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MAYBELLE WHIPPLE DROWNED IN ROGUE

SAILING WITH TWO YOUNG MEN
WHEN BOAT CAPSIZES.

REACHES BOAT BUT SLIPS

Death of Popular Girl is Great Shock
to the Entire Community.

Mabelle, young daughter of Surveyor W. R. Whipple of West O and Clark streets, this city, was drowned Monday afternoon at 2:25 o'clock in Rogue river opposite City park. The accident occurred 20 feet from the north shore, and about a quarter of a mile east of the bridge.

The body was recovered at 5 o'clock the same afternoon with a drag of barb wire.

Miss Whipple, who was about 17 years of age, was in a sail boat with James Neall and Murray Neall, brothers, of Medford. James Neall had the following story to tell of the tragedy:

"We were having a ride in a sail-boat. There was no wind sufficient to cause danger and we were enjoying the ride. A light gust of wind, however, turned the sail, and while passing over our heads caught in Miss Maybelle's hat, or her hair, and threw her to the side of the boat. The weight was too much for the frail craft and it capsized. I grappled with the girl and finally got her on top of the floating capsize boat. She was alright, and laughed at our predicament. My brother swam to the shore, only about 30 feet, and pulled off his shoes and then swam back to the boat. When he had reached within three or four feet of us, the boat whirled over again, and the girl and myself were thrown into the water. We did what we could to save Miss Maybelle but failed. My clothes were heavy and encumbered me.

"I had not met Miss Whipple until today. My brother is engaged to marry her sister, Vera, and wanted me to come here and meet the family. I am a carpenter, and have been employed at the Ament dam and my brother is carpenter foreman for the Johnson-Turner Contracting company at Medford."

During the afternoon a number of boys and men were diving for the body, which went down in 15 feet of water. Grappling hooks and nets were also being used to aid in the search. Chief of Police McLane was early on the scene and sent a young man to a nearby home to procure nets. Dr. F. D. Stricker, coroner, also went to the river, and by 4 o'clock many persons had gathered on both banks. All were shocked and sympathetic to realize that a young girl had gone to her death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Miss Maybelle Whipple. Burial was in Masonic cemetery.

The services were conducted by Rev. F. C. Lovett. The casket was covered with flowers and it was a sorrowing concourse of friends who assembled at the bier of this girl, who went to her death when it seemed that her life could have been saved.

Miss Maybelle was a few months past 18 years. The parents and the brothers and sisters were present when she was placed in the tomb.

GERMAN ARMY MANEUVERS.

BERLIN, July 6.—Practically 1,000,000 men have been called to take part in the field maneuvers of the German army this summer. In addition to the regular army strength, 422,000 reserves have been detailed to the same duty. This will make the total strength of the emperor's land force 977,000 men. Besides these, men now serving with the fleet will be engaged in the gigantic war game.

WOOLLEY GETS CAPITAL FOR HARBOR PROJECT

H. S. Woolley, promoter of Woolleyport harbor near Crescent City, California, arrived in Grants Pass from the north Saturday and announced he had raised the capital in the east with which to bring his harbor into existence, that he had received permission from the war department to do the work, and that he would start operations at once. Woolley left almost immediately by auto for Crescent City.

Mr. Woolley was in a gleeful mood, and if anybody should doubt Woolley's statements one look at his joyful countenance would have dispelled the doubt.

This means big works at the coast point and the expenditure of a large amount of money. The next question is railroad, who will build that railroad from Grants Pass to the harbor? A recent dispatch out of San Francisco said the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, acting jointly, will extend the Northwestern road from Crescent to Grants Pass. Others say Hill will build through here to the port. Among all the smoke some fire should soon develop. Grants Pass awaits developments with interest.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gilkinson, of Grants Pass, Tuesday celebrated the fiftieth marriage anniversary, their golden wedding, and the Fourth of July, a double event, at their home at Fourth and I streets.

Ebenezer S. Gilkinson and Nancy E. Gilkinson, the subjects of this sketch, were made man and wife at 2 o'clock in the morning at Seio, Linn county, Oregon; and departed soon after in the cool of the morning for the celebration at Salem, the year Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president.

