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H. S. ERECTION PROGRESSING RAPIDLY NOW

A sealed pipe, containing the 1926 high school annual, a copy of the Central Point American and data pertaining to the erection of the high school is imbedded in the concrete of the front entrance arch, just to the left of the keystone, according to C. T. Hamilton, inspector, who conceived the idea.

The papers are sealed in a 2 1/2 inch pipe 18 inches long, by caps screwed on each end. The container is absolutely air tight so that even if the pipe is separated at some future time from the concrete the papers will remain uninjured.

The pipe being of such design as to attract attention, it is not probable that the contents will remain undisturbed for long after the concrete has disintegrated. That, however, will not be soon, as walls such as the ones in the high school, will remain intact for about 1000 years, according to concrete experts.

One's imagination can run riot concerning the conditions under which this information concerning Central Point will be unearthed. The dreams of idealists may have been realized and the world will have a universal language. That may mean some scholar who has spent years in studying vernacular languages will be consulted to translate the writings. The country may be inhabited by shifting nomads or may be the center of a thriving city, this depending entirely on the fate of nations.

According to geologists, and this last is most probable, the Pacific coast may sink extending the Pacific ocean to the Rocky Mountains. In that case this "relic of an ancient civilization" may never be discovered.

All the concrete in the building has been poured, and the inside plastering will be completed and roofing on Saturday, according to Miles Stuart, foreman. Finish work was started Wednesday of this week.

The building will be ready to turn over to the school board, who will furnish it under separate contract, by September 1, as is designated in the general contract, says Mr. Stuart.

PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS

During the World War, the American people became heavy investors in Liberty Bonds. They learned the merits of moderate-yield securities, and since the war have invested in public utility securities, preferring this form of investment with its good return and high factor of safety rather than speculative stocks.

As a permanent investment, electric light and power company preferred stocks are everywhere known as desirable for the careful investor of small or large means. These stocks combine safety with good dividends, and the dividends are paid regularly four times a year. Preferred stocks of electric light and power companies are the favorite investment of the careful and well-informed investor of Southern Oregon and the entire country.

Strong favorites in the investment market, the preferred stocks of public utilities continue to lead the field to financial circles. They are the fastest selling securities upon the market today.

Following a three weeks' vacation spent in Philadelphia, where they attended the National Education association convention and visited other eastern and also southern cities, City School Superintendent E. H. Hedrick and Mrs. Hedrick of Medford, returned to the valley last week. The trip was made through New York City, thence through the southern states from Virginia to Texas and into California and Oregon. They encountered considerable heat while traveling through the states of the western belt. Hedrick was formerly superintendent of the Central Point high school.

OREGON TOURIST TIDE MAKES NEW RECORD FOR STATE

The 1926 motor tourist wave exceeds all previous records. Automobile association officials say so. Available statistics verify. The rush to the Oregon outdoors is on as it never was before.

Six hundred motor parties are receiving service daily at the Oregon State Motor association offices in Portland.

Registration figures for June were furnished by Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state. Motor tourists from other states are required to register. June was just the beginning of the tourist rush. There were 13,818 motor vehicle registrations, more than any June since the law went into effect in 1923.

Since January 1 there had been, until July 1, 34,190 registrations, 6598 more than last year.

More than one-half of the registrations are from California, 19,276 for the six months' period, 8171 for June alone.

Every state and some foreign countries have been represented in the past six months. In June the only state missing from the list was South Carolina.

Ashland is the point where registration was heaviest, it being 3421.

Alfred E. Shearer, manager of the map and touring department of the Oregon State Motor association gave information about the passing of the gasoline hobo. "This is a big car year," he said. "Practically every tourist from states not adjoining Oregon is traveling in a high priced car. More than one-half of the vehicles coming are medium priced and up. The tourists stay in Oregon an average of five days. That is, the first-time tourists. First-time tourists usually have mapped out an itinerary which covers the time available. But many come back, a surprising number, and stay longer.

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GRAIN TO BREAD SAME DAY

Harvesters using a combine machine cut the wheat on the farm of Jean Gray, near Lyons, Kansas, Saturday morning, June 26. Wheat was taken to the Lyons mill and ground into flour and a sack of this flour was returned to the Gray home in time to be made into biscuits for the evening meal. What had been ripening grain in the morning, became flour at noon and was cooked and eaten for food before sundown of the same day. To do that a few years ago a miracle would have had to be worked. Now we accept it as entirely natural and practical.

