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Ray Jillson Slays Mrs. Fred Neil, Then Suicides

BODIES OF TWO ARE FOUND LYING ON PORCH BY YOUNG DAUGHTER OF NEIL FAMILY

Friends at a Loss to Understand Tragedy. Bodies Not Found Until More Than Four Hours After Shooting. Neighbor Declares She Heard Shots, But Paid no Attention to Them. Five Shots Were Fired.

Seized with a sudden fit of insane anger, Ray Jillson, 30, son of a well known local family, shortly after one o'clock yesterday afternoon, after crushing her skull with heavy blows from a gas pipe, shot and killed Mrs. Fred Neil, daughter of a pioneer Southern Oregon family, and then, turning the gun on himself, sent one bullet crashing into his brain. The shooting occurred at the family home of the Neil's at 152 Sherman street.

Jillson has for years been intimate with the Neil family. For five years he has been a roomer at the Neil home, while he was employed as night ticket agent at the Southern Pacific depot. Before coming to Ashland, Jillson was employed by Fred Neil, husband of the dead woman, on the Neil ranch on the Dead Indian road.

In fact, so intimate was Jillson with the family that he had been taken many times as a son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil. He was looked upon as a son, according to Mr. Neil.

Jillson's actions shortly before the fatal shooting prove conclusively, the police declare, that the act was done in a fit of anger. Working nights, it has been Jillson's custom to sleep throughout the morning, rising shortly before noon. Yesterday, according to his custom, he arose at eleven o'clock and came to the business district. There he met several acquaintances, who talked with him for some time, and he later made purchases of clothing in several stores.

He returned home, according to Mr. Neil, while the family were at their noonday meal. He was apparently in good spirits, Mr. Neil declared, and about 12:45 when the latter left for the Ashland Creamery, where he is employed, Jillson was playing with Jean, young daughter of the family.

The first intimation that a tragedy had occurred in the little white house on Sherman street came when Jean, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil, ran to the home of one of the neighbors crying, "Ray Jillson is lying on our back porch." The neighbors investigated and called the police.

Chief of Police McNabb and Patrolman Ingling immediately investigated and found Jillson lying on the back porch of the home, with his legs protruding through the door leading into the kitchen. Mrs. Neil was lying, concealed from view from the front of the home in one corner of the rear porch, which is screened.

Five shots were fired by Jillson, four entering the body of Mrs. Neil, while the fifth was used to end his own life. Two of the bullets which were lodged in Mrs. Neil's body would have proven fatal, physicians who examined the body declare.

Two bullets, which the physicians declare caused death, crashed into Mrs. Neil's neck, a few inches below and to the rear of her right ear. A third bullet, passing through her hand, lodged in the wall of the abdomen, while the fourth bullet lodged in her right thigh.

Jillson shot himself in the head, just below the right temple.

In addition, Mrs. Neil's head was terribly crushed from the heavy blows of a gas pipe, which was found lying nearby. The shots were fired from a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, which has been identified as belonging to Jillson.

Friends of the Neil family, and those who were in

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PREPARING FOR VOTE ON ROAD INTO CAVES

Obtaining Signatures to Petition Asking Pierce to Call Election

BOUNDARY APPROVED

May Change District. All But Nine Miles of Proposed New Road Already Open

MEDFORD, Nov. 13.—With the announcement from Salem that the Oregon State Highway commission has approved the boundaries of the Skikyou highway improvement district as submitted, work was started here getting the signatures of voters in the district to call an election to get the opinion of the public in the matter.

The district embraces Medford, Jacksonville, and towns between Jacksonville and the Oregon Caves along the proposed new route from Medford to the Caves, by way of Applegate and Williams Creek valleys. Three weeks ago, the commissioner held a hearing in Jacksonville, and on November 7, approved the boundaries. Voters must now sign a petition asking Governor Pierce to call an election. At the election, voters will decide whether or not to build the road, the general laws of Oregon provide.

A plan for financing the road will be prepared by a committee named at the time the voters approve the project.

"It is our desire to rush through the legal preliminaries, and to start actual construction work as near the first of the year as possible," declared Robert Boyd, Chamber of Commerce secretary today.

It is said that Grants Pass is largely in sympathy with the movement, as the new road will her a loop entrance to the caves, and it is thought that that city will ask to come into the improvement district. This could be accomplished in two ways. By one method, the highway commission would be asked to reapprove the district boundaries, enlarged to include Grants Pass. By the other method, Grants Pass could be included in the district by a majority vote of the citizens of that city.

