can be more easily adjusted after the Normal is under good headway. Everything is being done to make the coming year a successful one and it is thought the enrollment will be unusually large at both schools.

## Little Girl Is Badly Burned While Playing "Bonfire"

Gene, the 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moore of Hopville was severely burned on the left side, hands and arms last Wednesday. The child had taken matches and was trying to start a bonfire when her clothing ignited. In attempting to save her child Mrs. Moore's hands were badly burned.

## OREGON Theatre

—SALEM—  
 GOOD MUSIC ALWAYS

Fri. Sat., Sept. 16-17  
 William Farnum  
 In  
 "When a Man Sees Red"

Sun., Mon., Tues.  
 Sept. 18-19-20

Excellent Show  
 "A \$10 Raise"  
 and  
 Harold Lloyd's  
 LATEST  
 "I Do"

Wed., Thurs., Sept. 21-22  
 Wm. DeMilles  
 "The Lost Romance"

## Your Appearance

Depends much on the kind  
 of Clothes you wear.

A suit to retain its appearance must be all wool, good solid cloth and made up so it will hold its shape. Now you have a suit that will look good until it is worn out, while the cheap cloth cheaply made will never look just right and a few days' wear makes it look like a pack peddler. Let us show you some high grade cloth, made up right and you will always be telling what a good suit it has been instead of cussing it. \$35.00 to \$60.00 puts you in the high class. We have hundreds of samples to select from.

## O. A. Kreamer

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON

## Listen

You will have to hurry if you get this. The owner of the 5 room bungalow on 6th and F street is now in town, and is offering this nice property at a great sacrifice.

Hurry if you want it.

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