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TORNADO SWEEPS OVER NEBRASKA KILLING MANY

FIRST REPORT OF DEAD AT SEWARD PLACED AT EIGHT

GRAFTON, M'COOL AND SEWARD SUFFER MUCH

Storm Headed for Omaha Spends its Force Before Reaching There

Seward, Neb., May 15.—Eight are dead here and 17 injured, and one dead at McCool Junction, as a result of a tornado last night. The tornado formed near Grafton, struck McCool and Seward and then continued toward Omaha, losing most of its force before it struck that city.

Eight physicians worked all night attending to wants of the injured as fast as rescued from ruins of the wrecked homes. Twenty-two houses were torn to pieces, and many damaged. Authorities are able to handle the situation, but there is no estimate of the monetary loss early today. A terrific rain and hail storm fol-

lowed the tornado, and thick darkness fell. The municipal lighting system was destroyed.

Groaning and wounded were drawn from the wrecked homes by the light of lanterns with which the rescuers searched for victims. Several business houses where were not ruined are used as temporary hospital and morgues, and for dying and dead as fast as found are laid out or attended there.

Several villages north of here, which according to early reports were destroyed by the tornado, it was learned today, escaped. The damage here is later estimated at \$75,000.

JAPANESE QUESTION GIVEN TO CABINET MEMBERS FRIDAY

Washington, May 15.—The Japanese situation will be considered at a cabinet meeting tomorrow when, on Bryan's return from New York, Governor Johnson's answer to the national administration request to delay signing the anti-alien land bill, will be taken up. The state department officials are reticent on the California matter but intimate they will make no move until Johnson signs the bill.

After his signature it is expected Japan will file a new protest reiterating her treaty rights, and notifying the federal government that enforce-

ment of the law will be considered an infringement of those rights. The administration is watching events at Tokio closely, and already has urged the new ambassador to Japan, George Guthrie, that he leave for the post at the earliest moment.

Sober Element Cool.

Tokio, May 15.—Conservative forces in Japan don't expect serious trouble to result from the passage of the California anti-alien land law. Both government newspapers are ignoring the anti-American agitation for which they blame irresponsible persons whose influence is not great.

THAW IN NEW YORK TO TESTIFY

New York, May 15.—Harry Thaw arrived from Mattewan asylum to testify at the trial of Attorney Anhut who is being prosecuted on a charge of offering a bribe of \$20,000 for Thaw's release. Thaw was taken to the office of the district attorney.

The court denied a motion by Anhut's attorneys that he be permitted to change the original plea of "not guilty" on the grounds the defendant had secured immunity because he appeared before the legislative committee and gave testimony on the case. The selection of a jury was begun.

NEW LAW FIRM FORMED TODAY

Attorney Geo. T. Cochran and Attorney Colon R. Eberhard, retiring receiver of the land office here, today perfected a new law firm to be known as Cochran & Eberhard. The final arrangements were gone into this week, the new firm name becoming effective today. Mr. Eberhard contemplates being succeeded by the new receiver within a few days.

The new firm succeeds the firm name of Cochran & Cochran, it having been formed in 1906 when Geo. T. Cochran returned to La Grande from the Philippines and Oriental countries where he was in federal service, and became a partner with his brother Chas. E. Cochran. A year ago the senior member of the firm moved to Portland and since then George T. has been alone. The new face in the

firm is not a stranger to Oregon. A graduate of a well known eastern law school, he was located in the Willamette valley for some little time and then moved to Joseph where he was a practicing and popular lawyer for five years. Four years and two months ago he came here to take the receivership and today enters into the new firm, meaning his permanent residence in La Grande.

No Game Today.

Rain today butted into baseball, causing postponement.

New Druggist in Town.

W. A. Pohl of Pendleton has accepted a position as prescription clerk at the Hill's drug store.

GEORGE F. BAKER.

Snapshot of Financier Who May Be New Money Trust Head.



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NEIGHBORS FIND CORPSE

EDGAR SHAMBAUGH, OLD SETTLER, DEAD.

Remains Found When Neighbors Grow Alarmed at Absence.

