

# The Oregon Statesman

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### RAIL OFFICIALS PROBING CAUSE NEMSMITH CRASH

Hearing To Be Held Today At Dallas; Two Men Dead, Woman Has Chance

### AUTO, GAS CAR COLLIDE

Sylvester and Allan Decker Caught Within Car, Former's Wife Is Thrown Clear; Still Unconscious

An attempt to fix responsibility for the accident which resulted in the killing of Sylvester Decker, 38, of Hugo, Josephine county, and Allan Decker, 18, of McCoy, and the possibly fatal injury of Mrs. Sylvester Decker, will be made in Dallas today by Southern Pacific officials. The public service commission will be represented.

The accident occurred at Nesmith crossing yesterday morning about 3:35 o'clock when an automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Decker and the former's brother was struck by a Southern Pacific gasoline car.

Woman Unconscious  
The two men died shortly after the collision. Mrs. Decker was taken to a Dallas hospital. At a late hour last night she was reported as still unconscious with a 50-50 chance to live.

Nesmith crossing is located in Folk county on the west side Pacific highway, about three-fourths of a mile south of Rickreall. It is the scene of several accidents, despite the fact that the view of the railroad track from the highway is practically unobstructed on both sides.

Not Traveling Fast  
Witnesses of the accident stated that both the automobile and the gasoline car were going at a comparatively low rate of speed.

Mrs. Decker was thrown clear of the automobile, but the two men were caught inside.

The gasoline car was in charge of Conductor R. T. Berkland and Motorman F. A. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Decker were visiting at the home of Decker's father, F. M. Decker, of McCoy. Allan Decker was accompanying them back to their home.

Bodies of the two men were taken to the Hinkle mortuary at Dallas, and relatives notified.

### NATIONAL GUARD MAY BE CALLED

### COLORADO STRIKERS FACE CONFLICT WITH TROOPS

Governor Makes Military Gesture by Sending State Airplanes to Scenes

### BAYES WINS; KNOCKOUT

### HERO LOSES HIGH CASTE

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### SMITH ELUDES PAYMENT

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### WHY DO WOMEN NOT AID ERRING

LESS CHARITABLE TO UN-FORTUNATE OF OWN SEX

At Least, So Says Police Matron: Proportion at Least 30 to One

Why do women take less helpful interest in erring boys than men take in erring boys? Do you know? Can you answer that age old question? Why should there be more justice in the attitude of women as compared unfavorably with the attitude of men?

This is not an interview. It is the result of a chance conversation by the reporter with Mrs. Myra L. Shank. She is the head of the trouble department of the city government as it is related to the erring youth of this section; more especially the unfortunate and sinning or sinned against girls and young women.

She is a police matron. And she is a busy woman. She has her waking hours filled with the various duties connected with her work which she sometimes finds interesting tasks. For there are some compensations, even for a conscientious police matron.

There are days when she may look back upon deeds of mercy with a cheerful heart, through the troubled skein of sorrow and sin and suffering of parents and kin and kind.

But as to the query in the first sentence.

Mrs. Shank says the proportion is at least 31 to 1 in favor of the boys and men. That is, she finds 30 or more men willing to come to the rescue of boys in trouble where she finds one woman.

Oh, she could cite cases by the hundreds, by the thousands. But she cannot name names. Her memories are a sealed book to the public. Must be.

She had a case lately that was different. The finding of this case through the interposition of a friendly tip by a sympathetic friend, and the discovery of a good woman, or two good women, willing to help an unfortunate girl, were both in the nature of accidents. They came from the

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### BOXER HAS NEW HURDLE

### Obstacle Put in Way of Spanish Fighter's Aspirations

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Entanglements with the New York state athletic commission that have risen to hamper Paolino Uscudani's attempts to fight his way into a title match with Gene Tunney, multiplied today with the decision that the Spanish heavyweight must fight Phil Scott of England before escaping the suspension that now hangs over him.

Paolino was "set down" two weeks ago for refusal to go through with the match, scheduled for November 4, at Madison Square Garden. He pleaded a sprained back and arm at that time but the chairman of the Spaniard's managerial board, Al Mayer, told the commission today that Paolino refused to fight Scott because of contract differences with Tex Rickard. Knute Dane, vice substitute for Paolino several days ago.

### RAIN SLOWS UP PAVING

### Ten Blocks Remain; Crew Now on North 19th Street

Heavy rain during the past few days has slowed up paving operations, and it may be necessary to discontinue for the season, Street Commissioner Low said yesterday. While the amount of paving done this year far exceeds that of last year, at least ten blocks remain on the quota set last spring.

The big paver is now on North 19th street where there are five blocks to pave. Jefferson street is next on the list if the weather clears sufficiently.

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