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## EXPLOSIONS CAUSE DEATH

### TEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN INDIANA ACCIDENT.

**Prestolite Gas Explodes, Injuring Ten—Some May Die—Wreckage Burning—Celluloid Factory Explodes in Vienna—Fifteen Are Killed—Bodies Burned—Flood and Tornado Add to List of Sudden Deaths.**

Indianapolis, Ind., June 6.—Ten persons are known to be seriously injured as the result of an explosion in a prestolite gas pumping station here today, and several of the injured will probably die. Next door to the pumping station is the building occupied by the St. Vincent infirmary. The explosion blew out the side of the infirmary building, and of the 100 patients in the institution it is feared that the shock of the explosion will cause several to die. An immense tank belonging to the gas company was blown three blocks.

A fire engine house adjacent to the prestolite plant was demolished by the explosion and several firemen were injured.

### Fifteen Killed in Vienna.

Vienna, June 6.—Fifteen persons employed in a celluloid factory here, were today killed by an explosion. The bodies are being consumed in the fire now raging in the wreckage. The cause of the disaster is unknown.

### Flood in Oklahoma.

Enid, Okla., June 6.—Twenty houses were washed away and scores of persons injured as a result of floods following the worst storm in the history of the state today. Searchers are hunting for bodies but no deaths have been reported. A torrent of water 12 feet in depth is rushing down Main street and business is entirely suspended.

### Tornado Fatalities.

Chester, Kan., June 6.—Two are dead and six injured by the tornado that swept southern Kansas last night. Wires are down and reports are very meager.

Scandia was deluged with water and sand today. The tornado formed south of the city and sucked the water and sand from the river bed and scattered it over the country.

Another formed east of the city and is headed for Republic City. Thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done.

### Storms General.

Kansas City, June 6.—Reports received here by the weather bureau today, indicate that Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma were swept today by a series of tornadoes. Railroads and telegraph lines are washed out.

### More Killed.

Lincoln, Neb., June 6.—It is reported that 10 were killed and many injured in the interior of the state by tornadoes this morning. Fatalities occurred at Franklin, Carleton, Shickley and Geneva.

## Heavy Strawberry and Cherry Crops.

Freewater, June 6.—There will be an immense amount of strawberries sent out of the Freewater-Milton section in the next two weeks. Owing to the cool weather this season the crop is not as large as it would have been, but it is larger than last year by about 5000 crates, as last year about 20,000 crates went out, while this year it is estimated that about 25,000 crates will be shipped out. The growers are realizing about \$2.50 per crate. Next week will see the last of the strawberry season in this vicinity. Some cherries are coming in, all early varieties, Governor Woods, Early Purple and others. The cherry crop is heavy this year and it will require a large number of people to pick and ship them out. The fruit cannery is running part of the time, and as soon as the later fruits come in there will be a large number of people employed.

## Start Bermuda Race.

New York, June 6.—With the cheers of hundreds of onlookers ringing in their ears, the contestants in the New York-Bermuda motor boat race set forth today in their staunch little craft to brave the 650 miles of tossing billows that lie between New York harbor and St. David's head, Bermuda. This is the second race of the kind, the first having been won last year by the Alisa Craig, which maintained an average speed of 12 miles. The winner will receive the James Gordon Bennett challenge cup, and a cash prize of \$1000.

## Pittsburg Turn-Bizirk.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 6.—Germans of western Pennsylvania and West Virginia will gather in large numbers at Monongahela City tomorrow, attracted by the biennial festival of the Pittsburg District Turn-Bizirk. About 30 different societies will be represented at the celebration, which will last three days. A large number of prizes are offered in the turning, literary and singing contests.

## May Beat Records.

Portland, June 6.—Two world's records may be broken today in the Pacific Northwest meet. Forrest Smithson is going after the 120-yard hurdles, and Andy Glarner may break the record in the half mile.

