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DYNAMITE USED IN TAKING HIS LIFE

IRRIGON FARMER BLOWS OFF HEAD IN SHOP

Friends Know of no Reason for Act By F. I. Rider; funeral Held Wednesday.

Suicide by the use of a stick of dynamite on which he had placed his head as on a cushion was committed Monday afternoon by Francis Isaih Rider, well known farmer near Irrigon.

He had been working in his shop, not far from the house. Those who found the body stated that he had removed his shoes and coat and then had lain down with the stick of dynamite under the back of his head. The force of the explosion removed the entire top of his head and caused minor lacerations on his shoulders. Surviving him are the widow and three sons, one of whom is employed in a logging camp in Western Oregon. The other two live at home.

The Riders are said to have lived near Irrigon for about 15 years. Those who know the family have expressed no reason the deceased might have had for taking his life. He was almost 61 years old and was born in Wisconsin.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Irrigon church with Rev. Swagger of Umatilla in charge.

LOCAL MEN PLAN TRIP TO STUDY PLANTS ON COAST

Ott and Barnard to Leave in a Few Days on Mission for Farm Bureau Co-operative.

H. J. Ott and S. H. Barnard expect to leave within a short time on a trip of inspection along the coast and in the Willamette valley to study a number of problems. They will go as representatives of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston and expect to start either Sunday or a week from Sunday.

One of their purposes will be to inspect modern warehouses of different types so that information as to the most desirable kind of warehouse will be available if the co-operative concern thinks it advisable to add to the local plant. Some little consideration to such an expansion has been given by the board, but nothing definite has been done.

The status of the poultry business at Winlock and Fuyallup in Washington and at several Oregon points will also be studied to ascertain whether information of use to growers here may be discovered. Some observations will also be made in dairy communities.

The two plan to spend several days on the trip.

Rees Makes Announcement

Harry B. Rees, pioneer Stanfield resident, announced today his candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of recorder of conveyances in the May primaries. He has resided in the Stanfield district for 14 years and has many friends. "The only promise I have to make is that I will conduct the office in a business like manner if the voters nominate and elect me," Mr. Rees said.

OPERATION IS PERFORMED

Mrs. S. L. Carson submitted to a minor operation at the Hermiston hospital Wednesday.

MISS MAUD ROYDON



Miss Maud Roydon, noted English preacher, came to America to lecture. Her engagement in Chicago was canceled, presumably because she sometimes smokes.

HOOVER ANNOUNCES WILL BE CANDIDATE

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Hoover became an avowed candidate for the republican presidential nomination when he gave formal permission for his Ohio supporters to enter his name in the Ohio primary.

In his first campaign statement, which took the form of a letter to Thad L. Brown, chairman of the Ohio "Hoover for President" committee, the secretary declared himself bound "to carry forward the principles of the republican party and the great objectives of President Coolidge's policies."

He indicated his intention to refrain from personal campaigning in the pre-convention primaries, and to retain his official post at the head of the commerce department.

The letter signaled the beginning of a sharp contest for the Ohio delegation to the republican national convention, since the Hoover campaign will face the already indicated opposition of Senator Willis of Ohio, republican, another announced candidate.

FRANK SMITH REAPPOINTED

Senator-Elect Recently Barred, is Again Named by Governor.

Springfield, Ill.—Frank L. Smith, senator-elect of Illinois, whose seat was declared vacant by the United States senate, has handed his resignation to Governor Small, the governor immediately reappointing him to fill the unexpired term and issuing a proclamation for a special senatorial primary and election.

The governor's proclamation said the special senatorial primary would be held on April 10, the date for the regular April primary, and that the special senatorial election would be held in November in connection with the regular election.

Smith issued a 1400-word statement in connection with his resignation, declaring he would enter the special primary to test the will of the people of Illinois against the action of the United States senate, which debarred him.

Mrs. F. L. Kelley and daughter, Mrs. Groom, returned Friday from Portland where they spent several weeks for the benefit of the latter's health. Mrs. Groom submitted to a surgical operation which proved very successful.

POULTRY RAISERS

HEAR DR. JOHNSON

FOWL DISEASES EXPLAINED BY O. A. C. VETERINARIAN

Clinic Attended by 33 Who Ask Questions and See Sick Birds Examined.

