

MANY KILLED BY SHELLS IN ADRIANOPE

NON-COMBATANTS AMONG THE DEAD, SAYS WIRELESS MES. SAGE FROM THE FRONT

DARDANELLES ONE GOAL

Lack of Funds Is Believed Liable to End Hostilities Soon as Powers Refuse to Permit Loans to Either Army—Shelling of Adrianople Continues to Alarm Moslems.

Constantinople, Feb. 7.—Eighty persons were killed—some of them non-combatants—in today's bombardment of Adrianople, according to wireless reports received tonight from Shukri Pasha, the Turkish commandant of the beleaguered city. The Selim mosque was shattered and 61 houses were destroyed by the fire of the Bulgarian cannon.

Constantinople, Feb. 7.—Terrific fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula was resumed at daylight this morning. Bulgarians are holding out the villages already captured and the Turks are making strenuous stands in defense of the Dardanelles. Reports say Turks have lost several thousand lives and reports to that effect are unofficially confirmed.

Roumania Is Troublesome. Bucharest, Feb. 7.—Instructions to the Roumanian envoy at Sofia to demand a settlement of the Roumania-Bulgaria frontier dispute was forwarded for immediate settlement today. It is believed Roumania will invade Bulgaria unless the demand is granted.

Holy War Likely. Constantinople, Feb. 7.—After meeting a committee of the national defense this afternoon, it is stated that Shiek Ul Islam has proclaimed a holy war in the Moslem world. If this is true, it will aid the Turks in the Balkan war and make every median a possible soldier in the struggle of the crescent against the cross.

Adrianople Shelling Continues. London, Feb. 7.—With Balkan dispatches admitting the bombardment of Adrianople continuing today with only slight damage to that fortress, diplomats rapidly are settling to the belief that exhaustion will end the war. The powers will refuse to loan either of the armies more money, thus forcing peace negotiations more promptly.

TWO JURIES OUT. Two Cases Given to Jury at the Same Time This Morning.

For the first time since Judge Knowles assumed the duties of circuit judge of Union county two juries have been out at the same time. This happened today when the juries in the Strober case and the Morrissey cases laid claim to the use of the jury room. Since one of the juries was in the room all that could be done was to put the other jury in the grand jury room.

Judge Knowles bids well to make a record for expeditious disposal of cases and if the same speed continues it will do much to reduce the discontent among the laity at the law's delay.

Instructions to the jury which heard the evidence against and for Henry Strober, accused of not supporting his wife and eight-months old child, made up the resumption of circuit court this morning. The jury, after listening to Judge Knowles' instruc-

tions, retired and the case against J. H. Morrissey, accused of stealing bed-sheets from the Savoy hotel, was called. The defendant in this case has no funds to maintain counsel and the court had previously named Attorney Dixon as counsel for him. The stealing subjects him to a penitentiary term if found guilty, but in the meantime he has enjoyed a warm bed and good board in the hotel de Hug.

Six true bills, all secret save those already arraigned, and one not true bill have been returned by the grand jury this morning. The one who is exonerated is Tony Rose, an O-W-section employe at Telocaset who has been in jail on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. The not true bill set him free.

VALUABLE MARE DEAD. Pacer Belonging to Charles Grandy, With Good Record, Is Dead.

Ladd Canyon, Feb. 7.—(Special)—The bay pacing mare belonging to Charles Grandy, died Monday night. Although she had never been trained she was quite widely known for her speed in pacing, and the owner deeply regrets the loss.

Patient Is Improving. Mrs. Ella Moon, who was operated on a few days ago, has improved and yesterday returned to her home at South La Grande.

ROAD DISTRICT SCHEME READY

SEVEN DISTRICT SUPERVISORS TO BE SELECTED.

Instead of Forty, County, Will Now Have Only Seven Districts.

Completion of the plan to consolidate the 40 road districts in this county into seven, centralizing the responsibility for good roads into that number of hands, was accomplished late last evening. The court has adjourned after announcing the supervisors for each of these districts and upon them will fall the responsibility of attending to the working properly. The readjustment of the districts is outlined as follows, with the supervisors who will be in charge:

District No. 1.—William Wigglesworth, consolidates districts No. 33, 31, 30, 29 and 38, including south of Union to and in North Powder.

District No. 2.—Frank Ross, districts Nos. 2, 3, 25, 26 and 27, including district north of Union into middle of valley.

