

CANAL ZONE'S CHIEF IN DARK

GOVERNOR METCALF DOESN'T KNOW FUTURE.
Relations and Friends Here Express Interest in His Case.

Just what will become of R. L. Metcalf, of Lincoln, Nebraska, acting governor of the Panama canal zone since last August, is apparently clear neither to himself nor to his friends in La Grande. A letter from Mrs. Metcalf written recently at Panama to her brother, Ted Beuhler, yardmaster of the O-W. here, says the family hopes that rumors placing Mr. Metcalf at the head of the commission under Colonel Goethals will prove true. Press dispatches have not made it clear what disposition is to be made of the present governor when, in the near future, Colonel Goethals takes full control of the zone and the canal.

E. E. Bragg, La Grande postmaster is also a close friend of Mr. Metcalf, but he, like Mr. Beuhler, has not heard what the future has in store for the present territorial governor. Mr. Metcalf is to be, according to rumors, chairman of the canal commission under Goethals, with headquarters at Washington and Panama alternately. Colonel Goethals is to receive \$10,000 per annum for being governor, in place of the \$15,000 as chief engineer now drawn by him, and Mr. Metcalf drew a salary of \$14,000 annually up to the present. It is presumed his salary will be cut down to less than that of the new governor if Mr. Metcalf remain in the zone at all. All these details are not known even at Panama.

MOVIES PLEASE

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efficiency and decrease accidents. The address, well delivered and worded, was augmented by moving pictures to show to the eye and mind simultaneously what serious complications and accidents small irregularities and careless employees lead to. The film shows the loss of fuel and subsequent loss of money to the company through carelessness of employees and pictured lessons of value to the citizen even though not a railroader. These were followed by pictures of railroading.

One picture showed a careless set of citizens who stood on a city railroad crossing to discuss some topic and came nearly being killed by a handcar. The moral was clear. Another picture pictured boys at play on a railroad track. An approaching handcar nearly killed the boys—moral, keep the boys off the railroad track—but that was not all; a second handcar followed too closely and seriously hurt the men on the first car. Moral No. 2, was for employees. Careless jacking up of a steel car resulted in the crushing of the workman under it; disregard of a train crew cost the life of a workman who had protected himself with a blue flag, and another man was killed because he hadn't set out a blue flag when going under a car. The films were crammed full of just such pictures and the lessons were very clear.

Not only would the public benefit itself by the striking lessons of warning when around a train or a train yard, but the employees themselves can not help but be impressed and warned to obey the laws of the company and of the land, while at work on a train with human lives in their hands. The teaching of needed and long set of railroad lessons—to public and employees—by moving pictures is a distinct innovation, but that it was popular was attested to by the widespread admiration of the pictures shown at the Commercial club last night.

In the course of the lecture Mr. Perley remarked:

"The railroad company is very appreciative of La Grande's attitude toward it. The company feels that it gets a square deal from the people of La Grande. Of course, the company pays enormous taxes here, (\$77,000) but nevertheless, a spirit

BAKER SHOWS BAIT PLEASES

TRI-STATE HOOK. BAITED. HUNG OUT.
One Secretary to Pay All Salaries in Plan Now Advanced.

(Baker Herald.)

The springlike weather is infecting the Baker baseball fans and talk is beginning to the question as to whether or not Baker shall have a club in the Western Tri-State league this year. Word has been received from Secretary R. M. Brown at Walla Walla of the desire of Walla Walla, Pendleton and North Yakima to have Baker be the fourth city represented in a four-club circuit. An application has been received by the Western Tri-State from Lewiston and that city will get the chance to have organized ball if Baker does not want to enter the league. Mr. Brown says that Baker is the logical place for the circuit and he says that the directors are willing to make any concession. He has written to find the sentiment in Baker.

It is pointed out that with Boise out of the league a guarantee can be given that a salary limit of \$1200 will not be exceeded. It is proposed that this be done by appointing a secretary who shall have charge of every payment to players.

Ball players are writing in from all sides for places on the team, these coming to those who were connected with the Baker club last year. Mr. Brown writes that he has a letter from Spaulding's house in Chicago that they can supply any number of ball players at \$90 or \$100 a month, good men. The Spauldings wrote that it was generally noised about among ball players last year that the salary limit was being violated in the Western Tri-State and that therefore they held out for more money. The Spauldings advised a hard and fast salary limit and said that the same players could be obtained in this way.

Several persons in Baker who are interested have in mind for a manager should Baker get a team, a man who led a pennant winner last season who is anxious to locate in Baker. He is a man well known to Baker fans.

