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FARMER KILLED WHILE ASLEEP

Young Rancher of Sam's Neck Region, Siskiyou County, Is Brutally Murdered.

Released Suspects of Tunnel Holdup Are Believed to Have Committed Latest Crime.

YREKA, Nov. 2.—A murder matching in brutality the slaying of Southern Pacific trainmen at the mouth of tunnel No. 13 in the Siskiyou on October 11th and linked with that crime through two of the same suspects was uncovered late yesterday with the finding of the body of Fred Skein, 20 years old, a young rancher, at the home of his mother in the Sam's Neck region, seventy miles northwest of here. Owing to the inaccessibility of the district in which the murder occurred particulars were not obtained until a late hour today.

Skein had been slain while he slept. His murderers, believed to be two, escaped in the automobile of the victim's mother, Mrs. Dolly Skein, who was in Klamath Falls at the time of the crime. They also took two shotguns and two rifles from the Skein home. So far as is known here, no money or other valuables were taken and the motive for the murder is left to speculation.

Wide Search Started

A wide search has been started by Sheriff A. S. Calkins, who has sent descriptions of two of the suspects to county authorities and local police throughout Superior California and Southern Oregon. The descriptions sent out by the sheriff are those of Bill Black and Bill Hard, the former declared to be but 19 years old.

The Sam's Neck region is a remote mountainous locality and full details of the crime have not yet reached here. The coroner of Siskiyou County today was enroute to the Skein ranch to claim the body and make investigation.

Hired Man Missing

One report reaching here is that a hired man on the Skein ranch has been reported missing since the finding of Skein's body. It also is reported that he was hired by the Skeins following the questioning of four men in Dorris by Sheriff Calkins on the day following the tunnel holdup. He was said to be one of these four who succeeded in establishing an alibi and the other men suspected in the murder is thought to have been one of his companions.

An automobile of the same make as that stolen from the Skein ranch following the murder was seen at 5 o'clock last evening at Mount Dome, headed for Weed. It was three men said to correspond in descriptions to three of the four released Dorris suspects for the tunnel holdup.

One theory of a possible motive advanced here is that granting the crime to have been the work of some of the Dorris suspects in the tunnel hold-up, young Skein learned too much of the quartet's recent activities for their safety during a drinking party party at the ranch Wednesday night and that his death was decided upon as the only means of preventing their apprehension for some crime.

Sheriff Calkins said today that report reaching him of the murder was that it was committed by two men who had been trapping in the vicinity.

GASOLINE NETS \$247,500

Report Made on Tax Collected by State in September.

SALEM, Nov. 3.—State tax collected from gasoline and distillate sales in Oregon during September aggregated \$247,500.34, according to a report prepared here today by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

Of the total tax collected, \$81,452.82 was from the operation of the original law imposing a tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline and 1/2 cent a gallon on distillate, while \$166,047.52 was returned under the additional tax law providing for a uniform rate of 2 cents a gallon on all kinds of motor vehicle fuels.

The September sales of gasoline represented an increase of approximately 26 per cent over the same month in 1922. The increase in the distillate sales was 52 per cent.

ROYAL WEDDING ATTRACTS

LONDON, Nov. 3.—King George, of England, King Gustaf, of Sweden, and queens, princesses and princesses of both nations, together with other notables, crowded the tiny chapel of St. James' Palace for the marriage of Crown Prince Adolf, of Sweden, to Lady Louise Mountbatten, who is a member of England's royal family.

333,017 ARE REGISTERED FOR ELECTION ON NOV. 6

Registration of voters for the special election to be held in Oregon November 6 totals 333,017, according to reports received at the offices of the secretary of state from various counties.

The registration prior to the general election held November 7, 1922 was 333,055, while the votes cast at the election numbered 241,267. Due to the fact that only one state-wide measure will appear on the ballot at the special election next Tuesday officials predicted today that not more than 35 per cent of the registered vote will be cast. This percentage of the registered vote will be exceeded in Multnomah, Linn and a few other counties where local measures are at issue.

In Jackson county 11,845 voters are registered.

INSURANCE CARRIED BY DR. BRUMFIELD IS PAID TO HIS WIFE

An interesting item in the Roseburg Weekly News Review is the fact that \$20,000 has been paid Mrs. M. Melvin Brumfield as insurance carried by her husband, Dr. Richard Melvin Brumfield, perpetrator of one of the oddest murder cases in the country. The suicide of Dr. Brumfield came a short time before he was to be hanged in the state penitentiary for the murder of Dennis Russell.

