

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

No additional details of note are to be added to developments concerning the death of Elff Neil, whose body was discovered at his home on Hargadine street Monday evening. Coronor Perl of Medford visited the scene on Tuesday and decided that evidences of suicide were so conclusive that an inquest was unnecessary. No further clues shed any additional light as to the motive for self-destruction, though various rumors are afloat. Neil had lately entered into partnership with a veneerating firm and was the local agent for the Chevrolet motor car. Pending the arrival of near relatives, his funeral was set for Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Elks temple.

Miss Eunice Grubb is temporarily filling the position of playground supervisor, a newly-created office applying to the physical recreation grounds in the park domain, until Miss Josephine Saunders assumes the position permanently by virtue of recommendation from the playground committee, concerned in the park board. Miss Saunders has been a student at Reed college, Portland, specializing in physical training.

Mrs. B. F. Eshelman of Los Angeles, wife of a leading dental practitioner in that city, was visiting Mrs. B. M. Shoudy early in the week on her return home from Portland, where she had been attending the national P. E. O. convention. These ladies were former intimate friends while living in town in the vicinity of Harlan. Mrs. Eshelman also renewed the acquaintance while here of Messes Nims, Bagley and Saunders, friends whom she had not met since old-time days in Harvard, Ill. The visitor was instrumental in organizing the first P. E. O. organization in Oregon. She left on Tuesday for southern California.

Mrs. M. Z. Mass of Lakeview, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Miller of Paisley, also Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Bunting and daughter Ruby of Lakeview, were visitors the first of the week at the home of W. J. Moore, city attorney. Mrs. Mass is a sister of Mr. Moore.

Last Sunday when the Grizzlies of Medford became weary in well doing in the attempt at scaling Grizzly Peak, Guide Kaiser at the psychological moment repeated the lines of "Exodus" before the distinguished company. The effect was magical, with the result that alpenstocks and brown goggles were cast aside in the eagerness of climbers to reach the summit.

The other day Agent Kramer of the S. P. interviewed a sextet of eastern passenger and other traffic agents of the system by taking them for an auto ride throughout local parks. They are making a tour of the Pacific coast, superintended by E. C. Lathrop, assistant general passenger agent at San Francisco. The personnel of the visiting party included Wm. C. Harris of Boston, Frank Quigley and Henry Schneider of New York, E. W. Startzman of Buffalo and A. A. Price of Baltimore. Schneider was accompanied by his wife, the couple being newly wed. Quigley is master of the steamship *Crescent* of the S. P.'s Atlantic fleet. Schneider is connected with the Suez route, the others being passenger agents. The party will return this way and may make a long stop later on.

The local Business Men's association, beginning June 1, will dispense with regular meetings during the summer, certain business matters being attended to by the directors. The vacation period extends to September 1. The picnic planned by the organization will take place later in the season.

Letters received here from Bakersfield, Calif., referring to a return to simple tastes and economical methods in student dress at the graduation season, indicate that whereas the school authorities stood as sponsors to a movement implying that a young lady's graduation dress should not cost over \$5, and that postage stamps should be dispensed with, the board, while gleaning economy along straightway and ordered more elaborate programs than ever of a cost for printing and advertising of over \$250.

Mr. Bob Fitzsimmons failed to put in an appearance at the Methodist church on Monday evening to talk over "The Wyoming Fight" in connection with his concession experience. It is understood that she pleaded inability to reason Ashland from Portland in time for the scheduled meeting. However, Dr. McLaren, representing the Pacific Coast Reserve and Protective society, was present and entertained the audience with a highly interesting talk on the scope and aims of the organization which he represents. Mrs. Fitzsimmons may enter here later on.

Recitation day exercises rivaled the observance for years past, both as to numbers in attendance and the scope of exercises. Headed by the bands, the procession marched to the armory. In the line were fifty members of First company, under command of Captain W. E. Blake, assisted by Lie. G. A. B. and Lie. G. T. Osgood, each carrying

numbered nearly 100. A host of school children brought up the rear. The address was by C. M. Thomas of Medford, other details of the program being followed as heretofore outlined. The anniversary was generally observed and business houses were closed practically all day.

