

SILVERTHORN HOME RUINED DURING STORM

FAMILY DRIVEN INTO BITING COLD SCANTILY CLAD THIS MORNING.

INSURANCE COVERS LOSS

Fire Breaks Out in Garret and Ob-tains Big Headway Before Discov-ery—Housekeeper Gives Alarm and Family Hurries to Home of Neigh-bors—Fire Department Prevents a Spread of the Flames.

Fire that threatened to gut the residence districts of Central and West La Grande this forenoon ruined beyond repairs the O. E. Silverthorn home, corner Sixth and Pennsylv-ania. With a foothold in the garret of the residence the blaze had attained serious proportions before discovery and was mastered in the nick of time to prevent a general conflagration in the city. La Grande's fire de-partment was put to the test and without a question of doubt saved the price of the expensive auto car to the property owners of La Grande in a few minutes. As it was, the building owned by D. Fitzgerald, is in ruins and probably beyond repairs and con-siderable damage done to the Silver-thorn furniture. The latter has \$900 insurance and the building has \$1500. The fire was marked by two sen-sational features—the occupants were driven into the storm without cloth-ing and a strip of residences west-ward, and the big Boch residence a few feet to one side, were seriously menaced.

The alarm was slow in coming in but once in, the department exhibited record speed in getting to the blaze. In the meantime the family had been roused from sleep by Mrs. Hanna Rogers who has been keeping house while Mrs. Silverthorn is in the east, and without time to dress Mr. Silver-thorn, his daughter Marjorie, who is home from Reed college for the holi-days, and son William were gotten out of the building. Once the de-partment got two streams of water on the blaze, the danger to adjoining property was diminished and in less than a half hour the blaze was out.

Mrs. Rogers Discovers Fire.
Mr. Silverthorn had worked late at the drug store last night and was sleeping overtime this morning. Mrs. Rogers discovered the blaze only af-ter the entire garret was afire, and screaming "fire" she ran through the house to waken the family. Mr. Sil-verthorn thought for a moment it was a joke, but once wide awake rushed for the alarm box more than a block away. He then telephoned but had trouble getting central—however, the alarm from the fire box had started the department coming.

The Boch home was in serious dan-ger and Mr. and Mrs. Boch today is-sued a formal statement of thanks to the neighbors and fire department for the manner in which the threat-ening situation had been met. They had their furniture in readiness to take out should the flames jump to their roof. But the department had saved the day by its heroic and timely dan-ger on the flames.

Family Routed Out.

The fire alarm sent members of the Silverthorn family into the bit-ter blizzard scantily dressed. Miss Marjorie Silverthorn was asleep when the blaze was discovered and had only time to throw a shawl about her and flee. Barefooted she made her way from the burning house only to be accosted by the biting gale that whipped the street with terrific force. William, Miss Marjorie's brother, was likewise asleep and he was later His clothing was brought out later dressed at the home of neighbors, after a barefooted dash. Mr. Silver-

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400 CORDS OF DRY 4-FT CHAIN WOOD BURNING

FIRE STARTING LAST EVENING IS HARD TO GET CON-TROLLED.

BLAZE OUTSIDE OF CITY

Wood Fire Originating From Saw En-gine Spark Burns Incessantly for 24 Hours and, Being Outside of the Limits, Is Hard to Fight—Adjoin-ing Homes Protected by Depart-ment.

In the neighborhood of 400 cords of dry chain wood valued at \$2.50 per cord will be destroyed before a fire originating, it is thought, from a wood saw engine spark yesterday af-ternoon, is extinguished in the neighborhood of the old sugar factory site. There are hundreds of cords of wood ricked there, and after having practically choked the blaze last night, it broke out again this morning and is still burning incen-pently. It is likely that the entire pile will be consumed. City fire hose has been stretched for protection to adjoining homes, but the actual fire is without the city limits and is un-reachable by the hose route. F. S. Bramwell, local manager for the company has, with the assistance of the volunteers fought the blaze in-termittently since it was started, but the dry wood is hard to get at, and the blaze is breaking out afresh at various places and odd times during the day. Fire Chief Benham has contemplated further effort in behalf of the company when he was called to the Silverthorn blaze. A change in direction of the wind will men-ace the northern section of the city. The chemicals were tried but were effective only in close quarters.