With the exception of nine miles, the road is now open and in good condition. Between Williams and the Caves, however, there is nothing but a pack trail.

Under the provisions of the law, the improvement district may be organized, and the cost of building the road carried by lands included in the district. In case the new route is recognized as a State highway, however, part of the cost would be carried by the state and national governments.

FRIDAY THIRTEENTH, IS THIRD OF YEAR

Today's the day folks, look out. Friday the thirteenth, the third of the year. Must be something wrong with this combination, for it happens only about once every two hundred years, and this is the year.

In February, the thirteenth came on Friday. Again in March, the same thing took place, and now, we get another shot at it.

Beware of ladders, black cats, witches and all superstitions, for today is Friday, the thirteenth.

TWO ARE INJURED

TOULON, France, Nov. 13.—(U. P.)—A gas explosion today aboard the French submarine Novalde, started a fire and injured two members of the crew.

MITCHELL TRIAL TURNS INTO A PETTY QUARREL

Argue Over Use of Gas in Warfare. Mitchell Upheld by Air Officer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(U. P.)—Dropping for the moment the inquiry into the alleged irregularities reported in connection with the testimony of Mrs. Margaret Landsdowne at the investigation of the Shenandoah disaster, the court martial trying Colonel William Mitchell today studied how much gas it would take to force the evacuation of

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Portia Brings Her Baby



Mrs. Jane Sutter, of Toledo, O., graduated from Ohio State University and was admitted to the bar in 1921. She continued to practice law after her marriage a year and a half ago, and recently took her baby, Mary Patricia, to court with her while she argued a case.

Girl Student at O. A. C. is a Regular Tomboy

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 13.—(U. P.)—Mary Anderson, freshman girl student from Portland, is taking industrial arts at the Oregon Agricultural college with the rest of the boys.

She is the only girl in the department. While Miss Anderson attended high school in Portland she took manual training, and is quite at home in the wood-working shop at O. A. C.

Definite plans have been made for her life work by Miss Anderson. When she finishes college she wants to teach, and later study medicine and go to India as a missionary.

Recently when a water pipe broke at Cauthorn Hall she prevented much damage by prompt use of her pliers.

TRACTOR TURNS OVER, KILLING G. PASS MAN

George Neathamer Killed While at Work on Ranch Near Rogue River

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 13.—Skidding into a ditch on the Neathamer farm at Rogue River, a tractor Tuesday noon fell on George Web Wallace Neathamer and killed him instantly. With his father, the young man was seeding a piece of land and had been left to operate the tractor while the father went for more seed. His mother heard the noise of the tractor overturning and rushed to the field, only a short distance from the house, and found her son dead, his skull crushed, near the tractor. There were no witnesses to the accident which occurred about noon.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hope Presbyterian church at

CONDITIONS OF FARMERS ARE NOW AT BEST

Products Reach High Point for Jackson County, Figures Show

Agricultural conditions in Jackson county were never better, although prices on most farm produce are slightly lower than last year, inquiries made this week by a news reporter show. Wheat is worth \$1.45 to \$1.50 and is worth the same in Portland, less the freight. This is lower than last year, but yields were better, and the good crop was general, assuring a more even distribution than was evident last year.

Alfalfa seed is selling at 25 cents a pound, or the same as last year. Jackson county produces not quite enough to meet the local demand.

This year, there is a shortage of hogs in the county, with the result that they are selling for about 12-13 cents in Portland, where local livestock is largely marketed. The price last year was 10 cents.

Barley is selling for \$32 a ton. Last year the price was \$36, but the larger crop will make up the difference in price, it is claimed. Butter-fat is now selling at around 59 cents, or 10 cents a pound higher than last year. A freezing spell in the middle western states, where great quantities of potatoes are raised, has resulted in spud prices skyrocketing. Local growers raise such small quantities that they will not profit very heavily, it is said.

With dairy, livestock and poultry feeds selling at a lower figure than last year, it is felt generally that the higher prices in Jackson county will result in an increased prosperity for dairymen, livestock raisers and poultrymen.

THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington —Fair in the East portion. Unsettled, with probably rain in the west portion. Fresh, southerly winds along the coast.

