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HERMISTON MAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

Explosion of Gasoline Proves Fatal to Prominent Orchardist.

Hermiston, Ore., Sept. 27.—Fred Brunson, prominent orchardist living four miles northeast of Hermiston, was horribly burned in his garage Friday evening and died at 5 o'clock Saturday morning from his injuries. He had been driving the auto bus which carries the children of the neighborhood to the Hermiston school and about 8 o'clock that evening was filling the car with gas in his garage. He was using a lantern to light the garage and it fell to the floor. The oil and gas became ignited and soon Brunson was enveloped in flames.

Mrs. Brunson and another woman rushed to the assistance of the imperiled man. They extinguished the flames about him by rolling him in the sand. Brunson's clothing was burned off him. The women also put out the fire which threatened the garage and car. Medical help was then secured for the injured man and he was cared for in the best manner possible. However he was so badly injured that he failed to live through the night.

Mr. Brunson came from Fort Wayne, Ind., seven or eight years ago and has been managing a 90 acre orchard. He was 33 years of age and is survived by a child of seven years as well as by his wife. The dead man was prominent in Masonic circles. His tragic death greatly shocked the community and there is general sorrow over the affair.—East Oregonian.

LEXINGTON RED CROSS ACTIVITIES.

Lexington, Oregon, Sept. 25, 1918.
Gazette-Times:

The Red Cross branch of Lexington have not been doing much relief work for some time, but expect to have regular work from now on. The allotments received from the Chapter have been made and sent in, also what articles we had on hand, and our shelves are cleaned up.

Our allotment of warm articles for Belgian relief, of 500 pounds, will be filled and ready for shipment Friday. The allotment of 35 men's shirts for relief will be ready to work on Sept. 27th.

We would like to have all the ladies turn out and help and not leave it for a few, for this work has to be done by the 15th of October.

The regular annual election of officers for the Lexington Branch of the Red Cross will be held Sept. 28, at 3 p. m., in the Red Cross rooms. All should attend. We want to get in shape for the coming Red Cross year, that it may be a successful one.

Beginning Sept. 30th for a week there will be a linen drive for the hospitals in France. Such articles as sheets, pillow cases, bath towels, handkerchiefs and bed sheets are wanted, all articles to be taken from our reserve stock. Articles should be new, or nearly new on account of hard wear and poor washing facilities. A committee has been appointed to solicit if need be, and gather the articles together for shipment no later than Friday morning. MRS. MYRTLE REANEY, Secretary.

[The above should have reached us for publication last week but owing to the fact that the letter was directed to "American Red Cross, Heppner, Oregon," instead of to the Gazette-Times, the article did not reach this office in time.—Ed.]

Lexington, Oregon, Oct. 1, 1918.
Gazette-Times:

The annual election of officers for the Lexington Branch, A. R. C., was held Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Red Cross rooms, Mrs. T. L. Dorman, chairman, presiding. A short review of the work of the officers for the first year was given, together with an outline of our relations to the Chapter.

Officers elected were, Mrs. E. G. Slocum, chairman; Mrs. E. Nordyke, vice-chairman; Mrs. George M. Allyn, secretary; Mrs. W. O. Hill, treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Gentry, chairman Civilian Relief; Mrs. W. G. Scott, chairman Membership Committee; Miss Dona Barnett, chairman Surgical Committee; W. L. Holmes, chairman Ways and Means Committee; Mrs. K. L. Beach, chairman of Supply and Inspection Committee.

Work days are Tuesday and Friday of each week. We have a great amount of work on hand to do and we would like to have all the ladies attend. We want to see their names on the register. Do not leave this work for a few, but all come, as

many hands make light work. If you cannot come to the rooms to work, come and get some work and take it home with you.

MYRTLE REANEY, Secretary.

Charged With Making Seditious Remarks.

