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INSULT FIRED AT AMERICANS STIRS ATTACHE

NELSON O'SHAUGHNESSY IN
READINESS TO SHOOT MEX-
ICAN EDITOR.

INSULTS AT WILSON STAND UNRETRACTED

Mexican Official at Embassy in Mex-
ico City is Armed and is Ready to
Shoot Editor Who Has persistently
Been Scurrilous in His Attack on
Administration.

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—Threatening
to shoot editor Diaz Meron of the
newspaper "El Imparcial" if accosted by
him, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge
d'affaires at Mexico City for Amer-
ica, is carrying a loaded pistol and
kept another in easy reach on his
desk at the embassy.

Through the El Imparcial Meron
made a series of scurrilous attacks
on Americans, the Washington admin-
istration and on President Wilson per-
sonally. O'Shaughnessy complained
to Huerta. The attacks did not cease
but on the contrary, Meron announced
he would "get" O'Shaughnessy.

There is no uncertainty in the way
O'Shaughnessy responded. "I will
arm myself and shoot him if he speaks
to me here, or elsewhere," the em-
bassy attache told the United Press
representative.

KANSAS EAGLES BUSY.

Grand Aerie to be Held in Kansas,
August 3 to August 9.

Kansas City, Feb. 19.—(Special)—
Kansas City Aerie No. 47 has named
its main convention committee for the
coming in August of the national con-
vention of Eagles. It is an executive
committee of ten members, authorized
to announce various subcommittees
from time to time. On the executive
committee are: E. J. Shannahan,
John F. Pelletier, John A. Long, John
W. Wagner, Henry C. Manke, E. A.
Norris, M. J. O'Brien, Harry Green-
tree, M. F. Dillon and J. R. Cobb.

"In point of number of persons at-
tracted here, Kansas City will never
have entertained a larger convention,"
Mr. Shannahan, chairman of the com-
mittee, said last night. "We expect
between fifteen thousand and twenty
thousand persons. The Eagles always
turn out. The Baltimore Sun, a con-
servative newspaper, estimated that
eighteen thousand were in Baltimore
at the grand aerie session there.
Twelve hundred past presidents will
come as representatives of various
local aeries."

The Kansas City aerie might have
brought the national gathering here
in previous years, but desired to with-
hold the invitation until the comple-
tion of the new Union Station. The
local aerie is the strongest in the
country in point of financial resources
and is fifth in point of numbers.
The grand aerie headquarters of the
order is in Kansas City.

The grand aerie will be in session
from August 3 to August 9.

Lumbermen in Session.

An informal meeting of the Eastern
Oregon Lumbermen's association was
held in the commercial club rooms to-
day. Eastern Oregon lumbermen were
in attendance.

A VERY PRESENT HELP.



—Sykes in Philadelphia Ledger

EXPLOSION STARTS FIRE

CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT
GUTTED AT MIDNIGHT.

Young Men's Personal Effects and
Stock of Suits Complete Loss.

Fire thought to have resulted from
an explosion of gases formed by slow
heat from an electric iron left con-
nected on an ironing board last night
guttered the cleaning establishment of
H. Kraemlich and R. E. Greene in the
small frame building near the
Foley office building and opposite the
post office. The explosion threw
glass and curtains across the street.
Just how the first started is mere
conjecture. The supposition is that when
the men left the building they left
an electric iron turned on and that
this in the course of an hour or two
caused the explosion and subsequent
blaze.

The department made the run short-
ly after midnight and at that time
the fire had gained considerable head-
way. The loss of suits and materials
and personal effects is total and will,
according to the statement of the
proprietors approximate about \$600.
Both of the men slept in the building
and lost all of their personal effects.
They were in Elgin at the time at-
tending the performance of Mutt and
Jeff and came home to discover the
building in ruins.

About six suits were in the estab-
lishment at the time and are a total
loss. Some of these had been cleaned
and some were to be cleaned. There
were also a few new suits of clothes
awaiting delivery. There was some
insurance on the goods but will not
cover the loss. The building is the
property of J. D. Spouterland, a con-
tractor of Walla Walla.

LUMBERMAN HURT.

Injury Sustained at Palmer Camp by
William Thompson is Painful.

