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J. M. McPHERSON FALLS DEAD AT WORK IN MILL

Veteran Employee of Booth-Kelly Co., Succumbs to Excitement Over Argument for Possession of Lumber Truck.

A weak heart, excited by an argument and wrestling bout, with a fellow workman, caused the death at 4:30 yesterday afternoon at the Booth-Kelly mill of James Middleford McPherson, one of the veteran employees of the company, and known to his comrades as Mid. Death occurred several minutes after the altercation was over, and Adelbert Bucknum, the other party to the scuffle had started back to his place. Coroner Veatch made an investigation last evening and decided an inquest was not necessary.

McPherson had been driving a dock horse for the company for a long time, and Bucknum, who was previously employed by the company when it operated its Coburg plant, is a bundle tier in planing mill. During the afternoon an argument had arisen over a lumber truck which Bucknum wanted to take to his end of the mill. Later he went again to the east end of the planer near the grinding room, and started to take a truck with him. McPherson came up at this time seized a small stick, scarcely larger than a lath, and stuck it into the wheel of the truck, stopping its progress.

Bucknum rushed at him and McPherson parried with the stick. Bucknum struck at his, grazing his left cheek, and then then both got hold of the stick and struggled for its possession. Within a minute, Foreman Norman Howard stepped up and told the men to stop their fighting, and they did so, Bucknum starting for his work. McPherson pushed the truck out of the way and returned to his load of lumber which he was bringing to the planing machine. As he stooped to pick up the reins, he crumpled and fell back into the arms of James Casteel, another veteran in the Booth-Kelly service. He called to Clarence Hogue, a machine man who had witnessed the whole occurrence. Casteel and Hogue, with other workmen, raised Mr. McPherson to the floor, but it was clear that he could live but a moment. A stretcher was brought and the body removed to Walker's parlors.

Mr. McPherson had been suffering from heart trouble for a number of weeks, and the coronor did not deem an inquest necessary.

Besides the wife he leaves two sons and two daughters, Lela McPherson of Bickleton, Wash., May McPherson at home, Raymond McPherson of Bickleton, Wash., and Clyde McPherson at home.

The funeral services will be held Saturday morning at the Baptist church by Rev. Ferris. Friends wishing to view the remains may do so by calling at the residence, 3rd and C streets, Friday between the hours of 10 and 4. The casket will not be opened at the church.

Interment will take place at the Mulkey Cemetery west of Eugene.

Roseburg Catholic church will be remodeled at cost of \$6,000.

HUGE REFUSE BURNER FOR HOQUIAM SAWMILL

40 Carloads of Brick and Clay Ordered From Chehalis Factory This Week

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 15.—The Chehalis Brick & Tile company, of this city, this week secured an order from the Grays Harbor Lumber company, of Hoquiam, for 420,000 brick and 130 tons of clay, to be used in building a refuse burner for the Hoquiam concern's mill. The burner is to be 65 feet in diameter and 90 feet high, the largest on the Pacific coast. This will be approximately 40 car loads of material and will keep the plant running on this order alone for about two months.

EUGENE WATER BOARD BUYS LIGHTING PLANT

Competition between the Eugene city electric lighting system and the Oregon Power Co., ceased Monday when the city council ratified the purchase of the purchase of the latter's franchise and holdings within the city limits and suburbs of Eugene. The deal involves \$150,000, of which sum \$50,000 is to be paid at once, with deferred payments of \$1250 a month with interest at 5 per cent. The purchase was made by the Eugene water board, which controls the municipal electric lighting system, and which has been in operation a little over four years. The property includes the franchise, electrical business, machinery and appliances held by the Oregon Power company for the Northern Idaho & Montana Power company, a Delaware corporation. No bond issue will be required and none of the city's property is involved as security in the deal, the deferred payments to be made out of the earnings of the electrical department.

LUMBERMEN TO EXHIBIT COAST WOODS IN EAST

Portland, Dec. 15.—Oregon and Washington lumbermen are co-operating with the National Lumber Manufacturers' association in assembling a complete exhibit of commercial woods to be displayed at conventions of retail lumber dealers this winter in Eastern and Middle West states. The exhibit will give opportunity to retailers to become familiar with the merits of lumber from the Pacific Northwest and should help to create a new market for the forest products of these two states. Salesmen in charge of the exhibits will quote prices, distribute selling literature and answer inquiries. The exhibit from Oregon and Washington will include display boards cut from the log at different angles and finished in several stains to show effects obtained from the same wood.

