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## CARVE BODY TO FIT THE COFFIN

OVERLY TALL MAN CANT GO IN COFFIN WITH LEGS ON

Relatives And Friends of Hudson Wyoming Man Indignant at Treatment Accorded Dead Body—Undertaker Will be Prosecuted—Had Intended to Cover up His Act by Refusing Admittance to Coffin.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Aug. 31.—When the body of Jacob Starman, more than six feet tall, who died at Hudson, Wyoming, reached here today, it was found that in order to ship it in the casket which was too short, the legs had been severed at the knees. Indignant relatives and friends say they will prosecute the undertaker at Hudson. The order from the undertaker saying the coffin shouldn't be opened under any circumstances, aroused suspicion, and the investigation revealed the legless body. The excuse of the undertaker is that the remains weren't in condition to embalm, so could not wait until a larger coffin could be built, so he severed the legs, believing none would be the wiser.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE OUT.

September 13, is time For Objections to Paving the Streets.

September 13th is the time when the city council will hear the objections and complaints to paving Adams Avenue, according to an official notice which is published today. The estimated cost of the improvement will be \$5,600 and as but few oppositionists are anticipated it is fervently believed that street pavement and street macadamizing to about that figure will be instituted immediately after the meeting of the council on September 13th.

## CLEAN SWEEP SALE

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THIS WEEK ONLY

# The Fair

Watch Our Windows

**Train Held up.**  
HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 31.—Bandits held up and looted the Pennsylvania train No. 39, known as the Pittsburg & Northern Express, while it was passing Lewiston Narrows at 1:30 this morning. The express car was looted and many passengers robbed. The conductor was shot through the hand.

## MONTEREY QUAKE UNDERESTIMATED

REPORTS FROM THERE SHOW QUAKE WAS AWFUL.

Consul at Monterey Wires Appeal For Help For Stricken Ones.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Despite the optimistic reports from Mexico, it was learned today that conditions at Monterey are more terrible than heretofore reported. According to a message received by the state department from Consul Hanna.

Hanna said: "Please tell the press that the conditions are more terrible than was first reported. Twelve hundred are dead, and 15,000 homeless without shelter. It is raining again. We are doing all we can."

The Red Cross here has sent \$2,000 to assist in relieving the suffering and stricken population.

### DOWIE LEADER IN JAIL.

Must Serve Six Months For Failing to Pay Libel Judgment.

WAUKEGAN, Ills., Aug. 31.—Voliva Dowie's successor as leader at Zion City was taken to Mt. McHenry county jail today, to begin a six months' sentence, following the failure to pay a \$10,000 dollar libel judgment held against him by Philip Mothershead. Voliva expostulated all the way to the jail. On entering his cell he declared he would continue his religious work, and edit a magazine from the prison.

## SPELLING BEE TO BE FEATURE

PROMINENT EDUCATORS HERE ON EDUCATIONAL DAY

Kerr And Campbell Coming For Educational Day at Fair—Close All Schools on Educational Day—Many Business Booths Being Arranged For at Present May Establish Dance Platform Near Grounds.

In all probabilities on Educational Day at the Union County Exposition there will be held an old fashioned spelling match with every school in the county represented. Superintendent E. E. Bragg has signified his willingness to issue an edict to all of the schools to close on that day and bring to the exposition the best spellers attending the school.

It has been definitely decided that one of the days will be devoted to educational purposes and on that day President W. J. Kerr of the O. A. C. and President Campbell of the University of Oregon will deliver addresses. The former students of the O. A. C. will probably initiate a campaign for bringing the visitors here on that day to hear their former president lecture.

Already several of the business men of the city have signified their intention of having a booth and a display of their lines. Helax the 57 variety pickle man, will also conduct a display and also have here a demonstrator for his line of pickles.

L. C. Smith will establish a booth and have a display for the Ford Automobile people.

There is some talk of establishing a dance platform where every afternoon and evening one can dance to their hearts delight. All of the above plans were discussed at last night's meeting of the Union County Exposition, but tonight the program will be definitely decided upon.

The entertainment committee was also appointed last night. It follows: John Collier, E. E. Bragg, Chas. Cochran, Walter Pierce, W. J. Church, A. D. Geddes and Dr. C. T. Bacon. At tonight's meeting the exact date of the Wallowa County Day, the Educational Day and other special features of the exposition will be definitely set.

### Two Men Killed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 31.—Two men were fatally injured when a gas tank of the Minneapolis Acetylene Gas company exploded.

## PACIFIC SQUADRON IS IN 'FRISCO BAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—After laying outside the heads nearly 24 hours, eight cruisers of the Pacific Squadron headed by the flagship Tennessee, Rear Admiral Sebree commanding, entered the San Francisco Bay this morning.