FALSE ALARM TURNED IN.

Woman Telephones to Fire Station of Imagined Fourth Street Fire.

Careful precaution on the part of Fire Chief Benham was tested last evening shortly after the department had been called to the sugar factory wood fire. As soon as the hose on the auto car had been strung out at the wood fire Assistant Chief Gar-ry was rushed back to the central station with the car and there re-layed the car with house. The ca-pacity load was put in and the car gotten ready for an emergency call. This call came. However it was a false alarm. A much excited fe-male voice conveyed the news of an alleged fire on North Fourth near the Palmer mill and City Recorder Man-ager in turn relayed it to the fire department. The run was the long-est yet called for and once there it became evident that reflection from the wood fire many blocks away had been responsible for it. Had there actually been a fire and the car had not been sent back and reloaded the blaze had there been one, would have been allowed to burn unmolested.

Entire Town Slaughtered.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Author-ities at Port Moresby received news today of the massacre of an entire village in the vicinity of the capital of the Papua district. Natives from the Lomma district on their way home attacked the town and slaugh-tered the entire population, mostly children and old men.

After Rockefeller Again.

New York, Dec. 27.—Determined to subpoena William Rockefeller for the money trust probe being conducted by the house. Sergeant at Arms Rid-dell and two deputies arrived today, and will remain until they find the millionaire. Rockefeller is thought to be hiding in the forests of his private reserve in the Adirondack mountains.

Klamath Falls Lover Kills Himself While Dynamiting His Sweetheart's Home

Klamath Falls, Ore., Dec. 27.—Geo. Gowan, who dynamited the home of Adeline Beck last night, believing his love was not returned, died this morning as a result of the blowup. He made no statement. His arms were amputated and the remains of his injured eyes were removed. There were no other casualties. The home was partially destroyed. Last night he went to a grill and conversed for a few moments and went out. He then went to the home of the girl and found her with her sister and two brothers. Gowan then asked for a match and left the room. The explosion followed immediately. Despite his injuries Gowan was con-scious when the police arrived. He waved his shattered arms and cursed furiously. Two sticks of dynamite were found in his pockets.

FIFTEEN WILL FORM NUCLEUS

ALBANY TRIP PROMISES TO BE POPULAR.

Preliminary Survey of Business Men Brings Great Results.

Fifteen have already agreed to join the business men's excursion to Albany when the State Retail Gro-cers' convention meeting January 22. Half of the business men only have been seen by a committee from the Commercial club, consisting of Sec-retary C. M. Humphreys and J. G. Snodgrass but everywhere they found ready response to the trip. That it will be more largely attended and bring greater results than last year's successful trip is anticipated by the business men. Further details as to prices and departing date will be decided upon as soon as the commit-tee confers with J. H. Keeney, local agent for the O-W.

BLAZE KILLS TWO.

Los Angeles Fire Is Fatal—Many Es-capes Are Narrow.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—In a terrifi-c blaze that destroyed a three-story lodging house on the north side this morning Leonard and Leopold Wal-ters met death in the flames. They were aged 14 and 18 respectively Olga Walters, sister of the two dead S. Anderson, Roxy Good, Michael Vankey, Fire Captain A. H. Moore and Herman Reichert were injured. It is thought Olga Walters is so badly in-jured that she will die.

The flames encircled the entire building before the occupants of the house were aroused. Many were-cued by the firemen and police, and some of the deeds were heroic. Man-jumped into nets, some to the lar-ge street and others were brought out in an unconscious condition. The bodies of the two young men were recovered this morning.

The property loss is \$30,000.

