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HURT BY THE TRAIN

Passenger Receives Serious Injury.

Mr. Walter Wilbur, of Dayton, Washington was severely hurt this morning in attempting to board passenger train No 6 as it was leaving Pendleton. As Mr. Wilbur was attempting to board the train, in some manner he slipped and the result was a severe fall.

Although he was severely bruised otherwise, the worst hurt was a cut on the lip. He succeeded in making

the train, but when he reached this place he was so weak from the pain that he was unable to go further and so he stopped off here for the services of a physician. Dr. Motitor attended to his wounds, and it was necessary to take two stitches in his upper lip. The injuries sustained although very painful are not serious and Mr. Wilbur will resume his journey to Shoshone, Idaho to which place he was enroute when the accident occurred. At last reports Mr. Wilbur was resting easily but was still too weak to move about.

Exhibit Hall

M. L. Cansey informed an Observer representative this afternoon that he would let the contract for the construction of the Exhibit Hall Monday. There will be thousands pass through our city during 1905 and the great majority will never forget the exhibit that can and will be made at our depot of our varied products.

Accidentally Shot

Spokane, Dec. 19.—Ex-Chief of Police E. M. Woydt, was accidentally shot this afternoon, the bullet passing through his body about three inches above his heart. His revolver fell from its holster, striking a rock and discharging the weapon. He has a slight chance for recovery.

RUSSIAN OFFICER DESCRIBES BATTLE

Japanese Won Their Point, but With Great Sacrifice—Blood Flowed in Rivulets.

Ohe Foo, Dec. 19.—For ferocity and sustained desperation on both sides the struggle for the possession of High hill was probably the most remarkable in the history of the siege of Port Arthur a siege noted for slaughter. The statement is based on an interview which the correspondent of the Associated Press had with Commander Mizseneoff, executive officer of the battleship Poltava up to the time that vessel was disabled and who, as already told, headed the party of seven Russians who left Port Arthur in a sailboat December 15.

"The Japanese were compelled to clamber up the slopes of the hill, in many cases without firing, in the face of one of the most murderous deluges ever poured from rifles and machine guns. I was there and it seemed to me that flesh and blood would be unable to stand our fire for a minute. The enemy went down in squads and companies, but always there were others grimly coming forward. Their bravery was beyond praise as was that of our own men. Sometimes the fighting was hand to hand, with the muzzles of the rifles at the breasts of the contestants, the bayonets being used as swords. The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies and the snow was crimsoned with the blood

of the wounded, some of whom had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness surcease for their dying agonies.

"Eventually, as in similar instances which were to follow, we retired, leaving the work of driving the enemy from the summit to the relentless guns of the neighboring forts, notably those of Liaotai mountain.

"The Japanese adopted a curious expedient which assisted them greatly in the third assault. They had prepared huge piles of wood, coal and corn stalks which they ignited, the wind being in the faces of the Russians. The resultant fire was immense and the flames and smoke compelled the Russians to retire.

AWFUL SLAUGHTER

"The red glare from this fire disclosed a ghastly picture more infernal than ever dreamed by Dante.

"The assaults thus far had cost the Japanese easily 12,000 men while our own were under 2000. The sides of the hill were literally covered with dead and wounded. The trenches were rivulets of blood and every visible spot was dyed crimson.

"We might retake the hill," said General Stoessel but the hill is not of sufficient importance to us to justify further sacrifice."

PASSED BAD CHECK

A Smooth Young Man Passed Forged Check and is Arrested.

Another case of misplaced confidence developed in this city Saturday. This time the smooth young man presented a letter and a check purporting to be from the Baker City Herald and purchased goods to the amount of forty one dollars. The check called for thirty five dollars and was accepted as good at N. K. West's store. A few minutes after the check was cashed, interested parties thought it best to call up the Herald and learn if the check was alright or not. The information was to the effect that the check was worthless and that the party was wanted in Baker City for passing other checks. The young man who passed the check had not removed the goods from the store, and when he returned for them his attention was called to the fact that the Herald had stated that no check had been issued to him. He expressed himself as greatly surprised and stated that he would see Mr. Roe, the general manager of the Herald, in a few days and he had no fear but that the matter would be taken care of all right. He then asked for the check and when it was handed to him he handed Mr. West forty dollars in bills and received five dollars change. Mr. West asked him "if that would be all" and the man answered that it was "all that I can think of today." Thus ended the first chapter.

The second chapter began in about twenty minutes when officer McLachlen received a phone from Sheriff

Brown of Baker City asking him to arrest the party and hold him until he could come down and get him. Officer McLachlen was soon on the trail of the smooth young fellow who could "think of nothing else today" and discovered that he had taken to tall timber.

He had secured a team and driver at the City Stables and was on his way to Hilgard when he was overtaken by Mr. McLachlen at Perry. He is wanted at Baker City for forging a check on the Baker City Herald to the amount of twenty one dollars. He answered to the name of McClegg while here. Some of the Co. L boys may remember him as the man who acted as business manager for the blind man who gave some sort of a show in the armory a few days ago.

