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HUNDREDS KILLED IN CHEMICAL EXPLOSION

ASHLAND IRON WORKS CLOSES AFTER 20 YEARS

DIRECTORS UNABLE TO REPLACE GEORGE W. DODSON—OPERATED FOR TWENTY YEARS—PAYROLL \$4000 MONTHLY.

The Ashland Iron Works, which has been in operation in the city of Ashland for the past twenty years, or more, is to close down. Yesterday afternoon, the directors met and decided that, owing to the death of George Dodson, the former president and manager of the works, and the inability of the directors to obtain a suitable person to take his place, it was decided to close down the plant, have an inventory and appraisement made of the property belonging to it, and to sell the plant.

The iron works for many years has been an institution that has paid out from \$2500 to \$4000 in wages monthly to its employees, and it is quite a loss to the city to be deprived of the monthly payroll, as well as the loss to the employees who have been with the institution for many years.

During the world war, the plant did an immense amount of work for the government, and to the credit of the management it can be said that there was never any work done by the plant that was rejected by the government.

Last winter arrangements were made by the Moro Pump company for the plant to manufacture a number of Moro pumps, which it has done, and the pumps are giving remarkably good satisfaction, and it had been hoped that the plant would be used for the extensive manufacture of those pumps, as they have now all patterns and appliances for the speedy manufacture of the same, but Mr. Dodson's death will undoubtedly change all plans along these lines, unless some company can be organized to take over and operate the plant. In order to do this, it would be necessary to increase the capitalization of the company at least \$50,000, so that the pumps could be made in large quantities, and the demand for them be supplied, but the capitalists of this city have ever been slow in investing in industrial enterprises so much needed and so important to the welfare of the city.

The present stockholders have been in the harness so long that they feel now as if they wished to avoid further responsibility in connection with the enterprise.

G. S. Butler, vice president of the company, will assume charge of the business of the corporation towards the winding up of its affairs.

Medford Engineer Resigns; General Shakeup Results

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 21.—The resignation of District Engineer R. W. Rea followed a report made here Monday evening at a meeting of the directors of the Medford irrigation district. The report urged Engineer Rea's resignation. In addition to the engineer's resignation the following changes have been made as a result of the meeting: Resignation of Leonard Carpenter, director.

Appointment of ex-City Engineer R. H. Thompson, of Seattle, in complete charge of contractor's work.

J. A. Westerlund named director to succeed Carpenter.

State Engineer Cupper asked to recommend at once engineer to replace Rea.

Assurance by Pat Welch, contractor, that water will be secured in 1922.

Republicans Win Election of Senator In New Mexico

SANTE FE, N. M., Sept. 21.—Reports from all precincts in New Mexico, incomplete and unofficial, give Senator Bursum, republican, a majority of 7000 over Richard Hanna, democrat, in Tuesday's special senatorial election.

Republican leaders are claiming the victory is a vote of confidence in the Harding administration which was made the leading issue in a vigorous campaign that preceded the election.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOC. TO START PROGRAM SEPT. 23

WILL ENTERTAIN TEACHERS AT RECEPTION THIS COMING FRIDAY

Dressmaking classes organized and instructed under the supervision of the Parent-Teachers association will meet Monday of next week for the first time this school year at the home of Mrs. Kittle Huntsberry, on Factory street, and in the high school building. Mrs. Huntsberry, dressmaking instructor employed by the association, will hold the first class at her home from 12 o'clock in the morning. The second class will be held at the high school building from 2:30 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Four classes of eight members each are planned. Each class will meet three times a week for instruction. Although a tuition fee is charged, part of the expense entailed in the payment of instructors is borne by the state in accordance with the Smith-Hughes act.

Initiate Classes Last Year
The dressmaking classes were initiated last year by the Parent-Teachers association with great success. A large membership is expected for this year, according to Mrs. Louis Dodge, president of the organization. There are a few vacancies still left in the classes now forming, Mrs. Dodge states. Women who are interested in the classes are asked to announce their intention of joining before the classes start.

Millinery classes will be started at the library September 27, under the instruction of Mrs. Thelma Gray, from 7 to 10 o'clock in the evening. Two classes will be formed and instructed four evenings of each week. Twenty women have already enrolled in the classes. Mrs. Dodge states that if sufficient interest is taken in the work, that arrangements will be made for an extra afternoon class.