Louis Marquart, a young man residing near Lexington, was arrested by the Military Police and brought to Heppner one day last week on a charge of making seditious remarks. He was placed in jail here and his case reported to the United States District Attorney at Portland. Relatives of the young man offered to put up bail for his release from jail but the Portland official's instructions were to "hold him." He will doubtless have to appear before the U. S. grand jury now in session at Portland and there make explanation of his disloyal talk.

New Garage is Receiving Equipment.

Leo Hill, of the Universal Garage, returned the end of the week from Portland, where he has been to purchase the equipment of tools and machinery for the new garage building. He bought everything that he could get a requisition for from the Government and says that the new quarters will be fairly well supplied with what is needed. The interior of the new building is now about completed and some of the machinery is beginning to arrive and will be installed just as soon as the builders are out of the way with the concrete work. This garage will be one of the best in Eastern Oregon, and the proprietors, Messrs. Hill & Johns expect to be kept busy and their plant running to its full capacity.

Buys John Edwards Farm.

Report reaches this paper that a deal has been closed this week for the purchase of the J. H. Edwards farm in Sand Hollow by Dan Hanshew, who will take over the farm immediately. The consideration was \$35,000, or an equivalent of about \$30 per acre. Mr. Hanshew has been farming for a number of years in Blackhorse but disposed of his place there two years ago to Ed Stevens of Portland. This property had been involved in foreclosure proceedings and the suit was settled this week by the Portland parties putting up the cash to redeem the land. This was done on Wednesday, the last day of grace. In disposing of his Sand Hollow farm Mr. Edwards has relieved himself of all the property he owned here. He has run this place for a great many years and built it up until it was considered one of the best farms of the Sand Hollow section. Just what Mr. Edwards expects to do, this paper has not been informed.

Young Thistles Kill Stock in Cold Springs District.

Eating young Russian thistle that springs up green after the rains, caused the death of twelve horses in the Cold Springs district this week. The animals ate the young thistles, which are temptingly green, but the stems are indigestible and form a wiry mat in the stomach that results in the death of the animal.

Frank Spike was called to Cold Springs Monday by one of the Greek farmers of that district. Five of his horses had already died and by the time Mr. Spike arrived eight more were down. The farmer feared that it was some contagious disease, but Dr. Spike soon ascertained that the deaths were due solely to the eating of the thistle. Farmers are warned to keep their stock away from stubble or summer fallow where the young thistles are growing.—Echo News.

Passes Satisfactory Examination.

Miss Edith Thorley of this city, who a short time ago signed up for service as an army nurse, has passed the necessary examination in a satisfactory manner, and is now subject to call at any time. Miss Thorley is an accomplished musician, a graduate of Heppner High School and a student at Pacific University and Portland Conservatory of Music. While awaiting her summons to go into training, Miss Thorley will organize classes in both piano and voice and put in her time teaching.

Miss Emma E. Grittinger, from Northwestern Division headquarters of the Red Cross, arrived in Heppner on Tuesday evening from Pendleton and met with the executive committee of the local Chapter. Miss Grittinger had just returned from the meeting of the Northwest Tuberculosis Association at Spokane and is visiting various Red Cross Chapters on her return to Seattle. She remained in Heppner over Wednesday, getting in touch with the needs of the Red Cross chapters and auxiliaries of Morrow county.

I Am Public Opinion!

ALL men fear me! I declare that Uncle Sam shall not go to his knees to beg you to buy his bonds. That is no position for a fighting man. But if you have the money to buy and do not buy, I will make this No Man's Land for you!

I will judge you not by an allegiance expressed in mere words.

I will judge you not by your mad cheers as our boys march away to whatever fate may have in store for them.

I will judge you not by the warmth of the tears you shed over the lists of the dead and the injured that come to us from time to time.

I will judge you not by your uncovered head and solemn mien as our maimed in battle return to our shores for loving care.

But, as wise as I am just, I will judge you by the material aid you give to the fighting men who are facing death that you may live and move and have your being in a world made safe.