District No. 3.—J. F. Campbell, consolidates districts Nos. 20, 22, 21, 19, 15, 16, 18 and 36. Includes La Grande districts from river to Hot Lake to middle of the valley, and up the river to Hilgard and Starkey, and Kamela district, which previously has had no supervisor.

District No. 4.—J. B. Breshears; consolidates districts 4, 5, 3, 38, 35 and 40, in the vicinity of Elgin.

District No. 5.—John M. Darr, consolidates districts Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 7. Also in Elgin territory.

District No. 6.—George Chadwick, consolidates districts Nos. 12, 24, 39, all in Cove sections.

District No. 7.—Consolidates districts Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 34 and 37. Supervisor to be named.

BAKER MAN IS FIRST. Property Owner in This County and Pays His Taxes First of All.

James O. Gonsar, a resident of Baker, who owns property in this county, was the first to pay his taxes this year in Union county. Following him have come in a few from time to time but the big influx of tax money is not expected until the beginning of next week, at which time the tax collecting department will be ready and be expecting tax moneys freely.

Councilmen Interviewed As To How They Stand Now On "Commission"

Knowing that the commission form of government has a hard time to get a hearing in La Grande, and having followed the former effort to get a vote on the question, closely noting which councilmen were for and which were opposed to the modern way of governing cities, The Evening Observer felt it was right and proper that the present council members should be interviewed on the subject that the public may know just how they stand.

A reporter for The Observer called on members of the council late yesterday afternoon and gaining the following:

Would Recall the Mayor.

Councilman Davis—"For a town of this size I have my doubts whether it would be good or not, but I am willing to give the dear people of La Grande a chance to vote on the matter any time after the first of August."

When Mr. Davis was asked why wait until the first of August he replied: "Because I want to see the people of La Grande get a chance to recall the mayor. They cannot do this until the mayor has been in office six months."

"But I am opposed to the new form if it is more expensive than the present form," concluded the councilman Wright is uncertain.

Councilman Wright of the Fourth ward—"I think it would be all right, but I know so little about it that I could hardly say whether I favor it or whether I am against it. It seems to me we will have to do something pretty soon or the city will be in bad shape."

After the reporter endeavored to explain briefly the commission form, Mr. Wright added: "You may say that I favor the new form as explained, but I think the people should have plenty of time to think the matter over."

Hasten Strong for New Form.

Councilman F. D. Halsten—"I heartily favor it and I believe in concentration and the highest form of efficiency. We should have the commission form at the earliest possible moment. Efficiency has been very low in the past administration and I consider the city's finances in very bad shape. If the new form created a lot of salaries and made more expense than at present I would not favor it."

"Fitz" Against It, of Course.

Councilman Fitzgerald—"I don't favor the commission form for the reason that the city is not large enough, and that is about the only real reason I have for being against it. Another reason is that it is not Democratic."

He was asked if he would be for the new form if the city could be run at the same expense as at present, to which he made reply:

"Oh, yes, in that case I would be for the new form."

Councilman Jones—"I favor it and the people ought to have a chance to vote on the proposition in the near future. It would have come up at the last election but the matter was reported to the council about two weeks before the election and we thought the time too short for deliberation. The people want the commission form and they ought to get it."

Councilman Sargent—"I am heartily in favor of it because I think it will be more economical than the old form."

Lincoln Has Way of His Own.

Councilman Lincoln—"I cannot say I am against it or for it. I believe in some kind of ward representation."

"I believe in electing two councilmen from each ward as at present and allowing these to select a competent manager. I strongly believe in some kind of ward representation. If

per cent per annum or as much less as the council shall determine. Prohibited from Issuing Warrants in Excess of Revenue.

Section 83. The council, during any fiscal year, shall not issue warrants against any fund of the city in excess of the revenues that may be collected in any particular fund during any such fiscal year; provided that warrants may be issued at any time not exceeding the limit of floating indebtedness as provided in section 81 of this charter.

SCHUBERTS IN TOWN.

Well Known Stars Please Big Audience at Baker Last Evening.

The Schubert Symphony club and lady quartet of Chicago arrived from Baker this morning where they pleased a capacity audience for the benefit of the M. E. church. Company composed of:

Thomas Valentine Purcell, violinist. Leta Corder, soprano. Kathryn Roberts, first alto. Lovie Zandt Purcell, contralto. Francis Rinehart, harpist.

