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Man Hit By Auto Fatally Injured

A distressing accident occurred on the streets last night when an automobile driven by M. E. Kaegi ran into Clarence Prescott who was riding on a bicycle. The latter was so seriously injured that death resulted in an hour or so.

The accident occurred between 5:30 and 6 near the junction of East Main street and the Boulevard. According to Mr. Kaegi, he was driving up the street, and as he turned at the junction on East Main street, the bicycle suddenly crossed his path at so close a range he did not see it until he was fairly on the man. The car struck Mr. Prescott and threw him some distance.

Mr. Kaegi stopped his automobile and assisted by several people who had gathered on the street by that time, he placed the injured man in his car and hurried him to the hospital. An examination of the unfortunate man's injuries revealed that both bones were broken in his left arm, both bones broken in the left leg, and he was badly injured about the head and chest. The latter was evidently the cause of his death. He never regained consciousness after being taken to the hospital, and death resulted within an hour or an hour and a half.

Few people witnessed the tragedy, but a crowd gathered at the scene of the accident immediately after. According to these people the street lights had not been turned on and that portion of the city was in darkness. It is supposed that Mr. Prescott was riding on East Main street to the Boulevard on his bicycle, and at the junction of the latter street and East Main he was passed by Mr. Kaegi, who turned his car there to go out East Main street. The latter claimed he failed to see the possible bicyclist until he struck him. He immediately stopped his car and hastened to the assistance of the unfortunate man, and rendered him all the help possible under the circumstances.

Coroner Perl and District Attorney Roberts were notified of the accident last night and stated that they will be over to hold an inquest later.

The affair was one of the most distressing that has ever occurred in Ashland. Mr. Prescott was a well known carpenter and plumber living on B street. He was about 50 years of age and was a highly esteemed citizen of Ashland. He leaves a wife and family. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Jackson county will be represented at the meeting of the State Teachers' association by seven delegates, and quite likely by several others, especially by those who are spending their Christmas vacation in the northern part of the state, and will be in the vicinity of Portland where the meeting will be held on December 29, 30 and 31.

The county at large will be represented by Principal W. L. Greenleaf of Gold Hill, Miss Sarah Van Meter and Miss Fern B. Daily of Medford, and County Superintendent G. W. Ager. These delegates having been chosen at the County Teachers' Institute held in Ashland last fall. The Ashland Teachers' association will be represented by Miss Gretchen Krammer. The Medford association will be represented by Miss Fern B. Daily and Miss Jessie Wilson, while Prof. William Davenport of the Medford city schools will go as a delegate of the Jackson County School Masters' and High School Teachers' association.

The above delegates will attend the meeting of the executive committee composed of delegates from each county of the state. Their duty will be to formulate plans for the association and in general to attend to the business matters which are usually incumbent upon such a body.

Mr. O. A. Walker and daughter, Miss Lida, were guests at the Hotel Austin over Sunday from Los Angeles. They were surprised to find such fine weather here, as they stated the weather is very bad at present in the south. "You have Los Angeles beaten all around for climate," Mr. Walker remarked. He and his daughter walked through the park this morning and were greatly pleased with Ashland and its surroundings. They are on their way to look at a ranch near Eugene, and were sorry they had the trip to make as they liked Ashland so well. "We have to look at this ranch," Mr. Walker remarked, "because we promised to, but if we do not like it we will be back to Ashland."

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald D. Fife and M. Weir McDonald of Medford were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Lillian Green Zundel.

TEACHERS' PAY SHOWS INCREASE

There are seventy-one one-room schools in Jackson county. The average monthly salary paid the teachers in these schools this year is \$81.58, this being an increase of 23 1/2 per cent over the monthly wage paid such teachers last year. About 40 per cent or twenty-eight of our rural schools to be exact, are paying \$75, the minimum wage permitted by law.