I warn you—don't talk patriotism over here unless your money is talking victory over there.

I am Public Opinion! As I judge, all men stand or fall!

JOE HANDY, MAKER OF MOONSHINE WHISKEY, NOW IN THE GRIP OF THE LAW

At least one Morrow county moonshiner has been brought into the toils of the law, together with all of his paraphernalia.

Joe Handy of Heppner was arrested last Monday morning at his place of business in the mountains some 24 miles southeast of Heppner, just as he was in the act of placing a fire under the still of his moonshine outfit, and if there ever was a man taken completely by surprise, Mr. Handy was that fellow.

The incidents leading up to this capture are quite interesting in detail. Handy was operating in what he felt was absolute security, although he had recently been informed by a friend of his that the officers were on his trail and he might expect trouble at any moment, yet he states that he was not looking for his place to be discovered as it was so well camouflaged in the thick brush of a deep ravine of the mountain fastness.

However, the officers had, by persistent work, been enabled to get a pretty close diagram of the surroundings from a party who had one day accidentally stumbled onto the outfit, so they decided to go out on Sunday evening and make an investigation.

Sheriff McDuffee and Ex-Sheriff Shutt were taken into the vicinity of the still late Sunday evening by County Agriculturist Brown. The place where the still was located could be reached no nearer than a mile by auto, though teams were able to get within a half-mile of it. The officers were left by Mr. Brown who had to return to town, so they wended their way as best they could toward the spot where the outfit was supposed to be. It was a pretty tough undertaking, getting through the underbrush but they finally reached a point somewhere near the still and not very far from the trail leading to it, and sit it out in the chill night air for the balance of the night. They expected to find Handy operating a night shift, but it seems that he had finished up his week's brew and was not doing anything on Sunday night. Quite early Monday morning, however, he put in an appearance, coming down to the still alone, so the officers abided their time and when he got busy lighting the fire, he was confronted with a command to hold up his hands. It was necessary to repeat the demand quite forcibly before Handy complied as he was apparently so taken by surprise that he failed to realize he was facing a couple of guns in the hands of determined officials. When the full force of the situation dawned on him, his hands went up in a hurry and he made no attempt at resistance. Upon being searched it was found that Handy was unarmed.

Handy had been operating the still from a camp occupied by he and his wife about a mile distant in another ravine. Just what know-

ledge Mrs. Handy may have of his operations is not revealed but according to the story related she supposed that he was cutting wood some little distance away as she could hear someone chopping wood every day in that direction. It was supposed also that there were a couple of lookouts, one on either side of the ravine where the still was located, to give warning of the approach of officers. Handy was also supposed to be armed at all times and ready to give invaders of his domain a warm reception.

The officers were able to tell, in the darkness, of their near approach to the still, by the smell of sour grain. A large number of empty corn meal sacks were scattered about and a large quantity of the meal had been passed through the distilling process was dumped near, indicating that the work had been going on for considerable time, as well as proving the excessive waste of valuable war food.

The officers brought in the whiskey making outfit, consisting of a 30-gallon copper kettle that had been properly encased in a stone oven, the gooseneck and coil, and these articles have been the objects of much attention at the court house during the week. Besides these there were six big wooden vats used for primary work, and these were brought along also. Whatever else there was of the illicit still was totally destroyed by the officers. Along with the outfit there was taken 21 gallons of liquor—"Mountain Dew"—and of this the officers retained six gallons as evidence and the balance was dumped into the creek for the benefit of the fishes.

The liquor is pronounced by those who know as being genuine stuff, and it certainly contains plenty of alcohol to preserve it throughout the ages and to thoroughly pickle any stomach that it might come in contact with. For many months there has been plenty of evidence in Heppner that someone was producing moonshine not far away. As stated above the officers were suspicious that Handy was furnishing the liquor which he was secretly manufacturing, handing it out to those who took the responsibility of disposing of it. It developed that he was getting \$29 per gallon for the stuff and in turn it was being retailed by the bootleggers at \$8 per quart, so it can be seen that a money making business was going on. The capacity of the still was some 16 gallons per day.

