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THIRD AND LAST OLIVER CHILD SUCCUMBS

THIRD CHILD IS DEAD OF BURNS

SADDEST CASE IN COUNTY

SECOND DEATH LAST EVENING

GIRL SUCCUMBS BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR O'CLOCK.

BOY DEPARTS AT MIDNIGHT HOUR

Parents Grief Stricken at Loss of Entire Family.

Grim death visited the Bert Oliver family at Summerville for the third time last night between the hours of 11 and 12, and took away the only remaining child of a family of three which lived hale and hearty at 6 o'clock Sunday night. The third death occurred at midnight, while the second happened between 5 and 6 o'clock last evening and the first at the time of the fire when the infant was incinerated. The whole affair is one of the saddest of its kind in Union county's history. Hope was held out for recovery of the two older children who were seriously burned by the fire Sunday night, but last evening complications set in and quickly ended the existence of the girl. The suffering parents, themselves severely burned, then hitched their hopes on the boy, who even at that time gave indication of surviving, but death came, notwithstanding, and at midnight, life left the suffering child.

Parents Grief Stricken.

Suffering in body, the parents are today grief-stricken and though the entire county is united in sympathy, their mental suffering and heart pains are not abated.

HAY TO BE QUIET

He Will Leave Cushman's Successor to Legislature

BELLINGHAM, July 7.—The matter of selection of a successor to Congressman Cushman will be left entirely to the legislature. No writ will be issued by the Governor at this time. The Governor arrived here in an automobile with his family, and said if the legislature leaves the matter in his hands, he will call an election in November. The Governor thinks the people are tired of elections, and will not want one unless necessary.

PERMIT STREET FAIR

LOWELL WILLIAMSON HURT.

With a New Fangled Weapon He Administers Severe Gash.

Lowell Williamson, who yesterday went to Imbler to work on a farm, was detained from going to work by rain and in the interim decided to split some wood. He is now home for repairs, for unfortunately he gashed his foot severely with an axe. His friends say the axe is a new weapon for his hands. He will be fully recuperated however to don the moleskins next fall.

SENATE READY TO HEAR VOTE

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The senate made such rapid progress with the tariff bill today that Aldrich this afternoon announced he expected the bill would pass within a few hours. Early today, Aldrich announced his plan of expediting the work. He suggested all amendments agreed to by the senate sitting as a committee of the whole, which are not objected to, be grouped and voted on at the same time.

Boundary Disputes.

TRAIN WRECKERS NEAR SPOKANE

TIED HEAVY CHAINS AROUND THE RAILS.

Heavy Freight Train Averts Serious Passenger Wreck.

COLFAX, July 7.—A bold attempt was made to wreck an early electric passenger train on the Spokane Inland road from Colfax to Spokane, at Harpole tunnel this morning.

The would-be wreckers tied a heavy wrecking chain, three times around a rail on the outside of a sharp curve and the entrance to the tunnel. Fortunately a freight train drawn by a heavy electric motor proceeded the passenger. The wheels cut the chain in two, derailing the caboose and several cars without serious damage.

Detectives failed to find any trace of the men.

Phonograph Company Falls.

HARTFORD, Conn., July 7.—A hearing will be held here today on the matter of the appointment of a permanent receiver for the Leeds & Catlin company, of Middletown, manufacturers of phonographs and records.

COMMISSION IS FAVORABLE NOW

STREET FAIR IN LA GRANDE

COMMISSION AWAITS ACTION

HERE TECHNICALITY IS ALL THAT HOLDS UP.

MUST HAVE SITE BY JULY 15TH

Suitable Option Secured Sometime, Hence Certainty.

A mere technicality that can be overcome in the simplest manner, now stands in the way of holding the next county fair in the streets of La Grande this fall. At a meeting of the fair commission held late yesterday afternoon, the hopes of street fair promoters were all but realized, when the commission decided to acquiesce with the promoters, provided that the promoters can show, within a few days, that they have a suitable place on which to hold the fair. The commission gave until July 15 in which to secure the site, and if such is shown by that time, they will permit the county fair to be held in La Grande.

Grounds Already Secured.

An option has already been secured by the promoters on a favorable site, and between now and the 15th instant, the option will be clinched. Such being the case it is almost an assured fact that the fair will be held here this year and a new era in fairdom similar to that which characterizes almost every public enterprise in Union county of late will be opened. Street fair popularity in all northwest towns is too familiar to the average reader to need any elucidation here.

DEAF MUTE IS SERIOUSLY ILL

OSCAR LINEBARGER STRICKEN AT JOSEPH SUNDAY

Suffering from some malady which the Joseph doctors failed to diagnose, Oscar Linebarger the deaf mute whose parents live in Ladd Canyon, was brought out from Joseph on the afternoon train. He was taken to the hospital where local physicians will treat him. The disease resembles a poisoning from a poisonous weed. His sister and brother accompanied him out from Joseph.

Earthquake in France.

PARIS, July 7.—A large area of France bordering on the Mediterranean was shaken by an earth quake this afternoon. The shock lasted several seconds, but no deaths are reported. A heavy rainstorm accompanied it.

MISSOURI CITY IS INNUNDATE

SEVERAL DEAD OR HURT

WOMEN CLINGING TO LIMBS

APPEALS FOR HELP SENT OUT TO NEARBY TOWNS.

