

CLOUDBURSTS DROWN 1000

TRAIN HORROR STARTS PROBING

CHICAGO AUTHORITIES TO FERRET OUT THE CAUSES

ALREADY TRACED TO ONE OF THREE REASONS

Thirteen Killed and Fifty Wounded When C. & N. Train Is Wrecked Near Chicago Yesterday — Trains Came Together With Terrible Force, Killing and Maiming.

Chicago, July 15.—The authorities today conducted a vigorous probe to place the blame for the wreck on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, near here, yesterday in which 13 were killed and nearly 50 injured.

Coroner Hoffman returning from the scene of the wreck issued the following statement today: "The responsibility for the disaster depends on three questions: If the Overland was standing still, why was not the mail train properly flagged? Did the block system work, and if it did, or if the Overland did send back a flag, why did not the mail train stop? We expect to reach a definite conclusion regarding the cause of the wreck and the responsibility for it Thursday in time for the inquest at La Grande."

The accident happened when coming through a fog, with supposedly a clear track ahead, train No. 8, a fast mail, ran full speed into the rear of train No. 2, known as the Overland express from Denver, which was standing still on the track, telescoping two of the Overland's Pullman cars.

Among the dead are:

LILLIAN KELLY, 22 years old, of Boise, Idaho.

FRANCIS A. BARCLAW, 20 years old, Billings, Mont.

GEORGE BROWNSON, 55 years old, Galesburg, Ill., engineer train No. 8.

A. E. BUNCH, 30 years old, Chicago negro porter.

MRS. C. M. HART, wife of a physician at Canton, O.

MRS. E. G. POHLMANN, San Francisco.

M. E. STERN, 40 years old, Chicago.

G. W. TUDOR, 40 years old, La Crosse, Iowa.

Unidentified woman, 45 years old.

Unidentified woman, 40 years old.

Light hair, medium build, blue serge dress, black patent leather shoes with white tops.

Unidentified woman, 24 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, two gold crowned teeth on upper left side of mouth.

Unidentified girl, 9 years old, light hair, gold band ring, blue and white silk dress.

Unidentified boy, 4 years old, linen dress, red stockings and black sandals.

MAZAMA MEETS ACCIDENT.

Carl Stackland Shot Through Foot After Climb of Mt. Emily.

Karl Stackland, the Cove fruit grower and commercial club booster was shot through the foot with a bullet from a .22 rifle last night after he and a party had concluded a journey to the summit of Mt. Fanny. About 35 climbed the steep incline yesterday and it was on their return to Cove that the accident happened. Mr. Stackland was removing the camp outfits from the rigs when a loaded rifle was accidentally discharged, the bullet boring through one foot just behind the toes. The wound bled profusely but was stopped before serious consequences ensued.

Among the men who made the trip to the summit were Albert Birk and Lee Palmatier of Wichita who declared the scenery from the summit was the most inspiring they had ever witnessed.

12 Innings But No Runs

ELGIN-ENTERPRISE GAME IS A RECORD BREAKER.

PITCHERS GOING FINE

Bilyou and Ashenfelter Between Them Allow Nine Hits.

After 12 innings without a score but forced to call off hostilities on account of a train's arrival, Elgin and Enterprise yesterday established a unique record in baseball that hasn't been duplicated this side of the Blue Mountains in years, and only once, it is believed in the Pendleton country, and that last year. The tie game with extra frills and no runs has other remarkable features. Bilyou permitted four scattering hits by Elgin, and Ashenfelter, the Elgin twirler, did practically as well, allowing but five hits. Elgin enacted one error and Enterprise three.

The heart-breaking game was a history maker and crops will be antedated and history gauged by this contest. The arrival of the excursion train halted a game that looked good for any number of innings more and everybody going fine. Each team got a runner to third once during the game, first.

The game has been the subject of and the others got no farther than discussion all over Wallowa and Union counties today. Wallowa defeated Joseph 17 to 1 during the same afternoon, at Wallowa.

Baker People Here.

Yesterday William Pollman and family and Albert Gelsker drove down from Baker and spent a few hours with La Grande friends.

MEXICO SUFFERS AWFUL DISASTER THAT DEVASTATES ENORMOUS CROP AREAS

DENVER FACES NEW DANGER

Denver, July 15.—Water of the Castledam lakes impounded by the Castledam dam, 80 miles north of here, are rising rapidly and the dam threatens to go out any moment, according to reports here. If the dam collapses a torrent of water will sweep down on Denver causing enormous damage.

FIRE GUTS TOWN.

West Virginia Town of 4,000 All but Obliterated. Wheeling, W. Va., July 15.—Fire early today destroyed a greater portion of the business district of Mannington, W. Va., a town of 4,000. Wheeling was appealed to for help but after the apparatus was loaded on the cars word came that the fire was under control and so aid was not sent.

RETURNS NEXT SATURDAY

Dr. Molitor to Arrive Home Then from Eastern Trip.

The Evening Observer has a message from Dr. N. Molitor stating that he will arrive home next Saturday. He has been absent for six weeks in the east, visiting some of the largest and best hospitals and also visiting friends of early life.

