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EXTRA LIGHTS ON MAIN STREETS

FOUR THOUSAND ARE SUBSCRIBED IN SHORT TIME

Commercial club Holds Business Session at Nine O'Clock This Morning —All Business Houses to be Decorated in Gala Attire For Two Weeks —Considerable Money Subscribed For Irrigation Today Plans Discussed.

President Collier and Publicity Manager F. B. Currey, of the Commercial club, got together this morning very early-that is to say, at 8 o'clock. Within a few minutes of their meeting every merchant in the city was called over the phone and told very gently but firmly that his presence was required at the club rooms at 8:30 sharp. They were there, 25 of them. Mr. Collier made a short talk. When he was through, every one of these business men had guaranteed $10.00 toward defraying the expense of illuminating the streets during the sessions of the Oregon-Idaho development congress which will convene here on the 27th, and during the week of the carnival. Walter Pierce, for the Grand Ronde Electric company, will furnish the juice free, and the only expense the merchants will be called upon to bear will be that incident to wiring and putting the globes in position. The illumination will extend on Depot street from Jefferson avenue to the Elk's club, and on Adams from Chestnut to Fir. The stores on Adam avenue will be decorated and will remain so until after the carnival. Other plans for the entertainment of the city's guests are rapidly taking shape, and will be completed in a few days.

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EIGHT VICTIMS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—Ruins of the St. George tenement house fire were searched today for John Burrl and Jerome O'Hara the only two inmates unaccounted for. This will makes a total dead of eight, as the result of yesterday's holocaust.

HARVARD-COLUMBIA RACE.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 17.—The two-mile race between the Harvard and Columbia crews on the Charles river basin is on today. This race with Columbia will be followed in May by the annual race with Cornell on Lake Cayuga. The new London races come later in June.

OKLAHOMA STARTS RACING.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 17.—Oklahoma has stepped into the breach and a race meeting started at Lawton today and will continue to the 27th. When this ends meetings will folow in seven other cities.

TAFT TO VISIT ALASKA, MAYBE

PLANS JUNKET NORTH IF HE COMES TO PACIFIC COAST

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Taft will visit Alaska if he comes to the Pacific coast this Summer, according to announcement made at the white house today. According to present plans he will leave Washington about August 1, and tour the coast from Alaska to Southern California. He will spend June and July at his Summer "Capitol" at Beaverly, Mass.

The trip will proably cost an even $100,000 and it is stated he may not take the trip if congress fails to pass an appropriation of $25,000.

ROBBER SCARES SEATTLE BANKER

NEAR NOON, LONE MAN ATTEMPTS BOLD ROBBERY

Pokes Gun at Teller's Face—Later Ducks And Bullet Whizzes Past Two Men—President of Bank Heard Bullet Sing—In Excitement Robber Flees to Street Crowd And Makes Escape—Many in Vicinity at The Time.

SEATTLE, April 17.—A robber entered the American Savings & Trust bank, in the heart of the business district at 11 this morning and poked a gun under the teller's nose. "Give me some money" he commanded. Instead of complying the teller, Arthur T. Drew, ducked under the counter. The robber then turned and fired at Secretary Harry Welty, whose desk was near. The bullet went wild, barely missing James P. Gleason, the president. Gleason says he heard the bullet whiz by.

In the excitement the stranger ran out and disappeared in the street crowd.

A marriage license has been issued to Charles Tobin and Mabel McGrath, both of Union.

BLUE ROCK SHOOT.

The Eastern Oregon Blue Rock Association will hold their second shoot in Elgin some time during the early part of May, and already arrangements are being made by local shooters for the event.

The event will be a handicap shoot, each shooter handling in his general average, and the distance will be from 16 to 19 yards, which will allow all shooters a fair show for the prizes. No entry charges will be made and only 2 cents will be charged for birds, making it inexpensive event.