There are also seventy-one teachers in the elementary grades of our two or more room schools who receive an average wage of \$92.37 per month. The average monthly salary of our forty-three high school teachers is \$112.54. The salary paid our fifteen principals is \$151.15, while city superintendents average \$250 a month.

Female teachers are paid \$92.13 a month. This is an increase of 18 1/2 per cent over that paid last year. The average salary paid male teachers is \$127.63, or only 2 per cent more than last year.

These figures seem to show conclusively that one of the main reasons why salaries of rural teachers were raised as due to the establishment of the minimum salary law, for the rural teachers were the ones receiving the greatest increase. However in some rural communities salaries have always been a little higher than in the town schools. These conditions prevail only in those districts having a high valuation and where the people demand just as good instruction as the children in the towns receive.

Our Chautauqua auditorium is going to be famous. The Johns-Manville company which furnished the roofing for the building, is going to use a picture of the auditorium in their advertising in nationally circulated magazines. We are having pictures made for them.

KEEP ALASKAN RAILWAY OPEN DURING WINTER
SEWARD, Alaska.—Attempts are to be made to keep the Government railroad between Seward and Anchorage open this winter. Snowsheds were built along the line last summer to keep the track free of snow which last winter slid down in such great quantities that operation was halted for several months.

Trains operate between the two points regularly during the summer. Seward and Anchorage, about 100 miles apart, are both on the "ocean end" of the railroad the government is building between Seward and Fairbanks, the metropolis of the interior of Alaska.

(By the United Press)
CHICAGO.—The National Wholesale Grocers' Association has refused to drop its suit against the "Big Five" packers before the Federal Trade Commission.

The packers' general counsel said the suit will be dropped only if the packers and the government produce a detailed statement of agreement, and present conclusive evidence that the meat packers will withdraw permanently from the grocer field.

BENEATH MISTLETOE Kissing Custom So Old No One Knows When It Started.

According to Scandinavian mythology, Loki, the god of evil, was the sworn enemy of Baldr, the god of light, and tried by every means in his power to kill him, but failed because he was invulnerable to everything that came from the earth, air, fire or water.

Loki at last conceived the idea that the mistletoe, springing from neither, would serve his purpose and, having an arrow made from the wood he helped Hodi, the blind god of darkness, to aim it, and Baldr fell dead through the heart.

All the gods and goddesses prayed for his restoration to life and when the prayer was granted it was decreed that the mistletoe should nevermore have power to do harm unless it touched the earth, and the goddess of love was appointed to guard it.

Some legends claim that the goddess kissed all who passed under the plant as a token that it was no longer a weapon of death, but a symbol of love, while others assert that she extracted a kiss from each as a propitiation, or the kough should be allowed to work harm.

Another reason for the kissing privilege conferred by the plant is said to be that a lovely maiden preferred death to the kisses of an amorous old monk who pursued her, and her prayers for deliverance were answered by transforming her into a mistletoe branch and placing her in a tree.

The custom of "kissing beneath the mistletoe" is so old that no one knows when it originated; but when young people are found selecting the branches that have the berries on, it is fair to suppose that they know a kiss must be given for every berry plucked and that the ceremony is never complete until every berry is off the branch.

There was once a common, though mistaken, belief that the mistletoe grew on oak trees only, but that was so far from true that the Druids, who held the oak as absolutely sacred because they believed it to represent the One Supreme God, deemed the mistletoe doubly sacred if found on one, and carefully guarded it until the sixth day after the first new moon of each year.

When this time arrived, priests robed in spotless white, surrounded the tree and held solemn ceremonies, among which was the sacrifice of two white bulls.

After the ceremonies a priest robed in spotless white ascended the tree, and with a golden knife cut the mistletoe and let it fall onto a white cloth held by other priests.

The branches were then formally blessed and divided among the people, who believed the sprays given them to have miraculous power.

Called "All-Heal" Plant.
The common belief in the efficacy of the plant was such that it was called "all-heal"; but according to an old legend, a certain lover searched many days for a specimen growing on an oak tree, that he might secure its branches for the cure of his betrothed, who was sick unto death, but when he found it he touched the sap, while cutting the branches, and fell dead near the tree, indicating that the sap was a deadly poison.

