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TWENTY-SEVEN CREMATED WHEN CHEAP BOSTON HOTEL BURNED UP LIKE TINDER

Twenty-Four Caught In Cots And Bodies Are Burned Up

Boston, Dec. 3.—Twenty-seven perished in a fire which destroyed the Arcadia, a Washington street lodging house, early today. It was a five-story, 15 cent hotel, and the worst type of a fire trap. It burned like tinder.

The occupants were principally all men and escaped by rushing to the street almost naked in every instance, so fiercely did the flames pursue them. Twenty-four died before they could get out and were burned beyond recognition. A negro jumped from a window and was killed, and George Adams and one unidentified man were taken out alive but died of the burns at the hospital. Two others can't survive the doctors say.

One hundred and seventy-five men were asleep when the fire started leaping upward from the lower floor halls, the flames cut off escape from upper floors at the stairways. The fire spread so rapidly that not many were able to reach the fire escape at the rear. The second floor was devoted mainly to offices and the third floor sleeping rooms were furnished with cots. On the fourth floor were smaller rooms and the fifth was a dormitory lined with tiers of bunks. It was among the lodgers of the top floor that most fatalities occurred.

WEIGHT OF A BUSHEL OF OATS PROVES REAL PROBLEM

If a canvass of opinions of local attorneys has reached the correct conclusion, there have been many an incorrect computation of threshing bills in this county during the present fall. With one or two exceptions the threshermen have based their calculations on 36 pounds as the correct weight of a bushel of oats. However the law seems to be clear on 32. Unofficial tables of weights and measures give 36, yet no law can be found on the statute books which backs up such a figure. Practically all threshermen have been paid for their oats threshing and with the exception of one or two, 36 was used as a basis.

There is some controversy in this county regarding the weight of a bushel of oats. In some of the states it is 30 pounds and in others it is 32, while in still another it is 35 and in one 34. Some of the settlements in

this law provides for 32 pounds of oats per bushel and the laws of 1913 have not made any change. Section 6032 among other things specifically puts the figures at those just given and any other arrangement is contrary to the express law of the state. In all cases this weight includes the weight of the sack unless persons making sales or exchanges specifically exempt the weight of the containing bag per sack.

The laws of 1913 also provide for the appointment of a county inspector of weights and measures whose duty it is to inspect, once a year all of the weights and measures in the county and report to the state commissioners of weights and measures. No inspector for this county has been appointed as yet but at the beginning of the coming year such an appointment will be made.

STUDENTS SEND FLORAL TRIBUTE

The body of Dewey McCoury, who died yesterday of typhoid fever, was this morning shipped to Lometa, Texas, where there are several sisters and another brother besides a father who will mourn the loss of their son and brother. P. E. McCoury, a brother of the deceased and a fireman for the O.-W., accompanied the body and will be gone a month or more.

Dewey McCoury was 14 years of age and attended the Riverside school. When his companions learned of his death they contributed their small savings and bought a beautiful wreath of flowers which will accompany the body to its last resting place in Western Texas. Besides P. E. McCoury, who made the trip to Texas, he has another sister in La Grande, Mrs. Ellen McCoury by name. Many friends were at the station to see the last remains of a loved companion and playmate started on its last long journey.

HIKERESSES "RIDE BACK."

Three Hot Lake Ladies "Foot It" From Hot Lake to La Grande.

When people say that the old fashioned method of transportation is out of date, that is walking, they are not quite stating the truth. True, it is somewhat slower than the ordinary method of this age of speed, but three

ladies of Hot Lake demonstrated yesterday that they could travel without having tire trouble. Elnora Hughes, May Collins and Margaret Hester beat the railroad company out of a fare from the place mentioned to La Grande and made the trip in something like three hours. But on the homeward trip they resorted to the rapid system of the O.-W., owing, no doubt, to "tired" trouble.

