

EARS BLAZING HOUSE RESCUE

C. A. Justus Perishes With Three Young Children of His Sister.

MOTHER IS IN HOSPITAL

Loaded Rifle, Exploded by the Fire, Is Believed to Have Caused the Death of the Brave Idaho Man.

BOISE, Idaho, July 18.—A. Justus and three children of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Moody, were burned to death at the family homestead, four miles east of Middleton, last night. The parents were in a hospital at Boise, where Mrs. Moody recently submitted to an operation. Justus remained with the seven children. When the house was found to be on fire, the four children were taken to the street and Justus went into the burning building to rescue the younger ones, aged 3, 5 and 3 years. Soon afterward a shot was heard from the house, neither Justus nor the children were seen alive. This morning their charred bodies were found in the ruins. Mr. Moody says that a loaded rifle was hanging under the stairs, and he believes the heat caused the gun to explode and shoot Justus. The dead man was 29 years of age.

JEALOUSY CAUSE FOR DIVORCE

Four Suits Are Filed in Circuit Court at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Four suits for divorce, in three of which excessive jealousy on the part of the defendants is alleged as the source of unhappiness, were filed in the Circuit Court here today. Gertrude O. Crawford, who was married to Frederick Crawford, of Henderson, Ill., in March, 1902, desires to be separated and allowed to resume her maiden name, Gertrude O. Syles. Mrs. Crawford says her husband on numerous occasions has become so jealous of her that he threatens to take her life.

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Mitochondria Forces Water Company.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—Attorney W. T. Dovel, of Seattle, appeared before Governor Mead today and presented the application on behalf of Oscar Bradshaw, under sentence of death, to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Hundreds of names of the signatories include those of the trial judge, prosecuting attorney and seven of the jurors. Attorney Dovel followed the presentation of the papers in the case with an oral argument. Governor Mead announced that he would render a decision in the case on Friday.

Expert Dairyman Will Lecture.

ALBANY, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—In keeping with a program received from officers of the Southern Pacific Company in Portland, the Albany Commercial Club is arranging to have a meeting of Lin County people interested in dairying to listen to a discussion of that and allied subjects by Professor G. L. McKay, of the Iowa State College, who has just completed a tour of inspection of some of the famous dairies of Germany and Holland. The meeting will be called for next week, and is creating considerable interest.

Water Company May Lose Franchise

SOUTH BEND, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the city council Monday evening, Councilman Hubler moved that the Mountain Springs Water Company be notified to withdraw its application for a franchise to supply water to the city. The water system is owned by Seattle people. There has been much complaint of the service.

MITCHELL GIRL'S DEFENSE

BAXTER & WILSON AND ALFRED CLARKE ARE ATTORNEYS

Morris & Shipley Will Represent Mrs. Creffield in the Preliminary Proceedings.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—Esther Mitchell, when she is brought to trial, will be defended. She announced this morning that the services of Alfred Clarke, of Portland, Or., and the law firm of Baxter & Wilson, of this city had been secured to defend her. Mrs. Creffield has not yet appeared in court, but Morris & Shipley announced this morning that throughout the preliminary proceedings they would represent her.

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LOSS LOOMING BIG

San Francisco Insurance May Reach Total of \$300,000,000.

REPORTS NOW ON FILE

From Returns Made by the Companies It Appears That the First Estimates Were Very Much Too Low.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 18.—(Special.)—It now looks as if the insurance risks in the burned district of San Francisco will total up considerably more than \$250,000,000, and the total may go to nearly \$300,000,000. The estimates of insurance managers have been crawling upward all

FOUGHT UNDER THE FLAG OF MEXICO

PRINEVILLE, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Colonel Michael C. Nye, who passed away Friday morning in Prineville, from senile decay, at the advanced age of 85, was one of the earliest Pacific Coast pioneers, being in the Bidwell party that emigrated from Missouri to California in 1841.