Another legend accounts for the fact that the plant is a parasite by the story that the mistletoe, originally grew as a tree, and that the cross on which Christ was crucified was made from mistletoe wood, after which it was accused and condemned to never more grow as a tree but to exist as a parasite, killing every living thing to which it became attached.

The plant thrives in America from New Jersey southward and westward, and those who know it only as a part of Christmas decorations can have little idea of how it overruns trees to the extent of being a nuisance.

STORM DAMAGED WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Reports from parties who were in the Willamette valley indicate that the late record storm wrecked that country a great deal worse than newspaper accounts gave an idea, and that the Rogue River valley fared much better. Newspaper reports the first of this week from Salem, Albany and other valley towns announced that rural deliveries out of the various postoffices were just being started again after a suspension of ten days.

In Ashland the rural delivery did not miss a trip though on the first trip after the storm part of the route was not covered there being such a small mail in the office.

(By Leith Abbott.)
The University of Oregon football squad composed of 25 members accompanied by Coaches "Shy" Huntington, Bart Spellman, and Trainer Hayward, passed through Ashland yesterday on a special car attached to train 15, enroute to Pasadena, California, where the varsity eleven will meet the Harvard football team on New Year's day to decide the intercollegiate championship of the United States.

Oregon's selection by the Tournament of Roses committee of Pasadena, to meet the Harvard eleven is unquestionably the biggest honor that has ever come to an Oregon athlete team. The Oregon team of 1916 was selected to play Pennsylvania in a like contest and defeated the easterners with a score of 14 to 0 in Pasadena, New Year's day, 1917. The entire West looks to the Oregon boys to duplicate their success against the husky Cambridge lads this season.

The selection of the Oregon team is a popular one with sport critics from one boundary of the Pacific coast to the other. The team finished in the lead of the Pacific coast conference after a most successful season in which the powerful University of Washington and O. A. C. teams both went down to defeat at the hands of the Eugenes.

The Lemon yellow team left for Movieland early in order that the squad could have a long time in which to practice and get in trim for the big clash. The gridiron at Eugene has been clothed in an eight inch blanket of snow for the past week which has made it difficult for active training and practicing to be held.

The eyes of the entire sporting world of the United States will be turned on Pasadena New Year's day. If Oregon can succeed in downing the Harvard eleven it will give Oregon's education institutions the biggest boost in years.

Local sport critics who have seen the Oregon team in action feel that it will give the Harvard team a battle royal. Harvard's big star is Casey, who from his position at quarterback, has established an enviable record as a pilskin artist this season and was Walter Camp's selection for the pivot position on his all American eleven. He will meet good competition, however, in Bill Steers, Oregon's stellar quarter who was the universal selection for the Pacific Coast all star team this season, made by every coach and football critic on the coast. He was placed on Walter Camp's all American third team.

Kenneth Bartlett of Estacada, Basin Williams of Eugene, and Hollis Huntington of The Dalles, all members of this year's group of gridsters were members of the famous 1917 Oregon team which white-washed Pennsylvania. They are a tower of strength to this year's aggregation in their positions of tackle and halfback, respectively.

The Harvard team boasts of a line which will average 225 pounds and which will far outclass Oregon in the weight column. On the other hand Oregon's backfield this year is one of the best that has ever donned the moleskins, and it is thought that they will prove superior to the Harvard backfield.

The Harvard team leaves Cambridge today on their long trip westward and will arrive in Pasadena in time for several days' practice. The Oregon team will have at least eight days of practice in the southern city.

MAGNETOS TO BE REPAIRED
CORVALLIS.—Farmers are asked to bring their faulty magnetos with them to their tractor short course that follows Farmers' week at O. A. C. and have them repaired free of charge. The repairs will be installed under the supervision of experts, thus giving the farmer the double advantage of renewed magnetos and ability to make their own repairs. The course opens January 5.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Quick wit will be the main prerequisite for a job at a local manufacturing plant. Officials hit on a new plan of examination for applicants when they instituted comparison of proverbs to determine whether he has enough mental speed to be an accountant.