Neighbors and friends today battered down the door to Edgar Shambaugh's bachelor home at Alder and Spring and found the three-days' old corpse of the well known old settler. It is believed he died of heart trouble though he has been suffering with a boil which has been bothering him for some time and which Mrs. J. H. Stevens, his cousin, dressed for him occasionally. Living alone, he frequently didn't call at the Stevens home for days at a time, and when last there a boil on his hand gave him some pain and trouble but indicated no serious results. This morning Mrs. Mary Dunn became alarmed at not seeing him about his home as customary, and knocked at his door, believing he might be ill. Hearing no answer she notified J. H. Stevens and when he investigated he found Mr. Shambaugh dead, and Coroner Bacon estimates death came about three days ago.

Four neices and a cousin, Mrs. Stevens, survive him but he has no immediate family, having never married. He was about 65 years old.

HOT COFFEE BURNS BADLY

MRS. CHAS. TURNBOUGH IS SERIOUSLY SCALDED.

Coffee Cooked in Covered Pail Thrown Upon Housewife.

Hot coffee is responsible for very painful and critical illness on the part of Mrs. Chas. Turnbough of South La Grande. Mrs. Turnbough was cooking coffee in a pail with a lid tightly closed over it and as the steam generated enough force to blow off the cover was accumulated and the hot grounds and boiling water were thrown into her face. Her most serious scalds were on the face and though in considerable pain is giving every evidence of rapid recovery.

JAP MAIL POUCH CARRIER HELD UP AND MAIL TAKEN

SIX REGISTERED LETTERS REMOVED FROM POUCHES

ALL BUT ONE OF THE SIX ARE RECOVERED

Japanese Employe Held Up Near Postoffice Last Night and Robbed

Shortly after 9 o'clock last night two highwaymen held up and robbed the Japanese O-W employe who carries mail pouches to and from the trains to the postoffice. Little or nothing was taken, because there was little of cash value to take. A stranger who gives an unsolicited and uncorroborated description of the two robbers and who admitted he knows who committed the act, is being held in the city jail, but out side of that one clue, no conclusive clues have been unearthed and of about a score of suspected arrests none have been held.

It seems that the Jap had just left the corridor in the rear of the postoffice when two men pounced upon him, coming probably from the basement stairway. He was relieved of 75 cents which he carried in his pockets, and of the pouches. One of the pouches was extremely light, holding only a few bundles of small mail, and though taken from the carrier, was not molested. The west bound mail pouch was half full of mail, and it was that one that the robbers worked with. Dodging around the corner of the Arcade theatre, the two went to a secluded spot in the rear of the Young candy store. It was while at work over the bags with the aid of flash light or dark lanterns, that they made so much disturbance that Mr. Morris, at work in the candy kitchen of Young's store, stepped to the door to investigate the racket. As he came out, he saw two men, one of them with a light colored hat, rush down the alley apparently quarreling. He went back to his work without more attention to the matter, thinking the men had been fighting. A little later he heard the theft discussed and remarked that the had scared them away himself. Mr. Young and Mr. Morris hurried to the shack in the rear and found the pouches. The police were notified and they took them in charge. It is believed the two men slipped around the Blue Mountain creamery and came back to finish sorting the mail, but were interrupted again by the arrival of the police and spectators. The heavier sack was ripped open and contents scattered.

The registered mail was extremely light last evening. There were six pieces tied in a jacket. Some of these had been opened and others not. The ones opened carried mortgages, duplicate bank deposit slips and various valuable papers but no cash with the exception of the one destined to the county clerk at Pendleton with 25 cents. The coin, however, was still in the jacket when found. The only missing letter is a U. S. land office document of no cash value. It is believed that all first class mail was left undisturbed however. It is likely the haste with which the men left saved much mail matter from being slit open.

The Jap cannot describe the men. It was seized in a dark corner and had no way of seeing what the robbers looked like. He was on his way to meet No. 9, the fast mail, when the robbery occurred.

Sheriff Hug, Deputy Williams,

Special Police Tom Driscoll, Bert Bennett, Officer McElgunn and others were on the case early and guarded all trains.

