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## EDUCATION TO BE KEYNOTE OF FORUM DINNER

Departure From Ordinary Luncheon Marks Observance of Week

**HEWITT WILL SPEAK**  
 Teachers in City Schools Will be Guests of Local Chamber

A departure from the usual Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon is promised for Tuesday night, when a \$1.00 dinner will be served instead. All the teachers in the Ashland public schools, about 40 in number, will be present as guests. The feature speaker of the evening will be Prof. Roy Hewitt of O. A. C., head of the law department in the department of social sciences.

The Rev. P. K. Hammond, vicar of the Episcopal church, will deliver the keynote talk of the evening. George A. Briscoe, city school superintendent, will preside.

The dinner will observe "Education Week." As Ashland takes pride in her city schools, it is declared to be especially appropriate that the Chamber of Commerce should observe the week.

About 100 persons are expected to attend the dinner. Mr. Hewitt's talk, it is declared, will be especially interesting and instructive.

## Fight Expected in Washington Over State Jobs

**OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 14**—Fights on two code directorships may be started in the state senate when it reconvenes here Monday after a week end recess. Governor Hartley has sent to the senate for confirmation appointment of mine directors, under the state code.

Those, against whom a fight is germinating, are C. Davis, Tacoma, head of the state efficiency department, and Earle Barnes, Yakima, reclamation chief. The other seven appointees will probably be confirmed.

Following the statement of the governor yesterday that he would not submit his appointments for confirmation, Attorney General Dunbar discovered a clause in the state law making such action obligatory.

## NEWSPAPERMEN WILL SPEAK AT MEETING

**UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 14**—Two Oregon newspaper men will appear among others on the program of the high school editors meeting of the general high school conference to be held here December 4 and 5.

Marshall Dana, associated editor of the Oregon Journal, will talk on "Editing and Editor."

Arne Rae, of the Tillamook Herald will speak on advertising. Approximately 500 high school students are expected to attend the conference, which are divided into four sections, one for girls, one for student body presidents, one for editors, and one for faculty advisors.

## DEBT AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY MELLON

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 14**—(U. P.)—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Finance Minister Giuseppo Volpi of Italy today signed the Italian debt agreement at the United States treasury.

President Coolidge will later countersign the document before the Italian copy is returned for ratification. Hope is strong here that the agreement will be confirmed in Rome, and that a debt settlement will be speedily effected between the two countries. It is thought that the settlement will prove acceptable to the United States senate, which must ratify it.

## Hope Abandoned For Lives of Men on British Sub

**LONDON, Nov. 14**—Hope that life still exists among the 68 trapped men in the huge monitor submarine M-1, which sank yesterday near the Isle of Wight, was officially abandoned today.

The Admiralty, at the instigation of King George, today sent messages to relatives of the submarine's crew, declaring that circumstances leave no doubt but that the entire crew is dead. All Britain is in mourning today, following the greatest English naval disaster since the close of the World War.

## MITCHELL CASE WILL CONTINUE FOR LONG TIME

Foley Resigns From Board Following Charges of Mrs. Landsdowne

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 14**—(U. P.)—In recess until Tuesday, the general army court which is trying Colonel William Mitchell, fiery aviation critic, for misconduct, probably will be kept in session for a month or more, it was announced today.

At least a month will be needed to complete the cases of both the defense and the prosecution, it was apparent today. Interest here was centered in the reconvening of the Shenandoah navy board of inquiry Monday. Captain Paul Foley, Judge Advocate of the Board, resigned today following charges of Mrs. Zachary Landsdowne, widow of the commander of the big dirigible, that Foley tried to have her "Whitewash" the action of the Navy in the Shenandoah disaster. Foley will take the stand Monday to explain his action to the naval board.

Prosecution in the Mitchell court martial failed in an effort to throw out court testimony given yesterday by Mrs. Landsdowne. The court overruled the objection that evidence given by the widow was irrelevant and incompetent. At the same time the court refused to hear the testimony of Captain Foley, stating him for testimony Monday.

Mrs. Landsdowne claimed Foley submitted to her a prepared statement which she was supposed to adopt as her testimony before the Shenandoah inquiry board.

## Wobbly Records Discovered in Falls Building

**KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 14**—Two tobacco cans filled with I. W. W. literature were discovered today beneath the cornerstone of the new veteran's memorial building now under construction. The cornerstone was laid Wednesday and the aperture was to have been sealed today.

The literature consisted largely of the I. W. W. version of the Armistice day murders at Centralla in 1919. Had the discovery not been made, the I. W. W. propaganda would have been sealed permanently in the building reared to the memory of war veterans.

## MAIL RIFLED

Several sacks of a shipment of mail arriving in Yreka Saturday night were found to be cut open and rifled. The culprit escaped in a stolen automobile.

A number of opened letters were scattered about the railroad station. It is not known as yet if anything of value was taken. There was no registered mail in the shipment.

## when the Floods Swept China



When the Yellow River flooded its banks in China it meant only a small news item in this country; but in China it means hundreds of tragedies and a tremendous amount of suffering. This exclusive photo shows four destitute Chinese watching the bodies of their children, drowned when a dyke gave way.

