

DAVID ECCLES MEETS DEATH IN SALT LAKE

ILLNESS ON STREET RESULTS IN DEATH LATER

HEART DISEASE IS THE CAUSE OF DEMISE

One of Wealthiest Men in the Country, and Owner of a Quarter Million of Land in Union County—Local Friend to Leave for Funeral Tonight—Interested in Sawmills.

ECCLES INTERESTED HERE.

The financial affiliations of the late David Eccles will probably never become public—he is rated by F. S. Bramwell of this city, a man closer to the late sugar king than any Eastern Oregon man, as one of the wealthiest men in the United States. He owned about a quarter of a million dollars worth of tillable land in Union county, had heavy financial relations with the Grande Ronde Lumber company, the Minnaugh Lumber company, Baker mills and railroads and other Eastern Oregon holdings. Mr. Bramwell leaves tonight for Salt Lake to attend the funeral.

Salt Lake, Dec. 6.—One of the wealthiest men and best known men of the United States—David Eccles, the sugar king and president of the Amalgamated Sugar company—died suddenly at the Emergency hospital here last night of heart disease. He passed away following an attack on the street, not regaining consciousness after he was hurried to the hospital. He was interested in all the big sugar factor on the coast.

Poultry Clubs to Meet

Baker Herald.)

An important meeting of the Baker Poultry club will be held this evening at the Baker Commercial club rooms. The main subject of discussion to come up will be of future plans for the organization. William Packard of Union will meet with the local members and stir up, if possible, a common interest between the clubs of the two places. It may be that he will also bring up some practical proposition for combined activities of the clubs.

J. H. Stevens of this city will talk on the "Benefit of the Poultry Organization to the Individual Members." Informal discussions will be had on the "Winter Rations and Health Sanitation for Chickens," and also on the constitution and by-laws.

SCHOOL-AGED CENSUS 1757

NEED OF GRADE SCHOOL IS BIG PROBLEM.

School Board Will Absolutely Balk at White Building.

THE SCHOOL CENSUS.

The exact school enrollment, as given the Observer by Clerk Williams, is 1757. Comparison shows that this figure shows a gain over last year of 180.

That La Grande has now outgrown her village traditions and the provisions that were struck when she was in her swaddling clothes is borne out by the fact, the pressing fact, that at

the present time there is immediate need of new grade school buildings, to care for the increasing population of school age. It is not only a worry but a concrete problem facing the La Grande school board. At the present time an unsanitary skeleton of a building is used on the north side for school purposes, and all conceivable space in the old high school building is taken up. The big fact that the present school census, now being checked up by the school clerk Williams, will show a total enrollment for next year of approximately 1700 and that two new grade teachers must be added to the teaching corps at once, must go a long way in convincing the citizens of the city, that immediate steps must be taken to relieve the situation. Quite a number have been added to the school lists in the past week. Scholars are enrolling regularly. The 1217 attendance last Friday occupied every available space.

Right now the school board is wrestling harmoniously with the problem, and men who are in touch with the deliberations of that body say that a special election is destined to come, shortly after the levy election next Saturday. At this time the board will seek permission to dispose of certain property, the proceeds of which will be applied to the purchase of a new site, for a new grade school building. The old "White Building" sometimes answering the term of "school house" but which is in reality a fire trap of the most dangerous kind, and the block of ground on which it stands could be sold for a fair cash return. The old brick building on north First street and a quarter block of ground would realize a handsome sum for school purposes if sold. At present most unsanitary conditions prevail and the cramped, ill-lighted structure will not advance the cause of education.

Resort to the White building for school purposes will not be considered for a moment, it is thought, because it is a fire trap.

"If no steps are taken, school children of La Grande will be literally knocking at the door of education and will be denied admission. Nay, more, a casualty such as the Iroquois fire of Chicago, or the shirt-waist factory fire of New York, with their appalling detail of sacrificed human lives, is always a threatening possibility, should the White building be used," said a prominent taxpayer. "Such happenings of horror are invariably a corrective of negligence and an incentive to vigilance. But the crucial point about such a calamity is that no balm can heal the torn heart threads of parents, when they behold the charred, unrecognizable remains of their own flesh and blood. Any opposition to a real need, involving so many elements of progress, gold, health and danger is a short sighted policy and should be frowned upon."

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

Annual Election Followed by Banquet at Lodge Rooms.

Members of the Modern Woodmen of America last night held their annual election of officers. The lodge session was followed by a banquet at which a large attendance was seated.

The newly elected officers are: Counsel, A. W. Nelson; adviser, Harry Hohn; clerk, Will Landrum; escort, — McClain; banker, Will Dunn; watchman, Kline; sentry, Disqua; physicians, Upton, Biggers and Richardson; trustee Vinacke.

Typewriter Thief Indicted.

R. S. Rickertson was this morning indicted on a charge of stealing a typewriter belonging to the Remington company of New York. He was arraigned before the justice of the peace, and waived examination. He will be bound over to the grand jury. J. P. Bigelow, representing the company, went over to Baker this morning to recover the machine.

TAG DAY SATURDAY.

