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PARCELS POST FOR LA GRANDE BURNED IN CAR

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES FOR
EASTERN OREGON, DE-
STROYED BY FIRE.

TRAINS ARE STILL BEHIND

Fire Near Cokefield in Wyoming, De-
stroys All but Two Sacks of a Cor-
load of Parcels Post and News-
papers for La Grande, the Joseph
Branch and Baker Citizens.

An entire car load of parcels post
Christmas matter and newspapers
destined for La Grande, Baker and
Joseph branch line points, principally
and Eastern Oregon in general, was
destroyed by fire in a mail train at
Cokefield, near Opal, Wyoming, on
Sunday night. The cash value of the
loss will never be known, but indica-
tive of the quantity of Christmas
packages and newspaper matter
burned, is the fact that the mail re-
ceived in the La Grande postoffice
this morning off that particular train
consisted of three bags of mail,
whereas other trains have been bring-
ing in truckloads.

Little is known of the cause of the
fire, but it is said by postal authori-
ties that no first class mail burned.
The fire was discovered six miles
east of Opal near Cokefield and only
two bags of parcels post were taken
from the car, in view of the fact that
the blaze had worked its way through
the entire car before crew on the
rapidly moving train discovered the
fire.

Traffic from the east is still badly
delayed, but as the late trains arrive,
more especially mail trains, the local
office is being packed with Christmas
goods. Two trucks were required to
handle transfer and La Grande
pouches when the delayed No. 9 ar-
rived today.

Local carriers are swamped with
packages, but postal officials predict
they will keep abreast of the busi-
ness in good shape up to Christmas.

Trains Still Delayed.
Today again trains are not up to
schedule so far as Westward traffic is
concerned. The traffic today from
the east was as follows:

Regular No. 17, today, arrive at
3 P. M.

Regular No. 9 tonight, two hours
10 minutes late.

Regular No. 5 tonight, one hour and
20 minutes late.

No. 9 due two days ago, arrived
at 3 A. M. today.

No. 17 and No. 5 yesterday, con-
solidated and arrived at 8 A. M.
today.

Stub No. 17, from Pocatello, on
time today.

Regular No. 9 last night arrived at
10:10 today.

PARDON COMES AS YULE GIFT

MRS. SCHNEKENBERGER WILL
BE FREED TOMORROW.

Noted Civil War Nurse to Be Liber-
ated on Christmas Eve.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—Governor
Ralston has made a Christmas pres-
ent pardon to Mrs. Belle Schneken-
berger, for 15 years an inmate of the
women's prison here, following her
conviction on a charge of poisoning
her daughter-in-law. She was a
Civil War nurse. She began her term
on Christmas eve, 1898, and will be
freed Christmas eve, 1913.

OBSERVER FORCE TO EN- JOY CHRISTMAS.

Because the annual Christ-
mas number published Satur-
day brought the message of the
merchant to the homes of La
Grande in so thorough a way,
and because even newspaper
men are sufficiently human to
observe Christmas in a quiet and
homelike way, there will be no
issue of the Observer on Christ-
mas Day. No other day of the
year except Sunday can keep the
Observer from the readers'
doors, but the carrier boys, the
mechanical force and the "front
office force" as well, have laid
their plans for a day of rest and
Yuletide observance. Hence no
paper on Christmas. All business
of the city will suspend that
day.

ASABEL BUSH PASSES AWAY

NOTED SALEM BANKER DEAD
AT 89 YEARS.

One of State's Best Known Financiers
Passes Away Today.

Salem, Dec. 23.—Asabel Bush, a
millionaire banker of this city, and
a pioneer of the state, died today at
the advanced age of 89. Funeral
arrangements have not been per-
fected at noon today. As a financier
he had few equals in Oregon.

Monster Turtle Shipped.

The Foley hotel will serve real
turtle soup for Christmas. This
morning one of the Green river type
arrived in the city consigned to the
Foley. In speaking of this inhabit-
ant of the deep, Pat declares that
it is in the neighborhood of 200
years old. Contrary to the usual
custom, these animals grow tender
with age, according to Pat, for which
reason this animal ought to be as
tender as spring chicken. In addi-
tion to this he has live rainbow trout
and will kill them as required. This
is putting things on the table fresh
and no one can accuse the manage-
ment of having these things salted
down, for Pat will be able to take
the disgruntled, if there ever should
be any, to the tank and show him
or her that they are getting the best
that money can buy.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW UPHELD.

Salem, Dec. 23.—Sweeping in scope,
the supreme court today handed
down an opinion on the eight-hour
law passed by the initiative and re-
enacted by the legislature. The court
rules it applies to all state employes.
This effect will place all state insti-
tutions on an eight-hour basis. Em-
ployes will be limited to 48 hours a
week and state officials declare this
will cause a deficiency in the main-
tenance appropriation for every in-
stitution.