BOY WENT OVER ORO DELL DAM

BUFFETED ABOUT BY WHIRLPOOLS TILL RESCUED

Stephen Hiatt a Boy, Precipitated Over Dangerous Dam, But Eventually Rescued—Help Came When Boy Was Almost Exhausted From Struggle With The Eddies Below The Dam—Had Been Fishing When His Support Gave Way.

Stephen Hiatt, aged 13 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hiatt who live near the brick yard, was last evening carried over the Oro Dell dam and for nearly a half hour was buffeted about by the eddies and whirlpools below the dam, his only life saver being a straw in the shape of a broken 2x4 scantling. How he managed to survive the mental and physical strain, until rescue came is a mystery to him and to those who are acquainted with the facts.

Stephen had been fishing on the crest of the dam, gaining a very highly coveted position over the dam by extending a light plank out from the pier. From this perch he was suddenly precipitated to the water by the breaking of his support.

That he is alive today is credited to the fact that he fell so far over the crest of the dam that the suction could not pull in front of the obstruction where death awaited the boy. To be rushed down the 20-foot incline to the whirlpools below was instantaneous almost, and while the boy's companion stood aghast at the spectacle, Stephen was struggling for his life. Carl Nelson's son was the witness and he quickly recovered his faculties and ran to the Nelson home for assistance. This came in the shape of a rope and Mr. Nelson who threw the life line to then almost exhausted lad. Rescue was thus efftcted.

The Hiatt family was first informed that their son was drowned, but of course, their first shock was alleviated when actual facts were known. Another condition of things that helped to weigh the boy down was the fact that he was dressed in heavy clothing and wore chaps that prevent self rescue.

He is fully recovered today.

KREIGER PLANT TO START SOON

LARGE FORCE OF MEN DOING PRELIMINARY WORK TODAY

George Kreiger's brickyard is to resume its summer run in the near future. The proprietor has a large force of men at work cleaning out the yard and making preliminary arrangement for starting the plant at once. This industry is one of the substanial payroll sources of the city.

NOVEL POLITICAL DINNER.

Initiative, Referendum and Recall Dinner in New York Today.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The third annual banquet of the Independence league will be held at the Hotel Knickerbocker tonight.

The banquet committee of the league has devised a plan this year for holding what they call an initiative, referendum and recall dinner, for the sake of exemplifying these principles, which have been part of the political platform of the league in its various campaigns.

All will not be serious and statesmanlike at the banquet, however, as there will be also lighter forms of entertainment.

HAS FAKE NOSE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—George M. Kelly of this city has a new nose made from the middle finger of his left hand. He lost his nose by accident. A bone of the middle finger of the left hand grafted to the spot where the nose should be. For weeks he lay with his hand bound to his face.

BERKELEY FIELD ENLARGED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 17.—In order to accommodate the record-breaking crowd expected at the annual intercollegiate field day between Standford and the University of California today at Berkeley, extensive and long delayed improvements have been inaugurated by the student body management. An entire new set of bleachers was constructed on the west side of the oval commencing at the north end of the track and extending as far south as the famous 200 turn.

BAKER STUDENTS TRY BLACKMAIL

HIGH SCHOOL GIRL CONNECTED WITH ATTEMPTED EXTORTION

BAKER CITY, April 17.—The Democrat relates the following story:

An attempt to extort $9,000 from J. B. Griswold, a pioneer merchant of Baker, last night, resulted in the arrest of Will Walters, cook at the Packwood Hotel, upon the charge of blackmail. Lenora Elms, who says she is a high school girl, Walter's companion and probable cat's paw in the case, is under survillance as a witness, and Kenneth Chute, a high school boy is also connected in the case, although the police believe not criminally. The attempt to extort the money from Mr. Griswold was made upon a pretext that some canned goods sold by Mr. Griswold would not comply with the pure food law, and had caused tomaine poisoning in the Chute boy. The alleged blackmailers are said to have threatened to bring the matter before the pure food commission unless Mr. Griswold "settled" with them.

The matter was first brought to the attention of the merchant by a letter which he claims was delivered by the young girl.

