

# WOOD TICK IS CAUSE OF DEATH

### PECULIAR HOODOO HANGS OVER COVE.

#### Third Child in Three Weeks Dies of Odd Ailments.

Cove, Oregon, May 6.—(Special)—The third death of a little child within the past three weeks occurred when Lloyd McGreuder, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. McGreuder, died at his home in Cove. His death was caused by a tick bite. He was only ill two days. His funeral was conducted by Reverend Trueblood, pastor of the Methodist Epis-

copal church, from the church Wednesday afternoon and his body was laid to rest in the Cove cemetery.

#### Columbus Votes on Change.

Columbus, O., May 6.—Columbus voters today are deciding whether they want a charter commission to frame a new form of municipal government. They are also electing fifteen commissioners, who, in the event the charter question carries, will frame the new form of government to be later submitted to the voters. Of the seventeen candidates for commissioner, fifteen are pledged to embody in the form of government they adopt provisions for the non-partisan election of city officials, the short ballot, and concentration of authority in government. Socialists are strenuously opposing the charter commission.

#### Cooked Food Sale.

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## SQUABBLE IN COUNCIL A NEW

### COUNCIL TO ACT TOMORROW NIGHT LIKELY.

#### Summary Suspension of Street Department Causes Filthy Streets.

After nearly a week's time the city of La Grande is to have its streets cleaned again. Pending the meeting of the council following a roundup between the finance committee and Street Superintendent Stoner in which April salaries were held up until the regular meeting of the council and in which every street cleaning department was summarily laid off, the streets have accumulated filth and dirt and the regular meeting tomorrow night will necessitate some final action in the appointment of a street superintendent. The trouble is the outgrowth of a small-sized row nearly three weeks ago when the street committee precipitated summary dismissal of Street Superintendent Stoner—but he was re-appointed. Councilmen Haisten, Sargent, and Wright brought matters to a focus again on the first of May and since then the streets have not been touched. Mayor Hall today voiced the opinion that a street superintendent would be appointed tomorrow night and the thoroughfares be given their just attention immediately afterwards.

#### Haisten Outlines Details.

F. D. Haisten chairman of the finance committee, sets the case forth as follows:

"Several weeks ago the council unanimously agreed that the finance committee should meet on the first of the month and audit labor certificates and salary accounts and, when properly signed and O. K., allow their payment that laborers might be paid the first of the month rather than wait until the second meeting in the month. This when properly and conscientiously done, seemed the best solution of a difficult problem. On April 16, the council by a vote of six to two, declared vacant the office of street superintendent but Mayor Hall immediately re-appointed H. W. Stoner, the deposed official, to the office. By this act of the council the finance committee holds, it has been rescinded the right to audit labor certificates issued by Mr. Stoner after the 16th, as in our opinion he was not the authorized street superintendent. When the first of the month came, the finance committee adhered to this ruling, having been advised that Mr. Stoner had no authority to issue labor certificates after the 16th, and also that the finance committee had no authority to O. K. his salary bill after the passage of the removal resolution. We held up his payment after the 16th, and would have done the same with the laborers on the street, but the labor certificates for April were signed on the first of May and no segregation as to the 16th—before and after—having been made, the committee merely decided to report back to the council tomorrow night that it had not O. K. the labor bills or the street superintendent salary bill, as noted. As a consequence the entire month's street labor account is held up for further disposal by the council tomorrow evening and will not be paid as has been the custom of late, namely, on the first of the month. Councilmen Sargent and Wright concurred with me in this matter."

#### Los Angeles Primary Today.

Los Angeles, Calif., May 6.—Municipal primaries called men and women to the polls today to vote for a mayor, and city councilmen. Mayorality candidates were John Shenk, of the city's progressive good government association; Job Harriman, socialist; L. M. Davenport, prohibitionist, and H. H. Rose, independent. A majority of the total vote cast constitutes election.

#### French Diplomacy Questioned.

Paris, May 6.—An explanation of France's reasons for joining the European powers against Montenegro and the sending of cruiser to join in the naval demonstration against the little kingdom before Scutari, today was demanded by Deputy Guernier when the Chamber of Deputies convened. Deputy Guernier also de-



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manded detailed data on the entire foreign policy of France as it bears upon the Balkan question. Foreign Minister Stephen Pichon was expected to respond.

#### Bankers' Association Convenes.

Briarcliff Manor, New York, May 6.—The executive council of the American Bankers' association convened here today at ten o'clock. Members from all over the country were in attendance with their wives and families. The council holds sessions this afternoon and tonight will hold its annual banquet at which informal addresses will be made by officials of

the Bankers' association. The sessions will end tomorrow.

#### Dinner Coffee Donated.

Manager Emahiser of the La Grande Grocery company yesterday supplied free of cost the coffee used in the Y. M. C. A. dinner. It was the Royal Club brand and the Royal Neighbors are deeply appreciative of the favor.

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