

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR

TWO MORE WILL PROBABLY DIE FROM INJURIES.

THREE ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Jacksonville Quarry Scene of Disaster—Various Theories Given as Cause of Accident—Bodies Thrown Hundreds of Feet.

Four men are dead, two others cling to life by a slender thread, momentarily expected to break, and two others maimed for the rest of their days, is the toll taken by an explosion of powder and dynamite at the county quarry, near Jacksonville, operated by Twoby Brothers, Thursday morning about 1:30 o'clock.

The dead, killed instantly, are: Louis Bagdon, aged 40 years, powderman, blown to shreds.

Louis Layovich, helper to Bagdon, crushed and mangled by the force of the explosion.

John Simmons, aged 35 years, a resident of Jacksonville, crushed by a huge rock loosened by the force of the explosion. Simmons was working beneath the scene of the explosion.

James Ryan, living with his mother in Jacksonville, and her only support, employed as a water boy, at the time making his way to Bagdon and Layovich to give them a drink, killed by flying rocks, died in Sacred Heart hospital half an hour later.

The fatally injured, to whom but a slight chance of recovery is given, are:

John Sutton, laborer, middle aged, leg broken, many bruises, and suffering from the shock.

Emery Vissino, laborer, resident of Jacksonville for a number of years, internal injuries and bruises.

The seriously injured, reported out of danger, are:

J. Bodovich, Greek laborer, bruises and cuts about chest and limbs.

John Zunello, arm broken, cut and bruised.

Carl Byrnes, head hurt by flying rock.

Out of the many theories advanced as to the exact cause of the accident, the most plausible is that it was caused by friction. It is believed that the tamping stick end was covered with sand, and that when Bagdon drove it into the hole, a sand-paper effect followed which ignited the powder, followed by an explosion which hurled three into eternity. A box of powder and dynamite used for "bulldozing" was standing hard by, and to this is attributed the heavy force of the explosion.

It was also rumored that the tamping was done with a "spoon rod" used to lift dirt out of the powder hole, but was not confirmed. Oreman Perry of the crew stated that the explosion might have been caused by the use of a rod heated in the sun's rays, but thought that sand on the end of the rod was the most plausible theory. He also stated that as far as he knew no one was smoking

WINNERS IN BABY SHOW.

Twenty-six Tots Entered in Lively Contest.

The baby show feature of the Rose and Strawberry Carnival, while not as well attended as it should have been, was larger in point of numbers than that of last year. The heat of the day is responsible for the fact that more entries were not recorded, many mothers who intended to enter having given it up at the last moment. Voting was brisk and choice of winners difficult on account of the large number of fine babies. The winners were as follows: Prettiest baby, first, Margaret Helen Churchman, gold chain; second, Dorothy Louise Hininger, silver cup. Heaviest baby, Jack Goddard of Talent baby jumper (invented by Frank Hawk of Central Point and presented by him through John Reddy). Finest twins, Lehman and Lena Burton, solid gold rings. Finest Chinese baby, Sun Yu Chung, gold bracelet.

WILL AID FOREST PROTECTION.

County Court Appropriates \$1,500 for Patrol Association.

The county court at a special session Wednesday granted to the Jackson County Fire Patrol Association an appropriation of \$500 per month for the months of July, August and September, with the provision that the money should not be spent for the hiring of fire patrolmen and that any amount remaining after the season was passed should be returned to the county.

The original amount asked by the representatives of the association was \$2,000. This amount was to employ four additional patrolmen and to help to defray the general expenses.

cigarettes at the time of the accident. Louis Bogdon, the powder man, according to Perry, had recently sold a mine in Alaska for \$13,000, and had handled explosives in many forms for over twenty years. Bogdon was regarded as a careful man.

The explosion, which was no different than half a dozen heard in Jacksonville every day, attracted no attention until a messenger ran hurriedly down the principal street spreading the news of the accident. Every man in the quiet town rushed to the scene, and the injured hurried to the Sacred Heart hospital. Women and children gathered, fearful lest their own husbands and fathers were among the dead or maimed. The injured cared for, thought was given to the dead.

Lying beneath a manzanita tree, 250 feet above the spot where the explosion occurred, was the torn, mangled form of Bogdon. He had been hurled straight up, and his body in its downward fall had crashed through telephone lines and the limbs of the trees. Bagdon's right arm was found in a rock car the same distance in the opposite direction.