Becker Witness Threatened.

New York, Dec. 27.—John Morris and Jacob Luban, witnesses who tes-tified against Becker, the New York police lieutenant, convicted of mur-der in the first degree, complained to District Attorney Whitman that six members of the Zelig gang threat-ened to shoot them in a restaurant. They allege that one "Dopey Benny" made the threats. The district at-torney is investigating the threats.

Rain-Drenched Suffragettes Halt.

Valatie, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Covered with mud and drenched with rain the six suffragettes headed for Albany arrived here this afternoon from Stockport. They do not intend to leave until tomorrow as they are ahead of their schedule.

MRS. BEAUDOIN DEAD

Wife of Wallowa Sheep King Passes Away at Joseph Yesterday.

Joseph, Dec. 27.—(Special) — Mrs. Peter Beaudoin, wife of the Wallowa county sheep king, died yesterday of heart failure and pneumonia. The funeral will take place at the Catho-lic cemetery in Enterprise.

Two daughters of the deceased graduated from the Sacred Heart ac-ade-my in La Grande last year and the family is one of the best known in Wallowa county.

STAUNTON WILL HONOR WILSON

INFORMAL GREETING TO BE EX-TENDED.

President, Improved, Leaves for His Birthday Celebration.

WILSON MUCH IMPROVED.
Princeton, Dec. 27.—His wife accompanying him, President-elect Wilson departed for Vir-ginia at 10:30 this morning. He declared he felt well. He will arrive at Staunton tonight and returns Sunday.

Staunton, Va., Dec. 27.—Everything is in readiness for the welcome of President-elect Wilson late tonight to be the guest of his native town on the occasion of his 56th birthday an-niversary tomorrow. The president will spend the night in the little Presbyterian parsonage where he was born Dec. 28, 1856. Tomorrow he will be formally welcomed by Mayor May and other leading rep-resentatives of the city. There will be a variety of ceremonies during the day, but in deference to the expres-sed wish of the distinguished visitor the program will be as informal as possible. The president-elect says he desires to meet the people of his na-tive town without formality. The ar-rangements committee expects 10,000 visitors here for the demonstration.

Burglar Is Bound Over.

The bearded hermit who was brought down from the hills the other day and lodged in the "mill" for ransacking cellars, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Williams today and bound over to the circuit court. He admitted to Constable Faulk that he had made the raid in an effort to get some meat. The case will come up for trial at the next session of the circuit court. His bail was put at \$500 but being unable to give it he was confined in the county jail.

LYNCHINGS ARE FEWER THIS YEAR

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—Only 52 lynchings, known to be such beyond doubt, occurred in the United States in the year now closing. In previous years the number has been much larger, 190 having been recorded in 1894 and 170 in the year following.

The number of lynchings has been steadily decreasing. Only one year, however, produced fewer lynch-ings than 1902. In 1907 the record shows 51 lynchings, one less than this year. In some of the southern states there were fewer lynchings in 1912 than in almost any previous year. The decrease is attributed largely to the efforts made by governors and promi-nent citizens to prevent mob violence.

Many of the governors have acted promptly and energetically to prevent lynchings, with the declared policy of giving the law free opportunity for the punishment of all alleged of-fenders, white or black.

Again, as in the record of former years, more lynchings occurred in Georgia than in any other state. Louisiana and Florida come next in the list. South Carolina, whose gov-ernor has gone on record as unop-posed to lynchings in certain cases,

TURKS OBJECT TO INDEMNITY FOR BALKINS

CONFERENCE MAY COME TO NAUGHT BEFORE THE WEEK ENDS.

BULGARS IN UGLY MOOD

Bulgars Said to Be Preparing to Re-sume Hostilities Against the Turks —Deviation Allowed to Envoys Again Described From Home Coun-tries—Counter Proposals From Turks Arrive.

