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COOK IN AMERICA. Vill Devote His Attention to Lecturing to Americans.

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New York, Dec. 2-Dr. Cook. following his return to America from Europe on the steamer George Washington, declined to be seen at the home of his brother in Brooklyn. where he is staying. He said over the telephone that he would give out a statement Monday. "I am going to lecture, but intend to devote myself to TWO LADIES ESCAPE HARM WHEN scientific matters which have engrossed my attention for twenty years. I will convince the American people that I believe that I reached the pole."

Bury Chief With Honors. Chicago, Dec. 23-Fire Chief Marshal Horan who was killed in the fire Freak Interference of Luck Alone yesterday will be buried with military Saves Snodgrass Grocery Store Em. honors by the city. The plans are beployee When a Man Named Earl ing completed but the time of the fun-West shoots up the Town on Fir eral has not been set.

Freak interference of fortune at noon today saved Ray Boun, an employe of the Snodgrass grocery from instant death, and poor aim saved the liver of two unknown ladies in a buggy, when a man identified as Earl West ran amuck with a dangerous weapon. The gun he used and with which he fired two shots at a passing buggy containing two ladies, is a 45-60 calibre, short barreled affair and is unquestionably the most wicked weapon of the old school of winchesters. Intoxicated and mean and probably crazed by drink, he reached North Fir street just across the street from the Julius Fisher saloon and was standing near the Dutley bakery when the cannonading commenced. He aimed at a passing buggy a few feet away and fired two shots in rapid succession. Spectators gasped in horror but fortunately the bullets went a young man of twenty-eight years wild and doubtless buried themselves in the railroad yards somewhere. At least no report of injuries have been received.

BULLETS WHIZ OVER THEIR

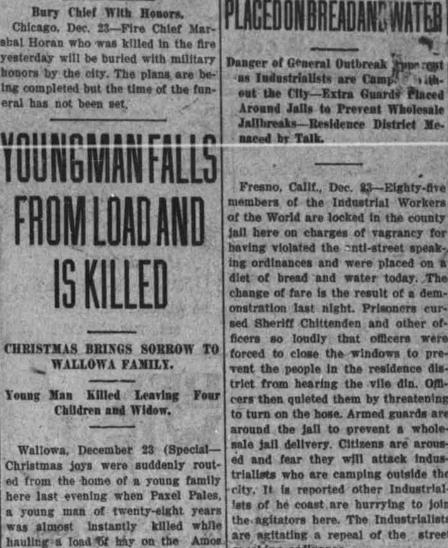
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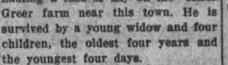
GROCERYMAN ALSO ESCAPES

Street-Gun Plugged and Bystaud-

ers Rush in on Assailant.

Whirls Against Pedestrian.







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Danger of General Outbreak Tupe cost | as Industrialists are Camp. Couttout the City-Extra Guards Finced Around Jails to Prevent Wholesale Jallbreaks-Residence District Me-

Fresno, Callf., Dec. 23-Eighty-five members of the Industrial Workers of the World are locked in the county jail here on charges of vagrancy for to gather about the smoking ruins of having violated the onti-street speak- the Nelson-Morris company's wareing ordinances and were placed on a nouse where forty-three engine comdiet of bread and water today. The panies and three truck companies are change of fare is the result of a demonstration last night. Prisoners cur- ing pile to prevent it breaking out sed Sheriff Chittenden and other officers so loudly that officers were forced to close the windows to prevent the people in the residence district from hearing the vile din. Offcers then quieted them by threatening to turn on the hose. Armed guards are around the jall to prevent a wholesale jail delivery. Citizens are aroused and fear they will attack industrialists who are camping outside the city. It is reported other Industriallets of he coast are hurrying to join the agitators here. The Industrialists are agitating a repeal of the street speaking ordinance.

SPANISH CHURCH SEPARATED.

