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RELIC OF THE PAST AT REST

STUBBLEFIELD'S REMAINS TAKEN TO ENTERPRISE TODAY

Death of W. K. Stubblefield at Dallas Takes One of the Few Who Bear Distinction in Pioneer Days—Carried Mail From Wallowa River to the Snake—Never Late—Long and Trusted Man in Employ of Government in His Day.

The remains of William Stubblefield, who died in Dallas, March 22, aged 86 years, passed through La Grande today en route for Enterprise, where they will be laid at the side of Mrs. Stubblefield's remains. "One who knew him" writes of him:

The death of William K. Stubblefield removes one of the strongest characters from the pioneer annals of the Pacific coast. By birth a mountaineer from Tennessee, in early life he moved to Missouri; later from Missouri to Texas, thence back to Arkansas, and from there to Oregon, locating in what is now Wallowa county, in 1883. He opened up a home for himself and family in what was then the wilds of the Imnaha, planting an orchard and reducing to cultivation a valuable farm. Later he disposed of his holdings, and for many years was a resident of Enterprise, and had the contracts for carrying the mails from that point to

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ILLNESS IS GONE

GOVERNOR COSGROVE READY TO RETURN MAY FIRST.

Health Rapidly Returning to Washington's Executive at Paso Robles—Walks Often.

Paso Robles, March 24.—Governor Cosgrove of Washington has so greatly improved that he expects to return within a few days. He takes long walks, and auto rides. It is now thought he will reach Olympia on May 1. He looked especially healthful today.

EMERYS ISOLATE IN ALL SOCIETY

COUPLE SAID TO BE READY TO FLEE FROM STATE.

Home of Archdeacon Emery Broken Up Over Pending Marriage of His Daughter of Japanese—Prelate Has Been Away From Home Since Announcement.

San Francisco, March 24.—Helen Emery, daughter of Archdeacon Emery, of the Episcopal diocese of Cali-

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HOCKENBERRY ANSWERS HENSON

ASSERTS SCHOOL BONDS ARE NOT DUE UNTIL 1919.

School Superintendent Answers Each Argument of Director Henson in Recent Interview—Will Have 25 or 30 Pupils That Can't Possibly Be Given Room in High School Next Year—No Feasibility in Moving the White Building.

La Grande, March 24.—(To the Editor.)—There is nothing so forceful or convincing in Mr. Henson's article of several days ago, that it should demand an answer, were it not for the fact that he is a school director and therefore supposed to know what he was talking about. Mr. Henson is a most excellent locomotive engineer, but he knows as little about running a high school as I do about running a locomotive. This is said in all kindness.

The complaint about high taxes is hardly just in this connection. The school tax is 8 mills on the dollar this year, the lowest but once, I think, in the eight years that I have been in La Grande. Because the city taxes are high is no reason why our children should be deprived of their school privileges. Besides it is scarcely candid to say that taxes will remain at their present height when we all know

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WOMAN KIDNAPER WELL EDUCATED

WOMAN'S NAME SIMILAR TO MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME.

Cleveland Anxious to Know Meaning of Strange Assertion by Woman Who Abducted White Boy—Father and Son Hurry to Cleveland to Identify the Suspects—Woman Thought to Be Prominent in Sharon Where the Whittas Reside.

Cleveland, March 24.—The woman arrested here charged with the abduction of Willie Whitta gave her name today as Helen Falkner, and the man arrested with her gave his name as J. H. Boyle. The woman is well educated. It is thought she is prominent in Sharon. The police have searched the Granger apartments where the couple lived. The interior answers the description of the place where the boy said he was held. Candy, containing chloroform, was found. The police think this accounts for the dazed condition of Willie when he arrived at the Hollenden hotel to meet his father.

There is still considerable speculation as to the meaning of the woman's remarks when she said last night: "There will be trouble for me, and hell tomorrow in Sharon." Before her marriage, Mrs. Whitta's name was Forkner, and the similarity in the two names is causing comment. The woman living at the Granger apartments today told the police she saw a woman and man enter the place

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A NEW CACTUS

SPINELESS WONDER IS CULTURED IN MEXICO.

Miner Finds Freak in Cactus Family That Bears Luscious Fruit—Has the Plant in His Garden.

Los Angeles, March 24.—A spineless cactus made by nature and not by hand, is reported by W. Wolf, a miner, to flourish in the Sierra Madre ranges of western Chihuahua, a province in Mexico. Wolf set out several plants in his garden. He says the cactus is edible, bearing a luscious red fruit.

NEW FEEDER IN BIG WHEAT BELT

NEW LINE TO PASCO FROM GREAT NORTHERN ROAD.

Big Wheat Tonnage of Big Bend Country Will Not Have to Be Sent Over the Mountains When This Line is Complete—Will Irrigate 100,000 Acres.

Seattle, March 24.—For the purpose of opening the region bordering on Moses Lake, Douglas county, where 100,000 acres can be irrigated, the Northern Pacific will construct a line from Adrian on the Great Northern line, to Pasco, passing through Othello on the Milwaukee line.

The announcement was made today by President Elliott, of the Northern Pacific, who is here completing the sale of lands of the company in Washington.

