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CARL IVERSON, 60 COMMITS SUICIDE

Despondency Cause of Shooting Himself in Room Monday Morning; Bullet Entered Skull Behind Right Ear.

Carl Mark Iverson, 60 years old, committed suicide Monday morning at the home of his niece, Mrs. Lloyd E. Elliott, 935 Fifth street, by shooting himself with a .32 calibre revolver. Despondency is thought to have been the cause of the shooting.

Mr. Iverson had been working at the new Brattain school building as a watchman and had come home as usual at 11 o'clock Sunday evening, retiring to his room for the night. The shooting took place at 6:20 Monday morning while he was alone in his room. The bullet entered the skull behind the right ear. He was given immediate medical attention but died at 8:15.

Mr. Iverson came to Springfield from Davenport, Iowa, a year ago this July and then returned in October. He again came to Springfield in February and has been making his home here since. He was a member of the Eagles lodge of Davenport and the Mystic Workers of the World.

Mr. Iverson's wife reside in Davenport as does also two daughters, Lillian Waters and Miss Vera Iverson. A sister, Mrs. Ada Manwaring and a niece, Mrs. Elliott, reside in Springfield. A half brother, Hugh Hoocock, is a resident of Blair, Nebraska.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Interment was in the Laurel Hill cemetery. Rev. Childers conducted the services.

MANY ATTEND POWER CO. PICNIC AT BROWNSVILLE

The greater part of the local force of Mountain States Power company workers, with their families attended the employees picnic given by the company at Brownsville Saturday. Swimming, baseball, races, a big feed and later a dance provided entertainment for the crowd, which was made up of employees and their families from all the Willamette valley plants.

Springfield people who attended the picnic were: W. C. McLagan and family, E. W. Albert and family, L. A. Smith and family, Harrison Ebbe and family, T. C. Johnson, L. E. Danie and family, Bill Darling and family, Miss Lulu McPherson and Jesse Yeager and family.

Mill Starts Tuesday

Several repair jobs which had not been finished delayed the opening of the Booth-Kelly mill until Tuesday morning. First announcements were that the mill would open Monday, July 13, following the July 4 shutdown. A portion of the wooden carrier near the incline was torn out by workmen during the shutdown, and replaced by iron material, to lessen fire danger.

Lot Will Be Cleared—In a letter received by the Flower Realty company from the Bettelheim heirs, it is stated that the old house on the corner of 2nd and Main streets will be torn down immediately, and the lot cleaned up.

Leave for Modesto—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lepley left Wednesday morning for their home in Modesto, California, after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lepley for a week.

Bicycle Found—A man's bicycle was found lying in a ditch near town several nights ago by the police. It is at the city hall and has not been claimed.

Fined for Passing Car—T. C. Hall paid a \$2.50 fine at the city hall Wednesday for passing a street car while it was unloading passengers.

Return to Roseburg—Miss Zoe Newman of Roseburg, who visited the past week with her aunt, Mrs. G. H. Turner, returned to her home Sunday.

Surprise Party Held—Honoring her birthday, relatives and friends of Mrs. Eliza A. Stevens gathered at her home Sunday for a surprise party.

Leave for Visit—Mrs. Helen Howe and Miss Helen Reeves, teachers in the Long Beach, California high school, left today for Portland after visiting at the W. C. Rebban home several days.

Where Fifty Danced to Death



The buildings, in which are night clubs and cabarets at Boston, are undergoing a most rigid inspection since the collapse of the "Pickwick Club" there July 4 when 50 dancers crashed to their death. Picture shows firemen removing the body of one of the victims.

McLAGAN TO SUPERVISE SEVERAL POWER PLANTS

E. W. Albert New Chief Engineer of Local Mountain States Power Company

E. W. Albert has been chosen to succeed W. C. McLagan as chief engineer of the local Mountain States Power plant. Mr. McLagan has been made steam production superintendent, in charge of the plants at North Bend, Tlamook, Dallas and Springfield. He will remain in Springfield.

Mr. Albert has been with the local plant for four years, and has been connected with the company for a longer period. Mr. McLagan has been chief engineer here for seven years.

MILL AND ELEVATOR CO. MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

To provide shelter for the four trucks used by the company a new garage will soon be built near the Springfield, Mill and Grain company sheds, it has been announced. The new structure will be south of the main plant, and the work of clearing the ground for it was started Tuesday.

