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HOTEL SOMMER COMPANY

Sommer House Now Controlled by Incorporated Company.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the secretary of state incorporating the Sommer Hotel Company. The incorporators are M H Kirtley, John F Dordon, and A L Morris. The company will have a capital stock of twelve thousand dollars. It is the intention of the company to make many improvements during the coming year the principal one of which will be the erection of additional rooms. The incorporators are all well known business men of this city and will soon let the world understand that they are in the hotel business for sure. Mr Kirtley has been a resident of La Grande from the time the Blue Mountains began to sprout and during his long residence here has never failed to impress the fact upon the world that he hailed from Missouri and that he will have to be shown. Mr Dordon has been a manager of the Sommer House Cafe for the past several years and has a large circle of friends throughout the length and breadth of the land who will be pleased to know that Johnnie has acquired rights of his own. Mr Morris, the present manager of the Sommer House is especially known to the traveling public as he for many years carried a grip and visited the trade regularly for one of the largest wholesale houses in the United States. The new company has not held an election of officers but expect to soon.

Stores Closed

The Observer received a phone just as we are going to press stating that all the Grocery stores would be closed Monday on account of the New Year.

Sad Christmas

The 4 year old daughter of Mr. and B Stoen residing on a ranch near Roundup in the northern part of Yellowstone county Montana was fatally burned at a Christmas tree festival Sunday night.

OCCUPY PARAPET BY BRAVE ASSAULT

Japanese Capture Another Fort in the Face of a Heavy Fire. 1,000 Killed or Wounded.

Tokio Dec 30—General Nogai, commanding at Port Arthur, reports under today's date as follows: "The besieging army at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning blew up the parapet in front of Fort Ehrung Shan and then occupied the parapet by assault. They then constructed defensive works under the cover of heavy guns and mounted field guns, despite the fire of the enemy. After placing the heavy guns the army proceeded to the shore of rock, whence the enemy was eventually dislodged, after a strong resistance. The whole fort fell into our hands at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. "The Japanese casualties in the capture of the heights are estimated at 1,000 killed and wounded."

A later dispatch states that the third Russian garrison of 500 escaped. News of the latest Japanese success at Port Arthur has been received with wild demonstrations of rejoicing throughout the empire, and the fall of Port Arthur is constantly expected before the first of the year.

DROWNED AT PORTLAND

Portland, Dec 30.—The barge Monarch, moored along side the Oriental liner Arabia, capsized today and one of the six men working on her was drowned. The Monarch was loaded with coal, which was being transferred to the steamer's hold. The accident was sudden and it is presumed the man who was drowned was caught by the coal and carried with it to the bottom of the river.

Whist Club

Mr and Mrs Moulden entertained the Whist Club Wednesday evening. Mrs Swaney and Chester Newlin secured first honors and Mrs Lilly and Dr L D Reavis second.

MAY GIVE BAIL

Cleveland O., Dec 30.—Arrangements it is said, have been completed for bail up to \$40,000 for Mrs Cassie L Chadwick. The money is to be furnished according to report by a syndicate of which Attorney Andrew S Quigley of Cleveland is spokesman. The giving of Mrs Chadwick her freedom is said to be frowned on by the federal authorities, who, while they will not infringe on the prisoner's rights, will discourage such a proceeding.

Senator Mitchell was born, June 22, 1836, and was 69 years old on his last birthday on the 22nd day of last June.

BEFORE GRAND JURY

Senator Mitchell Appears Before Grand Jury.

Portland, Dec. 29.—Sent with more than three score years and ten, leaning upon the arm of his law partner, aged and white haired, the senior senator from Oregon, John H. Mitchell, who for the most part of a quarter of a century represented his state in the federal congress, today went into the government's inquisitorial chamber to tell what he knew concerning the frauds against the government he had served so long, and which it believes have been perpetrated upon it in the acquisition of public lands.

CAREWORN LOOK

Tired and careworn he came from the jury room at the noon hour, to return in the afternoon. Later when the senator left the court house apparently nervous and worried, it was stated that the investigation, so far as Mitchell was concerned, was ended. What transpired in the chamber is unknown further than Mitchell went into it with no more favor than would have been extended to the humblest citizen of this county. Neither the request that he be confronted with any testimony the government may have found to his detriment, nor that he be furnished the names of his accusers were granted. Whether he was allowed to make any exculpatory statement is not known outside of the jury room. No further indictments are expected today or tomorrow.

WHY BURN COTTON

Georgia Growers Consider this one way to Reduce Surplus

Fort Gaines, Ga., Dec 30.—The farmers and merchants of this county met at Fort Gaines and decided to burn their share of 2,000,000 bales of surplus cotton. A starter was made today when a bon-fire was made of cotton on the streets of Fort Gaines. It is not yet determined where it will stop. The farmers have decided to set the pace and are moving determinedly. A large crowd paraded with much spectacular ceremony. The object is to show that the farmers are ready to sacrifice a few bales for the benefit of the masses.