## Band Concert Tonight.

At the corner of Adams avenue and Depot street tonight at 7:30 sharp, the La Grande band will give the following program:

March—"Union Forever," Houten. Oriental Intermex—"Parsia," Darnell.

Overture—"Dawn to Twilight," Bennett.

Waltz—"Sweet Dreams," Keifer.

Cornet solo—"Old Kentucky Home," (with variations), Knight.

Air and variations, (Knight) Prof. Hendrick.

March—"Chief Executive," Lindquist.

Professor George Hendrick, bandmaster.

## Owens Acquitted.

Los Angeles, June 6.—The jury today acquitted Dr. J. S. Owens, accused of extortion by J. Whyte Evans. The jury deliberated one hour. The trial has been in progress since Monday. Owens was indicted on a charge of writing letters to Evans intended to extort money.

## Funeral of Unsettled Pioneer.

Milton, Ore., June 6.—The funeral of W. S. Brown, who died here Tuesday, was largely attended yesterday. Mr. Brown came to this country in 1842 and built the first mill 15 years later. The funeral was one of the most largely attended ever held here.

## ENLISTED MEN MAY NOT ENTER

### FIRST DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ENLISTED MEN.

Admiral Burwell, Commandant of the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Denies Admittance to Enlisted Men Because Their Brograms Injure Golf Links—Relations With Naval Officers Very Much Strained in Consequence.

Seattle, June 6.—The first discrimination against the navy uniform since the great fleet arrived on the coast, is said to come from a high officer, Admiral Burwell, commandant of the Puget Sound navy yard. He has issued an order prohibiting enlisted men from entering the yard, although civilians are freely admitted at all times. Relations between Burwell and the officers of the fleet are decidedly strained, and only perfunctory courtesies are exchanged. The reasons reported for the commandant's action are that he feared the sailors' brograms might ruin the golf links and that the noise of returning shore parties would disturb his evening game of bridge.

## NEGRO SELLS SQUAW BOOZE.

Arrested for Giving Anna Ike Whiskey and Now Languishes in Jail.

Spokane, June 6.—On a warrant charging him with having sold whiskey to Anna Ike, a squaw of the Coeur d'Alene tribe, Edward Harris, a negro, was arrested at Tekoa yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Geo. Baker, Jr. Harris was arraigned before Judge J. W. Marshall, United States commissioner. He admitted to having purchased beer with money furnished him by the Indian woman and giving it to her. The commissioner placed Harris under \$200 bond to appear at the next session of the federal grand jury. He was unable to raise the security and was confined in the county jail.

## Sullivan Pleads Not Guilty.

This afternoon Tim Sullivan, who is charged with an unprintable crime, pleaded not guilty, and his trial was set for Monday.

## MORE TEACHERS ARE ELECTED

### INCREASE IN SCHOOLS NECESSITATES LARGER FACULTY

One More Teacher in the Grade-Needed Next Year—Assembly Room in High School Building to Be Used—Miss McKinley Returns—North School to Be Finished This Summer—School Better Than Ever.

At the meeting of the school board last night at which Mr. Hockenberry, Clerk A. C. Williams, and all the members of the board were present, the remainder of the high school faculty for the coming year were elected. They are: Miss Alice McKinley of Salem, and Miss Pauline Hilliard, a graduate of Cornell University. Miss Ella Blake of Nebraska, was elected to a position in the grades. Miss Blake is former schoolmate of Mrs. E. Polack.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for completing the North school and to invite proposals for seating the assembly room in the high building, which will be used for a study room by the high school pupils. Those of the grades which remain at this building will move to the lower floor the coming year.

### Sensible Conclusion.

"There isn't a political sore spot about the Republican shop. The voice of the people ends the argument here."—Union Republican.

Same here, brother.

Mrs. Peter O'Sullivan has been quite sick for several days.

