

La Grande Evening Observer

THIRD DEATH OCCURS FROM CEREbro-SPINAL MENINGITIS

MOTHER DIED LAST NIGHT AFTER FRIGHTFUL SUFFERING LITTLE HOPES OF OTHER CHILDREN

Dr. J. H. Hubbard returned last evening from Union, where he went Sunday to treat the stricken Jones family of that city. In speaking of the case, the doctor said this morning: "The sufferings of that family can only be appreciated when one sees the convulsions and hears the screams of the afflicted. While there may have been ptomaine poisoning originally, that is not the cause of the present suffering nor was it the cause of the two deaths yesterday. The complications are termed cerebro-spinal meningitis, or in other words, an inflammation of the membranes about the cerebrum and the spine. I have not the least hope for the two children who are now afflicted, and but very little hope for Mrs. Jones."

ering ones are actually lying on their heels and back of their heads. It is impossible to give them nourishment. Mrs. Jones has been unconscious for several days and is not aware that two of her children are dead. Besides the two who are dead, there are two other children afflicted. Two other girls of the family are not in the home and have not been seized by the malady.

MRS. JONES DEAD

A later report from Union states that Mrs. Jones died last evening. One of the little boys, it is thought this afternoon, will recover but the fifth child will die. Of the five who were first stricken but two remain and these are suffering agonies that are frightful. Mrs. Jones continued in the awful misery up to the time of her death.

AFFIRM THAT SLOANE INHERITED INSANITY

(Scripps News Association) Spokane, Dec. 11. The prosecution in the trial of Sidney Sloane, charged with the murder of his father, James F. Sloane, is making an effort to discredit the testimony which the defense is seeking to show. The defense tries to show Sidney inherited mental weakness from his parents. Schoolmates and teachers testified that the boy was sane, but of a savage temper. The defendant is calm and indifferent and will probably not be put on the stand during this phase of the trial.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DANCE
After several weeks of inactivity in dancing circles, the Commercial Club has decided to begin its weekly dances again. Next Friday evening is the first date, and on that date the club will be ready for dancers of the city who wish to attend a social dance.

F M Housh, manager of the Grande Ronde Electric Company is visiting the sub-stations thru out the valley today.

CHARTER COMPLETED

The City Council last night completed their consideration of the proposed new charter and have submitted it to the officers of the Commercial Club who after going over it carefully, will return it to the council with such suggestions as they may consider expedient. After its return to council, the entire charter will be printed in the Observer and within a few days thereafter, a public mass meeting will be held in the Commercial Club parlors, where the public generally will be invited to be present and a general discussion may be had before placing it before the people for their ratification or rejection at a special election.

REAL TRIAL OF RUEF AND SCHIMTZ ON

(Scripps News Association) San Francisco, Dec 11.—The extortion case against Mayor Schmitz and Abe Ruef appeared in Judge Dunnes' court this morning. The court was not ready to decide on the motion of the defendants' attorneys to dismiss the indictments on the grounds that they are not made out according to law. Prosecuting Attorney Heney presented a full and formal objection to the motion. Ruef's attorneys followed Heney with an oral argument for the dismissal of the indictments on the grounds that they were invalid under the civil code.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST

The Observer was awarded the contract for printing the delinquent tax list for the year 1905 and will run it in sections in the Daily. It will appear entire in the Weekly edition of the Observer this week and will appear entire in one issue of the Daily during the first week in January.

John Halgarth, one of Elgin's football players, was a visitor in the city this morning.

LEOPOLD MAINTAINS NO LOBBY

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec 11.—The Belgian Legion denies that King Leopold maintains a lobby to prevent action against alleged atrocities against Congo natives. Action will be taken tomorrow on Senator Congo's resolution of yesterday, asking for international investigation. The senate will, tomorrow, discuss the San Francisco-Japanese question.

GALE AT PUGET SOUND

(Scripps News Association) Seattle, Dec. 11.—Puget Sound was swept last night by a gale blowing sixty-one miles an hour. Many small crafts in the sound and Lake Washington, were driven ashore and broken up. The safety of several vessels have not been reported since the storm and it is feared that many are damaged. Wires to the north and west are down.

NOTORIOUS GOVERNOR IS DEAD

(Scripps News Association) Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—Ex-Governor Franklin J. Moses, of South Carolina, was aphixiated at a boarding house on Winthrop Beach this morning. The jury is still undecided as to whether or not the death was accidental or suicidal. Moses served in the confederate army, and was one of the first to benefit by the reconstruction. He was governor of his state in seventy four. He ran all lines of corruption while in office, some of which were selling pardons, levying tax on every bill. When he sought re-election, he used the militia to prevent arrest. He was cast from his family and had to flee. Since then he has lived on various shifts, few of which were honest.

FRANCE IN RELIGIOUS PREDICAMENT

(Scripps News Association) Paris, Dec. 11.—A large attendance greeted the called mass meeting this morning to discuss the church problem. However, the attendance contained few men, a fact which demonstrates that the men of France are little interested in the church fight that is raging here. Priests have named services for the week without reference to the illegal status which they will assume after tomorrow. The government says that it will not be forced into a sensational attitude by the intemperate. Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, says there has been no violence, but passive resistance and that the church has exhausted all protest at every step.

TOUCHES TRANSFORMER AND FALLS DEAD

Because he insisted on approaching a transformer, James Gregory, of Hot Lake, lies dead in the morgue of this city today.

Gregory, who is an employee of the Hot Lake Sanatorium, the electrician Mr. Duncan, and Doctor Phy had spent several hours in repairing the lighting system, which had been out of commission, and just completed the repairs and turned on the current, when Gregory stated he was going into the ante room where the transformer was located, to see how the instrument was working. The electrician, realizing the danger of such a movement, expostulated but to no avail. The man pointed toward the transformer. Seeing the action, the electrician seized him by the sleeve only in time to receive a slight shock from Gregory, who by that time

had been the transmitter of 22000 volts of electricity. He fell dead, still in the grasp of the man who would have saved his life.

An inquest was held at the Lake last evening and later the body was brought to this city, where it is now lying in the morgue.

Gregory hailed from New York. From that state he came to Wardner, Idaho, from there to La Grande, where he was employed by Great Lincoln. About two months ago he went to Hot Lake and has worked there. He is an unmarried man.

The local authorities have wired to relatives of the dead man who reside in Rhode Island, asking for instructions regarding disposal of the body, but have not yet received any reply. The remains will be held in the morgue until definite instructions reach the authorities.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

(Scripps News Association) Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Harry V. Allen was arrested today, charged with embezzlement from the Mystic Shrine, of over \$7,600. He pleaded not guilty and went to jail in default of \$10,000 bail.

BISHOP MC GABE STRICKEN

(Scripps News Association) London, Dec 11.—Chas McGabe bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church was stricken with apoplexy today. His recovery is problematical as he is seventy years of age.

GARFIELD'S SUCCESSOR

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec 11.—The President today appointed Deputy Commissioner, Herbert Knox Smith to succeed Commissioner, of the Bureau of Corporation, James R. Garfield.

Chief of Police, Rayburn, returned last evening from Walla Walla where he was called as a witness in a court martial.

SCRIBER AND BOOTH CASE AGAIN

(Scripps News Association) Salem, Ore Dec 11.—The supreme court, in the case of S S Boothe appellant against J W Scriber, appealed from Union county. Robert Eakin judge, today reversed the judgment of the lower court and ordered a new trial on the grounds that the lower court admitted incompetent evidence.

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