

BLOW UP IRON WORKS

Los Angeles the Scene of Alleged Dynamiting.

NIGHT WATCH SLIGHTLY HURT

Police Are Searching for Three Unknown Men Who Are Thought To Have Been Implicated in the Crime.

(Special to Evening News.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—That an explosion that partially wrecked the plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works yesterday was caused by dynamite is the unanimous belief of the owners and the police, who have begun an investigation. It is believed that a low grade explosive was used and that it was set off by a long fuse, as portions of the fuse have been found. The loss to the property is estimated at \$20,000. The night watchman, J. Asbury, a negro, was only slightly injured by the explosion. There was no loss of life. Search has been begun for three men seen running

away from the plant shortly before the explosion occurred, and the effort to destroy the building is thought to be the work of disgruntled former employees of the company. The first and second floors of the structure were badly wrecked, and the third floor so weakened that it will have to be removed and built over again. The company is one of the largest in the West, and the attempt to destroy the plant is said to be the result of the recent iron workers' strike.

Four Men Killed.

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Four men are dead and another is dying today because of a leaking gaspipe in the Pacific Lodging House yesterday. Charles Draft, a laborer, is one of the four dead that has been identified. William Parker was taken from his room in a critical condition and placed in a hospital, but physicians say that there is little hope that the man will recover. Four other men were sleeping in rooms where the gas was escaping and in a serious condition. The injured were taken to the municipal lodging house. All of the men affected by the gas at the Pacific Lodging House were in different rooms.

Mrs. Henry Swigert, of Painesdale, Mich., arrived in Roseburg yesterday to spend about three months visiting with her daughter who resides in the vicinity of Glide. The lady left for her destination this afternoon by private conveyance.

S. P. CO.'S IMMENSE PROFITS.

Makes a Gain of 1740 Per Cent Since 1896.

PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—Asserting that the Southern Pacific Company, on its lines in Oregon, had increased its net earnings, on the same mileage, from \$237,929.50 in 1896, to \$4,139,419.12 in 1910, an increase of 1740 per cent, the railway commission of Oregon filed yesterday in the United States circuit court its reply to an application for a restraining order to prevent the enforcement of a demand that the Southern Pacific reduce its rates in the Willamette and Rogue River valleys. The order was issued September 23, 1910.

The railway commission filed the affidavits of Thomas K. Campbell, a member of the commission, J. P. Newell, an engineer; Frank J. Miller, a member of the commission; J. M. Riley, Jr., an accountant, and W. C. Earle, an engineer. The facts involved in the issuance of the order of the railway commission demanding a reclassification which would in turn bring a reduction of rates charged, are gone over.

The order issued by the United States circuit court was based upon the assumption that if the rates went into effect the order would curtail the revenues of the company in such a manner as to result in virtual confiscation. It is this charge that the

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GLEE CLUB TONIGHT.

A Lively Program and a Good Entertainment at Armory.

There is something doing all the time during the program given by the Willamette University glee club which will be seen in this city December 26 at the Armory for one night only. Of all the lives to lead, the college life is by far the best and these boys, right from the college life stamping ground, Willamette University, are the epitome of that jolly, energetic, joyful life. To come in contact with them is energizing, vitalizing. A night with them rolls back the years and carries the listener to the days of their youth when they had their fun at college. It makes the old "grads" want to go back.

Especially telling with college folk is the song trio beginning with "An Ode to Willamette", written by Perry Reigelman, with music by Dean Mendenhall, director of the club, which melts into a rousing, jolly college lyric with a hilarious melody, and ending with "Oh, Take Me Back," to a tune that brings tears to many college men's eyes. Mirth, music and melody run through the program and delight everyone. The program is high class, not a poor number appearing on it. The songs range from the classical, such as "The Pilgrim's Chorus" from Thauhauser, to popular airs and all are given with a vim and spirit that

sweeps everything before them.

But the second half of the program is the one that takes best, perhaps. At least, it made a great hit in the capital city when presented there. Hadad, an adventurer, and Nockey, his brother, are scream producers as, with grotesque costume and make-up, they spring their jokes and gags. They are a whole show in themselves and are the real comedians of the University. Ballah, taken by Alfred Schram, is the sister of the "Rajah of India," the title of the piece, and is worth going miles to see. She is 59 years, coy, and bashful as a new-born kitten. The Rajah himself is a blustering fellow, terribly hard worked, and has a beautiful daughter whom all are after. This part is taken by James Oakes, a Portland boy who has been singing in the club for three years. The club, as a whole, is introduced during the sketch in some very pretty songs.

BOEN.

BOWEN—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen, in North Roseburg, on Christmas eve, 1910, a boy.

MERTZ—To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mertz, in East Roseburg, on Saturday, December 24, 1910, a boy.

George Hoover, of Portland, who is here to spend the holidays was quite ill yesterday, and as a result he was confined to his room during the entire day.

SANTA CLAUS BURNED

Woman Acting Role of St. Nick Fatally Hurt.

FIRE CAUGHT IN WHISKERS

Aviator Hoxie Makes a Sensational Descent—Willard Drops Oranges for Bombs on Imaginary Ship.

(Special to Evening News.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—Severely burned about the face, head and shoulders, Mrs. Eva Baker, fifty years of age, is lying at St. Vincent's hospital in a dying condition from the result of a Christmas tree fire yesterday. The woman had dressed as Santa Claus and was lighting the tapers on the tree, preparatory to surprising the two children of her employer, Charles Crogator, when the beard on the mask she wore took fire from the candles. Her screams brought Crogator to her assistance, but before he could extinguish the flames she was probably fatally burned. Even if she should recover she will doubtlessly be blind, as her eye balls were seared by the fire that enveloped her.

