

## DEATH OF THREE CAUSED BY LOW WATER IN BOILER

### Coroner's Jury Decides Blame Cannot Be Fixed Upon Anyone Particularly

The coroner's jury selected to investigate the death of Chauncey W. Meechem, of Springfield, Charles Schultz and Oscar Parrish, all of whom died as the result of injuries received last Friday when the boiler on the logging locomotive of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company at Wendling exploded, came to the conclusion Monday night that the water in the boiler was low and therefore no responsibility for the accident can be attached to any one.

Investigation of the wrecked engine was made by boiler inspector Padlock, of Seattle, who was later called as a witness. Among the other witnesses were A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly company, and Faye Abrams, logging foreman for the company at Wendling.

Chauncey W. Meechem, brakeman, died while being rushed to a Eugene hospital. He leaves a wife and infant son, Chauncey Jr., and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Meechem, all of Springfield. During the World War he served overseas. He had been employed at Wendling only about two weeks at the time of the accident. Services were held Sunday afternoon from the Veatch chapel in Eugene, Rev. Linden Leavitt, pastor of the Springfield Christian Church, in charge. Interment was made in the L. O. O. F. cemetery.

Charles L. Schultz, fireman, aged 25, was killed instantly. His body was thrown nearly 300 feet from the track by the explosion. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Mary E. Schultz, of Fall Creek, his wife, Leatha, and the following brothers and sisters: J. M. Schultz, Wendling; R. H. Schultz, Seaside; and Mrs. Belle Roberts, Oakland, California.

John O. Parrish, engineer, died several hours after the accident at a Eugene hospital. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parrish, Scotts Mills, and the following brothers and sisters: Robert, Monroe, and Gordon Parrish; Mrs. Mary Phillips, and Lucinda Parrish, all of Scotts Mills, and Lena and Columbus Parrish, of Wendling.

## LOCAL MAN ENGAGES IN FOREIGN RELIEF WORK

### Paul Viles Became Refugee With Czechoslovakians and Saw Service in Their Army

Varied but interesting have been the experiences of Paul Viles, son of W. G. Viles, of West Springfield, who last week left on the return trip to Czechoslovakia and Poland, where he will be engaged in welfare and relief work. With his return to his old home at Lena, Missouri, on his way to Oregon, Mr. Viles completed his trip around the world. His travels during the six years just past have taken him to Alaska, where he spent a year, to China and later to Japan. In both of the latter places he was in the buying department of an American manufacturing firm.

When war broke out, young Viles volunteered as a Y. M. C. A. relief worker and director of physical training. In this capacity he was sent to Siberia along with the unit of which he was a member.

Here he became associated with the Czechoslovakians with whom he became a refugee. Unable to leave them he attached himself to the First Regiment of Infantry and remained one of them until leaving for home.

The trip from Vladivostok was started last December. Through the Pacific Ocean, around India and through the Suez canal to the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas to Trieste was the route of the first half of his homeward voyage. This trip occupied a couple of months. After being stationed for a short time at Prague, Mr. Viles crossed the Atlantic to North America.

With him he carries many souvenirs, guns, money from various countries, hundreds of pictures and snapshots, and other things of interest. Among his relics are pieces of hand carved wood, articles made by German prisoners and by the Czechs.

While Siberia is extremely cold, it is dry and the extreme temperature is not so noticeable. The scenery is the most wonderful in the world for there is no attempt made to commercialize it, he says. His belief in the possibilities in Siberia are almost without limit. If they would only get settled and establish a government, Siberia could be made the most wonderful country in the world, he said.

Mr. Viles also thinks much of the Czechoslovakians, whom he characterized as particularly kind and hospitable people. He will return to them for a few months as a relief worker.

Mr. Viles, like other welfare workers in his line, is entitled to the rank of captain, but does not recognize it.

## RECORD CROWD AT C. E. MEETING

### Four Societies Have 100 Per Cent Registration—Budget of \$525 Passed for Year

The largest crowd which has ever attended a Christian Endeavor Convention in Lane county was present at the Fifth Annual Convention which closed here Sunday night after a three days session. Three hundred and seventy four members of the Christian Endeavor in this county were registered.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Clifford Jope, Eugene, re-elected; vice president, Ross Guillory, Eugene; secretary, Irma Strone, Santa Clara; treasurer, Elsie Weddle, Springfield, re-elected; junior superintendent, Hazel White, Eugene; Social work, Effie Gibson, Eugene, prayer meeting Ruth Williams, Eugene; missionary, Carrall Roberts, Montavilla; alumni, Paul Knapp, Eugene; convention booster, Ralph Leaschon, Eugene; advisers, Mrs. Josie Chample and Walter L. Meyers.

A budget of \$525 was passed upon to carry out the work of the association this year. This money goes to pay the expenses of county officers in their trips for the purpose of inspecting and establishing new societies. Work will be taken up particularly in western Lane.