In accordance with the last wishes of the deceased man, Mrs. Brumfield started "gypsying" through the country. A short time after the death of her husband, Mrs. Brumfield became Mrs. Howard Mozena and appeared at Roseburg where she was accosted by authorities to get money for bills due that city.

After satisfactorily disposing of business there, she and her three sons, and her new husband, left Roseburg.

The item states that a rumor has it that one of the boys had been placed in an eastern orphanage but was taken out by a family who declared their intentions of adopting the lad. It is not known, according to the Roseburg paper what became of the other two chaps. It is thought that Mrs. Mozena is living in St. Louis.

RECRUITING OFFICER WILL RECEIVE ARMY APPLICANTS

Sergeant Grover C. Owen from the Army Recruiting Station, Medford, Oregon, will be in Ashland, Oregon from Monday, November 4th to 10th inclusive, for the purpose of examining and accepting applicants for enlistment in the U. S. Army.

Sergeant Owen is authorized to accept qualified men for practically all camps and stations on the Pacific Coast, Hawaiian Islands, Panama, Mexican Border and the Atlantic Coast. Men for the Atlantic Coast will be sent by Army transport thru the Panama Canal to New York City.

SABOTAGE IS CHARGED TO I. W. W. IN RICE FIELDS

WILLOWS, Cal., Nov. 2.—Members of the I. W. W. employed in the rice fields were responsible for nearly a dozen acts of vandalism on harvests and separators in Glenn county within the last ten days, and these instances of sabotage are the direct results of threats embodied in a resolution adopted at a recent I. W. W. meeting in Stockton.

This was the statement here today of Sheriff Roy Heard, who spent yesterday in a thorough investigation of reports reaching his office that tools, chains and railroad spikes had been fed to harvesters clogging the running gear and causing cessation of work for repairs.

LEGION PLANS CAMPAIGN FOR 10,000 MEMBERS

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—A state-wide campaign, having as its goal a membership of 10,000 in the state of Oregon, is to be launched by the American Legion, beginning Armistice day. This was announced yesterday by Harry N. Nelson, state adjutant of the legion.

Fred E. Kiddle of Island City, department commander of the legion, has placed this campaign at the head of activities for the coming year and every effort will be made to line up all the posts in the state in the drive.

The state membership of the legion last year was 7100.

Classified ads bring results.

NATIONAL PARK DIRECTOR HERE

Stephen T. Mather Visits in Ashland on Way To Attend McCormick Funeral.

Mather and Late Official of S. P. Were Warm Friends—McCormick Oregon's Friend.

Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service, spent a few minutes in Ashland yesterday afternoon en route to San Francisco to attend the funeral of the late E. O. McCormick, vice president of the Southern Pacific company.

Mr. Mather is direct from a conference of park superintendents held in the Yellowstone park and is being accompanied by A. B. Cammerer, assistant director of the national park service, their respective wives, and John M. Scott, general passenger agent for Oregon.

Pays Tribute to McCormick

In paying tribute to Mr. McCormick, Mr. Mather says: "The death of Mr. McCormick comes as a terrible blow to me and is a great loss to the national park service, and especially to Oregon, where Mr. McCormick has always been interested. No railroad man in the country has had as great a human touch with people as had the late vice-president, who also held a unique position in the railroad world.

The acquaintance of Mr. Mather and Mr. McCormick has been a long and pleasant one, starting in Chicago, where, through the ability of Mr. McCormick, as president of the California society of Illinois, he pushed coast products to markets in the east. In 1915, during the term of Mr. McCormick, the National Park service secured the first bit of broad gauge advertising when the railroads, aided in publishing the National Park Folio.

"Mr. McCormick was a great-out door man and was always the life of the party," says Mr. Mather in commenting on his congenial manner. Mr. Mather related many interesting incidents made on trips to Mt. Whitney, the high Sierras and Crater Lake.

"He accompanied me on four visits here and to the Crater Lake park. Through his work, improvements was started on the Crater Lake and Ranier parks, giving people better service than they had ever before," declares Mr. Mather.

