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COATS DEAD, NELSON IN SERIOUS CONDITION RESULT ODD ACCIDENT

Dead Man Leaves Wife in Delicate Condition and Six Young Children.

Nelson Already Has Lost Leg; Left Arm Will Go; Condition Critical.

M. R. Coats, 40, is dead and Homer Nelson, 28, is in a critical condition, has lost a leg and may lose an arm as the result of an inexplicable accident early Friday morning of last week that was indirectly the result of the heavy snow storm. The two were almost electrocuted while working with a crew a mile and a half south of the city repairing a Mountain States Power company line that had come down in the storm.

Coats, whose home was in Albany, leaves a wife who is in a delicate condition and six children, the oldest of whom is 17. Nelson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nelson Sr. and had been with the repair crew only during the storm. Had Coats lived he would have lost a leg and both hands.

Coats was apparently in good condition up to the night before his death and was rational up to five minutes before he died. It was hoped that he had overcome any internal burns which he might have suffered. He died at noon Wednesday.

Nelson was operated upon Wednesday for the removal of the right leg below the knee. He rallied quickly and has been taking considerable nourishment. His left arm is in a serious condition. (Concluded on page two.)

STORMY WEATHER IS BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Enforced Curtailment Results in Noticeable Stiffening of Price Schedule.

The recent stormy weather was really a blessing in disguise, according to Crow's Lumber Digest. The enforced closing down of operations has, according to that trade publication, put the general outlook from the point of view of the manufacturer, in the best condition that it has been for many months.

Following enforcement of unfair allocation schedules, fir mills of this section were unable to operate because they had to get logs from the higher levels. Logs in ponds were frozen or covered with ice and logs in that condition could not be profitably sawed. As a result mill stocks are in bad shape, filling mixed orders is difficult, and this condition always brings a stiffening in prices.

There is no certainty that favorable weather conditions, now returning, will continue and this fact also has a stiffening effect upon prices.

The only weak spot in the market is cutting business, which has been so scarce that there has been considerable price cutting in order to get it.

The Digest believes the enforced curtailment of production may put a firm foundation under the market that may remain until well into the summer.

Legionnaires Remove Heavy Snow

The American Legion was responsible for clearing sidewalks on main residence districts of the city the day after the first heavy fall of snow. A snow plow was hastily constructed, a horse was borrowed and Legionnaires went to work.

Miss Hunt Returns to Portland. Miss Audrey Hunt, who had spent 10 days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Almer Hunt of Delight Valley, while convalescing from appendicitis and tonsil operations, returned Monday to Portland, where she is an entertainer for a cafe and theater.

Former Resident Dorena Describes Crops In Kansas

That those on farms in this favored section of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette have many reasons for feeling that the world has been kind to them as compared with conditions of others elsewhere is emphasized in a letter to J. E. Redford from Frank Lofke of Cuba, Kans., who returned to Kansas a year ago after a residence of a few months in Dorena.

When here he said that land in Kansas produced far more prolifically than land here, but the past summer was somewhat unusual, as they say in California, and here is Mr. Lofke's description:

"The summer was the hottest and driest in the history of Kansas. The temperature was over 100 for more than 40 days; several days it ranged around 112 and reached the high mark of 120 by government thermometer—no guess work.

"Chickens did not venture out as the ground was so hot it burned their feet. Water had to be carried to them and many and many perished.

"Feed of all kinds is very scarce. Alfalfa hay costs \$25 the ton, wheat straw \$8 to \$10, prairie hay \$20. The people had to dispose of most of their cattle. The government came in and helped and bought all cattle the people wanted to sell at a fixed price, but that was a lot better than letting them starve or shooting them down as some farmers did.

"I have eight head of stock left, two horses, five cows and one calf. I will have a hard time pulling them through as I have to starve them along.

"Up to now we have had pretty good weather but we need a lot more moisture, and must have moisture in the spring as what moisture we have is only on the surface."

Same Group Meets Three Times 8 Years

S. L. Godard was host Saturday night for his third quadrennial stag party, held at his home south of the city. The same persons are invited each time and all but two were present of those present for the first party eight years ago. Those missing this year were A. A. Richmond of Portland and the late Dr. C. E. Frost. Those present were Wm. Morelock, Wm. Thum, H. W. Titus, A. C. Spriggs, Elbert Smith, Geo. Jacobsen, Elbert Bede, R. S. Trask, S. L. Mackin, H. W. Lombard and V. T. Randall. Mr. Godard prepared the dinner, the piece de resistance of which was baked bantam chicken, one to each guest. The time to midnight was spent telling stories and reminiscing on the past.

Postoffice Has Increase 20 Per Cent

There was better than a 20 per cent increase in business of the Cottage Grove postoffice during 1934, as compared with 1933. Receipts in 1934 were \$12,662.32 and in 1933 were \$10,768.50.

