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ROSEBURG, DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON.

# LOW WATER IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WRECK

## INQUEST TODAY A Young Man and His Politics. FRANK S. FIELDS

Fred Beard, of Yoncalla, Im- Will be the subject of the Means at the South Methodist • Shareh, Sunday night, Mrs. •

REPORT BLAMES LOW WATER

Richard Morris, Traveling Engineer Says Locomotive Was Theorughly Inspected Less Than a Month Ago.

That the explosion of Southern Pacific freight locomotive No. 2538 near Rice Hill, on Thursday afternoon which resulted in the almost of Engineer M. M. Bartlette and Fireman A. S. (Bert) Mr. Morris contended that every lo-Adrton was caused by low water in comotive in service was inspected at the boiler, was the opinion expressed by Master Mechanic Younger and Superintendent L. R. Fields, of Port- indicating the defects was placed in land, who returned here late last evening after a thorough inspection of the wrecked locomotive.

Both Mr. Younger and Mr. Fields ticular case, but would produce ducontend there is no question but plicates in the event the coroner's what the crown sheet dropped, the jury so desired. same having been found in the firebox after a brief inspection of the locomotive yesterday morning. They also allege that the bolts holding the crown sheet in position were found in good condition, a fact which refutes current stories to the effect that the explosion was the direct result of unskilled mechanics employed in the local shops. In explanation of this theory of the explosion, Master Mechanic Younger says it is the practice of many engineers to allow the water to run low on heavy grades and thereby place the locomotive in a position to operate at its fullest capacity. In this statement he is substantiated by Superintendent L. R. Fields as well as a number of local railroad employes who yesterday vis-Ited the scene of the wreck.

In order to further investigate the explosion, a number of men exper-lenced in the art of boiler manufac; turing went to the scene of the wreck this morning where the formal investigation is being held. Today's investigation is held, it is said, simply to confirm the contention of the officials who returned from the wreck last night. Included among those who went to the scene of the explos ion this morning are O. O. Jennings representing the engineers; C. O. Hosmer, representing the firemen; Master Mechanic Younger, of Portland, and George Woodhouse, fore man of the Sacramento shops, representing the Southern Pacific Company; Mr. O'Laughlin, a disinterested as competent to judge as the boiler maker formerly employed in Twoy Brothers' shops at Portland. who represents the railroad organizations, and J. L. Wood, of Albany representing the Oregon Railroad

Concluding the inspection of the boiler the above named gentlemen will continue to Potriand. A formal report embodying the opinion of the investigators will be issued later. Coroner's Jury Returns.

The members of the coroner's jury mposed of Edward Marsters, E. N. Ewart, S. J. Jones, W. D. Bell, H. M. Marsters and C. K. Root, returned here last night from Rice Hill where they made a thorough inspection of the wreck

This morning the jury assembled at the court house at 10 o'clock and shortly thereafter commenced the examination of witnesses who were present at the time of the wreck or were in possession of knowledge otherwise pertaining to the explosion. The inquest is being conducted by Coroner N. T. Jewett, with District Attorney George M. Brown interro- th ecrown sheet bolts were in a pergating the witnesses.

### Due To Low Water.

Richard Morris, for more than thirty years a locomotive engineer and at present holding the responsibel position of traveling foreman of engines for the Southern Pacific -Company, was one of the more important witnesses examined during the morning. Mr. Morris declared, that in his opinion the botler exploded as a result of insufficient water. He said he arrived at the scene of the explosion Friday morning, and after a brief investigation found the grown sheet lying in the bottom of The tire box. He also said he madeexamination of the crown sheet bolts, finding them in good When asked as to how he fixed his opinion that low water caused the explosion, he said that all indications pointed to that end. In fact he said the crown sheet showed evidence of intense heat, which under normal conditions, could not have been discovered. Mr. Morris also testifled that he inspected the boiler of the locomotive in question less than

charch, Sunday night, Mrs.
Fory will sing. There will be ◆

• special Easter music. You are •

a month ago and at that time found

it in the best of condition. He fur-

ther told of investigating similar

wrecks in time past, and in each

instance, found the explosions due

to low water. One of these acci-

dents occurred at Sheds, Oregon.

about two years ago, and another in

California a short time previously

frequent intervals, and that a card

the cab in accordance with the feder-

al laws. He said that he had been

unable to locate the card in this par-

Beard and Harden.

