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MUELLER DIES ON ELECTRIC WIRE

Futile Attempt At Resuscitation Is Made By Power Men

Scout Leader Leaves Mother, Two Brothers and a Host of Friends to Mourn His Untimely Loss. Funeral Arrangements Not Yet Decided on.

Four thousand volts of electricity shot through the body of Julius Mueller, 32-year-old employee of the Baldwin Hardware Co., late yesterday afternoon as he was attempting to install an aerial for a radio set at the Luther Haskins place near Merrill, and as he accidentally touched a high voltage wire his body crumpled and fell 25 feet to the ground. Despite nearly four hours of heroic efforts at resuscitation by power company men and Klamath doctors, at 8 o'clock last night the young man was finally pronounced dead.

No one saw how Mueller came in contact with the high volt wire, but it was believed he held the wire to his aerial in one hand while working at the top of a ladder on the power line pole, and that he accidentally touched the live wire with his free hand. A woman in a house a block away saw Mueller fall, and she called her husband, who was the first to run to the unfortunate young man's aid. He breathed for a few minutes, but never regained consciousness.

Ben Faus, a power company employee in the Merrill section, was the first one to arrive who was familiar with the Shaffer method of resuscitation for electrocution, and he worked faithfully to revive the spark of life. A few moments later he was joined by John Boyle and Tom Delsell, power company officials of Klamath Falls, who worked frantically to assist with the known life-saving methods. Dr. Massey and Dr. Merryman of Klamath Falls were both called, and they arrived shortly after the power company men.

Julius Mueller has been employed as head of the radio department of the Baldwin Hardware company for the past year and a half, and in that time has built up a host of friends in not only Klamath Falls, but throughout Klamath county. Besides his mother, Mary Mueller of Sutter, Calif., a brother, Wm. Mueller of the Battery Service station in Klamath Falls, and another brother, Carl Mueller of Sutter, there will perhaps be no more sincere and heart-broken mourners at Julius' death than the Boy Scouts of Klamath Falls, since the deceased was Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop No. 1. Ever since the scout activity was first taken up here Mueller has taken a most active part in the affairs of the boys' organization, and he has been lavish in giving his time to their needs.

Mueller was also an active member of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, and had served on a number of important committees and helped mightily with the various membership drives of that organization.

He was not a member of any lodge. Before coming to Klamath Falls Mueller was employed in the radio game at Marysville, Calif. He was born in Marysville on February 15, 1893.

According to Wm. Mueller, brother of Julius, no funeral arrangements had been made last night, and it would depend on the wishes of his mother whether the body be shipped to Marysville or Sutter, or possibly the mother and brother Carl might come here for burial service in Klamath Falls.

Auto Smash Kills One; Injures Other

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Dec. 29.—Harry W. Black, Portland, was instantly killed and William Gibbs, Portland, was seriously injured this morning when their automobile failed to make a turn between Oretown and Neskonung. Black was driving, and at a turn the car left the road, tore through a telephone pole and fence, and landed in a field on its side. Gibbs was able to return to Portland. County Coroner Hinkle of Tillamook was notified and took temporary charge of the body.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Harry W. Black was president of the Sellwood Furniture company here. His home was at 1132 East Thirteenth street.

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ISAAC STRAW IS CALLED BY DEATH TUESDAY EVENING

Dies at Home of His Brother Here

WAS OLD STOCK MAN

Deceased Survived by Two Brothers, James Straw and Dr. E. E. Straw

Isaac J. Straw, aged 62 years, prominent old-time pioneer of the Klamath country, died at 5:10 Tuesday night at the home of his brother, James Straw, in Shippington. Death was due to a form of anaemia.

The death of Isaac Straw, or "I. J." Straw as he was known to his scores of friends, closed the life of one of the most historical characters in the annals of Klamath county history. Born in Virginia in 1863, Straw spent but little of his life in the south, coming west when very young. He knew the west when it had but little of the development which it now enjoys, and loved it for its rugged beauty.