One of the best pieces of work he did was to join the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives at Ogden and accompany them on a visit to the national parks and reclamation projects in 1920. Through his wonderful cooperation and by making that trip so pleasant, Mr. McCormick was formally elected a member of the committee with full power.

In 1921 on Mr. Mather's trip here, Mr. McCormick helped to introduce Secretary Fall, head of the department of interior. "On all trips to the coast, the late man was always more than ready to help in the parks and I feel that he has been a real partner," says Mr. Mather.

A widow and four children survive Mr. McCormick. One son, Henry, was a park ranger this summer in the Yellowstone and gave a good account of himself. He is at present at the Georgetown University in Washington.

Mr. Mather has been selected as one of the pall bearers at the funeral of the late E. O. McCormick.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC GETS CARS

SALEM, Nov. 3.—The Southern Pacific company today received through its Ashland gateway 148 closed and 39 open cars, which will relieve materially the car shortage in western Oregon. Receipt of these cars was reported to the Oregon public service commission today by the railroad officials.

PYTHIANS WILL GATHER AT MEDFORD MONDAY NIGHT

Monday night will prove an enjoyable event in the History of Pythianism in Jackson county. Forty candidates from Medford and more from other points in the southern part of the state will be received into the order that night at Medford. It is also reported that a few candidates are coming from northern California.

The initiation will be preceded by an illuminated parade, in which a few hundred Pythians will participate. A large number of Ashland Knights of Pythias will attend the ceremonies and celebration.

INTERNATIONAL LIVE STOCK SHOW OPENS TODAY IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—Doors of the immense pavilion at North Portland swung open this morning for the thirteenth annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

Barns and stables under the roof of the ten-acre buildings are crowded to capacity with the aristocrats of pure-bred herds and flocks from the entire western country, including Canada, together with notable entries from many eastern states. Hundreds of artistic exhibits and displays by Pacific Coast merchants and manufacturers, with extensive industrial and educational exhibits, hay, grain, and dairy displays add to the general color of the pavilion.

Sixty thousand school children were expected to pass through the gates today, it being school children's day. A total attendance for the week this year is set at 150,000 against 161,000 for last year. Local civic clubs are doing all possible to insure a record attendance.

Horse shows will be features of the evening performances. Some of the finest five-gaited, high-stepping animals in the country will compete for honors and the best jumpers in the Northwest and Canada as well as California are here for the events.

DISCRIMINATION CHARGED IN DELEGATES ALLOWED

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—Charging that California and other states, including Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts, and New York are being penalized under the proposed proportionate rule for delegates to the next Republican national convention, Albert Boynton, chairman of the California state committee, issued a statement today demanding a representation of 39 delegates for California, instead of 28, as assigned. Boynton said that the states mentioned are being denied their representation "for no other purpose than to preserve the disproportionate representation of states comprising the solid south."

OREGON TRAIL TO REMAIN OPEN THROUGHOUT WINTER

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—Intention to keep the Old Oregon Trail open through the Blue mountains all winter was announced today by Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer, in a communication received by the Chamber of Commerce.

For that purpose, according to the communication, snow plows and other equipment have been stationed at strategic points and unless an unusually heavy snowfall occurs the highway department expects to handle the situation without any serious difficulty.

The highway commission also is arranging to keep the highway open between La Grande and Ontario, so that unless some unforeseen difficulty is encountered the Old Oregon Trail will be open all year between Portland and Ontario.

ANNUAL RED CROSS DRIVE

Campaign for Membership Conducted Annually Will Open Monday.

Mrs. J. R. Wick Heads Local Drive—Ashland Expects to Secure 1,000 Members.

The annual membership drive of the Red Cross will be ushered in in Jackson county Monday and it is expected that before the campaign is ended the roll of the county will equal, if not exceed, that of the year just closing.

Due to the absence of Mrs. Sam Mc Nair, president of the local chapter, and of Mrs. W. M. Denton, who was acting in the place of the former, Mrs. J. R. Wick will head the drive in Ashland. Captains, to cover the various districts of the town and country, will not be appointed unless people are slow to respond to the movement, but it is believed that the local quota of members will be obtained at an early date.

Booths will be established at the three banks and the post office to receive memberships, and in this connection Mrs. Wick requests volunteers to divide the work of presiding at the booths.

Last year Ashland produced a thousand members. It is hoped to exceed that number this year.

