

HOTEL MAN PASSES AWAY

INVENTOR AND VETERAN HOTEL
MAN IS DEAD.

W. H. Ferguson Ill but a Few Days
With Attack of Pneumonia.

Seized with a severe cold last Thursday and forced to take to his bed, W. H. Ferguson, proprietor of the Grande Ronde Valley house and an inventor whose chief fear was to improve the rotary snow plow, was forced to surrender a brief but painful struggle with pneumonia last night at 6 o'clock. No final arrangements have been made for the funeral. A pending word from a relative in St. Paul.

The demise was sudden and removes one of the old business men of La Grande. As hale and hearty as ever a week ago, and today dead, is the final chapter in the veteran hostelry manager's life. Mr. Ferguson was a son of New Brunswick, Canada, where he was born 65 years and 26 days ago today. Thirty years ago he was married and the widow survives him, the recipient of deep-felt sympathy from her many friends. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

Fourteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson moved to La Grande and have continuously occupied the North Fir and Adams avenue site for a hotel. Four brothers and a sister survive the deceased, in addition to the widow. They are:

Thomas, a resident of St. Paul, but at present in the West somewhere on a mission for a wholesale house and may not be advised of the demise here until too late to attend the funeral; Christopher of Stillwater, Minn. Harvey of Stillwater, Frazier of Miles City, Mont., and a sister, Mrs. Sarah McKay of Miles City.

SEES BRIGHT YEAR AHEAD.

Real Estate Firm of Black & Childer
Optimistic as to the Future.

"Things look good for the future" said ex-Sheriff Childers of the firm of Black & Childers, today. "I believe the county and the entire Eastern Oregon country is destined to have a splendid growth. Things have passed the spasmodic stage and from now on we can look for permanent advancement and an influx of people who have come not so much to speculate in western lands as to make homes."

The new firm is listing a great deal of property. The ex-sheriff is probably one of the best posted men in this country on values and locations of real estate and the firm will doubtless do a big business.

LIMIT STUDY 40 MINUTES

EXPERIMENTS BY DOCTOR PYLE
GIVE DATA ON WORK.

Mental Ability May Be Accurately
Determined in Time

How much a student can do in a given time has been the subject for debates since universities began. Every professor of psychology has been working on the problem and the results have not always been the same owing to the difference in men. Then, too, the experiments have not covered the field in a manner to make the data reliable. The following excerpt from the University Missouriian throws some interesting light on a question that has been freely discussed in La Grande of late:

"The two important questions to consider in dealing with economic procedure in learning," said Dr. W. H. Pyle before the Scientific Association Saturday night, "are: How long a period can one spend profitably in intensive study and how often can these periods profitably occur?" Doctor Pyle had charts to show that from thirty to forty minutes is the proper time; and that there periods can profitably be repeated only three or four times a day with half-hour intermissions. This is for hard memory work only.

The tests that Doctor Pyle used in making his charts were of speed, such as learning shorthand or typewriting. In experimenting with fifteen minute periods Doctor Pyle showed that a person, having for instance eight hours of work to do, loses 22 per cent in efficiency by doing it in periods of fifteen minutes each instead of periods of thirty minutes each. If that person took periods of forty-five minutes each he would lose 17 per cent and if he did it in periods of an hour he would lose 30 per cent in total efficiency.

So if one has to learn hastily a new alphabet or to run a typewriter, he should take a thirty-minute dose for each meal in the day and perhaps one before going to bed. He can then be confident that he is working about as fast as is possible.

"Changing the kind of work," said Doctor Pyle, "will do little to help matters. For a short time, perhaps, the interest would increase the speed but as soon as that wore off the fatigue would be as great as ever and progress as slow."

"However, a person might spend half a day in ordinary studying; and since we do not work at a high pressure the ordinary day's work is probably of the right length."

Doctor Pyle believes a way will be found to test the mental abilities of different persons with some degree of accuracy.

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Pendleton Fans See Interesting Bout
Between Heavyweights.