Motion Pictures Transmitted By Wireless

LENINGRAD, Russia, Nov. 13.—Dr. V. Popov, professor of physics at Saratov university has invented an apparatus which he claims will transmit photographs of moving objects by wireless.

In an application to the state patent department for letters of patent, Dr. Popov makes the claim that his machine will transmit within a few seconds all details of such objects as moving military columns, naval movements, airplane concentrations, theatrical performances, and similar spectacles.

ITALIAN DEBT OUT OF WAY, ROUMANIA NOW

Eleven of 20 Nations Already Have Agreed on Funding

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(U. P.)—With the Italian War debt to the United States funded as the result of the acceptance yesterday by the Italians of the counter proposal submitted by the members of the American Debt Funding Commission, that body today took up the negotiations with Roumania's Debt Commission for the settlement of that nation's forty-six million, five hundred thousand dollar obligations.

Funding agreements with eleven of the twenty nations that borrowed from this country during and immediately after the war, have now been effected. The announcement of the settlement between the Italian and American commissions came yesterday afternoon, after a conference between members of the American commission and President Coolidge, and a later meeting between the Italian and American commissions.

Later, it was indicated that the Italians agreed to a total debt of \$2,042,000,000. Payment on this debt will be made at a rate of \$5,000,000 a year for five years, increasing thereafter each year.

LIFE OF BLAZER HAS BEEN ONE OF SELF SACRIFICE

LITTLETON, Colo., Nov. 13.—(U. P.)—The life of Dr. Harold Elmer Blazer, against whom all charges of murdering his imbecile daughter, Hazel, were yesterday dismissed, has been that of a country doctor.

To the little village of Dillervale, Ohio, there came in 1890 a 26 year old youth just admitted to the practice of medicine.

Harold (Hal) Blazer, his life consecrated to the sufferings of humanity, settled down in the none too remunerative duties of a country doctor. There are those left in Dillervale who recall the enthusiasm and the tenderness of the young practitioner.

Mr. and Mrs. Blazer were prominent in the social life of their village. They were comfortable and happy. Mrs. Blazer learned not to mind those long trips her husband was forced to make at night along country roads.

In May, 1891, a daughter was born to Mrs. Blazer. The child

ASHLAND GIRL MAKES HIGHEST SCORE IN STATE

Adena Joy Wins Trip to Chicago for Efficiency in Club Work

LEAVES IN DECEMBER

Was Highest Scoring Girl in State With Record of 99 1-3 Per Cent

A wire received last night from Miss Helen Cowgill, state club leader of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural College, stated that Adena Joy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Joy, of the Bellview district, had been selected as the outstanding all around club girl of the state of Oregon.

This selection entitles Miss Joy to the International Livestock Exposition, an annual event at Chicago. Miss Joy will leave for Chicago early in December. Similar trips are given yearly by the Montgomery Ward company to the outstanding club girl in every state in the union. A week's entertaining is provided while the club girls are in Chicago, and those who have already made the trip report wonderful times.

Miss Joy has been active in club work for four years. This year she carried on four projects, sewing, cooking, canning and home beautification. At the state fair, Miss Joy won first place in the cooking and canning competitions, with a percentage of 99 1-3. This score made her the high scoring girl in the state.

At the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, with her team mate, Mary Galey, she won first place in a prune bread demonstration. This is a new feature of club work, which was introduced to assist the Oregon prune growers in disposing of their product. Last year, two Ashland girls, Misses Rosina and Frances Gallatin took first place in the prune bread baking contest.

This is the first time in the history of club work in Oregon that the outstanding club girl of the state has been from Southern Oregon.

Much credit is given by Miss Joy to County Club Leader R. W. Fowler and Home Demonstration Agent Miss Ada Brewster, for the success of club work in Jackson county.

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was named Hazel Irgit and was normal and healthy. But six weeks after birth, spinal meningitis developed and for four or five weeks the child lay near death. The baby never lost the vital spark but it had burned so low it could not flame into radiant health. Hazel was a condemned, deformed imbecile, never to develop an adult brain or physique.

The shock and disappointment of this cruelty were heavily on both the doctor and his wife. Not even the arrival of another daughter, Frances, several years later, alleviated the pain of Hazel's helplessness.

The stricken girl grew older, never fully developed; she has been termed a "hulk of a human." Her feet, legs and hands were shrunken, her body above the waist was better developed but hideously deformed.

Throughout her 36 years Dr. Blazer took care of his daughter. Mrs. Blazer was too frail to

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