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MEDFORD DEFEATED IN FINAL GAME

Ashland Club Takes Thrilling Contest, 10 to 9, at Medford

LOTS OF EXCITEMENT

Fear Pickers Nearly Blast Local Hopes in Ninth Inning Rally

For a few fateful moments in the closing inning of the baseball classic at Medford Sunday it looked like the Ashland fans would start for home talking to themselves. In a desperate ninth inning rally, Medford had scored four runs and needed but one more to tie the game.

Two men were on bases with only one out. Glen Winters, Ashland hurler, had weakened considerably and it looked like youth going ahead. Banister, Medford's catcher, was at the bat. He hit a scorching grounder to Winters, who fielded the ball cleanly to Pilette at second base to cut off Bayness racing down from first. Pilette then heaved the ball to Peterson for a speedy double play and the game was over.

Pleanty of Thrills

Thus ended the Southern Oregon Baseball league season so far as Ashland was concerned. The locals won, 10 to 9, in a free hitting game, which was replete with gaudy plays from start to finish.

Sunny Mohler, left-handed pitcher who was playing left field, slipped to the plate in the second inning after Peterson and Winters had both hit safely. Mohler caught a slow inside ball just where he liked it and the ball sailed out into deep right center for a home run. The several hundred Ashland fans joined with Mohler in almost succumbing from heart failure.

Pete Gets Triple

With three on and two out in the sixth, Peterson, Ashland first-sacker, caught a fast ball on the outside and crashed it almost to the identical spot where Mohler had clicked him. Three runs scored on the hit, with Peterson loping to third base.

Ashland was leading 10 to 5, until the eighth inning. Medford scored two when Hoobler Hoffort slammed out a home run, bringing Banister in ahead of him. The third home run of the game was hit by Robbins who crashed one into deep right for the circuit in the sixth frame.

The crowd was declared to be the largest that ever attended a baseball game in Southern Oregon. More than 2000 persons crowded into the fair grounds grand stand for the contest which was played under perfect weather conditions.

Schoeni started the mound work for Medford but withdrew in the third for Davidson, whom Medford had "borrowed" from Klamath Falls. Winters went the full distance for Ashland and was never in danger until the ninth inning, when four safe hits and one base on balls almost spelled defeat for the local athletes.

Curran is Star

The speedy defense work of young Charley Curran at second base was a revelation. This little infielder covered a world of territory and was a tower of strength from first to last. Peterson on first base also played better ball than at any time this season and gives promise of becoming the leading first baseman in the league next year.

By winning Sunday's game Ashland can now close the season in tie with either Klamath Falls or Grants Pass for the last position. Klamath Falls and Grants Pass are scheduled to play next Sunday to see which team plays Medford for the championship. Had Medford won yesterday the league season would have been over.

Club directors, fans and supporters generally of the Ashland
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OLD TIME MASONS WILL BE HONORED BY OREGON LODGE

Ashland Members of Fifty Years Standing Invited to Function

Every member of the local Masonic Lodge who has been a Mason for fifty years or more will be an honored guest at the impressive ceremonies that will be held in Portland, Sept. 15th, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Instructions were received today by W. H. Day, Secretary of the local Masonic Lodge to immediately ascertain how many fifty year Masons there are among its membership in the city and surrounding district. As soon as the names are received special invitations will be sent them from Grand Lodge headquarters.

Thousands of Masons will gather from all parts of the state, to participate in the celebration, and in addition representatives from various lodges of Washington and Idaho that were originally under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon when the Northwest was still a territory will attend. Of the 25,000 Masons in state it is estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 will be present when Edgar H. Semmes, Most Worshipful Grand Master, calls the meeting to order in the Municipal Auditorium in Portland. The Grand Lodge was organized three quarters of a century ago to Oregon City in 1851. The then Oregon Territory embraced everything from the coast to the Rocky Mountains. At the coming Portland meeting the principal addresses will deal with the history of Masonry in Oregon and the part Masonry has played in the state's development.