Miss Hazel Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lowe, has finished her term of school in the Sims valley district. She will have charge of the seventh and eighth grades in the Gold Hill schools, beginning with the fall term.

The Burnette boys, Dean, French and Hart, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnette, who formerly resided here where Mr. Burnette was agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and who now live in Bellingham, Wash., are establishing enviable records not only as students, but also in the field of athletics. As representatives from the Franklin school or that city at a track and field meet held May 26, the two older boys figured successfully in several events. Dean shared first honors in the 100-yard dash, 200-yard relay race and pole vault, while French won distinction in the high jump and 220-yard dash. Reports do not indicate in what Hart excelled, but while attending candle roll here his dexterity in skipping the rope was not equaled by many who had passed the four-cent yard mark.

Drs. Jarvis and Bosdough of the sanatorium will apply safety first, any-speeds relief principle at the forthcoming celebration here in July by installing an improvised hospital on the grounds with attendant nurses. This decision is in line with other phases of public spirit characterizing the celebration movement.

"Loss of a \$200 has started Matt Hughes on the road to a bishopric in the Methodist church." This is the allegation made by the Grinnell (Ia.) Register of recent date, asserting that the money forfeited was placed on Blaine in the memorable presidential campaign. This disgusted Matt in his student days and under the influence of a revival meeting in which Sam Jones was the presiding genius, Matt hit the snowdrift trail and instantly developed tremendous power in the pulpit, history since being familiar to everybody in view of the distinction which his selection of the destination which his selection as bishop reflects on the parish which he occupied, having served parishes in Minneapolis, Kansas City and other great cities. He is now of Pasadena. The family was originally from West Virginia, and Hughes, the elder, served the church long and faithfully as presiding elder of a notable district in central Iowa, with Grinnell as the pivot in the holy see. These particulars are of interest to Iowans hereabouts who were well acquainted with the family in the earlier days.

"The Bungalow" refreshment pavilion, adjacent to Lithia park entrance, has been completed in the record time of two weeks since excavation began for its foundations. It will be formally opened on June 1. Who has the state's banner and who has the big telescope, are two queries which are being made now that the celebration is near at hand. The former refers to a prize awarded by the shantytown for the largest attendance over its assembly rooms by any individual state, and the latter refers to the - perhaps - fitting the chief men in command of the Skagway Mountain club of former miners.

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WASHINGTON, May 31.—The war department announced today that eight members of the 11th members of the Texas national guard who refused to take the oath for federal service had been delayed until June 6. It had been originally set for June 1.

TO break a colt hitch him double with an old hoss. To break a new pipe hitch it up with old VELVET.

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Stewart Chisholm who has been visiting his cousin, Dale Hammersley Grants Pass, for the past week, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bernice Meyers who has been visiting at the Hodges home for a few days returned to her home in Ashland Sunday afternoon.

Lawrence Cardwell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reed and Mrs. Jessie McLinden, and son Johnnie, went to the top of the Siskiyous Sunday afternoon.

The former home of John Carnes on Blackwell hill, was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon about three o'clock. It was occupied by brother and old time friends at this place.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark, now of California, formerly of Gold Hill, stopped for a brief visit Monday afternoon with friends at this place and proceeded later in the afternoon to Rogue River for a visit with relatives at that place.

An auto load of young fellows returning from Rogue River in making the descent of the hill to the east end of town near the river were upset in such a manner that they all landed on the rocks, treacherously near the water's edge, the car having turned a summersault, landed on the wheels, smashing three of them. It seems the driver lost control of the brakes and in reaching for the emergency neglected to steer properly, hence the spill. They were endeavoring to make the bridge, being on their way to Beagle. The occupants were Joe Vanbinder, Don Avery, Frank Fink, Horwitz, Clarence Van Houten and Otto Olsen.

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Mr. Mathews, superintendent of the Phoenix schools, and his nephew were in town a short time Tuesday, visiting his old friend, Prof. G. W. Milam.

Master Noel Kellogg, who has been visiting with aunts, uncles, cousins, etc., in Medford for the past two weeks, returned Tuesday morning on No. 14 and surprised the home folks.

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