



MEDFORD WOMAN KILLED

Horse Frightened at Passing Auto—Thrown From Buggy ---Neck Broken.

Thrown from her carriage when her horse became frightened at an automobile driven by Miss Josephine Root on King's highway at 6 o'clock Thursday night, Mrs. W. H. Eberhardt sustained injuries from which she died a few minutes later in the arms of her nephew H. D. Taggart.

The accident occurred only a short distance from the Taggart home, on Kings highway. Mrs. Eberhardt was returning from visiting her nephew, Mr. Taggart, and was driving north on the high road while Miss Root, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Root, with her friend, Miss Ware, was coming at a moderate speed in the opposite direction on the low road.

When about twenty feet away from the auto the horse suddenly reared, and turning sharply capsized the buggy, throwing Mrs. Eberhardt out headlong, her head striking the fence fully twelve feet away, with terrific force. Miss Root, as soon as the horse reared, turned sharply to the left and ran directly into the fence along the road, mowing down two fence posts as if they had been straws.

A doctor was brought to the scene immediately but a cursory examination showed that the unfortunate woman was dead, death resulting from a broken neck.—Sun.

WATKINS WIRELESS.

Correspondence to the Post.

A nice rain visited this section last week which cleared the atmosphere and blew away all the smoke, making everything seem bright and fresh again.

Miss Maude Harr of this place, who has been spending her vacation at home, went to Central Point Friday where she will teach one of the grades in the Central Point school.

E. Parish and A. B. Ernst of Seattle, who have been in this section looking up the mines, left for their homes last Saturday.

J. Byrne went to the county seat Saturday, returning home Sunday accompanied by his mother, who has been visiting in Medford and Jacksonville.

E. J. Langley was taken suddenly ill last Sunday night. Dr. Golden was summoned from Jacksonville and pronounced it paralysis. He is somewhat better at this writing, however.

Mr. H. Gotchell came out from Jacksonville Tuesday in an auto with a couple of mining men and is at present on the middle fork.

Bert McKee who is employed in the forest service work passed through Watkins Tuesday.

Mr. A. Ivy and M. Schulte of Medford, who have been hunting and fishing on the middle fork, have returned to Medford, satisfied with having seen one deer and catching a small string of fish.

J. K. McCloy, who is developing a mine on the middle fork, came down early Saturday morning and left immediately on Wead's overland for the metropolis.

Miss Katie Byrne spent Tuesday with friends at Hutton, Cal.

The sawmill operated by Mr. Naylor is running again after quite a delay.

F. W. Kelly of the Penn mine came down to the postoffice Friday. He informed us that piping has begun and the work is progressing well.

H. H. Wright, the veteran miner, has gone to Jacksonville for a load of winter supplies.

S. S. Swenning of Medford, deputy supervisor of the forest service and W. C. Fruit, forest ranger, are at present on the middle fork looking after the government's interests.

Buncom Reports.

We are having cool, cloudy weather. Mrs. W. R. Garrett was in Medford recently.

Edwin Pierce and wife of New York, are looking over the country and are camping near Buncom at present.

M. R. Buck was at Ruch last week.

Joe McIntyre of Jacksonville spent Saturday night near Buncom, the guest of Jim Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Deneff, who have been camping at Sulphur Springs, returned home Saturday.

Vincent Kasshafer of Jacksonville spent several days with Bert Goldsby last week.

Letha Buck of upper Applegate was visiting at Mrs. M. R. Buck's Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Gould of Medford spent several days near Buncom last week, the guest of Mrs. J. Goldsby.

Mr. W. S. Gumsalus, a farmer living near Fleming, Pa., says he has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for fourteen years, and that he has found it to be an excellent remedy, and takes pleasure in recommending it. For sale by all dealers.

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COUNCIL MEETING

Held Tuesday Evening. Only Routine Business Transacted.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening. Present—Mayor Shaw; Councilmen Britt, Dunford, Pick and Grieve; Recorder Dox.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Officers reports presented and ordered filed.

The usual monthly bills for labor, supplies, salaries, printing etc. were presented and ordered paid.

The waterworks and water bonds were discussed informally, also electric lights and streets. The prevailing opinion of the councilmen seeming to be that money for the bonds will be forthcoming soon and that work would then be resumed upon the construction of the waterworks.

WEDDING BELLS

Prominent Young Business Man Married Sunday.

John G. Dunnington and Miss Della Reeve were united in the bonds of holy matrimony, in this city, at eight o'clock Sunday evening.

The ceremony was performed by Judge Dox and was private, being attended only by the relatives of the parties.