WOMAN AVIATOR IS KILLED IN PLUNGE

Mrs. Earl C. Gray of Seattle Meets Death at Cannon Beach

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 7. — (UP) — A pleasure spin in an airplane yesterday proved fatal for Mrs. Earl C. Gray, 24, of Seattle, when her plane plunged into 15 feet of water near Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach.

Mrs. Gray, who was the wife of a well known Seattle orchestra leader, had just learned how to operate the plane. She is thought to have run out of gasoline. The body has not yet been recovered.

MANY ARE KILLED IN RAGING STORM

Transportation Crippled on Atlantic Coast; Nine Lose Lives

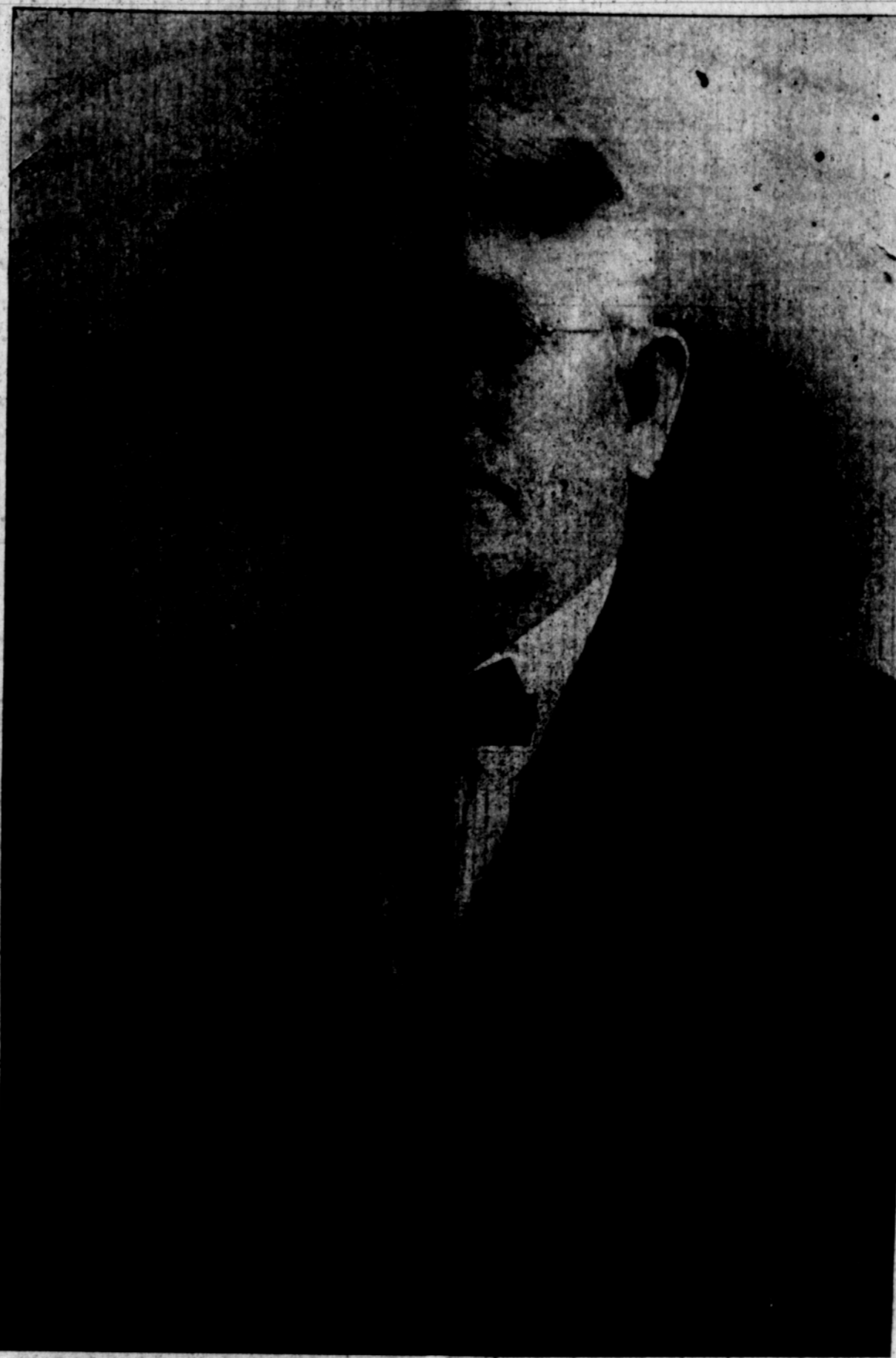
NEW YORK, Sept. 7. — (UP) — Transportation and communication facilities along the middle Atlantic seaboard is badly crippled today as the result of a terrific wind and rain storm which raged for nearly five hours. At least nine persons were killed and scores were injured.