Some of the most common diseases of poultry and the methods of prevention and treatment were discussed at a clinic for poultry raisers by Dr. W. T. Johnson, veterinarian in charge of poultry disease studies at O. A. C., at a meeting held yesterday afternoon in the reclamation building. There were 33 poultry raisers present.

In addition to the formal discussion, Dr. Johnson answered questions that were asked by raisers and examined the bodies of sick fowls that were brought to the meeting.

Bacillary, white diarrhea, coccidiosis, chicken pox and internal parasites were the chief troubles to which Dr. Johnson paid attention. The first mentioned disease causes a heavy loss of chicks, cuts down production, lowers hatchability and affects the ovary and egg.

Chicken pox is more common in the Western Oregon districts than in Eastern Oregon but was found on the project during the past winter, he said. The experiment station is working on a new vaccine which gives promise of controlling the disease. The greatest loss from this disease is not in mortality but in loss of production.

Coccidiosis causes the greatest loss when chicks are about three weeks old. Bloody droppings usually advertise the prevalence of the disease. The best treatment is 40 per cent powdered milk in the rations. The house should be cleaned and disinfected every day, Dr. Johnson said. Dampness around the quarters makes an ideal condition for the disease.

The internal parasites include the round worm, found in the small intestine; the tape worm, also found in the small intestine; and the secum worm, found in the blend intestine. Nicotine sulphate capsules which can be purchased at the Farm Bureau Co-operative are best to use in treating the disease after it has a foothold. Attention paid to keeping quarters sanitary is the best preventative, according to Dr. Johnson.

MANY STRANGERS LOOK AT LANDS IN THIS DISTRICT

Reports from various sources indicate that there is more interest in Hermiston land on the part of prospective buyers than for a long time. Many new people have been on the project within the past two or three weeks to look at places that are on the market.

Quite a number of the newcomers who are looking around have come from countries where much more snow and cold weather are found every winter than prevail in this country. Some of these are from counties farther east in Oregon, and others are from the northern part of Idaho.

Special Services Held

Rev. A. J. Ware went to Cold Springs Sunday afternoon where he conducted religious services in the school house. Plans have been made to hold services again two weeks later.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

SHOTGUN EXPLOSION CAUSE OF INJURY TO BOY'S EYE

Injuries to his right eye that may impair the vision were suffered last Sunday afternoon by the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor who lives north of Hermiston when a shotgun exploded. The eye was powder burned and otherwise injured and was dressed by Dr. Sears.

DISTRICT STARTS CLEANING CANALS

SYSTEM BEING PUT INTO SHAPE FOR 1928 SEASON

Much of Work Done Last Fall So That Task of Making Ready Is Not Heavy One.

Work by the Hermiston Irrigation district in preparing the canal system for use during the season of 1928 was started yesterday and will be finished by the time it is necessary to turn on the spring head, according to E. D. Martin, project superintendent.

The work now under way includes burning of weeds along the canals and laterals, replacing worn out gates, repacking leaky valves, repairs to banks of ditches and other similar work.

"There is a little team work that has to be done before the system is ready for water, but little of this sort of work remains to be done," Supt. Martin said. "We got a good start on this sort of work last fall."

1927 HAY CROP TO BE ALL CLEANED UP

DEALERS SAY ANOTHER 30 DAYS WILL TAKE SUPPLY

Demand for Alfalfa Comes From the Dairy Sections Along Pacific Coast.

Another 30 days will see practically all of the hay in the district adjacent to Hermiston sold and shipped, according to statements by local dealers.

If present demand is maintained, there will be no carryover of hay in to the crop year of 1928.

In the Hermiston district proper hay is all gone now, and in some cases farmers caught short are hauling from the Butter creek district, dealers stated.

The prolonged winter season had the result of stiffening both demand and price of hay. At present the price is about \$10 per ton in the stack to the grower. This compares with \$7.50 which was the price that prevailed for the first of the 1927 crop. Later higher figures ruled, and a big part of the local tonnage is estimated to have moved at from \$8.50 to \$9 per ton.

Present demand is practically entirely from dairy sections along the coast, chiefly in the Puget Sound country.

Shipments at present are being made out of Hinkle at the rate of five or six carloads a day. The hay that is moving comes from the Butter creek ranches almost entirely.