SHERIFF DEFIES WEST.

Baker, Ore., Dec. 23.—Sheriff Ed
Rand Monday flatly refused to carry
out Governor West's order to close
the saloons at Copperfield and said
that the only way he knew for the
governor to have his wishes carried
out was to declare martial law at
Copperfield and take in the militia
and enforce the law with its assist-
ance.

Mr. Rand declares that the dis-
trict attorney had advised him that
there is no law on the statute books
which would warrant his closing the
Copperfield saloons or any other
saloon which has a license, and that
therefore Mr. West's peremptory
order, received Monday, must go un-
obeyed.

Sheriff Rand telephoned Governor
West Monday asking him to cite the
code under which he expected to have
his order obeyed and he said that
until he gets a satisfactory answer
to this message he will make no
move against the saloons at Copper-
field.

SENATE ADOPTS CURRENCY BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 23.—By a vote
of 43 to 35, the senate this afternoon
adopted the currency bill as passed
by the house last night. The en-
grossed bill will reach the White
House not later than 4 today and the
president has announced his inten-
tion of signing it at 6 o'clock sharp
this evening. The house adjourned
at 3:11 and the senate at 4:01 this
afternoon.

Santa Claus Appealed To By Boy In Letter To Elks

A certain little boy and his sister
who live in La Grande, conceived the
idea that if he wrote an appeal to
Santa Claus—the particular Santa
Claus that will dispense goodies and
necessaries on Christmas Day—he
would stand a better chance than the
boy who failed to write. Accordingly
Santa Claus got a letter yesterday
afternoon. This particular boy
wanted a slede—a Red slede—and
his baby sister expressed her wishes
but because sister's code of expression
on paper is still undeveloped with a
mature man's, sister's wishes are not
known. Santa Claus intimated to-
day to the Observer that maybe some
little present would come forth for
this ambitious boy, but he was not
sure as yet.

NEW RATES FOR PARCELS POST EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1

Changes in the parcels post rate
have caused much confusion among
local business men who find it con-
venient to mail packages from their
offices without going to the post-
office to get the rates.

Appended are the present rate for
three zones which take in Seattle,
Spokane and other big cities of the
northwest:

The prices given are respectively
for local, first second and third zones.
One pound—5, 5, 5, 6.
Two pounds—6, 6, 6, 8.
Three pounds—7, 7, 7, 10.
Four pounds—8, 8, 8, 12.
Five pounds—9, 9, 9, 14.
Six pounds—10, 10, 10, 16.
Seven pounds—11, 11, 11, 18.
Eight pounds—12, 12, 12, 20.
Nine pounds—13, 13, 13, 22.
Ten pounds—14, 14, 14, 24.
Eleven pounds—15, 15, 15, 26.
Twelve pounds—16, 16, 16, 28.
Thirteen pounds—17, 17, 17, 30.
Fourteen pounds—18, 18, 18, 32.
Fifteen pounds—19, 19, 19, 34.
Sixteen pounds—20, 20, 20, 36.
Seventeen pounds—21, 21, 21, 38.

BRAKEMAN KILLED AT PERRY

Andrew Broderskiff, a Norwegian
by birth, and employed by the Grande
Ronde Lumber company of Perry,
met with an accident last night
which resulted in his almost im-
mediate death. He was riding on a
train of logs and the supposition is
that the chain which binds the logs
and holds them firm on the car gave
way, allowing the logs to roll off and
take him with them. As no one saw
the accident this is the only plausi-
ble explanation of the accident.

The engineer was looking out of
the cab window in the direction of
the accident and saw the rolling logs
and the indistinct form of the man
falling with them. He immediately
brought the train to a halt and went
back to inspect the situation. Here
he found the prostrate form of the
man with his skull crushed, lying
beneath one of the heavy logs.

He was brought to the city last
night and turned over to Undertakers
Henry & Carr to be prepared for
burial.

He was not married, but leaves a
brother and two cousins at the camp

program this year consisting of
xylophone selections by Verne Apper-
son, which have been meeting with
unbounded approval wherever the club
has been. The evening's program
closes with a skit of college life in
which the whole club takes part,
singing all the latest popular songs
and dances, the newest dances in-
cluding the tang, castle walk, and
the Siberian whirl. The club con-
sists of 26 members this year, which
makes it the largest club ever sent
out by the University.

Improving Store Basement.

Improvements are being made to
the building which houses the Newlin
Book and Stationery company. This
consists of a new cement floored and
walled basement of the same dimen-
sions as the store, and will give the
concern much needed storage room.
John Mars has the contract for the
cement work.