William Thompson of Palmer Junc-
tion, lies at the Grande Ronde hospi-
tal today, already on the way to re-
covery from serious injuries received
yesterday afternoon when he was hit
by a pulley. Mr. Thompson was struck
on the head and hurt in the breast
but prompt attention at the hospital
here relieved the pain that up to that
time was severe. Mrs. Thompson and
baby are here with him.

TELEGRAPHERS AWAIT HANGAR

NOTHING WILL BE DONE UNTIL
MEDIATOR COMES.

Vote is Not to be Canvassed Until
Arrival of Mediator.

Portland, Feb. 19.—Pending the ar-
rival of the government mediator,
W. A. Hangar, Oregon, Washington
and Idaho forces of railroad tele-
graphers are resting on their oars in
the fight for seniority of rights, short-
er hours, and increased pay.

Vice president Marion of the order
of Railway Telegraphers stated that
the strike vote will not be canvassed
until the arrival of Mr. Hangar.

WEST AWARDED VERDICT.

After six hours of deliberation the
West-McDonald jury brought a ver-
dict for Roscoe West for \$525, the
amount sued for. This is the third
time that Mr. West has won the ver-
dict in circuit court juries.

The jury also answered about 15
special interrogatories all in favor of
the plaintiff's contention.

NORTH POWDER BANK HOPES TO REORGANIZE AND REOPEN SOON

OPEN BANK MARCH 1.
Cashier Lambert of the Pow-
der Valley state bank, is in La
Grande today and with legal ad-
vise is reorganizing the institu-
tion at North Powder. Mr. Lam-
bert has been authorized to say
that it is the plan of the di-
rectors to have the bank open
for business by March 1st.

North Powder, Feb. 19.—The Pow-
der Valley State Bank directors in
meeting yesterday passed resolutions
and took steps toward a complete re-
organization of the bank with a view
of reopening the bank's doors by the

HEAVY STORMS FLOOD STREETS OF LOS ANGELES

WORST STORM IN YEARS MA-
ROONS HUNDREDS IN THEIR
HOMES.

SEVEN INCHES OF RAIN AT PASADENA

Southern California District Hard Hit
by Heavy Rain That Floods Wide
Area—Four Inches of Rainfall at
Los Angeles Since Midnight—Dam-
age Heavy Everywhere.

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—Los Angeles
is recovering from one of the severest
rainstorms in the history of the city.
The storm was general in Southern
California. Traffic is paralyzed and
thousands are marooned in their
homes or in places of business,
wherever they were when caught.
Trains are all late.

More than four inches of rain have
fallen since midnight.

Practically every down town street
is covered with water, standing far
above the sidewalk. Hundreds of men
are cleaning away the sand and salt
washed in and deposited on the street
when the water commenced to recede.
More than seven inches of rain fell in
Pasadena and considerable damage
was done there.

MRS. FREEMAN ILL.

Relatives Called to Bedside of Woman
Suffering With Pneumonia.

Mrs. Thomas Freeman, whose
home is on Cove avenue is very low
with pneumonia. All of the children
have arrived from distant points and
are now at the bedside. The children
are Mrs. Mary E. Zahl of Williston,
N. D. and daughters, Misses Tina and
Ollie, of Fairview, Montana, Mrs.
Huffman and Wm. Freeman of Glas-
gow, Mont., Mrs. Davis of Plenty-
wood, Mont., and Mrs. F. A. Ingle of
the Valley. Mrs. Freeman is some-
what advanced in years and her chan-
ces for recovery are somewhat re-
duced by reason of her age. Her
friends entertain the hope that she
might recover.

Swain Rides Off To Wed

HIGH VALLEY COUPLE AT-
TEMPT THE ROMANTIC.

PARENT RIDES TOO

Race Ends at Hot Lake; Couple go
Home and Are Wed Near Parents.

Union, Feb. 19.—(Special) Union
had an attempted elopement the other
day but the plans failed and the
young people were married at home,
after all. Dick Draper and Beula
Bennett of High Valley ran away to
be married. They got as far as Hot
Lake on horse back when the young
lady's father followed them and per-
suaded them to return home and get
married. Their many friends with
them a long and happy life.

FARM EXPERT SERIES START

C. C. CATE WILL CONTRIBUTE
WEEKLY LETTERS.

First of Series of Great Value to Ag-
riculture Start Today.

