

C. M. KIDD'S HOME COMPLETELY GUTTED BY NOONDAY FIRE

Fire, believed to have originated from a defective flue, or an overheated stove in the dining room, gutted the home of C. M. Kidd, 32 Ross court, this noon causing damage variously estimated from \$1500 to \$3000, fully covered by insurance.

The roof and ceilings of the residence were badly burned, and the interior furnishings damaged by fire and water. The blaze centered in the ceiling, and was rather a stubborn one to combat. Dr. J. J. Emmert assisted in getting considerable furniture out of the house, including the piano.

The fire alarm was sounded at 11:45 a. m., and the equipment was back in the fire station at 1:10 p. m. Mrs. Kidd was in the house at the time and was resting, being awakened by the sound of flames crackling in the walls. Mr. Kidd, who is one of Medford's best known residents, will probably rebuild at once.

COUNTY TAX LEVY IS ANNOUNCED

The county tax levy for the year, as fixed and approved by the county court in 23.6 mills outside high school districts, and 22.2 mills inside high school districts, and 22 mills in Ashland, owing to no levy being drawn in that city for the library fund.

The levy is a reduction of 3 mills, outside of high school districts, 2.7 mills inside of high school districts, and a 2.7 mills reduction in Ashland, over last year.

The levy is divided as follows:
State tax, 7.2 mills.
General expense, 7.1 mills.
Market road, 1.5.
Redemption fund Pacific Highway bonds, 3 mills.
Interest Pacific Highway bonds, .7 mills.
Interest Crater Lake Highway bonds, .7 mills.
Completion of Ashland-Klamath Falls Highway, 1.5 mills.
Schools, 2.5 mills.
High school, 1.4 mills.
Library fund, .2 mills.

RANCH HOUSE ON GRIFFIN C. BURNS

The Mrs. E. L. Maxwell place in the Griffin creek district, known as the old Morris ranch, was destroyed by fire last Monday morning. Inc. Vold, brother of Jonas Vold, and family had just moved up and the family were at breakfast when they heard the fire, which originated apparently from a defective flue. They fled from the house and nothing could be done to save the dwelling, as the flames had too much of a start. The loss is \$1500, on which there was an insurance of \$1000.

WILLITS INQUEST FRIDAY A. M.

The coroner's inquest into the death of Amos R. Willits, killed by a falling wall at the Page theater five last Sunday morning, will be held next Friday morning at ten o'clock, at the Perl funeral parlors. The inquest will be in charge of Coroner John A. Perl, with District Attorney Newton W. Borden assisting. Eye witnesses of the tragedy, and those who assisted in the rescue will be called to testify.

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JUDGE KNOWLES CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME BENCH

Judge and Mrs. John W. Knowles of La Grande, are spending a few days in southern Oregon.

Judge Knowles is a candidate for the republican nomination for associate justice of the supreme court in place of Lawrence F. Harris, who recently resigned.

Mr. Knowles has been judge of the tenth judicial district, comprising Union and Walla Walla counties, continuously since 1907. He was born in Circleville, Ohio, May 18, 1867, at an early age removed with his parents to southern Kansas, received his education in the public schools of Eldorado, Kans., and at Baker university, a Methodist college at Baldwin. After he was admitted to the bar in 1888 he practiced law for a time with his brother, then removed to La Grande in 1891 where he has since resided. He was city attorney of a Grande for eight years and was deputy district attorney under John L. Rand, now associate justice of the Oregon supreme court.

Judge Knowles lives on a farm in the Grande Ronde valley, where he enjoys the outdoor life of which he has been an ardent advocate throughout his life. He is a sportsman and has contributed a number of articles on the wild life of Oregon to national sportsman's magazines. The judge is married and has two children.

The judge was a boyhood friend of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sumpter Smith in Eldorado, Kansas and has a number of other friends living in Medford, among them Bert Anderson.

INVOLVED IN L. A. SHOOTING (Continued From Page One)

mitted his engagement to Miss Purviance while in Denver on a visit about three weeks ago. Although no specific admission was forthcoming from him, his friends declare that he accepted the congratulations of his friends without a denial.

Miss Purviance today went into hiding after she had made the brief statement, according to the police, that she believed Greer shot Dines because the chauffeur was jealous of the wealthy Denver man.