Smokers who throw burning cigar and cigarette stubs from automobiles along highways in the state are violating a criminal statute and are liable to a fine of \$25 to \$75. Automobile drivers must train themselves to extinguish cigars and cigarettes before throwing them away.

Klamath Falls will hold a three-day labor celebration and carnival September 4, 5 and 6 under the auspices of the Central Trade council.

MEDFORD MAN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK SAT.

Donald Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Robinson of 836 Taylor street and well known locally, was instantly killed last Saturday night when a large Studebaker touring car which he was driving turned over near Buckshot Hill. With him at the time were his wife, Court Jeschke and Muriel Bylesby. They were returning from an auto ride and in attempting to make a turn in the road the steering wheel came off, going over in the back of the car where it was found later. The car turned over, pinning Robinson beneath it, the door on his chest and the spindle of the steering wheel in his stomach.

Being in the back of the car, Jeschke opened a door, crawled out and helped Miss Bylesby out. Merritt Perry was driving a Ford about 100 yards ahead, and, hearing the crash when the big car overturned, returned to their aid, arriving in time to help extricate Mrs. Robinson from the wreckage after which they made vain efforts to extricate Mr. Robinson.

Mrs. Robinson, formerly Alberta Moffatt, received lacerations about the head and numerous bruises and is now on the road to recovery. Upon the arrival of six men and a wrecker, Robinson's body was removed and brought to the city.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Perl Funeral Home with Rev. J. D. Howe officiating. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Six Knights of Pythias, of which he was a member, were the active pallbearers and six firemen were honorary pallbearers. Mr. Robinson was a member of the Medford Fire Department for two years and was given a glowing tribute by Chief Roy Elliott. Since leaving the Fire Department, he has been employed by the Medford branch of the Sperry Flour company. He was born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 9, 1900, and leaves to mourn his loss besides his wife and parents four sisters and two brothers.

COAST AIR MAIL SERVICE DELAYED BY BEACONS

The air mail route from Seattle to Los Angeles via Medford, which was scheduled to start June 15, is being delayed by the installation of 7,500,000 candle power beacons and 400,000 candle power intermediate beacons between San Francisco and Los Angeles, where the schedule calls for night flying. With this air mail service in operation Central Point will be connected with the eastern bound air mail service.

OPENS BEAUTY PARLOR

Miss Dolores Bedingfield has opened a beauty parlor at the Gleason Barber shop in Central Point. Yesterday was the opening day and Miss Bedingfield gave free marcelling and was kept busy the entire day.

Miss Dolores has been employed in Medford for over a year under Madame Jeffers and comes exceptionally well recommended.

Mr. Grunt and wife, from Indiana, who have been touring the Pacific coast since last September, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McJimsey Sunday. Mr. Grunt and Mr. McJimsey were old school mates and had not met for fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. Grunt left for their home in Indiana Monday but expect to return later and locate in the West.

Ed Vincent and family, accompanied by S. C. Collins and daughter Flora, returned the first of the week from a week's outing at Crescent City. The coast trip was enjoyed so well, they are finding it hard to settle down inland again.

Will Scott and wife from Glendale, California, were here the latter part of last week visiting at the home of Ernest Scott, a brother.

NEW VEIN MAY REOPEN WORK AT JEWETT MINE

Opening up of a new vein in the old Jewett mine, four miles from Grants Pass on Mt. Baldy may result in this mine again becoming a big producer. Under lease to a company composed of J. F. Coats and Joe McFadden, this mine is revealing high grade ore, which runs heavy to gold and sylvanite, some assays of the high grade going between \$500 and \$1300.

Prospect work along the new vein is being carried on. This is 16 inches wide at the place where it was struck and carries a large amount of free gold. It was struck on a drift north from the old vein, which has turned out many thousands of dollars. If the vein proves extensive, machinery will be put on the property to handle the ore.

The Jewett mine has been worked since 1882. Work was abandoned some years ago and was not resumed until this year when the present company took hold.

LAND SETTLEMENT DEPT ITEMS

During the first six months of the present year 214 families settled on farms in Oregon and invested \$650,374. That is the official record of the Land Settlement Department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce whose work is co-ordinated with that of the State Chamber in serving those who wish to come to the state to engage in agricultural pursuits.

If a complete survey of all counties were taken, it would doubtless be found that the number of actual settlers is nearer the 1000 mark than the records show.

In its work of encouraging real farmers to come to Oregon to develop the farming area of the state and increase the upstate population, response comes to the department from widely separated geographical points, according to W. G. Ide, who supervises the activities of this department of the development work.