The line will be an important feeder to the Northern Pacific, for it will give an outlet to all the wheat tonnage from the Big Bend country instead of sending it back to Chaney, or over the mountains by transfer to the Great Northern.

WHEAT AT \$1.23

Portland, Ore., March 24.—Wheat sold as high as \$1.23 per bushel in Portland the last 24 hours. This is the highest point reached by bluestem this season. The advance in wheat has revived the talk of still another advance in flour prices all along the coast.

There are three kinds of people in the world: the wills, the won'ts and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything, the second oppose everything, the third fail in everything.

UNION COUNCIL IN A PREDICAMENT

RIOT RULE IMMINENT IN COUNCIL MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Big Crowds Demand Mayor and the Councilmen Resign—Marshal Refuses to Do His Duty and His Successor is Named—Mayor Law Refuses to Read Petition, But Eventually Gives in to Demands of Crowd in Council Rooms.

Union, Ore., March 24.—(Special.)—At a called meeting of the common council of this city last night, feeling ran high between the mayor and council on the one hand and a body of 150 voters and taxpayers on the other. The ordinance which has called forth so much disapproval since its passage a week ago, was repealed, and a resolution to enforce the state law in regard to Sunday closing was passed. The citizens then presented a petition signed by 139 taxpayers and voters, asking for the resignation of the mayor and council. Mayor Law, claiming that the petition was unconstitutional and worthless because non-voters had signed it, refused to read the prayer of the petitioners and stuck the paper in his pocket, declaring the meeting adjourned.

Marshal Refuses to Obey. Thereupon several of the insurgent citizens became angry and demanded that he read the petition. The mayor demanded the arrest of several, and the marshal refused to obey, threatening

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SQUIRRELS A GREAT PEST

DAYTON, WASH., HAS A PEST IN GRAY SQUIRRELS.

Farmers Alarmed Over Crop Prospects Because of Great Number of Gray Squirrels This Year.

Dayton, Wash., March 24.—Farmers of this country are alarmed over the threatened destruction of the grain crop by gray squirrels. The visitation of the little animals is unprecedented in the history of farming in eastern Washington. Appeals will be made to the state experiment station at Pullman for relief. A quantity of virus with which to inoculate the squirrels has been ordered. This it is thought is the only method to exterminate them.

The Beverly Skirt-The Skirt

We want to talk to you about our new shipment of the above famous skirts just received.

The Stylish Skirts

JUST PLAIN TALK. THERE IS NO BETTER LINE OF SKIRTS MADE. ELEVEN YEARS' TRIAL CONVINCES US. A TRIAL WILL CONVINCING YOU.

The Quality Skirts

YOU ASK, HOW IS THE QUALITY? THE MANUFACTURERS STAND BACK OF EVERY SKIRT, AND WE STAND BETWEEN YOU AND THE MAKER AND SEE THAT YOU GET THE BEST.

Economical Skirts

YOU SAY, WHAT IS THE PRICE? WE TELL YOU WITHOUT HESITANCY, THAT YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT THE VERY REASONABLE PRICES. OUR PRICES TALK FOR THEMSELVES.



Engle Cone Scuffer Shoes

These are the children's shoes you have been looking for. They are made to fit the little feet, wide soles, soft uppers.



SEE THE SHAPE

THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT TO ALLOW THE CHILDREN'S FEET TO GROW NATURAL.

SEE THE STYLES

WE HAVE THEM IN TANS, BLACKS AND PATENTS.

Oxfords and Shoes



For Quality

THE FAIR

For Style

LARGE SUM IS MISSING

CITY TREASURY FLEECED OF HUNDRED THOUSAND.

Grand Jury Finds Leak in Coffers, But Cannot Find Path Missing Funds Have Taken.

San Francisco, March 24.—Following revelations made to the local grand jury yesterday, expert accountants are today continuing efforts to trace the course taken by the \$100,000 which disappeared from the city treasury.

Although several witnesses, formerly members of the treasury under the regime of Treasurer Bantel, have been examined, none have aided in shedding any light on the subject. The accountants are only able to say the money is missing, and offer no explanation.

The grand jury will meet again tomorrow to continue the investigation.

COUNTRY UPLIFT CLUB DISCUSSED

BENSON WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

Governors of Northwestern States Will Be Called to Spokane to Attend a Conference of Country Club Uplifters—Is Pursuant to Roosevelt's Pet Scheme.

Salem, March 24.—Pursuant to President Roosevelt's plan for the uplift of country life, Norman B. Kemp of Dayton, O., a member of the country life commission, has suggested to Governor Benson a conference of governors of the northwestern states be held at Spokane April 15, to formulate plans for the organization of country associations. The governors of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Wyoming will be invited to attend the conference.

CIGAR FACTS

We have the constant patronage of a large share of the critical smokers of the city. Sometimes they drift away for awhile, but they are back shortly and seem glad to come. We have no corner on good cigars, and believe that the secret of our hold on is that we pay more for our cigars than most dealers think necessary. Once convinced that a brand is exceptionally fine, we stick it no matter if the margin is slender. While we pay liberally for our cigars, we see to it that we get full value for our money, which means unusual quality for our customers.

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