Married

TIFFANY—WILLIAMS—In this city on the afternoon of December 17th. Mr. Albert H. Tiffany and Miss Bertha Williams Justice of the Peace, Jno. E. Hough officiating.

A matrimonial ship was christened and launched upon the sea of matrimony by the Justice at his beautifully decorated office in this city. The performance of ceremonies of this kind is the most pleasant part of all the duties that the Judge performs, and as the young people are aware of the fact that the Justice enjoys such ceremonies next only to the bride and groom themselves, and as they are also well aware of the scrupulous neatness and the floral decorations which the Justice keeps to decorate his office at all times for occasions of this kind, the young people when a move of this kind is contemplated, call upon Judge Hough.

The contracting parties are well known throughout the entire county and are residents of the Mt. Glenn settlement. Their many friends and the Observer joins in wishing them a pleasant and successful married life.

J. T. Jarman has accepted a position with Rook & Thomas the La Grande cattle dealers and will be engaged in buying cattle for this firm and looking after their interests in this section—Haines Record.

Thomas R. Atkins of Enterprise and L. E. Atkins of Joseph are in the city on land office business.

Returned Home

Mr. A. B. Conley and wife, Mr. Ed Conley and wife and Mr. J. J. Conley returned yesterday morning from San Francisco. Mr. A. B. Conley left this city several days ago to Los Angeles where he met the members of his family who have been touring the east for some time past.

The party, consisting of Mrs. A. B. Conley, Ed Conley and wife, and J. J. Conley, have been visiting in several places in the eastern states and also in the southern states. They were pleasant visitors at the St. Louis Fair and visited relatives in Illinois. They also visited New Orleans and in El Paso Texas, where they witnessed several bloody Spanish bull fights. The entire party was well all the time they were gone and expressed themselves as delighted with the entire tour, and well pleased with the courtesy with which they were treated at every point on the trip. After meeting the party at Los Angeles, Mr. A. B. Conley proceeded with them to the Catalina Islands where they spent an enjoyable time, afterwards returning to Los Angeles. From this place the party went to San Francisco for a few days, but Mr. Conley states that, after the women of the party got their faces turned home, nothing could stop them and the consequence was that the party returned sooner than he had contemplated. This however, is only like all people who love their homes, it seems unusual and unfamiliar not to be at home when the Christmas tide rolls around.

Rate for Exhibits

Portland, Dec. 19.—The interested railroads have agreed upon a rate of 60 cents a 100 in carload lots from St. Louis to Portland for exhibits of various kinds destined for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

WOOLEN MILLS BIG ORDER

\$27,000 White Blanket Order from One Firm

J. P. Wilbur superintendent of the Union Woolen Mills, closed a deal Thursday by which a great sale was made. \$27,000 worth of white blankets were sold to one Boston firm. This is the largest individual sale ever made by the Union Woolen Mills or for that matter by any woolen mills of the northwest. Two other orders have also been received of recent date involving \$9000 each. At this rate in order to comply with the demands for another year the capacity of the mills will have to be about doubled. Mr. Wilbur is the most thoroughly skilled woolen mill man in the northwest today and the gigantic proportions of the business of the mills is wholly due to his efforts. It is largely to the interest of the people of Union that Mr. Wilbur remains here. Should his connection be severed with the mill it would be next to impossible to find another man to fill his place acceptably.—Scout.

For the Holiday Forehanded

We wish to speak of our Holiday Line this early because many will appreciate the hint. Our goods are all here. They are ready for inspection. The line is by far the finest we have ever shown. Too many things to specify here, we don't want to specify just yet, we want you to see the goods while the line is unbroken. You know the advantage of early choosing. Prompt buyers always avoid the rush and get choicest picking. Prices are as low as they can be and the very article you would most prefer may not wait

See us about Books

We have provided for you. We have the books suitable for Xmas gifts. We have the newest and most popular publications, as well as choice editions of standard works. Books not in stock will be pleased to order for you.

Libby's Cut Glass

Don't buy cut glass unless "Libby" is cut in the glass, then you know you have the best.

THE NEWLIN DRUG CO
LA GRANDE OREGON

A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years. In that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we know the demands of the people of this town.

A. T. HILL,

Prescription Druggist La Grande, Or.

HATS

25 Per Cent off on all Hats

Until the first of the year every Hat in the store will be sold at a 25 per cent discount. This is your opportunity to get your Holiday Hat at a bargain.

Novelties

The latest in braided handle purses and Peggy bags. Something new in combs and baretts.

Ribbons

At a discount. The finest line of ribbons ever shown in the city.

Handkerchiefs

Special line just received. From now until Jan. 1, for 5 cents up.

Perfumes, Toilet Soaps and Powders
Switches, Pompadours and Bangs

Collars

This is positively a new line and can only be secured here.

MRS. J. R. FORREST,
Milliner