From Java, in Dutch East India is coming a young Hollander to devote his sturdy efforts to irrigated lands in Oregon. At present manager of a sugar factory, Mr. Von Stietz will bring to his new farm home technical training in agriculture acquired in Holland, as well as practical experience which he will direct toward general farming with poultry as a specialty.

Inspired also with a desire to come to Oregon in the near future is German Bannert who now dwells in Chile. Accompanied by his family which includes 11 persons Mr. Bannert hopes to select lands in which he can make a substantial investment for farming purposes.

The success of the land settlement organization continues to justify its establishment. The committee has been in existence about two and one-half years, during which time between 1800 and 1900 families have been brought into the state and placed on farms, the capital investment being in excess of \$8,000,000. During this time no complaints have been made by any of the settlers about being disappointed in what was offered through the land listing and appraisal system.

MRS. SCHRÖEDER RECOVERING

Mrs. E. F. Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, who was struck by a stray bullet some time ago while enroute to Watsonville, California, with her family, was removed this week to her home, after being confined at the Sacred Heart hospital for a month.

Frank Jones who is employed at Crater Lake for the season, writes the folks here that he is enjoying his work and has balanced the scales four pounds heavier since going there. Frank is kept very busy and will not get a chance to come home until the season is closed.

W. P. Grimes and wife enjoyed a Sunday visit with Harry Myers and family of Wichita, Kansas. The Grimes' and Myers' families were neighbors in that Kansas city.

TWO SWIMMERS DROWN IN THE ROGUE RIVER

Howard Hoff, 20, of Glendora, Calif., and Steve Maxcy, 24, who resided on the Gunter ranch four miles west of Grants Pass, were drowned this morning while swimming in the Rogue near the Gunter farm.

Maxcy gave his life in an endeavor to save his companion who had crossed the river and was too tired to swim all the way back. Hoff cried for help but two others in the party were unable to save him, whereupon Maxcy swam out and was dragged down by the death grip of the other. Hoff was a member of the Clarion four, the quartet which sang last night at the Methodist church, and Maxcy had charge of the Gunter farm.

The party, which consisted of members of the quartet and Maxcy, were swimming in the river which is about 100 feet from the road at this point. Wayne Bohn, a member of the quartet, went to Hoff's aid but was dragged under and totally exhausted by the work. He barely managed to get back to shore. Urban Hartman, the third member of the quartet, then tried to aid but was also unsuccessful when his strength failed in the attempt and he went under several times.

Maxcy saw the plight of the others and went to Hoff, who clutched at him and carried him under. By this time cries for help had reached a party of men working on the Gunter barn across the road and several hundred yards away. They rushed to the river with ropes which were used to bring the two to shore. When taken from the water, Hoff still had a firm hold on Maxcy.

Word was sent immediately to Grants Pass and J. E. Kerr, of the California Oregon Power company, Fire Chief Hollowell, Dr. C. J. Moser, and Dr. J. C. Smith responded. Hoff was dead when they arrived although attempts were made to restore life, these proved unsuccessful. Artificial respiration was applied on Maxcy, who seemed for a time to respond to the treatment, but after three hours of continuous work, all hope was given up.

Hoff is said to have been in the water for about five minutes and Maxcy for about half that time. By the time aid arrived to try the artificial respiration methods more than 20 minutes had elapsed and little hope could be entertained for saving either.

Maxcy is survived by his widow and six-months old baby. They live in a small house near the scene of the drowning. Hoff is the son of the pastor of the Brethren church at Glendora. He had been a student at Laverne college Laverne Cal., the Clarion Four quartet being from that school.

The members of the quartet had stopped over here today to swim in the river before going on to the next city where they were to sing.—Grants Pass Courier.

5 FISH PER PERSON TO BE LIMIT AT DIAMOND LAKE

The anglers of Central Point and the valley are greatly concerned over the fact that the state game commission at its meeting last week considered the advisability of limiting the number of fish taken from Diamond Lake to five fish per person per day, and will probably include the provision in the new game code to go before the next session of the legislature.

Arthur Meyers and wife of Butte Falls, are here this week, staying with Mrs. S. A. Richardson, whose health has been poor for a number of years, and who is making an effort to recover from the shock of Mr. Richardson's sudden death last week.

Mrs. C. T. Hamilton, who was operated on recently at the Sacred Heart hospital of Medford is now at home and is much improved.