

Removing His Wet Hat Saves This Man's Life

Salt Lake City.—Earl W. Stauffer is alive because he took off his hat. He was standing on the summit of Bald mountain near here, when a sudden thunderstorm came up. While standing under shelter from the rain, he removed his wet hat. Lightning struck him. It hit both shoulders, traveled down his body and through his left leg, bursting the shoe and tearing a hole in his left foot.

He was unconscious for about an hour and was found later by another group of hikers, wandering up and down the mountain, delirious, carrying his shoe.

Physicians said the fact he had removed the wet hat accounted for his being alive.

CHAMBER FILES MAPS WITH ARMY ENGINEERS

Action looking to a physical connection of community owned water mains with the heavy 10-inch water main employed by the federal government in opening and closing the locks was taken Thursday at a meeting of the Cascade Locks Chamber of Commerce.

Drawings desired by the war department showing location of proposed mains were ordered sent to the district engineer at Portland.

CHURCH PRESENTS PROGRAM

The Methodist Community church presented a Christmas program Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience. Sunday morning the church put on its annual Christmas tree for the children of the Sunday School.

Rumanian Is Judge by Day and Thief at Night

Bucharest.—A strange case of double personality reminiscent of Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde was brought before the Braila police court which had the unpleasant task of sending one of its own judges who was accused of burglary to a mental hospital.

During the day George Grigorescu was a capable and promising young magistrate. At night, however, he turned burglar whose pluck and cat-like agility astounded the police and rendered his capture difficult.

After a sensational pursuit on house roofs, Grigorescu slipped and was caught. Owing to his abnormal behavior he was examined by a commission of brain specialists, who were of opinion that the judge is not responsible for his actions due to the fact that the suffers from double personality mania.

He did not sell the stolen objects but hoarded them in the basement of his house, which had the aspect of a pawnshop.

'Human Adding Machine' to Be Freed From Prison

Pittsburgh.—The man "who once raced an adding machine and won" will be freed on parole from the Western penitentiary soon.

Eugene H. Kuhn, the "human adding machine," was sentenced 30 to 40 years in 1919 for killing his estranged wife's parents. Recently Gov. Gifford Pinchot granted clemency and Kuhn will soon be freed.

His mathematical ability has repeatedly amazed officials at the penitentiary. He can add two columns of figures simultaneously and can divide, multiply and subtract large sums entirely "in his head."

He can easily do the work of three clerks. Penitentiary officials said he has never taken any educational courses in mathematics.

Jealous Husband Finds Body of Rival in Ice Box

Barcelona.—A butcher, warned by a friend, hurried home and found nothing amiss.

To make amends for his suspicions he was especially nice to his wife and took her to a show after supper. Her uneasiness puzzled him somewhat.

In the morning he went to the refrigerator in the yard to take out the meat for the market and the body of his rival, frozen dead and stiff, fell out.

Electric Buzzer and Rifle Menace Peepers

Seattle, Wash.—As a precaution against "Peeping Toms," Prof. Theo C. Frye of the University of Washington has wired his home with a buzzer system from rooms of girl student boarders to his own bedroom. The professor keeps a .22-caliber rifle at hand, and recently drew five shots at a fleeing peeper after being signaled by one of the co-eds.

Boss Hoaxes Employee; Latter Tells Police

Boston.—To impress an employee who arrived at work late, Joseph Balkan, proprietor of an upholstery shop here, told him he had found \$20,000 in a divan undergoing repairs.

If the assistant had arrived on time and found the money, Balkan reportedly told him, the money would have been divided between them. Joseph Karchmer, the assistant, promptly notified police, who questioned Balkan. Balkan explained it was merely a story to teach the employee the value of promptness—then fired Karchmer.

Skipper Goes Angling, Brings Back Rabbits

Chilmark, Mass.—It remained for Capt. Rasmus Klimm, fishing skipper, to bring in the strangest catch of the season.

He sailed away to the fishing grounds and returned with twenty rabbits! He found the weather too rigorous to ply his trade, and so landed on a bleak island, caught the score of hares, and came back to distribute them among his friends.

CASCADE LOCKS

by Martha Carna

Eugene Vinton has returned to his home at Grass Valley after a visit with his sister, Mrs. R. L. Campbell. Mr. Vinton is a wheat grower in the Grass Valley district.

G. N. Hesgard, the contractor and builder, has been laid up at home in Portland for a week with a sprained back.

Jack Elmer, the electrician, is up and about again after having been confined to his home with an unruly vertebra which appears to be pinching a nerve. Specialists have not located the seat of the trouble yet.

Out of town guests here for the holidays are: Miss Gretchen Granstrom of Alsea, visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Granstrom; Miss Lena Collins of Albany, visiting Mrs. Manda Collins; Miss Marie Nelson of Washougal and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller of Portland, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson; Miss Gertrude Goughnor of Portland, visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Rosenback; Mr. and Mrs. Graybeal and children of Imbler, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strader; and Walter Erickson of Baker, visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Erickson.

Miss Averill Stewart and Miss Wilma Eddy spent the holidays in Corvallis with their parents and Miss Margaret Lacey and Miss Walker spent the holidays in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Marquis and daughter spent the holidays in Condon with Mrs. Marquis' parents Mr. and Mrs. Judd Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Becker were Hood River visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haggblom will entertain at Christmas dinner; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haggblom of Warrenton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Kante Kessler of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. George Haggblom, Erick, Lawrence and Herbert Haggblom.

Mrs. Vernon Henderson spent the Christmas holidays in Hood River with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ferguson.

Dinner great at the C. E. Carna home on Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Forrest of Hood River, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson and Henry and Marie Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Erickson, Miss Myrtle Daniels and Virgil Chapman are to spend Christmas at Mullino.

Mrs. Furlong visited relatives in Monroe over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Erickson entertained at dinner on Sunday in honor of their son, Elvin's, birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Olin Harrison and Paula Harrison and Elvin Erickson of Portland.

The Locks town team and high school basketball teams motored to Corbett Friday night where they played the two Corbett teams. Both of the Locks teams won their games. The town team score was 22 to 16 and the high school score was 22 to 18.

James Renner, who lives at We-Ask-U-Inn and is now employed by Kern & Kibbe, lost two fingers Thursday night while helping with the task of dumping rock for the riprapping which is being carried on by the government along Ruckle slide.

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