CHRISTMAS AT THE P.O.

Thursday, December 25, being Christmas day the Ashland postoffice will observe the following schedule:

General delivery, parcel post and stamp windows open from 9 a. m. to 10 a. m. No money order business transacted and no letters registered. City carriers will make a complete delivery assisted by the auto truck. Collections will be made from the city letter boxes on holiday schedule. Rural carrier will make his deliveries.

Monday was the heaviest day's business in the history of the Ashland postoffice. Considering that the parcels in the mail were going to near by zones where the post rate was now the showing is therefore greater than the mere receipts themselves disclose.

Christmas Bags
Christmas wouldn't seem like Christmas without the lovely bags of all kinds that women delight in. Some of them are rich and splendid and others charm by their delicateness. Here are two that belong to these extremes. The shopping bag is of black satin brocaded with silver and has a handsome silver mounting. The other is a powder bag of lavender satin ribbon with a big ribbon tassel on the front of it. The petals are fluted with water colors, making a blossom that looks very real. It carries a powder puff and a little box of compact powder and a small mirror is incased in the reverse side.

WASHINGTON.—For a month past, the office of the assistant to the secretary of war, in charge of soldier re-employment, has been receiving many letters from ex-service men all over the country, inquiring about reconstruction jobs in France at large wages. In some way or other the report has been spread widely that there are unlimited opportunities of this character, which is very far from the truth.

In a bulletin, Lieutenant Colonel Mathew C. Smith, executive head of the Washington bureau, says: "Firms which have reconstruction contracts for France have been circled by this office, and they state that they are not employing any labor there as yet. The surprising heads for such projected reconstruction are technical men already connected with their office personnel."

"There are very few jobs of any kind for American soldiers in France at this time, and the statement that contractors are now offering good pay to all ex-service men who will sign up is without foundation. The report that the French government wishes to hire former soldiers from the United States is also incorrect."

The number of discharged enlistment men seeking information about jobs in France clearly shows that the ex-toughboy, now that he has been home for a little while, seems quite willing to take another trip overseas. However, the best opportunities are in America.

OSWEGO, N. Y.—Sunday indoor baseball games may be arranged for Oswego this winter. It is understood efforts have been made to obtain the local armory to stage the games.

BELVIDERE, Ill.—A 4,000-pound cheese, said to have been the largest ever brought here, was delivered to a grocer here recently for the Christmas trade.

LOCAL SHRINERS GO TO EUGENE

Members of the Masonic lodge of Eugene and vicinity will be given an opportunity early in the year to take up Scottish Rite degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second, inclusive and to become available as candidates for the Mystic Shrine, all work to be done in Eugene.

This opportunity to advance in the higher degrees of Free Masonry and to become members of the Mystic Shrine is announced for February 6 and 7, when P. S. Malcolm, sovereign grand inspector general, in Oregon, 33rd degree Mason, with a number of officers from Portland, will go to Eugene and put on the work of the Scottish Rite. During their visit in that city a class will be initiated into degrees from the fourth and including the 32d.

On the evening of February 7, members of the Ashland Shrine, Hillah Temple, with all officers, will go to Eugene to properly initiate all high degree Masons who are eligible to the Shrine. Hillah Temple has promised that Eugene can depend upon the officers of the Ashland Shrine, along with their paraphernalia, including the hot sands over which every novice must tread.

To the interests of June and the man she has given her heart to, Harry Hope, (Hullam Cooley, a worthwhile lover); how Chow avenges the death of his master by killing Denton, and how the sealways go straight is the engrossing theme and climax of a surprising picture.

