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WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair tonight and Tuesday. Sunrise, 7:20; sunset, 5:08.

GIRL ENDS LIFE WITH ACID POTION

Overstudy and Worry About School Work Drives Benicia Coe to Suicide.

VICTIM MEMBER OF WELL KNOWN MILTON FAMILY

Death Follows Drinking of Carbolic Acid Last Night—Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Coe, and One of a Family of Ten Children—End of Life of Young Woman Comes as a Shock to All Who Know Her—Was Student at Columbia College and Popular.

Benicia Coe, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Coe of Milton, suicided at the family home at that place last night by taking carbolic acid, dying within a few moments after taking the acid.

Overstudy and worry about her school work is assigned as the reason for the deed. She was a student at Columbia college, the M. E. south school at Milton, and was a popular and capable young woman.

She took the acid shortly before 11 o'clock last night and death ensued within a short time.

She was one of a family of 10 children and was well known and universally liked in Milton, where she was reared. The family is related to the Frazier family of Milton and is among the pioneer families of the east end of the county and the deed of the young woman has been a shock to every one who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell of La Grande, formerly of Milton, passed through today to attend the funeral. Mrs. Campbell is a sister of the young woman. The funeral will be held at Milton tomorrow.

Investigates Editor Bennett.

Mr. William Troensegaard, special agent of the post office department, has just been to Irrigon and checked up the postmaster, counted the stamps, examined the books and attended to such other matters as an inspector usually does, when he does his duty. We guest Mr. T.—(you can say the rest of the name if you can) found everything all right, for the p. m., who is also the editor, is still doing business at the old stand.—Irrigon Irrigator.

ELLIS BILL AIDS DESERT ENTRYMEN

EXTENDS TIME UNDER UNAVOIDABLE OBSTACLES.

Relief for Those Affected by Floods, Washouts and Other Unforeseen Obstacles in Making Final Proof on Lands—Will Allow Until April 1, 1910 to Make Entries—Time for Reclamation Also Extended Until October 1, 1909.

That Congressman W. R. Ellis of this city, is closely guarding the interests of the people of the eastern Oregon congressional district, is shown by the measure for the relief of desert land entrymen introduced by him in the house last Saturday morning.

The measure is to provide for the relief of desert land entrymen who may have been delayed in making final proof on their claims by reason of floods, washouts or other unavoidable obstacles and extends the time of making such proofs to April 1, 1910. The time for the reclamation of such land is also extended to October 1, 1909. A Washington dispatch says of the bill introduced by Congressman Ellis: Representative Ellis today introduced a bill providing that the time

LURLINE'S CAPTAIN DROPS DEAD AT WHEEL.

Portland, Jan. 27.—Captain E. W. Larkin, of the steamer Lurline, Portland to Astoria, dropped dead in the pilot house of the vessel this morning as the boat was passing through the draw of the Madison street bridge. The pilotless Lurline passed safely through and into the open water beyond. The death of the pilot was then discovered.

for reclamation of all lands covered by desert land entries in Umatilla county, Oregon, heretofore made, where it can be shown in the satisfaction of the department of the interior that the entryman has been hindered, delayed or prevented from reclaiming such land by unusual floods, either directly or indirectly, is hereby extended until the first day of October, 1909, and the time for making final proof of reclamation of said lands is hereby extended to the first day of April, 1910.

IMPORT MENTAL EXPERTS.

Physicians from Europe Testify in Trial on Condition of Thaw's Mind.

New York, Jan. 27.—When the trial of Harry Thaw was resumed this morning, Dr. Charles F. Bingham, of Pittsburgh, was called to the stand. The purpose of his testimony was to show the state of mentality at different stages of the defendant's life.

He testified that while a child Thaw was nervous and appeared irrational in the Tombs.

Dr. Sidney Russell Wells of London, was the next witness. He testified that in 1899 he examined Thaw at Claridge, London, and found him suffering from a mental disturbance of some kind.

At 10:35 the defense had all the direct evidence in and Littleton began reading the hypothetical question to three experts for the defense.

Dr. Wells and an insanity expert testified that Thaw's condition was one of recurrent insanity. Miss Lillian McBride, who nursed Thaw at the Devonshire hospital, took the stand and corroborated Dr. Wells concerning Thaw's mental condition. Dr. Frederick J. Burton Brown of London, testified that he attended Thaw in Rome and that he was irrational.