Makes Daring Flight.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Archie Hoxie is the hero of the aviation meet here today. Yesterday he ascended to the height of 7500 feet, then stopped the engine and shot earthward. He made no attempt to right the planes until within 500 feet of the earth, when he brought the machine to the landing under perfect control. His height record yesterday was corrected today and shows that he reached an altitude of 9288 feet. Aviator Willard shows that he is the premier marksman of the aviators. Armed with oranges representing bombs he dropped ten out of twenty-five on a space the size of the deck of a battleship from a height of 2000 feet.

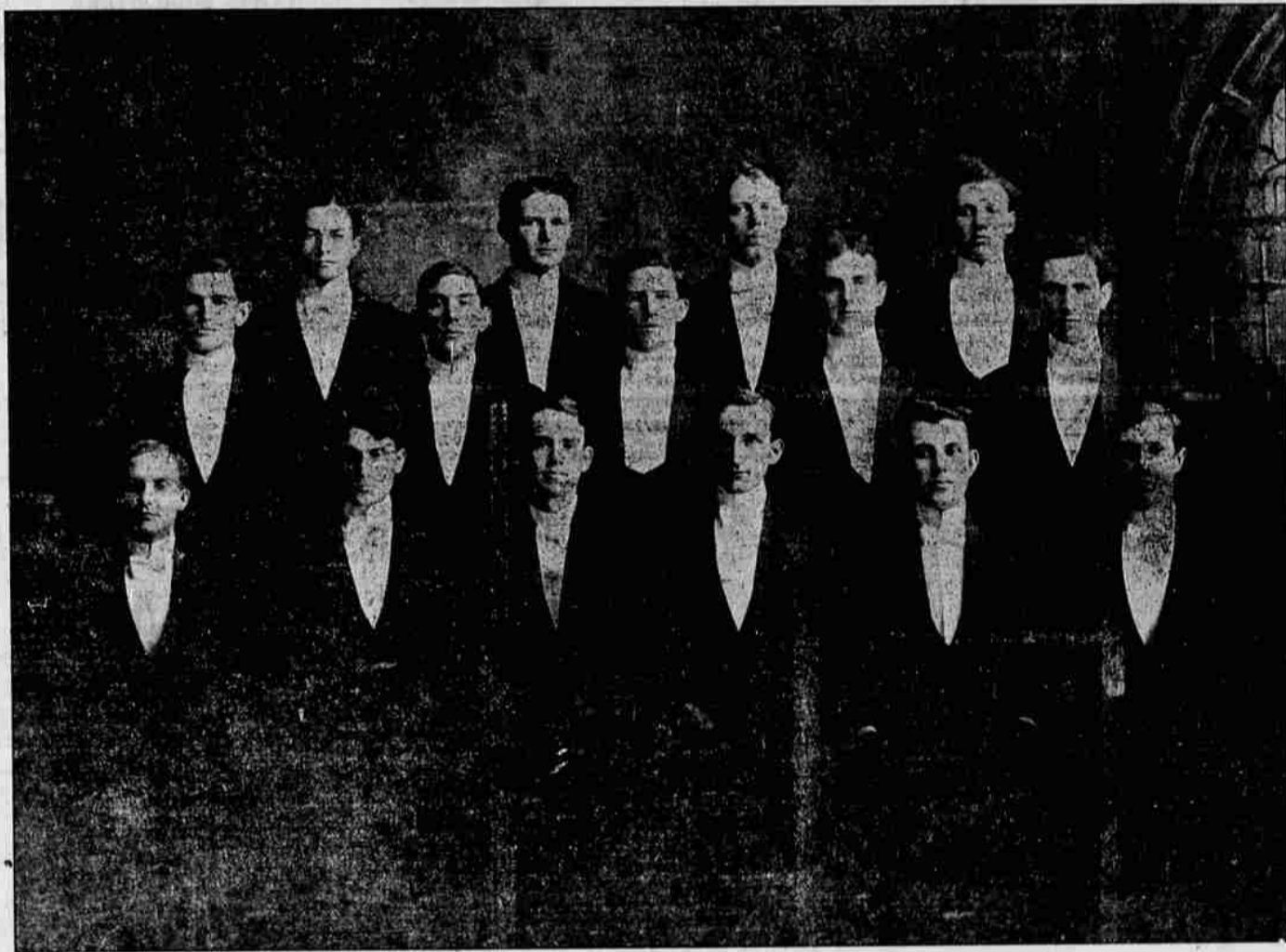
LOCAL NEWS.

Peter Martindale, aged 32 years, and for a long time a resident of Camas Valley, died at his home this morning after an illness of two weeks. The funeral will be held at that place tomorrow. He is survived by a wife.

Local police officers report little doing along criminal lines of late, notwithstanding that hundreds of "sideshow tourists" are passing through the city daily. Not an arrest was made Saturday or yesterday, a fact which evidences that Roseburg is a most orderly municipality.

According to Postmaster Parks the amount of mail matter handled through the local post office during the past week has much heavier than handled during any similar period during his administration. Notwithstanding the rush, however, the efficient clerks transacted the business of the office promptly, and all incoming mails have been distributed without unusual delay. The mails to coast points has also been exceedingly heavy of late, and upon several days Mr. Barnard, manager of the Roseburg-Marshfield stage lines, has been compelled to send out two wagons loaded to their capacity. In all, the mails have been handled most satisfactorily, both to the officials and the general public.

Willamette University Glee Club at the Armory this Evening



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