Ebenezer crossed the plains by ox team in the rush to the California gold fields in '49. He was in the same company with Thomas Vaughn, one of the old pioneers of Tillamook, Oregon. The caravan of ox teams endured many hardships. While in Humboldt Sink, Nev., all of their oxen died and the company almost perished. Where their teams perished there were thousands of other dead cattle and numerous wagons and emigrant graves.

Finally arriving at Feather River, Cal., Eben went to work at mining, but never amassed much wealth. Moving to Oregon near Seio, he met Nancy E. Neal, who crossed the plains in 1852, along with the old respected pioneer family of Neals, that have been the sturdy hard-working and honest pioneers of Linn and Marion counties, who have helped make the wilderness blossom as the rose, in the Willamette valley. Eight children have been born to this happy union, of which six are living; but only three being present at their fiftieth anniversary, to-wit: Mrs. H. B. Hendricks, Mrs. W. S. Moore and Clarence, the younger son, who lives with his aged parents who are not having the best of health, but have come to reside in Grants Pass for a milder and better change of climate.

Ebenezer S. Gilkinson was born March 9, 1827. Nancy E., his wife, was born January 27, 1846. Mrs. M. J. Emerson, also a pioneer of Oregon, who crossed the plains in '52, resident of Cottage Grove, also came recently to Grants Pass for her health. They all enjoyed a quiet, sane Fourth together.

DEPOSED KING MANUEL'S MOTHER PASSES AWAY

ROME, July 6.—Maria Pia, Dowager Queen of Portugal and mother of the deposed King Manuel, died at Stupinigi castle, where she had lived since Manuel's overthrow. The dead queen had been falling for months, largely through grief at the fall of her family's fortunes. She also grieved deeply over illegal awards of vast sums made against her, it being alleged that they were wrongfully taking from the Portuguese treasury before the downfall of the monarchy.

JEWETT MINE WILL SOON BE OPERATED

PASSES INTO HANDS OF MEN
WHO WILL RUSH WORK.

PROPERTY BRINGS \$40,000

Hydro-Electric Plant for Treating
Refractory Ores Will
Be Installed.

The Jewett mine, located four miles southeast of Grants Pass, has been sold to W. R. Oxley, F. D. Barber, John Muir and William Muir, the two latter of Ontario, Canada. Messrs. Oxley and Barber are operating a mine near Gold Hill. The purchasers have organized the Jewett Mining company, capitalized at \$500,000. They will begin operations at once on the Jewett which has much ore on the dump and much other valuable rock in sight. They purchased the property from the estate of Benjamin Healey, of San Francisco.

News of the sale of this property to able and experienced mining men brings much satisfaction to the people of Grants Pass as the mine is at the very door of the city and the working force to be put on the property will add largely to the revenue of Grants Pass business men.

The Courier has been informed that a modern up-to-the-minute treatment plant to take care of the rebellious ores of the mine will be erected near the river bank and about three miles from the city. This plant will also add considerably to the monthly payroll.

The mine was operated 15 years ago and has been 1350 and 1400 feet of workings. A mill and concentrator have been standing idle on the property and now will probably be dismantled as it is not of sufficient capacity nor the proper method to save the values in the base ore. The property was closed down a number of years ago as a result of contention on the part of the several owners, the main trouble being that they did not get sufficient returns in dollars and cents on shipments of ore to various smelters. In other words, they did not receive anywhere near the values that their private assays returned. Suspicion was aroused that they were being plucked by somebody, the result being the mine was closed down. Benjamin Healey

GRANTS PASS PEOPLE VISIT GALICE MINES

Quite a number of Grants Pass people visited the Galice mining district last week and they report usual activity of the mines in that section. There are constant arrivals from various parts of the country of all classes of men interested in the mining industry. Mining men are looking over the country, and prospectors in large numbers are going to the hills, which have scarcely been scratched up to the present time.

The Almeda mine and the smelter are attracting no little attention from all classes, as they are producing wealth every day in the week. The smelter is turning out a large amount of rich matte daily, and it is plain to be seen that it is time the 100-ton smelter is replaced by a much larger one. This will be a necessity and, while the company has not given out its intentions, it is a fact that this must result in the not distant future.