Secretary Brown writes that Baker is considered the best baseball town on the circuit and he points out the fine showing of last year. It is said that should Baker enter the league this year not only would a strict salary limit be placed but the schedule could be shortened so that each club would have exactly the same number of games at home, no club would play more than two weeks at home and each club would be asked to subscribe only \$1300 to guarantee the team for the season.

of fairness permeates the population of this city.

"The O-W. and every other road, for that matter, wants to see efficiency improved for there is little return to the stockholder, and above all, wants to see accidents reduced or eliminated if possible. They are costly to us and no man, even a railroad official, wants to see human beings mutilated. These two reasons have prompted the 'safety first' movement which is sweeping over the country today."

Needy Families Aided.

Four families received aid in the way of clothing from the Aid Society composed of charitable women of the city. Among these was the father of several children. He is out of work and has been unable to procure funds to support them. The pathetic side of the story comes from the statement of the man that another little mite is expected to make its debut upon the stage of life in the near future. Fortunately there were articles of this kind and he was supplied with apparel ready for the little citizen. Charity will meet him on his arrival and he will be welcomed. To date about a dozen families have received assistance and some others who may be in need will be likewise assisted to the extent of the donations that come in during the next few days.

LADD CANYON GROUNDHOG BEAT A HASTY RETREAT YESTERDAY

Ladd Canyon, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Those who claimed yesterday as groundhog day are likely grieving over the fact that there are six weeks more of winter in store for us, if there is any truth in the old saying, as the day was very sunny, even though the past two days have been quite snowy. "Why should we worry," we haven't had much winter so far.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sturzer were quite surprised last Friday when the Misses Dora Geiger and Goldie Bainbridge walked in with a whole party of friends after having Mrs. Sturzer informed over the telephone that she was going to have company. Mr. and Mrs. Sturzer haven't resided in this neighborhood very long, having come here from Portland, and a number of the guests had the pleasure of forming an acquaintance with them. The evening was spent in games and singing, after which a toothsome lap supper was served which the guests brought with them. Those who were able to accept invitations were: The

MERRY MAIDS IN TANGO

Madness of the Moment Under Spell of the Tango, Maxixe and X-Ray.

Probably no attraction in the current season will be headed by a more talked of feature than Russell's Merry Minstrel Maids, at the Arcade, presenting Mayme Prager and Charlotte Tomkins, sensational dancers, in a real and truly conscientious interpretation of the Argentine, Paris and American styles of Tango. On account of their gracefulness and agility, these charming young ladies have been highly complimented on their execution of this dance as well as the latest New York craze, the Maxixe and X-Ray dance. While traveling abroad they had the distinct honor of dancing with Vernon Castle, now instructor at the Cafe de Paris where he and his wife receive enormous salaries for dancing every night. Mr. Castle pronounced these ladies two of the most graceful American dancers who ever visited Paris.

The South Americans say that Paris is neither dances nor teaches the Tango in its original form. Well, who cares? The people from Paris say that the Americans do not dance it correctly. Well, who cares? It seems that in their primitive state, these dances are far too wild for the ballroom and stage and must be modified to stately and gracious measures. The Tango applies to any dance that is rough and objectionable but the real Tango, well danced, is graceful, stately and without any objectionable features. It is the individual, not the dance, that is to be blamed for the insane criticisms one hears on every side, but the most severe critic would not condemn this dance after seeing the Misses Prager and Tomkins in these most difficult and bewitching dances.—Adv.

Mercury Drops Below Zero.

Baker, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Cold weather records for the month, year and winter were smashed to smithereens, when the mercury took its long delayed dip below zero early this morning, thermometers at various points in the city at 1:30, at which hour the mercury was at the lowest point, registering from four below zero to two above. The former mark was set by the thermometer at the Wisdom drug store, while that at the Democrat stopped two points above the zero mark. Other readings in different parts of the city varied a few degrees from one to two below to the same above.

At any rate the clean slate of "no-zero" weather this winter seems to have been broken and maybe the worst is yet to come.

Literary Society Active.

Mt. Glen, Feb. 3.—The first session of the Mt. Glen literary society will be held Thursday evening. Officers are planning for a series of lectures and debates, and along with the musical numbers that are to be given should make the society a popular one.

Misses Dora Geiger, Irene Mulholland, Goldie Bainbridge, Lulu Counsell, Helen Linebarger, Mrs. L. W. Drumsmith, Murriel Mulholland, Kate Counsell and Christina Linebarger; Messrs Lawrence Spencer, Luther Geiger, Raleigh Linebarger, Henry Counsell, Fred Stump, Guy Geiger and Fred Black.

Lee Furgason, now of Baker, was here visiting one day last week with his son, Alex Furgason, and transacting business.

Miss Maude Banton is visiting her sister in La Grande and having some dental work done when the opportunity permits.

James Mulholland is loser a good steer, death being caused by the animal eating wild parsnip, which he got by breaking into another field.