The Tennessee and Washington are anchored off the water front, the California, Colorado, Pennsylvania,

## BOLD WATCHMAN SAVES MANY LIVES

MINERAL CITY, Ohio, Aug. 31.—A plot to wreck the Cleveland and Pittsburg passenger train this morning between here and Canal Dover was frustrated by Watchman John Mace, who is in a dying condition at Canal Dover. Mace interrupted the wreckers work-

## OREGON CRIPPED BY FOREST FIRE

WASHINGTON TOO, FEELS EFFECT OF CONFLAGRATION

Hood River Blaze Growing Fiercer Today—Wires Down in Many Parts of The State—no Real Danger at Hood River up to Date—Region About Kalama Has Worst Actual Loss From The Serious Blazes.

**THE FIRE SITUATION.**

Hood River fires burn with renewed vigor.

Telegraph and telephone wires down in Oregon.

Trains delayed on account of oppressive heat in Washington.

Alger lumber camps burned out.

La Grande feels crippled wire service.

**HOOD RIVER, Aug. 31.**—Forest fires which for several days have been burning through the Hood River county and east of here, today gained renewed fury. Owing to inaccessibility of the country, details are meager. Also, telegraphic communication is disrupted by the fire.

Early today lines connecting Portland and other Oregon cities with the east were reported down. This with the fact that the fires have burned the poles and levelled the wires in southern and central Oregon, has resulted practically in tying up Portland and vicinity, from communication by wire.

Owing to a number of fires in close proximity, the atmosphere is becoming hazy. Conditions are not serious except for the interruption of communication.

**Trains Delayed.**  
PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—Word was received from various parts of Washington that indicate extensive fire owing to the dry conditions. Fires in the proximity of the Northern Pacific route between here and Seattle render travel burdensome owing to the oppressive heat and dense smoke. Trains proceed cautiously and arrive at the terminal points late.

**Fires Near Kalama.**  
KALAMA, Wash., Aug. 31.—Forest fires are raging in the timber east of here. The Alger logging camps have been burned out, and cut timber and machinery is being destroyed. More than a section of Alger's timber has been burned by the fire which is ad-

**Another Quake Somewhere.**  
CLEVELAND, Aug. 31.—A seismograph instrument in the laboratory of Father Odenbaugh at St. Ignatius college, registered an earthquake occurring somewhere in the North American continent. The shock lasted from 6:11 this morning to 6:27. Vibrations were more pronounced than the shock at Panama yesterday.

## SALVE WRECKED SHIP "OHIO"

WRECKING TUG HURRIES TO THE SCENE TODAY.

Will be Known Tomorrow if The Ohio Can be Eventually Salvaged.

SEATTLE, Aug. 31.—The Canadian wrecking tug, Salvor, is expected to reach the wrecked steamer Ohio tomorrow morning. Word is expected by wireless soon after, regarding the practicability of raising the vessel. Captain S. B. Gibbs, representing Lloyds Radcliffe Forman, representing the Alaska Steamship company, insurance adjusters, are en route to Carter Bay, where the wreck lies. The Lloyds carried all the insurance. The cargo was covered by San Francisco underwriters.

Captain Fowler and Captain Gibbs will supervise the work of the divers in examining the hull, and will decide whether the attempt to raise the vessel will be justified.

Advancing toward Barre's camp. The loss is considerable.

Commercial circles felt the lack of telegraph facilities here today in a serious manner. About noon wires were temporarily put in service between this city and Portland, but the service was spasmodic at the best. The extreme efforts that the United Press puts forth to meet the daily demand for news from its patrons was well exemplified today, when eastern dispatches were relayed to Frisco, sent back to Salt Lake, then to Boise and finally to La Grande. Such is often the case, the news traveling hundreds of miles in circuitous routes to reach destinations when telegraphic services are crippled.

## CHILDREN LOST LIVES IN FIRE

HOME FOR CHILDREN BURNS AND AT LEAST SEVEN DIE

Charred Remains Found Closely Huddled Together—Prompt Response to Fire Drill Saves Hundreds—All Reported Safe, But Ashes Reveal Ghastly Sight Today When an Investigation Was Made.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Bodies of seven young children, burned beyond recognition, were found today in the ruins of the St. Malachis home for the children in Rockaway park. Firemen are seeking others. The discovery of the bodies was a shock to the police, having reported, after the fire last night that the children were safe. Courage of the sisters in the Orphanage, with prompt response by the children to a fire drill, saved hundreds of little lives. It is not known how the seven dead were separated from their companions. They were found huddled in a mass in a room on the second floor, apparently clinging together.

Nearly 100 children were in the home, a wooden structure occupying the entire block facing the ocean. Inmates were from 2 to 12 years. The fire started in the engine room at seven last night, and the children had just retired with Sisters' devotions. The fire drill was sounded and spectators cheered as the twelve-year olds appeared carrying the babies. As soon as the children were in the street the roll was called and all reported safe.

### Pope Feels Earthquake.

ROME, Aug. 31.—A slight earthquake was felt here this afternoon. There was no damage. The shock was felt by Pope Pius at the Vatican. Vibrations lasted for three seconds.

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