The big shaft is still going downward with three shifts. From time to time cross-cuts are made into the ore body, which is growing nearer and nearer as depth is reached. At the lowest point the ore shows more value than above, both in copper and gold. This shaft is to prove not only the values to be found below, but the extent of the ore body, and it is proving conclusively that the Almeda contains an immense tonnage of ore, which will yield satisfactorily in both copper and gold.

finally absorbed all of the stock and through the years he has persistently refused to sell the property. J. R. Harvey, of Grants Pass at one time had a buyer here from the east who was willing to pay \$75,000 for the property. Mr. Healey, however, refused the offer. He stated that he intended to operate the mine himself some day, but died before his cherished desire was fulfilled.

The present owners are men of wealth, and the Jewett mine will now begin to turn out a large tonnage of ore and set quite a number of men to work, which number will be increased as fast as possible.

The treatment plant will be of the hydro-electric chlorination process with complete flow sheet and classification. All of the ore from the mine will be treated at this plant, none to be shipped to smelters. Even the most rebellious, stubborn telluride will be treated here, sliming everything by regrinding. The ore recovery will be 90 per cent or more.

MINING MEN ARE URGED TO GET EXHIBITS HERE BY JULY 12

At a meeting Wednesday of committeemen to prepare for the mining congress, the belief was expressed by the workers looking to the collection of a mineral exhibit of Josephine county ores that a collection would be assembled which would advertise this county in splendid shape. It was, however, a source of regret that a collection of exhibits from various mines and prospects was slow in arriving. Many will arrive later, but it is the desire of the exhibit committee to have this mineral here in time to classify it and arrange displays without being compelled to wait to the last days, and confusion.

The committee asks that this paper give publicity to the fact that all prospectors and mining men who intend to send exhibits have their ore here by July 12. Later arrivals will be welcomed, but all who can possibly do so, should send in their exhibits not later than the date mentioned, as this will facilitate a comprehensive arrangement, and a better display will result.

Every man who owns a mine or a prospect, and who will send in ore for the exhibit, will procure thereby one of the best possible advertise-

ments for his property. The ore will remain on permanent exhibition with his name, address and other information, and investors at the mining congress, and others who will come in from time to time through the year, will examine his ore and sales will result.

The miner will reap first results from the ore display and it behooves him to have interest enough and pride enough for his district to get busy on this at once. Send in your ore by July 12, if possible.

By unanimous vote O. S. Blanchard, president of the mining bureau, was requested to address the Commercial club next Monday evening at the regular monthly meeting on the plans and intentions of the committeemen regarding the mining congress. Thus will all members present be informed of the work so far done and what is hoped to be done with the limited means at the command of the mining congress committees.

Frank South stated that at least \$200 more was needed for the work in hand, and proposed that all members present consider themselves collectors and make an effort to interest some one or two or three persons

HORRIBLE DEATH ENDS VACATION

AUTOMOBILE FAMILY PARTY
ENVELOPED IN FLAMES.

GIRL OF FOURTEEN DIES

Father and Three Surviving Children
Seriously Burned, But
Will Recover.

One daughter dead, another daughter burned and internally injured, two sons with faces and hands terribly burned and the father with both hands wrapped in bandages and face scorched is the sad ending of a family party spending their summer vacation in touring from San Francisco to Portland and return.

The story of the accident, as told by the father, John Kelly, conducting an automobile garage and repair shop at 1460 Market street, San Francisco, is substantially as follows: "We left Grants Pass Tuesday evening at about 4 o'clock and at sundown we were beyond Kerby, traveling in a 20-horse power White Steamer. At a point about six miles beyond Kerby the road is narrow and deeply rutted. The undergearing of the machine encountered a stone which stuck up above the center of the road. This dislodged the rock and the gasoline tank, which hangs above the rear axle, was punctured. The air pressure shot the gasoline to the ground and immediately the whole machine was a mass of flames.

"When the machine struck I slowed down and my eldest daughter, Angela, a student in her first year at Berkeley, jumped but at the side of the road is a ditch, she fell backward and both wheels of the machine passed over her, breaking a rib and causing other injuries.

"Myrtle, aged 14, Hobart, aged 3, and Homer 6, were in the rear seat, the former wearing a cotton dress, the oldest boy in his shirt sleeves and the younger wearing a khaki coat. The girl was completely enveloped in the flames which burned her clothing and left her a mass of blisters and burns which were so serious that death came at 1:35 Thursday morning. The faces of both boys are so badly burned that they are swollen almost beyond recognition and their hands are big blisters. Hobart, who was in his shirt sleeves is badly burned on the back and shoulders."