gineer by the Southern Paicfic Com-

pany, but of late engaged in the

mercantile business at Yoncalla, and

L. H. Harden, a Yoncalia merchant, who were called to investigate the

accident yesterday morning, testified

ns to their observations. Mr. Beard,

who is well versed in boilers, said be

found the crown sheet in the fire box.

apparently as it had fallen at the

time of the explosion. He also told

of investigating the crown sheet

bolts, which in some instances he

claimed, were badly worn. He also

gave testimony to the effect that a

number of stay bolts were broken

and that several flues showed evi-

dence of leaking. The latter defects

he claimed were of no great impor-

tauce, however, considering that they

would have little to do in causing to

explosion of this nature. Although

reciting the details of the above de-

fects which he declared existed at

the time of the explosion, he said his

formal report showed that the loco-

motive probably exploded through

lack of water. He said this was his

pinion and was not conclusive. J. H. Harden, of Yoncalls, who as-

isted Mr. Beard in the examination

of the locomotive, corroberated Mr.

Beard's statements in detail when

placed on the witness stand. Har-

he had never had any experience with

boilers and consequently was not

Trainmen On Stand.

Jesse Woodson, engineer: R. C.

obinson, fireman; L. C. Johnson,

onductor: M. B. Young and J. T.

Bratten, brakeman, were also called

is witnesses at the inquest this morn-

the explosion, and of finding the III-

right-of-way. They did not attempt

ocomotive at the time of the accid-

the enginmen on the locomotive im-

mediately behind the ill-fated engine

while Conductor Johnson and Brake-

men Bratten and Young were mem

Foreman Testifies

Southern Pacific shops, testified that

he made a complete inspection of the

wrecked boiler and found the grown

sheet as it had fallen at the time o

fect condition, and consequently had nothing to do in allowing the crown

theet to fall. Mr. Adams said be

rown sheet, and upon brief investi-

gation, found evidence tending to in

heated. This, he said was due to :

Adams further testified that the soft

was missing and had either blowed

out at the time of the accident or

was later removed without authority.

fated locomotive was in when it left

the shops on the morning of the

explosion, he said he inspected it

personally and found it in good

shape. Mr. Adams said it was his

opinion that the explosion was caus-

ed by low water, which was substan-

tiated in the condition of the crown

sheet when inspected yesterday

morning. Pieces of steel, including

nart of the crown sheet of the ill-

fated locomotive, have been placed

(Continued on page 4.)

Asked as to what condition the iii

plug, stationed in the crown sheet

lack of water in the boiler.

paid particular attention

bers of the train crew.

Woodsen and Robinson were

fated enginmen dead beside the

o tell from what cause the expl

These witnesses simply told of

preceding witness.

len admitted upon examination that

F. L. Heard, once employed as en

· cordially invited.

Candidate For Secretary of State is Here Today.

DOUGLAS COUNTY IS FOR HIM

Record of Ren Olcott, as Manager o Gov. West's Campaign, Puts Him Out of The Race.

Frank S. Fields, who for ten years ounty, and who has given that couny the best record of efficiency and orimary election to be held on the 19th of this month, was a visitor in toseburg today.

Mr. Fields' visit here was short ut brought bim many promises of upport from republican voters. The teneral feeling here is that Ben Olott, who is also aspiring to the same

HON, FRANK 8, FIELDS



Who Is a Republican Candidate For

omination has no just claim on it although he holds himself as a re sublican. Olcott was two years uge the campaign manager for Gov. Os. West, and in that campaign he (Olott) spent \$1,500.00 of his own noney to help elect West to the gov rnor's office. Later when Secretary of State Benson died Goy. West apinted Olcott to serve until the next election which is this tall. Now Olcort decided that he wants the job for a regular term and is asking the coters of the state to forget his part In the election of Gov. West and vants the good republicans to stand ay him and nominate him for this important position in the state house. Fields has been a life long repub-

lican and a staunch friend of the Portland and Multnomah county the on occurred or the condition of the that that county has ever had. He comes before the republican voters with a clean record and seeks by their votes the nomination for secretary of

During his stay here he was entertained by local republicans and a umber of them took him to dinner orthern points at 1 50 this after-L. C. Adams, foreman of the local noon.

MORE FIRE PROTECTION

the explosion. He contended that Wanted By The Volunteer Department-Conditions Are Bad Now,

> Claiming that the fire protection from time to time in this city, and in tion. fution of the situation the members it the volunteer fire department met throughout the district, not night to consider what course to mrane. No definite program was aranged and after some discussion a ommittee was appointed to confer with the Board of Fire Commissioners of Roseburg and with the Com-Club. The committee is composed of J. R. Chapman, Chief Engineer Parrott and Assistant Eugineer Jas. Perry.