Fifty per cent of the funds secured locally in the membership drive remains for use in Ashland.

CIRCUIT JUDGE TAZWELL IS SUED FOR \$22,500

PORTLAND, Nov. 2.—Suit for \$22,500 was filed against Judge Tazwell of the circuit court late Wednesday afternoon by James N. Davis, local attorney. Davis alleges that certain statements made by the judge in a recent newspaper interview were libelous. The interview dealt with certain charges brought against the judge by Davis. In the statement, Judge Tazwell threatened to lay Davis' charges before the grand jury for investigation.

YOUNG LOGGER KILLED IN MARSHFIELD CAMP

MARSHFIELD, Nov. 2.—William McCarthy was killed at the McCarthy Brothers logging camp yesterday when a log rolled over his body while the victim was setting the choker. The young man's relatives reside in New Brunswick. He will be buried here. George Serafin employed by the Coos Bay Lumber company at camp No. 7, died last night at Mercy hospital, following amputation of one leg near the groin. The member having been crushed between two logs in the camp.

DESPITE AN EXTRA GUARD ROBBERS GET THE SAFE

YAKIMA, Nov. 2.—Though a number of extra watchmen were placed on duty at Wapato last night burglars early this morning broke down the front door of the town's leading pool hall, rolled out a 400-pound safe and hauled it by truck to the river, about a mile away.

The safe was found this morning. The robbers got about \$350 for their night's work.

PROMINENT HELENA PEOPLE IN FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 3.—Mrs. Nelson Storey, Jr., is dead and her husband, Lieutenant Governor Storey of Montana, seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident in Idaho late yesterday. No details have been received but it is believed Storey lost control of the car on one of the dangerous mountain passes in the northern part of that state.

AGATE SCHOOL BOY WINS LEGION ESSAY CONTEST

Howard Dietrich of Agate School has won first place in the county American Legion essay contest according to the report of the judging committee appointed by the county superintendent. The subject written upon is, "Why America Should Prohibit Immigration for Five Years."

George Heryford of Mt. Pitt School stands second in the contest. The two boys mentioned will doubtless hear from the officers of the American Legion here.

TEA POT TEMPEST IS ENDED; ROSE CITY MORALS ARE SAVED

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—Public morals are "safe" for a while in Portland for the five nude female figures cast in terra cotta, which adorned the facade of the Ungar building, under construction in the downtown business area, have been covered from the view of pedestrians and motorists.

A small-sized tea-pot tempest was started when a few women protested against the nude figures as being detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city. The city council took an official look at the maidens and forthwith decided it was not "art" and that it was "outrageous" for the nudes to appear outdoors, rather than in their accustomed places in art museums.

The owner of the building has agreed to remove the offending figures. Meanwhile he has covered the unruly nymphs with a canvas on which is inscribed the French phrase, "Hondi soit qui maly pense."—"Evil to him who thinks."

BAVARIA SENDS ULTIMATUM TO CHANCELLOR STRESSMANN

BAVARIA, Nov. 3.—Bavaria has sent an ultimatum to Chancellor Stressmann declaring it will give marching orders to Bavarian troops that are concentrated on the Hungarian frontier, unless a dictatorship similar to that prevailing in Bavaria is proclaimed throughout the entire state. Bavaria has an armed nationalist dictatorship. It is reported that the Stressmann cabinet might resign for the purpose of reorganization following the retirement of the Socialist members.

GEORGE SAYS BRITAIN AND AMERICA CAN BRING PEACE

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Just before the liner Majestic, bearing Lloyd George, pulled out, the wartime premier predicted that the United States and England "pulling together" could force a settlement of the German reparations claims.

BANDITS STILL AT LARGE

Despite Rumors, Officers Are Not Following Definite Clue.

Official information obtained this afternoon relative to the hunt for the Siskiyou bandits indicates that the officers are still at sea in the chase, and are following no definite clue. Dan O'Connell, who is superintending the search is usually kept well informed on the progress, and he reports no developments during the past few days. Clues are received daily and all are trailed to the end but without results up to the present.

No definite information is at hand relative to the supposition that the D'Autremonts were seen in Mexico and again in Texas.