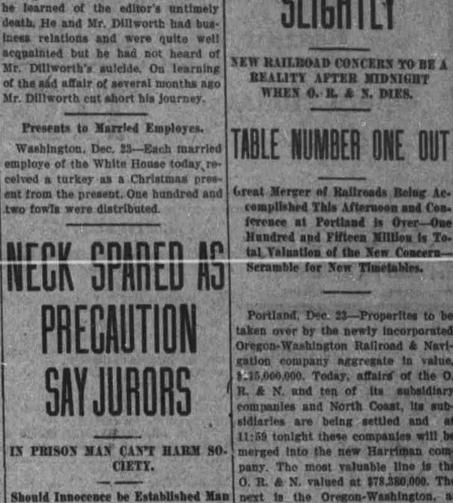
Crowds out Hunting for Missing Stock Yard Men-Twenty-Six Bodies Have Been Receivered and Dead is Esti-mated at Forle-one Without Counting the Sto -Relief Societies ----

Chicago, Dec. 23-Reports that a dozen stockyard laborers perished in yesterday's fire caused a great crowd still pouring water on the smoulderafresh. A majority of firemen are searching the ruins for bodies. It is estimated the dead today are placed at forty-one, not including the stockyard employes who are reported killed. There are twenty-six known dead and fifteen firemen missing. The search will be continued until all are accounted for.

Flags at public schools and public buildings are at half mast and a dozen movements have been started for the relief of widows and orphans of the firemen.

men of life imprisonment and forbids Up to 9 this forenoon, twentyfive bodies have been recovered .--





T. R. Ellexson's neck escaped the

noose as punishment for the killing of

Waldo Perry at Union September 11.

or thereabouts, when the jury which

has heard the case returned a verdict

shotly after midnight of murder in the

second degree. This entails a punish-

hanging, as would have been the case

under a first degree verdict. The jury

was out about eight hours, and the

judge, attorneys and defendant were

FINDS FRIEND DEAD.

Could be Liberated Later.

Other lines affected by the merger are the Columbia river and Oregon Central, Illwace railroad, the Columbla Southern Lake Creek and Coeur d'Alene, Oregon-Washington and Idaho, Snake River valloy, Idaho Nosthern, Umatilla Central, North Coast, Northwestern railroad and Malheur Valley railroad, At 2 o'clock today the conference of the officials is ending here and last night it was announced that the officials for the present will be retained in a is believed there will be changes later. It is announced that the bonds will be issued to pay all indebtedness on the various lines in the merger that further development work in the northwest may be started soon.



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ference at Portland is Over-One Hundred and Fifteen Million is Total Valuation of the New Concern-Scramble for New Timetables.

Portland, Dec. 23-Properites to be taken over by the newly incorporated Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company aggregate in value, \$115,000,000. Today, affairs of the O. R. & N. and ten of its subsidiary companies and North Coast, its subsidiaries are being settled and at 11:59 tonight these companies will be merged into the new Harriman company. The most valuable line is the O. R. & N. valued at \$78,380,000. The next is the Oregon-Washington, at \$15,000,000. Others are branch lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Probably angered by his poor aim, the fact that the third shell stuck in arrangements have been made to the breech. While the man was work- date. ing frantically to get the mechanism in working order, Julius Fisher lead a hastily formed posse and overpowered the fellow. Policemen were hastily summoned and the man is now in the city jail sleeping off a drunken stupor.

The man was identified in the cell by G. W. Nelson, who during the summer months worked with him on the paving project. Nelson claims he is ouite well acquainted with the man. Of late he has been a wood chopper. About two weeks ago West made another gun play but got his weapon out of sight and himself to refuge before the police was notified.

COURT ADJOURNED.

Present Session Comes to an End for Holiday Period-Recalled Later.

Jurors for the December term of circuit court have been excused indefinitely. With the Ellerson case out of the way, it was thought best to adjourn until after the holidays. There is still one man in jail, charged with larceny from the Baker residence, but he will not be tried at this time. Then too, there is a hung jury case to be reconsidered. These two cases will be disposed of as soon after the holidays as it is convenient to hold court again.

