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MANY LIVES LOST IN HOTEL FLRE

(Scripps News Association)

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 10.—One of the most terrible hotel fires known in this city for many years occurred here this morning. At seven thirty this morning the West hotel was discovered to be on fire, and within a very few minutes the entire building was a mass of smoke and flames. At noon today the coroner issued a statement in which he places the estimate of the number dead not less than ten. The fire started in the elevator shaft and rapidly swept upward, and was so intense that the city fire department was obliged to call upon the St. Paul department to assist them, and with the combined efforts of the two fire departments the fire was gotten under control at eight o'clock, after two hours of most severe fighting. The hotel is seven stories high and at the time of the conflagration one hundred and seventy guests were in the building. The panic which followed the discovery of fire among the guests was indescribable. Many men and women jumped from the windows. Two men in the seventh story jumped and were dashed to death upon the pavement. Men and women jumped from all sides and scores were more or less injured. Six are known to be dead and dozens are missing.

Among the known dead are Captain John Berwin, of the Minneapolis fire department, Emilie Barlow, and W. G. Nichol, a broker of this city. Captain Berwin and Mrs. Barlow died together. Berwin lost his life trying to save the woman. He was carrying her down on a scaling ladder and she attempted to jump while opposite a fifth story window, thereby overbalancing him, and they both fell and were dashed to pieces upon the pavement.

Mrs. E. H. Hodges, a lecturer of Wasco, Texas.

Nichol was found in a room on the fifth floor, stark naked and dead. He had been suffocated by the heat and smoke.

There were many thrilling escapes and numerous acts of heroism. One of the most heroic incidents was the fidelity displayed by the colored attendant of Judge Atwater, who carried the judge through fire and smoke from the fifth floor. Judge Atwater is one of the oldest attorneys in the state and for many years has been unable to stand or walk, and has been carried about by the colored nurse who at the imminent risk of his own life carried him from the building, though his own hands, face and arms were burned almost to a crisp, and every hair on his head burned off. Scores of women were saved by jumping into the nets held by the firemen. The West hotel is one of the finest in the city and was considered to be as near fire proof as is possible to make a building. The building is said to have cost over a million and a half dollars. It is thought to be totally destroyed.

WILL PASS ANYWAY

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—After a conference with the President this morning Representative Watson, Republican of Illinois, announced that both the Philippine tariff and statehood bills would pass the senate despite the insurgents.

FRUIT GROWERS ORGANIZE

The incorporation papers for the organization of the Grand Ronde Fruitgrowers' Union was received today. On next Saturday at 1 o'clock there will be a meeting of the fruitgrowers of this section of the valley in this city, at which time stock will be subscribed and the stockholders will proceed to the election of a board of directors.

The capital is placed at \$500, in shares of \$5 each, and the objects of the organization is to secure uniform grants in the packing of Grande Ronde valley fruit and, if possible, to secure higher prices during the selling season. The incorporators are C. D. Huffman, L. Oldenburg and J. A. Thronson.

INTEREST IN CITY ELECTION

Tonight the city council is supposed to meet, at which time the question as to how the coming city election is to be conducted, will probably be decided. Under the new primary law cities of 2000 or more are supposed to hold their elections similar to the state elections. This means that persons voting must register, and that primary nominations are the same as in county and state elections.

Pendleton and Baker City have both followed the new law, but La Grande never has and whether or not we will, may depend largely upon the action taken by the council this evening.

There is considerable talk regarding city election. There is a general feeling that La Grande in connection with Union county is on the eve of a commercial era of progress, and activity, and with this view it is desired that the council be composed of strong, progressive men.

Last year the city council has worked harmoniously and industriously for the best interest of the city and the splendid start made towards cement sidewalks is certainly to their credit among other things that might be mentioned.

The question is being asked in many quarters, who will be our next mayor? As yet only a few names have been casually mentioned. Mayor Slater states that as he has filled two consecutive terms he prefers to be relieved during the coming year.

It shows a healthy condition when the citizens take an active interest in the selection of their city officials and means generally that conservative and progressive men are chosen.