The housekeeper at Miss Purviance's residence replied to all questions with the statement that the actress was "in hiding with friends and I am sworn to secrecy as to her movements." She did add, however, that her mistress was tired and nervous over the publicity given the Dines shooting.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Jan. 2.—Will Hays, head of the motion picture industry, who has been spending the holidays at his home here, left today for Los Angeles. He declared his departure had not been hastened by the shooting of Courtland S. Dines by Joe Kelly, chauffeur for Mabel Normand in the California city last night. Otherwise he declined to comment on the latest episode in the motion picture industry.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Surgeons attending Courtland S. Dines, 34 year old oil operator and clubman of Denver, early today predicted he would recover from a bullet wound, police said, was inflicted last night by Joe Kelly, alias H. A. Greer, chauffeur to Miss Mabel Normand, screen actress whose .25 caliber pistol was alleged to have been used in the shooting.

Kelly freely admitted the shooting, according to the police, even going out of his way to bring them the pistol and announced: "I just shot a man."

Dines, Miss Normand and Miss Edna Purviance, motion picture actresses, were spending the afternoon and evening of a chilly New Year's day in the Denver man's apartment here when Kelly appeared and insisted that Miss Normand leave with him. He had been sent to take her home, he told the police.

An argument arose, Miss Normand at first refused to go home. Then she changed her mind, according to the chauffeur, and allowed him to lead her toward the door.

"But Dines got up and started to grab a bottle," Kelly is said to have told the police, "and that's where the trouble started. I just shot him. I was so nervous the darn gun kept on shooting. It fired three shots, I think."

Film Stars Distressed

Both Miss Normand and Miss Purviance were much distressed over the shooting. Police found them at the apartment endeavoring to render first aid to the injured man. Both of the young women were held for questioning and later released after an affectionate scene in the receiving hospital where Miss Purviance rushed over to Dines' cot and implored him not to die. He assured her he would not. He told her the surgeon said the wound in his left lung would not prove fatal.

Miss Normand also looked in upon her friend at the receiving hospital and shook a reproving finger at him with the words: "I'm not going to play with you any more. Look at the notoriety I'm going to get out of this!"

Later the three were confronted with reports that Miss Purviance and Dines were engaged; though no one intimated that this had anything to do with the shooting.

Miss Purviance declined to discuss the reports. Miss Normand insisted they were true and Dines denied them flatly.

In the captain of detectives' office at central police station the two actresses and the chauffeur were questioned exhaustively.

Miss Normand Dazed

Miss Normand said she did not realize at first what the pistol shots meant.

"Don't you remember, Edna," she

explained turning toward Miss Purviance in her explanation, "don't you remember that I borrowed your powder puff and that I was using it just as we heard the shots and you went raving crazy and shouted: 'My God, what is this thing?' and I thought it was some fireworks that someone was using to celebrate the new year?"

Miss Purviance may have remembered but a detective lieutenant interrupted her answer by asking Kelly whether it was in fear of his own life or in a desire to protect his employer that he shot Dines.

"For the protection of my own life!" said the chauffeur. "I knew Dines was going to take that bottle and smash me. I shot him to protect myself. He didn't make much fuss about it but I saw what he was going to do all right. He was just going to do it nice and easy."

"Mabel Normand is sick with appendicitis," he said, "and should be in the hospital. I tried to get her away from Dines and he wouldn't let her go and when he interfered with me I took out Miss Normand's pistol which I took from her home and shot him."

Dines' version of the affair was somewhat different.

"We were sitting in the apartment chatting," he said, "we had a few drinks and Kelly came in and interrupted us. He demanded that Miss Normand leave, but she insisted on staying. Then he whipped out a gun and shot. I don't know any reason why he should have tried to get me as I positively made no hostile move toward him."

Taylor Tragedy Recalled

After all parties to the affair had been questioned, the Misses Normand and Purviance were released; Kelly was booked at the jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to murder and preparations were made to remove Dines to a private hospital.

Miss Normand's connection with last night's shooting, recalled the statement she made in the case of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director who was found dead in his home here February 2, 1922.

In her statement at that time Miss Normand said she was driven to the Taylor apartment by her then chauffeur, William Davis; that he waited for her outside while she chatted with the director and that she left the apartment about eight o'clock, that night and was driven to her home by Davis. The next morning Taylor was found dead of a bullet wound.

Dines Well Known

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 2.—Courtland S. Dines, is widely known in business and social circles in Colorado and Wyoming. He is the son of Tyson S. Dines, one of the best known lawyers in this section of the west.

Although only 34 years old, Courtland Dines has been divorced twice. He first married Miss Doris Carnahan of Denver who divorced him in 1918, charging mental cruelty. Subsequently he married Mrs. Harry P. Sarley of Fall River, Mass. His second wife divorced him here in August, 1923, alleging cruelty and inebriety. Dines did not contest the suit. No alimony was awarded.

