

## NARROW ESCAPE

**Twenty-three Men go Down with Bridge at Weatherby and Several Seriously Injured.**

An accident occurred near Weatherby yesterday which nearly caused the death of twenty-three bridge carpenters who were working on the long bridge known by the railroad men as number 349. The men were in the center of the bridge attempting to get it in condition to allow the train to pass and get the mail across the river when the center bents went out carrying the bridge and carpenters away with it. Six of the men were more or less injured several seriously injured. The men were carried on down stream a considerable distance before they were rescued. It is considered almost

a miracle that the entire twenty-three were not drowned. The loss of this bridge puts all hope of making a transfer of the mail and passengers for the next three or four days out of the question. There are now at Baker City three trains which are unable to get any further east. Last night No. 2 was snatched at Pendleton, but No. 6 will go as far as Baker City in the morning. La Grande can expect but one train a day from now until the road is again open for business.

## Mob Demand Prisoner

Danver, April 15.—Specials from Central City say that a mob has surrounded the jail there and demanded that the Sheriff turn over to them Axel D. Galbraith, the self-confessed murderer of his wife, a nine-year-old boy. Galbraith was until recently a prominent manager and was held in esteem.

## Hearst on Top

The Democracy of Oregon City have declared for Hearst. This about settles the fate of Parker, Cleveland, Oney, Bryan, Gorman and a few others who will retire into oblivion and tell their grandchildren how they missed being President by overlooking the mighty man, next to the spreading ferns of Clatskanie county Oregon.

## NEGRO DANCE

**Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Simpson Entertain the Dark Town Population in Royal Style.**

The "Dark Town" population held forth in Armory hall last evening, the guests of Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Simpson. All the black chilleens were there dressed in their spade tailed coats and high silk hats, their best calico gowns and striped stockings, their high collars and flashy ties. The cullud orchestra was there too, and the way those niggers danced to their old plantation music was not slow.

But the dance was a success as all those given by Prof. and Mrs. Simpson are. Under their able management they could not be otherwise. The best of order and decorum was maintained and all present pronounced it one of the most successful terpsichorean events

enjoyed in La Grande in a long time. The first prize for the most original costume was won by Lucy Harmon and Herbie Ormond, the second by Ethel Gulling and Archie Stone and the cake walk prize was awarded to Charles Oliver and Nellie Disqua.

## Shot As Spies

Washington, April 16.—The Russian government has given notice that newspaper correspondents using wireless telegraph will be treated as spies and shot.

This notice was served on the State Department by Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, today, and it is understood that similar communications were made to all foreign offices.

## Oregon Gold

Washington, April 15.—Secretary Shaw today notified Senator Mitchell that he would direct that Oregon gold be used in coining the Lewis and Clark souvenir dollars.

## DAMEN KRANZ

**Entertained by Misses Mertie Aldrich and Bessie Worstell at the Latter's Home.**

The young ladies of the Damen Kranz were entertained most pleasantly at the home of Miss Bessie Worstell last evening, Mrs. Worstell being assisted in entertaining by Miss Mertie Aldrich. The evening's entertainment was in the form of an "Old Maids Party." The programs were written on cards cut to resemble a cat. Refreshments such as only old maids enjoy, were served consisting of tea wafers etc.

The prize for the most original old maids costume was awarded to Miss Allie Stevens and Miss Lillian McCall won the prize in a guessing contest.

Those present were Misses Edna Schilke Lillian McCall Mary Ramsey Moins Aikine Gertrude Mitchell Grace Kinsey Emma and Marie Clark Mrs. C. J. Scriber and Mrs. S. C. Williams.

About 10 o'clock the old maids were surprised by the arrival of several old bachelors who declared they had been spending a woefully lonesome evening and thought they would seek more congenial company. The old bachelors were Messrs. Fred Geibel Fred Fischer Elva Jamison Walter Ferguson and Mr. McFarland.

A new member was taken into the club in the person of Mrs. C. J. Scriber.

## Farmers Dance

The widely heralded Farmers dance to be given under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. Simpson two of the most successful originators of novelties to be found in the entire West, will be given in Armory hall Thursday evening, April 21. The genteel farmer and the awkward rube, the bashful girl and the gay daisy, will be their. The fellows are requested to bring their lanterns as the barn will be a little dark. The Armory hall will be made to look as much like a barn as possible and the rube's chair will be seated on bales of hay and straw. The grand march will be led by Hannah Liz Perkins and her feller, Haskiah Hapfeld. The fellers will play any tune you want. The rube's feller or the rube will be dressed in a cowdrill. Girls must not be useful when the fellers ask them to dance. Girls must not be highfalutin in dress, just wear calico and gingham dresses and sunbonnets and straw hats and remember the date, Thursday, April 21. For invites see prospectus.

## Shipping Rhubarb

Walla Walla, April 16.—Probably 1,000 boxes of "green stuff" consisting mainly of rhubarb, but with a small proportion of asparagus and green onions were sent out of Walla Walla yesterday.

## Meet In May

The Oregon Federation of Labor meet this year in Oregon City May 2.