Miss Leta Corder, the brilliant soprano, will be remembered for her superb singing here last season, at the high school, as will Lovie Zandt Purcell, contralto and Thomas Purcell, who were also with the company last season.

PIPPINS WILL NOT REVIVE

FANS NEGLECT TO SHOW THEIR OPINIONS.

Fire Goes Out When Promoters Are Discouraged at Promotion.

Class D baseball for this city flickered, sputtered, flamed up in a dying spurt and then went dark—and cold—last night when a mere handful of the city's fans responded to the call for organization and backing. Havoc has been created throughout the prospective six club league territory no doubt, and just what the five legged league will do tomorrow at Boise is problematical. It is presumed that the meeting will set another date for final meeting as with only five teams clamoring, the league is of course a lame duck. To get another club to take La Grande's place, a vacancy established somewhat like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, cannot be done in a day, and that is all the notice the moguls at Boise get. Just a little adversity, it is said would skyrocket Pendleton to the discards like La Grande, but leaves an impossible four-club circuit of Boise, Baker, Walla Walla and North Yakima; entirely preposterous. The sudden failure of the local fans to "dig" or more correctly stated, to evidence signs of digging, took the starch out of the few who have been footing deficits of the past year. Neither singly nor collectively will they undertake the financial Gibraltar without backing from the business men. In a majority of cases, the business men will probably be sorry they evinced no interest last night, but there is only one thing now possible other than backing out and that is that the Boise conference tomorrow decides to give La Grande another chance.

This contingency is not probable, however. In fact it is not known that even if given the opportunity once more, that business men would come out to the meeting. There has been no canvass of the merchants for support, the committee in charge last year depending on them to evince sufficient interest to show their favors or dislikes in the matter at the fan-mass meeting last night. Stock in the league has been shunted into discard, and it is not a long guess to admit that the future of the league as outlined here is dubious, gloomy and uninviting.

Outstanding Warrants. Section 82. The council is empowered by this charter to refund the outstanding warrants against the general fund by issuing time warrants payable at stated times in the future, the rate of interest not to exceed six

INDIAN TRAFFIC CRUEL AND INHUMAN

MEN HUNG UP BY TOES FOR NOT DOING BIG ENOUGH WORK FOR COMPANY.

BRUTAL TREATMENT SHOWN

Conditions Among Peruvian Rubber Ranches Said by Official Report to Be Terrible—Defenseless Indians Are Misused and Treated With Utter Disregard for Physical Pains.

Washington, Feb. 7. — Revolting stories of inhuman treatment accorded to the native rubber gatherers the Putumayo district, Peru, by agents of a British rubber company, were told in a report by American Consul Fuller, sent to congress by President Taft today. "Two hundred wild Barbadoes men," the report says, "were imported into Peru in 1894, and armed with Winchester to enslave the docile natives and exercise illegal compulsion. Accordingly, they committed the grossest outrages on the Indians, flogged some, tortured others and even went as far as committing murder. In this company of British forced the natives of the Barbadoes to participate. The death penalty was imposed on them if they did not bring in a certain quantity and quality of rubber from the remotest districts. Frequently the company made an example of some whose rubber was not up to the mark. The victim's right hand was severed in some instances or he was hung up by the toes until dead, or he was murdered outright. Some of the Indians bear bleak looking stumps in the place of arms or legs, and give mute evidence to the atrocities that have been committed on them by a supposedly civilized people. The Peruvian Indians, Mr. Fuller states, are small, docile, and childlike and physically unable to resent the atrocities that have been practiced on them for generations."

MRS. GILMORE DEAD. May Park Resident Passes Away—Funeral Held Today.

Mrs. J. C. Gilmore, who died Wednesday in May Park, was taken to Elgin this morning for burial. Mrs. Gilmore was born in Southern Missouri and came to the Oregon country when she was but a small girl. She is practically an Oregon woman because most of her life was spent in this vicinity. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Crawford of Elgin. Her father was killed some 20 years ago in an accident. Her mother preceded her to the Great Beyond. Mrs. Gilmore recently contracted pneumonia which later developed into tuberculosis. She leaves to mourn her loss one child of eight years and another of ten. A number of friends from Island City and May Park went to Elgin to attend the funeral services.

Will Visit Portland.

Mrs. Lloyd Scriber and Miss Mary Penington leave tonight for Portland and Willamette valley points to spend a few weeks with friends.

Will Call Pastor.

There will be an important meeting of the congregation of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church, after the regular services Sunday for the purpose of calling a pastor.