Dines is said to have large oil and gasoline interests in southern California and left here several weeks ago for Los Angeles. During the World war he served with the United States air forces. He was keenly interested in outdoor sports and was one of the best amateur golfers developed here in recent years.

Tumors here prior to last night's shooting had hinted at the possible engagement of Edna Purviance, motion picture actress, and the young Denver man, according to a story printed in the Rocky Mountain News today. Eugene Dines told newspaper men however, that the report that his brother was to marry Miss Purviance was without foundation.

ENGAGEMENT OF LOCAL GIRL IS ANNOUNCED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Miss Jeanette Norris, 21, daughter of the late Frank Norris, novelist, will wed George Herrmann, vice president of a San Francisco shipping concern, soon according to an announcement by Mrs. Frank Norris Preston, mother of the girl. Miss Norris was introduced to San Francisco society last winter and has been making her home in Medford, Ore.

Miss Norris, known to her many friends in the valley as "Billie," has been living with her mother, Mrs. Frank Preston, on the Preston ranch in the Applegate for the past few years. She is now in San Francisco with her mother and it is believed the wedding will be an event of the early spring.

DECLARES DIRIGIBLES ARE PROVED FAILURES

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The fate of the French airship Dixmude forecasts the end of dirigible building, in the opinion of General G. A. Dumont, military attaché of the French embassy at Washington, who arrived today on the Rochambeau.

"It has been my observation that all of these dirigibles are sooner or later lost," he said.

"France had her Dixmude just as America had her Roma. The history of the new Shenandoah will end in the same way. It is inevitable. I do not think that a dirigible will ever be built that will not meet with the same end."

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CHURCHES URGED TO ENCOURAGE BETTER MUSIC

A very successful Christmas concert was given last Sunday night at the First Methodist Episcopal church under the musical direction of Mrs. George Andrews.

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Between the first and second part of the program, Rev. Sasnett spoke of the musical possibilities of the city and lined out musical plans for the coming year, most especially when they are housed in their new church. "Medford," said Mr. Sasnett, "is becoming widely known for its musical talent and the churches should do all in their power to foster and encourage the advancement of the better and higher grade of music."

SPANISH WAR VETS TO INSTALL OFFICERS AT THE ARMORY TONIGHT

On December 5, 1923, at a regular meeting of Col. Sargent camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

J. J. Buchter, commander; A. R. Clement, senior vice commander; Rankin Estes, junior vice commander; Jno. M. Hollors, officer of the day; Frank J. Newman, officer of the guard; Col. W. H. Paine, trustee and chaplain; Gustave Weston, adjutant and quartermaster; Dr. E. W. Hoffman, surgeon; W. Y. Crowson, historian; Geo. Alden, 1st color sergeant; Geo. Dubois, 2nd color sergeant.

These officers will be installed tonight at the veterans hall in the Medford armory building by Col. W. H. Paine, past commander of Col. Sargent camp.

Grab Hooch at Eureka.
EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 2.—H. F. McGrath, acting collector of the port, last night boarded the Swedish motorship Eknaren, which arrived recently from Australia and seized 26 unsealed cases of gin, according to an announcement today by McGrath.

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BABY IS BORN ON DEAD INDIAN R'D DURING BLIZZARD

ASHLAND, Jan. 2.—A new babe was brought into the world in the midst of a wind driven snow storm on Dead Indian road Monday morning at 2:00 o'clock. The mother, Mrs. Vincent Lanini, occupied a mattress, was accompanied only by her husband and a quilt or two offered the only protection from the storm. The mother and little son are now at the Applegate home and are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanini left their home in the mountains late Saturday for Ashland, where the latter was to enter the hospital. They proceeded on the road down Dead Indian Mountain to a point a mile and a half below the Applegate farm. They had encountered a driving snow storm that bordered on a blizzard. It was at this point that the baby was born. Following the arrival of the baby the husband turned his team and headed for the Applegate home, where shelter and available comforts were afforded the mother and babe. Dr. Swedenburg, accompanied by Kenneth McWilliams left Ashland at 3:30 but owing to the snow and wind on the mountain did not arrive at the Applegate home until 5:45.

Considering the exposure to which she was subjected, Mrs. Lanini is in good condition and Dr. Swedenburg has hopes for the baby living.

Body Recovered Coos Bay.
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 2.—The body of H. Anderson, oiler on the steamer C. A. Smith which was wrecked at Coos Bay, was found on the beach this morning near the bar. The body was the second recovered of the nine victims of the wreck.



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