

THE RESULT OF THE TERRIFIC CYCLONE AFTER DASHING THROUGH OMAHA ON ITS WILD PLUNGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

HOUSEHOLDERS SEARCHING RUINS OF THEIR HOMES FOR BODIES AND VALUABLES IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 30TH AND HAMILTON STREETS, OMAHA. © N. Y. HERALD CO.



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WRECK OF DIAMOND MOVING PICTURE THEATRE, 24TH AND LAKE STREETS. 30 PERSONS WERE KILLED HERE, 10 BODIES HAVING BEEN RECOVERED.



ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THE HOME OF J. H. DRISCOL, NO. 4222 FARNAM STREET, OMAHA, WHERE ONE DAUGHTER WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED



THE BODIES OF MR. R. J. PECK, MISS MINNIE MCBRIDE AND MR. F. D. ARCHER ARE IN THESE FARNHAM STREET RUINS

CHILDREN OF MEDFORD TO ATTEND ED ROOT'S FUNERAL

Genial and Picturesque Character Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia Friday Evening—Known to All and Beloved by Children

Funeral Held 2:30 P. M. Sunday Afternoon at Baptist Church—All Children to Bring Flowers

A children's funeral is planned for Ed Root who died from pneumonia Friday night. It will be held at the Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. W. F. Shields. The Bible class, of which the deceased was a member, will furnish the pall bearers. The music will be by the Sunday school children. Every child in Medford is requested to attend the funeral and bring a flower in memory of their old playmate. The children will march with the remains from the church to the Jackson street bridge. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery where Ed will be laid to rest by the side of his mother. Ed Root was taken ill some ten days ago. He had for some time suffered from a bad cold, which settled upon his lungs and developed into pneumonia. He was taken to the hospital nine days ago. As this was his second attack of pneumonia, Dr. Marion, who attended him, was dubious of his recovery from the first, his age and a weakened heart being against it. Crisis Came Friday. Friday afternoon the crisis came and he sank rapidly. He was told by the sister nursing him that he was a very sick man, and asked if he did not have any business to attend to. "No," he replied, "I have nothing to

give anyone and no one has anything to give me." He soon lapsed into semi-unconsciousness, and his breathing grew more and more labored. The Mail Tribune force visited him at 9 o'clock. He was partially aroused, and recognizing the visitors, feebly gave the old familiar greeting: "Honk! Honk!" These were his last words. He passed away at ten o'clock. Ed was 68 years of age. He was reticent about his past and could not be induced to talk, except about his mother. The family home at Comanche, Iowa, was destroyed by a cyclone in the latter 60's or early 70's, his father killed and Ed injured. Shortly after he came with his mother to Oregon settling at Jacksonville. She is remembered as a music teacher, well educated and refined. Ed had a good education but never recovered from the injury to his brain received during the cyclone. He had a ready wit and was fond of an exchange of banter. Preyed On by Grifters. Ed worked as mail clerk on the Mail Tribune since its first issue as a daily. Before that he worked for the Southern Oregonian. He was janitor for the office and also night-watchman for E. G. Trowbridge at the Medford Iron Works. Between times he did odd chores, mowed grass, cut wood, etc., for numerous people, and played tag with children. His constant aim was to save enough money to bury himself, but as fast as he accumulated any, somebody would induce him to buy a gold brick of some kind or other, and he was the prey of mail-order and other grifters. A search of his effects shows \$100 invested in the Jackson County Building and Loan Co., the only available property that can be realized upon for funeral expenses. There is a deed dated June 1, 1912, to a tract in the Palm Beach Farms Co., of Florida. There is a certificate for 143 prefer-

red shares of the Perry Publishing and Industrial Co., of Denver. Had Mining Stock. There is also a certificate for 200 shares of Three Lodes Mining Co. stock which Jake Kippel admits selling Ed Root December 6, 1912, for \$100 cash. The stock is signed by Albert T. Brown, secretary and C. E. Wikstrom, president. His saving bank books show that he accumulated several hundred dollars a few cents at a time, to draw it out in large chunks, for what, no one knows. The only time he left the valley was to visit the Seattle exposition and later the state fair at Salem. Ed Root was beloved by all and had no enemies outside of Abe Lincoln and Wm. H. Taft, both of whom he cordially cursed. He was a member of the Baptist church as his mother had been also. He joined the socialist party, but lately has not been a regular attendant at meetings. He had no known relatives—at least none acknowledged the claim during his lifetime. Ed's little dog "Snyder" will be cared for in accordance with her master's only expressed wish. Snyder has been Ed's constant companion for two years and is the best known dog in the valley. She has not yet given up the hope of finding Ed, for she carefully scans the face of each old man she meets on the street. To Deport Russian "Red." SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—United States immigration officials probably will deport Guda Iuskin, a Russian anarchist, who is being held here at Angel Island immigration station. Iuskin arrived here from Yokohama on the steamer Manchuria. He openly declared that his life is devoted to the extermination of officials of the Russian government.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE IS VISITING MEDFORD

Major Gustave H. Schoof, a member of the Canadian northwest mounted police and soldier of fortune, who has seen service in many climates and under many flags, is visiting Medford and may address the school children before leaving. Major Schoof's latest experience was in Mexico, where he fought with Orozco and Madero in their war with Diaz. He may return now to battle against the new regime. Major Schoof spent 20 years in Africa, fighting and hunting big game. He is a veteran of the Boer war.

NEW CITY OFFICIALS ARE APPOINTED

Discord in the ranks of the city officials is a thing of the past. With the appointment of officials about whom a storm has waged for months made Friday evening the city 31st have settled down to a harmonious whole, and city business is being transacted without wrangling. The council confirmed names submitted by Mayor Eifert Friday evening. The names were suggested by the council. The new officials are: E. J. Runyard, market master; R. H. McCabe, city attorney; J. F. Hiltson,

chief of police, and O. Arnsperger city attorney. The council last evening awarded a contract for the paving of the Bear creek bridge to the Clark Henry Construction company. Their bid was \$3882.50, while that of Schell & Schell was \$3055. The contract was awarded to the higher bidder as the council did not care to experiment with new pavement on the bridge, where the traffic is heavy. The matter of paving Cottage street was discussed, a call for pro-

tests being issued for April 15. A little routine business was transacted. Boy Scouts, Attention! You are requested to attend the funeral of Edwin D. Root tomorrow afternoon at the Baptist church at 2:30 p. m. Bring a flower. L. S. BEVERIDGE. Meritol Tonic Digestive will tone up your system quickly, make you feel strong again. Haskins Drug Store.

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