Tramps Rounded Up.

When the stranger who is now held as a witness in the case notified the officials voluntarily that he could describe the robbers, he added that they had gone to the fair grounds for the night. Officers rounded up 14 at the fair grounds later on and brought them to the police station where they were sifted out this morning and allowed to go as their individual cases were disposed of. The informant, however, was taken to jail and is being kept there today.

He refuses to tell much, but did give a description of the two men to Sheriff Hug finally. He refuses to divulge how he knows, saying he doesn't want to get mixed up but offered to go out on the street with the officers and point the men out if he saw them.

One wore a Stetson hat he says, and in this respect the identification may conform with that of Mr. Morris who affirms one of the men he saw wore a Stetson hat. Otherwise the description is without corroboration. One was taller than the other, both had mustaches and were over 30 years old. How he knows it cannot be learned. He is reticent and complains at being held in jail. He affirms the two men have been about the city for two or three days and that he has been here about that time. He doesn't give his name, but is a young man, tall and apparently educated.

Must Brand Butter.

Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle has issued the following statement:

The statutes regulating the manufacture and sale of butter provide for the branding of creamery butter, but not for the branding of dairy butter except that each roll or square must be plainly marked sixteen ounces full weight. We find some dairy butter that is not so marked and we also find some that is short weight.

We would be glad to hold the manufacturer responsible for the misbranding and also for the short weight, but in the absence of any name and address on the butter so

WIDE OPEN, IS SITUATION IN CITY FRIDAY

NO RESTRICTIONS AS TO WHOM SOLICITORS MAY CALL UPON FRIDAY.

FINAL TEST NOW AT HAND

Committees to Make House to House Canvass Tomorrow and Report in at Eight o'clock Tomorrow Night, and if Insufficient, Must Go Out for Last Two-hour Cleanup of City.

La Grande is going to be a wide open town tomorrow—not in the commonly accepted sense of the term probably, but so far as the Y. M. C. A. campaign is concerned. After tonight at 5 o'clock soliciting committees can ask for contributions from anyone they see and from whom they like, the card system being dropped for the last day. The city is divided into four sections for the last day of the campaign and house to house canvasses are to be made. Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, the committees will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall and if the \$35,000 have not been raised, the teams will be sent out in the night to bring it in before 10 o'clock. It is to be a finish fight, win or lose tomorrow evening.

Today noon the money from farm-ers solicited yesterday was reported in and it was a liberal amount too, augmented slightly by home subscriptions. Mr. Casey's team won the honors with a total of \$441 and the total reported in for the day was \$1496.50, a grand total today noon of \$26,341.00. A combination of church women served the luncheon today.

"Tomorrow is the last day—let's hang together and win the game," was the parting advice of "Admiral" Rhodes today noon. Te last luncheon will be served tomorrow noon.

Many are coming in personally to make subscriptions without solicitation and anyone desiring to do so should make such contributions at once. By calling Main 1, the matter can be fixed up by telephone.

as to positively identify the manufacturer we cannot do so. The following ruling is therefore made:

All dairy butter offered or exposed for sale will be considered misbranded if it does not have plainly marked on each roll or square the words, "Dairy Butter," "16 ounces full weight," or, "32 ounces full weight," and the name and address of the manufacturer. Any person offering or exposing for sale dairy butter not branded in compliance with this ruling will be prosecuted under the statutes provided for the branding of food products.

BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS WARNED TO STOP "KNOCKING"

Washington, May 15.—The red flag of battle is flaunted in the face of big business by Secretary of Commerce Redfield. Speaking straight from the shoulder, Redfield, at a banquet last night told the Employing Lithographers just what they might expect if an organized attempt was made to misrepresent the Underwood tariff bill. When Redfield arose to speak he read a part of a circular,

issued by the Lithographers association in which it was predicted the passage of the Underwood bill fore-shadowed idle workmen, lower wages, and longer hours.

"If in the final result," said Redfield, "the words I have quoted are put into effect by you in any substantial degree, it will become the duty of the department of commerce to inquire in your business methods."