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OVER SLAYER TAKES STAND

ALMA BELL PUT ON STAND IN HER OWN DEFENSE IN AUBURN SENSATIONAL CASE

HE LED HIM BECAUSE HE BROKE HIS PROMISES.

Girl Testifies that Her Lover had Promised to Marry Her and had Then Refused.

Auburn, Cal. Nov. 22.—Alma Bell, slayer of her lover Joe Ames, took the stand today in a personal battle for her life and freedom. Her direct examination was lengthy and was confined to the main facts of the case. It is, the fact that Ames promised to marry her and then refused.

The examination brought forth all the incidents prior to the killing of Ames. I told Joe my condition on the first of May, but he said that he thought I was mistaken. I went to him again on the 10th of May and told him again. I said: We'd better get married right away. The court ordered this stricken girl to testify. Then she testified "After that Joe led me 'We'll get married. I'll go to the court house right away and get a license.' It was all because he refused to keep his promise. That was the cause of all of the trouble between

Water Right Contested. Hearing of the water suit involving water rights along the Caldwell ditch being heard today.

ENTERTAINED FRIDAY EVENING.

Miss Allen the Elocutionist is to Give a Reading.

On Friday evening of this week in the Central Church Miss Allen of this city under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will give a reading. There will also be a pleasing program in addition to Miss Allen who is recognized as an exceptional artist in this line. Tickets are 25 cents for adults, 20 cents for children.

DAVID HAWES PASSES AWAY

DIES AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS AT HOSPITAL TODAY.

Pioneer of Hilgard and La Grande will Be Interred Tuesday.

David Hawes, aged 80 years and for the past three years a resident of this city, died this morning at the Grande Ronde Hospital after a long and painful illness. Mr. Hawes was for many years a resident of Hilgard. While in La Grande he has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Noyes.

Last evening he was removed to the hospital, then in a dying condition, and the demise occurred at 7 this morning.

Mr. Hawes is survived by three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Cinda Morgan of Spokane, Mrs. Lottie Sanford of Hilgard, Mrs. C. W. Noyes of this city, Charles Hawes of Hilgard and W. B. Hawes of Weiser.

The remains will be buried tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Christian church.

REVENGE COST HIM HIS LIFE

ELECTRIC CHAIR HOLDS KIDNAPER WHO STOLE CHILDREN AND MURDERED THEM

CRIME WAS BRUTAL AND DONE FOR REVENGE.

Sensational Kidnapping and Child Murders of Recent Date Revived by Execution This Morning.

Auburn, N. Y. Nov. 22.—Theodore Rizzo, the slayer of Ernest Percou and Freddie Infusino was sent to the electric chair at 6:15 this morning. The crime of which he was convicted was most brutal. His victims were the children of two Utica men against whom he had a grudge. While two of his victims and Fannie Infusino were playing in front of their home on September 13, they were kidnapped by Rizzo. Early on the morning of Sept. 13, a milkman found Teresa's body in a culvert in an isolated portion of the city. Freddie Infusino was nearby, dying and Fannie Infusino was lying with a bullet in her arm. Freddie lived but a few hours. Several days later Rizzo was arrested and confessed.

High Finances in Russia. St. Petersburg, Nov. 22.—Several people were arrested here today among whom were three millionaires charged with swindling the government by the means of the Great Northern Glass Company. Several Germans are included.

PASSENGERS LAND SAFELY

MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPE DEATH ON THE BURNED VESSEL OFF LOS ANGELES

DOOMED SHIP BURNS TO THE WATERS EDGE BEFORE THEM

Escaping to Shore of Sand Dunes 114 Passengers Escape Death and Finally Reach Safety.

Los Angeles, Nov. 22.—One Hundred and fourteen passengers and seamen of the ill-fated steamer St. Croix, a dozen of whom are suffering from more or less painful injuries and many of them suffering from the severe exposure during a cold windy night they spent on the sand dunes of Malibu beach, are now safely housed in this city, after a thrilling escape from a fire that left that steamer a mass of black, twisted wreckage.

That over a score of passengers succeeded in making their escape from the doomed vessel is simply considered miraculous by the refugees that went through the experience. The vessel was discovered to be on fire early in the evening and with words of reassurance to the passengers the crew headed by the captain went to work fighting the flames. It was not long before the captain realized that the ship would burn and he accordingly turned the vessel toward the nearest land which at that place was Malibu Bay. Under a full head of steam the vessel raced against time and death. The captain with rare presence of mind gathered the passengers in the forward end of the boat where they would be safe from the bellowing flames and smoke and just after dark he had the gratification of feeling the keel scraping the sandy bars of the bay. In the best of order he hurriedly got the passengers and crew on the shore and within a few minutes afterward the St. Croix was one seething mass of flames.

The crew under the direction of the officers gathered drift wood and by the side of fire thus created the men and women passed the night, baying to endure the tortures of a biting wind that blew most of the night. Stewardess a Heroine. But once during the destruction of the doomed ship was Captain Warner's authority questioned and that was when Mrs. Haven, the stewardess, defied the captain's order for her to leave the ship in the second boat while there were still lady passengers on the deck. "No," said she, "I am a seaman and belong with the rest of the crew. I'll stay here until you go." She continued her work of supplying the refugees with blankets until the last boat had left the vessel. The woman even took the precaution of securing some food and milk for the small children that were in the party.

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ADJOURNMENT DELAYED.

Not Likely that Circuit Court at Entrance Will End this Week.