He was long identified as a stockman, affiliated with large interests in California in the Macdoel section. Until the past few years Straw had been active in the life of the county.

He entered Lane hospital in San Francisco to receive medical attention for an enigmatic form of anaemia during the past winter. He returned this summer little improved. Since his return he had failed rapidly until death came Tuesday evening.

He is survived by two brothers, James Straw of Shippington and Dr. E. E. Straw of Marshfield, former Klamath Falls resident; a niece in San Francisco and two nephews, C. S. Curran, Klamath Falls druggist, and C. C. Curran of Portland. Isaac Straw had never married.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed according to the coroner's office last night.

Paul Keller Draws Cartoon for News

Particular attention has been called by numerous subscribers of The Klamath News in regard to the cartoon which appeared in Tuesday morning's paper portraying old Father Time sending your 1926 on his way with the morning paper tucked under his arm.

The cartoon was drawn by Paul Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Keller, who has been in Portland for the past few months continuing with his art. Splendid comment has been received on the work of the young man, who is making rapid strides with his production.

Keller is visiting until the latter part of the week in Klamath Falls before returning north for the spring.

KANSAS EX-GOVERNOR FACES BRIBE CHARGE

TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 29.—(United News)—Former Governor Jonathan Davis and his son, Russell G. Davis, will be brought to trial on charges of accepting a bribe soon after the opening of the next term of court, January 11. Paul Heinz, Shawnee county attorney, announced Tuesday.

Davis and his son were charged a year ago with receiving payment of \$1250 by Fred Pollman, convicted Lacyne banker, for a pardon. Young Davis was handed the money by Pollman in a Topeka hotel room, returned shortly afterward with the pardon, and was apprehended.

BURN SMUDGE POTS

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 29.—(United News)—Grove fires were burning in thousands of citrus fruit orchards in Florida Monday night, as growers prepared for below freezing temperature and a killing frost predicted by the weather bureau here.

NEW OIL MERGER PENDING IN N. Y.

General Petroleum and the Pan-American Western Ready to Combine

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(United News)—Negotiations for the amalgamation of the Pan-American Western Petroleum company, with the General Petroleum corporation were reported nearing completion Tuesday.

This consolidation would be the second to be consummated recently, following closely the merger of the Standard Oil of California with the Pacific Oil company.

These two companies, the largest distributors of gasoline on the Pacific coast, are reported to have combined asset value of approximately \$200,000,000.

The Pan-American Western, part of the E. L. Doherty group, is a holding group controlling the entire capital stock of the Pan-American Petroleum company of California. The Pan-American of California controls approximately 50,000 acres of oil lands, 30,000 of which the government claims is federal land.

The General Petroleum corporation has an extensive gasoline distributing system on the Pacific coast with 1500 agents located from Mexico to Canada.

WEATHER MAN ON UNIVERSAL SPREE

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—The Pacific northwest so far has escaped the extreme cold weather which set most of the country shivering over the week end.

In contrast to fatalities in eastern and middle western cities, reports of sprink-like conditions have come from Oregon and Washington cities.

VIENNA, Dec. 29.—(United News)—Terror stricken, panicky, thousands are rushing out of the Transylvania flood district, where great loss of life is reported, according to dispatches from Buda Pesth. Some unconfirmed reports estimate the number drowned as high as 500 to 1,000. An area of approximately 200,000 acres is said to have been deluged by the icy snow water from the mountains.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Klausenburg, a city of 60,000 inhabitants, from which the people are fleeing, in many cases leaving their possessions abandoned and scattered along the road.

International complications are expected to result from the disaster, according to Buda Pesth reports, which charge that Rumanians opened sluice gates on rivers leading to Hungary.