Layovich, helper to Bagdon, was hurled three hundred feet through the air and struck a pole. Practically every bone in his body was broken by the force of the concussion. Ryan, the water carrier, lay in the path that leads up to the powder hole. Simmons was found beside a hand-car, its heavy iron sides crushed by the explosion.

ASHLAND TO CELEBRATE THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

Enthusiastic Meeting Friday Night Unanimous for Big Celebration—Barbecue Determined Upon as the Main Attraction

Ashland will celebrate the Fourth of July. This was definitely settled last Friday evening when a large number of business men and citizens met in the Commercial Club rooms and voted unanimously to have a big celebration. Plans were discussed and suggestions given that will make the year 1912 long to be remembered as the one in which Ashland held the biggest Fourth of July ever pulled off in the valley.

After much discussion pro and con, during which the merits of the barbecue as a drawing card were entered into, it was unanimously voted to have a big barbecue, two beefs being suggested as about the right amount for a crowd of 15,000, such as it is intended shall be brought to Ashland. A ball game between teams made up of picked players, a band contest, a street carnival and numerous other attractions calculated to please all kinds of temperaments were proposed and met with hearty approval. The matter is now in the hands of an executive committee, who are working hard on the proposition. Sub-committees will be named and the various phases of a celebration will be thoroughly gone into.

It was the consensus of opinion among those present that concessions should be granted first to local merchants, to the end that proper protection might be given them. The matter of booths in the streets was touched upon in this connection. Messrs. Wolf, Nininger, Walker, Lane, Freeburg, Hosier and others gave expression to their views in behalf of a celebration. Mr. Billings spoke in behalf of chautauqua, stating that so far as the chautauqua management is concerned, the celebration can count on them for support. Mr. Billings pointed out that chautauqua has two fine attractions booked for that day and said the association would put on a speaker in the morning without charge, an offer that met with the hearty approval of those present. All in all, the discus-

sion was free and full of enthusiasm for a celebration and all present indicated their willingness to pitch in and help the thing along.

With such a spirit manifest, Chairman Greer suggested that the subscription list be started at once. The result of which was the securing of about \$200 in pledges as a starter for the fund. At latest reports the fund was growing rapidly and there is every indication that a large fund will be secured.

Pursuant to a motion, the chair appointed an executive committee of five members with full power to name assistants as sub-committees. The committee is as follows: H. Hosier, chairman; M. E. Briggs, A. H. Pracht, C. B. Wolf and A. E. Nininger. Subscription lists may be found at any of the places of business of these gentlemen and subscriptions are earnestly solicited. In this matter, the property-holder should show as much public spirit as the business man. If you can't give more than a dollar, your subscription will be gratefully received, as the plans of the committee contemplate several excellent attractions that will be well worth the investment.

An extensive advertising campaign will be carried out and it is believed a large territory will be drawn upon for the celebration. Another public meeting is called for Tuesday evening, when the committee will report and further plans will be presented.

The board of education has come to the front with a proposition on the ball game question that is meeting with favor on every hand. They have offered to fence the high school ball grounds and put in bleachers and grand stand and take the receipts of the game to apply on the cost of construction. This scheme appeals to the Tidings as it would result in making a permanent improvement on Ashland's splendid ball field, besides making it possible to collect every admission.

ANDERSON DITCH CAUSES TROUBLE

COVERING UP OF PIPE LINE BRINGS CHIEF OF POLICE TO SCENE—LEGAL QUESTIONS AS TO TITLE INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSY

Property holders along Anderson ditch in the west part of the city had an altercation with the chief of police last Friday over the filling in of Anderson ditch near Nutley street. The ditch was built during the early years of the settlement of the Rogue river valley and has been used for carrying water for various purposes ever since. Two years ago the city bought the ditch and its water rights from E. K. Anderson for the sum of \$2,000—avowedly for the purpose of protecting the city's water supply. Recently the city decided to lay a 10-inch water main in the ditch for the benefit of water users on the higher altitudes, and, in order that the city might be protected in cases where it would be to their advantage to go outside the tortuous line of the ditch, right of way deeds were secured from abutting property holders for this pipe line. About 1,600 feet of pipe was laid according to this plan, the line of the ditch being followed throughout. It was the purpose of the city water commissioner and the fire and water committee that this pipe line should be used as a sort of reservoir and that water for those parties outside the city should be allowed to follow the ditch over the pipe. It was specifically provided in the right of way deeds, however, that the pipe should be covered when laid and the problem presented is whether or not the city is bound to cover its pipe in its own ditch, not having encroached upon adjoining property and in the face of a verbal agreement that the pipe line would not have to be covered this year.

