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PRINCE OF GREAT LAKE FREIGHTERS TOTAL LOSS

Twenty-One Members Of The Crew Washed Ashore As Corpses

Total Death List From Storm Has Now Reached One Hundred And Fifty

Detroit, Nov. 13.—That the steamship John McGean, the finest freighter on the Great Lakes, was lost with all aboard on Sunday or Monday, seemed certain when corpses of 21 of the crew washed ashore near Port Huron today. The McGean carried a crew of 28 and had accommodations for 12 passengers, and it is feared others besides the crew drowned.

Throughout the storm-swept region 21 corpses have been recovered—mostly along Lake Huron. Reports from isolated points along the Northern Michigan-Canadian line increase fatalities hourly.

Total Deaths Fully 150
Chicago, Nov. 13.—Estimates of the number of sailors drowned in the storm on the Great Lakes has reached 150. At least 25 big steamships are lost and of the number of small craft it is impossible to guess more than vaguely. A majority of the fatalities

occurred on Lake Huron. The violence of the storm was such that the staunchest vessels were dashed on the rocks. Lake Superior was second worst.

The seas are rapidly subsiding and a systematic search for more wrecks has commenced.

Sardine Fishermen Starving

Paris, Nov. 13.—Sardine fishermen in Brittany today are out of work and facing a serious famine, since the merchants who have supplied them for years refuse to grant them further credit. The crisis is due to the men refusing to employ modern nets, in which they are upheld by the government, the canning concerns being forced to shut down because they say they are unable to make expenses by the old methods.

COL. THOMAS H. BIRCH.

New Jersey Man Appointed
Minister to Portugal.



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ALL SENATORS BUT ONE OPPOSED TO INTERVENTION

Sudden Change In Plans Indicates Administration Sees Relief

Washington, Nov. 13.—"There are conditions in the Mexican situation which cannot at present be discussed which make it look to be much more favorable," said President Wilson this afternoon. He made it plain, however, the elimination of Huerta is now in sight. He was smiling with a smile when he said it, that has not been equaled since Lind went to Mexico.

Washington, Nov. 13.—An unofficial poll of the senate shows that only one senator, Stone of Missouri, favors armed intervention in Mexico. A majority are for permitting the rebels to import arms and some for

forcing a financial blockage against Huerta. Practically every senator supports President Wilson.

Plans Suddenly Changed

Washington, Nov. 13.—After it was admitted that the president was preparing to send a statement concerning the Mexican situation to congress, the executive has suddenly announced that its issuance will be temporarily delayed. The action followed the arrival of messages from O'Shaunnessy at Mexico City and Hale at Nogales. The change in the plans is construed to mean the administration believes it sees an improvement in the situation ahead.

BANKERS WILL COME NOV. 22 MEN DISCUSS TAX QUESTION

GROUP SIX OF STATE ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Plans Outlined Yesterday Afternoon for Big Gathering

Group six of the Eastern Oregon division of the State Bankers' association will meet in La Grande November 22 for its semi-annual meeting. Not alone is it expected that all the members from the thirty-six banks in Union, Baker, Wallowa, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties will be in attendance, but officials of the state association and some prominent Portland bankers will in all probability attend. The session will occupy all of Saturday and the business sessions will be held in the commercial club. William Miller of this city is president of group six and has the making of the business program. Yesterday afternoon a committee headed by Secretary F. L. Meyers met to outline definite plans, and a committee of local bankers was named to attend to the matter of a banquet on the evening of the 22d. This committee is T. J. Scroggin, chairman, Aug. J. Strang, Earl Zundell and F. L. Meyers.

This group of money handlers meets twice each year and has for its officers T. G. Montgomery of the First National of Baker as president, William Miller of the U. S. National as vice president, F. L. Myers of the La Grande National as secretary, and J. T. Donnelly, cashier of the Citizens' National of Baker as treasurer. The executive committee is made up of Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Myers, F. D. McCully of Joseph, J. B. Thorsen of Elgin and Fred W. Peet of Prairie City.

Convicts Play Ball

Columbus, O., Nov. 13.—A baseball game between a team made up of Ohio state penitentiary convicts and the old time players of baseball was the feature of today's program at the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues in session here since Tuesday. More than 500 leaders of minor league clubs are attending the convention. Today's "vet-convict" game will be played within the prison walls.