The company buildings are being repainted and this work will be finished within a short time.

MT. STATES POWER WANTS TO BUILD NEW POLE LINE

Application for a franchise on county roads for a "power line" which will lead from Springfield to Junction City at a shorter distance than the present one has been made to the county court by the Mountain States Power company. The new line would leave the main line north of Springfield, and crossing the river to the Pacific highway follow along the Prairie road to Junction city.

The new line would serve farmers as well as cities north of the Springfield plant.

FREE DANCE TO FIRST 30 COUPLES SATURDAY

The American Legion Dance which is to be given Saturday night will be out of the ordinary in several ways. One of the special offers is that the first thirty couples on the floor will be admitted free. Special prizes will be given the ladies. The largest open air floor in Western Oregon makes dancing a popular pastime these warm weather evenings.

Legion to Meet

The regular meeting of the Springfield post, American Legion, will be held Friday evening at the pavilion. Commander Swartz urged "everybody out" as there is important business to be transacted.

State President Visits—Miss Myrtle James, state president of the Rebecca lodge was a visitor at the local chapter meeting Monday evening. Miss James visited the Creswell lodge Tuesday evening, and Wednesday she met with the Eugene group.

Leave for Washington—Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Needham of Thurston left Wednesday for a motor trip through Washington.

Returns From Crater Lake—Mrs. Lawrence May returned Tuesday from Crater Lake. She has been there since July 4.

FARMERS UNION MEETS IN THIS CITY SATURDAY

All Day Session of Delegates From Various Locals to be Held at Woodman Hall

The Lane County Farmers Union will hold its quarterly meeting in the Woodman hall starting at 10 o'clock Saturday. Delegates from all the Locals of the county are expected, as well as many not acting in capacity.

A basket luncheon furnished by the members wives will constitute the noon meal. Important business is to be taken up and President Ralph Laird urges a good attendance. The convention was to have been held in the Mount Vernon hall, which was burned down on July 4, but has been changed to Springfield.

HARRISBURG HANDS LOCALS SHORT END OF SCORE

After holding the Harrisburg baseball team to a 4-0 score for six innings, the Springfield nine blew up at the game Sunday and allowed their opponents to win seven runs in the seventh inning. Two more runs made by Harrisburg in the eighth finished the scoring, making the result 9-4. The game was played at Harrisburg.

The locals will meet the Company C, National Guards team next Sunday at the local diamond on north 5th street.

Springfield's lineup for the Harrisburg game was: Carter and Delps, pitcher; Black, catcher; Thompson, first base; Snyder, second base; C. Mulligan, short stop; O. Mulligan, third base; Sharman right field; Meats, center field, and Delps and Carter, left field. Lawson and Hardesty umpired.

Former Springfield Boy May Die—No Hopes are Held for the Recovery of the Little Son of Rev. Lillian Gray, former pastor of the Free Methodist church, in West Springfield, according to friends who have recently received letters from her.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray and their son are now in Portland, where the boy broke his leg some time ago. Amputation of the whole limb was necessary, and the wound has refused to heal. Mrs. Gray's address is 6 N. Sixth street, Portland.

Ships Lumber East

The Springfield lumber company shipped three cars of lumber east Wednesday.

Receives Poles

The Carbolneum wood preserving company received a carload of poles Wednesday.

Return From Fishing Trip—Dr. W. C. Rebban, Dr. Ralph Dippel, J. C. McMurry and Levi Neet returned Sunday from a week's fishing trip up the South Fork of the McKenzie.

On Way to Rainier—Mrs. Josephine Poley and daughters Eva and Minnie stepped Monday evening at the Dallas Murphy home. They are on their way from their home in Ashland to the Rainier National Park.

Here From Westfir—D. K. Mitchell of Westfir stopped here Friday before going on to Portland to the Elks convention.

Three Places Are Robbed in Night

Cash Register Stolen From Luncheonette, Creamery Till Removed and Typewriter Stolen

Three business buildings of the city were robbed last evening, apparently by boys, although little of value was taken. The biggest loss was from the Luncheonette, operated by Ralph Sweeney and Fred Cline, where the cash register is missing.

The thieves broke into this building through a window in the kitchen, and left through the back door. There were only a few pennies in the register, since most of the money has been removed the evening before by the proprietors.

