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ONE KILLED THREE HURT IN ACCIDENT

Ashland Car Goes Off Grade on Shasta River Killing "Mickey" O'Brien.

OTHERS WILL RECOVER

Miss Purvis and Miss Loomis Have Narrow Escape—"Red" Watson in Hospital

Bernard T. "Mickey" O'Brien, well known Ashland resident was killed, perhaps instantly, at 7:30 yesterday evening when a car which he was driving and which was also occupied by the Misses Nell Purvis and Dorris Loomis, and "Red" Watson went off the grade of the Pacific highway at a point about eight miles this side of Yreka. The party left Ashland yesterday morning in the car owned by Major C. H. Loomis for Hawkinsville, Cal., where they spent the day and had dinner with relatives of O'Brien. The party started home, with O'Brien driving. When nearing the second bridge, opposite an old mine, along the Shasta river at about 7:30, they met two cars occupied by tourists. The Loomis car was compelled to take the outside in passing the two and as near as can be learned O'Brien, either blinded by the lights drove too close to the edge, or else the bank gave way, allowing the Loomis car to go over the grade. The bank is almost precipitous at that point and the car turned end over end and was catapulted to the river, a distance of approximately 100 feet. Miss Purvis, Miss Loomis and Watson were thrown free of the car on its mad dash down the bank, but O'Brien, undoubtedly held in by the steering wheel, remained with it until it landed in the river. Although side curtains were on, Miss Purvis was thrown out when the car first turned over; at the second turn Miss Loomis was thrown out, and Watson was thrown free of it before it landed in the river. The members of the two tourist parties rendered every possible assistance in aiding the injured and rushed Watson, who sustained a severe scalp wound, to the hospital at Yreka. Other passing motorists coming north to Ashland picked up the two ladies and brought them home. They arrived here at 9:30, both suffering from shock and bruises. They were both taken to the Community Hospital, of which Miss Purvis is superintendent. They are nearly prostrated over the fatal accident, but are suffering only minor injuries.

O'Brien's Body Recovered

Word was sent to Yreka immediately after the accident and the coroner of Siskiyou county, in which the accident occurred, and an assistant went to the scene and recovered the body of O'Brien. He was dead at that time and it is believed that his death was sudden. The remains were taken to Yreka, where an inquest will be held today.

Survivors Lucky

That other members of the party were not fatally injured or ulous. The car was closely curtained, and the steep bank is killed outright is all but miraculously with rocks and boulders and is decidedly abrupt. There is no telling as this is written just

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MURDERED MAN LEAVES A TRAIL OF ROMANCE

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—A trail of romance revealing affairs with a number of married women and a platonic friendship with a clergyman's daughter is being followed by police in their inquiry into the baffling death of Freeman Tracy, skilled mechanic who was shot to death in an automobile as it speeded through the campus of Chicago University early Sunday morning. Tracy was evidently hurled from the speeding automobile, this being indicated by blood along the street where the body was found. The police are seeking a girl who was Tracy's companion at a dance Saturday night.

NORTHEAST STATES IN WINTER GRIP

Northern and Eastern New York Suffer Destruction from Blizzard

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Eastern and northern New York today are digging out of a snow storm and blizzard of extensive proportions that swept in on the wings of a winter gale bearing death and destruction. Telephone and telegraph service is almost entirely crippled and train service is badly impaired. Scores of automobiles are blocked on streets and roads.

D. N. G. OFFICIALS GUESTS OF ASHLAND

General White and Major Duzenbury Dinner Guests—Formal Army Opening.

Plans are completed for the entertainment and dinner to be given tonight at Hotel Ashland in honor of Adjutant General White and Major Duzenbury, of the Oregon National Guard. The affair is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Lithians and business men of the town, and guests both are to be honored.

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COAL MINE EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

Sixty More Believed Dead in Disaster at Willington Coal Mine.

LARGEST IN WORLD

Crying Women and Children Surround Mine Awaiting News of Loved Ones.

BENTON, Ill., Nov. 26.—Two men are known to be dead, ten are seriously if not fatally injured, and 60 more are believed dead as the result of a terrific explosion which occurred in the Wilmington coal mine at Orient, seven miles from here, according to reports received from the scene of the disaster.