A Rough Crowd

Enterprise Or., Dec 28.—A crowd of hoodlums celebrated Christmas here by undertaking to take possession of the town Christmas night. After taking on a good sized "jag" they proceeded to several barns and captured three cows and then drove them to the town pound. They went to three of the stores and secured three hand carts and tied a cart to each cow's tail. One cow, belonging to Dr E G Kirby, ran to the barn and in attempting to go in the door her tail was torn out by the roots. Another cow, belonging to G I Ratcliff, had her tail broken in three places, and the third cow, belonging to T B Long has not been found at this time.

Warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Roy Dale, Edward Bloom and Randall Boswell and they are now in jail awaiting trial. Others are implicated in the affair and the feeling is very strong against the offenders.—Oregon Journal.

Five Killed

Three men were killed instantly and two injured today, one so badly that he died soon afterward by an explosion of four boilers at the sawmill plant of Walworth & Neville at Wallville, Wash. The explosion occurred immediately after the mill started for the afternoon run.

More Homes

Dr. Downs, who recently arrived from Indian Territory, has purchased property on I street between 6 and 7, and is arranging to immediately commence the construction of a neat \$1500 cottage. Next Monday, Peter Jacobs commences a \$1000 residence on his property in the Old Town.

Dry Creek Driftings

Oh the snow, the beautiful snow! Sleighriding is now the prevailing fashion and he who possesseth not a "swell body cutter" is not "in it."

The saw mill camps are all bustle and stir, and the woods resound with the sound of the chopper's ax while over the air comes the chiming of bells and creak of runners on the frozen snow as the great "sleds" haul their monster loads of forest products to the numerous saws there to be converted into building material.

Our Fiber Factory is fast nearing completion and all sorts of "rigs" may be seen "hitching thitherward" laden with the needles from our pine forests. They expect this to be a great industry and it is surely one deserving the hearty co-operation of our community which was so fortunate as to secure the enterprise.

Under the direction of Mrs. Griggs our school is making rapid progress and as in the past we may say Dry Creek is "second to none."

Butchering has been a great find of late and should you take dinner out you may expect "spare rib" or "ox tail soup."

It is rumored that Cupid has been getting busy again but as our reports have not been confirmed we will mention no names.

We had an invitation to be present at our school house on Christmas eve, so the "hogs were slopped early," the cows palled in a jiffy and are the old rancor nodded his part we headed our course toward that noted seat of learning.

Arriving there, here magnificent specimens of forest fir adorned the rostrum and the branches of these forest monarchs were heavily laden with rich and costly presents, the tokens of love and esteem. The school under the able instruction of Mrs. Griggs rendered an entertaining and instructive program, concluded with the appearance of Santa Claus and his request that Rev. Willis of Elgin remind us why we celebrate this great holiday and what means this giving of presents to our loved ones.

Columbus Fisher and wife spent Christmas with his parents. Chester Colt and Mother spent Xmas in La Grande with their brother and son Jole. Chester reports sleighing rather thin at the county seat.

Omega.

Summerville Siftings

Mr Ed Logan made a business trip to La Grande Tuesday.

Rev Needham and his singer Mr Powers left for Union Monday, where they will hold meetings. We all sorrow to see them go.

Mr Lennan and son made a business trip to La Grande Tuesday.

There a dance here Monday night Dec 26 which was well attended by all and there will be a Masquerade ball here Jan 2.

Mr Geo Ott is making preparations for putting up his ice.

MUG

Mr A B Conley who with his wife has been visiting in the city for several days has been confined to his room at the Sommer hotel for the last two days with sickness.

Miss N Barnard left this morning for Baker City.

TO THE PUBLIC:

The rush of Holiday trade is over and business in general has got back to its normal condition. I wish to inform all my patrons, and those not my patrons but who are liable to be, that I am now in a position to take care of all watch, clock and jewelry repairing with dispatch. I have secured all the necessary help in all the latest tools and materials known to the trade, as well as the best workmen that money can procure.

All repair work is under my personal supervision and I guarantee each and every piece of work done to be finished in first class workmanlike manner, and to give (with proper attention) perfect satisfaction. All work sent by mail or express will receive the same careful attention as if delivered in person, and to be promptly returned in first class condition.

Thanking my patrons for their past liberal patronage and assuring them of my utmost ability to give them perfect satisfaction in the future. I remain as ever,

J. H. PEARE,

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It cures promptly and thoroughly because it cures in the right manner. Relieves irritation, heals inflamed surfaces, loosens the cough, and soothes and strengthens while it cures. A splendid remedy for children because it is so good to cure and so good to take. Price 25 and 50 cents.

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