In a telephone message from Judge Knowles yesterday it was learned that court is not expected to close in Entrance before Wednesday. Some delays in the prosecution of the Hunter case and other criminal charges have been the cause of the term dragging out. It is not at all probable that Judge Knowles or District Attorney Ivanhoe will be home before Thursday.

HOPE TO SAVE SEVENTY MORE

RESCUE PARTIES DESCENDING MINE AT CHERRY.

Newspaper Man Goes Down Shaft To View Conditions There.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 22.—Fifty volunteers are today working in an effort to rescue the miners who were trapped in the mine at Cherry, Ill. It is believed seventy or more survivors are imprisoned.

The first newspaper man to enter the mine was John M. Belfel, staff correspondent for the United Press. At 8:05 this morning he donned a miners garb and was lowered down the shaft. Nearly all of the men that were removed alive on Saturday are in good condition, despite the statements to the contrary. Twenty one have been taken up today.

United Press Correspondent Belfel remained in the mine for nine and a half hours but there were no more rescues during his stay. He reports the rescuers are in great danger from the falling earth throughout the mine. Says the slight fires are hampering the work of the rescuers.

mountain lines. Portland-La Grande telephone wires are completely out of service, and about 2 o'clock this afternoon, Portland connection on the Western Union were broken.

Trains are moving cautiously along the dangerous ground and landslides are expected momentarily. Less trouble is anticipated on the La Grande division than along the extreme west end. As yet there has been no serious delay in rail transportation. Just when normal conditions will be restored on the telegraph and telephone lines is hard to ascertain.

After Rothschild.

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CHAUTAQUA NOW POSSIBLE

BOISE SECURES THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE OREGON CHAUTAUQUA COURSE IN 1910

LA GRANDE'S TIME TO STRIKE IS AT HAND.

Movement Launched to Secure a Place On Circuit For This City—Commercial Support.

Definite steps are being taken to bring a chautauqua to La Grande next summer. The Rev. Ford Ellis is corresponding with President G. F. Billings of the Southern Oregon assembly regarding the possibilities of La Grande getting on the circuit on which Boise, Idaho, has already secured a place.

At the present time all seems favorable. The Rev. Mr. Ellis has taken the matter up with the Commercial Club officers and President John Collier has promised to introduce the subject at the next meeting of the club. Mr. Collier has been working quietly for a chautauqua assembly for a number of years and will do all that he can to make the thing a go.

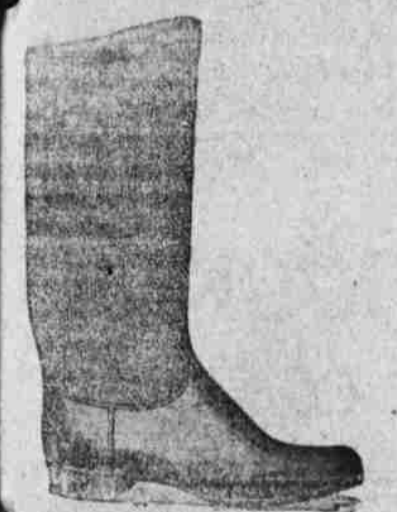
In a letter from Mr. Billings of Ashland to Hon. F. A. Shaw of Boise the history of the Ashland assembly is set forth in detail. A copy of the letter is the possession of Mr. Collier and is filed with detailed information. With the Riverside Park grounds for holding the meeting and the excellent central location of this city one of the best chautauquas in the state should be the outgrowth of the present movement.

In Ashland a Chautauqua Assembly has been organized to manage the enterprise. In this city it seems more feasible for the local organizations, such as the Commercial Club, the Park association, the Neighborhood club, etc. to co-operate in pushing the thing. By using the park as a chautauqua site the place could be made useful as well as ornamental.

It is practically certain that if La Grande falls down and fails to grasp this present opportunity, Baker City or Pendleton will grasp it. After years of agitating this question the Observer is in hopes to see the recent efforts succeed. With La Grande's location in the center of one of the most prosperous and thickly settled valleys in the Inland Empire, with Pendleton on the west and Baker on the east, and Wallowa county on the north no more favorable location for a chautauqua could be found.

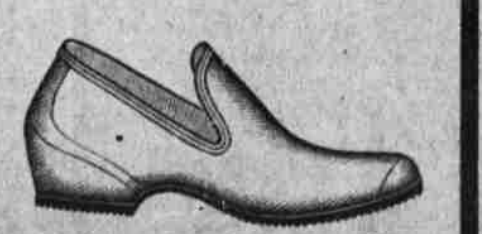
THE FAIR

Rubbers! Rubbers! Rubbers!



Wet Weather Apparel
We have a large and complete stock of wet weather needs for Men, Women and Children. Such as Rubbers, Overshoes, Rubbers, Rubber Boots, Slickers, Slicker pants, Hats, Cravenettes, Raincoats, and in fact everything to keep you dry this wet weather.

The Fair



Your Favorite Drug Store

Ten years in this location and the largest store, too. In that time hundreds of people have learned to depend on our reliable, safe and careful druggists—because they know them. Our customers rely on us and we appreciate it by striving for improvements, and by giving them the very best goods we can buy.

We are now ready to cater to your Fall and Winter business with many new goods on display. This week we want to call your attention to our elegant line of mirrors displayed in the windows. All kinds, shapes and sizes and most reasonable in price. If you are in need of a mirror we know that we can please you. Come in and let us show them to you.

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