Handy was in trouble before the court last fall for bootlegging, and he had been warned that he might get into worse trouble with the Federal authorities, yet he persisted in the unlawful business. He will now have to appear before the Federal court in Portland, where he will be taken this week. We understand he has retained Sam Vanzactor as his attorney.

The capture of this still may be the means of breaking up the local bootlegging to a considerable extent. It was a good piece of work on the part of the local officers and no small credit is due to Ex-Sheriff Shutt for the assistance rendered in getting the necessary evidence to locate the still. If we are correctly informed, he did some good detective work in this case and through his efforts Sheriff McDuffee was enabled to get the location of the outfit. Sheriff McDuffee knew that the still was being operated and he and Corporal Cummings of the State Military Police made a trip out there some ten days ago but were unable to find it.

If there are others interested in this deal with Handy, and there no doubt is, he will not peach, and so far is keeping mum on this point.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday, Oct. 6.

10:00 a. m., Bible School. This is Rally Day, so make a special effort to attend. Promotion exercises postponed to Oct. 13.

11:00 a. m., special Rally Day services. We want every member present.

7:00 p. m., C. E. meetings.

8:00 p. m., Preaching service. Subject: "Jesus the Prophet."

Wednesday at 8:00 p. m., mid-week service.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. The lesson is about Abraham, a great historic character.

Morning service at 11:00. Sermon theme: "The Second Coming of Christ."

Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. Topic, "All For Christ."

Evening service at 8:00. Sermon on "Christ's Call."

H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

Willow Lodge I. O. O. F. Entertains.

Willow Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F. of this city entertained a couple of the grand lodge officers at their hall last evening. The visitors were S. F. Bowman, grand conductor and Senior Warden Kirkpatrick of Pendleton. These gentlemen each made addresses on the order and Mrs. C. Darby and Miss Edith Thorley entertained with vocal solos, being accompanied on the piano by Miss Muriel Cason. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not large. There were no refreshments, and a short social time was had after the close of the program.

To Live at Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Tash left on Tuesday for Walla Walla, where they will make their future home, having purchased property at 1221 Alford street, that city. Mr. and Mrs. Tash were pioneer settlers of Morrow county, for many years owning and conducting a farm at Hardman. This property they recently disposed of, and also their city property in Heppner and they will now endeavor to enjoy their remaining years free from the cares attendant upon extensive property holdings. Walla Walla is a mighty nice little city and their surroundings there will be very pleasant. They are excited to have it easy for their remaining days and it is the hope of this paper that they may live yet many years to enjoy the comforts and pleasures of their new home. Heppner people regret their departure but all wish them well.

John Huston arrived from Albany on Thursday last and is visiting for a short time with his sons, E. R., of Heppner and Charley, of Eight Mile. He has been several years since Mr. Huston visited this section, where he formerly resided.

Some Couple Married at Heppner.

Werner Reitmunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reitmunn, of Ione was united in marriage at the home of Frank A. Andrews, pastor of the Christian church of Heppner, on Saturday to Miss Jannita I. Gibson, also of Ione. Pastor Andrews performing the ceremony. The young people will make their home on the farm of the groom near Ione, and the best wishes of their many young friends of that section will go with them on this new venture.

Red Cross Election.

This paper is requested to announce that the election of the Board of Directors for Morrow County Chapter of the Red Cross will be held the fourth Wednesday of this month, which will be the 23rd. The election will be at a mass meeting and it is hoped all the members of the Red Cross will keep the date in mind and be present to assist in the selection of the Board of Directors.

FOR SALE—A good 7-room residence in good condition, close in and a good bargain. Call at Gazette-Times office.

UNCLE SAM ASKS TO SAVE TIN, PLATINUM

These Commodities Are Greatly
Needed by Government.