The merchant was told that an investigation by the pure food experts would cost him in fines, etc., $25,000 and $9,000 was fixed as the price of silence.

Mr. Griswold arranged a meeting with the alleged blackmailers and on Wednesday evening the man and girl came into the store and discussed the matter in the presence of two officers it is alleged, but failed to reach an understanding. Mr. Griswold was given until last evening in which to "settle."

Walters and the Elms girl—she is only 17 and is in Baker from the Burnt river country going to school—revisited Griswold last evening. The man said he would "square it" for the first figure.

"I won't give you a cent," said the merchant.

That was the signal and in a moment the parties were confronted by Chief Porter and Officer Anderson, who had been waiting in the store and who heard the conversation. Walters was put in jail. The girl was interrogated, the officers securing evidence which they consider valuable and she was then returned to her own room. She vows she will kill herself.

ARTESIAN WATER SUPPLY.

PENDLETON, April 16.—To sink an artesian well in hopes of getting a better supply for the city of Pendleton is the latest plan proposed. It is a proposition that is thus far merely in the preliminary stage, but the idea seems to meet with favor.

START PETITIONS ON NEXT MONDAY

FAULTLESS INSTRUCTIONS IN HANDS OF THE RECORDER

Bond Buyers Lay Down Law in Form of Procedure For Submitting Charter to Legal Voters—Is Matter Demanding Very Close Attention to Detail—Must Have Eight Per Cent of The Legal Voting Strength of La Grande.

Faultless instructions from the attorneys of the bond buyers who are to take Beaver Creek water bonds, as to mode of procedure in detail, for the adoption of a perfect city charter, were received by Recorder Cox this morning. The method of procedure outlined in these instructions is that of initiative by the people.

A petition signed by at least eight per cent of the legal voters of the city must be filed with the recorder. This petition is then to be presented at a regular meeting of the council, to the mayor and council. The council must then pass an ordinance adopting the charter and directing the city recorder to publish notices calling a special election on a date 60 days from the time the ordinance is passed.

At this special election the "revised and consolidated charter," which it is now called, instead of charter amendment as before, will be submitted to the legal voters of the city for their approval or rejection.

The new charter will be identical in every respect with the present one except that in title it will differ. The failure of the people to pass this charter will not invalidate the contract now existing between the city and the American Light & Water company. All expense in this connection will be borne by the bond buyers.

The petitions will be circulated Monday morning, and further steps required will follow in regular order with all possible dispatch.

HOTEL LEASED.

NORTH POWDER, April 17.—(Special)—The North Powder hotel has been leased to L. M. Gardner of Baker City from Charles Young. Mr. Gardner will take possession next week.

FANATICS SLAY GREAT NUMBERS

ASIA MINOR MASSACRE CONTINUES WITHOUT ABATEMENT

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 17.—Twenty-five hundred christians are slain in a Moslem massacre at Adana, and Mersins say reports received here. The massacre is spreading to other towns, and will likely spread all over Asia Minor. Fanatics are applying the torch everywhere. They dragged women to streets, killed them and chopped their babies in two.

It is reported that English and German residents are among the victims. The names of the two American Missionaries, reported slain at Adana have not been learned.

General Izett Fuad, assistant minister of war under the new bureau of Chief Edhem Pasha, was murdered last night acording to news today. It is supposed soldiers committed the crime.

BIRTH RECORD.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bilbert White in this city April 4, a son.

Bank Increases Capital.

JOLIET, Ill., April 17.—The Joliet National bank shareholders met today and voted to increase the capital stock from $100,000 to $150,000.

WHY PAY MORE?

for your spring or summer suit, when you can buy the newest garments from us for less money. Elegant Patterns, Faultless Tailoring Unequaled Values. A large array of patterns and styles to choose from.

How Does $15 Look to You

for a suit that you must pay $25 for in many stores.

Why not Save That Extra $10.00?

We have spring suits from $10 to $25 but we are especially proud of that $15 suit.

Come in and See Them

THE FAIR

LA GRANDE, OREGON