GOOD CHERRIES FROM COUCH.

U. G. Couch presented the Evening Observer with a basket of very fine cherries Saturday. They were grown on his ranch at Island and were very delicious. "I am not competing with Cove," said Mr. Couch, "but I thought you might want to see what Island can do when it comes to raising cherries."

Another very fine showing of cherries was made Saturday by Lee Wright of Fruitdale. Dave Clark had the twigs in his possession and they were heavily loaded.

Cramer Family Here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Cramer and family have moved to La Grande, where Mr. Cramer has charge of street paving for the Warren Construction company. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer will be missed by their many friends in Baker.—Baker Democrat.

HALL TO TAKE JOB.

Superintendent of New Eastern Oregon Asylum at Pendleton

"I shall take charge of my new office as superintendent of the Eastern Oregon asylum at Pendleton some time between the first of September and the first of the year," said Dr. M. K. Hall, prominent in municipal, commercial circles and an officer of the Union County Motor club. The appointment was tendered him without solicitation, the doctor being called to Salem to receive the appointment last week. The appointment is effective Sept. 1st but the doctor may continue his practice until September 1, though nothing is definite as to that after the first of September. The office carries with it considerable responsibility and the doctor's friends, regretting much his departure, cannot help but feel that the plum fell to a local man.

Ball Found In Old Tree

MISSILE SENT INTO TREE FORTY YEARS AGO.

FOUND BY BEARDAN

White Pine Tree South of City Bed of Old-Time Ballet.

Embedded six inches from the heart of a white pine 36 inches in diameter, a rifle ball similar to those used during the early wars of the 18th century, has been located in a tree cut down by C. W. Bearden of South La Grande on his timber claim south of the city. Estimating the average growth of the tree, the ball has been hidden in the body about 40 years—perhaps more. The tree is 36 inches in diameter, and the bullet had penetrated the trunk a distance of four inches when fired into it, meaning the tree was 20 inches in diameter at the time. The additional growth would require about 40 years, timbermen say.

The ball is now in possession of Mr. Bearden who prizes it highly.

HOME FROM THE EAST

M. L. Carter Visits the Scenes of His Childhood.

Returning from the east last night where he had been spending several weeks M. L. Carter announced to his friends today that while he had enjoyed the trip he was very glad to be back in the Grande Ronde valley. Mr. Carter visited New York, Philadelphia and many other cities and spent some time at the place where he was raised in the east.

Building New Residence.

N. Nelson, who lives at corner of Oak and Washington, is breaking the ground for a nice new cottage which will face on Oak street.

DARROW WINS VITAL POINT

JOHNSON EVIDENCE OF EARLY ORIGIN ADMITTED

PROSECUTION FAIRLY TRIES TO PREVENT NEW EVIDENCE

Man Whom Franklin Is Said to Have Told That Darrow Had No Connection With Bribery Cases, Is Allowed to Tell His Story for the Balance After Legal Tilt.

Los Angeles, July 15.—Clarence Darrow's defense won an important victory today. Judge Hutton ruled to admit the testimony of Colonel Tom Johnson, a Los Angeles attorney who acted as counsel for Bert H. Franklin following Franklin's first arrest on the bribery charge. Franklin, who was employed by the McNamara defense, pleaded guilty to jury bribing and Johnson is expected to testify that Franklin, in a personal statement to him, absolved Darrow from connection with the transaction. The state tried to stop the damaging evidence, claiming that Franklin as a client could alienate the former attorney.

Hutton's ruling upset the contention of the prosecution that Franklin's statements to his attorney were inviolate. He held that Franklin's action in becoming a witness in the present trial, constituted a waiver of his rights to silence his counsel.

That Bert H. Franklin, following his arrest for jury bribing, believed Clarence Darrow had no connection with the deal, and that Franklin offered to produce with a few days the man who passed him the money for bribery purposes, was the testimony of Colonel Tom Johnson in the Darrow trial today.

Americans Win Olympiad Which Closes Tonight

Stockholm, July 15.—It was announced today that F. Lazaro, a Portuguese runner in the Marathon yesterday, died today of resulting exhaustion. Slavik, a Bohemian runner, is in a bad condition and may die, too.

LIBRARY OPENING TONIGHT.

Public Urgently Invited to Attend Informal Function Tonight.

With services that have already been announced and fitting in every way the La Grande library will be opened tonight at an informal function commencing at 8 o'clock. The public is earnestly requested to be present on this occasion and partake in one of La Grande's new epoch makers.

AFTER THE AUTOISTS.

Acting Chief Walden Says Stick to 15 Miles.

During Chief McLachlan's absence John Walden is acting chief of police and today he began the strict enforcement of the vehicle ordinance. A man was landed in police court and from the way the acting chief is starting the court will likely be full of transgressors. Stick to 15 miles an hour" is Walden's advice and don't take the left hand side of the street. Stop your machine on the right side and there will be no trouble.



Mrs. Norman E. Mack and Mrs. Tom Taggart, wife of the Indian summer resort king. The photographer caught the two for a pose shortly after the Baltimore convention.