The election occurs on the 12th day of March, about six weeks hence, there is ample time to find men who may be induced to serve the city. In fact, we do not as a rule, appreciate the sacrifice that most men make in accepting either the office of councilman or mayor. Either requires much personal attention and too often all the remuneration is simply criticized, as there is no salary in either position. Not a few favor paying the councilman something, and while in fact they really are entitled to compensation, it is also a fact that cities of this size cannot afford to, and seldom do.

BISHOP IN LOS ANGELES

After three months illness in the hospital at Portland, Rev. C. J. O'Reilly, bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese, who is now convalescing in Los Angeles, is expected to arrive home in a few days.

GOT HOMESICK

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Jan. 10.—Naval officers boarded the steamer Bermudia on her arrival from Bermuda and arrested Fred Ganzhorn, a seaman who is charged with desertion from the tug Potomac, a consort of the dock Dawey when it touched at Bermuda. The prospective long trip disheartened the sailor.

SUIT CLUB CASE

Late yesterday afternoon A. V. Andrews was arrested on the alleged charge of conducting a lottery. The case was set for ten o'clock this morning before Justice Hough, and was postponed until Monday. The complaining witnesses are N. K. West, Wm. Ash and Ed Murphy. This is the result of the suit club drawings which Mr. Andrews has been conducting for several months.

We understand that it is more than likely that the entire matter will be satisfactory adjusted to all of the parties concerned, that Mr. Andrews will on Saturday evening hold all of his drawings that is, complete the unfinished suit club and discontinue them, and the case will be dismissed.

UNION COUNTY CASE DECIDED

The Goodnough Mercantile & Stock company against G. W. Buck, bankrupt, and Cecil Galloway, trustee for bankrupt, and the bank of Elgin, reversed and dismissed. The Mercantile company won in the lower court. This was a suit to foreclose an equitable lien on personal property.

This is the case that has been in the courts for the past two years, being a fight among the creditors of G. W. Buck, formerly in business at Elgin. F. S. Ivanhoe and J. D. Slater were attorneys for appellants. First Bank of Elgin and Cecil Galloway, and Ramsay and Oliver were attorneys for Goodnough Mercantile & Stock Company.

TWO MORE PETITIONS

Late this afternoon two more petitions were filed with a view of securing nomination. County Clerk J. B. Gilham takes this mode to notify the voters generally and to comply with the law specifically that he desires to be continued in office, as is the usual custom in this county, for the second term and as a reminder of what his opponent might expect we advise them to study over the election returns of the last election.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas B. Johnson believes that he is entitled to promotion and has filed his petition with a view of securing the Democratic nomination for sheriff.

This is a starter towards the coming primary contest. Three petitions filed in one day and from present indications there will be quite a number to follow in the near future.

NEW SYSTEM

County Clerk Gilham inaugurated a new law of the state of Oregon, in the matter of the statement to be filed by all applicants for marriage licenses.

The parties are compelled to give explicit data as to each party as follows:

Full name, residence, color, age, year, month, days, birthplace, occupation, number of marriage, father's birthplace and mother's birthplace. The county clerk is compelled to make due report, on, or before the fifth of each month, of all licenses issued by him and bearing this information, to the county health officer, who, in turn, reports the same to the state health officer, after which final report and record the clerk's reports are returned to him for due and perpetual filing in his office.

MARRIED

DIAL-SCHMITZ—In this city Wednesday, January 10, 1906, Mr. Edward Dial and Miss Mary Schmitz, John E. Hough, Justice of the Peace, officiating. Wm. Anson and H. Dial witnesses.

JOHNSON—JOHNSON—In this city, Wednesday, January 10, 1906, Mr. Charles M. Johnson of Baker City, and Miss Amanda M. Johnson of Haines, Baker county, Justice of the Peace J. E. Hough, officiating. Mr. Johnson is a mining man operating in Baker county. They will reside in Baker City.