It has not been definitely estimated how many men were caught by the explosion, but the conservative estimate places the number at 60. First reports declared that from 500 to 1000 men had been entombed, but it is believed that the reports were greatly exaggerated. The mine normally employs 1100 men and is known as the largest in the world.

The ten injured men who were brought up out of the mine said they believed that many were dead below. Rescue volunteers entered the mine, while frantic, crying women and children surrounding it, waiting for some news of loved ones who had not been accounted for.

MINE PENETRATED

A dispatch at 2:45 P. M. says: Rescue parties, after penetrating mine beyond flames found no additional miners, and it is believed all escaped except the two known killed.

MAY PROVIDE ATTORNEYS TO AID U. S. VETERANS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Approval was voiced by members of the Senate investigating committee, who investigated the Veterans bureau, of plans of Director Frank Hines to send qualified attorneys to each district to enable veterans in securing compensation before appeal boards. Hines said that veterans were bewildered by numerous acts, and laws upon which the work was founded. The committee report on the bureau during the regime of Colonel Forbes will be ready by December 15.

ENDEAVOR CONVENTION HELD AT GRANTS PASS

Christian Endeavors from Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties met in Grants Pass during the week-end at their district convention and enjoyed one of the best prepared programs in the history of their formation. Three officers elected from the sixty out-of-town delegates are from Ashland.

MEXICAN LABORER IS KILLED BY BOULDER

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 25.—His head crushed by a huge boulder whose swift descent from a hilltop he sought in vain to escape, Manuel Jacaba, 22, a Mexican laborer employed at the H. I. Construction Company Quarry on The Dalles-Klamath highway near Fort Klamath, died instantly yesterday.

LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT COSTLY TO COUNTY

Official reports in the offices of the county clerk and county treasurer show that the expenditures for prohibition enforcement in Jackson county for 1923, up to November 16, were \$9922.99, with fines collected for violations of the law aggregating \$4489.10, says a dispatch from Medford.

RUM SCHOONER MAY BE CAUSE OF COMPLICATIONS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Belief among officials that the British-registered rum schooner, Tomaka, seized off the coast of New Jersey by United States custom officials, was American owned, is accounted for by the apparent disregard of the principles of the three-mile limit in the pursuit and capture it is learned here. Firing upon and seizing the vessel may bring awkward complications with England, officials admitted. The twelve-mile limit treaty with England is not completed and the three-mile limit treaty is still operative.

KLAMATH FALLS BUILDING IS ACTIVE

Council grants 15 permits for valuation of \$12,090. La Grande lets \$12,404.40 paving contract to Warren Construction Co.



Miss Gene Genung Popular member of the big comedy hit "Pecks Bad Boy" which the 484th Co. C. A. C. brings to the Ashland Armory for one night Tues. Nov. 27th. This is a new stage version of the famous story—There is every indication that the Army will be taxed to its capacity. Low scale of prices this date only—

HUGE OIL RETORT IS AT DESTINATION

Will Be Installed and Prepared for Operation at an Early Date.

The retort that arrived some time ago for the Hartman Syndicate for use in the shale oil holdings near Ashland, has been safely landed at its destination. The retort weighs 16 tons but was loaded on trucks and hauled up the mountain without mishap and in good time.

MEDFORD WILL VOTE AGAIN ON NEW SCHOOL

Third Effort Will Be Made to Vote Bonds for New School Building.

There is a strong probability that the tax payers of Medford will be given another opportunity to vote on the question of issuing bonds for a new high school building, shortly after the first of next year, and that this time the proposition will be put up unanimously by the school board and a campaign of education and facts as to plans and cost will precede the election, says the Mail Tribune.

KLAMATH CHAMBER NAMES NEW ROAD

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 24.—The christening of the new railroad between San Francisco and Portland via Klamath Falls, now being constructed by the Southern Pacific, as the Klamath Lakes Route, is being announced by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce through a novel circular being broadcasted.

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50 MARKSMEN TAKE PART IN LOCAL SHOOT

Prizes Well Distributed, Due to Well Arranged Program.

