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CHEESE DIET CAUSES FATAL RESULTS

Ptomaine poisoning, resulting evidently from eating cheese, caused the death of Rogers Graybeal the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Graybeal of Kamela Saturday. The remains were brought to La Grande this morning and interred.

The fatality is one of the strangest freaks of ptomaine poisoning coming to the notice of local physicians. As far as can be learned a cold water wade aided the ravages of the poison. Dr. Upton who was called is postive of the nature of the cause of death, but neither he nor the family can find any other cause on which to lay the blame than some cheese eaten by the boy prior to his death. Soon after eating the cheese, he and others went wading. This may have done something toward causing fatal results.

For 36 hours the boy was in frightful pain. Dr. Upton was called in just before death occurred and could not ascertain the nature of the complaint without conducting a post-mortem examination. The funeral was held from the Brooks home in south La Grande at 10 o'clock today.

LOCAL MAN IS OFFICIAL ON GROCERS' BOARD OF CONTROL

A. S. Geddes who returned from Portland Saturday night, where he went as delegate from La Grande to the meeting of the National Grocers' Association, is greatly pleased with Portland's treatment of the convention and with the results of the meeting as a whole.

Delegates from Oregon, Washington, California, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and Idaho perfected an organization under the name of the Pacific Coast Retailer Grocers' Association. From each of these states there are three members of the executive board, besides the state president and state scretary. Mr. Geddes was elected a member of the board from Oregon. During the meeting he was able to get through the convention, a resolution which favors the repeal of the bankruptcy law.

Probably the topic of greatest interest before the association was the policy of manufacturers in setting the price at which their goods must be sold. In the west this method is much more common than in the east, and the grocers in general are in favor of it. The sentiment of the delegates was that it is better for both merchant and consumer that there be a large number of small independent retailers than a small number of large stores.

Show Opens Brilliantly

PORTLAND, June 7.—The great Rose show, to which Portlanders have been looking forward to ever since the close of the carnival last June, was formally opened today at noon, when President Taft pressed the button in Washington. All over the city hundreds of whistles followed the click received over the wire, and gave the general signal to begin the celebration. The streets are crowded with thousands who, enjoying the sunny weather, are closely observing the gay decorations apparent at every turn. Mayor Lane declared a civic holiday in honor of the celebration. A formal banquet at which the Japanese naval officers will be the guests of honor will be given at 6:30 at the Portland hotel. At 8:30 the military, civic and fraternal parade in honor of "Home Coming Day" will take place. The festival is overshadowing the municipal election and there is little evidence in the crowded business section that a new Mayor is being chosen by the voters.

COMMISSIONERS GO TO ENTERPRISE

The railroad commission of Oregon, passed through La Grande this morning en route to Enterprise where it will hold a hearing on railroad rates out of that county. From La Grande, a special train conveyed the organization under the Conductorship of Mr. Stacy. Railroad attorneys appeared for the railroad and several Wallowa attorneys for the Wallowa shippers.

NINETEEN DIE

NEW ORLEANS, June 7.—Nineteen persons were drowned last night when the pier at Mandeville, a resort on the north shore of Lake Ponchar train collapsed. Most of the victims were women and children. Ten bodies were recovered. One hundred and fifty excursionists were on the pier which was frail and weakened by the load. It collapsed when the steamer Margaret buped into it while running at full speed. Quick and prompt action by the life boats saved hundreds of those who were dashed into the water.

Joe Simon Coming.

PORTLAND, June 7.—Early voting in the municipal election is reported to be extremely light, indicating a victory for Joseph Simon, republican, according to his friends. State Senator Albert Independeht, and Judge M. G. Munly, Democrat, and other two candidates.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN CITY.

Misunderstood Schedule And Came to This City From Joseph.

Quite a large crowd of young people of Joseph spent the night in La Grande very much against their will. There was an excursion train run from Wallowa to Joseph yesterday for the accommodation of the baseball fans of Wallowa and when the excursion train left Joseph, some of the young people boarded it, thinking that it would make another trip back from Wallowa.

