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ELECTRIC ROADS OUT OF SPOKANE

OREGON, IDAHO AND B. C.
TOWNS ARE TO BE UNITED

Panhandle Electric Company Intentions of Constructing Many Electric Lines Out of Spokane—Idaho And Oregon Towns to be Put in Direct Touch With Canadian Railroad Lines—Incorporation Articles Amended.

OLYMPIA, Wn., April 9.—Another electric interurban line will be built in the vicinity of Spokane, according to amended articles of incorporation filed with the Secretary of State today by the Panhandle Electric Railway & Power Company of Spokane. They will construct an electric line or steam road from Priest River, Idaho, to Priest Lake, thence up the river to a Canadian line. Then from Priest River to Spokane is also proposed.

The company intends to secure rights to build lines into Spokane, and other cities and towns of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia.

IN SPECIAL CAR.

Florence Roberts Company Reaches City From Weiser.

The Florence Roberts company, playing "The House of Bondage" arrived this morning from Weiser, and will play at the Steward tonight. Miss Roberts is accompanied by a retinue of servants.

SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS IMPROPER.

Seattle Officials Chagrined at New Ice Cake Stamps.

SEATTLE, April 9.—Upon reading in the newspapers that Postmaster General Hitchcock has approved a special Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Postage stamp carrying a design showing the seal standing by a cake of ice. The chamber of commerce, and officers, of the exposition jointly signed the following telegram: "Hon. R. A. Ballinger, secretary treasury, Washington: Believe the design on exposition stamp in showing ice cake is a mistake. Understand I aim at Alaska's exhibit under your department is to correct the impression that Alaska is a land of snow and icebergs. Wont you protest to the Postmaster General?"

SUMPTER VALLEY RATES EQUITABLE

COMMISSIONER ATCHESON RENDERS
DECISION IN RATE CASE

BAKER CITY, April 9.—In response to a complaint that the rates of the Sumpter Valley road on freight consigned to Canyon City were too great, State Railroad Commissioner Atcheson yesterday held an investigation of the rates at Austin, where he met with about 20 representative citizens and business men of the John Day country. The result was that the company was exonerated.

TAFT SHORT OF EXPENSE MONEY

CALIFORNIA OFFERS TO
PAY COAST VISIT EXPENSES

By Reason of the Fact That Taft is Unable to Pay Expenses Incurred by Visit to Coast, State of California Will Pay Them—Will Urge Passage of Deficiency Bill Providing for Traveling Expenses—No Answer Given.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—According to a statement of Congressman Kahn, of California, his state will, if necessary, provide money for a special train to insure the proposed visit of President Taft to the coast. Taft says he unable to bear the expense. In view of this the California delegation will urge upon the appropriation committee the necessity of a deficiency providing \$2000 to cover traveling expenses of the president. Kahn has assured Taft of a hearty reception in California.

Taft has not given his definite answer to the proposition. It is said he is reticent in establishing such a precedent.

McKinley's Secretary Dead.
Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the Interior under McKinley, died today, of kidney trouble.

COVE AT ELGIN SUNDAY.
Cove will play Elgin next Sunday. This promises to be a speedy game.

BIG SHOW THROUGH.
"The Girl Question" opera company passed through La Grande this morning en route to Baker City where the troupe plays tonight.

BIRTH OF TWINS CAUSES SUICIDE

TWO ARE DEAD AND THREE
IN PRECARIOUS CONDITION

Suicide And Death From Shock Caused By Birth of Twins in Pittsburg—Father Despondent Over Increase in Family—Grandmother of Children Shocked And Drops Dead—Doctors Striving to Save Lives of Other Three.

PITTSBURG, April 9.—Birth of twins in a family here has caused almost instant death in one instance, suicide in another, and endangered three other lives.

Following the birth of twins to Mrs. William Hedinger, her mother, Mrs. Martha Smith, is dead of shock, and Mrs. Hedinger's husband has suicided through grief, while physicians are endeavoring to save the lives of the mother and babies.

When the birth of twins was announced Mrs. Smith was so excited she collapsed and died shortly afterward of heart failure. Hedinger was despondent because the family had increased, and went to his barn where he shot himself.

PECUNIARY AID FOR BAND BOYS

BUSINESS MEN EXPRESS THEIR
APPRECIATION WITH CASH

The band boys circulated a subscription list yesterday for the benefit of the uniform fund, and met with a liberal response from the business men and some others. The list now totals \$193.00, and with the \$50.00 made by the concert, leaves about another hundred short of the desired amount. Although the exact cost of uniforms has not been ascertained, it is quite certain that \$250.00 will be needed. The boys do not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining another hundred, but the list is yet open, and if any one desires to contribute anything for this worthy purpose, subscriptions may be given to James Snodgrass, at the grocery, or to Sherwood Williams at the La Grande bank.

JURY TO MEET FRIDAY.
Summons issued by Judge Knowles calling the grand jury together, stipulate next Friday rather than today as intimated in the Observer in a recent date.

GAMBLING CASES TOMORROW.
If present plans are carried out the Summerville gambling cases will be heard tomorrow at the court house.

ARBOR DAY QUIET.
Arbor day passed by unusually quiet today. But little observance was made of the day in any of the schools.