## Local Boy Loses Leg in Accident on Natron Cut-off

**Carol Holmes, Widely known local boy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Holmes, is in Klamath General hospital today, as the result of a train accident yesterday, at Paunama, on the Natron cut-off.**

According to meagre reports received by his parents, Holmes, who has been working for the past year as an engine watchman, jumped from the caboose of a moving train. His foot slipped, and one of his legs was cut off. He was immediately taken to Klamath Falls. His leg was amputated below the knee, it is said. It is thought that it will be several days before he can be moved to the Southern Pacific hospital at San Francisco.

## SCOUTS ASSIST HERE IN NEAR EAST MOVEMENT

A "Bundle Day" for the benefit of Near East Relief is to be held here on November 21. Old clothing, overcoats, blankets, anything that has power to keep out the cold is wanted. Word just received from Mr. J. J. Handsaker, regional director at Portland indicates that shoes are not needed owing to the fact that the National Shoe Dealers are taking care of this need.

Winters in the Near East are every bit as severe as in the Northern United States; the thermometer often registers zero and sometimes as much as fifteen and twenty below. When this happens the suffering of the half clad refugees becomes intense. Many perish every winter from no other cause than cold.

Boy Scouts this morning are covering a large part of the residence leaving shipping tags and asking people who have any old clothing which has a reasonable amount of wearing value to put the same into a bundle, attach the tag and have it ready to be gathered up next Saturday morning, November 21. If you have something of this kind which you care to give and have missed getting a tag, please call 553-Y or 211.

## ASHLAND DAIRY CATTLE REPLACE HERDS OF BEEF

Jackson county dairy cattle are now being used to replace beef cattle on the Lichen brothers ranch in Northern California, according to Ralph Billings of this city.

Yesterday, they purchased several head of dairy cattle from Ross Applegate and from Mr. Billings. They plan to gradually replace their beef stock with milk stock from Ashland and the Valley View district, as the dairy industry is more profitable than raising beef.

## TRENT IS GUILTY

**MCMINNVILLE, Nov. 14**—When George Hamilton, Portland stopped beside the highway to repair his auto one night recently, J. S. Trent, farmer, thought he was stealing watermelons. Trent shot with a shotgun, killing Hamilton and injuring the latter's father. A jury today returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter against Trent.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair east portion, rain tonight or Sunday in west portion. Increasing southerly winds and rain along the coast. Washington—Rain in the west, probably local rains in the east portion. Coast gales.

## HUNTLEY IS CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES

Love Conspiracy and Self Defense Are Pleas of Accused Man

**JURY BACK QUICKLY**  
 Slayer of Jesse J. Gibbs Freed in Twenty Minutes at Jacksonville

**MEDFORD, Nov. 14**—(Special to The Tidings)—Concluding its testimony earlier than expected, the defense in the Huntley murder trial rested its case early this afternoon. In less than 20 minutes, the jury had returned a verdict of "not guilty" to the charge of first degree murder. This means that Huntley will go free.

Before the jury returned, it was felt that a verdict of manslaughter might be brought back. According to onlookers, both the defense and the prosecution in the case were handled in a very able manner.

**MEDFORD, Nov. 14**—Hyman Huntley, on trial in the circuit court charged with murder in the first degree for the fatal stabbing last September of Jesse Gibbs, took the stand this morning in his own behalf, and the defense closed its case at noon.

Huntley pleaded self-defense, claiming that he picked up a knife after he and Gibbs had fought into the kitchen, and that he believed his life was in danger when he used it. The defense scored heavily by introducing witnesses to prove that Gibbs and Mrs. Huntley, his alleged affinity, had made threats against Huntley's life.

Three county jail prisoners and a prison worker testified to seeing Huntley's body covered with black and blue spots from bruises. After the state has introduced two or three witnesses in rebuttal, the closing arguments will be made, and it is expected the case will be given to the jury early next week.

Lifelong friends who had known him from 30 to 40 years, some of them prominent in the affairs of Douglas county; three boys in their teens—two of them his own sons, and a member of the grand jury that indicted him for murder in the first degree for the alleged killing of Jesse James Gibbs in this city last September, were among the witnesses who testified in behalf of Hyman Huntley Thursday afternoon.

The defense, which opened yesterday, attempted to show that a "love conspiracy" existed between Gibbs and Mrs. Huntley, and to show that the defendant had been the target of threats, both by his wife and her alleged affinity. Letters written by Mrs. Huntley to Dillard, Ore., purporting to recite the family trouble of the Huntleys, were offered by the defense and their admission, bitterly objected to by the state, was upheld by the court.

The defense also endeavored to impeach the testimony of Mrs. L. R. Counts, mother-in-law of

## Sea-Going Snakes Reported Far Out in Pacific Ocean

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Capt. R. E. Voeth, master of the fishing tender Idhao, says it can and he brought a set of rattles and buttons into port with him Wednesday to prove his contention.