Notwithstanding the unusual and extraordinary weather conditions, the short days and the delayed trains the Ashland postoffice has succeeded in cleaning up its deliveries each day. The plans for the handling of the incoming Christmas presents contemplate their prompt delivery and a clean-up each day.

Beginning this, Monday, afternoon a truck delivery will be made, accompanied by a carrier on each trip. This will expedite the delivery of the vast number of parcels that will necessarily arrive this week.

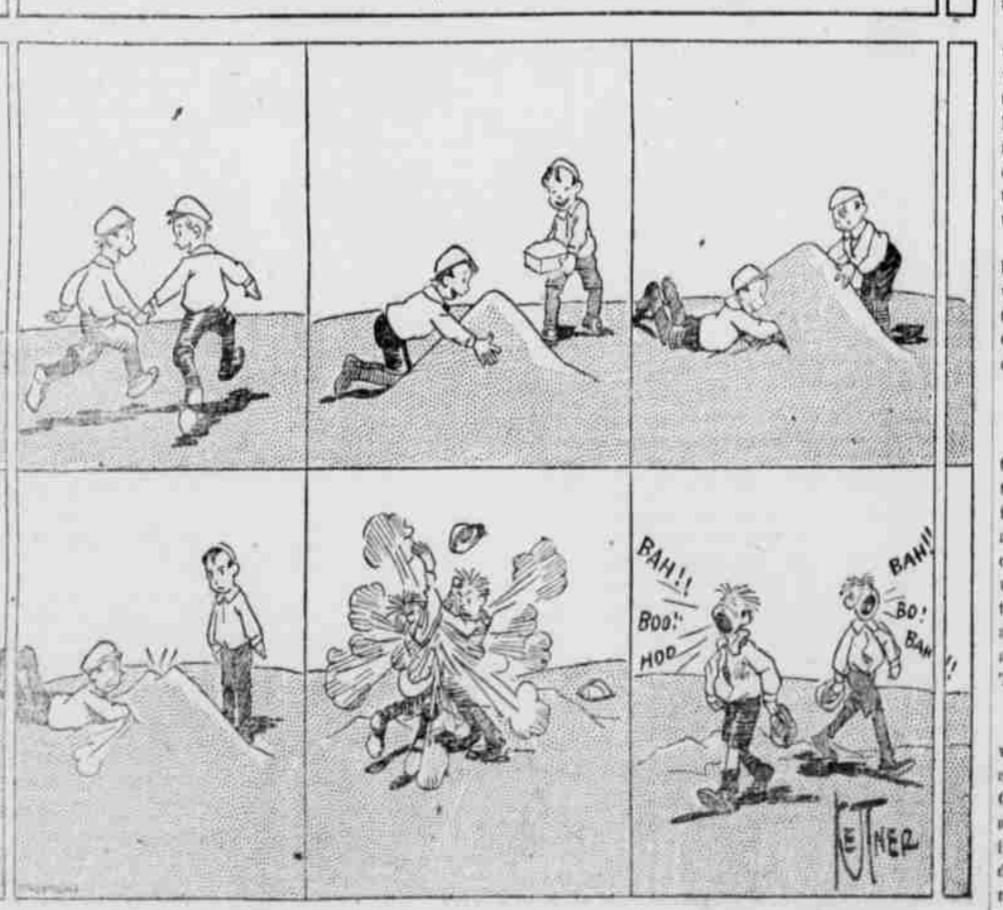
Deliveries will be made on Christmas day and it is planned that there will be the least possible time elapse on that day between the arrival of the parcels in the postoffice and their delivery to the recipients.

WILL DANCE EVEN
IF LIGHTS GO OFF
Who gives a hang if the lights go out? Launspuch's seven-piece jazz orchestra can play without lights and seventeen candles, two lanterns and an automobile headlight are being mobilized at the Natatorium by the boys of the American Legion and the Ashland National Guard company to provide against any such incident marring their Christmas dance. Yep. Rain or snow, it is going to be the biggest, jazziest dance of the year. Christmas night. Everybody is invited.

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