FIVE MILLION FOR RAILWAYS.

Calhoun Returns to San Francisco After Successfully Floating Big Bond Deal.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Patrick Calhoun, accompanied by Mrs. Calhoun and a niece, have returned and his return means the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the street railway improvement.

Calhoun confirmed the statement that he had negotiated the sale of \$3,500,000 preferred stock which, with \$1,500,000 already disposed of, makes a total of \$5,000,000 at once available.

Vanderbilt Girl Is Now a Countess.

New York, Jan. 27.—At high noon today Gladys Vanderbilt became the wife of Count Laszlo Szechenyi, the Hungarian nobleman. The ceremony was characterized by elegant simplicity and was performed by Manager La Vello. The pope sent an apostolic benediction through Archbishop Farley.

Latham Is Still Missing.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Alec Latham, Ruef's chauffeur, whose testimony is badly wanted by the prosecution, has not yet been found and the motion to have a commission appointed to take his deposition was withdrawn this morning by the state. Ruef asserts he has no knowledge of the whereabouts of Latham.

Standard Oil Case Set for Hearing.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The hearing in the Standard Oil case involving the Chicago & Alton has been set for February 8.

Steal Revolvers at Bellingham.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 27.—Thieves entered the armory here Sunday and stole \$60 worth of revolvers.

Mrs. Lillian Nordica will wed for the third time, her fiance being George Washington Young, a New York club man and multimillionaire. Andrew Carnegie has sent Arthur

BAKER CITY SENSATION CAUSED BY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Dodgers Bitterly Criticising City and County Officials Designates City as "Stink Pot of Corruption."

Specific Charges Made—Judge Smith of Circuit Court, and Mayor Johns Charged With Drinking Before Saloon Bar Four and One-Half Minutes Before Opening of Harvey Brown Memorial Services—Prisoner in County Jail Accuses Judge Smith With Being Intoxicated During Progress of His Trial—Boys and Girls Allowed to Wander About Streets of City at All Hours of the Night—Skating Rinks Are Open on Sundays—Policeman Caught Gambling in Gambling Den.

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 27.—A sensation such as has not been enjoyed in eastern Oregon since the assassination of Harvey Brown, was sprung late yesterday forenoon when a dodger issued by the Ministerial association of this city was circulated, bitterly criticising officials of city and county.

The circular charged Baker City with being a "stink pot of corruption."

Among the specific charges are these: That Judge Smith of the circuit court and Mayor Johns were seen drinking before a saloon bar four and one-half minutes prior to the opening of the Harvey Brown memorial services.

That a prisoner in the county jail accuses Judge Smith of being intoxicated during the progress of his trial.

That boys and girls are allowed to

wander about the city at all hours of the night.

That the skating rinks are allowed to open on Sundays.

That one of the members of the civic purity committee once found a policeman in a gambling den gambling.

Does Not Deny the Charge.

Baker City, Jan. 27.—Mayor Johns today refused to deny that he had been seen drinking and playing the slot machine four and a half minutes after the Harvey Brown memorial service last October.

This was charged in a circular gotten out by the Ministerial association yesterday. Apparently the mayor is not greatly exercised over the charge of the ministers.

Judge Smith, who was accused of being with the mayor in the barroom at the time, is out of town.

GAMBLERS WILL PLEAD TOMORROW

STOESSEL DAMAGE SUIT IS QUICKLY ENDED

Swaggart, Ogg and Sellers Waive Examination and Will Plead Tomorrow—Trio Allowed to Remain at Liberty—Joseph Haaga Charged With Robbing George and Miller Store Will Also Appear Before Court Tomorrow.

Lester Swaggart, Ab Ogg and Jesse Sellers, all charged in the circuit court with gambling, waived examination this morning, through their attorney, Colonel J. H. Raley, and tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock was set as the time for them to plead. All three of the accused men were served with warrants by the sheriff Saturday, but were allowed to remain at liberty upon the consideration that they appear in court at the proper time.

Joseph Haaga, charged with robbing the Miller & George store at Echo, will also plead tomorrow morning. The indictment against him was read in court this morning. Haaga is being defended by Colonel Raley and Judge James A. Fee.

