

DROPS ORANGES 2,000 FEET AS BOMBSHELLS

AVIATION MEET MAY SEE REPRESENTATION OF GRIM WAR-FARE WEDNESDAY.

FALLS SEVENTHOUSAND FEET

Released His Engine, Hoxey Drops Himself Over Seven Thousand Feet to Within Five Hundred Feet of the Ground and Then Rights Himself Nicely — Oranges Dropped Like Bombshells With Good Aim.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26—Archie Hoxey, is the hero of the aviation meet today. Yesterday he ascended to a height of 7500 feet, turned off the engines, and shot earthward. He didn't right the planes until within 500 feet of the ground. His height record yesterday was corrected today and shows he ascended 9,288 feet during his flight.

Willard shows he is the premier marksman of birdmen. Armed with oranges representing bombs he dropped ten out of 25 on a space the size of a battleship deck at the height of 2,000 feet.

Aerial warfare will be offered aviation enthusiasts Wednesday if the consent of the aviation committee to a scheme proposed today can be secured. Willard plans to carry aloft real bombs constructed on specifications furnished by the federal war department and hurl them at targets in San Pedro hills near the field. He will maneuver as though fortification or battleships were his objective and the aerial attack will have the characteristics of a grim reality. The consent of the committee must be obtained because of the danger that attaches to such an expedition.

"DAD" MOON MARRIED.

Pioneer Engineer of This Country Takes Unto Himself a Bride.

O. W. Moon, the pioneer engineer of the entire state—the man who long since ceased to physically be able to keep his Elgin branch line run and was transferred to a less arduous run out of Pendleton—has been married. The news of his marriage has just commenced to reach Mr. Moon's former habitat. The Pendleton East Oregonian says:

In a quiet home wedding at 200 High street last Sunday at 5 o'clock Mr. O. W. Moon and Mrs. J. L. Dray were married by Rev. R. E. Storey. After the ceremony a luncheon was served to the friends present. The groom is the popular pioneer engineer on the Pilot Rock run and is familiarly known by his wide circle of friends as "Daddy" Moon. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Chopin, Mr. Chopin being his fireman. They will reside at 200 High street.

DELEGATION WILL SEE GOVERNOR

BAKER MAKES LAST AND FINAL PLEA FOR ASYLUM.

Intend to Get Last Word in Struggle For Proposed Building.

Though shrouded in secrecy and known to but a few, it is nevertheless a fact that Baker businessmen are making a last and valiant stand to gain the Eastern Oregon asylum. A delegation from Baker people leave tonight for Salem to confer with Jay Bowerman again. As the time is nearing for the decision to be made, it is presumed that the Baker people intend to make the last appeal and have the last word to say.

JOHN RATTO HERE TONIGHT.

Seat Sale of Lyceum Course Is Brisk and Crowd Will Be Large.

The seat sale for the first number of the 1910-1911 lecture course is a brisk one and all indications point to a capacity house tonight when John Ratto, the impersonator, holds the boards at the Steward. Mr. Ratto's national reputation has attracted lovers of clean entertainment and the house tonight should be one of the largest of the year, judging from the number of seats disposed of in advance.

Today being a legal holiday the Observer reaches readers as a four-page paper, publication being made solely because of legal features.

SEEK PAROLE OF JOHN R. BARE FROM SALEM

WALLOWA COUNTY FRIENDS PLAN TO SAVE HIS LIFE.

Ailing in Health He Is Unable to Stand Confinement of Prison.

Enterprise, Dec. 26 The News Record says:

Friday and Saturday of last week friends of John R. Bare who is now doing time in the state prison for the killing of "Brick" Johnson in Ott's saloon in Enterprise four years ago, began circulating a petition for his parole and are meeting with much success in all parts of the county. Mrs. Bare's efforts to secure her husband's release are meeting with liberal support and assistance from her friends and his six copies of the petition are being circulated in different parts of the county. Backed by affidavits showing new evidence discovered corroborating Bare's story as told on the stand at the time of the trial and by a statement of the prison physician, Dr. J. N. Smith, that Bare is suffering from a nervous disorder resulting from a burn received in his cell two years ago and is gradually growing worse, the petition signed first by the twelve jurors who convicted Bare, has already a large number of leading citizens of the county endorsing it.

The crime for which Bare is incarcerated was the killing of M. M. Johnson, commonly known as "Brick" Johnson in Ott's saloon at Enterprise, June 11, 1906, where Johnson was employed as bartender. Bare was drunk and Johnson addressed vile language to him defaming the character of Bare's wife, his mother, and his wife's mother. Bare resented this and went home and got a gun and killed Johnson.

He told this on the stand, but it was not corroborated. Now affidavits have been secured from a number of residents of this county that will corroborate this story. A letter from the prison physician states that Bare cannot recover in prison but will probably get well if out where he can have proper care and treatment. A position has been secured for Bare in Baker county where he will be able to support his wife and three children who are now destitute.

