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BLOWN TO

DEATH

Chas. Rutan Killed While Thawing Dynamite in Bohemia.

Chas. Rutan, one of Bohemias best known miners, was accidentally killed about 5 o'clock Thursday evening, by the explosion of a stick of dynamite in his right hand. He with Andrew Brund and Billy Read were working on the Tom Johnson property and were outside of the tunnel thawing some powder. The two other men were standing about 6 feet away from him when the explosion occurred. He was kneeling on the ground and the supposition is that he had put a piece of fuse into a cap, then in putting the cap and fuse into the split stick of dynamite which he was holding in his hand, the fuse became worked down on to the fulminate of mercury which is the filling of the cap and caused the explosion, the full force of which struck him in the stomach and undoubtedly caused the bursting of many arteries, besides tearing off his hand. He became unconscious at once and did not recover consciousness until about 7 o'clock after he had been carried down to the Musick mine and then asked to be turned over on to his side. After that was done he expired almost immediately.

Mr. Rutan has worked in the camp for many years, and was well known in the mining fraternity. His home is at Oakland, where he has some relatives living. His aged mother died about a year ago and was buried there. Jim Underwood of that place who conducts a grocery store, with his brother, who is postmaster, married a sister of Rutan, and he came to this city Thursday night and will take the body to Oakland for burial. Underwood is in exceedingly poor health and is almost unable to undertake the task of tending to these last offices to his brother-in-law.

A later report from camp by Geo. Knowles states that Mr. Rutan and Reed had finished drilling some holes and came out to get the powder. Rutan built a fire of shavings to thaw eight sticks of powder, which he laid by the fire. After a little he made one trip to the tree where the fuse and caps were kept and came back, then made a second trip, and knelt on one knee by the fire and was preparing to insert the cap in the powder. Mr. Reed standing within three feet of him, and Mr. Brund who was visiting him a little further off, all of them in a line. Mr. Rutan picked up a stick of powder in his left hand, and suddenly the stick went off and instantly all the other seven sticks exploded, Mr.

Rutan was blown into the air, and down the dump 50 feet, and then rolled 50 feet or more further lodging against a tree. Mr. Reed was blown down the dump a distance and suffered severe bruises on his ankles so he cannot walk. When he gained consciousness he found that he was climbing up the dump as hard as he could go.

Mr. Brund instead of being blown down the dump, was hurled the other way, and a big can of water upset over him. He felt the water trickling over him in an instant and thought he was bleeding to death, though he suffered little except from the shaking up and a slight scratch on his face.

As soon as the boys noticed Rutan they picked him up and made him as easy as possible and later carried him to the Musick mine where it was found that his left hand had been blown off at the wrist, the left foot torn and broken so it hung by shreds from the instep diagonally to the heel, the ankle broken and the left leg broken between the knee and ankle and two ribs on the same side broken. The left eye was practically blown out, and the right eye terribly gashed. The entire face was peppered as by small rock and the back of the head was gashed probably by his fall. While he regained consciousness after being taken to the Musick and spoke to the boys calling them by name when moving hurt him, he sank rapidly and bled internally. He asked to be moved several times and finally about 7:30 asked to be turned on his side and when it was done expired almost instantly without a struggle.

The body was dressed as carefully as possible and was brought down to Wildwood by Alf Burnett and Frank Flisher, and from there to the Grove on a hand car Friday afternoon, where Veatch & Lawson took charge of the body for his relatives.

J. A. Underwood of Oakland, his brother-in-law took the body to Oakland that night where the man was buried by the side of his mother who died about a year ago. He has two brothers living, U. S. Rutan of Ager, California, and J. C. Rutan of Santa Rosa and a sister Mrs. J. A. Underwood. The father is somewhere in the west but has not been located yet.

Mr. Rutan has several claims in the Bohemia district on Weaver creek, about three miles from Orsco.

Mr. Reed & Brund say no fire got on the powder and say they think on Rutan's second trip for caps he dropped a cap in the fire, resulting in the instantaneous explosion of all the powder.

Are you a booster, or a knocker? If you don't label yourself, your neighbors will do it for you.

ACCIDENTALLY

KILLED

J. D. Richmond Loses his Life in Fall of Lumber Truck Through Floor.

J. A. Richmond met with a peculiar accident Tuesday afternoon about 5:30 which resulted in his death about 11 o'clock that evening.

Mr. Richmond was trucking for the Brown Lumber Co. and was rolling a large truck load of heavy lumber along the edge of the dock to load into a car and was walking along the side of the truck on a single 12 inch plank next the edge of the dock when the wheel of the truck broke through one side of a 12 inch plank and the truck carrying the lumber slipped and knocked him off the dock on to the railroad track some six feet below; his head and shoulders striking first on the rails, his skull was crushed and his neck broken and the lumber falling struck him on the chest and shoulders. He did not regain consciousness after his fall.

Mr. Richmond leaves a wife and four children. He was an Odd Fellow and that order was present and conducted the funeral services. Just a few days since he allowed a \$2000 life insurance policy with the Knights of the Maccabees to lapse.

The accident was one of those unavoidable accidents that will come in any business and no blame seems to attach to any one. The dock is a part of the old mill and whenever a plank seems to be unsound is removed and the plank that gave way did not seem to be unsound at all before, but was probably weakened by other heavy loads before. Coroner Gordon came up and investigated but did not hold an inquest as he decided the accident was purely accidental, and no blame to be attached anywhere.