DIED

FIELDS—In the city Tuesday, January 9, 1906, Anna Viola, the six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fields. The funeral was held this morning, Rev. O. H. King officiating.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Just as we go to press we are informed that E. W. Bartlett has filed his petition with the county clerk asking to be placed on the ballot for the primary nomination of prosecuting attorney for this district which comprises the counties of Union and Wallowa.

MORE DOCTORS NEEDED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—The President today in a speech to the delegates from the American Medical Association who are attending the presentation of the medal of honor to Captain Church, sounding a warning on account of the inadequate service rendered by the medical department of the United States army. He said, "If we should go to war today, appalling calamity would befall us because medical staff is too small. The blame for this condition should fall where it belongs, upon the people and the legislatures who refuse to prepare for the future, and not upon the shoulders of the officers who happen to be commanding when the trouble comes."

CANNOT LIVE

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10.—Dr. William H. Harper, attending physician has issued a bulletin at noon saying that Dr. Harper, the president of the University of Chicago, could not live to the end of the week. He is very low and has not been out of his bed for several days.

END NOT YET

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 10.—The house committee on judiciary by unanimous vote today authorized a favorable report on the resolution calling upon the attorney general for a report as to whether or not criminal prosecution had been begun as a result of the Northern securities case decision, declaring certain individuals and corporations to be in a combination in the restraint of trade.

U. S. SENATOR PAYNTER

(Scripps News Association)
Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 10.—At noon today the Kentucky legislature met in joint session and elected Thomas H. Paynter to succeed United States Senator Blackburn.

GETS GOOD JOB

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 10.—Henry L. Stimson, a member of Elihu Root's law firm was nominated today for the position of United States district attorney for New York. The position is under the fee system and is worth \$60,000 a year. Neither Platt or Depew endorsed the appointment.

NO DELAY

(Scripps News Association)
In the supreme court the lawyers for the Standard Oil Company fought to secure a delay. They wanted two weeks. Hadley won out in the argument and the court held that the case must be heard Friday.

RESPITE GRANTED

(Scripps News Association)
Trenton, Jan. 10.—A reprieve has been granted Mrs. Tolla, the Italian who is accused of murder. The time is not stated probably for forty days.

PETITION FILED

John Frawley is the first candidate in Union county to file his petition to become a candidate for the nomination. Mr. Frawley desires the Republican nomination for county treasurer, the position he has ably filed for many years.

KANSAS FREIGHT RATES

(Scripps News Association)
Wichita, Kan., Jan. 10.—A movement in favor of freights began here today. Farmers, grain dealers, small merchants, wholesale manufacturers and independent oil companies are attending. Ex-governor Manzandt, of Minnesota addressed the convention and urged immediate organization to secure fair rates.

FAVORS NATIONAL CONTROL

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Jan. 10.—President A. W. Thornton, of the Fire Insurance Underwriters' Association of the Pacific coast, which is holding its thirteenth annual convention in this city, in his annual report this morning, recommends that the national government have complete control over all fire insurance companies. The convention is largely attended. The election of officers will be held this afternoon, and a banquet in the San Francisco hotel will be served this evening.

CAPTAIN CHURCH HONORED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 10.—President Roosevelt today made a speech to the delegates from the American medical association, attending the presentation of the medal of honor to Captain Church, for sounding the note of warning on account of the inadequate service of the medical department of the army.

ENGINEER STEVENS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 10.—The committee of the senate on canals is arranging for the appearance of Chief Engineer Stevens.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Jan. 10.—Wheat opened at 87½, closed 87½; corn opened at 44½, closed 45; oats opened 33½, closed 32½.

NEGRO LYNCHED

(Scripps News Association)
Mosses, Tex., Jan. 10.—Ben Harris, a negro, was lynched here this morning. He killed a white man.

UNION SERVICES

Last evening the Presbyterian church was well filled and an excellent meeting held. After a service of song and prayer led by E. B. Hays, Presiding Elder Gillilan delivered a thoughtful discourse on "The Word of God in Revivals." This evening O. H. King preaches the sermon, his subject being "The Holy Spirit in Revivals." The services will be in the Baptist church this and tomorrow evenings and in the Methodist church Friday evening.

Great Annual Clearance Sale and White Carnival

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