This committee will go late the alarming fire protection here and will make some report to the two bodies . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . mentioned above. One of the volung representative of The News, "We are wholly unable to cope with the situation here now. The smallest fire is hardly within our grasp. We need . Parrott bldg. before the jury in order to assist a hetter method of getting to fires, a better fire signal system and better . .

equipment. If a really serious fire should occur we would have to stand around and watch the fire burn. Something must be done and for that will be aroused to this necessity.'

OREGON STATE GRANGE.

Will Convene In Roseburg, Ore., On May 14.

The thirty-ninth annual session of he Oregon State Grange will conene at Roseburg, Ore., Tuesday, May 14, at 10 o'clock a. m. The session vill continue for four days, closing riday evening. The annual conention rates, on the certificate plan for all members of the order who at tend the session, have been ordered by the following transportation com panies: Southern Pacific, Corvallis & Eastern, Pacific Railroad & Naviminess it has ever had in that of gation Co., Oregon-Washington R. & lice, and who is the republican can. N. Co., Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Co., Oregon Trunk Line (in Central Oregon), and Oregon Short These arrangements do not Line. apply to the Oregon Electric nor to be S. P. & S. of Goble. All memers of the order purchasing tickets o Roseburg on these lines will ask he agent for a certificate. That cerrificate properly signed at the seson will entitle the holder to a one hird fare return ticket, provided said ertificate is presented to the railroad igent at Roseburg within 48 hours ifter the close of the session.

T. L. LEE. State Deputy of Oregon Grange

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cobb pleasantly ntertained a few of the public teachrs last Thursday evening at a six clock dinner. Those present were Miss Tipton, Miss Parrott, Miss Doan, Mrs. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. J.

Now's the time to buy that new mahine. We have only the very best, he old reliable Singer. A machine with a record for worth, at a price ower than any agent will offer. Rice & Rice, the house furnishers,

William Harris, who is employed in he Douglas County Abstract office, ind Edward Cockelrease, candidate or county assessor, subject to the will of the republican voters at the grimary election on April 19, went o Canyonville this morning where they will spend a few days.

District Fruit Commissioner A. H. larson, of Grants Pass, arrived in toseburg last night and left this norning for Portland where he will ttend a meeting of the state fruit aspectors. Mr. Carson says the outook for a bumper fruit crop was nevr better than at present. In fact, he mays the yield will eclipse all prerious years, barring the possibility of a frost. He reports a light frost throughout the Rogue River Valley vesterday morning, but fortunately the fruit was unburt. The only varicty of fruit that has as yet suffered First Methodist Episcopal Church, to any extent from frosts is the early

The fourth annual convention of lety of Klamath district held very the evening, interesting meetings in the Methodist hurch Thursday and Friday of this Christian Church, ceek. Mrs. A. N. Fisher, corresponding secretary of the Columbia river Eugene, were present and gave very We will be pleased to see you at our floral offerings were beautiful. inspiring and helpful talks. Mrs. services. Moote a returned missionary to the Philippines was present also, and Christian Ccience Society. cave two very instructive talks. Mrs. G. F. Billings and Mrs. R. E. Dun-Bates, Mrs. A. Davis, of Oakland; to 4 p. m. daily except Sunday. with the smaller fires that break out Mile, were delegates to the conven-visit the reading room Mrs Billiags, corresponding endeavor to bring about some so- secretary of the district, gave a very Presbyterian Church. encouraging report of the work done

### CARPETS AND RUGS.

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Eyes fitted with glasses, rott bldg. Roseburg, Or.

Is Expected in Memphis Sometime Sunday.

COVERNMENT ABANDONS LEVIES

A Clash Within The Miners' Federa tion Is Reported Today-Many Threaten to Leave The Union,

(Special to The Evening News.) CAIRO, April 6 .- With the Miss sippi river at the 54 foot water tage and still showing a tendene o rise, nearly every able bodied resi dent of Cairo is today laboring to strengthen the levers which are said be weakening under the heavy Today the water, is even strain. higher than yesterday, with no indication of relief in sight,

In the vicinity of Sickman, Ky. nore than 100,000 acres of cotton and is submerged, and the loss is stimated at fully \$100 per acre While not in a position to make public accurate figures regarding the oss to date, conservative estimates place the damage at no less than \$5, 100,000,

Levees Are Abandoned.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 6 .- All ope of saving the St. Francis levee and the St. Francis basin was abanloned by government officials today the levees are gradually growing weaker and will probably give away pefore nightfall. This will mean the devastation of thousands of acres of tillable land in this section as well is a general suspension in business The local railroad bridge, estimated to cost \$5,000,000 is also in date The crest of the flood is ex sected on Sunday when the greatest damage will likely result.