The city of Ashland has for several years furnished water to orchardists outside the limits by means of the Anderson ditch at a cost of 20 cents per acre. It is alleged by the property holders involved in the present

controversy that as a result of this practice they are often unable to get water through the mains, even for domestic purposes. It is said that when ordered by Chief Oien to stop filling the ditch, one of the number retorted, "Outsiders can get water when we cannot." When asked why they were filling up the ditch, they replied, "We are building a road." The men are building a road on a parallel with the ditch, just above it. At the point where the order to stop was made, a ledge of rock had been encountered and large pieces of the ledge had been rolled down into the ditch, thus completely obstructing it and interfering with the flow of water to outside orchardists.

The problem is further complicated by the refusal of Recorder Hurt to accept any pay from the orchardists at the stipulated rate of 25 cents an acre. Mr. Hurt's position in the case is that with the ditch obstructed, the city cannot guarantee the delivery of the water and an acceptance of the money would imply a promise to deliver. Undoubtedly the matter will have to be settled in court, the question of the city's title to the ditch being involved, inasmuch as the original easement for the ditch stipulated that it was to be used for the carrying of water for mining purposes, a use to which it has not been put for several years.

It is stated that Messrs. Bailey, Pope, Pellet and Badger, the parties affected by the case, are acting under the advice of an attorney and that the matter will be threshed out in the courts. The city should have an attorney whose business it is to look carefully into such transactions as the purchase of this ditch, before the deal is made, and then such controversies will be avoided.

\$25,000 FOR JUMPER.

John D. Olwell Buys Simple Invention and Patents.

Baby Ruth needed some sort of amusement, something to hold her attention while the mother worked. Baby Ruth's father, F. A. Hawk, a general blacksmith of Central Point, found what she needed and closed the sale of the Baby Ruth jumper and its patents to John D. Olwell for \$25,000 and 15 per cent royalty on the future sales of the article. Baby Ruth still has her jumper and is happy.

Like other inventions, it is a little thing. Simply a canvas bag or net with holes cut for the little legs to reach the floor. Springs just allow the baby to reach the floor with its toes, but that is sufficient for springing up. The child finds that it can touch the floor on the return trip and soon he is engrossed in healthful exercise.

Mr. Hawks caught the first idea, as before stated, by trying to find amusement for his little daughter Ruth. This was in November, January he had perfected his idea and produced the first jumper. He and Ruth both liked it and more followed for the neighbors' children.

Reduced Freight Rates on Pears to Eastern Points.

The Southern Pacific announces a voluntary reduction in the freight on pears and other green fruit, except apples, of 25 cents per hundred-weight from Ashland and other valley points to eastern cities.

The railroad notice reads as follows: At the earliest possible legal date a rate of \$1.25 per hundred pounds on green fruit, except apples, in carloads, subject to a minimum of 24,000 pounds from all points on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, to Cincinnati, New York, Boston and other points in that district, will be established, the present rate to these points being \$1.50, with the exception of Boston, which is \$1.55, thus making a reduction of 25 cents and 30 cents, respectively, per hundred pounds.

This rate applies on pears, prunes, peaches and other fresh fruits, excepting apples.

The rate on apples remaining the same as at present.

TIME IS EXTENDED.

Water Contests May Be Filled Up to July 1.

Owing to the large amount of legal work that is presenting itself to the attorneys, James T. Chinnock, superintendent of Water Division No. 1, has extended the time for the filing of notices and contests from June 6 to July 1.

Inasmuch as 1,300 water rights have been filed, the number of contests is very large. To date 57 have been filed and with them are 15 stipulations.

The hearings on these cases will consume the greater part of the year, but when completed will leave the water rights of Jackson and Josephine counties absolutely adjudicated.

Strawberry Social.

The Trinity church Girls' Club will give a strawberry social on the rectory lawn Thursday evening, at 7 p. m. Strawberries, cream and cake, 15 cents. Music during the evening.