Everything is in readiness for the big Y. M. C. A. Tag day which will be pulled off tomorrow. The Y. M. C. A. will be the headquarters for the event. Both boys and girls will sell. Miss Ruth Ghormley will general the force of girls. All report for duty at nine.

FIRE RAZES FAMOUS LODGING HOUSE, SALOON IN PORTLAND

Portland, Dec. 6.—In grappling with a big blaze that destroyed Erickson's saloon and the Dewey lodging house, one of Portland's toughest places on Burnside, Asst. Fire Chief Laudenklos, Capt. W. A. Heath and Lieut. Johnson of the fire department were slightly injured and 125 roomers in the Dewey narrowly escaped with their lives. Rose Dunn, proprietor of the rooming house, jumped from the second story.

WOMEN FAVOR DISTRICT.

Revelations in the Marcell Bontell Case Cause Decision.

Portland, Dec. 6.—It is learned that the jury composed of society women who were impeled to try the case before the municipal court involving

immoral practices, were in favor of a restricted district.

Mrs. Ida Kaser, a prominent member of the jury, declared in view that the decision for the edict was the result of the elation of the Boutell case, and that it was the unanimous opinion of the lady jurors that such a procedure is the best means of regulating the traffic in virtue. She declared that the discussion was informal.

Scouts Meeting Tonight.

All Scouts of both troops 1 and 2 will meet at the Y. M. C. A. tonight on account of the revival at the Baptist and Methodist churches. Troop 1 will leave for their night hike as soon as they are assembled.

WOMAN MURDERED IN A SPOKANE ROOMING HOUSE LAST NIGHT

Spokane, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Nonan Hazen about 35 years of age, was found dead in a room of the Carlton hotel this morning. Bruises about the head indicate that she came to her death through violence. Guests in the hotel stated that they heard screams emanating from the Hazen rooms. W. E. Hazen, her husband, is held by the police, who are investigating the affair.

The complete disorder of the woman's room indicates that a great

struggle preceded her death. Hazen is night clerk at the hotel. The police gave out statements that the couple were addicted to the drug habit, but the coroner hoots the idea. He states that alcoholism is the more plausible theory. Hazen is going through the third degree this afternoon but so far has not divulged any information. The physician who attended the woman last night did not state the illness from which the woman was suffering.

JOHNSON IN DISFAVOR.

Five Thousand Reward for His Delivery in Louisiana.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—True to their traditions Southerners are looking with the utmost disfavor upon the marriage of Jack Johnson to Lucille Cameron, the white girl of Chicago. Their feelings have expressed themselves in a telegram to the chief of police of Chicago to this effect: "Deliver Jack Johnson anywhere within the limits of Louisiana and receive \$5000 reward." The message dead. The telegram is from Louisiana. "Is Chicago manhood Whitmore, R. C. Merriam, G. E. Froelock and J. W. Williams, and is postmarked Monroe, La.

vent the marriage of whites and blacks.

VESSELS REPORTED SAFE.

Heavy Loss of Life Denied by Later Reports.

Duluth, Dec. 6.—Early reports stated that the steamers Easton and Iroquois had foundered on reefs in Lake Superior and that 50 passengers and part of the crew had gone down with her. The telegrams report heavy blizzards in the vicinity of Port Arthur.

Iroquois Not Heard From.

Milwaukee, Dec. 6.—In a wireless from the Eastern Captain Parkinson of that ship denies the early report that his ship had foundered and that passengers and crew had drowned. The damage cannot be estimated but the captain expects to be off the reefs by night.

No word has been heard from the Iroquois nor is it stated that there are any casualties on the Easton.

ISOLATION HOUSE WRECKED BY VANDALS AND THIEVES

Brigand instinct has worked havoc with the city's isolation hospital.

When the city officials were suddenly thrown upon the resources of the city establishment that cares for contagious cases last Saturday they found startling evidence of brigandry. The isolation house had been virtually wrecked by vandals, and contents and equipment either stolen or broken and ruined. The hand of devastation and theft had been so complete that two emergency smallpox cases had to be held down town under close quarantine until carpenters could make the pest house habitable. This took about two days. As soon as the work was accomplished City Physician A. L. Richardson and Police Officer Walden took the victims to the temporarily renovated structure south of the city and the men are now there. Their room in

the Savoy has been thoroughly fumigated.

New "Hospital" Needed.

"The crying need in La Grande right now is an isolation hospital," affirmed City Physician Richardson today. "The facilities in the present place are inadequate and incorrect. A box, plain house of four rooms without wall paper and boxed up inside so that careful fumigation could be made, is what is needed. It should be away from the city, of course, but needs protection in some way.

Vandals at Work.

"Saturday Chief McLachlen and I found that just when the city needed such an institution worst it didn't have any. Vandals had destroyed every window, chipped up the door, stolen the stove, broken dishes, removed flour from a sack and scattered it over the floor and committed other crimes too numerous to recount.

erate. The place was practically ruined."

Exposures Insignificant.

The city health physician is of the opinion that the presence of an Island City school girl in the La Grande schools for a few days during the early stages of the suburban epidemic is not serious, and that the exposures made are insignificant. "Nevertheless Island City has had a complete exposure, it seems."