S. P. AUDITOR PAYS VISIT TO SPRINGFIELD YARDS

Chief Auditor McCaffery of the Southern Pacific company, accompanied by a party of other officials from San Francisco, and by Superintendent F. L. Burckhalter and heads of departments in Oregon, were in Springfield yesterday morning inspecting the company's stores here, and checking up the materials on hand. They went to Wendling early in the morning, and left here over the east side line at 9 o'clock.

BUSINESS AND RELIGION TO BE LECTURE THEME

D. W. Morton of the University of Oregon School of Commerce, will be the speaker at the regular monthly dinner of the Methodist Brotherhood next Monday evening. His topic will be, "Business and Religion." All men are invited to attend the banquet and lecture.

Now that the U. S. District Court has decided the railroad is only entitled to \$2.50 an acre in the O. A. C. Land Grant case, what will happen to tax money which has been assessed against the company on much higher values per acre than \$2.50?

News From Springfield High School

The basket ball girls practice regularly and will play Creswell Dec. 18th in Springfield.

A new program has been arranged for meetings to be held after school. Different meetings will be held on the various nights.

Lena Brewer is back to school after having been ill for several days.

Hazel Bailey was absent from school Tuesday.

Wanna McKenney received the highest grade for this six weeks. She made an average of 97 per cent.

The History III received the highest grade average for history, it being 88 per cent.

A pessimist is a person who is sea sick during the entire voyage of life.

The English III class had a debate Wednesday on increasing the arm and navy. The affirmative won by four points.

The first game of the season is scheduled for Saturday night.

HONOR PUPILS ARE LISTED

At the end of each six weeks grade period, hereafter, the Public schools will publish the names of those students having the highest general average in their studies and deportment. Such averages will be taken from the report cards which are sent to the parents at the end of each six weeks. Owing to the fact that several students have been negligent in the matter of returning their cards to the teachers, some who have excellent marks will necessarily be omitted from this list.

High School
Senior Class—Orson Vaughn, Roy Penny, Gladys Lee.
Junior Class—Dorothy Miller, Josephine Lyons, Bertie Bruce.
Sophomore Class—Mary Harding, Lucile Smith, Floyd Kester.
Freshman Class—Wanna McKenney, Lynn Grandy, Clifford Thompson.

Grades
Eighth A—Dale Lorah, Jessie Coe, Pearl Snook.
Eighth B—Duttee Fischer, Audrey Perkins, Harry Fandrem.
Seventh A—Helen Stevenson, Thelma Crouch, Sidney Warner.
Seventh B—Velma Gore, Floyd Campbell, Hazel Hayden.
Sixth A—Sylvia Strubin, Helen Stevens, William Wright.
Sixth B—Mildred Miller, Vesta Larue, Doris Smith.
Fifth A—Phyllis Kester, Genevieve Copenhaver, Ellen Tomseth.
Fifth B—Alice Mortensen, Theron Newman, Guy Fisk.
Fourth A—Larue Stevenson, Alfred Townsend, Crystal Bryan.
Fourth B—Florence Kiser, Mabel Root, Hazel Jones.
Third A—Lawrence Bruce, Carl Lewis, Chester Myers.
Third B—Alice Thomseth, Veda Gilstad, Leland Montgomery.

Second B—Howard Brasfield, George Moon, Gerald Lunceford.
First B—Dolly Stevens, Doris Myers, Ester Kaurin.

FINDS WESTERN METHODS PROFITABLE

A few years back one Dan W. Lagore, being dissatisfied with the results of apple production on his Mississippi Valley farm, journeyed across the western

half of the continent to learn what he could of Oregon methods. The specific problem of Mr. Lagore was to determine whether the superiority of the Oregon apple is due entirely to climatic conditions or to better methods of production or to both. He reached Oregon in time to attend the winter's short course at the College where he says he was encouraged to believe that much improvement in the eastern grown apple could be secured by better methods of production. These methods he studied under the direction of the horticultural experts and returned home fully impressed with their value. He applied them to his own orchard practices and as a result he made an exhibit of fifty-one boxes of Winesaps at the big Indiana State Fair in which he won with 51 boxes two-thirds of the \$2,000 prize fund, competing with 1500 boxes. His prizes were first in display of commercial lots, first in one box Winesap class, and with the same box first in the grand sweepstakes. He has written a letter of appreciation to the horticultural department and also had copies of American Fruit and Green's Vegetable Grower showing photographs of his prize display, sent to C. I. Lewis, head of the department.

Loyalty
A new season has opened, the basket ball season. The outlook is very promising and the question is, are you loyal or are you going to be a quitter.

In the last Student Body meeting a new yell leader was chosen. He has tried to arouse enthusiasm during the season but you would not respond. Now is the time to prove your loyalty. If he says he wants to have a big rally don't hang back, get in and do your part. You never saw a Varsity man hank back when he was asked to do something. Take the hint and do your best to make this the biggest and best basketball season in Springfield.