Four societies succeeded in having a 100 per cent registration, thereby winning for themselves the privilege of keeping the 100 per cent banner for three months each. Those societies were, Springfield, Elmira, Cottage Grove and Santa Clara.

Reports of all the committees were made at the meeting Sunday night. The time and place committee for the next convention reported that they had not come to a decision.

The opening session Friday night was addressed by Walter Meyers of Eugene, Saturday morning there were conferences of the various committees and Saturday afternoon the delegates enjoyed a hike over Springfield Heights. A splendid banquet was given in Morrison's hall Saturday evening. The Sunday morning church service was addressed by Carroll Roberts of Montavilla. A mass meeting for women Sunday afternoon was addressed by Mrs. Faye Steinmetz, state president, and a meeting for men was addressed by Rev. J. E. Stivers of Eugene. The concluding meeting Sunday night was held in the Methodist church and was addressed by Walter Meyer.

knowledge is a most valuable asset to every farmer.

Thus one man can produce double his former yield when the seasons are favorable, saving the wages of hired help and the cost of extra teams. Farmers should profit by the investigation and experiences of others. Good judgment and forethought is a great time saver, labor and money saver, yet I am sorry to say, too few farmers seem to learn anything from the severest teacher, experience.

Allow me to emphasize that we have demonstrated to our entire satisfaction that we can reduce farming expenses and increase profits by increasing soil fertility by a proper use of the straw and manures; using labor saving machinery wherever possible, and by practicing cooperation with the neighbors in doing farm work. We have doubled and even tripled the crop in the average, and have built our soil up by less work—little or no wasted energy or time. This must be accomplished by knowledge and forethought.

Depleted soils yield to drought more readily than fertile soil. The ground

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## NOTICE TO HOLDER OF COUPON LIBERTY BONDS

The time has arrived for the exchange of the temporary liberty bonds for permanent bonds. After the date of the last interest coupon on your bond you can take the bond to the First National Bank of Springfield and exchange it for a personal rent bond with coupons attached covering interest to maturity.

4 1/2 per cent coupon bonds of the First, Second and Third loans may be exchanged for permanent bonds soon after May 1st.

If you desire the First National Bank to handle your bonds for conversion it will be to your advantage to present the bonds right away in order to facilitate the work of checking and mailing.

## The Granddope

By Susie Sumsing

The other day  
La Brodie breezed  
Into town  
He sneezed  
On a column  
Of the Springfield News.  
Not long after  
Little Willie Hall  
Whose shop is across the street  
From the big sign board  
Also wheezed a few times  
In said column.  
We'll admit they  
Are both clever  
We hesitate to say which  
Has the biggest mouth  
Or the biggest pen  
In the state  
They may fight for  
The honors between themselves  
We have been entertained  
But what's the  
Big idea?  
Just because La Brodie  
Has a boil on his little tongue  
Must little Willie Hall  
Develop a carbuncle  
Like Jack Baker has been  
Wearing on his neck?  
They're not as funny as they're  
Advertised.  
Just ask Jack  
He knows because  
The Eugene Guard mentioned  
That he suffered from a  
Carbuncle and his neck.  
They say Charlie Eggmann is a  
Speed fiend  
We don't know, of course.  
Does someone else know some  
Gossip  
About our city Daddies? Let's Go.

in around but we dont want to roam by an alley an see a tin can aneuee  
Fer instance, our alley, the people last fall afore we moved in, had it about filled up an then we created a lotta junk during the winter an so have other people in our block an now yuh pretty near gotta have an "aeryobus" to get thru. I been thinkin about turnin a "gang" of goats looce in it, but I think the best way would be take a steam roller an smash em down then the broken glass would kill the weeds. One of our nabers got sore at his cook stove an heaved it out in the alley an a hobo come along an cooked his supper on it. That may have been a great accommodation to the traveler but them snt the kind of travelers we want to accommodate. Tourist season is comin on an we want our town "primped up" so they will pass the good word along. If we don't, all the gypsies an "bos" will have us advertised instead. Cut down all the ole weeds because it is aside from adding to beauty, a great save of religion when the street lites are out on a moonless nite. I got wandered off in a flock of weeds the other nite an I made so much racket that a feller come out with a lantern an showed me out.  
I pussionalny suggests a clean-up week, it'll be kinda tough on us fellers, but just think how it'll loo after we're thru.

## SECOND ANNUAL I.O.O.F GATHERING IS SUCCESSFUL

### Fourteen Lodges of Lane County Send 500 Delegates to Springfield

Approximately 500 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from the various lodges of these lodges in Lane county attended the second annual Lane County Convention of Odd Fellows in this city on Monday. This number represented each of the 14 lodges in the county.

