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## FIREMEN HAVE POOR EYESIGHT

### Three O. R. & N. Firemen Lose their Position on Account of Being Color Blind.

Three new firemen on the Mountain division of the O. R. & N. at this point have been discharged through defective eyesight, developed at the physical examinations now in progress there.

These men could not distinguish between green and red lights. Signs nor signal boards, their sense of color being completely deficient. The physicians tried every imaginable method to see if it was not a case of embarrassment that caused the firemen to guess so wildly on colors of common objects, but found that their failure was due to the entire absence of the sense of distinguishing colors and recommended that they be dismissed from service, as they would be unsafe employees in handling trains or engines.

The old employees so far as examined are passing satisfactorily, and it is not thought any of the engineers will be questioned severely as to either sight or hearing.

One of the firemen dismissed was a promoted man from the round house at Pendleton and the others were hired men from other roads. The company has a peculiarly robust and healthy class of engine men on this division. At one time about two years ago, there were nine firemen on

the extra list at La Grande every one of whom weighed over 185 pounds, and was six feet tall or over six. Not one of the lot was addicted to drink habit and only three of the nine smoked tobacco.

### Ban On Books

Washington, April 11.—Books cannot go through the mails as second class mail matter, according to a decision of the supreme court today in what is called the "Second-class mail matter case," brought by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. of Boston, and other publishers. The court below being sustained.

The postmaster-general maintained that the Riverside Literary Series, Columbia Literary Detective Library and other so-called libraries, should be excluded. The publishers contended they were periodicals.

For 16 years these publications have had second class privilege.

### Baker County

The following is the ticket nominated by the republican of Baker county Representative, A. P. Smith of Bourne. Commissioners, J. J. Fisher, Sheriff, H. K. Brown, Recorder, Robert Henry, Clerk, C. M. Kellogg, Assessor, Jerry Fleetwood, Treasurer, Robert Palmer School Superintendent, M. O. Perry, Coroner, T. N. Snow.

## INDICTED FORGER

### Henry Meldrum, Formerly Surveyor-General for Oregon.

Portland Or April 12.—Charged by the United States Grand Jury with the crime of forgery of a title of pretend settlers on unsurveyed Government lands for the purpose of defrauding the United States of said lands, Henry Meldrum, formerly Surveyor-General for the District of Oregon, appeared in the United States District Court this morning, and pleaded not guilty. He waived arraignment. The indictment against him contained 21 counts, arising out of 18 alleged forgeries of affidavits.

### Senator Quay Ill.

New York, April 11.—United States Senator Quay is reported ill at Atlantic City. No one is allowed to see him. It is stated that the Senator must have absolute rest and be free from presence of all care. He is 71 years old.

### Inquiry Resumed

Washington D C April 12.—The investigation of the protests against the retention of his seat by Senator Reed Smoot of Utah was resumed today by the senate committee on privileges and elections.

### Case Sent Back

Washington, April 12.—The United States Supreme court has remanded the case of the state of Minnesota vs the Northern Securities Co back to the state court on the ground that the circuit court had jurisdiction.

### Galesburg High School Burns

Galesburg, Ill. April 12.—The Galesburg high school was destroyed by fire today. One fireman was killed by falling walls. Loss \$100,000.

### For Roosevelt.

Up to date, there have been 230 delegates instructed for Roosevelt, and 109 elected uninstructed.

### Insured For \$200,000

W. M. Ladd of Portland has insured his life for \$200,000, the largest amount ever carried by an Oregonian.

### Rathbone Sisters.

The Rathbone Sisters entertained the members of the Knights of Pythias in K of P hall last evening. A musical and literary program was rendered and a banquet was served and all had a good time.

### Tuesday Musical

The Lyle Tuesday Musical met yesterday afternoon the program which was as follows was arranged by Mrs Geo. Currey

- Life of Schuman.....Mrs Geo Currey Piano
- (a) Huntsman Song Schuman
- (b) Joyous Farmer.....Mrs Geo Currey Piano
- Life of Brahms.....Mrs Geo Currey Piano
- Hungarian Dance.....Brahms
- Miss Jessie Wade
- Vocal Solo
- "The Song I heard one Sunday Morn" Miss Bessie Worstell
- Piano Solo.....Mrs W W Berry
- Talk on Overture.....Mrs. Lyle
- Guitar Solo
- Pilgrim's Chorus ("Tannhauser") Wagner.....Mrs A L Richardson
- Anthem, This is the day.....Gaul
- Presbyterian Choir
- Musical Contest.....Piano
- Mrs Geo H Currey

In the musical contest Mrs Geo Currey secured first honors in naming the greatest number of strains from familiar selections.

The next musicale will be under the direction of Miss Bessie Worstell.

## FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

Washington April 12.—The house is considering the river and harbor appropriations bill. It carries \$3,000,000 to be expended only where improvements are already begun and not more than \$50,000 on any one project.