**COUNTRY CREAMERYMEN
CONSIDER PROBLEMS**
That the Eugene Co-operative creamery will unite with other co-operative creamery associations of the state to protect and assist in marketing products was the sense of a meeting held yesterday afternoon. There were present the directors of the Eugene association, G. F. Frevert, of the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., and S. Shrock, who represented the state. The meeting here was similar to meetings held in other sections of the state, and is the outcome of discontent and charges that the butter market in Portland has been manipulated in some manner said Mr. Shrock last night.

BASKET BALL NOTES

The Sunday school basket ball league opened its season on Tuesday evening with a game between the Baptist and the Christian teams, won by the latter with a score of 18 to 17. The Baptists had led from the start up to within five minutes of the close of the game, and then the Christians put over the winning baskets. Cook starred for the Baptists, and Conley, for the Christians, tossed a basket from over half the length of the hall. The next game is scheduled for next Tuesday, when the Baptists and Methodists meet.

The Eugene Y. M. C. A. basket ball team came to Springfield last evening and played a game with the Springfield Methodist team. The local tossers won 25 to 21.

OBITUARY

Died.—At the Eugene Hospital Friday Dec. 10, 1915, Robert P. Redding, age 66 years, 9 months, 24 days.

Mr. Redding has been suffering for a long time being afflicted with kidney trouble which became chronic, every thing was done to relieve but with out avail.

Mr. Redding was born in the state of Ohio, Feb. 16. When a young man he learned the trade of locomotive engineer and worked on several eastern roads.

Mr. Redding leaves to mourn his departure, a wife and six children, they are the five sons, Robert, Clarence, Albert, Alonzo, and Ornell, and of Springfield, a daughter Mrs. Sarepta Wheeler of Eugene, also three step children Louis and Roy Irwin of this city and Mrs. Lila Sittrell of Wendling.

The funeral services were held at the W. F. Walker Chapel Sunday afternoon Dec. 13 at 2:30.

COUNCIL ORDERS CALL MADE FOR \$2710 WARRANTS

Will Receive Bids on \$671.00 of Bancroft Bonds for Improvement of "C" Street—Just Quorum Present.

Town warrants to the value of \$2710 were ordered redeemed by the town council at its regular session Monday evening. Upon the reading of the report of the treasurer, it was found there was a balance of \$800 in the general fund, and \$500 in the street improvement fund, together with sufficient funds in the Fifth street paving fund to pay a \$500 warrant, and these calls were accordingly ordered. The sum of \$910 in the general improvement sinking fund was ordered transferred to the general fund and used with the rest in the payment of warrants.

Another matter of interest was the report of M. Fenwick, chairman of the fire and water committee, who stated that he had interviewed the Eugene water board in regard to supplying Springfield with lights. No action was taken on the report. The present lighting contract with the Oregon Power company does not expire until next May.

The matter of the confirmation of S. J. Calkins as night-watch was not taken up, owing to the absence of Mayor Morrison and Councilman Peery.

The matter of delinquent assessments due the city was discussed for a little time, and the council decided to take steps in the near future to hasten these collections.

Two permits were granted to property owners in the suburbs to keep swine within the city limits, and the application of Chase & Brigham for a billiard and pool license was referred.

The request of Mr. Campbell, whose father sold the city a gravel and dirt bar west of the city, that he be allowed to plant potatoes on a portion of it, was referred to the judiciary committee.

The telephone company was requested to move the city's free phones to the homes of the new mayor and new police chief, in accordance with the terms of the franchise.

An ordinance was passed fixing the form of the Bancroft bonds, in the sum of \$671, to be sold to care for the improvement of G street from Eighth to Tenth. Monday, January 17, was designated as the date for receipt of the bids.

The recorder reported that owners of some property in the west end of town had come to him in regard to a sewer assessment on a tract which had subsequently been sub-divided. He was instructed that the council could take no action, but he did have authority to suggest to the owners that they agree among themselves to abide by the apportionment made by the city engineer.

conducted by Rev. J. T. Moore of the M. E. church.

On Monday the remains were taken to Marcola where a short service was held for the friends where Mr. Redding lived before coming to Springfield.



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IT MAY NOT BE PLAIN
to you that a plane is a good Christmas gift. This is an age of practical utility. Yuletide gifts are more appreciated if they are useful. Why not a new tool chest for him whose passion is tools in the working? Why not fine cutlery for the painstaking housewife who takes pride in things worth while? Do your Christmas shopping while our stock is complete.