Andrew Promoted

C. M. Andrews, who at one time was night chief dispatcher at the O-W. offices here, and later went to Corvallis, is now traveling freight agent for the Southern Pacific company, with headquarters at Portland.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN TWO BODIES CONTINUES

Itemized Statement of Expenses This Year to Be Prepared

Preparation of a detailed account of what the expenses for running the city of La Grande the past year have been will be prepared by City Recorder Warnick and Accountant Manager, as the result of a meeting of the finance committee of the council and the commissioners-elect last night. The two organizations went over the matter of the proposed levy in all details and worked with the purpose in view of helping each other obtain the necessary results—which are to place the levy as low as is consistent. The commission trio voices the opinion that not knowing what the expenses of the city will be the next year, it recommends that the council pass a levy that will net not less than that which was received from taxes to run the city this year. The commissioners can then conduct the affairs next year without hamper and still curtail expenses as much as possible. The discussion was based on a levy of 18.5 mills, but the exact figure of the levy is not determined. When the itemized statement is prepared the council will have more to work with, and the commission will know about what the current expenses will be next year. Ten mills of the total would be used to retire warrants now outstanding, which means in its real sense that the amount thus raised is for the running of the city.

Old Warrants First

Within a few days calls for warrants now outstanding up to January 1, 1912, will be sent out by Treasurer Logan, and when the new commissioners take hold of the money to be raised by the present levy, they must retire the oldest warrants first according to law. Hence the 1912 warrants must be taken up by the 1913 levy. Eight and one-half mills are necessary to care for special purposes which are necessary and are made up as follows:

Interest on Beaver creek pipe line bonds 2 1/2 mills, .8 for library, 5 mills for general bonds and .2 mills for park. That leaves the running expenses to be cared for in addition to the eight and one-half mills. Ten mills is what is used as a basis for discussion in the running of the city.

The spirit of co-operation between the council and the commission continues to help matters materially.

PALMER KILN CURES LUMBER IN TEN DAYS

EQUIPMENT MAKES MILL POS- SESSOR OF MODERN DRY KILN PLANT

REDUCES LUMBER YARD

Rather Than Wait Many Months for Lumber to Cure in Open Air, Palmer Mill Will Turn Out Its Green Tim- ber as Dry Lumber in Ten Days From Now On—Plant Modern

To prepare lumber for the most particular finishing of a home ten days after it has been cut down in the timber, is now a possibility at the George Palmer Lumber company mill, after the time of the recent mill fire, it was found advantageous to build a modern kiln, as months and months would be required to get lumber in shipping conditions otherwise, and hereafter the company will not again suffer such tremendous loss from fire as it did this summer, for there will never again be as large a lumber yard.

The average layman the idea of a dry kiln operated in connection with a modern lumber yard would mean about this: Lumber piled on a car and pushed into a hot room. It might mean even less. When the wood is sawed and cut out ready to become part of a house the builder usually has little conception of the process that has been studied out whereby the sawmill man is enabled to cut the tree today and put it in condition for the carpenter ten days afterward. This looks a bit extravagant to those not initiated into the secrets of drying wood and lumber by the scientific process now used in all mills of any consequence. For this reason a word about the process is not amiss, and the less so since the George Palmer Lumber company has just installed a modern and expensive system for drying lumber artificially. It is now an integral part of the huge concern and will cut down the risk of storing millions of feet of lumber out in the open for seasoning. It will enable them to put lumber on the market ten days after the woodsman has felled the tree and will give the purchaser the assurance that the lumber that goes into the makeup of his house is not going to distort the same out of shape by shrinking.

The kilns used for the purpose of drying are some 110 feet in length and are 12 feet wide. The walls are constructed of tile brick and are painted with some sort of tar preparation. A track is built into the kilns the entire length of the building. Four of these tracks are installed, which enable the company to put as many as 125,000 feet of lumber into the compartments at the same time. Once in the kiln the process begins. Live steam is turned on the wood for a period of from three to six hours. This is done to warm the wood through and through. If dry heat were turned on the wood the moment it was put into the kiln there would be likelihood that the lumber would crack.