FLAG CELEBRATION.

Order of Elks Will Observe Day With Fitting Exercises.

There are, no doubt, many people who do not know that one of the mandatory features of the Elks organization is the celebration of the birth of the American flag, which, according to history, is June 14.

Those who have never witnessed this beautiful festival of the flag will be much surprised and charmed with the same should they accept the public invitation printed elsewhere in this issue.

The love for our country's flag is so intense and general that we wonder there have not been more public celebrations of this kind. It seems that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is distinctively American and intensely patriotic and we would urge the young people and high school students to attend this celebration.

An interesting patriotic program has been provided, with good music and speeches. The G. A. R., Women's Relief Corps, militia company and Spanish War Veterans are specially invited. The public in general will be made welcome. Ample seating capacity. Bring your friends.

MORE EXCURSIONISTS.

Big Trains Northbound to Attend Electricians' Convention.

Destined for Seattle, where they will attend the convention of the National Electric Light Association, a large number of excursionists have passed through Ashland on specials the last two days. The first contingent was a delegation from the New England and middle states, which went north Saturday afternoon. This train was made up exclusively of Pullmans and New York Central equipment. Yesterday, another big train passed through, called the "Golden Poppy Special," the excursionists being Californians, who took occasion to herald the approach of the Panama exposition while on their travels. Both parties were presented with a profusion of Ashland roses, through the courtesies of members of the Women's Civic Improvement Club, particularly Mrs. Vaupel and Mrs. Winter, who sent to the exhibit building a bountiful supply of the choicest blossoms, which were greatly appreciated by the travelers, especially the easterners.

New Creamery Opened.

A new creamery in the lower Applegate valley, known as the "Valley Pride," was formally opened last Wednesday, a large number of people from various parts of the country attending. The ranchers of that section served a big picnic dinner at noon and a most enjoyable time was had. A large delegation from Medford and Grants Pass was present. Many speeches were made and a good time generally followed. The creamery is said to be a splendid one.

Take Notice.

J. H. Will, the shoe repairer, has returned and is again ready to do your work. Corner Fourth and Main streets.

Notice.

All embroideries and founcing will be specially priced this week at Ashland Trading Co.

15,000 acres of Vale bench land are to be irrigated.

MAY ELECTRIFY LINE.

Southern Pacific Said to Be in League With Power Company.

That the Southern Pacific railroad lines throughout northern California and southern Oregon are all to be electrified soon is the rumor that is persistent in railroad circles.

It is generally conceded that the California-Oregon Power Company, owners of the big power merger mad throughout this country recently when all the big plants of the country were placed under one head, is backed or connected financially with the Harriman interests. Recently the head offices of this company, which was formerly the Siskiyou Electric Power Company, with offices in Yreka, have been transferred to San Francisco, and this lends color to the belief that the big power merger is backed by the Southern Pacific.

These include practically all of the big power plants and producing plants between Sacramento and Eugene. The corporation also owns sites in this territory where hundreds of thousands of power can be produced when the time comes when additional power to that now being produced by the plants in operation can be had. This fact and the activity in hooking up these plants to all power-producing stations in this part of the country that can immediately be placed in service for operating any move desired lends color to the belief that the Southern Pacific is with the California-Oregon Power Company and secret plans are being laid to electrify all railroad trains through this division.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS.

Medford City Council Ignores Threatened Injunction.

Ignoring the injunction that is threatened, the city council of Medford at a special meeting Friday afternoon ordered the advertisement for bids for the tearing down of the old bridge and replacing it on Jackson street, where with a little repair it will serve for the light traffic over that thoroughfare. The bids will be opened at another special meeting of the council this coming Friday afternoon at 2:30.

No time is specified in the advertisement for bids as to when the bridge removal is to be made, but it is understood that work will begin immediately following the granting of the contract on the concrete abutments that must be placed on Jackson street to support the structure. The old bridge will not, however, be moved until the new one has been started, which it is hoped by the councilmen will not be over a month distant.

Rug Weaving.

J. B. Wolf of the Reliable Rug Factory of Corning, Cal., is stopping at Hotel Park, taking orders for rug weaving. Please write and address general delivery, or phone 163.

Apple Thinners Wanted.

I desire a few experienced apple thinners. About a week's work. Call at office of E. T. Staples, middle room, ground floor, Elks building.