That Jackson, the Pomeroy heavy-weight, put up a better showing against Zbyszko at Pendleton last night than his friends had anticipated is the word brought from Pendleton by local fans who witnessed the bout last night. The big Pole put Jackson down in 44½ minutes and again in 17½ minutes which was within his agreement. The crowd was large and local fans say the match was intensely interesting.

Zbyszko's Whirlwind Trip.

The recent record of the Pole is: Threw Charley Cutler in Chicago, two falls in 47 minutes, Jan. 13.

Threw Jess Westergaard in St. Paul, first fall 27 minutes, second fall 31 minutes, Jan. 15.

Threw five heavyweights in Minneapolis in 32 minutes, Jan. 16.

Threw Dr. Roller in St. Paul, first fall 18 minutes, second fall 41 minutes, Jan. 17.

Threw George Turner in Aberdeen S. D., two falls in 34½ minutes Jan. 18.

Threw Chris Person in Fargo, N. D., two falls in 27 minutes and 30 seconds.

Threw John Gordon, "the Police Champion," in Miles City, Mont., two falls in 44 minutes, Jan. 22.

Threw Paul Domke in Billings, Mont., two falls in 51 minutes, Jan. 23.

Threw Ole Peterson in Missoula, Mont., three falls in 8½ minutes.

Threw Jackson at Pendleton, Jan. 28, two falls.

FASTER SCHEDULE OPPOSED

J. F. Corbett and Other O.-W. Officials
Testify Before Committees.

Chief Dispatcher J. F. Corbett has returned today from Salem, where he and other officials of the O.-W. appeared before the state railroad commission and the senate and house transportation committees, relative to a bill introduced from Eastern Oregon intended to force stock trains to run an average of 14 miles an hour, instead of 12. The officials from M. J. Buckley, assistant general manager down, discussed the situation from the standpoint of one opposed "Slower traffic brought about by the speed mania leading to the Titanic disaster," was the substance of the testimony given by Mr. Buckley. Mr. Corbett in his testimony, told of the difficulties to be overcome keeping these trains on schedule, especially in winter. In the last 30 days he said, a rotary snow plow had worked 15 days trying to keep the line open about Kamela, at an elevation of 4600 feet, where snow is now six feet deep.

"It sometimes takes three big locomotives to bring a train up the grade," he said. "To make up the time lost and maintain the average, trains have to run recklessly down

the Columbia river."

Mr. Corbett said a 14 mile average would be extremely hard to maintain.

Mr. Buckley said to the committee: "It has lately been our order requiring our passenger trains not to make a speed faster than 50 miles an hour," said M. J. Buckley, assistant general manager of the O. W. R. & N., "and limited freight trains to not more than 35 miles an hour."

"Ever since the Titanic disaster there has been a tendency on the part of railroads of the country to reduce high speeds from a standpoint of safety."

Mr. Buckley was arguing that if a bill proposed by Senator Durgess of Pendleton, to require stock trains to make an average speed of 14 miles an hour in place of 12 as at present, were enacted, the result would be reckless driving on the level stretches.

"For two years, the average of all stock trains has been 12.11 miles per hour," said Mr. Buckley. "We consider that a remarkably good record. At times to keep up even this average, stock have been obliged to run 45 miles an hour on the level, which I submit to you is a very unsafe speed for a freight train."

"In places over the mountains in Eastern Oregon, these trains can only make nine miles an hour climbing up, and they are limited to 15 miles an hour coming down."

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WILSON PRAISES LA FOLLETTE

"Is a Man Who Knows What He Talks About" Declares Wilson.

Trenton, Jan. 29.—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin is a man who always knows what he talks about; this is the tribute paid the son of Woodrow Wilson following the declaration last night at Atlantic City that he favored progressivism irrespective of party. Wilson's Atlantic speech is regarded as a farewell to members of the New Jersey legislature and was delivered at a dinner at which Wilson was the guest of honor.

"La Follette," said Wilson, "is strong because he studies every angle of a question. When he rises to speak he has the subject well in hand. When he concludes his remarks, it is difficult for anyone to vote against him, because La Follette has presented the case from the standpoint of a man who knows it."



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