The groom is a wellknown and popular young business man of this city and the bride is one of Jacksonville's fairest and most accomplished young ladies. A host of friends join the Post in wishing the happy couple a long and happy married life.

Changes Hands.

After conducting the Valley Record for twenty-three years, Editor Kaiser has concluded that he needs a rest and has sold the paper to C. B. Wolfe, an eastern man who is said to be an all-around journalist.

A short time ago the Ashland Tidings was sold to new-comers, so that now the press of Ashland is entirely in new hands.

Fruits, soft drinks, cigars and tobacco at Shaw's Confectionery.

PORTLAND LETTER

Central Oregon Will Develop Horse Breeding Industry.

Portland Or., Sept. 5 (Special) Steps have been taken by Central Oregon people to exploit one of the greatest resources of that region that has heretofore been neglected. This is the useful horse. To stimulate breeding of fine animals, the Central Oregon Livestock Sales Association has been formed, with headquarters at Redmond, and hereafter sales of horses will be held on the third Monday of each month at that point.

The object is to establish a big horse market, where breeders will come in touch with buyers and find fair prices for their stock. The organization is not for the benefit of Redmond alone, nor is it intended for the profit of association members, but it will help every section and community of Central Oregon, even to the rancher in the foothills.

The outside buyer, it is believed, will come to a sale where he can pick from a bunch of 400 or 500 head, when if he has to travel from ranch to ranch, he is not attracted. All classes of horses, from bronchos to the finest riding and draft horses will be offered. Central Oregon has exploited its alfalfa, sheep, wool and cattle, but little has been said about its horses. Yet it produces thousands of fine animals, climate and all conditions being favorable to the best development of the horse, and the new plan will probably add to the importance of the industry.

Bigger prizes and better exhibits than ever before are expected to bring crowds to the annual apple show to be held in Portland November 15-17. The apple crop of the state is excellent, and it is thought the various fruit districts will make a splendid showing. Big prizes will be offered by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads for the best district displays, a purse of \$250 being hung up by each line. This will be open to competition by any fruit district of the Pacific Northwest. Oregon communities will get in line and make fine displays of the fruit that is making the state famous and a treat is in store for those who like to see artistic displays of beautiful apples.

Irrigationists of Oregon will meet in Ontario September 28 and 29, during the progress of the Malheur County Fair. The State Irrigation Association has called the meeting on those dates and there promises to be a large attendance from all parts of Oregon. Governor West expects to be present, as does Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Experiment Station at Corvallis, and the Portland Commercial Club hopes to send a delegation.

When the gates of the State Fair swing open on September 11 for a four-day meet, visitors will find conditions on the grounds vastly improved. A number of alterations that make for the comfort and convenience of visitors has been made. The camping grounds have been enlarged, the capacity of the stables has been doubled the water system so improved that there is an abundance of water for all purposes, and the driveway from the railroad station to the entrance has been paved. This is the semi-centennial year of the State Fair and an unusually large attendance is expected.

Forest Fire Bulletin

Portland, Sept. 2—A summary of the forest fire situation at the beginning of September, issued today by the Western Forestry & Conservation Association upon the basis of bulletins received simultaneously from all parts of the Pacific northwest, shows comparatively little serious damage up to date, but one life lost and reassuring conditions in Montana, Idaho and Eastern Washington. In Western Washington and Oregon the situation is extremely dangerous and will remain so until the rain falls. So far the increase of protective effort over that of previous years has been notably effective, but extreme dryness and the overtaxing of all forces to control numerous fires now being fought threaten serious consequences in case of strong wind or the starting of new fires.

Heavy private, state and federal patrols in Washington have so far stopped with small damage the fires set in green timber by lightning and campers. The greatest difficulty has been with fires in slashings and old burns which a squired headway almost instantaneously and threatened adjoining

timber. One in an old burn West of Mt. Helen and one near Pe Ell which burned approximately a section of timber were the most serious Washington fires in August, but all authorities agree that the recent dry winds have brought danger that can hardly be overestimated and that only rain or extreme care in the use of fire can prevent serious losses. Close watch is being kept for violations of the fire laws.

Oregon is also entering the worst season of the year. Fully 500 fires were reported in August. The worst situation at present is in the Santiam and Clackamas regions, where several hundred men are still required to hold two or three bad fires which have been fought for weeks. Fires engaging ten to fifty men are numerous throughout the western part of the state, but up to date are fairly well controlled and have done little serious damage. The Forest Service has about 300 men on patrol and as many more working on fires. The State and timber owners have over 400 patrolmen and are still increasing their forces. Carelessness with slashings and by hunters is reported the chief cause of fires and the state officials are making every effort to stop further slash burning with or without permit.