Mrs. Bert Nation left Monday for Portland to visit her mother.

MYRON C. TAYLOR



Myron C. Taylor, who succeeded the late Elbert H. Gary as chairman of the finance committee of the United States Steel corporation.

SENATE INFORMED SANDINO IS BEATEN

Washington, D. C.—The navy department has been told, in reports from Nicaragua, that Augustino Sandino, rebel chief, is in flight to Honduras.

A message from officers in Nicaragua, given to the senate foreign relations committee by Secretary Wilbur, declared Sandino was practically out of ammunition and "insofar as Nicaragua is concerned, he is finished and is simply trying to escape."

"Indication is, from latest reports," the message read, "that Sandino intends to reach northern coast of Honduras. There is ample evidence that all the rifles that Sandino has were procured in Nicaragua from men who failed to turn them in. Sandino's ammunition is practically gone."

On the basis of this message, Chairman Borah of the committee declared that "if this is correct, the outlook is very good."

All data relating to American intervention in Nicaragua were placed before the committee by Secretary Wilbur and a staff of naval and marine officers at the committee hearing.

It showed that 12 Americans and 156 Nicaraguans have been killed since marines went to that country.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Thomas A. Edison, the noted inventor, celebrated his 81st birthday Saturday.

The republican presidential political field was further broadened with the announcement that James E. Watson, Indiana senator, would be a candidate.

The right of James M. Beck to retain his seat as a republican representative from Pennsylvania was upheld by a house elections committee by a vote of 6 to 3.

The United States Lawn Tennis association's annual ranking of stars showed William T. Tilden II still at the head of the list, with Francis T. Hunter occupying second place.

Diendonne Costs and Joseph Le Brix, French good will fliers, whose 22,000-mile course has led them over four continents during the last four months, landed in New York Saturday.

R. Alexander of Pendleton was recently disposed on account of a cold, but he is feeling better now. With his son Roy he was a Hermiston visitor Monday.

INCOME ON OREGON FARMS SHOWS GAIN

1928 EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT SAME AS 1927

Some Slight Increase May Come in Year, State College Estimate Says.

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 16—Agricultural income in Oregon for 1928 will equal or be slightly above that of 1927 if present indications for the leading farm industries are not radically changed, according to the annual economic outlook report just issued here. The state report embodies pertinent excerpts from the federal outlook report combined with local information gathered by extension and experiment station specialists and 26 county agents.

Gradual improvement in the agricultural situation is shown though many suggestions are made for adjustment of production to changing market demands. The complete report, covering general conditions, farm crops, livestock, dairying, poultry and horticulture, is being prepared for general distribution a little later.

A skeleton summary follows:

Improvement Shown
The general agricultural situation in Oregon is improved, the gross farm income being higher than at any other time since the peak in 1919-20. There is an increased activity in farm lands and an increase in number of farms. With increased efficiency and adjustment of production to market demands, gradual increase of farm income is indicated for some time.

Local markets on Pacific coast, where population is increasing twice as rapidly as in the nation as a whole, will probably tend to improve. Domestic markets generally are expected to continue about as in 1927, while foreign markets appear a little less favorable than a year ago. Credit conditions are favorable for the farmer now, and although labor rates are still 70 per cent greater than for the pre-war period 1910-14, a better supply is likely to be available.

Commercial potato acreage in Oregon is likely to remain about the same as in 1927 but it appears that material increases are intended in all states from Nebraska to Maine. Regions of high acre yields and low freight will suffer least from overplanting.

Wheat Acreage Expanded
A world expansion in wheat area is in prospect. A three per cent increase in winter wheat is in sight for the Pacific coast states. Justification for spring planting exists in the Blue Mountain region and parts of the Willamette valley, though in the latter flax, barley or oats may be more profitable. Increase in general barley acreage is warranted because of local and export demand. Increase in corn is justified.

Cattle prices are expected to remain fairly high for several years, but new operators are cautioned in starting at present high prices for breeding stock. Sheep are increasing throughout the world, but market demand is expected to be good except in occasional years. Efficient production is essential to continued profit. Only 249 stallions were in public service in Oregon as compared to 1051 in 1912. Hogs are still produced below state requirements but probably to the capacity of waste

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THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne

