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3rd Death Wreck in 2 Days Kills County Man



IT WON'T BE LONG until this section of Kit Carson parkway will be in greenery, hiding the bareness which now greets the eye. The section borders Kit Carson way, the newly completed north entrance to the city of Klamath Falls. Mounds indicate where the trees and shrubs will go and workmen were rushing the job before the next hard freeze.

By FRANK JENKINS
SPEAKING to the Rotary club here the other night before going on to Merrill to the Potato Festival, Governor McKay asserted that Oregon (now the nation's most rapidly growing state) needs greatly to process its own raw materials more completely. He offered lumber as an example of what we have been missing by not doing so.

The manufacture of rough lumber, he said, employs from one to one and a half men per thousand feet. But over in the Coos Bay country, he told his hearers, Douglas fir trees are now being processed into battery separators. This refinement of the wood of the original tree produces employment for about EIGHT men per thousand feet.

THE use of Douglas fir for battery separators, incidentally, offers an interesting example of new uses for old materials. There was a time when we thought that only the comparatively rare and scarce Port Orford cedar could be used for this purpose. Now we find that Douglas fir serves very nicely.

Until very recently, white fir was looked upon as a "weed" tree. Now it has an established commercial value. And so it is with the lowly jack pine, which has always been held to be a nuisance rather than an asset. Research is disclosing to us an amazing number of uses for jack pine, whose fibers are the longest of any of the soft woods.

BUT let's get back to the governor's suggestion as to getting more man-hours out of each log. We think of our timber supply in terms of millions of feet. A million is a thousand thousands. That is to say, according to the governor's estimate, the manufacture of a million feet of rough boards will provide jobs for from 1000 to 1500 men.

A MILLION FEET OF TIMBER MANUFACTURED INTO BATTERY SEPARATORS PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT FOR EIGHT THOUSAND MEN.

HERB COX, formerly secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, now in the wholesale lumber business for himself in Eugene, confirms the governor's figures in a general way, but puts it in a slightly different form.

On the average, he says, production of a thousand feet of rough lumber requires two man-days of employment—one man in the woods and one man in the mill. (A man-day is one man working one day.)

He adds that it is certainly true that by further processing our rough lumber—by manufacturing it into doors and windows, tables, ironing boards, kitchen cabinets, etc.—we can get four times as many man-days out of the tree.

THIS is the point: If we can refine our rough lumber PAR ENOUGH, our dwindling supply of virgin timber will provide more payrolls each year than we ever got out of our immense forests in the heyday of their abundance.

U.S. Defense Heads Study Feud Lessons

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—Defense Secretary Johnson held a huddle today with the civilian chiefs of the three armed forces on "lessons to be learned" from the house committee hearings on the growing feud among the services.

With Johnson at the meeting was Navy Secretary Francis Matthews, Undersecretary of Defense Stephen Early also took part.

However, Army Secretary Gordon Gray and Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington were both out of the city. They were represented by Acting Army Secretary Tracy Voorhees and Acting Air Secretary Eugene Zuckert.

The announcement of the meeting preceded by only a few minutes a scheduled visit to the White House by Johnson and Matthews.

Hurry-up calls went out to Puerto Rico, meanwhile to get the air force's Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg back to Washington for the first regular meeting of the joint chiefs of staff since their public row over unification.

KILLED
JUNEAU, Alaska, Oct. 25 (AP)—A target practice session ended tragically yesterday with the death of Willis W. Roff, 56, Roff, for 22 years chief mechanic for the public roads administration here, was shot and killed while with a friend on Douglas island. The friend, Ed Kibby, told police his gun discharged accidentally and the bullet struck Roff in the chest.

State Control Board Members Clash; Hot Name Calling Melee

SALEM, Oct. 25 (AP)—The state board of control split in a bitter slugfest today, during which State Treasurer Person charged that Governor McKay "hit me below the belt while I was out of town."

The feud broke out over the governor's refusal last week to approve Pearson's \$160 claim for printing a paper which outlined the duties of the state treasurer.

McKay countered that Pearson is playing politics.