The Association emphasizes that while heavy expenditure and splendid cooperation by all protective agencies have so far prevented repetition of the distress of 1910, conditions are rapidly threatening to become beyond control and that every care by loggers, settlers, campers and hunters is necessary to insure against loss of life and property.

HALTS DEATH MARCH

Webb's Sentence Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

Salem, Or., Sept. 5.—Within five minutes of the time set for the execution of Jesse P. Webb for the murder of Johnson in Portland, and after the prisoner had been taken out of the death cell into the chapel of the state penitentiary on his way to the execution chamber, while the superintendent's witnesses to the execution were already on the ground to view the satisfaction of the law, Governor Oswald West, at 12:25 P. M. today granted a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment and Webb was sent back to his cell.

The receipt of the news was dramatic in the extreme, and the announcement of the Governor's action in saving the Seattle barber convicted of murder came like a thunderclap out of a clear sky. Intense excitement followed the announcement of the Governor's action in commuting the death sentence when the condemned man stood as it were, on the very brink of the grave, and a feeling of relief came to the prison authorities who were thus saved the necessity of going through an ordeal that is always the most painful and nerve-racking in the duties of the officers.

The half hundred invited spectators, waiting in the corridors of the prison to witness the execution of Webb which was to have taken place at 12:30 today, were astounded at 12:25 to hear loud cheering and clapping of hands in the cells of the prison and immediately following the cheering they were admitted to the chapel and informed that Governor West had commuted the sentence of the condemned man.

Webb almost fainted when escorted from the cell to the chapel and informed of the Governor's late decision. Raising his eyes, Webb prayed softly, while tears rained down his cheeks. Just five minutes before the fatal time Webb was told to walk to the chapel. There he was met by the Governor's private secretary, who informed him that his life was spared by the chief executive.

Oregon Sidelights.

Madras' new hotel, the McTaggart, is now in operation.

B. E. Dinges has sold the Grand theatre at Cottage Grove to Bert Richmond.

Three near beer dispensaries have been licensed at Wallowa, which is a dry territory.

By a vote almost unanimous the citizens of Willamina have approved a proposition to issue \$15,000 bonds for public improvements.

Mrs. Hattie Clark of Union, has a peach tree that bloomed three times and now has on it peaches in three distinct stages of development.

Kirk Whited, who has tried grape culture near Redmond, says his experi-

ments have been successful and he will plant a five acre vineyard.

The Bend Bulletin reports the fall travel into central Oregon already begun. Real estate men say inquiry is lively, with an increase of sales.

The opening of the schools at Cottage Grove has been postponed one week, to September 18, to accommodate pupils who went to work in the hop fields.

At a mass meeting at Marshfield Engineer P. K. Gettins was authorized to make estimates on the proposed boulevard from Marshfield, via North Bend and Empire, to Tarheel Point, near South slough.

Union Republican: C. W. Woolver claims to have cut over 30 tons of alfalfa from five and a half acres of land, three crops. This illustrates what may be done in this valley on good land with plenty of water and sunshine.

Redmond Spokesman: The Spokesman has been informed that the Catholics of this city will begin the erection of a \$2000 church this fall on their property in the Oregon Trunk addition, between D and E streets. This will make three good church edifices in the city—Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic.—Journal.

DIES IN DENTIST'S CHAIR

Miss Mabel Croissant, Doctor's Assistant, Passes Away While Under Anaesthetic.

GRANTS PASS Ore., Sept. 6—Miss Mabel Croissant died today in a local dentist office while under the influence of soemnoform.

Miss Croissant has been having dental work done by Dr. H. C. Dixon and last week had a tooth extracted, taking soemnoform as an anesthetic. She had an appointment with the dentist for 1 o'clock this afternoon and when she arrived at the office was in good spirits and joked with the doctor. She had felt somewhat nervous and asked Dr. Loughridge to be at the office with her and when he arrived she went to the chair and the anaesthetic was administered in the usual manner. In a few moments Dr. Loughridge discovered that something was wrong and restoratives were immediately applied but to no avail. Both doctors labored faithfully but were unable to bring her back to consciousness. Dr. Loughridge states that death may have been caused either by weakness due to fatty heart or from the shock. This anaesthetic has been in constant use for a number of years and the fatalities throughout the whole United States will not number more than half a dozen.—Medford Sun.

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