

DOES THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE PAY ANY UNION COUNTY TAXES? THINK IT OVER

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MEN INJURED YESTERDAY TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Three men, Conductor Charles Stacy, J. Rogers, and J. Kay, who were yesterday severely injured in an explosion at Meacham, were last evening sent to a Portland hospital. During the intervening hours from the time they arrived in La Grande until the arrival of the west bound train, Doctor Bacon & Hall cared for the suffering ones and dressed their wounds. Mr. Stacy and the Meacham ticket agent suffered the most. The flesh on Mr. Stacy's hands was burned off. His finger nails curled up and had to be cut away. Mr. Rogers is suffering nearly as badly as Mr. Stacy, although his wounds are not so serious about the hands.

Further details on the accident divulged that the cans of powder, which they were unloading, were ignited by coming in contact with a charged battery, which was in the same car as the powder. A peculiar fact, and one which did much to lessen the ultimate scars on the unfortunate men, is that due to the electrical charge, every grain of powder in the can was ignited instantly and the powder which blackened their faces, was only smoke and fire. The consequence will be that the skin will peel off and leave no scars of powder stains. Had the ignition been from a torch, a large part of the powder would have been blown into their faces, unburned, and would have left stains.

LAWS TO MAKE ALL CAST VOTES

(Scripps News Association)
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 8—Assemblyman George Grassie has announced that he will introduce, this winter, a bill to compel every elector in the state to vote, under a penalty of three dollars. The three dollars is the regular tax imposed on all persons between twenty-one and eighty, and will be levied on all, but returned to those who vote. He said that two thirds of candidates' expenses was caused by them trying to get out a vote. This expense will be eliminated if the tax is levied.

ROOSEVELT IS ANXIOUS ABOUT TAFT

(Observer Special)
Washington, Dec. 8—Somebody has announced that Secretary Taft, under no circumstances, will be a candidate for the presidency. Taft himself says he has never had candidatorial aspirations but it is understood that he will not be eliminated as has been declared. The President, who has been notified of Taft's refusal is disappointed. He wanted Taft to carry out his policy, as no other person would follow out Roosevelt's ideas as closely as would the present secretary of war.

WAIVED EXAMINATION

Bob Alexander was arraigned today before Justice of the Peace Hough, on two charges of larceny from a building. It is alleged that last summer he stole some underwear from employees of N. K. West. The second charge alleges that he stole some horse blankets and sold them. He waived examination and was placed under two bonds one of \$300 and one of \$600. In view of the fact that he did not produce the bonds he was lodged in the county jail.

KEY STONE STATE IN THE LEAD

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Dec. 8—The federal department of agriculture has compiled statistics giving the leading states of the Union in the matter of general production. According to these figures Pennsylvania comes first, heading in eight different products, rye, natural gas, coal, pig iron, stone, slate and sand. New York is second with hay, potatoes, buckwheat, cows and salt. Texas third with cotton, rice, mules and beef cattle. Illinois stands fourth, leading in three products corn, oats and horses, while Colorado and Montana tie for fifth place each leading in two products. Nine states tie for sixth place each leading in one product.

SALOON HELD UP

(Scripps News Association)
Los Angeles, Dec. 8—Three masked men held up the Salt Lake saloon and ten patrons last night, securing \$400 and several watches and jewelry. They made their escape in an automobile.

SENATOR ASSAULTED BY WOMAN

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Dec. 8—A woman who gives her name as Annie Bradley, shot and seriously injured Ex-Senator Arthur Brown of Utah, in the Rale hotel this afternoon. She fired two shots, one taking effect in the stomach the other in the hand. The stricken senator was taken to an emergency hospital where it is said he has little chance for recovery. The woman is arrested.

Mrs. Bradley arrived this morning and engaged a room on the same floor as Ex-Senator Brown. This afternoon the maid heard her loudly knocking at Brown's door, the shot following. The elevator boy found the senator lying on the floor, the woman standing over him. She refused to discuss the matter, and when told what the man had said she stated she only shot once.

Brown was in the city from Utah attending to some mining interests. When the woman was locked in the prison she exclaimed "All Utah knows why I did the shooting. One right does not always right a wrong."

WESTERN OFFICIALS IN TROUBLE

(Scripps News Association)
Salt Lake, Dec. 8—E. Buckingham, general superintendent of the Oregon Short Line, J. M. Moore, general agent for the Union Pacific Coal Company and H. G. Williams, general manager of the Utah Fuel Company, appeared before Commissioner Baldwin and gave bonds of three thousand for appearance before the federal court on April 18 on charges of discrimination in rates and participation in the coal land frauds.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Dec. 8.—Wheat opened at 74½¢ closed at 74½¢; corn opened at 42½¢ closed at 43¢; oats opened at 35½¢ closed at 34½¢.

BAKER CITY GIRLS ARE CONFIDENT

PREPARING FOR BASKET BALL

Under Miss Christine Thomsen, their coach, the girls of the Baker high school are organizing a basket ball team that will be as strong in its game, if the indications are correct, as was the boys' football aggregation.

The girls are practicing regularly every evening for the series of games which they have scheduled for January during which month their season will be on.

The schedule upon which they will play has not yet been entirely arranged but already three, and possibly four games, are provided for by the business management. They are games with Boise at Boise, and La Grande and Weiser in Baker. Also a game with Elgin at Baker is being arranged but has not yet been definitely contracted. The dates for the games have not yet been determined.—Baker City Herald.

SHE MUST HANG

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Dec. 8—The supreme court today decided against Mrs. Mayers, the Kansas City woman who killed her husband and unless Governor Folk interposes she must hang.

MRS. SCHMITZ ILL

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Dec. 8—It is stated that as a result of the investigation, the wife of Mayor Schmitz is critically ill. Since her return from Europe steps have been taken to keep the news of the investigation from her.

ANOTHER LINE TO THE COAST

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Dec. 8—A definite announcement of a new railroad to the Pacific coast was made today, by the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul. It is stated that the extension to Butte, Montana will be completed by January 1, 1909. The work will begin immediately to complete line to Tacoma and Seattle. The entire system is to be in operation early in 1909.

BIG FIRE IN TEXAS

(Scripps News Association)
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 8—Last night fire wiped out the business section of San Saba. The loss is placed at \$100,000.

BISHOP SEYMOUR SUCCOMBS

(Scripps News Association)
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 8—Bishop Seymour of the Episcopal church, died this morning at six-fifty of pneumonia.

Bishop Seymour was born in New York in 1829. He was graduated from the Columbia college in '54 and four years later was graduated from the General Theological Seminary. In '56 he was ordained to the priesthood and had various charges thruout New York state.

The same year in which he took the priesthood he established the St. Joseph college in Anandale, New York. From '75 to '79 he was dean of the General Theological Seminary, also its professor in Ecclesiastical history. In '78 he was consecrated bishop in the Episcopal church and at the time of his death was bishop of the Springfield, Illinois diocese.

The man was scholarly, a fluent speaker and his books on various church questions and religion have been widely read.

Seymour is succeeded by the Rev. Edward Osborne D. D., who was elected and consecrated his co-adjutor about two years ago.

KILLED BABY SISTER

(Scripps News Association)
Prairie Du Roche, Ill., Dec. 8—The thirteen year son of William Low, shot and killed his seven year old sister accidentally while playing this morning.

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