Trying to Install Fire Call Bells.

(Baker Herald.)

The fire department through Fire Grabner is now trying to install a system of call bells in different parts of the city where the call firemen live, so that every man in the department can be warned of a fire within a very short time after the alarm is turned into the department headquarters. Through this means it is an assured fact that many of the men who are now members but who can not attend fires because they do not hear the alarm will be able to help the regular force materially.

Chief Grabner took the matter up with the telephone company here and they in turn with the head office at Walla Walla but little encouragement is given. Mr. Grabner thinks, however, that he can get the desired results through a concession on the part of the electric light company and intends trying.

At the Baptist Church.

The evangelistic meetings opened last evening with a fine attendance. The Sunday school room was completely filled. The meeting tonight will be in the same rooms. Additional seating will be provided. Mr. Fosskett spoke last evening upon "A Reign of Righteousness."

Tonight his theme will be "Taking Our Bearing," a sermon upon the supreme test of character. Praise service tomorrow night with special solos. Full chorus under the direction of Paul Blackstone. A most cordial invitation is extended to all who are not engaged in the meetings at the Methodist church, and is especially urgent upon those who have no church home and have never formed the church habit.

LIBERTY BELL REMAINS.

Efforts to Have It for 1915 Fair Are Fruitless.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Efforts of Mayor Rolph of San Francisco to induce the city of Philadelphia to loan Old Liberty Bell to the Panama Exposition, came to naught when the city council refused permission. This is not a final settling of the matter since a new council is to be elected before the fair opens and the hope remains that the new body will look upon the request with more favor.

WOMEN JURORS COOK.

Court Adjourns to Allow Wives to Cook Husbands' Meals.

Twin Falls, Ida., Dec. 6.—In the case of state vs. Mrs. Edward Butts, who was charged with threatening to shoot Arthur Requa with a revolver, the court adjourned before the noon hour to permit the women jurors to go to their respective homes and cook their husbands' lunches. This is the first female jury ever impaneled in the state, and their acts are being watched with the keenest interest throughout the state. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, but recommended that the court exercise mercy.

ARCHBOLD FACES WITNESSES.

Forty-Six to Be Heard in Impeachment Case.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Forty-six witnesses are yet to be examined in the trial of Justice Archbald by the senate trial committee. He was decided to start the sessions at one p. m., and continue them until eight p. m. The senators are anxious to complete the case before the holidays.

Pageant Typifying the Sea.

New York, Dec. 6.—Numerous theatrical managers and many of the prominent players now appearing in New York contributed their services to the performance given at the Century theatre this afternoon for the benefit of the Women's Titanic Memorial fund. A leading part was taken by Ruth St. Denis.

LOWER TOTAL LEVY APPEARS NOW A REALITY

REDUCTION HOWEVER IS TO BE SLIGHT APPARENTLY.

PROBABLE COUNTY LEVY TO BE 12 MILLS THIS YEAR

County Court Calculate Tentatively That County and State Will Bring Total of 12 Mills or Two Mills Under Last Year—School Levy Must Meet Proposed Paving.

CORRECTED CITY LEVY.

General fund 6 mills
Pipe line sinking fund. 3 mills
Special interest on
bonded indebtedness 5 1/2 mills
For park purposes 1/2 mill
For library purposes .. 1 mill
Court expenses and
interest on Sixth St.
paving during litigation 1/2 mill
Total 16 1/2 mills
Probable state and
county levy 12 mills
Probable school levy 10 1/2 mills
Grand total 39 mills

Thirty-eight mills is the probable tax that residents of La Grande will be called upon to pay in 1913. The school levy will be fixed before the 15th of this month, and the county and state levies will come the first week in January. The city levy, although not finally fixed, is going to be 16 1/2 mills, no doubt, as it is generally believed it will stand. The school levy has no opportunity to reduce itself to any extent, as the school district will be called upon to do some extensive paving next year on Fourth street.

Official figures are, of course, not obtainable from county sources, but while the city and school stay at 16 1/2 and 10 or 11 respectively, the county and state levies are destined to come down. Twelve mills is the tentative estimate that the court reached this week, and if it is the sum total of all taxes in Union county will be 38 1/2 or 39 mills.

This is a reduction of more than two mills and will throw a ray of hope into taxpayers who have been waiting for the day that tax levies should go down.

There is a possibility of an 11 1/2 state and county levy. This depends upon the valuation that the state board of control places on corporation property in this county.

Yesterday the Observer erroneously placed the city levy as estimated in the tentative budget as 16 mills. It should have been 16 1/2 mills.

2 APOSTLES HERE SUNDAY

SALT LAKE CHURCH MEN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Union County Stake to Hold Quarterly Sessions Saturday and Sunday. Hiram M. Smith and Joseph W. McMurray, two of the 12 apostles of the Mormon church will be in La Grande tomorrow to attend the quarterly conference of the Union county stake. The conference commences at 10 o'clock, reconvenes at 2 and meets on the same schedule on Sunday. A large attendance is anticipated from all over this stake and the visiting dignitaries will also be heard with interest by a large number of non-church members as invitations are always extended to the Sunday services.