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♦ GREAT TREATS COMING. ♦
♦ Housewives and dairymen, and ♦
♦ farmers who do dairying, are es- ♦
♦ pecially urged to attend the con- ♦
♦ vention of Oregon Cheese and ♦
♦ Buttermakers here next Friday. ♦
♦ Skilled dairymen, who can teach ♦
♦ local men and women something ♦
♦ about making butter in dairies, ♦
♦ will be on the program which is ♦
♦ open to all who wish to avail ♦
♦ themselves of it. The meetings ♦
♦ will be of exceptional value to ♦
♦ farmers. ♦
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COVE WOMAN ELECTED TO TOWN COUNCIL; DRY'S WIN

Cove, Dec. 3.—(Special).—What the victors claim is a dry ticket, and which is signaled by the presence of a woman on the winning ticket, was elected at the municipal election here yesterday. The campaign was heated, and the victors claim a three to

Farmer's Union Has Grown With Great Bounds During The Past Year In Oregon

TENNESSEAN BANNER CARD FOR TONIGHT

SECOND DAY'S PROGRAM BRISTLES WITH MANY INTERESTING THINGS.

WAREHOUSE GENERAL HERE

Monster Warehouse Concern Does a Four Million Dollar Business in One Year—Mrs. McAllister Interestingly Addresses Convention—Address Tonight Open to the Public.

Bigger attendance, excellent interest and promise of a learned speech by L. M. Rhodes, of Tennessee, tonight, these and other excellent returns characterize the second day's program of the annual state convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, in session here today. Both day sessions have been closed, and within the locked doors have transpired discussions and speeches that portend advancement for the union individuals and as a composite body.

Warehouse Chief Here. C. W. Nelson, the general manager of the Tri-state Terminal Warehouse company, with headquarters at Seattle, and branch offices at Spokane and Portland, is among the distinguished personages in the convention.

Mr. Nelson is at the head of a co-operative firm that did \$4,000,000 in business last year, and provides terminal warehouses for all the branch warehouses in the three states, Union country's included.

Local Lady Speaks. This morning Mrs. J. W. McAllister of this city gave a very interesting address on education. John Wells, Jr., of Imbler, sang a vocal solo.

Big Address Tonight. This evening the meetings will be open, and the public is urgently invited to hear Mr. Rhodes, a member of the national executive committee, who represents National President C. A. Barrett.

Prof McPherson was the chief speaker this afternoon, being heard after the committee reports were read. Yesterday committee deliberation was the chief card, and from today on these committees will report in, the nomination committee being due tomorrow afternoon. The convention closes tomorrow night.

Band Dance Soon. Within a short time the La Grande band will give another dance and concert at Rex hall.

Merchant And Farmer Visit

DELIGHTFUL EVENING ENJOYED BY MANY.

SLIDES REVEAL MUCH

Music, Speeches, Refreshments and Hobnobbing Well Liked.

Oregon farmers and La Grande merchants last evening hob-nobbed at the reception tendered the visiting farmers by the La Grande Commercial club. A normal school march introduced everyone to everyone else and after the band concert was over merchant and farmer was pretty well acquainted. The band and the La Grande quartet furnished music for the occasion and both were popularly received.

Walter M. Pierce was master of ceremony and the address of welcome was delivered by George T. Cochran, responded to by President Crowe of the Washington farmers' union. On the heels of Mr. Crowe's pleasing speech came further speeches by local men, responded to in turn by Arthur V. Swift, of Baker, who is president of the Oregon unions. Mr. Swift's able remarks were followed by the address of the evening, that which Mr. McPherson gave.

During the evening coffee and sandwiches were served and it was a very pleasant affair from all view points.

Professor McPherson, of the O. A. C., entertained the assembled farmers and citizens last night at the reception with a vivid description, profusely illustrated with slides, of his trip abroad where he had gone to study conditions affecting agriculture and the handling of farm products.

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SEVERAL LOOK FOR REMOVALS

RUMORED THAT NEW FACES ARE TO APPEAR.

Program for Tonight's Appointments Admittedly Incomplete.

Several departments of the city anticipate tonight will bring shakeups and new heads. Whether or not this anticipation will materialize cannot be known, in fact the powers that be probably don't know themselves just what will be done tonight or for the next few days. It is apparent today that barring the unforeseen, F. J. Lafky, of Salem, will be installed as manager of the City of La Grande, and while it is known he will make some appointments to office, it is not known if these appointments will be such as to introduce new faces in departments, or merely temporary replacements that will keep the city going until the new manager has taken up for detailed analysis the cases of each department. The latter course seems the one most probable.

Mr. Lafky is today preparing himself to take over the city's managerial duties tomorrow morning following his appointment tonight when the commissioners meet for the second time in their career.