## LOCAL OPTION

**Liquor Men Inaugurate a Fight Against that Law, Claiming it means Prohibition.**

The brewers and wholesale liquor dealers have opened their fight against the local-option law by sending letters to their customers informing them that they have organized to defeat the law. Among other matters this letter states that the local-option measure is a dangerous law and drawn that should it pass it would mean practically prohibition in the state. That the liquor interest must poll not less than 35,000 votes in order to have any chance to defeat it.

The letter closes: "If the local-option law is not beaten at the coming June election you will have to fight a prohibition election in your own precinct next November. Did you know this?"—Milton Eagle.

## W. C. T. U. Election

At their regular meeting the W. C. T. U. elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Olive Bolton; Vice Pres., Mrs. M. R. Stephenson; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Adcock; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. Aldrich; Cor. Sec., Mrs. L. B. Smith.

The Union extended a unanimous vote of thanks to the retiring president, Mrs. M. R. Stephenson, who has served the society so long and efficiently. Mrs. Stephenson has been a member of the Union for 20 years, during which time she has been a source of great help and strength to the organization, and has been a leading factor in all its efforts for good. She will long be held in grateful remembrance by those associated with her in the work. She declined to longer take the lead, her heart is still with the Union and she will labor with and for it as she has always done.

## Warriors of 1844

Thirty thousand men are drawing service pensions as survivors of the Mexican war.

## Chronicle Attached

The employees in the Chronicle office for several weeks have been trying to secure the wages due them, and matters came to an end yesterday they refused to get the paper out and in the evening foreman Stephen A. Cady filed an attachment in the sum of \$185.00.

The total amount of wages due is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$500.

The probabilities are that matters will be satisfactory adjusted Monday.

## Guilty

Scott Goodall was arraigned before recorder Miller yesterday morning charged with cruelty to animals in driving a lame horse to his delivery wagon.

He pled not guilty, and brought the horse before the court, besides other testimony. While it was evident that Mr. Goodall thought he was inflicting no injury to the animal. The court held after hearing all the evidence that the ordinance had been violated and fined the defendant the lowest possible amount five dollars and costs, in all \$17.40.

## Birthday Anniversary

Yesterday was the sixth anniversary of master Willie Snodgrass of this city. The day was one which master Willie will remember as one of the most pleasant within his memory. A number of his little friends were invited to spend the afternoon with him and to say they had a most enjoyable time in getting the case very nicely. The little ones were treated to cake and candy and oranges. Master Willie was the recipient of many handsome presents. The amusement consisted of music and games. Those present were: Dorris Reavis Lois Reavis Mildred Reavis Helen Bartlett Lois Givan Maude Snodgrass A gnes Grant Bessie Beuhler Alice Hill Cecil Lilly Dorothy Romig Ruth Ardrey Etha Thomas Leona Newlin Mary Newlin Stella Bodmer Frottie Collier Freddie Book Richard Hansen Victor Hansen Clayton Ingals Jimmie Romig Gladys Romig Dean Smith Albert McOrary Marie and Willis Snodgrass.

## Mohair Pool Sold

Dallas, Or., April 15.—The Folk County Mohair Association sold its pool today to H. L. Fenton, of Dallas at 34 cents. The pool represents 40,000 pounds. It was sold at public auction.

## DO NOT MIX WELL

**Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, in Chicago, Objects to Light Operas.**

Chicago April 15.—Dr. James S. Stone, rector of St. James Episcopal church has put a stop to the church choir's custom of giving operas, light or otherwise.

"Religion and the theater do not mix well in the way St. James' choir has been trying to mix it," declared the rector. "I do not have any objection to members of the choir appearing in operas as individuals. I am, however, opposed to operas being given in the name of the church."

## Roosevelt and Elkins

Charleston W. Va. April 15.—The West Virginia Republican State Convention today instructed its delegates at large for Roosevelt for President and Elkins for Vice President. All the district conventions had previously acted likewise, making 14 delegates secured for the Roosevelt column. The feature of the convention was the speech of Senator Scott, chairman of the convention, member of the National committee, former associate of Senator Hanna, and prominently mentioned for chairman of the next National Convention.

## \$100,000 School

The Young Mens Christian Association at Spokane are planning to build a house to cost \$100,000 in which an Industrial School will be established.

## Bottled Up

The little sober Japs are giving the beer bloated, brandy obfuscated big Russians a striking temperance lecture by bottling them up in Port Arthur.

## Buglar Dead

Daniel Keegan the buglar who blew the last call at Appomattox and really blew the last bugle call sounded for the Confederacy is dead at New Orleans.

## THINKING HARD

About the April

## Shirt Waist Sale?

We've been thinking about them for some time.—Have one thought all expressed in garments now, and we've put on them....



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You must have shirt waists for the coming warm weather, so here is your chance. 1000 waists in our stock and all reduced. Waists ranging in price from 40c up. A nice line of wash silk waists beautifully trimmed in drawn work and insertion at \$3.00. Come early as this big sale only lasts three days, ending Saturday, April 16.

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