In the senate the chairman presented an invitation to congress to Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The bill accepting the status of Kocziusko from the Polish-American society was passed.

The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was ordered re-committed.

A resolution by Hoar instructs the secretary of the navy to furnish information as to the value of American fisheries as a resource for the supply of seamen of the navy especially in time of war was passed.

## LARGEST CHECK EVER DRAWN

New York April 12.—Probably the largest check ever drawn as regards the amount of payments used will be delivered to the Catholic University of America in Washington next Wednesday by the Knights of Columbus for the establishment of a chair of secular history. The check beautiful engraved will measure eight by four feet. I will contain the names of all the council that contributed to the fund will be drawn to the order of the Catholic university and signed by the officials of the Knights. Elaborate exercises will accompany the presentation.

## Will Not Give Up

Walla Walla April 12.—The church delegation which visited all the saloons and cigar stores last night with notifications to close has decided to lay information before the prosecuting attorney if the resorts are open next Sunday.

## Procurers

Spokane, April 11.—The Press today exposed employment agents in Spokane who are charged with procuring innocent girls for houses of ill fame. All but two agents in the city are involved.

## Hobson Defeated

Birmingham Ala April 12.—Returns from the democratic primaries indicate that Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, has been defeated for congress by J Thomas Heffin.

## FIGHTING HAS BEGUN AT YALU

### The Japanese Troops Inaugurate a Naval Movement Against Niu Chwang.

London, April 12.—A Tokio dispatch renews the rumor that fighting has commenced along the Yalu.

### CONFIRMATION OF FIGHTING

London, April 12.—A Seoul dispatch this afternoon says that Japanese officers at the Korean capital report frequent skirmishes not far from Wiju, on Korean soil. The main body of Japanese is not far from the shores of the Yalu.

### HEADED FOR NIU CHWANG

St. Petersburg, April 12.—An official dispatch from Port Arthur this morning reports that a Japanese squadron appeared on the horizon off Port Arthur this morning, but did not approach the fortifications. It was proceeding apparently in the direction of Niu Chwang.

### For District Attorney

"It is a neck and neck race in Baker County for the District Attorneyship," said Chairman Saxton this morning.

I am pretty certain that I have the Convention, said Judge J. B. Messick.

"I have won out in the primaries and expect the Convention by a fair majority," said the present incumbent, Sam White.

"It was the biggest vote ever cast at a Democratic primary in Baker City," said Chairman Saxton. "It was like a regular election. They voted early and late and the contest was fought to the closing of the polls. I do not think there is ten votes difference in the standing of the candidates before the convention. We have not heard from all of the precincts yet, but according to conservative estimates it is very close with honors in Messick's favor. Still, it would not be a safe bet either way."

The Chairman stated that the whole race over the county was on the District Attorneyship. No other interest was involved for the time being.

### MESSICK TALKS

"I have made a hard and honest fight," said Judge Messick this morning to an Evening Herald representative. "I believe I am a winner. I am counting on my friends from the country. I have conducted a square campaign. You may say that Sam White individually voted the saloons, the gamblers, the hangers-on and the what-nots of the City and by this means defeated me in the precincts where that element dominate. They attempted to run them in on me in the Third but I

was on the ground and stopped it. We had a clean vote there and I carried the precinct. It was in Sam White's own precinct, too.

### SAM-WHITE TALKS

"We had a hard fight," said Sam White this morning. "My friends did nobly by me as they have always done and I feel gratified over the result. The election was conducted fairly and squarely and I got a majority of the delegates. I expect to go before the Convention with a safe majority, and furthermore, I expect to win out in the Convention here, at the District Convention and at the polls. I have no animosity toward any one but on the other hand am pleased and grateful to my friends and the voters of Baker County who have expressed the will of the Democratic party in my behalf."

### Fight With Moros.

Manila, April 11.—The news reached here today of a fight between Gen. Wood's forces and Moros at Taraca river. The Moros attacked the Americans, but were repulsed with great slaughter. Their leaders however escaped. The Americans lost two killed and six wounded.

### Is The First

J. R. Burton of Kansas, is the first United States senator since the foundation of the government to be convicted of crime while in office.

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### "THE FAIR"

Man tailored to measure ladies skirts as made by the Royal Tailors have caught the popular fancy. The spring models are strikingly original while the detail care bestowed on each garment gives it a style, completeness and beauty of finish seldom produced except by the highest-priced exclusive ladies' tailors. Royal prices are remarkably low and each skirt is guaranteed to give entire satisfaction—See The Fair about them.

## House Cleaning



House cleaning time is at hand and many new household furnishings will be needed. Chief among them are new lace curtains. We have planned for and made extensive preparation for this spring's house cleaning time and show the most complete line of lace curtains we have ever placed on sale. Beautiful Nottinghams, Bobbinets and point lace. We bought them at *before* and so can you. Prices 6.00, 3.50, 3.25, 3.00, 2.75, 2.50, 1.50, 1.25, 1.00 and *Pants Suits*

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