## EXPLOSION ON WARSHIP FATAL

### FOUR KILLED TRYING TO BREAK SPEED RECORD.

The Four Victims of the Boiler Explosion on Board the Cruiser Tennessee Buried at Two This Afternoon—Killed While Trying to Break the Speed Record—Tube in Boiler Cracked—Steam Cooked Unfortunate Men.

Los Angeles, July 6.—The burial of the four victims of Friday's fearful boiler explosion on the cruiser Tennessee will be held at 3 this afternoon in the naval cemetery at San Pedro, off which port the damaged warship is anchored. Of 15 sailors injured, it is feared at least two will die—H. Fitzpatrick of Brooklyn, and F. S. Maxfield of Toughkena, Pa.

Arrangements were made to bring the injured to the hospital here on a special train, but a heavy fog early this morning caused the plan to be abandoned.

A revised list of the dead gives the names of E. C. Boggs, fireman, Woodlawn, Ala.; G. W. Meek, fireman, Skidmore, Kan.; A. Reinhold, machinist mate, Germany; George Wood, water tender, Scranton, Pa. The accident occurred while the men were working to break the speed record. Off Point Huenome, a water tube cracked, filled the room with steam and literally cooked the men. Admiral Sebree had left the room but a moment before.

One more victim of the terrific boiler explosion on the Tennessee died this morning, making the total number of dead five. E. J. Burns, a coal passer of New York, succumbed to his terrible injuries.

S. Stematia, a fireman, Norfolk; F. S. Maxfield, a fireman, Pennsylvania, are fatally injured.

No official investigation has been made, but it is understood among the men that the officers are not blamed.

### Idaho Floods Receding.

Lewiston, June 6.—The Clearwater and Salmon river floods are receding after a two-days rampage. The greatest property loss was caused by the bursting of two dams valued at \$10,000—one at Grangeville power plant, the other belonging to mining companies.

### Real Estate Transfer.

Filed in the recorder's office of Union county, Ore., for the week ending June 6, 1908. Furnished by the La Grande Investment company, abstracters, La Grande:

Union Real Estate & Mining Exchange to Eva E. Widell, deed to lots 15 and 16, block 16, North Elgin, \$30.

Union Real Estate & Mining Exchange to Eva E. Widell, deed to lots 13 and 14, block 16, North Elgin, \$30.

United States to Morten Mortensen, patent, N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 25, Tp 5 S, R 41 E.

G. W. Donnelly to Harriet A. Owsley, lot 2, block 5, Grandy's 2nd add. \$1000.

United States to John Gawith, Jr., patent, S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 26, E\* NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 31, Tp 2 N, R 41 E.

H. F. Webb to J. L. McKinnis, deed, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 4, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 5, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 8, Tp 2 S, R 39. \$5400.

Fred R. Alexander to H. L. Alexander, deed, Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, blk 4, Imbler. \$250.

Clara Vandike to Phebe Hale, deed NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 9, Tp 1 S, R 26 E. \$500.

J. J. Beldin to David W. Beck, deed Lot 2 in division "B," New Haven add to La Grande. \$500.

Jos. Gibbons to James H. Wilson, deed, E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 17, part W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 16, Tp 2 S, R 38, and part NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 17. \$4500.

D. Sommer to Frank Counsell, deed, E $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec 11, E\* SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 2, Tp 4 S, R 38. \$1250.

Claude Huffman to J. A. Thorn, deed, Timber on S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 30, Tp 1 S, R 40. \$1.

H. F. Bush to J. W. Minnick, deed, N $\frac{1}{2}$  block 7, Hannah's add to Union. \$270.

James Oikison to A. E. Oikison, deed, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 14, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec 11, part SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 11, Tp 6 S, R 38 E. \$1200.

John Miller, by sheriff, to Wm. G. Noble, tax deed, part NE SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 18, Tp 3 S, R 23 E. \$17.

United States to Green A. McWilliams, patent, N $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 4, Tp 4 S, R 33 E.

United States to Henry Lawrence, patent, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 7, E\* NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 18, Tp 4 S, R 38 E.