The father and three children are at the South Pacific hospital under the care of Dr. Loughridge and constantly attended by Dr. R. Kelly of Portland, uncle of the children, who arrived Thursday from Portland. The doctor states that the three children and the father will recover.

Mr. Kelly secured a spring wagon, feather bed and springs and brought little Myrtle to Grants Pass Wednesday, while neighbors in the vicinity of the accident cared for the other children during the night. This morning they were brought here by Marve Jordan in his automobile.

Mrs. Kelly and baby have been notified and will arrive from San Francisco Friday. The body of the little girl will be taken to Portland for burial in the family lot. The Kellys having been residents of that place until about two years ago.

Mr. Kelly says that the condition of the road was responsible for the accident which caused the death of his daughter and the intense suffering to other members of his family. They left San Francisco June 15, and had traveled to Portland, crossing the Siskiyou, and were returning by the way of Crescent City.

Strange to say the automobile was not seriously injured.

KILLS WIFE AND THEN DESTROYS HIMSELF

BOISE, Idaho, July 6.—Because his wife persisted in her intention of suing him for divorce, Horace Lichty shot and killed her and then committed suicide at Twin Falls.

ANOTHER RICH STRIKE NEAR THE HIGGINS MINE

Dan Hearn and Jack Casey left Grants Pass last Friday bound for Higgins camp, where they go to visit their new gold strike. They took with them a lot of supplies hardware and other articles, and will proceed with work of opening the ledge. All of the principals, however, will return to Grants Pass for the Fourth. They will enjoy some fun when all but Hearn will return to the property and get down to business. No one arises to say anything against the newest gold sensation. A mining man from that district today stated to The Courier that at the bottom of the hill, where a stream has cut the formation, that the ledge shows wide. "It is a big one," said the Courier informant. Being oxidized, the owners will knock out some quick money.

Another feature that is pleasing to many mining men, is that this ledge shows a permanency of ore in place in the camp. Higgins property being somewhat of a geological enigma, caused a question to arise as to permanency of ledges. But this discovery of Casey's puts a new face on things, and goes to prove that the region is one of high worth.

The Courier sent the news of this strike, as it has the others made in the past 60 days, over the United Press wires, which gave the news in all states. News of continued strikes here is bound to stir the mining world, and Josephine county will attract many mining men, as it has already attracted many during the past two months.

Dan Hearn stated last night that he intends to bring a fine display of ore from the new strike for the Mining Congress to meet here July 18.

HANDSOME MINERAL DISPLAY AT CONGRESS

H. S. Herzinger said Saturday that a handsome mineral display of Josephine county ores will be made at the Mining Congress to convene in Grants Pass July 18. Mr. Herzinger is chairman of the committee to procure ore for the congress, and from what he stated yesterday Josephine county will lead the procession.

Men are now at work in the various districts gathering both low-grade and high-grade ores. Most of this will be in Grants Pass by July 10, as it will be delivered to various points in the county not later than July 8. This was the arrangement made at the meeting last week of the various committees. The committeemen will meet again Wednesday evening of this week at the Commercial club, and a big turnout is desired.

Frank South says his committee (finance), is working hard and does not want to skip anybody. Anybody who has not been seen should look up the committee. The success of the mining congress, so far as depends on Grants Pass, is wrapped up in the success in collecting donations of coin for the entertainment of mining visitors and investors. Word comes that operators, engineers and investors from Spokane and other northern cities will be here. It behooves Grants Pass to give these people a welcome and entertainment, and it can't be done without money, say the committeemen, and they urge all people of the city to aid, as the present is the golden opportunity for Grants Pass and Josephine county to launch a genuine mining boom, something that will make these old streets hum with business.

MARINES ORDERED RETURNED TO THEIR HOME STATION

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop late this afternoon, ordered the cruiser Colorado to return the 200 marines now at San Diego to their home station near Seattle. The marines were ordered to San Diego during the Mexican crisis.

NEW YORK, July 6.—In the yacht races started here today by the New York Yacht club many of the best vessels in the fleet are entered. The contests are being held off Huntington and will continue three days.