Mr. Lafky's family is still at Salem. He has a family of six children, two of whom are graduates of O. A. C., and are connected with orchards and ranches in the Willamette valley. It is probable that four of the children will come to La Grande with Mrs. Lafky.

OREGON GAME DEPARTMENTS KILLED BY WEST

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENTS ARE DECLARED TO "NOT EXIST."

ORAI PROBABLY INCLUDED

Finley and Clanton Out of Office and Only One of the Entire Board Remains in Office—All Employees Out of Jobs—Eruption Has Been Brewing—Orai in the Dark.

Salem, Dec. 3.—When Governor West accepted the resignations of four members of the fish and game commission today it had the effect to abolish the fish and game departments throughout the state. The governor today notified State Game Warden Finley and Master Fish Warden Clanton and their assistants that their departments no longer existed. All employees of both departments are out of a job.

The only members of the commission who remains is M. J. Kinney, who refused to resign. The disruption of the commission resulted from the refusal of other members of the commission to serve with Kinney. The governor did not announce when he would appoint another commission.

Deputy Game Warden Chas. B. Orai of this city, knew nothing of the pending eruption as far as Finley was concerned—Finley is the head of his department—until advised by the Observer today. It is presumed that Mr. Orai's position has been summarily declared vacant though no official notification has come to that effect. It is also possible that deputy game wardens will hold over until the new board is named.

BRYAN EXPECTS REFORM POLICY

Washington, Dec. 3.—Convinced that the triumph of Carranza is near, President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan conferred this morning as to the policy when Carranza is established in Mexico City. The administration will ask him to publish his plans, pledge himself to restore constitutional government, proclaim a general armistice, prevent brigandage and set aside, if possible, a date on which a real constitutional election can be held. If he does this, it is said, the United States will recognize him. The impression has gained ground that Huerta has made arrangements to flee in the event he sees there is no hope to cope with the revolutionists.

Perry People Wedded.

George H. Bray and Birdie Cox, of Perry, were this afternoon united in the holy bonds of marriage by Justice of the Peace Arthur Williams. They will make their home in La Grande in the future.

REPORTS SHOW UNION SPREADS WITH SUCCESS

COUNTY PRESIDENTS ENTHUSE CONVENTION WITH GLOWING REPORTS OF WORK.

ACTIVITY IS STATEWIDE

State Executive Committee and County Presidents File Reports for the Past Year That Enthuse the Delegates and Show Substantial Growth and Success Past Year.

Progress and financial success have crowned the efforts of the farmers' union in a great many counties of Oregon and Idaho the past year, judging from the reports that were read in the closed sessions of the convention this morning and afternoon. Stories of savings to the individual through the unions bristled through every report read by the county presidents.

All the business transacted, or rather a synopsis of it, the profits accruing and the manner of carrying on the co-operative affairs, were essentials of the reports. Among the counties which through their presidents reported along this optimistic and successful year's line of work were, Benton, Baker, Morrow, Sherman, Coos, Gilliam, Wasco, Crook, Walla, Union, Umatilla and others. This list embraces the great agricultural belts of the state.

The executive committee filed its report but aside from similarity with the encouragement shown in county reports, there was little of a public nature in the report. The union units and compositely, was shown to be prosperous and growing rapidly.

FORMER LA GRANDER DEAD

Harry B. Glover Dies at Sandown, Isle of Wight, in October.

Funeral announcements of the late Harry Beckey Glover, who died at Sandown, Isle of Wight, October 23, have reached the Observer. Mr. Glover was at one time a resident of La Grande but moved to England and was living at Sandown when death overtook him. He was 69 years of age. He was interred in the Kingsbury Episcopi cemetery on October 29.

W. H. Glover, writing of his father's death informs the many friends of the late Mr. Glover, of the sad fact of the death. Mr. Glover was in business in La Grande at one time and was well known throughout the valley.

TOPEZ DEAD IN MINE SHAFT

Salt Lake, Dec. 3.—Sheriff Smith who is in charge of the posse besieging Manuel Lopez in the Utah Apex mine, said that he was sure that the Mexican murderer was dead. This morning he rapped on the air pipe that

leads into the mine but received no response. Nothing has been heard from the entombed fugitive since 2 a. m. yesterday, and the plan to smoke the murderer out has evidently resulted in his death. Some believe he has eluded the posse.