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CROWN SHEET DROPS DOWN

ENGINEER, FIREMAN AND BRAKEMAN INJURED.

Brakeman Hough Thought to Be Fatally Scalded—Explosion Occurred This Morning While Switching at Echo—Hough Now in Pendleton Hospital—Engineer and Fireman Badly Bruised But Not Seriously Injured—All Principals Well Known Here.

As a result of the dropping of the crown sheet of engine 366, Brakeman George Hough of this city, is lying at the point of death in St. Anthony hospital at Pendleton today. The accident occurred this morning at 4:45, while the engine was at Echo. It seems that Brakeman Hough was in the engine while some switching was being done at Echo, when, without warning the explosion occurred. Engineer Howell and his fireman were severely bruised, but Mr. Hough was not only seriously bruised and jarred, but was also terribly scalded. He is thought to be fatally injured, though his physicians say there is little better than a chance that he will recover. The engine was pulling freight No. 23 and was in charge of Conductor Furgus. Hough is well known in this city, having resided in La Grande a number of years. He has a wife and several small children. It is to be hoped that later reports will state that he is not so seriously injured as he is now thought to be.

Big Bank to Reopen Doors.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 7.—A hearing will be held tomorrow on the application for a permanent receivership for the Union Trust company, the third largest bank in the state, which closed its doors last October, owing depositors more than \$20,000.

000. It is believed that the application will be dismissed and that the bank will be allowed to reopen its doors by the first of next month. The temporary receivers' resumption plan has received the endorsement of stockholders representing a large majority of the capital stock, and depositors with an aggregate of millions of dollars have also assented to the reorganization project.

GOLD TEETH THIEVES.

The Men Who Did Clever Trick, Captured in Pendleton.

Pendleton, Feb. 7.—Sheriff Til Taylor today captured the two men who robbed a man in Spokane on January 23, and who laughed at the robbers for the small amount of money found in his pockets, by which act he displayed three solid gold teeth, when they knocked him down and took the teeth from his mouth, the value of which were \$25.

HALL LAND FRAUD CASE

LOOKS NOW AS IF CASE WILL CLOSE TOMORROW.

L. R. Webster is Still Speaking—Is Making a Detailed Denial and Refutation of the Government Charges—Government Will Close Tomorrow and Case Will Go to the Jury.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—Judge L. R. Webster is still speaking to the jury in the case of John H. Hall, accused of land frauds and conspiracy. His argument is a detailed denial and refutation of the charges of the government, accompanied by an elaborate explanation of the theory and practice of the district attorney. The government will close its arguments Saturday and the jury will probably set its instructions the same day.

REPLY IS COMING SOON

FULTON MAY SUE HENEY FOR CRIMINAL DAMAGES.

Interest Over the Heney-Fulton Political Controversy is Intense in Washington—Fulton is in Close Touch With His Oregon Friends—His Reply Will Be Ready Within Next Few Days.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—Senator Fulton's reply to Heney will probably not be ready for several days. Interest in it is intense here, and it is known that Fulton is in close communication with Oregon friends in securing data to make a reply.

In answer to the query as to whether he intended to sue Heney for libel, Fulton refused to give answer at this time.

LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY.

Husband Shoots His Young Wife and Then Himself.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—Commanding his young and beautiful wife to say her prayers and prepare for death, Benjamin C. Evans shot his wife and himself. Neither wife or husband is expected to live. Marital troubles resulting from a previous marriage on the part of Evans are believed to have been the inciting cause of the desperate act.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

Wife Says Financier C. W. Morse Has Gone to Europe.

New York, Feb. 7.—Mrs. C. W. Morse, wife of the missing financier, today confirmed the report that her husband had left for Europe. She declared that he had gone on the Campania Saturday and that he would return after a short rest.

ANOTHER MESSAGE

THE PRESIDENT WILL GET BUSY AGAIN.

This Time He Will Call the Attention of Congress to Matters Pertaining to Labor—Compulsory Arbitration Will be the Burden of His Message—Amendments to the Sherman Act Will Also Receive Consideration.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Another message from the president is expected within the next week or 10 days. In it Roosevelt, it is said, will recommend the immediate passage of the Townsend bill, which provides for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes. The president also favors an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law, which will exempt all labor organizations from its provisions.

A WISE GUY.

Thinks it Wise for Him to Live Away From His Country.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Premier Franco has arrived in Paris. In his first interview since the tragedy at Lisbon, he said: "Saturday's events struck me to the heart. I retain full confidence in my country and was never more confident of her future. I assured King Manuel when I resigned that the royalist party would rally to the throne. My friends will support the new ministry. It will be wise for me to live far from my native land and its politics, which I have abandoned forever. I wish to deny that Queen Amelie accused me of the moral responsibility for the murder of her husband and son."

GLASS IS OUT.

Released on \$20,000 Bonds Pending an Appeal.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 7.—The supreme court issued a writ of habeas corpus this morning, releasing Louis Glass, convicted telephone magnate, from the county jail on \$20,000 bonds pending an appeal. Langdon consented to the action in view of the poor health of Glass.