MRS. AINSWORTH DEAD

Well Known Mt. Glen Woman Passes Away After Severe Illness.

Mrs. James Ainsworth of Mt. Glen, died yesterday afternoon at her home after a prolonged illness and much suffering from heart disease. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Meretta Miles, and a son, Royal. Other relatives live in Idaho and in Utah.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 11 o'clock at the Mt. Glen chapel, the body now being at the Bohnenkamp funeral chapel.

Mrs. Ainsworth was 42 years of age at the time of her death.

Church Designer Is Here.

C. A. Haughtaling, of the firm of Haughtaling & Dugan, is in the city with sketches for the new Catholic church and also for the new Foley hotel building. Mr. Haughtaling is a graduate of the Lewiston Institute of Chicago, and his partner of the famous art institute of the same city. They have been in the west but nine months.

The sketch for the new church is of the Gothic design and is perhaps the best that has been submitted to the building committee. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The building will be of pressed brick with sterling stone trimming, providing this design is adopted.

Opie Read In Oregon.

Pendleton, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—As the fourth attraction on the local lyceum course, Opie Read, noted southern story teller, novelist and lecturer, will appear at the high school auditorium on Wednesday evening of this week, and those who attend are assured of an evening of genuine pleasure. Read is a conspicuous figure in American literary life and is an entertainer par excellence.

Evidence Is Taken.

The jury in the case of State vs. Newlin had not been impaneled until late last night, and most of the day has been taken up with hearing of testimony. The prosecution had practically concluded its testimony and the defense began introduction of its testimony after the noon recess.

Obituary of Ruth Margaret Wells.
The funeral of Ruth Margaret, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wells, of 1707 Washington avenue, was held at the house today at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. R. E. Close, pastor of the Baptist church officiating. The interment was made in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Bramwell Is Better.

Mrs. Bramwell who was operated on a second time at the Grande Ronde hospital last Sunday is said to be progressing nicely. The second operation brought much relief and she stood it remarkably well.

Masquerade Suits Due.

The suits for the Elks' masquerade ball will arrive in the morning and can be had at the Elks' club. Come early and get your choice.

Knights of Columbus Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Knights at the K. of P. hall tomorrow night at 7 p. m., instead of 8. Special business will come before the meeting.

Special Engagement Two Nights Only
Arcade ^{WE and THURS.} **Feb. 4-5**

GRACE RUSSEL'S

MERRY MINSTREL MAIDS

The Different Girl Show

GIRLS-GIRLS-GIRLS

24--Musical Numbers--24

MAGNIFICENT COSTUMES—SPECIAL SCENERY—ELECTRICAL EFFECTS—THE MOST TALKED OF MUSICAL ATTRACTION ON THE ROAD TODAY

SPECIAL FEATURE

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's Tango Dance

A TWO-DOLLAR SHOW AT POPULAR PRICES: 75c, 50c, 25c.

Tickets on Sale at Arcade TODAY

CONVENTION PLANS MATURE

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS NEAR.

Men of National Repute to Participate in Local Convention.

Y.M.C.A. Secretary J. H. Rudd this morning received a communication from Chas. A. Phipps relative to the meeting that is to be held in La Grande April 30th to May 2nd. The object of this meeting is to help organize the preliminary committees for the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Tri-state convention of the Oregon Sunday School association, which is to be held on the dates above mentioned. This is said to be one of the biggest meetings of its kind ever held in the state and will be attended by some of the biggest men in this kind of work. Among the big speakers who are scheduled to come are John N. Alexander of Chicago, I. W. Williamson of Vancouver, B. C., E. C. Knapp of Spokane, Dr. Borman of Walla Walla and F. W. Emerson of Portland.

Upton For Registrar.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The nomination of J. M. Upton, of Marshfield, to be registrar of the land office of Roseburg, was sent to the senate today.

WANTED.—Housekeeping rooms by Feb. 17. Phone Red 3861. 2-3-2t

Uncle Sam's Loan Office

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REX HALL

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Each Saturday and Tuesday. Class and Private Lessons Taught Afternoon and Evening; Private Lessons by Appointment. Bert M. Sherwood, Proprietor and Instructor. Hall for rent Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of each week, except holiday nights and also nights preceding holidays. Rates, \$50.00 to midnight; \$10.00 per hour after midnight. No decorations can be permitted.

WANTED.—Board and Room by Feb. 17. By young couple. Phone Red 3861. 2-3-2t

Golden Rod Oats

This Breakfast food is made from Selected Oats, it contains two prizes one in the quality and one in a premium either a saucer or cup which is of a very fine quality and looks nice on any table or side board. We carry this breakfast food in 15c, two for 25c and 35c packages. Vegetables and Fruits Fresh Every Day

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