Stoessel Damage Suit. Following the disposal of the above case this morning the court began the trial of the damage suit brought by Mrs. Emil Stoessel against Laing & Russell to recover \$7500. It is claimed by the plaintiff that her husband's death was due to a runaway accident and that the same was caused by the breaking of a strap on the neckyoke of a rig furnished him by Laing & Russell. The runaway occurred on Birch creek last September.

D. W. Bailey and Will M. Peterson are the attorneys for Mrs. Stoessel, while Colonel J. H. Raley is conducting the case for the defendants.

Stoessel Case Dismissed. This afternoon Judge Bean granted a motion for a non-suit in the Stoessel-Laing & Russell suit and instructed the jury to render a verdict favorable to the defendants, which was done.

Geer at Baker City.

Hon. T. T. Geer, ex-governor of Oregon and ex-editor of the Pendleton Tribune, is in the city setting up his fences for the congressional nomination in this district. Mr. Geer is quite well acquainted with Baker City people and is meeting many warm friends.—Baker City Democrat.

Charles Eastman is dead at Bellingham from bullet wounds inflicted by Policeman Dunham. Eastman emptied his revolver at the policeman when the latter attempted to arrest him and was in turn killed by a bullet from the officer's revolver.

ORGANIZED LABOR LOSES HARD BATTLE.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Organized labor lost a hard fought battle today when the supreme court decided that that part of the Erdman act prohibiting the railroads, engaged in interstate commerce, from discriminating against employees belonging to labor unions, was unconstitutional.

BOUGHT IDAHO BREWERY.

Fred Laatz and Will Roesch Purchase Grangeville Property from Joseph Basler.

Fred Laatz and Will Roesch, jr., have just purchased a brewery and equipment at Grangeville, Idaho, from Joseph Basler and William Roesch, sr., left for that place today to look over the property and help the young men start it.

The transfer will be made on February 15 and both Mr. Laatz and Will Roesch, jr., will move to Grangeville to conduct the business. Mr. Basler invested in the property about three years ago and because of him not being able to give his personal attention to the matter he decided to sell.

Grangeville is a growing and prosperous town and both of the young men feel that they have made a good investment and will conduct a first class institution. William Roesch, who is an experienced brewer, will be in Grangeville much of the time until the plant is well under way to oversee the business and get it started right.

FUNERAL OF DR. JOHNSON.

G. A. R. Has Charge of Last Rites Over Remains of Their Comrade.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the funeral of the late Dr. H. B. Johnson was held from the family home on the north side of the river. The service was conducted by Rev. W. L. Van Nuys, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the interment was in Olney cemetery.

The arrangements for the funeral were left by the members of the family entirely in the hands of the local G. A. R. The members of Kit Carson post attended the funeral in a body and the pall-bearers were selected from their ranks.

At the request of the Grand Army men a firing squad was furnished by company L and the military salute of three volleys was fired over the grave.

Southern Pacific Makes Big Fill.

At an expense of \$100,000, the Southern Pacific is filling in the tall bridge across Brimstone canyon, near Leland, with decomposed granite. The work is being done by contract and will require a crew of 50 men, several teams, donkey engines, cars and construction engines an entire year to complete. This bridge is one of the highest on the entire Southern Pacific system, the middle support being 145 feet high. The bridge has burned out twice and has otherwise caused the company much trouble. With a solid filling of granite and an immense opening of concrete for the passage of the water of the creek, it is believed the canyon will cause no more trouble.—Medford Southern Oregonian.

K. of P. Smoker Tonight.

This evening Damon lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias will entertain its members and a few friends at a smoker to be given in its lodgeroom in the Odd Fellows building. During the evening some entertainment will be furnished by the vaudeville troupe from the Star theater and claims will be served. All members of the order, here and elsewhere, are invited to be present.

Represents Washington Post.

M. A. Pottinger, who is in the city this week and who will give a Masonic lecture tonight, is a representative of the Washington, D. C., Post and is selling an exclusive set of the official portraits of the presidents of the United States. Only 119 sets of the portraits have been assigned to Oregon and it is a rare art collection.

GRAINGROWERS WILL SEEK TO HAVE TONNAGE RATE ON WHEAT REDUCED MATERIALLY.

After discussing the subject of freight rate reductions at length Saturday the graingrowers' association decided to leave the matter in the hands of the executive committee until the annual meeting in March. In the meantime the committee will look into the subject thoroughly to see if steps cannot be taken to secure lower grain freight rates. It is held by the grain men that the recent rate of \$3.15 per ton from here to Portland should be reduced to \$2.50 in order to be fair.

