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HOLE IN BRAIN BUT WILL LIVE

REMARKABLE OPERATION ON RICH MAN'S SON
Would-be-Suicide Loses Eye, And Has Hole in His Brain, But is Saved by The Surgeons Knife, One of The Most Remarkable Cases on Record. By Wearing Glass Eye, Can Hide All Traces of Wound.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Fugene Moore, son of a capitalist of Plainfield, N. J., who shot himself in the eye at Golden Gate park Wednesday, is alive in the hospital here after one of the most remarkable surgical operations in medical history. According to Dr. Harold Brunna, who performed the operation, Moore will live, but will never regain his sight. The bullet entered the right temple, pierced the eyeball, lodging in the sensitive brain membrane behind the nose. To perform the operation it was necessary to remove the right eyeball, probe for the bullet behind the nasal cavity and after the lead was removed, it was necessary to extract thirty small splinters of bone forced into the brain. A silver plate was inserted to replace the shattered bone. By wearing a glass eye Moore can hide all trace of the wound.

In Saturday afternoon's Observer the personnel of two committees were left out of the report of the arrangements for tag day and the preparations for entertaining lady visitors to the development congress.

Mrs. F. E. Moore was assigned the duty of securing taggers for tag day, and Mesdames Schilke, Andrews and Eckley were appointed to confer with a committee of the Neighborhood club in regard to the lecture to be delivered by Mr. Weed, a landscape gardener of Chicago, some time in June.

MAKES BIG HIT.

Dutch Comedy Act on at Pastime That Will Make Dummy Laugh.

The Pastime is breaking all records in putting on good shows, and in engaging John E. Drew and wife they have a team that can't be equaled on the Coast. They create a continual laugh from the time they come on the stage.

And the other team, the Patterson's have an act that a mate for Drews, though entirely different. Graham and Norton are still keeping things coming their way. You can't miss their Indian spectacle, "Rainbow."

Another bran new picture has just arrived and will be run tonight.

District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe returned this afternoon from Wallowa county.

PAPERS SERVED ON LOUIS HILL

WILL SIMPLIFY INVESTIGATION OF GORDON CHARGES

SPOKANE, Wash., April 27.—After six weeks' effort, a subpoena has been served by Deputy Sheriff S. D. Doak on Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, summoning him to appear before the grand jury of Spokane county and bring with him documents needed in the investigation of charges of embezzlement against M. J. Gordon, former counsel of the railroad. The papers were served on President Hill, Saturday, in his St. Paul office. The papers demanded, include the company's files in the Sparrow damage suit, all the auditor's records showing shortage charged to Judge Gordon, and all Gordon's letters relating to the Front and Cope damage cases.

DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS MEETS --ENTHUSIASTIC SPEECHES MADE

RAIN PREVENTS LARGE ATTENDANCE, BUT DOES NOT DAMPEN SPIRIT OF BOOSTERS

Far too small was the attendance at the sessions of the Oregon-Idaho development congress this morning. Of course the disagreeable weather had something to do with keeping farmers at home, but the people of the city are missing a big treat when they stay away from these meetings. The foremost orators of the state are in attendance, and every speaker is an authority on his subject.

Because of the necessity of attending to a professional call, Mayor M. K. Hall was unable to be present at the morning session and President John Collier, of the Commercial club, fittingly welcomed the delegates and visitors.

Colonel Hofer, one of the most ardently patriotic of Oregonians, in his response to the speech of welcome, outlined the purpose and aims of the present meeting, and was followed by Turned Oliver who briefly congratulated everybody upon being present and spoke of the very evident good that would come as a result of this meeting, and then gave the floor to Attorney T. H. Crawford, who discussed for a short time on the necessity for better agricultural methods.

This afternoon the attendance was better than at the morning session, and this evening Mr. Hofer's famous speech, coupled with the musical numbers and the other good features of the evening's entertainment will no doubt draw a large crowd. Col. Hofer is chairman of the executive board of the congress, and as such he is entirely familiar with all their methods of attaining publicity for the state. This afternoon he outlined the meth-

ods followed by the organizations

Following a piano solo, by Mrs. W. W. Berry, "Tod" Rinehart, than whom there is no more enthusiastic citizen of Union county, using for the basis of his speech "A Greater Union County," broadened his talk until he had aroused a spirit that will help to make a "Greater Oregon." Mrs. Berry was called upon for another selection on the piano, which she very obligingly gave; and then F. S. Brauwel spoke on the certain and enormous benefits of irrigation. Attorney Crawford took the floor and discussed briefly our water laws, and the riparian rights of citizens in Oregon. One feature of the afternoon ought not to pass without mention, for those concerned deserve the highest credit for their course in the matter. We refer to the action of the band in volunteering their services afternoon and evening during the session of congress. The business men and the Commercial club appreciate the courtesy, and it is safe to say that they will remember it.