Election of officers for the coming year was the chief matter of business at the opening session in the morning. Those who will serve are J. H. Miller, of Junction City, president and Carl Billup, also of Junction City, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors which will prepare for next years convention is composed of W. F. Walker, P. G. M., Springfield, Judge G. M. Skipworth, Eugene, and J. H. Miller, Junction City. Junction City was selected as the meeting place for next year, the time to be the same as this year.

The retiring officers are Henry Kopf Springfield, president, and J. W. Zimmerman, Eugene, secretary-treasurer.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs went on record as being unanimous in their support of the millage bill for the maintenance of the higher educational institutions of the state. W. F. Walker and Judge G. F. Skipworth both made brief talks in explanation of the bill.

During the morning session degrees were conferred upon 24 candidates. The first degree was conferred by Junction City lodge and the second degree by the Springfield lodge. Cottage Grove put through a class in the third degree at 3 o'clock, and at 4 o'clock the Rebekahs conferred the Rebekah degree upon a class.

Luncheon and dinner were served to the lodge members at all three of the city churches by the women of each church.

The closing session of the convention was a program at the Methodist church. J. K. Weatherford, P. G. M., of Albany, gave the address of the evening, talking on the principles of Odd Fellowship, and particularly the work which that organization does in relieving distress, caring for orphans, and looking after those who are in need.

The remainder of the program was as follows:

- Overature selections; Orchestra.
- America; Audience.
- Address: Past Grand Master J. K. Weatherford, of Albany.
- Solo: Mr. Nelson, Coburg.
- Stunt: Spencer Butte Lodge.
- Solo: Mrs. Carlson, Junction City.
- Reading: R. L. Scroggs, Irving.
- Duet: Edna and Minta Ziniker, Creswell.
- Stunt: W. A. Hemenway, Cottage Grove.
- Selection: Orchestra.

Odd Fellowship in America dates back to April 26, 1819 when five men in Baltimore Maryland, organized Washington Lodge No. 1. Thomas Willey was the organizer and leader. In the 101 years of its existence the lodge has grown from 5 members to a membership of considerably over 2,000,000 and has branches in many countries. The total amount of invested funds of the order in 1917 had reached \$7,634,276.95.

The first lodge organized in Oregon was in 1852 at Salem and the grand lodge followed soon after in 1853, including Washington as well as Oregon.

## James Gay Receives Cut On Head

While at work at the Laxton wood yard, Tuesday morning, James Gay, of this city, suffered a severe cut upon the head when a stick of wood from the conveyor struck him on the top of the head. Five stitches were taken.

## INVESTING FOR PROFIT

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### WORK FEWER ACRES

By J. M. GARMIRE (Copyrighted.)

I am going to wander from my story long enough to talk about something else in this letter. There is one way farmers can produce for less, that is to work fewer acres and to work them thoroughly, thereby freeing the inert nitrogen and phosphates in the soil. Frequent cultivation of the summer fallow—plowing early and the inert nitrogen, the most needed of all soil fertilizers. I deem it a better way to plant corn in rows (drilled), the width of a grain drill, straddling the row next the wheels when seeding to small grains, wheat, rye, etc. The corn shades the ground and frequent cultivation holds soil moisture, liberates plant food, and the following crop will be greatly increased. Cut and haul the fodder off the field. After the corn is husked save the fodder, standing it vertically in mows or a barnyard on floors one spoil if stood vertically, and it makes the best of rough feed. Cornstalks contain much sugar, and sugar is fattening.

The cost of every bushel of grain and every pound of meat the farmer produces tell the story. If he has produced economically he may have something left for profit. Sometimes it is not possible to produce economically. The season bad, the high wages of harvesting and threshing, the results are little or no profits,

not even a fair wage; yet the uninformed of cities imagine the farmer was a millionaire by war prices, and are howling for lower priced bread. The farmer cannot produce for less unless he does all of his own farm work, his wife or daughter helping on the mower and harvesting, and he and sons exchanging work with the neighbors during the threshing season. Must it come to that? It has in numerous instances.

Labor is too high in proportion to the profits of farming. The farmer must run the risks of the weather, while the hired man gets his money just the same, storm or no storm, wet or dry. He is heter off than the farmer, as he has no breakages, no loss of animal life, no tax—nothing to risk.

In the bury of the summer season the necessary cultivation of crops are neglected. The dry season has killed young clover, for too many farmers have not known how to decompose straw and barnyard manure and apply it thinly over the grain crops, in the spring after the ground is settled. Another chemical ingredient should be added to the chemically decomposed straw that fertilizer manufacturers add which creates strong plant growth. We will take this up in another letter, for every farmer should know this valuable secret, as the cost is within reach of all. After wheat harvest mow the tall stubble, and this aftermath holds the soil moisture and saves the young clover. This

## CLEANUP

By Our Printer's Devil.

's fellers gets tired seeing the ole cans and glass bottles layin around in every alley an behind the post office. The days are nice an all us birds is gettin the spring fever an the allys is gittin the "can fever" too. Summer is comin on an then we'll want to spend our idle moments roamin