It was also decided Saturday to again buy grain sacks in co-operation the coming year. A paper was started during the meeting and farmers present signed up for sacks to the amount of 135,000. Speaking up on the subject, Pres. C. A. Barrett held that last year the association had saved the farmers of the county \$50,000 by buying sacks as they did. Not only did the association mem-

THREE CITIES ARE VISITED BY FIRE

Lives Lost and Property Damaged to Extent of Million and Half Dollars.

THREE CITIES VISITED DURING NIGHT BY FLAMES.

Standard Oil Tanks at Baltimore Still Burning and Beyond Control—Portland, Me., Has Another \$800,000 Blaze Within Week From Recent Big Fire—Big Printing Establishment at Chicago Consumed With Loss of \$500,000—Flames Spread to Big Hotel.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Three disastrous fires, causing a property loss of over a million and a half dollars, occurred in this country between midnight and morning today.

One is still beyond control. The Standard Oil tanks at Baltimore caught fire early this morning and, fanned by a gale, the blaze is still raging. One man has been reported dead.

At Portland, Me., the second big fire within a week occurred, a fire in the business section of the city causing a loss of almost \$300,000. By 3:45 a. m. it was under control and was confined to one block.

At Chicago one fireman was killed and three injured and property to the value of \$500,000 destroyed in fire in the printing establishment of W. P. Dunn & Co. The flames spread to the Florence hotel and drove the occupants into the street in scanty garments. The magnificent new corn exchange building was damaged. Twenty persons were injured.

At noon the fire was still raging, the flames leaping 600 feet in the air. It is estimated that 500,000 gallons of oil have been consumed so far.

Smallpox at Castle Rock.

At Castle Rock, a station on the O. R. & N., about 14 miles west of here, smallpox broke out in an Indian camp, and the county physician and sheriff were summoned from Heppner. There was only one well defined case, but the outfit was quarantined and everybody around there vaccinated, and school dismissed.—Irrigon Irrigator.

BULLETS FIRED BY SENTRIES FRUSTRATE ATTEMPT.

Second Attempt Within 24 Hours Hours Made to Enter Armory of National Guards at San Francisco Where Valuable Military Maps of State Defense Are Kept—Fusillade of Shots Stop Would-be Burglars.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Bullets fired by the sentries guarding the armory of national guards here frustrated a second attempt within 24 hours to enter the big building in which are kept the valuable military maps of San Francisco's defense.

The attack on the building was not made by ordinary burglars. The persistence of the mysterious visitors makes this apparent.

Early Saturday morning and again Sunday morning two men tried to gain entrance to the building. Fearing another attempt the sentries were doubled Sunday night.

From the descriptions furnished the officers by the soldiers, it is believed that the two men were Japanese spies. During a fusillade of shots Saturday the hat of one of the burglars was shot off.

WOOD MARKET FEELS WEATHER AND PANIC

The financial stringency and the beautiful winter weather in Umatilla and Walla Walla counties this winter, have conspired to "knock the sacks off the wood market at Kame-la and Meacham and wood that was selling two months ago for \$5.50 per cord on the dump at the mountain stations is now a drug on the market at \$4 and there is every prospect that the price will go lower.

All the wood dumps at the mountain stations are now full to overflowing and there is scarcely any wood moving. While studding is good there is no wood hauling for the reason that the dumps are full and none is being shipped out.

Wood choppers by the score can now be hired for \$1 per cord, while it was impossible to secure scarcely any choppers two months ago at \$2 and \$2.25 per cord.

The extremely mild winter weather and the financial flurry of a few weeks ago are the causes of the sluggish wood market on the mountains.

ONLY 600 VOTERS HAVE REGISTERED

Registration for the coming primaries and election has now been on for three weeks and so far a total of 600 voters have qualified. Under the law it is necessary for the registration officers in the different precincts to send in weekly reports to the clerk's office and this is now being done. As the names are turned into the office here Clark Nelson, registry clerk, forwards the lists to the secretary of state and printed matter concerning the various initiatives bills, etc., are sent out to the voters.

According to Mr. Nelson the outside precincts are registering faster than they did two years ago. The registration books will be open continuously until 15 days before the primaries, which will be held April 17. After the primaries registration will be resumed and voters who did not register prior to the primaries, may qualify in time to vote at the June election.