Teachers' Reception
A public entertainment reception of the grade and high school teachers will be given Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Hawthorne school annex, formerly the Temple of Truth, by the Parent-Teacher association. It is planned to make the affair a social gathering where the teachers will form new friendships among Ashland residents. An entertainment program is being planned for the meeting, which will be open to the public. Members of the reception committee are: Mesdames F. D. Wagner, G. A. Briscoe, H. C. Galey, D. Perozzi, F. S. Engle and the Misses Minnie Poley and Ida Myers.

Successful Organization
With the initiation of reading courses in both the junior high and grade schools, the installation of a sand box and croquet ground in the children's playground in Lithia park, and assisting in the work done on the park tennis courts this summer, the Parent-Teachers association closed a successful year at the con-

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Settling Tank Is Proposed By City Dads; Gather Data

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT EAGLE POINT; ONE IN HOSPITAL

Wilbur (Wig) Jacks is in the Sacred Heart hospital at Medford, with two bullet wounds in his body, and Rollie Matthews is in the custody of the sheriff, as a result of a shooting affray at Eagle Point Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock. Bad blood has existed between the two for five years, according to the sheriff, over the attentions Matthews is alleged to have paid to Jacks' wife. Jacks was operated upon yesterday afternoon by Drs. Hart and Sweeney. His condition is regarded as serious. Both bullets entered near the hips, one from in front, one from behind. Matthews was on horseback at the time of the shooting.

After the shooting Matthews returned to his home, where he awaited the coming of the authorities, and Jacks was removed to his rooms at the home of Mrs. Lottie Van Scoy in Eagle Point. Later he was brought to Medford for an operation.

Conflicting stories are told by both sides. According to John Nichols, in front of whose place the shooting occurred, he heard loud talking, heard two shots, and saw a revolver in Matthews' hand. Jacks crawled over the wire fence, and fell to the ground. Nichols says Jacks, a distant relation by marriage, had no gun.

No Self Defense
In a statement to Sheriff Terrill, Jacks said, according to the sheriff: "There is no self defense about it. He said he was going to shoot me, and I said, 'Go ahead and do it, you son of a bitch. I don't care.'"

A further statement from Jacks could not be secured, owing to the pain and weakness he was under.

Sheriff Terrill and Deputies Glenn Terrill and Forncrook, went to the Matthews home and were greeted by Matthews, who surrendered. Asked where the gun was, he re-entered the house, and gave up two rev-

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Wish Ashland had a few more public-spirited citizens like G. S. Butler. The past four years he has made the following donations to Ashland: In combination with D. Perozzi, he donated the fine art fountain at the park entrance, at a cost of some three thousand dollars; he contributed the beautiful marble statue of Abraham Lincoln for the park, at a cost of three thousand dollars, and just recently he built at a cost of \$4000 and donated the beautiful log cabin which stands across the creek from the park, to the Pioneers' society of Southern Oregon. He paid all this out of his own pocket, without flaunting or ostentation and without asking the women of Ashland to get out and hustle the money to pay for the gifts, or attempting to boost a private business through public benefactions. Such men are real benefactors.

HAZ KIK.

ATTENDANCE AT CRATER LAKE NOW 27,338

Attendance figures at Crater Lake up to last Saturday night shows a 56.5 per cent increase in automobiles and 48 per cent in people over last year. The automobiles entering the park for the same period in 1920 were 4841, for this year 7577, an increase of 2736. The number of people visiting the scenic wonder in 1920 was 18,514, and so far this year 27,338, an increase of 8824.

For the month of September to date, 300 autos and 1147 people have entered the park.

NECESSITY BEFORE FILTER IS OPINION OF CITY ENGINEER

Pursuant to plans for a settling tank, disapproved of the early part of this year, Ashland's water supply may be cleared of sediment during the early spring months by the installation of a settling tank at the city's electric power house in Ashland canyon, according to action taken by the city council yesterday evening. Collection of engineering data for the proposed project and the possible installation of a filter will be made by Earl Hosler, water superintendent, at the order of the council. According to last year's plans the settling tank will cost approximately \$8000. Mr. Hosler will obtain information on both the settling tank and the filter for a report to be made at the next regular meeting of the city council.

The proposed improvement was presented to the council by Mayor Lamkin, after stating that frequent complaints had been made against the condition of the water during the fresher period of Ashland creek. The subject was the cause of a lengthy discussion among the city dads. Concluding remarks favored the settling tank installation. Mr. Hosler will communicate with a company selling filter and settling tank equipment.

The possible cost of \$40,000 for a filter makes such an installation more remote than the settling tank, which, it was stated at the meeting, would make an improvement in the water supply. City Engineer Walker stated that the tank would be needed if a filter were placed in the canyon.