CLASS ENTERTAINMENT.
The Agoga and the Minute Men of the First Baptist church Sunday school will entertain the classes of Mrs. E. Damon and Miss Lydia Hus in the lecture room of the church on Saturday evening. The occasion is a penalty social. The young men and boys were ostracized by the young ladies in the monthly contest when attendance and offering were the contested questions. A good time is in store.

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS.
Excepting such exercises as were conducted in the Catholic and Episcopal churches, Good Friday passed unnoticed.

W. A. RODIFER DIED LAST NIGHT.

Death Came After Several Weeks of Painful Sickness.

The late W. A. Rodifer was born July 2, 1843, in the state of Virginia. He came west in his early boyhood, and settled in Nevada, where he engaged in mining and mechanical labor. In 1891 he removed to Oregon, settling in La Grande. After a painful illness of several weeks he passed away last night, April 8 at 9:20 from the family home in North La Grande. There survive the wife and seven children, who have the sympathy of many friends. The funeral was held from the home at 4 o'clock this afternoon and remains were laid to rest in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

PETROLEUM ON THE FREE LIST

LOWER PRICES FOR PETROLEUM
AND PRODUCTS EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—Upon motion of Payne the house in a committee of the whole this afternoon placed petroleum and its products on the free list. The Standard Oil was fighting for the retention on tariff.

Effect on petroleum prices may not vary much if they change. In view of the fact that Rockefeller's interest have seriously objected to the action it is presumed that foreign competition will have a tendency of reducing prices in United States.

COVE, April 9.—(Special) The Cove high school is ready for the La Grande nine tomorrow. The game was originally to have been played today but the date was changed.

Geo. E. Schulz representing R. G. Dun & Co., the mercantile agency, is in La Grande tonight.

MELVIN BRADLEY KILLED AT EVANSTON, WYO., THIS MORNING

LEFT LA GRANDE FOR HIS NEW LOCATION ABOUT
TWO WEEKS AGO--REPORTS MEAGER

JOINED BY HIS WIFE THIS WEEK

Melvin A. Bradley, aged about 30 years was killed at Evanston, Wyoming this morning, according to brief dispatches coming to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman and other intimate friends in La Grande this afternoon. Details of the fatal accident are entirely lacking.

Mr. Bradley was well known in La Grande. For two years he was employed as a switchman and brakeman in the local yards and it was only two weeks ago that he left for Wyoming where he had secured a position with a railroad company. Permanently located he sent for his wife and two-months' old child, and last Monday they took their departure for their new home.

The sad accident is deplorable. The family had many warm friends in this city who will be grieved to learn of the affair. No news of funeral arrangements, or in fact any of the details in connection with the death, have reached here yet.

ASHLAND PEOPLE ACQUISCE TO TO DEMANDS OF NORMAL BOARD

SALEM, April 9.—At a meeting of the executive committee at the normal school board of regents today decided that the Ashland school may continue to be conducted as a state institution. The people of Ashland have raised sufficient money to meet a part of the expenses of conducting the school, and also decided to make the donation without the threat of asking the legislature to reimburse them later.

HAZING EPISODE AIRED AT EUGENE

JUSTICE SLATER IS AT-
TORNEY FOR STUDENTS

Hearing in Which James Neill of La Grande in a Co-Defendant Was Called at Eugene Today—Will Continue Until Tomorrow Night Perhaps—Father of Bristo Boy is First Witness Called—Long List Will Tell Facts.

EUGENE, Ogn., April 9.—Five students of the University of Oregon, and on trial here today to determine the responsibility for the insanity of Ralph Bristol, son of J. N. Bristol, a prominent Portland merchant. They are Chester A. Downs, son of Professor Downs of Portland; Wilfred Wattenberg of Fossil, James Neill, of La Grande; Byron Goodall, of Salem; and John Rast, of Portland. They are charged with plunging Bristol in a tub of water in the college dormitory, December 17. It is alleged the shock stripped him of his mind.

Professor Downs and Justice W. T. Slater, of the Supreme Court appearing for the boys, a long list of witnesses was summoned today but hearing will probably last until Saturday night.

Chairman Holman declared the committee wanted facts, and not hearsay. J. N. Bristol, father, first witness; occasionally broke down, and could hardly proceed. Told how he met his son at Oregon City, and brought him to Portland. Ralph insisted on walking about the city and refused food. Told his father that students intended to put him into an asylum.

Cast your eye in the window of the City grocery. Mr. Pollock sent to Portland for those Easter lilies, which naturally adds to the tasty display.

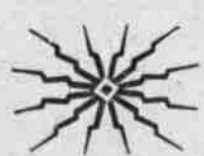
D. M. Hunt, who is boring a well on the place of J. L. McGinnis near Imbler, came in on the Elgin train today.

You Are Invited

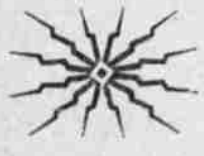
to visit this store at any time to inspect our new spring lines, whether you intend buying at the time or not.

Our Stock Is Complete

in every detail, and should you want anything from a yard of calico to the newest tailor-made spring suit, WE HAVE IT.



EASTER



will soon be here. Now is the time to get your new suit and hat.

Just received a delayed shipment of hand-tailored suits and skirts. COME IN AND SEE THEM.

THE FAIR