The quarter ending December 31 showed a 13 per cent increase over the preceding quarter. For the last quarter receipts were \$3,922.11 and for the preceding quarter were \$3,310.18.

Snow Brings Vacations For Kiddies

The snow brought happiness to children in some of the country school districts, where school was not held because of weather conditions.

There was no school at Daston for several days and none Friday at Blue Mountain, London and Lorane.

Taxes Are Year Behind.

Delinquent taxes due Lane county total almost exactly one year's levy. Collection on 1934 taxes were 60 per cent of the roll, or \$1,206,290.42 of a 2,010,112.91 charge.

Delinquencies for the 1933-34 roll were therefore \$803,822.49; on the 1932 roll, \$599,444.12 remains unpaid; for 1931, \$467,225.15; for 1930, \$216,484.64, and for prior years, approximately \$75,000.

R. L. CONE MAROONED AT CCC CAMP 3 DAYS

Gunter Boys Run Short of Food Before Roads Are Opened.

To be snowbound in the wilds of Douglas county for three days, to tune a piano during the time at a CCC camp, to be well fed and to attend a boxing card that equalled many put on in civilization was the recent unusual experience of R. L. Cone of this city. A large CCC camp was snowbound at the same time.

Mr. Cone was called Wednesday of last week to Gunter CCC camp on Smith river and the snow started while he was making the trip to the camp on an army truck that had difficulty in completing the trip. The snow continued all night and trees, heavily loaded with snow, fell in great number over the road, completely blocking it and putting the phone line out of commission.

Two days later an attempt was made to reach the main highway. While table service had remained splendid, supplies were running low and there was a big crew of men to be fed. Three army trucks, two gravel trucks and large crews of men were used in the effort to break through two feet of snow and remove fallen trees. By night the crews had gotten seven miles and had removed 63 trees. Trucks had to be backed half a mile before the return trip to camp could be started. Everyone was cheerful. A camp orchestra furnished music and a boxing card was staged.

The next day, Saturday, large crews worked from both ends and caterpillars and scrapers were put into service. By afternoon it was possible for trucks from the CCC camp to crawl out to the main highway.

CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE NEXT WEEK'S CONTEST

Crow, With No Loses in I. O. O. F. League, to Meet C. G. With One Lose.

It seems likely that the championship in the I. O. O. F. basketball league is at stake in a game to be played here next Thursday with Crow, which has a record of eight straight wins. The locals have won four and lost one. Crow has defeated every team in the league except Cottage Grove and members of the local team are determined that next Thursday's game shall be their first defeat, which would put the two teams on an equal basis.

The only defeat for the locals came in a 33-32 game at Springfield Monday.

The local team has one of the sweetest scoring combinations in the league in Joe Bally and Orlo Bagley, high school coach. For the season Bally has a record of 58 points and Bagley has garnered 47, an average for the two of more than 10 points each to the game. Bagley has put fire and pep into every game. The Holland brothers are the big threat of the Crow team.

Manager Nixon will start Shofstall, rapidly regaining old form, at center and Bagley and Cox (last year's high school center) at forward positions. Bally, captain and former U. of O. star, is a sure starter as guard. The other guard position is a toss-up between Lloyd Griggs and Virgil Horn (last year's high school star). Other players certain to see lots of action are Thies, Goff and Wheeler.

To Entertain Over KORE.

Miss Myrtle Kem will give a vocal solo and Miss Esther Wicks a violin solo at 6:15 next Thursday evening over KORE, Eugene. They will be accompanied by Mrs. C. E. Caldwell. The program is being sponsored by Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary music sorority.

Dr. Victor Morris Speaks.

Dr. Victor P. Morris of the U. of O. economics department spoke at a meeting of the Grade Teachers' association Monday evening at Bartell hotel. The business meeting was preceded by a 6:30 dinner.

Tabloid Newspaper Gets Publicity for Its Home City

Cottage Grove's home newspaper always has brought a lot of publicity to the community, all without cost to the community. The recent change to "tabloid" size has resulted in a lot of favorable comment in newspapers of the state.

The Oregon City Daily Enterprise, published by new arrivals from California, devotes a two-column editorial to discussion of the change in Cottage Grove's home newspaper. The Enterprise said in part:

"Not to be outdone by any Portland Oregonian, when it comes to change in type dress and make up, The Cottage Grove Sentinel of which Elbert Bede is editor blossomed out last week in tabloid size. The new paper is five columns wide, about 17 inches deep and in its first bow to the public consisted of eight pages. That changes go beyond a mere stunt is clearly indicated by the editor in a two-column editorial entitled 'The Little Home Newspaper.'"

"Whatever the outcome of the change in The Cottage Grove Sentinel, the editor of The Enterprise admires Mr. Bede's straight-from-the-shoulder explanation, his courage and his clear cut summation of the problems of small newspapers everywhere.