Water stands more than a foot deep in the streets of Klausenburg, and is still rising, due to rains and (Continued on Page Two)

Coal Discovered in Prineville Country

BEND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Coal of excellent quality has been discovered in the Crooked river country, about four miles from Trail Crossing, according to a report brought to Bend today.

The coal, it is stated, was located in geological formations not far from the edge of the lava cap which covers much of the central Oregon country. The coal is in a formation which is much older than any exposed in the gorges cut by the Deschutes and Crooked rivers, it is reported.

Further proof that the formation in which the strata of coal were found is ancient is in the finding of a tooth said to be the molar of a mastadon.

STEAMERS COLLIDE

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—(United News)—The Union Steamship company's steamer Cowichan sank during the night about ten minutes after colliding in a heavy fog with the Lady Cynthia, a fleet mate.

The Cowichan's 14 passengers and crew of 31 were saved.

MINERS HAVE NEW HOPE FOR ENDING STRIKE DEADLOCK

Fact Finding Body Is Proposed

MEN WOULD GO BACK

Independent Operator Says Miners Have Lost Wages Around \$100,000,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(United News)—The anthracite miners and operators, in separate conferences, are considering a new plan for immediately ending the hard coal strike. The proposals for a settlement were advanced late Tuesday by Alvin Markle, chairman of the joint peace conference which began Tuesday afternoon.

The principal provision of Markle's plan provides for the formation of a fact finding commission to consist of three representatives of the United Mine Workers, three representatives of the operators, and three men to be selected by President Coolidge, but its most important aspect if accepted would be an immediate resumption of work and production and institution of a strong safeguard against future strikes in the industry.

The contract which covered wage and working conditions for the 155,000 striking miners and expired at the end of August would again become operative until September 1, 1926.

Making his plan public after first formally submitting it to the joint conference, Markle said that it was based on years of experience and "intimate knowledge of all conditions involved," as well as "recognition of the fact that the public interest transcends the interests of either the miners or operators, that immediate resumption of the production of coal is vitally necessary and that to accomplish this, both sides must make concessions."

Markle is a leading independent operator from Hazleton, Pa. He said the miners had lost \$100,000,000 in wages during the four (Continued on Page Two)

Officers Discover Hole in Jail Wall

Whether or not a hole punched in the wall of the jail on the third floor of the courthouse recently was made with a view to possible escape of prisoners, was not known by officers who discovered it yesterday.

With some sort of instrument the hole had been bored through the wall.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Tracey spoke of it to one of the prisoners. "I didn't do it," the man insisted. "I only got nine days more to serve."

Tracey surveyed him and smiled. "Supposing you did want to go somewhere—do you know where that hole would lead you?" he asked.

The man said he didn't. "To the graveyard," the deputy replied.

In view of the fact that every precaution is taken against escape from the county jail, an armed guard is always present at the foot of the stairs which lead to the bastille.

BRIDGE STEEL ARRIVES

BEND (Ore.), Dec. 29.—With two carloads of steel now on the ground, work of constructing the bridge which is to span the Crooked river gorge for the crossing of The Dalles-California highway, is expected to start in the next few days.

The Crooked river span is to be the highest highway bridge in the world. Although the Crooked river bridge is not scheduled to be completed until May, it is believed by those in charge that the steel will be in place by the end of March.

BEND BOOSTING STORY EXPOSED

Stage Man Claims the Grass Hopper Caught There Was Frozen

A Klamath stage operator returning from Bend Tuesday is author of a rather sensational exposure involving Bend boosters and newspaper correspondents who would broadcast to the world that the Deschutes country boasts a winter climate to compare with Tia Juana, Mexico, and way points.

"I was in Bend last week," the stage man said, "that bustling little city which nestles at the foot of the snow covered Three Sisters. While I was there a Bend auto dealer discovered a frozen grass hopper which he picked out of an icy chunk of mud. With the true booster's spirit the auto man thawed the hopper out and then turned the crudely awakened insect over to the newspaper men who without further prompting did their stuff."