NEGROES BURNED TO DEATH.

Disastrous Fire Breaks Out in the South, Killing Three.

New Orleans, Dec. 23-In a fire that caused \$200,000 damage in the Barenna street business district and heavfly damaged the Shubert theatre, three negroes were burned to death today. For a time the fire threatened the en- rived earlier in the week from the tire district.

Mr. Pales was crossing a ditch and the man swung about and aimed the in some way was thrown from the weapon at the heart of Ray Baun, who load so that he fell directly behind was passing and had been frozen in the horses. One wheel ran over his his tracks by the rash act intended to body and he was taken to his home kill the women, Baun was only a few where he died in about 2 hours feet away from the muzzle of the gun The affair is so distressing that the when West commenced to pump in a entire town of Wallowa is in mourna shell and pulled the trigger. That ing. The young family was popular Baun is alive now is due entirely to and highly respected. No funeral

JUDGE BEAN COMING.

Will Render a Decision in the Caviness Case Next Week.

A case of unusual importance in water litigation history will come to a focus next week when Judge Bean will come to La Grande and render a final decision in the Caviness case. This is the case in which J. L. Caviness won a temperary restraining order last June entitling him to prior rights on the Grande Ronde river for irrigation purposes at May Park. The news of the Judge's coming was conveyed to Judge Knowles this after-

noon. PARKER HEARING DELAYED.

Motion for New Trial Will be Made Within Five Days From Date.

Judge Knowles this afternoon granted a prayer for the extension of time in which counsel for Jess Parker, of Elgin, found guilty of manslaughter, in connection with the murder of William Porter, may file a motion for a new trial. The original ten days' limit expired today but the decision of the court gives five more

days to prepare the motion in.

Beri-Berl at Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 23-Six Hindus, sailors of the British steamer Beachy. are afflicted with the Japanese source Berl-Berl, according to local health authorities. The vessel is now loading interim, the local engineers are offi- arbitrate between their latest offer at Tacoma. If will be guarantined this afternoon. One died Tuesday and another is reported dying. The ship ar-Orient.

Act Means the People Will be Freed Government May Establish Several in attendance at 1 o'clock this mornfrom Church-State Allegiance. Coaling Depots Soon.

Madrid, Dec. 23-Despite the Carlist clerical attempts to impede the wro- at Bremerton, San Francisco ond San gress of the measure, the house today Diego will be established soon if recpassed the famous "Padlock Bill" ommendation made by the Secretary providing for separation of the church of the Navy meets with the approval in the first degree. In view of the fact and state in Spain, and restricting the of congress. Olongapo. Pearl Harbor, that the state could not bring the deestablishment of religious orders. Premier Calalejas slipped the measure through without any warning, perfectly aware that the passage of the bill will cause the church to appeal to the people to overthrow the govern- is the first thing to be considered. ment. The premier announced he will More vessels and better guns can folproceed with further anti-clerical leg- low," said Meyer. He is urging an ap-Islation and seek adoption of a plan propriation of a million to establish for the improvement of the Spanish the proposed bases. masses.

Accused Gold Thieves Released.

San, Francisco, Dec. 23-Charges of grand larceny against C. M. and J. C. the result of polsoning. The police are Other matters, however, which have Woodson, E. L. Smith and Margaret investigating. The two women were Henry, brought here in connection found in their home yesterday. It is with the theft of \$60,000 worth of gold buillion from the ship Humbolt near Seattle, were dismissed today in local police courts. They will be tried how- polson. The girl recovered consciousever on a charge of bringing stolen ness today and said she had been goods with in the state. poisoned by her mother.