And Secretary of State Newby, the third board member, called State Sen. Neuberger a "cheat." This was the result of Neuberger's criticism of Newby, whom Neuberger claims is putting his name on state department license applications and other such state documents in order to gain politically.

Governor McKay and Newby are republicans. Neuberger and Pearson are democrats.

State to Pay?
The upshot of the whole thing is that Pearson's printing bill probably will be paid by the state, because of Newby's position that elective state officials can spend money out of their own budgets without having to win approval of the board of control.

C. C. Loudon Dies Under Ranch Truck

Klamath county's 13th automobile fatality of 1949 and third in two days yesterday afternoon claimed the life of Clarence C. Loudon, 27-year-old Poe valley ranchhand.

It was Loudon's second serious automobile mishap in five weeks, and the first was the remote cause of the second.

Loudon was injured last month when he overturned and demolished his car east of the Dan Liskey Poe valley ranch, and yesterday had come in to Klamath Falls for a physical checkup.

He took a Hurry cab back to the ranch but 1949 Auto had no money to pay fatality his fare. Asking the driver, Wiley Knighten, cab company owner, to wait, Loudon got in a dump truck and drove out into a field where Robert Neblett, a tractor operator, was working.

Loudon borrowed \$20—two \$10 bills—from Neblett and got in the truck to drive back. He drove down the left shoulder of a ranch road 127 feet, as Neblett testified, his soft spot and the dump truck turned over into a dry irrigation ditch.

The young man apparently jumped or was thrown from the truck but the truck cab fell over on him, pinning him down. Loudon was killed instantly. The accident happened at 4:45 p. m.

Spud Worker
Loudon, an ex-service man, had worked on the Poe valley ranch periodically for three years, according to Foreman Paul Hatchett, coming each harvest season to work in the spuds.

His parents are said to reside in Wilsonville, Neb. The body was taken to Ward's Funeral home.



EN ROUTE TO U. S.—Kinuyo Tanaka, Japanese movie star, arrives at Tokyo airport to start her tour of Honolulu and U. S., by permission of SCAP, U. S. occupying authority.

Jury Clears Hunter In McLing Death

A coroner's jury last night in effect exonerated a Portland hunter of criminal blame in the death last Friday of Keith Harvey McLing who died of a shotgun wound received while hunting pheasant.

The shot resulting McLing's death came from the gun of Robert Wright McFarland, 3525 SE Insey, Portland. A single No. 5 birdshot pellet penetrated the young man's forehead and entered his brain.

McFarland told a story of the shooting to the coroner's jury slightly different from the version he reportedly told officers immediately after the shooting.

Last night he said he saw a pheasant in the brush and started to kneel when his ankle turned and he fell forward, the pump gun discharging. He said he did not aim and shoot at the bird.

Earlier, according to District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor, McFarland said he had dropped to his knee as a pheasant rose and had fired low at the bird.

Tragedy Scene
McLing was 168 feet away from McFarland when the shot was fired. Three other Portland hunters, Henry Troh, 1949 SE 156th; Warren Tegan, 5401 NE 37th; and Kenneth P. Curry, 1424 NE 74th; were also in the field. The party had formed a rough semi-circle and were walking through the sagebrush to flush birds.

The coroner's jury verdict absolved McFarland of intent to harm McLing but remarked that all five hunters were negligent and careless in assuming the hunting formation they had assumed.

District Attorney Van Vactor said after the inquest that there probably would be no criminal prosecution of McFarland.

Big Nugget Find Lures Prospectors

FISHWHEEL, Alaska, Oct. 25 (AP)—Rumors that more nuggets had been found along the banks of the fabled Yukon river swept periodically through this booming gold rush camp today. But attempts to trace the finds met with a wall of cagey silence.

Prospectors eyed one another suspiciously, unwilling to talk about their luck in panning the stream until they have filed their claims.

Although the temperature is 15 below and still falling, many of the early arrivals have begun panning for the precious yellow stuff all men dream about.

From their results we may know soon whether this gold rush is destined to be remembered along with the other famous ones of Alaska history. That is the opinion held by veteran gold seekers who impatiently wait each dawn to renew their hunt for the yellow metal amid the Yukon sands.