United States to Henry Parker, patent, E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 17, Tp 6 E, R 38 E.

Wm. F. Anderson to Scott Goodall, deed, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 28, Tp 4 S, R 35 E. \$1100.

J. D. McKennon to S. U. Evans, deed, Part E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 36, Tp 2 S, R 37 E. \$1.

S. U. Evans to J. D. McKennon, deed, Lot 15, block 124, Chaplin's add. \$1.

H. W. ... to ... deed, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 7, Tp 6 S, R 39 E. \$4000.

L. Oldenburg to A. P. Johnson, deed, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 16, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  21, S $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 22, Tp 1 S, R 39 E. \$1.

Henry Lawrence to Mabel C. Bigelow, deed, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 7, E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 18, Tp 4 S, R 38 E. \$1250.

State of Oregon to Geo. E. Wells, deed, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 12, Tp 3 S, R 27 E. \$50.

Nancy A. Shaffer to Geo. E. James, deed, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E\* SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 31, Tp 2, N R 41 E. \$2500.

W. R. Dredge to L. M. Jensen, deed, lots 13 and 14, block 7, Imbler. \$200.

Robt. Lloyd to W. R. Dredge, deed, Lots 13 and 14, block 7, Imbler. \$200.

L. M. Jensen to W. R. Dredge, deed, Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, block 7, Imbler. \$200.

Casper Anderson to Fred Johnson, deed, Part NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 22, Tp 3 S, R 40 E. \$3000.

John W. Parker to Thos. H. Parker, deed, N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 2, Tp 6 S, R 39 E. \$1.

Thos. L. Connally to Phebe J. Anderson, deed, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 25, Tp 3 S, R 40 E. \$2800.

John Conklin, by administrator, to A. G. Conklin, deed,  $\frac{1}{4}$  interest in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 15, Tp 3 S, R 40 E. \$2600.

Joseph P. Brooks to Moses C. Thompson, deed, Lots 12 and 13, block 1, Acme add. \$75.

John McKenna to D. H. Procter, deed, S $\frac{1}{2}$  lots 5 and 6, block 20, Chaplin's add. \$1600.

Sarah A. Stevens to Nelson Rich, deed, E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 23, Tp 4 S, R 38 E. \$1.

Samuel T. Rogers to Laramie Leep Rogers, deed, S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 8, Tp 1 S, R 36 E. \$1.

### Birthday Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williams will give a five-course dinner tomorrow afternoon in honor of their daughter, Helen Grace's first, and Halie Adler's sixteenth birthday.

The table will be spread under the trees in the yard. The last course will consist of two cakes. The one lighted with 1 candle for Helen, the other for Miss Halie Adler, lighted with 16 candles. About 17 guests will be present.

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## TAFT'S FOES NOT DISCOURAGED

### TROUBLES NOT OVER FOR TAFT AND FRIENDS.

Lots of Fun in Chicago—Both Sides Claim Victory in End—Knox May Be Elected in Flight—Taft Gains Alabama Delegates—Total Gain of 30 Since Beginning—Actions of Committee May Be Tested in Court.

Chicago, June 6.—The allies have not yet surrendered, despite the disheartening victory of the Taft forces yesterday, when they succeeded in delegations. Burke, Knox's manager from Pittsburg, says he will carry the fight into the convention, as he believes the credentials committee will not be packed for Taft. The Florida contests were discussed this morning.

It is reported this afternoon that preparations are being made that may possibly result in an action in court, attacking the legality of the whole action of the republican national committee in connection with the convention contests. A member of the committee said that courts had ruled many times that the actions of a committee could not be reviewed, and that the allies had better give up.

The committee this afternoon seated the Taft delegates at large from the Second district of Florida. This adds six delegates to Taft's total. He won 22 in Alabama and two from Arkansas, making a gain of 30 since the hearing began.

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of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

**HILL'S DRUG STORE**

La Grande Oregon