The musical program this evening is as follows:

Vocal solo, "Voices of the Woods," Miss Foley.
Vocal solo, "If I were a Rose," Mrs. A. L. Richardson.
Vocal solo, "Until You Came" Mr. G. Birnie.
Neither C. E. S. Wood, nor Addison Bennett will be present, but other speakers will take their places, and Colonel Hofer's lecture, "The Battle for the Development of Oregon" will repay anyone who attends.

"Oregon's Water Code."

Word was received yesterday afternoon that F. M. Paxton, of Baker City, who was to deliver the address, "Oregon's New Water Code," on Wednesday could not be present, and Attorney John H. Lewis, state engineer was called upon yesterday to take Mr. Paxton's place. Mr. Lewis discussed this important branch of Oregon law in a plain and forcible manner, and his speech is of such value for permanent use to the farmers and those interested in irrigation that the Observer secured a copy, which follows below:

The water law which became effective on February 24, 1909, is of peculiar interest to all classes of water users as well as to those who, in the future, contemplate the diversion and use of water. It provides the basis for a complete public record of all water rights. This, to the arid portion of the state, is as important a step as was the making of the "Domesday Book" in 1085 by William the Conqueror, which was the first attempt in England to systematize land titles.

The new law is much similar to that of Wyoming, which has been in successful operation for eighteen years. During this period, all territorial rights to the use of water, except those along one stream, have been determined and recorded. Because of the peculiar system, all rights initiated since the adoption of such law have also been definitely determined and recorded. A summary of these records is published in pamphlet form for the information of the public. The protection granted by the State, and the certainty of water rights, is believed to be the basis for the rapid development of Wyoming's water resources.

Oregon's water law is therefore, not an experiment, but an improvement on the Wyoming law in many particulars, and, especially, in that the decrees of the Board of Control must be confirmed by the courts before becoming final.

HOW IT OPERATES.

The law is divided into four prin-

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AT THE SCENIC. The Thorns Are Exceedingly Clever Jugglers.

The Thorns at the Scenic was the strongest feature by far that has appeared in this city in the line of juggling. Some entirely new and very clever acts. The moving pictures were good, one especially, representing a Southern feud finally a woman's love wiped it all out, but not until blood had flown. The large crowd appreciated the entire program. You should not miss seeing the Thorns. The Joer's in their German comedy brought frequent applause.

Kaffee Klatch.
The Kaffee Klatch will be entertained Friday evening by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. A. V. Andrews and Mrs. W. W. Berry, at the home of Mrs. Richardson.

SIX TRAINS AFTER SECOND OF MAY

WILL RUN LOCAL BETWEEN PORTLAND AND SALT LAKE

Six trains a day will run through La Grande, beginning May 2. The new trains will be known as Nos. 11 and 12, and the schedule is understood to be one hour behind No. 8 and one hour ahead of No. 5. Until after the end of the colonist travel, May 23, two of the six trains will carry no express or mail. The new trains will run local between Portland and Salt Lake.

JOINT MUSICAL.

The program in full for tomorrow is as follows:

Address, Mrs. Ivanhoe.
Piano solo, Mrs. W. W. Berry.
Vocal solo, Etta Foley.
Paper "American Women" Mrs. E. C. Moore.
Vocal solo, Mrs. Scroggins.
Piano solo, Mrs. Stella Oliver.
Social hour with refreshments.
Vocal solo, Mrs. A. L. Richardson.
Piano duet, Runa Bacon, Hilda Anthony.

The reception committee of the joint musical program tomorrow afternoon at the Odd Fellows' hall given by the Lyle Tuesday Musicale and the Neighborhood club, is composed of the officers of the two organizations, as follows: Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe, Miss Margaret Anson, Mrs. E. Pollack, Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. George Carpy, Mrs. Stella Ingle, Mrs. Turned Oliver, and Mrs. Kiddle, Mrs. E. C. Moore, Mrs. Robert Newlin, Mrs. Fred Currey and Mrs. O. E. Silvedthorn.