Voeth and his crew swears that they encountered a school of sea-going rattlers, hot-footing it across the sea, 25 miles north of Cedros Island, and 50 miles out from the mainland.

The captain says he shot two of the snakes.

## STORM IN NAPLES

**NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 14**—(U. P.)—The Bay of Naples was swept today by a terrific hurricane which sank a coastwise schooner and damaged the steamer Esperia, which was en route to Egypt. Two sailors were drowned.

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## Killed in Pity



**Dr. Harold Elmer Blazer, against whom charges of murdering his 30-year-old imbecile daughter were dismissed, Blazer, a country doctor of Littleton, Colo., killed the "human husk" of his child out of pity for her suffering, he said.**

## PORTLAND FIRM GETS CONTRACT FOR STRUCTURE

Local Firms Bid Lowest On Plumbing, Heating and Wiring for School

Ashland's new grade school, to be built on Beach street, will cost \$54,713.72, it was revealed last night, when bids for its construction were opened by the school board.

Clyde W. Frazier of Portland was awarded the general construction contract. His bid was \$46,280. All the rest of the work will be done by Ashland firms, as the Jordan Electric company bid the lowest on electric wiring, and Provost Brothers submitted the lowest bid for plumbing and heating.

The bid for plumbing was \$2,760. The heating bid was \$5,898.72. Jordan's Electric shop bid \$275 on the electric wiring work. When construction starts, as much local labor as possible will be employed in the general construction work.

Bids were about as estimated. Architects for the structure are Tourtellotte and Hummel of Portland, who were architects for the new Lithia Springs hotel.

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## CORONER'S INQUEST TONIGHT MAY REVEAL MOTIVE FOR SLAYING

Ashland Men Compose Jury Which Will Investigate Murder of Mrs. Fred Neil And Suicide of Ray Jillson Here Thursday Afternoon.

If any motive other than a sudden fit of insane anger existed when Ray Jillson, 30, night ticket agent for the Southern Pacific and son of a well-known local family, slew Mrs. Fred Neil here Thursday and committed suicide, it will be revealed tonight when a coroner's inquest is held at Stock's Funeral Parlors.

This opinion prevailed today at police headquarters here and at the coroner's office in Medford. Since the tragedy, police have been at a loss to find a motive for Jillson's killing Mrs. Neil and committing suicide.

Persons claiming to know of motives which might have preyed on Jillson's mind and led him to commit the act have been subpoenaed, and will testify at tonight's inquest.

That the murder of Mrs. Neil was premeditated is indicated by the fact that Jillson had cut a long piece of lead pipe from some in stock at the Southern Pacific depot and taken it home with him. This pipe was used to beat Mrs. Neil over the head with, presumably after she had been shot four times. Jillson, an ardent fisherman, might have intended to melt the pipe and use it to make sinkers with, using it as a deadly weapon only on the spur of the moment, however.

The coroner's jury which will hear evidence tonight in an effort to clear up the mystery surrounding the case is composed of six prominent Ashland men, Thomas Hill, J. P. Hollmeyer, R. P. Porter, Thomas Simpson, A. A. Madden and J. P. Murphy.

It was brought out today that Jillson had probably fired four shots into Mrs. Neil's body at close range, one of which was instantly fatal. The fourth shot, it is thought, was fired after she had fallen dead. As she lay on the floor, it is thought, Jillson beat her about the head with the lead pipe. This is given credence, it is declared, because the blows would have produced bruises instead of gashes had the blood been circulating at the time the blows were struck.

Funeral services for Mrs. Neil will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 from the Episcopal church. The date for Jillson's funeral has not yet been set.

Mrs. A. D. Jillson, mother of the dead man, who has been ill for some time, is said to be prostrated by the shock.

Next week, Jillson was to have been married to Miss Marjory Hibbard of Jacksonville. They had been engaged for three years. Letters from Miss Hibbard to Jillson threw no light on the crime. One letter from her had not been opened.

Five shots were fired by Jillson, the last one being used to kill himself. The gun with which the tragedies were enacted belonged to the dead man.

There is no possibility of a double murder by some unknown assailant, according to the local police.

## COMEBACK BY ASHLAND MEN IS PREDICTED

Can the Ashland high school eleven, swamped 67 to 0 in the Armistice Day game in Medford, stage a comeback?

Local football enthusiasts regard it as possible. They feel sure that such a score can never be repeated.

It is pointed out that when Ashland licked Medford 53-7 in 1921, the Medford squad staged a comeback, and that in the return game, the score was only 12-6. A lot of things enter into a comeback. In 1921, the Ashland squad, encouraged by their sensational victory, grew overconfident. Medford, on the other hand, worked harder than ever.

Now that Coach Hughes' men have been under Medford fire, they know a lot of things about the team that were mysterious before. A lot of Medford trick plays have been solved. In the return game here Thanksgiving Ashland will be a wiser team.

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## LOCAL MAN DIES

William Werth, brother of Louis Werth, and widely known local man, died at his home here November 12. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 p. m. from Stock's Funeral Parlors. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Mr. Werth had been in the meat market business in Ashland and other points of the Rogue River valley for many years.