STATEMENT FROM FULTON

"Since announcing my intention of returning to Oregon, I have received a great number of telegrams from business men, urging me to continue at my post of duty, and I have concluded for the present to remain here. My own judgment and inclination were to go to Oregon and make a speech, and perhaps several, in answer to Mr. Heney's attack, but I am assured by so many citizens of Oregon that my duty is to remain here at work that I concluded to be guided by their judgment. I shall as soon as I can get some necessary data prepared and forward to the press of Oregon a written statement refuting the charges, and later, before the primary election, will probably arrange to spend some days in and deliver some speeches in Oregon."

Boost the "Inland Empire."

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 7.—Several hundred prominent business men of the inland empire, the proposed new state of Lincoln, leave Spokane today on a long excursion. The trip is for the purpose of boosting Washington and bringing this section to the attention of the people of other states.

Atlantic-Mississippi Canal.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—Senator F. G. Newlands of Nevada, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner to-

night of the Atlanta chamber of commerce. The dinner will be made the occasion for a full discussion of the proposed Atlantic and Great Western canal, connecting the Atlantic seaboard with the Mississippi river. Senator Newlands has charge of the bill in the senate to appropriate \$50,000,000 at this session for the development of the waterways of the country.

SNOW IN PENDLETON.

Streets Covered With Three Inches of the Beautiful.

Pendleton, Feb. 7.—When the residents awoke this morning they were greeted with three inches of snow, and three miles east toward the mountains it is reported to be six inches deep. This is hailed with delight as it insures a bounteous grain yield.

LEGISLATORS SPECULATE

PASS LAWS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT MINING STOCKS.

Made a Pool and Purchased 15,000 Shares of Goldfield Mining Stock on a Margin When the Market Price Was at \$6—The Market Dropped to \$5.50 and They Lost \$40,000.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 7.—In an attempt to profit by manipulating the Goldfield stocks, particularly the Consolidated Mining company's paper, several members of the legislature are said to have lost, between them, about \$40,000. Thinking that the passage of the police bill by the legislature would have the effect of boosting Goldfield prices, the politicians pooled their cash and bought 15,000 shares on a margin when it was selling at \$6. On Saturday they were called for a margin and the stock dropped to \$5.50. The brokers sold them out at \$5.20.

DIVORCE AT LAST.

W. H. Talbot, After Years of Legal Battle, Finally Divorced.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 7.—After one of the most bitterly fought legal battles in years, William H. Talbot, the millionaire lumberman, was today granted an interlocutory decree of divorce. The sons are given to the father, and the daughter to the mother. Talbot will pay his wife \$250 per month for the care of the daughter, and Mrs. Talbot can visit her sons twice each month.

Attorney W. C. E. Pruitt of Pendleton, is in the city on business before the United States land office.

TAFT LEADS ON COAST

HUGHES IS GAINING IN STRENGTH; ALSO LA FOLLETTE

Portland Journal Has Made a Canvas and Finds That Taft is Easily in the Lead at This Time, But There is Much Preference for Hughes—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, Also Has Many Admirers.

Portland, Feb. 7.—As the result of an investigation undertaken by the Evening Journal as to the republican sentiment in regard to the next presidential candidate on the Pacific coast from opinions all over it is apparent that Taft will be the favorite of the Pacific coast delegates at Chicago, although Hughes will have a following and perhaps La Follette. California looks to be solid for Taft, as does Idaho. The battleground will be in Oregon and Washington. A strong Hughes sentiment is found about Bellingham, Wash., where he is receiving considerable support. In Seattle La Follette is spoken of as a strong contender. In Tacoma the choice runs between Taft and Hughes. In Spokane and Walla Walla Taft and Hughes are picked. In Oregon Taft leads with a growing tide of enthusiasm for Hughes and La Follette to content with. In eastern Oregon, Baker and Union counties, La Follette seems especially strong. Multnomah county is the center of Hughes enthusiasm, although Taft is in the lead at present.

PRESIDENT NEEDS HELP.

Will Ask the Democrats as Well as Republicans to Aid Him.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The revival of the rumors of difficulties between the United States and Japan growing out of the negotiations over the immigration question, are supposed to be due to the construction placed on the recent conference between the president and the members of the naval committee in the house on the desirability of increased naval protection for the Pacific coast. The president is not confining his efforts to his party, but has called in democrats to help him, as he wishes as little opposition as possible to his suggestion of increased naval appropriation.

WILL RESIGN.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—It was authoritatively stated here today that Assistant Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock would resign his position shortly to act as Taft's eastern and southern manager in the latter's campaign for the presidential nomination. Hitchcock will be succeeded by Charles P. Granfield.

WARM GOODS FOR COLDDAY At Altogether Comfortable Prices

This week will see the clearing up of many of the broken lines in our stock of cold weather goods at prices which will please those of you who are economically inclined—Read the following items over carefully and while reading remember there are a great many which we cannot list here for want of space.

50c Stocking Caps 35c

in colors Red, White and Blue in solid colors, and with fancy borders and tassels. Choose this week for 35c

25 Black Wool Squares for choice this week 10c

Misses, Childrens and Ladies Heavy Jersey Leggings, extra lengths 75c to \$1

50c Childs Night Drawers in Pink & Blue baby striped outing this week 39c

75c Mens Mittens 49c

in heavy Wool and wool lined leather Mittens, this week for choice 49c

35c Boys Gloves and Mitens in Wool and lined leather, this week 22c

75c & 85c Mens Caps 48c

in Corduroy trimmed leather, Plush, Corduroy & heavy Wool Caps, choice 48c

Mens Heavy Gray German Sox this week 85c

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