The petition asks for a ten year parole on the conditions that Bare abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating liquors, support his family as long as physically able to do so, establish a residence in the state and outside Union and Wallowa counties, not leave the jurisdiction of the state and report to the governor or warden as often in writing as to his whereabouts, actions and conduct as the governor may desire. Ten years' compliance to entitle him to a full pardon but any failure to be the instance of his return to the prison to finish his term.

SHAKEUP IN TAFT CABINET DUE SHORTLY

MacVAGH, WILSON, KNOX AND BALLINGER ALL SLATED TO DROP FOLIOS.

SCOTT AND NORTON MEN

Generally Conceded That Scott Will Succeed MacVagh as Treasurer Secretary—Present Private Secretary Also Slated for New Position—Knox Dissatisfied With His Loss of Political Powers.

Washington, Dec. 26—Rumors of a coming shakeup in the cabinet is renewed today. It is reported changes are contemplated by President Taft involved the resignations of Secretary of State, P. C. Knox, Secretary of the Treasury MacVagh, Secretary of the Interior, R. A. Ballinger and possibly Secretary of Agriculture, Wilson.

Secretary Knox, it is known, is dissatisfied over his loss of influence in administration policies. Politicians say the time has arrived for Mr. Ballinger to quit, now that he is vindicated. The report that Congressman Scott of Kansas will succeed Wilson is generally credited. President's Secretary, Norton is named by politicians to succeed MacVagh who is suffering from ill health.

MANY IN FAMILY ILL.

One Dead, Three Others Ill Is Yuletide Sorrow of Colomb Family.

With their daughter, Rebekah Colomb, late of Coeur d'Alene, dead and buried, a son very ill at the hospital with typhoid, and another son and daughter ill at their home with typhoid fever is the distressing yuletide for the Colomb family in this city. They moved here from Coeur d'Alene about eight weeks ago, and the entire family was taken down with typhoid fever. The only death in the family thus far occurred Saturday and interment was made from the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors this morning. The others in the family are seriously ill.

THREE MILLION STARVING.

North Provinces of China Suffering Terrible With Hunger.

Shanghai, Dec. 26—Reports from the interior state that three million Chinese are starving in the northern part of the province of Kalgai Su and Anhui. Efforts of foreign missionaries to relieve the distress have failed. The total population of the provinces is 37,000,000. The international board of foreign missions has appealed for a million dollars to relieve the famine. The Red Cross is urged to collect the funds.

CHRISTMAS SWIMMING A SUCCESS

Portland, Dec. 26—The annual Christmas swim of Multnomah Amateur Athletic club in the Willamette river was today witnessed by thousands of people who crowded the piers and big bridges.

Lewis Thomas of the club won the first distance, 100 yards, time 1 minute, 2 3-4 seconds. Previous to the race Ralph Withycombe dove from the Morrison street bridge a distance of 60 feet.

No accident occurred.

HEILIG THEATRE SAFE BLOWN OPEN

Portland, Dec. 26—Expert cracksmen during the night blew the safe of the Heilig theatre and escaped with \$2100 of the night's receipts for the "Burgomaster". Manager Pangle and his wife slept in a room on the top floor but were not awakened by the

explosion which wrenched loose the steel door of the big safe in the basement. The robbers used nitroglycerine and muffled the sound with the canvas scenery, wrapped around the safe.

The robbery was discovered this morning.

BOMB OUTRAGES FREQUENT IN LOS ANGELES

LLEWELYN IRON WORKS PARTLY RUINED BY DYNAMITE YES-TERDAY MORNING.

POLICE ARE ON THE TRAIL

Evidence Sufficient to Warrant Supposition That Crime Was Committed by Disgruntled Union Men, Involved in Recent Iron Workers' Strike—One Man Slightly Injured—Three Floors Wrecked.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26—That the explosion that partially wrecked the plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works yesterday was caused by dynamite, is the unanimous belief of the plant owners and the police who have begun an investigation. It is believed a low grade of dynamite was set off by a long fuse. A portion of the fuse was found. The loss is about \$20,000 and night watchman J. Ashburg, a negro, was only slightly injured. The authorities are searching for three men who were seen running away shortly before the explosion.

Many believe some disgruntled former employees are guilty. The first floor was badly wrecked and the second floor was also damaged. The third floor was weakened. The company is one of the largest in the west and has been involved in the recent iron workers' strike.

"Our plant was dynamited," said Secretary John Llewellyn. "This miserable affair is part of a plot to get us. It was committed by enemies of the company and I am willing to say they were not non-union men. We will spare no expense to get at the bottom of this affair."

Four Dead From Gas.

Seattle, Dec. 26—Four men are dead today and another is dying because the gas in the Pacific lodging house yesterday. Charles Draft a laborer, is the only one identified. Physicians say Wm. Parker, at the hospital will die. Four others are in a critical condition are at the Municipal lodging house. All occupied different rooms. Authorities are investigating.

ENTERPRISE GIRL VERY ILL.

Brought Out From Enterprise in Last Stages of Fatal Appendicitis.

Lady Claire Mover, a young girl of Enterprise, was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday afternoon and this morning was operated on for appendicitis. The disease has worked such fearful inroads on her system that chances for her recovery are very remote. Relief in the way of an operation was accorded the young sufferer this morning by Dr. Molitor.