EVENT IS SUCCESS

Medford, Grants Pass, Gold Hill, Talent and Hornbrook Are Represented.

The Thanksgiving shoot, the first event of its kind of the season, held Sunday under the auspices of the Ashland Rod & Gun club was highly successful from every standpoint. A perfect day greeted more than half a hundred marksmen, many of whom came from Grants Pass, Medford, Gold Hill, Talent and Hornbrook.

The sporting editor of the Tidings is unable to give the results of the various events, due to the scorer having misplaced some of the records. However, honors were divided throughout the day and there was a more even distribution of prizes than at any former event held in the city. The program was arranged with a view to giving amateur marksmen a sporting chance, and as a result all those who participated are loud in their praise for the management of the event.

Twenty events were shot off for the benefit of scatter gun artists, who were divided in two classes to their proficiency. The winners in the events for the more expert blue rock demolishers were Mayhew and McPherson, Grants Pass; Messrs. Young, Tilly, Roy Davis, Dr. Farmer, Clarence and Wm. Bates, of Medford, and D. M. Hayes, of Ashland.

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LITTLE GIRLS PRAYER FOR LIFE IS ANSWERED

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 26.—The prayer of Little Helen Hamilton that she might live to enjoy her thirteenth birthday has been answered. Suffering from an incurable heart ailment, the child was 13 today, and happy, due to gifts showered on her from many distant cities.

NOVELTY NUMBER FOR LITHIAN MINSTRELS

Saxophone Number of Seven Pieces, Featuring Largest Saxophone on the Coast

A number of special importance on the program for the minstrel show to be staged by the Lithians December 3 will feature seven saxophone players. The instruments will range from the smallest to the biggest saxophone on the Pacific Coast. The monster saxophone is known as the BB flat and has just arrived in Ashland, being ordered especially for the special number. It weighs 45 pounds and it is said it is no small task to play it.

Along with the pleasing harmony that will be rendered by the saxophone players known as the "Six Brothers and Dad", there will be a number of comic stunts, and the entire act will be a close duplication of the famous act put on by the six Brown brothers, the worlds greatest saxophonists. Well known local saxophone players will participate in the act and include Carl Loveland, soprano, Ralph Gill and George Francis Barron, altos; Albert Redwine, C melody; Andy McCallan, tenor; Frank Jordan, Baritone, Otis Johnson, bass.

PORTLAND GARAGE MEN ARE WAGING GAS WAR

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—East-side garage men are massed for an attack against O. Powell, local garage man, who aroused their wrath by selling gasoline at 16 cents a gallon. "Eighteen cent gasoline or we will fight to the last drop," was the war cry.

COURT RULING FAVORS SPRUCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The supreme court of the United States has held the property of the U. S. Spruce Production Corporation, formed during the war to produce spruce for airplanes, is not subject to taxation by the state of Washington. Oregon and Washington will lose large sums in taxes by the court decision. Oregon held in abeyance efforts to collect the taxes, pending the outcome of the Washington case.

PORTLAND—SAUVIES ISLAND BRIDGE

Portland—Sauvies Island bridge will cost \$75,000; contract to be let before close of year.

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Third in Literacy

With only 1.5 per cent of its total population unable to read and write, Oregon ranks third in the nation from a standpoint of literacy, with Iowa first, 1.1 per cent, and Nebraska second, 1.4 per cent. These figures are based on a survey by the research department of the National Education association. In this respect the United States, with a grade of 6 per cent, ranks eleventh among the nations of the world, with Germany and Denmark tied for first place with a grade of 2 per cent. Switzerland is third with .5 per cent; Netherlands, .6 per cent; Finland, .9 per cent; Norway, 1 per cent; Sweden, 1 per cent; Sweden, 1 per cent; Scotland, 1.6 per cent; England, 1.8 per cent, and France, 4.9 per cent.

Other Tests Made

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Eighty in per cent of school population attending school daily; second in average days attended by each child of school age; fifth in average number of days schools were kept open; eleventh in per cent that high school attendance bears to total attendance; twenty-fourth in per cent of enrollment of boys as compared to enrollment of girls.

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