After the steaming process is over, the steam is diverted into the pipes that rest in what might be called the basement of the kiln. There is no floor and the radiation from the pipes comes in direct contact with the wood. In each one of the compartments there is over one mile of one-inch steam pipes. In the four almost five miles are necessary to keep the temperature at a high degree. Down in the basement there are four machines that automatically shed the water as it condenses in the long string of

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WALLOWA COURT TO CONTINUE DESPITE STATE BAR CONVENTION

Importance attached to the meeting of the Oregon Bar association on November 17 and 18 is not sufficient to offset the added expenses to Wallowa county were general rulings throughout the state followed there, and court adjourned for two days during the convention, in the opinion of Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. From his sick bed today Judge Knowles announced that he will not be able to go to Wallowa county on Friday as customary, but will go on Sunday if

able. If not, he will send some other judge." I do not believe the heavy expenses necessary in bringing jurors and witnesses to Enterprise from remote sections of Wallowa county justify suspension of court these two days "and it is therefore the plan to keep court going.

Surgical attention was today needed to relieve the wounds caused by the blow of a hatchet a few days ago when Judge Knowles was quite badly injured.

Will Improve Pool Hall

O'Connell's pool hall is to be made into an attractive parlor for the lovers of the game. A new steam heating plant has just been installed in the entire building, including the rooming house, at a cost of \$1800. The upper floor is to be refurbished wherever needed and made into an attractive homelike place.

This morning the architect sent here by Mr. Jorgensen, owner of the building, for the purpose of making the necessary plans, inspected the building and made his recommendations. New tables will adorn the room and new linoleum or other suitable materials for the floor will be laid. Comfortable chairs or cushion seats will add to the attractiveness of this busy building. All told the new furnishings and equipment will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2000 and will make of the place one of the most attractive rooms in the city.

Thresher Leaves State

J. C. Sirens, who has been conducting a threshing outfit in the valley the past summer, is preparing to leave for his Nevada ranch, where he is engaged in dry farming.

Former La Grander Visits Here

Mrs. J. B. Wade, formerly of La Grande, but now of Vale, was in the city, the guests of friends the past two weeks. Mr. Wade, well known in

the city is now connected with the new road that is being built from Vale to Coos Bay.

Comes Here to Winter

Mrs. B. F. Evans of Cambridge, Idaho, arrived last evening and will spend some time, perhaps the greater part of the winter, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs of La Grande. Mrs. Evans owns a ranch in Idaho and usually spends her summers there and the winters with her parents in this city.

Hearse Arrives

The Bohnenkamp Hardware company received the hearse that will form part of the equipment of the undertaking department of the firm. It is a grey colored vehicle and was bought in Cincinnati. The undertaking department will open about the first of December.

Home From Albany

After visiting friends in Portland, their daughter, Miss Runa, in Corvallis, and attending the O. A. C. game Saturday at Albany, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bacon are home again.

Mission Band to Meet

The Mission band of the Presbyterian church will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Nov. 15, at the home of Vernol and Franky Tatman, 1811 O avenue. All members are urged to be present.

NIGHT OFFICER RESIGNS

Dissatisfaction Over Arrest Made Last Evening Causes Act

Night Officer John Walden resigned last evening when arrest of a relative of Mr. Walden was caused on a warrant requested by Mr. Walden. Mr. Walden left a request for a warrant for the arrest of the young woman yesterday morning before retiring for the shift, and Chief McLachlin got the warrant and attempted to find the woman yesterday, but was unable to locate her after a long search. Last evening Mr. Walden himself arrested her, and shortly afterward she demanded release on bail, and it being found she was entitled to it, City Recorder Warnick accepted bonds for her appearance today on a disorderly charge. Mr. Walden disputed the proceedings and is reported to have resigned.

John Drew Is Sixty

Washington, Nov. 13.—Washington friends of John Drew, the actor, today wired him congratulations on his sixtieth birthday.

JOHN BROWN RELEASED

John Alwood E. Greenhalgh and John Brown were released from confinement in the county jail. The first two mentioned were serving fifteen days and the last named was under medical observation for alleged mental aberration. Dr. Underwood, the county physician, pronounced the young man sane and he was yesterday given his liberty.

Builds Private Garage

Engineer Curtis has just completed a private garage on his property on Washington avenue.