TRY WEST TOMORROW.

Shooting Proclivities of Earl West to be Hashed Over in Court.

Earl West, the man who shot up the town a few days ago will be put on trial in justice court tomorrow and given trial for his alleged offenses. It is believed he will be bound over to the circuit court and it is plain that there is evidence enough to land him in the penitentiary.

BUSINESS AT STANDSTILL.

Banks and Business Houses Closed today in Observance of "Yule."

Business was a minus element in La Grande today. Few wheels of industry turned. The shows' crew was cut down to absolute necessity; the banks and stores—almost exclusively—postoffice, court house and professional offices were closed.

NEARLY \$2,000 INCREASE FOR ENGINEERS

BASED ON SALARIES NOW RECEIVED INCREASE MEANS \$1,559.57.

Agreement Will be of Material Benefit to Local Engineers.

Stated in dollars and cents, the victory won by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Chicago represents an average increase each month to La Grande's engineers of \$1,559.57 or 65 cents a day in addition to the \$5.20 now received by the engineers on an average. This is as regards to engineers alone and does not include the additional payments to be made to hostlers and similar departments.

This estimated increase in wages to the La Grande Brotherhood of Engineers is based on the assumption that the average wage for the engineers here is \$175 a month. The salary average of \$175 is a fair one. There are eighty-five engineers now on the working board and more will come when the new shops are completed. The average increase in toto or to individuals is easily computed from these premises.

The chief items of interest in the new wage scale reached Saturday and which averted a strike are:

Amount of increase in yearly wages \$4,000.000.

Average increase, 10 1-3 per cent.

Average demand by engineers 15 per cent.

Original demand, 17 per cent.

Increase offered by roads, 9 1-2 per cent.

Increase asked on Mallet type engines, 100 per cent.

Increase granted on Mallet engines, 75 cents to \$1 differential.

Other increases granted are:

Forty cents per day in passenger service.

Forty cents per day in suburban service.

Forty cents per day in through freight service.

Twenty-five cents differential on engines of 215,000 pounds on drivers.

Engineers or helpers on wreck trains, snow-bound or mixed train service, increase of 40 cents per day.

Switching rates, 50 cents increase in yards and transfer service.

Twenty-five cents increase per day for hostlers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Controllers of motor cars, 40 cents increased.

Roads involved, 61.

Engineers affected, 37,000.

It will be noticed that engineers who are to be sent out on the mallets hereafter will get a material increase in pay. Locally, it was chiefly the Mallet issue that prompted the vote to strike.

SANTO DOMINGO UPRISING IS SERIOUS

AMERICAN SHIPS ORDERED TO TURBULENT WATERS AS PEACE MAKERS.

USURPTION PLOT EXPOSED

Soldiers of Fortune, Americans, and Revolutionists are Planning on Making Bombardment of Principal City today—American Interests to be Protected—Fighting on the Frontier Has Started.

Washington, Dec. 26—Reports of an uprising in Santo Domingo are substantiated by official advices received here today. At the legation of the republic it was said the trouble is the result of efforts to capture the smugglers, transferring goods from Hayti. It is learned however, that Don Du Bucha, son of General De Bucha has recently admitted to friends here that the plot was to make his father president. It is said in some quarters that this may be the real issue of the disturbance.

American Ship on Grounds.

Secretary of the Navy today ordered the gunboat Yorktown to Amapala, and its officers ordered to "observe and report on conditions existing on the west coast of Honduras." Yorktown will arrive at Amapala tomorrow.

Trouble Expected This Afternoon.

Puerto Cortez, Dec. 26—The arrival of the converted yacht Pernet, manned by revolutionists and American soldiers of fortune is expected here today. It is feared they will bombard this city. The United States Cruiser Tacoma in the harbor will protect American interests. Former President Bonilla, who is leading the present rebellion is reported aboard.

Fighting in Hayti.

San Domingo, Dec. 26—Troops were sent today to Dominican, the Haytian frontier, as a result of a report that a battle occurred there. General Antenor Firman is leading the rebels.

HEAVY FOG LASTS LONG.

Two New Moons Blamed for Unusual Climatic Conditions Yesterday.

The fact that there are two new moons in the month of December—a condition which exists only occasionally—is blamed for the mild winter thus far and jokingly at last is being blamed for the heavy fog yesterday. The fog hung heavy over the entire valley during the entire day, in a manner seldom seen in this valley. It is not uncommon to have fogs for a few hours, but an all-day affair is unusually rare.

WOMAN BURNED IN SANTA ROLE

PORTLAND WOMAN MAY DIE FROM INJURIES RECEIVED.

If She Survives Chances are She Will be Blinded by the Burns.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26—Severely burned about the face, head and the shoulders, Mrs. Eva Baker aged 50, is believed to be dying at a local hospital, as the result of a Christmas tree fire yesterday. The woman was dressed as Santa Claus, and was lighting the candles preparatory to a surprise to the two children of her employer, Charles Crogster. Her false beard was ignited and burned off before the flames were extinguished by Crogster. If she recovers she will probably be blinded as the eyeballs are seared.