The till of the cash register at the Springfield Creamery was taken, although it also contained but a few pennies. Entrance was made through the back door which was pried open with a bar. A portable typewriter was taken from the office, but left near the back door. Many footprints were left at the creamery, since the raders tramped through some water. They rifled the drawers of the desk in the office, although it is believed that nothing more was taken.

Only a can of tobacco, some matches, and shoestrings were taken from the J. A. Nelson shoe repairing shop. Mr. Nelson left a few cents in his cash box, but the money was not listed. A back window also afforded entrance to the robbers at the shop.

Police officers suspect that the work was done by a bunch of boys, since the whole raid showed little skill or forethought.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS FOR POST OFFICE FORCE

For the purpose of selecting a letter carrier and to secure a list of eligible persons in case a vacancy for clerk occurs in the Springfield post office the civil service commission announces an examination. Applications to take the examinations will be received until August 12, by the secretary of the Eleventh Civil Service district, Seattle Washington. The age limits are 18 to 45 years. Minimum pay is \$1150 for carrier and \$1700 for clerk. Either men or women may take the examination.

With the establishing of village delivery in Springfield August 1 the local office and the passing of the post office into second class has come civil service regulation for employees. It will mean more help, better pay and working conditions for the local force.

The cash register taken from the Luncheonette last night was found at noon today near the railroad switch tracks back of the Elite apartments.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH HAVING ILLICIT LIQUOR

Charged with possession and selling of intoxicating liquor William Zilkoski, a youth on the Vitus ranch near Springfield, was arrested Monday and is held on \$1000 bail. The youth's father and mother served sentences in the county jail two years ago on a similar offense.

The trial of the youth has been set for Saturday by Justice R. W. Smith. Zilkoski was arrested during a raid on the farm by deputy sheriffs.

ANOTHER BAND CONCERT TO BE FRIDAY NIGHT

The third concert of the Springfield band will be held Friday evening at the corner of Second and Main street, according to the announcement of Band Master J. C. Parker. The program will be of an hours' length.

The concerts so far have been very well attended and the band has produced high class music. Everybody is invited to the open air concerts.

Go to North Dakota—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharman, accompanied by their son, Lester, left this morning by auto for Bellefield, North Dakota. They plan to be gone about a month.

Marcola Resident Ill—Mrs. Gray Landers of Marcola is in the Pacific Christian hospital recovering from a major operation performed Wednesday.

Building New House—R. H. Nesbitt is building a five-room frame house on B. street between 8th and 9th. The bungalow will be entirely modern.

M. B. JOSLIN BUYS COLE RESTAURANT IN THIS CITY

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Joslin of Portland have purchased the Cole restaurant from Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cole, taking possession Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Cole left Friday morning for Portland.

Mr. Joslin has been in the restaurant business for fifteen years. Few changes will be made in the establishment, Mrs. Joslin, who is a beauty operator, may open a beauty parlor here.

SPRINGFIELD LAUNDRY IS SOLD TO PORTLAND MAN

Henry Hansen of Portland has purchased the Springfield laundry from R. C. Markee and will take possession August 1. Mr. Hansen, with his wife and three children have already moved into the rooms next to the laundry, where they will live.

Mr. Markee plans to be a salesman as soon as the laundry is disposed of. He has moved to a house on 4th and C. streets where he will make his future home.

GRANTS PASS MAN NEW OWNER OF CONFECTIONERY

A. C. Wilson has traded the Drop Inn, a restaurant on Main street between 3rd and 4th streets, to W. E. Estes for ranch property at Grants Pass. Mr. Estes took over the shop this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left Wednesday evening for Grants Pass. Mr. Estes, with his wife and four children will occupy an apartment in the Nye building.

PENCIL PUSHERS PLAY GAME CALLED BASEBALL

The combined forces of the Eugene and Springfield Booth-Kelly pencil pushers were defeated by the Wendling pencil artists in a five inning game played at Wendling Monday evening. The final score was 11-9.

The first two innings went off in big league style, with no scores made. In the third, Clayton Barber, Springfield pitcher developed a bad arm and Wendling began to score. They continued in this manner until the fifth, when the Eugene-Springfield men got eight runs from the new Wendling pitcher.

A return game is planned, to be played here, and still another will be played at Wendling Labor Day.

The Eugene-Springfield lineup was: Phil Bishop, catcher; Clayton Barber, pitcher; Edgar Martin, first base; Ralph Martin, second base; Winfred May, third base; E. R. Endicott, left field; Tom Rambo, center field; D. W. McKinnon, right field.