"The result was that papers far and wide have carried accounts of the mid-winter grass hopper plague in the balmy Deschutes regions."

LEE WINS CASE WITH PARK CO.

Award Damages of \$7836 in Dispute Over Auto Stage Contract

Awards totalling \$7,836 were made yesterday in a decision handed down by Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt in the case of William T. Lee against the Crater Lake National Park company. The suit grew out of a dispute between Lee and Richard W. Price, vice president and managing director of the park company, over an auto stage contract.

As intervenor the Portland Motor Car company participates in the judgment to the extent of \$3,985. Six used Packard cars had been purchased by Lee and O. L. Williams from the motor company for \$6000, part of which was unpaid. Lee later took over the obligation.

Attorneys J. H. Carnahan and C. F. Stone appeared for Lee. As explained by Carnahan, Lee was to furnish transportation in the park and was to receive 85 per cent of the gross proceeds under the contract. The park company was to have made payments to the auto company out of the percentage due Lee. Trouble arose when two months' returns were withheld from Lee, and as well the payments due on the autos. It was this tangle that the decision handed down by the court sought to unwind.

Lamm Mill Robbery Suspects Are Held

A man, said by Sheriff Hurl Hawkins to have been a pal of the men connected with the recent robbery at Lamm's Lumber company store, is at present held in the county jail at the request of Portland authorities, according to Hawkins.

Although the man gave his name as W. A. West here, his real name is Peter Rithaler, Hawkins said, and he is wanted in the Oregon metropolises for auto theft and burglary. The man is said to have a penitentiary record.

He was arrested at the Washington House, December 7, and charged with the unlawful possession of liquor. Five men are held at Redding for the Lamm robbery.

The men jailed at Redding are Earl Bandy, a man by the name of Brather, the Hale brothers and Ray Starcher. Little information concerning them has been received here.

CHEAPER TO PLEAD GUILTY

In justice court, yesterday, it was demonstrated that, on occasion, it is cheaper to plead guilty than it is to forfeit bail.

Two men were arrested by County Traffic Officer Knowles recently. One of them was Victor Shuck and the second gave his name as William Smith.

Yesterday Shuck forfeited bail in the sum of \$25. Not so Smith. He entered a plea of guilty. His fine, plus costs, amounted to \$23.75.

WINTER ASSEMBLY ABLE TO AGREE MOVING CROP

Joint Session Ends Peacefully

WILKINSON HOOTED

Delegates of Eleven States Corn Belt Will Take Up the Problem

MOINES, Dec. 29.—(United News)—The all-Iowa agricultural assembly came to a peaceful close Tuesday after delegates went over in favor of some form of crop corporation plan, details of which will be drafted at an all-Iowa conference of governors, senators, and other officials from the eleven states lying in the corn belt.

The meeting is to be called by the executive committee of an all-Iowa crop council to be appointed Governor John Hammill within the next 30 days.

At the close of the conference to arrange a unified plan for disposing surplus farm products was expected. So many diverse opinions were presented at the gathering, however, in name, that any attempt to force the delegates into making themselves to a definite conclusion would have resulted in a riotous scene.

It was the conference to the point at times that it was the best brains of the assembly to keep order.

Senator Smith W. Brookhart, succeeded Senator Cummins on the platform, was booed and hissed when he spoke over the time allotted to him. He brought his speech to an abrupt close, but not before he had lambasted the railroad banks of the country for alleged failure to come to the aid of the farmer.

Remarks Flery

Senator Cummins directed several remarks at the junior Iowa (Continued On Page Two)

Klamath Flowers Starting to Grow

In the middle of winter, spring flowers are budding into Klamath Falls.

Residents of the city have reported on this.

The man said yesterday his Shastis and Golden Glow were in bloom.

The first time in all my life in Klamath Falls I have seen a flower in bloom," he said.

Another man explained that some of the rose bushes are showing signs of budding. He, too, considered the phenomenon.

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