Hold Engineer in Train Wreck

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 7. — (UP) — Engineer Louis J. Smith was ordered arrested in a hospital here where he was found today following a rear-end collision of two Chicago Northern passenger trains in the heart of the city, which resulted in the death of five persons and the injuring of more than 50. His failure to see a standing train because of a dimmed headlight is blamed for the crash.

THE WEATHER
 Oregon—Unsettled, local showers tonight and Wednesday. Normal temperature with light winds.

Publisher of The Tidings, Who Died Monday



BERT R. GREER

"Thirty"

In the parlance of the newspaper office, Bert R. Greer has signed off his final "30". His day's work is done. The proof sheets of his life's work have been gathered in by the Great Composer.

All that is mortal of Bert R. Greer now rests with tired hands folded upon his breast. The eyes that were wont to twinkle with good humor and sympathetic understanding are closed in eternal sleep. The seductive odor of printer's ink, which sets the life blood of newspaper folks a-tingle, shall nevermore awaken him into battle. Never again can his eager ears be attuned to the musical hum of the newspaper presses.

Bert R. Greer is dead. But even in death, the courageous battle he fought should be cherished as an inspiration to those of us who are numbered among his home-town friends. His was a losing fight against the ravages of a dread disease which medical science as yet has been unable to conquer.

Not even against these impossible odds did he once give up the fight. Not once did he flinch or ask for quarter. As life's ever-lengthening shadows slowly descended about his hospital bed, he remained the same—hopeful to the last. The same characteristics which bore him up in life remained steadfast at the approach of death. He was a

good fighter and clean one; he was a good loser who accepted the decision of the Great Referee without a whimper.

In the archives of Ashland's history Bert R. Greer has written his name in unfading ink. It was his vision which conceived that wondrous stretch of shade and greenery and rippling waters that is now Lithia Park. It was his vision which caused to be harnessed the bubbling mineral waters from nearby rocky crevices and bring them into the city he loved so well.

Though varied business interests took him from this city for months at a time, Ashland was in every sense his home town. As he lay fighting desperately for life in a California hospital, it was toward the rolling hills of Ashland that his eyes turned longingly. His fluttering heart spanned the inconsequential space of mountains and valleys and rested here in peace among the home-town folks.

It was Ashland he loved. It was Ashland where he lived and let live. It was in Ashland where he reared a monument—Lithia Park—that will endure to the end of time.

And all Ashland—friend and foe alike—today joins in mourning the death of Bert R. Greer.

GRAND JURORS TO BEGIN PROBE INTO STEIWER CAMPAIGN

Charges Brought by W. S. U'Ren Will Be Sifted at Salem Soon

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 7. — (UP) — While the Marion county grand jury went into session today it was not expected to take up immediately the complaint of W. S. U'Ren, Portland attorney, who charged Frederick Steiwer, republican candidate for United States senator, to make a proper accounting of his campaign expenses.