OADS PRESENT SUPPLEMEN **PROPOSITION TO PREVEN**

A wild ramor was afloat in La gotiations to prevent the pending be accomplished. Should he be the Grande this morning that a walkout strike. The railroads now offer ten man who did it, as the jurors firmly had been ordered last midnight. Has- per cent increase. Stone said, "This is believe, then he will be placed where ty examination divulged the fact that no time to talk. I will say the rall- he can do no harm to society. Two of local engineers know nothing about roads must offer more or there will be the jurors held out for murder in the the progress of negotiations further a fight."

than that which the papers tell them. Stone continued, "We won't arbiheads of the local brotherhood. In the wages again, If the railroads want to elally "in the dark."

of fifteen per cent, the basis of the Chicago, Dec. 23-Commissioner agreement may be reached. If they Nelli today presented to the engineers persist in refusing concessions, there

a proposition for a supplementary ne- will be trouble."

ing to go through the legal processes that the jury might be excused.

Considerable surprise has been man-Washington, Dec. 23-Fuel depots ifested at the verdict. The general opinion was that Ellexson would either ie acquitted or found guilty of murder fendane nearer than about six miles New York and Boston are also mento the scene of the crime, it was liketioned as likely coaling stations. ly the unanimous opinion of the jur-"Ample stock of coal is as essential ors that the evidence was not suffipowder and shells in preparing fleets. clent to warrant hanging, yet strong Plenty of stations with plenty of coal enough to convince them that Ellexson did the act.

> A Man Without a Country. Ellexson is apparently a man without a country. During the recent census enumeration he gave his perman-

Mother Poisens Daughter.

ent residence as no where, and when quizzed about his birthplace, refused under suspicion in the Perry case been observed in his conversation and action, indicates the man is a southerner though. Why he refuses to reveal into a starvation compact. After an his birthplace or whereabouts of his family is not known.

How the Jury Stood.

It is interesting to note that the jury took into consideration the mere and slight possibility of innocence. Though the jury on the first ballot was almost unanimous for murder in the first degree, it took into consideration on subsequent ballots that there was a remote possibility of innocence and arguing that in the event that in subsequent years the murder should be discovered to have been committed by someone else, then the freedom of Ellerson would easily

first degree unt! midnight and then agreed to a second degree verdict. The order to strike will come to the trate the whole matter of increased The ballots continued to show a falling off from first degree to second degree until the last two who hung out sevof ten per cent and our wage demand oral hours. None of the jurors considered second degree murder first and then voted first degree.

Ellexson will be sentenced next Tuesday.

NEW ROAD TOMORROW.

Time Table No. One Will be Issued Tomorrow on New Railroad.

This is the last day of the O. R. & N's. existence Tomorrow morning at one minute after midnight it will be known as the Oregon-Washington Katiroad & Navigation company but briefly and for convenience sake will likely be termed the O-W. A new time table to be designated as No. 1 comes into effect at midnight.

New Time Table Here,

There is a slight change in the arrival of No. 5 after today. Instead of reaching La Grande at 10.25 p. m. the passenger will arrive at 11:10, putting it in Portland about noon the next day. This is the only change in the table today.

Rush for First Table.

Time table No. 1 will be in demand for railroads are going to keep it as a souvenir. The last table issued by the O. R. & N. was No. 108 and the first one of that company's table was handed to O, W. (Dad) Moon, when that ploneer pulled the first engine into the Grande Ronde valley. Mr. Moon is now running an engine out of Pendleton,

REOPEN RULES FIGHT.

Norris Will Battle Against Bad Hules of the House in 1911.

Washington, Dec. 23-A repetition of the fight over the house rules immediately after the holiday recess in predicted today by Representative Norris of Nebraska, the Insurgent who lead the fight last March with the result of the curtailment of Cannon's powers, Norris said he would introduce the resolution, amending the rules covering motions to discharge committees from consideration of bills.

He said: "We intend to attack the imperfect rules and will fight harder than we did last March."

Chica, Calif., Dec. 23-Mrs. William Whiteline is dead and her daughter, to answer it. That was before he was Miss Lavina Corey is seriously ill as

supposed at the time they had entered examination the physicians said it was