RURAL WEEKLY LETTERS HEREAFTER.

Commencing with this issue,
the Observer is to produce from
week to week articles on scien-
tific farm development, written
by C. C. Cate, the county farm
expert. These articles should
be of tremendous value to the
farmers for live topics will be
discussed. To get the best re-
sults from the letters, Obser-
ver readers should follow each
article closely, cut it out and
paste it in a book or save it in
some other manner.

By CLAUDE C. CATE.

Union County Agricultural Agent.
Upon taking up the work of Farm
Management, Field Studies and
demonstrations in Union county, it
appears advisable at this time to
print a brief outline of the work to
be carried on, in order to give a bet-
ter understanding to some whom are
not familiar with the nature and
scope of such work. Detail methods
will not be attempted in this article
but will be given later, relative to
special lines of work.

The work is strictly co-operative,
and is financed equally, by county and
state. The county agent in charge
of the work is supported by the de-
partment of agriculture and the state
experiment stations, and the princi-
pal object of this work is to make
the county agent the connecting link
between the farmers of the county,
and the department of agriculture
and the various experiment stations,
which possess a vast amount of val-
uable information and data that
should be inaugurated into the regu-
lar farm practices of every farmer.
Then in brief, the purpose of this
movement is to increase the material
prosperity and improve the living
conditions of the farmers of the
county. And in endeavoring to ac-
complish this, we must deal with var-
ious problems such as maintenance
of soil fertility, labor, income, adapt-
ability of crops, economical produc-
tion, successful marketing, etc. In
improving living conditions we wish

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CONVENTION FRIDAY NIGHT DRAWS MANY

PROGRAM OF EVENTS ARRANG-
ED WITH EVERY MINUTE
WELL TAKEN UP.

ZEM ZEM WATERS RUNNING FREELY FOR 100 TYROS

At Conclusion of Pythian Convention
at Midnight, Will Open the Night of
Hilarity For Pilgrims Coming Over
the Heated Sands of Khorassana to
Local Oasis.

Complete plans and arrangements
for the fourth annual convention of
the eleventh district of Knights of
Pythias, to be held here tomorrow
night, have been drafted and are
ready for the opening gun of the con-
vention. That there will be fully 200
at the convention is assured by the
arrival of estimates from Enterprise,
Wallowa, Elgin, Union and the La
Grande attendance. The regular train
will be here from Wallowa points
carrying the delegates at 5:30, by spe-
cial arrangement. From then on Py-
thianism will be in its glory. Because
of a great deal of details, the pro-
gram will be adhered to closely and
according to the schedule, the con-
vention will end at midnight at which
time, fittingly, the Dokie ceremonial
commences. The imperial ikfir, Gus
Meese of Spokane, will institute
Khaled temple, and immediately af-
terwards some 100 tyros will be sent
down at the Arabic desert and in-
itiated into the mysteries of Drama-
tic order of Khorassans.

Oasis Largely Sought.

Pilgrimages will be made to the La
Grande oasis tomorrow night by ty-
ros from Pendleton, Wallowa county
points, La Grande, Elgin, Union, Bak-
er and intermediate points. Khaled
temple divan members are in readi-
ness to receive them.

Zem Zem Waters Plentiful.

At the terminus of the pilgrimages
from the points noted, will be of-
fered zem zem waters in abundance
and the imperial camel has been
groomed and trained for the part he
is to play. Brigand bands have whet-
ted their lawlessness and blistered
feet caused by the burning sands of
Khorassan will be healed in due time
but not until the weary tyros have
reached Khaled temple over proper
courses. If diligent drilling can make
a divan letter perfect the tyros to-
morrow night will see perfection.

The initiation of Khaled temple
makes a signal honor to La Grande
and Eastern Oregon Knights of Py-
thias are anxious to become a part and
parcel of it.

Introductory to some of the display
of elegance personified in the regalia
of both Knight Pythianism and Dok-
ie will be the parade down town to-
morrow evening, and it is not un-
likely that some sidesplitting feat-
ures are to enliven the parade. The
minute the train reaches here, Py-
thian hilarity and Pythian soberness
will each have its hour, as is witness-
ed by the following program of events:

ACT I.

Formation of parade and Street
Demonstration at depot immediately
upon arrival of Wallowa train, at

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