Platinum.

Platinum is needed by the Government and by the industries of the country for many vital purposes. Among its industrial uses are the making of contact points for magnetos to be used in tractors, trucks, automobiles, and gas engines; the making of contact points for telephone and telegraph systems and the wireless plants, x-ray tubes, hypodermic needles, chemical purposes for laboratory and research work and scientific instruments. By way of example, 1 oz. of platinum makes points for magnetos to operate 150 trucks or tractors.

For many years platinum has been shipped almost entirely from Russia, but because of the chaotic conditions there the production of platinum has been abandoned, and in order to remedy this condition of affairs, the Government appeals to the people to patriotically contribute privately owned articles, in which there is even the smallest quantity of platinum, but they are not urged to donate articles to which a sentimental value is attached.

These contributions will not only be of great assistance to the Government, but will aid the Red Cross Chapter as well, as the Government will pay the Chapter the market price for all platinum turned in.

Tin.

It may be stated in general terms that tin is used in almost every branch of industry conceivable. Indeed it is stated with proof, that we could not operate a steamer on the ocean, we could not build a railroad car, we could not do anything to carry on this war, if we did not have tin. It might be stated that the entire industry of the United States is dependent on tin in some form or other.

Tin is one of the most essential materials of the whole War Program, and it will be impossible to sustain our demands and properly aid the industries of our Allies unless an adequate supply is furnished.

Tin is found in innumerable forms, but for the purpose of the Red Cross, the forms in which it is worth collecting are limited to three. These are:

1. Foil of every kind, including tobacco foil, cigarette foil, chewing gum foil, chocolate foil, and foil used by artists.

2. Collapsible Tubes. These are such as contain tooth paste, shaving cream, salve, paints, etc. Every kind of collapsible tube is worth collecting, as every kind contains a sufficient proportion of tin to be of value.

3. Pewter Articles. A very large proportion of tin is found in pewter articles of every kind, so that the collection of these articles is very important.

N. B.—Tins cans need not be collected as they contain a trifling percentage of tin.

Red Cross Attendance Improves.

Mrs. Phill Cohn, president of the local Chapter of the Red Cross is pleased to announce that the attendance of workers at headquarters is improving now with each succeeding meeting. The ladies are beginning to get settled down for the season and from now on there is prospect of plenty of hands to keep the work done up to schedule.

For the past week the following were in attendance:

Sept. 27—Mrs. Ralph Thomson, Mrs. T. J. Matlock, Mrs. C. L. Sweek, Mrs. R. J. Vaughan, Mrs. P. A. Anderson, Mrs. O. E. Farnsworth, Mrs. Mattie Adkins, Mrs. C. E. Jones, Mrs. John Her, Mrs. Sam Hughes, Mrs. John Cason, Mrs. Stacy Roberts, Mrs. M. Church, Mrs. Tom Boyd, Mrs. E. J. Starkey, Mrs. J. C. Hayes, Mrs. E. F. Campbell, Mrs. F. N. Frye, Mrs. Phill Cohn, Mrs. Geo. Moore, Mrs. Hansen Hughes, Mrs. L. E. Bisbee, Mr. J. O. Hager, Mrs. W. A. Richardson, Mrs. W. C. Cason, Mrs. Michael Keany.

Sept. 30—Cutters, Mrs. J. W. Beymer, Mrs. A. E. Patterson, Mrs. B. F. Butler, Mrs. E. H. Hall, Mrs. F. A. Andrews, Mrs. R. V. Whites, Mrs. E. R. Huston, Mrs. T. E. Childsey.

Oct. 1—Mrs. C. L. Sweek, Mrs. R. J. Vaughan, Mrs. S. W. Spencer, Mrs. F. N. Frye, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Mrs. W. C. Cason, Mrs. M. Church, Mrs. W. T. Campbell, Mrs. W. R. Irwin, Mrs. Phill Cohn.