COUNTY GRANGE TO HAVE PICNIC

AN ELABORATE PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

Will be Held at Geo. Miller's Ranch June 26.

COVE, June 5.—(Special)—Final arrangements were made for a county grange picnic and field meeting at the meeting of Mt. Fannie Grange 358 today. The picnic will be held at Geo. Miller's farm in lower Cove on June 26. An interesting program is being arranged in which all the local granges will be represented, and several outside speakers will take part. Special musical numbers will be furnished by Miller's orchestra and the Lanz quartette.

COUNCIL APPROVE WORK.

Council Accepts Work Done on County Court House Grounds.

The City Council has accepted the work of grading and parking the court house grounds grounds. The work was done under the supervision of Contracter Charles Taal.

Frank Leavitt left yesterday for Portland to visit relatives and take in the Rose Festival.

ANDERSON CASE WAS DISMISSED

LACK OF EVIDENCE INSTIGATES SUCH ACTION.

Case Wherein Cigars Play Part Dropped From Docket.

The indictment hanging over Charles Anderson for violating the local option law has been dismissed on motion of District Attorney Ivanhoe, on the grounds that there is not evidence enough to convict. This is the case which was tried at a previous term of court, and after which Anderson was fined $50.00 for giving the jury which disagreed a box of cigars during the course of their deliberations.

"Fighting Hope" Great Play.

The Taylor Stock Co. at the Pastime has received more favorable criticism in the play, "Fighting Hope" than in any bill they have presented yet. Tonight will be the last chance the public will have to see this New York success.

Tickets will be on sale at the Pastime box office at 7 o'clock this evening.

Tomorrow night this excellent company presents the funniest comedy ever written, "My Uncle From Japan." Curtain rises tonight at 8:20. head to come

NEW DIRECTORY OUT.

The Pacific States Telephone Company Have Issued Their New Directory.

The Pacific States TelephoneCompany have issued their new directory for May, 1909. The directory is the nearest appro[illegible] to a city directory that has ever [illegible]n issued here. It has the numb[illegible] [illegible]d street address of all the subscribers.

Mrs. J. D. McKen[illegible] [illegible] morning for Portland. Mr. McKen[illegible] will join her tonight unless [illegible] by business.

MACADAM OUTFIT BEGINS WORK

NEW ROAD WILL BE SIXTEEN FEET WIDE.

Second Piece Commenced When Present Contract is Done.

Actual construction of the first two pieces of macadam road to be built this summer occurred today when the rock crusher was set in motion at Proebstel quarry and the roller work on the road between the terminus of Adams avenue and the Gekeler Lane.

Preparation for the new road bed is careful and painstaking. After the district to be macadamed is graded, it is excavated a depth of six inches, leaving a shoulder on either side, which acts as a brace to hold the rock in place. On the bottom, coarse rock is rolled down, then a finer grade, and finally on the surface the very finest kind. All is well watred and rolled, culminating in Macadam roads.

Another stretch of macadam is to be built as soon as this one is completed, but the exact location has not been announced.

Sixteen Feet Wide.

The peice now being built is 16 feet wide, permitting two heavy loads to pass without danger of upsetting or striking rough ground. That width is a trifle wider than usually built, but at that place is very desirable.

OLD SOLDIER ANSWERS CALL

EDWARD F. CARPENTER DIED AT HIGH NOON.

Local Post Will do His Memory Honor Tomorrow Afternoon.

Edward E. Carpenter, father of Ray Carpenter the local railroader, died today at noon after a lingering illness. He was 61 years old.

Mr. Carpenter was, up to the time of his fatal illness an active member of the local G. A. R. post, and the living members will do him honor tomorrow afternoon, when the funeral takes place at 2:30 from the Christian church. Commander Faulk has called the local post to meet at 2 o'clock at the post hall. The W. R. C. will meet at the same time.

Hallgarth to Pitch For Joseph.