UNION FREE FROM DISEASE

BIG SCARE WITH LITTLE CAUSE
IS ABOUT OVER.

Town Suffers from Unreasonable
Quarantine During Holidays.

F. C. Clifford, traveling representa-
tive for the Evening Observer, in
Union and Wallawa counties, came in
from Union this morning. Speaking
of general conditions over there, Mr.
Clifford said: "The tempest in the
teapot scare about scarlet fever,
smallpox and various other diseases
which caused a quarantine to be
thrown over a portion of that city,
has subsided and normal conditions
again prevail. It was a very un-
fortunate affair for there really never
was any cause for such a disturbance.
There was a case or two of scarletina,
very mild and in nowise dangerous,
but some of the more excitable citi-
zens of the community raised a hue
and cry with the result that the story
went out over the country that Union
was infested with contagious diseases.
The result has been bad on the busi-
ness section of the city for during
the holiday period many people living
close to Union were afraid to enter
the city, hence business was not at
its usual high speed over there. But
the people are all satisfied now that
no disease of consequence exists or
has existed in Union this winter and
things are moving once more."

Grocers To Close Christmas.

Grocers and meat dealers are lay-
ing their plans to keep closed their
places of business on Christmas Day
so far as possible. The meat mar-
kets will probably be open for an
hour or so, but there will be no de-
liveries that day. All the downtown
grocery stores will be closed all day
and no deliveries made. To offset
this arrangement most of them will
be open tomorrow and Wednesday
evening for a short time—along with
most of the dry goods stores.

WOMAN IS HORSE-WHIPPED.

Scandalous Performance on the Street
Leads to Punishment.

Old Horton, Mo., Dec. 23.—Night
riders early this morning took Mrs.
Parlee Collins from her home, horse-
whipped her and then burned the
home with an order that she leave the
country. It is charged that Mrs.
Collins, together with a man com-
panion, recently stripped herself of
all clothing and rode through the
principal street of Old Horton on
horseback. The community was so
scandalized that some of the leading
men of the city resorted to the mea-
sures just described.

Umatilla Married Here.

Harry S. Stone of Umatilla county
and Eliza Hensley of this city, were
married this afternoon at the Pres-
byterian manse, with Rev. A. G. Lane
officiating.

MINNEAPOLIS WOMAN FROZEN FAST IN RIVER

PROBABLE SUICIDE CAUGHT
AND HELD FAST IN UP-
RIGHT POSITION.

BODY CHOPPED FROM ICE

One Arm Broken and Other Held
High in the Air as if Calling for
Help When Exposure Claims Her
in Death—Expensively Dressed—
Chicago Police Find Woman.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 23.—
Standing like a statue in the ice of
the Mississippi river a half block
from the municipal Christmas tree, a
well-dressed woman about 35 years
of age, was found frozen to death
this morning. She had evidently
jumped from the bridge which spans
the river at that point, and near
where the body was found.

The body broke through the ice as
far as the waist and then she died of
exposure.

One Arm Held High.

One arm was broken and the other
was extended above the head as if
gesticulating and calling for help,
when overcome. Firemen were com-
pelled to chop the body out of the ice.
The woman was expensively dressed.

Chicago Woman Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Drugged, bruised
and stripped of her clothing, a pretty
young woman believed to be Mrs.
Anna Dempsey of Battle Creek,
Michigan, was found dying in an
alley near the stockyards today. The
police believe she was carried in an
automobile to the spot where found.
The woman once attempted to speak
but lapsed into unconsciousness and
died. Physicians declared she had
not been drinking, and thought death
came from exposure. She was de-
serted at her home and came here to
make a home for her daughter.

BURIED AT PILOT ROCK.

Remains of J. E. Pomeroy Shipped
There Today.

The remains of J. E. Pomeroy, who
passed away yesterday, were shipped
to Pilot Rock last evening by Henry
& Carr, undertakers, for burial. The
deceased was well known in this val-
ley. He was a nephew of W. J.
Church.

Pictures for Children.

Some of the prettiest pictures ever
shown on a screen will be seen at
the Presbyterian church tonight when
the Christmas program is held there.
Pictures from the masters and Bibli-
cal views will be pictured in con-
junction with a program of stellar
worth.

TAMPICO IS QUIET AGAIN

BATTLESHIP CREWS REPORT
CITY IS QUIET.

Vera Cruz Branch of the Bank of
London Still Closed Today.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 23.—The battle-
ships Kansas and Connecticut have
arrived here and are anchored just
outside the harbor. The ships passed
Tampico on the voyage south and re-
ported all quiet. The local branch
of the Bank of London remained
closed today.