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and was only a few miles away when Sutter discovered gold in the Sutter millrace, the first auriferous discovery in California. Colonel Nye amassed a vast fortune during the early mining days, but lost a large portion of it in 1861-62. In 1863 he removed to The Dalles, Or., where he resided for nearly 20 years, and in 1883 he located in Crook County, engaging in the sheep business, which he followed until a few months ago.

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Centralia Forces Water Company.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—The Centralia Water Supply Company has almost completed all new work that was ordered by the Centralia water system. The company has tried to fulfill every agreement of its franchise, and now the city will probably drop the suit to annul the franchise.

Back to the Ranch.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 18.—Ex-Judge M. D. Thompson, who was defeated for re-election as County Judge, has sold his residence in Roseburg and will soon return to his country home on the ranch near Scottsburg.

Army Worm Moths at Elma.

ELMA, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—The army worm moth has made its appearance here in numbers greater than ever

before seen in this section of the country. This morning beneath the arc electric lights upon the ground there were literally hundreds and hundreds of the pest that lays the eggs from which the army worm springs.

Pacific Professors for Willamette.

SALEM, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—Two professors who have been for several years members of the faculty of Pacific University, at Forest Grove, have accepted positions at Willamette University. They are Professor G. E. Coghlin, who will fill the chair of biology, and Professor Louis Bach, who will fill the chair of modern languages. It is also announced that Professor K. A. Heritage, of Spokane, who was for several years dean of the College of Music, has accepted re-election to that position.

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CASTLE ROCK SAVED

Right of Way Is Awarded to Portland & Seattle Road.

DAMAGES PUT AT \$5000

Railroad Lawyers Convince Skamania County Jury That Stone Is of Inferior Quality and That Quarry Is a Bluff.

STEVENSON, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—Castle Rock will not be destroyed. This is the meaning of the decision of the Superior Court in Skamania County, which today awarded \$5000 for the right of way between Castle Rock and the Columbia River. The Portland & Seattle Railway brought the condemnation suit, which terminated in the jury allowing the owners of the rock, the Columbia Construction Company, damages for the strip of land between the rock and the river, which will preclude the possibility of blasting the great monolith to pieces for building stone.

It was spectacularly shown to the court that the Columbia Construction Company, in which Charles E. Ladd is a stockholder, never intended in good faith to blast down Castle Rock, but that it had all along played a game of bluff in order to force a settlement from the new Hill road and the payment of a good round sum for alleged damages.

Experts testified for the Portland & Seattle Railway that the quality of the stone making up the composition of Castle Rock is inferior in quality, and attorneys for the railroad argued that the jury that the defendants in the condemnation suit never intended to establish a quarry there and break Castle Rock up for building stone.

The Columbia Construction Company set up a case by which it was hoped to claim damages from \$100,000 to \$500,000 because the building of the railroad on the narrow strip of land between the base of the rock and the river would prevent quarrying the rock, as blasts would be directed against the rock and the passage of trains.

Alleged preparations have been going forward during the past six months for the setting of a big dynamite charge to be the record for similar explosions set off in the Northwest. The jury held the view that this was all a game of bluff, intended merely by the holders of the rock as a hold-up game, whereby it was expected the railroad would be made to pay handsomely for the right to pass this strip of land.

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SALEM, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—The Mid-Oregon & Eastern Railway Company, which announces as its purpose the construction of a railroad from Portland through the Cascade Mountains and then across Eastern Oregon to some point on Snake River, files articles of incorporation in the Secretary of State's office tonight. The capital stock is fixed at \$13,000,000. The incorporators are David Leppert, C. H. Monroe and L. C. Tobias, as incorporators, and John Van Zant is secretary.

The corporation also indicates its intention of building into Idaho, Nevada and California.

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SCARCELY more than one-third of the money of the United States is deposited in banks. Where is that enormous two-thirds? Are you one of the many who are risking their accumulations by hiding your savings in tin cans, old stockings or burying them in the ground, while the Merchants Investment & Trust Company will not only care for them but pay you interest while doing so?

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