Cars Purchased—The Black Butte lumber company of Cottage Grove, M. A. Horn of Cottage Grove, and John Hart bought Ford trucks from the Anderson Motor company this week. Clarence Lyons purchased a touring car, and Antonio Campos and E. L. Stewart bought roadsters.

San Francisco People Here—Mr. and Mrs. David Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Osburne of San Francisco spent Wednesday evening visiting at the H. J. Mitchell and the Dallas Murphy homes. They are on their way home from a trip through Washington and Oregon.

Will Go to Crater Lake—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hughes and family will leave in the morning for a vacation trip to Crater Lake. They will be joined at Medford by Mr. Hughes' brother, E. J. Hughes, of Sacramento, who will make the trip with them.

Here From Roseburg—Mrs. Olga Rankin of Roseburg, formerly Miss Mill, a resident of Springfield, arrived here Wednesday. She went to Winberry before returning to her home Saturday.

Return From Coast—Mrs. Ralph Dippel, and daughter Patty, Mrs. Levi Neet and Nadine McMurry returned Monday from a week at Bandon beach.

Go to California—Carl Nelson, barber at the Morris shop, left Wednesday for Sacramento, California, where he will be with a barber shop in a department store.

Here From Monroe—Mrs. Roy Emigh visited here Wednesday from Monroe.

PROTEST LOWERING GRADE ON STREETS

Property Owners Object to Southern Pacific Plan to Reduce Line on Mill Street Two Feet and Second Street a Foot

Lowering of the Southern Pacific railroad grade on Mill and Second street as proposed by the company, was objected to in a protest filed with the city council at Monday night's meeting by a score of property holders. The railroad representatives who have asked for the lowering of the grade were not on hand to press the case and the protest was received and placed on file until their appearance was made.

It is understood that the Southern Pacific desires to lower the grade two feet on Mill street and nearly a foot on Second street. Property owners took the position that it was not to the best interests of the town and would mean practically closing Mill streets. Councilmen expressed themselves that the interest of the city came first and the Southern Pacific afterwards and that public sentiment would control their actions.

Bicycles Kept Off Walks
An ordinance prohibiting bicycles and tricycles from being ridden on the sidewalks in the city were passed by the council. Provision is made only for newsboys who may ride across the width of the walk to deliver a paper to a subscriber. The ordinance goes into immediate effect and provides a fine of from one to ten dollars.

Ordinance No. 484, providing for the grading and graveling of Eighteenth street from Main street to the Brattain line was passed on its final reading.

A petition was received for a light at the corner of Third and F streets and was referred to the fire and water committee.

Numerous petitions for the Bancroft bonding act to be exercised in building sidewalks were received. Sidewalk grading was reported as going ahead in good shape with the exception of a few.

Notice ordering the old house on the Bettelheim property removed within thirty days was ordered sent and if it were not removed within 30 days was ordered torn down by city help and the cost assessed to the tax roll.

Arrested for Larceny
Vernon Pease, of Lowell, was arrested yesterday by deputy sheriffs and brought to the county jail on a charge of larceny. He is accused of stealing silverware and blankets from Darwin Yorran's summer home on the Willamette river near Dexter. Pease is a youth that has caused the sheriffs office trouble before.

Stop at Hotel—J. R. Baker of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Black of Bend stopped at the Spong hotel Monday. F. J. Renning of Seattle and J. H. Mathews of Canby were here Tuesday.

Go to Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snodgrass and daughter Maxine left Wednesday morning for Portland, where they will attend the Elks convention.

Has Major Operation—Mrs. Walter Rauch underwent a major operation at the Pacific Christian hospital Wednesday.

Spend Week at Bandon—Mrs. Maude Bryan, with her daughter, Crystal, and Mrs. Grace Roberts are spending the week-end at Bandon.

Return From Coast—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Saul and daughter returned Monday from North Bend and Marshfield.

Has Operation—Mrs. D. H. Mitchell of Goshen underwent a major operation at the Pacific Christian hospital today.

Repairing Home—W. G. Hughes is having the roof of his home at 5th and E streets raised and repaired.

In From Waltherville—Mrs. J. J. Peplot was in town from Waltherville this morning.

Mrs. Holmerson Ill—Mrs. Pratt Holmerson is ill at her home.