Resolutions

Whereas, it has pleased an Almighty God to take from us our brother J. D. Richmond, by death, Sept. 25th, 1906, and

Whereas he was a Christian gentleman, a kind husband and loving parent, and

Whereas he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder in the congregation thereof, Therefore,

Resolved first, that we deplore the accident that caused his death; that we will miss his counsel in our official meetings; that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and assure them that our prayers to our Heavenly Father are for their comfort, and

Resolved second, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our session book, a copy be sent to the

stricken family and a copy be sent each of our city papers with a request for their publication.

Done by order of Church session Sept. 26th, 1906.

R. C. GRACE, Pastor
EDGAR KING, Clerk
H. C. VEATCH,
A. H. KING,
C. M. JACKSON,
J. P. CURRIN,
J. W. GOWDY.

J. D. Richmond.

Mr. Richmond was born in January, 1857, in Alleghany County, New York, and moved from there to Iowa where he educated himself, and in 1880 married Miss Alice Flinn. They moved to Kansas where he taught school for some years, and in 1894 moved to Oregon where he took up his trade of cheese maker, and later learned carpenter work, moving to Cottage Grove in 1903, where his family all reside. He was accidentally killed Tuesday the 25th of Sept., while working at the Brown Lumber Co's mill.

He has always been an active worker in the church and for the last ten years has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church, being one of the foremost of that church in his sturdy work for the welfare of the people.

He leaves a widow and four children, Miss Nellie Richmond is taking a special musical education. Bert is at the head of the Richmond Illustrated Show Company of which his father has been a member. Mrs. Arnes of Woodburn, and Eva, a young girl of eleven.

The funeral services were conducted by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, Pastor Grace preaching the funeral sermon. A good and faithful man has gone to the long rest, leaving a world of good deeds behind to mark his pathway through life.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends who have expressed by word and deed their sympathy with us in the sudden and terrible death of our dear husband and father, who we know has gone to the better land, and especially to the I. O. O. F. Lodge and the Rebekahs, and the Brown Lumber Co., for their kindness and sympathy in the last services.

MRS. ALICE RICHMOND
AND CHILDREN.

Business men are very optimistic over the future of Cottage Grove.

S. K. Lewis who is a forest ranger for the Booth-Kelly Co. is back in town, his summer's work over, as the rains have sufficiently wet things down so there is no danger of fire.

OREGON IS

GROWING

Whole State on the Move.

Reports from all over Oregon indicate that the entire state is progressing as never before and that great numbers of homeseekers are coming to live in the state. Very few towns are not growing, most of them going forward by leaps and bounds. Among the latter class is Cottage Grove. A year ago there were many vacant houses. Now there is hardly one to be found, and many new ones have been built in the meantime.

The payrolls are larger than ever before in the history of the town, and every business seems to be feeling the wave of prosperity. The farmers are all making money, most of them are using the most modern methods and are improving their stock. Land is increasing in price, and town property is making a steady increase in value. While several new store buildings have been erected during the year, and several more will be erected next spring. There is room for more.

Most of the merchants state that their business is better since the town has gone dry under the local option law than before. Many new families have moved here and give as their reason that the town is a good one for them to raise their children in on account of the absence of saloons. Certain it is that Cottage Grove is taking her part in the advancement of Oregon, and is helping to build up the state, and the industries around her.

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Keep bright and you'll be kept busy.

Light is the magnet that draws trade.

A show window brilliantly lighted with electric lights makes many a sale "the night before."

It attracts attention, makes it easy for your display to be examined, and shows your goods to the best advantage.

Electric light is the best and only illuminant.

When may our man see you about it?

WILLIAMETTE VALLEY ELECTRIC CO.

New X-Ray Outfit.

Dr. Hockett states that he is considering moving to the new bank building where he could have four rooms instead of two. He would then have a room set apart especially for operations and his X-ray laboratory. He is just completing the arrangements to dispose of his present equipment, and to install a

much larger and more complete equipment, that will enable him to carry on the most advanced work in that line. He will in a short time depart for Portland or some other point where he can take a special course in treatment by the X-Ray and Violet ray course of treatment, and will obtain the best knowledge possible. He hopes to be able to keep up with the progress in this line by constant study and attendance upon lectures by noted specialists.

Mrs. Haight.

The body of Mrs. Haight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mansur, who live four miles out Coast Fork was brought in on the train Friday and taken to the family home from which it will be laid to rest in the White cemetery Saturday morning.

Mrs. Haight and her husband came up from San Francisco some time ago where she had undergone an operation, and has been failing ever since, and was recently taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland where she died.

Elk River, Minnesota papers please copy.

Schools Show Growth of Cottage Grove.

The attendance at the public schools show that Cottage Grove is growing. With an attendance of over 350, and still growing daily, which is two score more than last year at this time, the students and parents note a great change. There are not so many students attending the school this year from outside points as last year, and so the increased number of pupils in schools must all come from the town proper. These many of them are from families that have settled here this summer from the East and other points. Such growth makes a permanent increase in the town.

Our Opportunities.

The lecture course that is being presented this winter through the good offices of the Commercial Club is in the interest of the general betterment of the town. The entertainments will be highest moral and educational standpoint, and will help not only the older folk, but the children. It is a course worth more than the money because it gives you something worth remembering. Each evening will lift up, not pull you down. Take your children with you, they too will get good for the course.

Alberton Wood posted the final papers for patent on his Arlington Lodge claims in the Bohemia District on the Douglas County side on Wednesday and hopes before the new year to have his patent.



Ladies! Come in and look at our furs?

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