Tempo Quickens
Feverish activity up and down the river from last week's discovery site 20 miles southeast of Fort Yukon heightened its tempo as a report trickled through Fishwheel's mushrooming tent city. The word was that a three-eighth inch nugget had been found.

The nugget was said to have been accidentally pulled up in a miner's bucket from the bottom of a water hole on the south bank of the river one-quarter of a mile from the original strike.

Earl Hurst, veteran Alaska prospector, admitted he saw the nugget, which he described as "good coarse gold."

More
A trapper from Eagle, Charlie Biederman, also said he examined nuggets panned half a mile upstream from Discovery island, on which Clifton Carroll first found pea-size nuggets as he dismantled his water-propelled fishwheel.

In neither case was it possible to learn accurately who made the later discoveries.

With aircraft streaming in from Fairbanks and Fort Yukon, scores of new prospectors arrived daily—lured to the rim of the Arctic by the age-old hunt for gold.

Yukon Ice
A second landing field was established yesterday about five miles upstream from Discovery island. (Continued on Page 2)

Students Get Holiday

Routine business took up the hours spent last night by boards 1 and 2 meeting at KUHS but one announcement that pleases students came out of the session.

There will be no school on Friday, November 11, Armistice Day. This will enable a long week-end for those planning to leave town, and will also permit a large aggregation of students and parents to attend the traditional Armistice Day game with Bend at Bend.

It was announced that lighting improvements in the city schools is virtually completed and the home-making room in KUHS is now in use. This fine set-up on the ground floor at the high school presents all modern equipment and methods for this division of study.

Bureau Head To Consider Canal Fencing

Goodrich W. Lineweaver, director of operations and maintenance of the bureau of reclamation, will be in Klamath Falls November 10, to discuss fencing of the government canal.

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Hope
Davidson said in his letter, "I sincerely hope some plan can be worked out while he (Lineweaver) is here."

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Seals
"You, Governor McKay, are the only one running for office. I'll pay that printing bill myself if you and Newby pay for the state seals which they distribute to school children and tourists."

Crazed Man Shoots Ten, Kills Self

WATERFORD, Mich., Oct. 25 (AP)—A crazed, middle-aged farmer shot up two taverns last night, then killed himself after wounding ten persons.

On a mad spree with a shotgun Joe Runyon, 57, terrorized this sleepy little resort village in a be-grudging farewell to the world.

Two of his victims, both women, were critically wounded.

Tramping back and forth across a street, Runyon fired seven or eight charges from a 12-gauge shotgun through windows of the two taverns, witnesses said.

6 Die in French Train Wreck

AVIGNON, France, Oct. 25 (AP)—The Spanish border press crashed against a freight platform just outside Avignon early today, killing six persons and injuring 18.

Six of the injured were reported in serious condition.

The train was a self-propelled

A-Bomb's Sting Weak At 4-Mile Distance

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 25 (AP)—You do have a chance against the atomic bomb—if you are at least half a mile away from the explosion.

Maj. Albert J. Bauer, of the U. S. army surgeon general's office, says if you're four miles away when the bomb goes off, your chances of escaping without injury are almost perfect.

But from four miles in toward the center, the safety percentages drop off sharply. From a half mile out to a mile and a half from the atomic blast, it is about 50-50 that you will come out alive.

Grants Pass Grid Ducats Available

At noon today there were still about 100 tickets left for the Pelican Pass football game in Grants Pass Friday night.

Woo-pitching Woe

The committee headed by Mrs. Robert A. McDonald consists of Mrs. Gilbert Morey, Mrs. Don Curtis, Mrs. James T. Brown, Mrs. George Massey Jr., Mrs. Frank Bogstay, and Mrs. Jack Elliott.

Bang-Shooting Hours

October 26
Open: 6:01 a.m.
Close: 4:04 p.m.

Meet the People



WORKING IN THE FINE sunshine at Esplanade and Main is a fine summer job for Irvin Smith, cement finisher, who is polishing up the island where a traffic signal will soon be installed to regulate the heavy flow of town moving vehicles.