RAILROADS WILL FIGHT DECREASE

NOT WILLING TO RE-ESTABLISH FORMER FREIGHT RATE

SALEM, April 27.—Replying to a notice by the Oregon Railroad Commission to the effect that an increase in transcontinental freight rates will be considered excessive and unjust; and that complaint will be made to the Interstate commission unless the rates in force prior to January, 1909 are re-established, Hill and Harriman attorneys intimated today that the rates will not be reduced without a fight. Attorney Cotton for Harriman, in a letter to the commission says the commission to the effect that an increase will be taken by the railroad to substitute the old rates for the new ones. Other roads ask for a further statement of the facts.

ABDUL HAMID IS DOWN AND OUT

ACTUALLY DEPOSED TODAY, OFFICIALLY SO TOMORROW

Brother of Sultan Takes Throne. National Assembly And Mohammedan Church Take Part in Proceedings. Hamid a Prisoner in Stronghold in Straits of Bosphorus. Head of Church Says Sultan a Law Breaker.

LONDON, APRIL 27.—RUMORS CURRENT IN CONSTANTINOPLE THIS AFTERNOON IS THAT SULTAN HAMID IS DEAD. CONSTANTINOPLE SAYS THE RUMORS ARE GENERALLY "REWETED."

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 27.—The Sultan was deposed today, and his brother Rechad Effendi was proclaimed his successor. The Sultan was removed from the palace and his brother installed amid the wildest enthusiasm. The ceremony of the enthronement is in progress.

Great crowds about the palace are shouting "The Tyrant is fallen. Hail to Rechad!" Deposition was decided upon jointly by the national assembly and the Mohammedan church.

Abdul Hamid Imprisoned.
LONDON, April 27.—The Constantinople correspondent says: "Sultan Hamid is a prisoner in the palace of Cheraghan in the Straits of Bosphorus." He was conveyed there by the Young Turks.

Sheikh Ul Islam, who is head of the Mohammedan church, based the decree approving the deposition, on the ground that the Sultan violated the laws of the Moslem religion by inimical acts, and declared therefore that it is not an irreligious act to dethrone him. A secret session of the national assembly began at noon yesterday and continued all day. It is certain that the Sultan will be stripped of his large fortune. At sunrise tomorrow the Sultan will be officially declared deposed at a religious ceremony. Civil war may be the outcome, as many are still loyal to Hamid. A salute of 101 guns officially announcing the enthronement of the new Sultan was fired at 2:05 this afternoon.

LODELL LEAVES.

Al Lodell, La Grande's crack first baseman last year, has gone to Boise to play the position on the Boise team. Mr. Lodell came to La Grande to play first and manage the team for Grant Lincoln, but the Boise offer was so good that Al could not in justice to himself turn it down. La Grande fans are sorry to lose him.

FIREBUGS BUSY IN PENDLETON

FOUR FIRES IN PENDLETON IN THE LAST 24 HOURS

PENDLETON, April 27.—Four recent fires indicate that firebugs are operating in Pendleton. That a number of fires have been discovered in the last 24 hours, all of which started mysteriously. Residents are the least bit alarmed and retire at night with a feeling of fear, as all but one blaze started at night. The first fire started in the millinery store of Mrs. Chatten and destroyed property valued at \$2,500 Monday morning; a second fire the same morning scorched the machine shop; and a third yesterday afternoon burned four hundred chickens belonging to John Shull. The fourth blaze was discovered late last night.

Worthy of Merit

THE GEISHA WAIST

PRETTY EMBROIDERED LINEN

CUT WITH THE NEW TAPERING SLEEVE, SO POPULAR THIS SPRING. ALSO SOME BEAUTIFUL LACE AND NET PATTERNS.

PRICES RANGE FROM

\$1.00 to \$6.50



NEWEST TAILORED SUITS

THEY ARE CORRECT IN EVERY DETAIL. MADE OF FANCY STRIPE WAISTING IN ALL COLORS. SOME WITH POCKETS TOO.

PRICES RANGE FROM

\$1.50 to \$3.00

Today We sold

15c Curtains, Swiss and Scrim - - - 9c

At the COME AND FIND OUT SALE

A NEW SPECIAL TOMORROW

THE FAIR STORE