MAN ACCUSED OF ATTACKING WOMEN LYNNED BY A MOB

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Nov. 3.—Eleven masked men overpowered the guards of the jail at Euala, south of here, seized Dallas Howell, who is accused of attacking a woman, and lynched him, according to word received here today. Telephone wires leading to Muskogee were cut by the lynchers, forestalling pursuit. Howell's body was found hanging in a barn by the officers.

DISASTEROUS FIRE AT COTATI

COTATI, Cal., Nov. 3.—Fire destroyed the offices, main warehouse, and several thousand feet of lumber in the yards of the Cotati Lumber Co. The entire community joined in fighting the flames. The loss is expected to run into the thousands.

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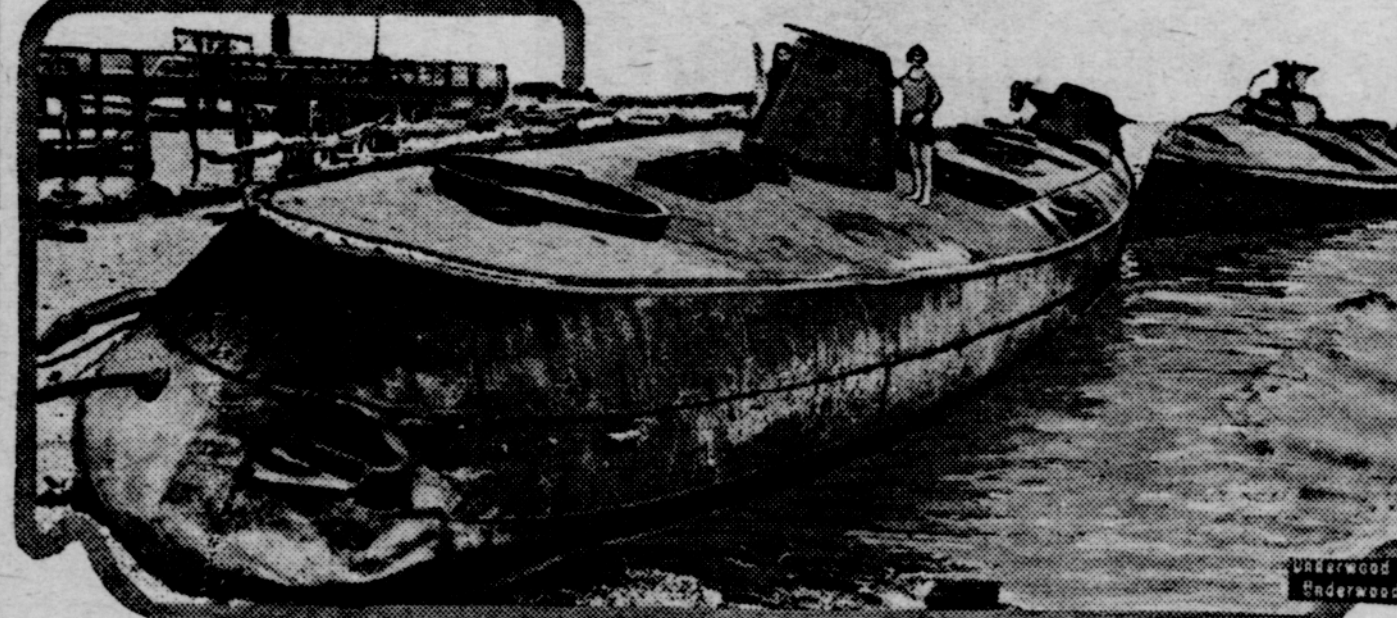
IN MEMORIAM WINS

LATONIA, Ky., Nov. 3.—In a race that attracted thousands of racing fans from all over the country, and one participated in by the nation's best three-year-old in Memoriam won first, defeating Vev, recent conquerer of Papyrus, the English champion.

In Memoriam finished five lengths ahead of Zev, who was second, My Own, the Grayson colt, finished third.

The race upset the dope of sporting fraternity. Zev was picked to win, but many figured that My Own would take the famous classic. The winner was not expected to place above third.

Famous War Vessel Now Used as a Breakwater



The battered hulk of the old U. S. S. Winslow, the destroyer on whose decks at Cadonas, Cuba, May 11, 1898, Ensign Worth Bagley and four other men—one-third of the entire United States naval casualties of the Spanish-American war—met their death, is here seen as part of a breakwater beneath Sagamore Hill at Oyster Bay, Long Island, which has been made out of a number of famous old war vessels.