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MASSACRE BLAMED ON COAL OFFICIALS

Herrin Coroner's Jury Finds Deaths Due to Coal Companies' Men.

Herrin, Ill.—"We, the jury, find from the evidence that the deaths of decedents were due to acts direct and indirect of officials of the Southern Illinois Coal company. "We recommend that an investigation be conducted for the purpose of fixing the blame personally on individuals responsible." This was the verdict of the coroner's jury held here and its recommendation.

Non-union miners and guards fired first in the battle which claimed 22 lives, the military board appointed by Governor Len Small to investigate conditions in "bloody" Williamson county reported.

The report said that the killing started when two union men who went to the mine to protest to officials against operation with strikebreakers, were fired on by the mine guards.

The massacre was the act of a mob which got beyond the control of the cooler element, which was attempting to escort the captives to Herrin to "show them off to the boys," according to information gleaned here.

As soon as the forty-four non-union miners surrendered a cry went up for the lives of captives, persons who say they were eye witnesses state.

The leaders, it was said, finally were compelled to yield to the clamors of the mob that the prisoners "beat it." The fleeing men thereupon were shot down, beaten to death and one was known to have been hanged. They died, hunted across the fields, stoned, shot at, tied and dragged down dusty country roads.

Although a number of the miners shudder at the slaughter, all say "they got just what they deserved."

DISABLED VETERANS HOLD CONVENTION

San Francisco.—A spare and shattered battalion, broken on the wheel of war and counting in its numbers the blind, the halt and the lame, arose in inspiring salutation to the national banner Monday when the second annual convention of the disabled American veterans of the world war was called to order.

"A rendezvous of faith" was the phrase by which this initial session was referred to by the speakers. The whole convention, they said, is a plea to the country not to forget, as the broken veteran intends to cling to his faith in the things for which he fought.

Tuesday the serious formalities of the convention began in earnest, with a big parade from the Embarcadero to the civic center. In this the "Living Hall of Fame" appeared. This was comprised of state heroes from a score of states who were designated by their respective governors to add new fervor and inspiration to the convention.

The city council of Redmond has posted street improvement notices which call for more than five miles of cement sidewalks.

Oregon will be well represented at the annual convention of the National Education association to be held in Boston July 1 to 8.

Bernard O. Kemper of Rye Valley, Or., has been appointed postmaster at Rainbow Mine, a new office established in Malheur county.

LOCAL NOTES

The tourists are going through in great numbers and the auto camp grounds are filled nearly every night.

Mrs. Neech returned home from Portland where she had been attending the Rose Festival. Her son and his bride came home with her. They are here for a visit with his parents.

M. L. Morgan was a business visitor in Portland several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Weston and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Morgan and children were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nizer.

Mrs. Evelyn Scott, daughter-in-law of A. B. Chaffee and grand-niece of Mrs. H. H. Weston has returned to her home at Dexter, after being a guest at the Chaffee-Thienes wedding.

The T. E. Broyles and Packard families were picnickers at Irrigon last Sunday.

Frank Niles motored to Portland on a business trip Sunday.

It looks rather suspicious for a young bachelor to have a truck load of furniture sneaked from Messner to his ranch in the West end, after dark, doesn't it? We never thought of you Glen!

Miss Edna Broyles and Adna Chaffee were dancing the light fantastic at Arlington, on Monday night.

Mrs. A. S. Smith and daughter, Mary, left Messner for Kentucky on Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Fieking and Mrs. Messenger are on their way to Illinois for a vacation with their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hereim were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey last Monday evening.

Mr. King and family spent the day Sunday with the Mulkey family, it being the event of Miriane's fourth birthday.

Mesdames King, Christensen, and Larson with the children of Mrs. King and Sadie Larson were guests at Mildred Kutzner's birthday party Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Cramer, Mrs. Gibbons and daughter Norma, motored to Irrigon Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cramer and son, Basil, to spend the day with Mrs. B. Watkins.

Mesdames Garrett, Richardson and Hereim drove to Irrigon Thursday for cherries.

The Arson family were guests of Mrs. Hereim for dinner Sunday.

Road work in the East End is progressing rapidly and a great number of men and teams are at work.

GOES TO JAIL

William Cooper, of Hermiston, arrested Saturday for moonshining at his ranch near Hermiston Wednesday was fined \$250.00 and costs. Up to a late hour last night he had not paid his fine and it is believed that he will serve it out in jail.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

Switching of automobile license plates has become a common offense among unscrupulous motorists in Oregon. During June a total of twenty-nine arrests were made by officers of the state traffic department for this offense.

C. A. Sloat, Oakville, Linn county, school teacher, was "dressed in" at the state penitentiary after having pleaded guilty to assaulting two small Salem girls and being immediately sentenced to two life terms in prison by Judge Percy R. Kelly.