John Carson, district attorney, said the matter must be taken up in regular order and that the grand jury probably would not start a consideration of the charges against Steiwer until later in the week.

Another Candidate

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 7. — (UP) — Another candidate for United States senator from Oregon entered the race today with the filing of the nomination of W. P. Adams of Portland, as a nominee of an assembly held in Portland Monday.

DEATH TOLL HIGH IN SUNDAY WRECK

At Least 27 Persons Killed in Colorado Tragedy, Is Claim

SALIDA, Colo., Sept. 7. — (UP) — The death toll in Sunday's Denver and Rio Grande Western wreck, near Granite, mounted today to 27 persons. Several are still missing. Some of the injured are in a serious condition. It is believed the train was traveling too fast, which caused it to leave the rails.

DAUGHERTY'S TRIAL IS STARTED TODAY

Former Attorney General Faces Charge of Defrauding Uncle Sam

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (U. P.) — An unwillingness to "serve" was evident today among the 200 persons who were called as prospective jurors for the trial of Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general, and Thomas E. Miller, former alien property custodian, who are charged with a conspiracy to defraud the government. Daugherty is the first cabinet officer who was ever tried for an offense alleged to have been committed while in the cabinet.

Four Injured as Auto Leaves Road

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Dunsmuir received painful but not serious injuries yesterday when a car in which they were driving to Ashland was crowded off the highway south of here and turned over in a stretch of loose gravel. One of the injured women was rushed into the city by Claude Saunders in order that she might have immediate surgical attention.

Will Hold Greer Burial Wednesday

The funeral of Bert R. Greer will be held at Burbank tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, according to a telegram into this afternoon. The Masonic and Elk lodges will be in charge of the services.

BEYOND R. GREER'S JUMBS TO DREAD MALADY

Publisher of The Ashland Tidings Passes Away at Oxnard, Calif.

CAREER EVENTFUL ONE

Was One of Old School of Newspaper Men With Varied Experience

Bert R. Greer, publisher of The Ashland Tidings, died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at St. John's hospital, Oxnard, Calif., following an illness of several months from cancer. The funeral will be held later this week at Burbank, Calif., according to a special dispatch to The Tidings this morning.

Born in Kansas

The deceased was 62 years old and was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 1, 1864, where his father was captain at the army fort. He grew to young manhood at Winfield, Kan., where he learned the printing business in the plant of the Winfield Courier, which was owned by his brother, Elwin Prescott Greer.

During his early newspaper career, Mr. Greer was on the staff of the Chicago Herald, and when the Saturday Blade was founded he was its first editor. From Chicago Mr. Greer returned to Kansas and when the Indian lands were opened in Oklahoma he went to that state and founded the Perry, Okla., Courier.

He later went to Kansas City, Kan., where he bought the Kansas City Tribune. Subsequently he became the publisher of the Muskogee, Okla., Times.

Comes to Ashland

In 1911 Mr. Greer came to Ashland and purchased the Ashland Tidings. It was on December 4, 1911, that he took over this newspaper from R. B. and L. S. Bennett, and in his first editorial he told of his impressions of Ashland in this manner:

"Ashland looks good to me because it is clean. The people seem to take more interest in home life than in show. I am attracted by your schools, your churches and your spirit. I like your hills, your valleys, your sunshine and your rain. 'I want to live and rear my family in a substantial, wholesome community that's why I am here.'"

Starts Daily

The Tidings at that time was published as a semi-weekly. As Ashland continues to grow and prosper so, too, did The Tidings, until on September 1, 1919, the semi-weekly branched out into an afternoon daily and it has been published since then as a daily newspaper.

In 1920 Mr. Greer took over the Burbank Review at Burbank, Calif., forming a partnership with his son-in-law, Harvey E. Ling, formerly of Ashland. Since then Mr. Greer had divided his time between Ashland and Burbank, spending the winters and early spring months in Southern California, and

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