"The settling tank will not act as a cure-all," Engineer Walker said "but it will help, and we'll have to install one anyway if we ever have a filter."

It was suggested by members of the council that reservoirs in the canyon would act as settling basins. Engineer Walker stated that a set-

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"Fatty" Admitted Death Injury Is Sworn Statement

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Sept. 21.—A sworn statement that Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, the fat man of the movies, admitted to him the morning after the alleged attack on Virginia Rappe, movie actress of this city, that he inflicted an injury that might have caused her illness, was made before the grand jury here today by Al Semmacher, Miss Rappe's manager. The statement caused a great sensation here.

GERMAN TOWN WRECKED; 1,000 DEAD ESTIMATE

EXPLOSION SHAKES EARTH—THREE TRAINLOADS OF WORK-MEN ARE SMOTHERED—\$37,000,000 DAMAGE.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—The management of the chemical works which exploded at Oppau today estimate that 1000 were killed in the disaster and that 800 are so severely injured that they will probably die. In addition to the seriously injured and dead, hundreds of others are suffering from injuries and burns.

The force of the explosion was felt fifteen miles away at Oppau, a small town near Ludwigshafen.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Several hundred are reported killed and injured in a terrific explosion in the plant of the Baden Aniline Works, at Ludwigshafen, according to a dispatch received here today.

The explosion had the force of an earthquake, destroying houses, tearing down telephone and telegraph poles and smashing everything in its path. The scene of the blast and the surrounding territory was described as a veritable battlefield, covered with wreckage and mangled bodies. The first report estimated the casualties at 700, but subsequent dispatches magnified the extent of the disaster with an appalling loss of life.

Three trains in which workmen were riding to work were completely buried under the debris. Fire followed the explosion. The dense clouds of smoke and chemical fumes which poured from the wrecked vats hindered the rescue work.

The total amount of damage is estimated at \$37,000,000.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—The little town of Oppau, in the Rhine Palatinate, was completely destroyed in an explosion of the chemical works there, according to advices reaching Berlin tonight.

The neighboring cities have converted schools and public buildings into hospitals to care for the wounded who are afflicted with serious injuries.

First Snowfall Of Season At Lake On Sunday

CRATER LAKE, Or., Sept. 21.—Sunday was a stormy day at the lake but the lodge full of guests enjoyed themselves and the big fireplace. Sunday night the rain turned into snow, and several inches fell during the night. It was still snowing Monday morning. The wind blew hard Sunday evening, and Ray Pruitt's car had a narrow escape from going over the rim. It was moved about thirty feet and stopped within six feet of the edge by an overturned bench, the legs of which it drove eight or nine inches into the ground.

It is prophesied that the weather will clear after this snow and if it is like other years, it will be more beautiful than ever at the lake.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Forty barrels of whiskey were seized in the railroad yards here today en route to San Francisco from New York. Officials withheld the name of the consignee, but full details were wired to San Francisco where it is believed investigation will reveal a bootlegging ring.

MASS WELCOME TO GEN. PERSHING BY FRENCH PEOPLE

AMERICAN GENERAL TO PAY HONOR TO "UNKNOWN SOLDIER," FRANCE

HAVRE, France, Sept. 21.—Greeted by picked American troops, French officials and cheering masses of waving civilians, General Pershing arrived here today and after two hours packed with ceremonies, departed for Paris.

General Pershing is on a mission from the United States government to honor France's "unknown warrior," who lies buried in the Arc de Triomphe. He will select the body of the "unknown American soldier," that will be buried with national honors in the Arlington cemetery, typifying the country's gratitude to the humble men of the ranks in the world war.

Supporters of the "bone dry" search and seizure provision of the anti-beer bill, failed to force a conference report on the measure to vote. Senator Reed served notice to his opponents that he intended to discuss it "at considerable length" before permitting a vote.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—Supporters of the "bone dry" search and seizure provision of the anti-beer bill, won the first skirmish in the fight over the measure in the senate by a vote of 33 to 7. The "drys" defeated a motion to adjourn made by their opponents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—Denouncing the German-American treaty as the "most insurmountable obstacle to disarmament," Senator Borah said he would oppose and vote against its ratification by the senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—The treaties of peace between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary were sent to the senate today by President Harding without any accompanying messages.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 19.—A lone bank, believed to be the same man who staged a \$9000 robbery early today, held up a messenger for a drug company and escaped in a Ford with about \$10,000 cash.

There's a Big Welcome Awaiting Him



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