Withdraw from Union.

LONDON, Eng., April 6.-A clash within the ranks of the miners' federation came today, when a number of its members threatened to withdraw from the union in the event the labor leaders persisted in calling off the present strike. The leaders are unanimous in their opinion that the men should accept the minimum wage scale and return to work. To day's clash came at a secret meeting of the federation and has cause quite a sensation. It is reported here this afternoon that one-third of th men will return to work Monday morning, regardless of the attitude displayed by those who solicit a cotinuation of the trouble.

### CHURCH NOTICES.

Preaching morning and evening by ne pastor. There will be beautithe pastor. ful Easter music at night by the large junfor chorus of 50 voices. The pusbe Woman's Foreign Missionary So- for will preach a revival sermon in Everyhody com-

school at 1 0a. m. Easter exercises ranch, and Mrs. H. D. Kimball, will follow immediately after Sunday president of the Columbia river school; C. E. 6.30 p. m.. Special branch, and Mrs. J. T. Abbott, of program and short sermon at 7:30, at was largely attended, while the

Corner Lane and Main streets Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Sunday of Ashland; Mrs. S. Loughridge, lesson sermon subject "Unreality" and Mrs. J. M. Isham, of Grants a. m. Wednesday evening testi-Paus; Mrs. M. L. Jenkins, of Wil-monlai services 8 p. m. Reading burn; Mrs. M. E. Davis, Mrs. W. N. room in same building open 2 p. m. of this city is inadequate to cope even Mrs. Rosen and Mrs. Rummel, of Ten are invited to attend the services and

J. E. Burkhart, pastor. Sunday chool at 10 a. m.; morning worship at 11 o'clock; Junior C. E. at 3 p. m.; Y. P. B. C. E. at 6:30 pc m.; evening worship at 7:30; prayer that they may be persuaded to lend meeting on Wednesday evening of 7:30. The services tomorrow will be appropriate to Easter, with special are cordially invited to attend. Come that time the place of holding the

Saint George's Church.

at 5:00 p. m. No evening service, adopted,

Baptist Church.

school 10 a. m.; preaching service 11:00 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.; evening service 7:30 p. m. There will be a special musical program appropriate for Easter at the morn ing preaching hour, and an Easter sermon by the pastor. At the evenpecial Easter program given by the choir and the primary department of the Sunday school. You will enjoy these services. Come and see,

Methodist Episcopal Church, South. K. M. Mears, pastor. Preaching by he pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. Morning theme, "The Resurred evening theme, "A Young Man Citizen or A Young Man and His Politics"; Junior League meets at paper, in which he was described as Lengue at 5:30 Sanday evening; Sab-bath school meets at 10 a, m. with W. orful political boss of San Francisco, bath school meets at 10 a, m. with W. L. Cobb as superintendent. There today published a partial statement will be special Easter music at both of his connection with graft in the of the services under the direction of Bulletin. He mentions Patrick Cal-Prof. Fory. You are cordially invited to all of the services of the William Herron, of the Southern Pa-

TWO SPECIAL SERVICES CHURCH TOMORROW.

The Sunday school will give an aster program at 11 n. m., and the Cantata "Queen Esther" at 7:30 p. Mr. McConnell will deliver a ort sermon at the evening service.

LOCAL NEWS.

William Jackson, spent the day in oseburg tooking after various busi-

Hermann Marsters, the plumber, prepared to install gas fittings as vell as pipe houses. He guarantees ils work to be first-class in every expect.

Deputy Sheriff Ralph Quine arived here last evening from Marshfield with L. F. Thom, who is ac-used of burglarizing the home of icorgo Winston, near Winstons, a hort time ago. The prisoner will robably be retained at the county all when he will be given a prelimnary hearing before Justice of the Peace Reuben Marsters.