Three hundred petitions providing for 100 names each were put in circulation by the state headquarters of the American Legion through all local posts, seeking to have placed on the November ballot an initiative act entitled "anti-alien land ownership bill."

The Rosewell mineral springs property, once one of the state's most famous resorts, has been purchased by a Roseburg company which will proceed at once to restore the baths and develop a modern resort which is expected to become immediately popular.

Oregon will receive approximately \$3,000,000 for road improvement work from the federal government during the next three years under the terms of the transportation bill just signed by President Harding, according to Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer.

Tragedy marred the Portland Rose Festival marine parade, when H. B. Conroy, boatwain's mate aboard the battleship Connecticut, fell overboard from his vessel's entry in the parade and was drowned in the river a few feet below the draw span of the Morrison-street bridge.

Eight crews, all said to be employed by the same interests, have begun cruising as many separate tracts of timber in the Nebalem valley. Who the crews represent is not known but the extensive cruising is believed to be the forerunner of the sale of some large holdings of timberlands in that district.

Through action of the national geographic board, made known in a letter received at Bend Commercial club headquarters, the name of John Y. Todd, early pioneer of central Oregon, receives a permanent place on the scenic map of the state. Lost lake has ceased to be. Todd lake takes its place.

When the period for filing applications with the state bonus and loan commission expired, a total of 31,974 ex-service men had applied for loans and cash bonuses. No further applications will be accepted. Cash applications received total 18,287, representing \$3,528,589.70, and applications for loans number 13,687, requesting loans in the amount of \$33,751,400.

At a special meeting of the Canby city council, an ordinance providing for the collection of a license fee from all stage companies stopping in Canby was passed. The license fee was not set by the councilmen, but probably will be at the first meeting in July. The fact that the stages will be charged a fee when stopping here has aroused public interest. A number of business men have expressed disapproval of the ordinance.

According to a statement issued by Clyde G. Huntley, 67,640 personal income tax returns, representing net income of \$193,652,281 and normal and surtax of \$6,649,011, were filed in the Oregon office of the internal revenue collector for the calendar year of 1920. These figures show 17,977 more returns filed than in 1919, and a total net increase in income of \$27,411,675, but a decrease of \$1,583,426 in tax collected in Oregon.

George Potter, St. Helens city marshal and Cal Hoffmiller, deputy marshal and city traffic officer, pleaded guilty in City Recorder Godfrey's court to charges of disorderly conduct, and were fined \$10 each. The fines were the result of the fistie battle in the McBride school shed in West St. Helens between Officer Hoffmiller and E. E. Dewey Harrison, St. Helens groceryman. The fight was refereed by Marshal Potter.

Appeals in four of the friendly suits filed against the state bonus commission to test angles of the bonus law were filed with the supreme court under a stipulation which provides for the argument of all four cases at the same time. Points involved in the four suits include the right of a mother of a deceased ex-service man to participate in the bonus benefits, the right of an ex-service man to invest his bonus loan in business stocks and the question as to whether bonus money was to be regarded as part of the estate of a deceased ex-service man or went to the widow as a personal gift.

David F. West, 70, a farmer, shot and killed C. M. Kendall, sheriff of Linn county, and the Rev. Roy Healy, pastor of the Albany First Christian church, at West's farm home near Plainview, where they had gone to look for an illicit still, concerning which the sheriff had received information. Relatives of West telephoned the news of what had occurred and a posse of officers and citizens gathered and surrounded the house. West thereupon bade his wife a goodbye, which he told her would be his last, sent her to the home of a neighbor and then shot and killed himself. The general upward trend in the lumber business of the Pacific Coast has already resulted in the boosting of the price of box shooks from 13 to 15 cents each.

Crater Lake hotel has changed hands. A. L. Parkhurst has sold his interest in the concession without reservation, to the Crater Lake National Park company.

George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, was promoted from colonel to brigadier general in the national guard at Camp Lewis, according to advices received from camp.

Two hundred members of the Knight of Pythias lodges of Central Oregon attended the degree work staged on the top of Pilot Butte in Bend, the first indoor initiation held in Central Oregon.

Forty-six work horses were burned to death in the stables of James Lyons, a Portland contractor, 222 Union avenue, Friday night in a blaze that did comparatively little damage otherwise.

Alleged failure to enforce prohibition laws, and general inefficiency on the part of Ole Nelson, sheriff of Clatsop county, are said to be the basis of petitions asking a special election to recall the sheriff.

Tom Christensen, 38, prominent farmer and stockman, was instantly killed at Haines when a hay derrick he was moving came in contact with a high voltage line of the Western Oregon Light & Power company.

Otis Patterson has resigned as one of the board of appraisers for Grant county, representing the world war veterans' state aid commission for Oregon. E. B. Moore of John Day has been recommended as his successor.