"Perhaps the small tabloid size weekly is one of the answers. One of the best examples we know of a successful tabloid weekly is The Lindsay Gazette and Tuesday Times at Lindsay, California. This tabloid is one of the most successful weeklies in California and is edited by Ford Chatters, state assemblyman and former president of the California Newspaper Publishers association. The fact that some of the metropolitan tabs have failed has been due, in our estimation, not to mere size but to policy.

"Anyway, we wish Elbert Bede well. He has a clean cut, well edited newspaper with some attractive features."

Snow Blankets Ground Eleven Inches

The recent snow blanketed the ground in the lower levels to a depth of 11 inches, according to C. E. Stewart, cooperative weather observer. This was measuring to the bare ground, where there was no grass. Warm weather of the past two days has caused it to practically disappear.

Up Row river and over Lorane mountain a depth of 18 inches was reported, while in the higher mountains, including the Bohemia district, there was several feet.

A large part of the fall has disappeared during the past several warm days, but moved so gradually that there was no flood danger.

No serious automobile accidents were reported as a result of slippery pavements, and highway traffic was hardly interrupted.

Giant of Forest Crashes Mosby Creek Home

Mosby Creek, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rissue of Mosby creek had a narrow escape from death during the recent snow storm, according to word which has just reached here, when a fir tree 30 inches in diameter fell onto their house.

The building is of log construction and it is believed this fact saved the couple from death. Had the house been of frame construction the falling tree would have crushed it and probably the occupants. As it was, a few shakes were broken and a small hole was torn in the roof.

Old Time Sleigh Is Seen Here First Time

Probably for the first time in the history of the city an old time sleigh with horse team and chime bells was seen on the streets Friday. The outfit was driven by Almer Hunt of Delight Valley, who brought some of his neighbors to the city for a ride. The novelty attracted considerable attention and brought back fond memories to former residents of eastern states.

BALLADEERS CONCERT TO BE MUSICAL TREAT

All of Proceeds Are to Go to Keepers of the Den Milk Fund.

The musical treat of the season. That is what the concert Sunday afternoon by the Balladeers is expected to be. It will be presented at 3 o'clock in the high school gymnasium. There will be 30 voices.

The Balladeers are doing their part to continue the reputation of Cottage Grove as one of the musical centers of the state.

No profit whatever will go to the Balladeers from Sunday's concert. The entire net proceeds will go to the public schools milk fund sponsored by Keepers of the Den.

Special numbers will be given by the Treble Trio, composed of Miss Helen Ostrander, Miss Myrtle Kem and Miss Esther Wicks. Mrs. C. E. Caldwell will be accompanist. Miss Ostrander will be accompanist for the Balladeers. Mrs. Edna Pearson is director.

The complete program follows: Song of the Road (Protheroe). Sweet Genevieve (Tucker). Music All Powerful (Walmisley). Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Praetorius).

Solos—The Old Black Mare (Squire); Captain Mac (Sander-son); Shortnin' Bread (Jaques) Wolfe—Mr. England.

Goin' Home (Dvorak). Quartet—If You Can't Sing Whistle (Blight)—Messrs. Stewart, Webber, Nixon, Trask.

Trios—By the Bend of the River (Clara Edwards); Will You Remember (Romberg); Go Pretty Rose (Speaks); The Piper's Song (Risher); The Gypsies (Brahms). I Love You Truly (Bond).

Two Little Magpies (Wells) with Alvin Hodgson.

Calm as the Night (Bohm). The Balladeers will join with the Carolers (feminine voices) in giving a concert some time in February.

THOR JENSEN COMING FRIDAY MAT MATCH

Legion Sponsors First of Series of Planned Monthly Athletic Contests.

Headlining a wrestling card for tomorrow (Friday) night is Thor Jensen, bad man from Elkton, one of the most colorful rough and tumble bone crushers in the game. He will be pitted against Pug Ryan of Kansas City, who gives promise of being all the Elkton thunderbolt will be able to handle.

Of almost equal interest will be the bout between Jo Jo Holland of Hollywood and Sammy George of Ogden. Jo Jo took on Thor Jensen two weeks ago and won the match, so it is a cinch that the Ogden lad is going to be kept busy.

Pud Swanson of Cottage Grove and Max Lake of Springfield, fast lightweights, will mix in a preliminary and a surprise curtain raiser is being planned.

The American Legion, sponsoring the match, is planning similar cards once a month.

Winter Playground Area Is Proposed

A winter playgrounds area on the Brice creek road is an objective of the American Legion. Forestry officials are giving co-operation. It is believed that such an area could be developed near Lundpark, although not every year is there sufficient snow that far down the mountain.

There would be an ideal area at Glenwood on the Sharps creek road, but it would be too difficult to keep a road open to the area. Little work would be required to keep a road open to Lundpark.

Band Gives Concert Tonight.

The band will give a free concert tonight (Thursday) in the armory. The Sentinel is going to press shortly before the hour for the concert, for which reason complete details cannot be given, but there seems little doubt that there will be a large audience and no doubt as to a splendid program. John Stehn will direct.