A. R. Downs, a property owner in oad district No. 2, has filed a suit in o enjoin Sheriff George Quine from oliecting a special road tax levted n that district. He alleges that the oad election was illegal, and conequently is not binding upon those effected. Downs claims that the road secting was not legally called, neithr was the notice signed by more ban 45 voters of the district. The claintiff is represented by Attorneys Cardwell & Watson,

The tuneral of the late A. S. Aderon, one of the victims in Thursday's explosion, was held at the Roseernoon under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen. Rev. J. E. Burkbart, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiated. interment of the body followed in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. The funer-

In a determined effort to make

Western Oregon, the several committees recently appointed by carlons Odd Fellow lodges of this ricinity, met in the Odd Fellow's hall last evening and formulated plans whereby they expect to obtain the inuual meeting of the Grand Lodge. O. O. F., for Roseburg in the year 1913. Sub-committees were appointed to confer with the business nen of Douglas county as well a the various commercial bodies. These committees will also communi alcate with the members of other lodges throughout the state in hope their influence in assisting Roseburg in securing the convention. The convention for the year 1912 convenes in Pendleton in May, and at convention in 1913 will be selected. Local Odd Fellows interested in the proposition claim that this conven-Corner Main and Cass streets. The tion will result in great good for the Rev'd Charles Wilson Baker, rector Lown, considering that it is usually Holy communion at attended by no less than 2,000 dele-7.28 a. m.; morning prayer and holy maies. These delegates come from institution of which the people of communion at 11:00. The Rev'd all sections of the state, and as a Mr. Powell, of Portland, will preach rate, remain for about a week. Anat this service. Evening prayer at other meeting of the sub-committees 3:00. Ascalon Commandery will at-tend this service. Children's festival at which time further plans will be

## **RUEF IS ANGRY**

Is Called Human Hyena by Newspapers.

SPELLBINDERS ARE VERY BUSY

hicago Woman Is Awarded \$2,500 Damages Suit . To Recover \$100,000-Says Reputation Wes Attacked.

(Special to The Evening News.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 6 .-Angry because of a recent editorial in a San Francisco morning news-30 Sunday afternoon and Senior a human hyena and a "surly cuaning houn, of the United Rallroads, and church. Come and worship with us. cific, and others who are anxious that he reserve publication of the graft proceedings.

In his article he says he will tell all when the indictments against him are dismissed as they will soon be if the advice of the prosecutor is acted upon. Ruef says he will give a full hoir will render portions of the and complete history of the alleged conferences with Calhoun and others regarding the corrupt use of money.

Makes Twenty-Two Speeches. LINCOLN, Neb., April 6 .- Traveling 200 miles and making 22 speeches in the presence of no less than 15,-000 people is the remarkable record of United States Senator LaFollette yesterday. LaFollette spoke to varled audiences, including farmers merchants, professional others. He closed the day with a rousing speech in the auditorium of this city. Today the Senator is speaking at Omaha. On Monday he speaks in Western Nebraska, later leaving for the West where he will

stump Oregon Others Also Busy.

CHICAGO, III., April 6 .- With 3 special trains transporting persidential candidates touring Illinois today, a score or more of spell-binders are busy boosting their favorite candidates. Among these distinguished men are President Taft, Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, and Secretary James Wilson, of the department of agriculture, who is one of Taft's strongest supporters.

Must Pay \$2,500 Damages

CHICAGO, III., April 6 .- Dean Marion Talbot, of the Chicago university, must pay Eather Mercy \$2,-500. This is the amount the jury today awarded the plaintiff in her suit for \$100,000 brought against Talbot, who is alleged to have attacked the defendant's moral character.

TRIAL EARLY NEXT WEEK. Bawdy House Inmates Will Stand Trial In Court.

The two bawdy house inmates who vere arrested Thursday afternoon will stand trial in City Recorder Carl Wimberly's court. They were arraigned late Thursday and both entered pleas of not guilty. Later both were liberated on the deposit of a \$25,00 cash ball.

The trial will be Monday or Tues-

THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

iidn't leave an unlimited supply of cash for furnishings, so Jack and Mrs. Jack came to us to find a WAY. You ought to see their home. No louse in town is more artistic. The otal outlay is so small as to astonish

RICE & RICE, The House Furnishers. A MARVELOUS RECORD.

In 1909, also in 1910 and again n 1911 Oregon Life sold more policles in Oregon than any other company. March, 1912, was the biggest month that this company has ever had, and in the first quarter of 1912 more policies were issued than ever before in any three months since organization. Death losses paid remain just where they were at the lose of business, December 31, 1911, namely, a total of only \$38,000 sine organization of Oregon Life. Mr. John F. Roche, the well known expert on life insurance, says: "Orethe state, the directors and its policy

bolders may well be proud." William Emery, of Coles Valley, spent the day in Roseburg attending to various business interests.