RESCUE PARTIES ARE HELD BACK

Residents Flee to Housetops While Others go Under.

KANSAS CITY, July 7.—Flood waters from Grand River and Big Creek have inundated the town of Battensburg, Mo., during the night, and appeals for aid have been received here, and St. Joseph today.

It is reported many persons are drowned and driven to roofs. The town was under 10 feet of water when the appeal was received, and rising rapidly.

Six Workmen Drown.

GALLATIN, Mo., July 7.—Six workmen are missing, and it is feared they were swept away by a flood of the Grand River last night. They were sent to keep driftwood from a bridge, and couldn't be found this morning. Three persons are known to be dead at Pattonsburg, the heart of the flooded district, and many are injured. Relief parties halted four miles from Pattonsburg. Refugee farmers who escaped to Chillicothe, Mo., tell of seeing women and children clinging to the branches of trees, awaiting rescue. Trenton, with a population of 5000 is now an island by the overflow of the east fork of the Grand River.

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The Observer prints all the news.

RECEIVE BIDS FOR NEW BRIDGE

ORO DELL STRUCTURE BIDS TO BE OPENED TOMORROW

Bids will be opened tomorrow for the construction of the bridge over the Grande Ronde river, at Oro Dell by the county court, which convened for their monthly meeting this morning. It is to be a 164 foot steel span bridge. The bidder is required to be at the court house at 12 o'clock and the bids will be opened at 1:30. The county court today has been busy passing on and allowing bills.

Cherry Fair Tomorrow.

SALEM, July 7.—While heavy rains destroyed a great many cherries, sunshine weather will make a success of the cherry fair, which opens tomorrow morning, with a parade which will be an annual event hereafter.

SHEA COMING BACK.

Former Travelling Engineer Back at The Throttle Again.

John Shea is going to return to active engineer service, having been assigned a west end passenger run out of here. For the past year or two he has been traveling engineer on the O. R. & N., but returns to take up the throttle business again. His family was moved to Portland when he accepted his traveling position. His family will return to La Grande soon according to present plans.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT

SALEM, July 7.—William S. King, who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary in February, 1899, while serving a five years for a statutory charge committed in Baker county, was arrested in Montana. Requisition upon the Governor of Montana for King's return, were issued by Governor Benson today.

THOUSANDS PRESENT.

International Convention of Epworth League in Session in Seattle.

SEATTLE, July 7.—With ten thousand Methodists present, the eighth international convention Epworth league met at 2 this afternoon in the Armory building, and will continue session for six days.

ELKS' SPECIAL THROUGH CITY

GOES TO GET BAKER BUNCH AND RETURN.

Spokane Special Enroute to Baker And Return Tonight.

The special train which will carry Spokane, Baker City and La Grande Elks to Los Angeles, passed through La Grande this afternoon enroute to Baker City to pick up that delegation. It will return to La Grande at about 9 o'clock tonight to pick up those who go from this city.

The train is elegantly equipped and the sightseers and regular delegates will have comfort at their command all the way.

The train will not be carrying its full quota of passengers until it reaches Pendleton on the return from Baker City.

Troops Guard Road.

St. Petersburg, July 7.—Fifty thousand troops were today stationed along the railroad between St. Petersburg and Poltava, to prevent any tampering with the line over which Emperor Nicholas passed on his way to participate in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the battle of Poltava. The military attaches of the various embassies and legations and a large company of Russian officials accompanied the czar.

Everybody should read the Observer.

PROTECTION FOR ALL MERCHANTS

NEW PEDDLER'S LAW DUE

STREET PAVING ACTION TOO

CREATE AN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN CITY.

LICENSE ON ALL REPRESENTATIVES

Saloon Ordinance Is also Due To Bob Up Tonight.

Representatives of all outside firms who sell through agents and peddlers any manufactured or grown goods, wares or merchandise, will be heavily taxed and licensed if an ordinance prepared by City Attorney J. F. Baker, to be introduced at the council meeting tonight is passed. It will be one of the greatest strokes for the protection of home merchants yet attempted. The state law recently enacted is very broad and its receipts will be carried out in this ordinance. It covers such men as catalogue house agents, tea, coffee and groceries, pictures, books and every conceivable article often sold by agents.

Improvement Division Also.

Hand in hand with this splendid ordinance, will be another one which has for its object the immediate paving of certain city streets. Under the new charter a city must be divided into improvement districts to insure paving on the ten year payment plan, and an ordinance is ready for introduction tonight which will permit Adams avenue and Depot street residents and property holders to do paving. The exact process of securing pavement in this improvement district is an easy one and not financially stringent.

As the city grows and additional paving is wanted, another district will be set aside.

Saloon Ordinance.

The saloon ordinance which has been held up for weeks, will likely be acted on tonight. It will remove screens from saloon windows.

Read Auditors Report.

The auditor's report will be read tonight. It will show a very satisfactory condition of the city's finances.

BEAST IS SLAIN

Teddy Has a Narrow Escape in the Jungles

LAKE NAIVASH, July 7.—Cornering a big lion which had started towards him, Roosevelt shot a beast just in time to save his life, says a message, brought here today from camp. The gun bearer accompanying Roosevelt says the latter really had a narrow escape. Roosevelt was tramping the jungles when a lion suddenly leaped. He seized the gun from the native and killed the lion instantly.