J. C. Stevens, engineer for the Klamath Drainage district, filed with the state engineer tentative plans by which the district expects to issue bonds in the sum of \$20,000 and to develop approximately 27,000 acres of land.

SAM BOARDMAN USES CHEESE FOR BAIT

Heppner Herald

Sam Boardman, father of and booster extraordinary for the town that bears his name, was a visitor here Thursday night enlisting representatives from Heppner to attend a meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce on June 26 when that body has promised to get behind the Umatilla Rapids power project and help put 'er thru. Mr. Boardman wants every community in the country adjacent or tributary to the rapids to send at least one delegate to the Portland meeting just to show the Portland fellows that the Inland Empire means business. If the Umatilla project is developed it will mean the reclamation of 50,000 acres along the north boundary of the John Day project, Mr. Boardman says, and he is already looking for means to pry that chunk of acreage loose from the John Day and attach it to the Umatilla project. "It may take some jack screws and dynamite to jar it loose" Sam says, "but it is good soil and the town of Boardman will need it in a few years to make it become the metropolis of eastern Oregon."

Mr. Boardman is always boosting for his town and mostly carries a supply of bait to attract and hold his audience. This trip it was a large brick of Swiss cheese made by the Boardman Creamery Co., and to say that it was fine cheese is to put the matter mildly. Sam says he has a bouquet all its own, its characteristics being so pronounced as to sometimes lead to wrong conclusions. Mr. Boardman says the Missionary society has reorganized and is again doing fine work and that Jack Gorham reports "business good" in the store.

IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY IS SHORT

Irrigation water supply which so far this year has run exceptionally well, according to A. E. Perry, state watermaster for district No. 5, is very short from this date this year. The Umatilla river which has run high late in the season is now down to a measurement of 144 second feet at Campbell, near Barnhart, and is dropping at the rate of 20 feet a day.

"The water is going fast," watermaster Perry declares. Buttes are practically dry and other water in that section is low. The Furnish reservoir will be dry July 6 as five feet water have now been drawn and two feet per day are being used. The western land ditch, operated by the Westland irrigation district is now cut off from the river and the only ditch outside of the government project which will continue running thru the summer is the Allen ditch which is the oldest water right in the county and which supplies the alfalfa ranches about Echo.

At present the government reservoir is practically full, the canal run from the river continuing two weeks longer than usual and stopping only June 15. This run from the river was possible only on account of the continued high run of mountain water. Watermaster Perry declares that it is likely that the government dam will stop the season with as high which gets its water from the Umatilla thru the summer which is not expected to run short of 125 second feet during the hot weather. People of the east end of the county have practically an assured water supply from county.

NEW MEXICAN CRISIS DEVELOPS

Bandit Activities and Holding of Americans for Ransom Causes Discussion.

Washington, D. C.—The holding of forty American citizens for ransom by a Mexican general near Tampico, coming on the heels of the kidnaping of A. Bruce Bielaski, former chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, has produced another crisis in American relations with Mexico.

The two incidents have served to call in question President Obregon's power to protect Americans in Mexico and to bring the Harding administration face to face with the problem of enforcing respect for Americans and their property rights.

Although the customary representations have been made to the Mexican government by the state department, the use of armed forces by the United States to rescue the imperiled Americans and provisions for their future protection has been broached in the councils of the administration.

The forty American citizens and American property valued at a quarter of a million dollars are being held for ransom by the Mexican General Gorozabe. The seizure occurred Sunday morning and forty-eight hours from that time was allowed for the payment of 15,000 pesos ransom.

The property belongs to the Cortez Oil company, an American concern carrying on extensive operations in the Tampico field. The property seized was located at the Aguar station of the company, and the forty Americans captured are believed to have been employes of the company or at least connected with the oil industry in that region.

BROOKINGS BANK WINS INJUNCTION

Portland, Ore.—A permanent injunction was granted the Brookings State bank, of Brookings, Ore., restraining the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco from sending checks and drafts drawn upon the Brookings bank direct to the institution demanding "remittance in full without deduction for exchange or collection charges," by Judge Charles E. Wolverton, in United States district court.

The decision rendered in the Brookings case is of national importance, as it affects state banks throughout the country that are not members of the Federal Reserve system. All such banks, being without the pale of the federal reserve act, have the right, if they see fit, to charge reasonable exchange on remittances, according to the ruling.

Contract has been let and work started on a new three-story dormitory on the campus of the girls' college of the Eugene Bible university.

George Quayle, secretary of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, has submitted his resignation to the board of directors of that organization.

Resumption of work on a projected railway line between Klamath Falls and Bend has been undertaken in a modest way, according to R. E. Strahorn.

Work on the construction of a diversion dam in the Deschutes river and a canal to carry water to the Tumalo feed canal is expected to be started by July 1.

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EVIDENCE IS NOT LACKING BY
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