James Hallgarth of Elgin has been engaged to pitch for Joseph for the coming season. He has pitched good ball for the Eastern Oregon State Normal this year and comes very highly recommended.—Joseph Herald.

Jasper Fuer, of Salem, has moved to La Grande with his family, and will buy property and make his permanent home in the valley.

WHEELS OF JUSTICE SET IN MOTION

Circuit court convened this morning at 10 o'clock with [illegible] [illegible] civil cases to be disposed of and a short criminal docket [illegible], only one criminal case is set for trial, that of the State vs. Christiansen. It will begin tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The grand jury is composed of Jud Geer, foreman; R. H. Rohrig, J. J. Par[illegible] [illegible] Lewis, F. M. Tatman, H. [illegible] and L. [illegible] Drumsmith; J. P. [illegible] is grand jury bailiff. E. A. Murphy was appointed court bailiff instead of Fred Duncan who is absent this term. L. D. Stearns is trial jury bailiff. Jurors J. O. Pilcher, A. C. Rollins, L. L. Stringham and W. J. Case were excused.

J. H. WATSON PETITIONED TO SEEK SCHOOL DIRECTORSHIP

Division Foreman J. H. Watson is being petitioned by a great number of taxpayers of this city, to become a candidate for election to the office of school director to succeed David Bay, whose term of office expires in the near future. The petitioners have seized upon Mr. Watson as pre-eminently qualified to fill the responsible position and are doing all in their power to persuade him on this action. The petition to Mr. Watson which has been liberally signed, follows:

"Inasmuch as it will be necessary for the people of this city to elect a school director in the near future to take the place of Mr. D. Bay, who has announced his decision of not being a candidate for re-election, and believing you are well qualified to fill this position, which carries with it duties which require for their proper fulfillment, the earnest attention of earnest men, we the undersigned owners of real property in this city respectively request, that you allow your name to be placed upon the ballot in which event we promise you our support at the election."

SHOULDERS WILL TOUCH

At seven o'clock tonight the annual businessmen's supper with its subsequent business meeting and talk fest, will commence at the Model restaurant. There will be close to 50 present and the evening will be replete with good things, humorous, educational and promotive. Chief among the addresses will be that from A. S. Geddes who attended the national convention of grocers at Portland last week and has returned. These meetings have come to stay, and tonight's meeting will be even better attended than the one of last month. According to the signed agreements, there will be 50 present, many a housewife will eat dinner all by her lonesome this evening.

ELLIS COMING HOME.

Local Preacher Writes From Lincoln That He is Coming.

The Observer acknowledges a receipt of a letter from Rev. Ford Ellis who recently returned to Lincoln to receive diplomas, and to marry his June bride. The letter, in part, follows:

Lincoln, Nebraska.

"Sir, give me an apple, what kind? An Oregon apple, to be sure. I want the apple that carries the good old Grande Ronde brand. It matters not the price. The best is none too good for an Oregonian, a half dozen please."

The trip across the Rockies was safely made. The plains and valleys of the middle states look familiar, but to him who has had a look at better, it will not suffice. I'm coming back.

Ford Ellis.

North Powder Case.

A case that involves the ownership of some North Powder lots is being heard in the circuit court this afternoon. Quite a number of North Powder people besides the two principals George Lee and J. E. Carroll, are down as witnesses.

Charles Craig, of Red Oak, Iowa, arrived in La Grande Saturday, and is already employed as lineman by the Independent Telephone company.

CARNIVAL QUEEN OFF FOR HONOR RIDE

Miss Della Rayburn left yesterday morning for Portland, where, in the capacity of queen of the Portland Rose Festival for La Grande, she will ride on the La Grande float next Thursday evening in the "Spirit of the Golden West" parade. Her grace and her natural beauty will put La Grande to the forefront in the pageant, for the Commercial club has ordered one of the finest floats in that parade, and Miss Rayburn has cause to feel proud at the honors falling to her lot. She will be beautifully gowned and will give the finishing touches to the thing of beauty, with her grace and charm.