London, Dec. 27.—Belief is preva-lent that the Turks will not pay any money indemnity to secure peace. It is reported that all of the envoys re-ceived minute instructions concern-ing the deviation they may make from the original demands. According to advices from Constantinople Turkey's counter proposal will comprise a demand to maintain the sovereignty over the east line of demarkation between the Maritza river and the Black Sea including Adrianople, with autonomy west of the line subject to the supervision by the Turks.

In view of the fact that the Bul-gars have declared their intention to resume hostilities in case Turkey does not cede Adrianople to them it is likely the peace conference will come to naught before the end of the week.

Bulgars Preparing for War.

Vienna, Dec. 28.—In line with the foregoing report is a later one which declares the Bulgars are preparing to resume hostilities against the Turks. Youths who have not obligat-ed themselves to serve before 1914 are being conscribed. The regulars are ready to resume fighting.

Cholera Raging in Mecca.

London, Dec. 27.—Dispatches from Odesa to the London Post report an epidemic of cholera which is decimat-ing the ranks of pious pilgrims to Mecca in Arabia where 10,000 pil-grims have gathered. Of the pil-grims 1,714 are afflicted with the dis-ease.

Standard Oil Advances.

New York, Dec. 27.—As a result of the advance of 105 points per share Standard Oil stock has increased in value \$15,000,000. It should be borne in mind that this is a paper value.

INDIANA LABOR JURY IS IN HANDS

PRECAUTION AGAINST AN OUT-BREAK IS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL OFFICERS

CORRIDORS ARE CLEARED

Forty-Seven Defendants Await Ver-dict of Jury Now in Deliberation— Wives of the Defendants Allowed, Along With Counsel, to Occupy Seats in Courtroom During the Con-sideration.

NO VERDICT UNTIL TOMOR-ROW.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—Court adjourned at 3:05 this afternoon and will convene at 9:30 to-morrow. Should a verdict be reached during the night, it will be held secret until court con-venes again. All verdicts must be returned in a group. The jury retired at 5 o'clock last night.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—The case of the federal government against 47 ironworkers and labor leaders is with the jury. As a result of the coming climax one way or the other, the courtroom is closely guarded and on-ly the defendants and their wives and the attorneys are permitted to be in the chamber. The corridors have been ordered cleared and the entire building is filled with deputies. Fed-eral Marshal Schmidt said this after-noon that he expected no trouble in case the men were declared guilty, but admitted that he would be pre-pared for a possible outbreak. No-body has been permitted to approach the jury room and the outside is be-ing scrupulously guarded, lest some-one try to communicate from a dis-tant window.

All of the defendants, save Tvet-moe, were smiling and showed little concern when they appeared in the courtroom this morning at 9:30. Ray, Young, Shireman, Baum, Smythe, and Anderson were joking among them-selves and talking loudly.

Check Laws Queer.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 27.—"Is a pas-senger a thief if he takes his own baggage while under check?" is a question to be ruled upon by the courts of Canada. Hassan-Ali, a na-tive of Turkey, employed on construc-tion work, was arrested here at the instance of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, on the technical charge of theft. He proved that the baggage is his property and that it was not under lock and key, also that the agent had not given him a dupli-cate check. When these facts were brought out the company withdrew the charge, the company's solicitor an-nouncing that a test case will be made so that the courts may rule upon the question. The judge of the trial court expressed the opinion that the pres-ent system of handling baggage is not satisfactory.

Death Penalty Doomed in Washington

Seattle, Dec. 27.—According to a poll of the legislators made by the newspapers on the question of abol-ishing capital punishment, it is found the death penalty is doomed to obliv-ion. The house favors abolition three to one. The senators thus far have voted 14 to 7 in favor of abolition. It requires 22 in the senate to pass the bill. The poll is not finished.

In each case the victim was accused of murder. In the town of Jopps, a short distance from Rosebud, Mont., Harry Heffner, alleged slayer of Mrs. William Merrill, was taken from the county jail by a crowd of masked men and hanged, despite the efforts

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