The American Mining Congress will meet at Baker during the first week in August.

DE-AQUATING PLANT IN ASHLAND POSSIBILITY

Parties Interested Looking Over the City and Vicinity—Would Take Care of All Fruits and Vegetables—Cost About \$15,000

A. B. Kirk and R. W. King of Portland, representatives of the "Keepfresh World Company," were in Ashland Thursday. Their mission is the establishing here of a branch de-aquating plant for their company. Its process is comparatively new. It was invented by Henry M. Lambert of Portland, who developed the celebrated Lambert cherry.

By evaporating the water, which means 80 per cent of the weight, from fruits and vegetables of all kinds, they are preserved in the original freshness and keep perfectly. When the time comes for its use the product is simply soaked in water over night and, absorbing the water, is brought back into its original form, flavor and food value. One hundred and forty different varieties of fruits and vegetables are thus successfully treated and made ready for the market.

Plants are already in operation at Portland, Salem, Sutherlin and other points in the north valleys of the state. A plant of 40 tons capacity per day is proposed for Ashland, at a cost of \$15,000.

The Keepfresh World Company has been organized with a capital of one million dollars and has taken over the patents on the process for the entire world. All plants will belong to this company and will be operated by it. The raw material treated at each plant will be bought for cash from the producer, thus creating a sure cash market for the local product.

As the plant at Ashland will cost \$15,000, the citizens and producers will be asked to subscribe to \$15,000 of the capital stock of the company and the money so subscribed will build the local plant. The subscribers will participate in the profits of the entire company, here and at all other points of processing.

The thing looks good to the Tidings. Its practicability should be thoroughly gone into. If the thing has developed beyond the experimen-

TAFT VICTOR IN CONTESTS

SEVENTY-TWO DELEGATES FOR PRESIDENT.

ROOSEVELT HAS NONE THUS FAR

Real Issues Come This Week When Cases Like Indiana Come Up—More Stress Laid Upon Northern Contests.

Chicago, June 10.—Twenty-four delegates from Alabama and Arkansas were added to the Taft column Friday by action of the republican national committee upon the so-called Roosevelt contests from those states. Forty-eight more took the same route Saturday by decisions upon contests from Arkansas, Florida and Georgia. This brings the total in the two days' session up to 72, while none have been added to the Roosevelt list.

Ten of the Georgia districts—20 delegates—went to Taft in a blanket decision, both sides agreeing to their being decided upon the same arguments. Four delegates-at-large from the state also were given to Taft, together with two remaining districts with two delegates apiece.

Sixteen delegates from Alabama and eight from Arkansas were given to Taft, in addition to the Georgia delegates. So far every Taft delegate who has been up for hearing has been placed upon the convention temporary roll and in almost every case this has been done with Roosevelt committeemen's consent.

This clears the docket for the taking up early this week of the cases upon which the Roosevelt people are laying far more stress than those from the south, such cases, for example, as those from Indiana. There still remain in alphabetical order before these the cases of the six delegates-at-large from Arizona and of the fourth congressional district of California. They may be taken up today or may go over until later.

Indiana promises the first real fight since the committee began its sessions, and the vote no doubt will show the dividing line clearly between the factions.

Decisions on contests to date are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State/District and Delegates. Includes entries for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, and Total.

Money to loan on improved ranches, first mortgages; mixed farms preferred. W. D. Hodgson, Ashland, Phone 427-J.

MAY HAVE BOTTLING WORKS.

Brewing Company Seeks Entrance Into Medford.

Medford may have a modern plant for the bottling of beer. The question was placed before the council Friday afternoon, when a representative of the Mount Hood Brewing Company asked the city dads if they could secure such a license in that city and wholesale beer and mineral waters throughout the city. No action has been taken as yet through the council in considering the matter. A definite action will be probably recommended at the next council meeting. Should the council decide to grant the license the present license ordinance will have to be amended, as no provision was made for bottling works.

The plant will have a vinegar factory connected with it, thus creating a money market for produce heretofore allowed to go entirely to waste. The matter is before the Commercial Club and a meeting will be called in the near future to go into the matter.

Local Boy in Comedy.

Mr. Armine Lamb, formerly of Ashland, will be seen in the comedy of Dora Thorne to be presented at the Opera House Wednesday evening. The portrayal of his part is said to be very clever.

Chief Payne makes step ladders.