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PORTLAND DOCKS, WHEAT AND 2 SHIPS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Million Dollar Loss Sustained in Harbor Fire at Portland--Heroism Saves Many Lives--Boat Loaded With Asphalt Burns Like Oil

Portland, March 11.—Fire originating in a quantity of wheat chaff on the Columbia dock No. 2, destroyed three docks and the coaster Crickett, and spread to the Royal mail Glenroy which was loaded with wheat and lumber. The total loss is estimated to exceed a million dollars.

Wheat Loss Terrific.

Twelve thousand tons of wheat and barley, stored on the dock and in the Glenroy, is a total loss. This wheat alone is valued at \$370,000.

The Crickett was cut loose after the fire and drifted against the Montgomery dock No. 1, and ignited it, but it was saved with great difficulty. Then the coaster was towed ashore where she burned to the water's edge. The Crickett had just docked from San Francisco, where she is owned, and had loaded with asphalt. This burned like oil and added to the grief of the fire department.

Columbia dock No. 2 and Montgomery dock No. 2, together with the warehouses adjoining were this morning partially and wholly destroyed by fire. Columbia dock is a total loss and Montgomery dock is badly damaged but can be repaired.

The fire was discovered at 4 a. m. this morning by a policeman who turned in the alarm. The upper decks of the Glenroy are burned away and the cargo has been damaged by water.

The heroism of the crew of the harbor patrol, and Engineer Jecker and Officer Webster probably saved the lives of many men. The crew of the Crickett jumped into the water when the asphalt which she had on board, caught fire. Mate Samuels of the Glenroy, broke his shoulder when he jumped from the burning vessel into the fireboat.

The flames were extinguished during the middle of the forenoon. The firemen are still diluting the building.

SHERIFF CAPTURES DESERTER.

Tired of Martial Relation, Husband Tries to Get Away from Trouble.

Fred Rudio, of Walla Walla, wanted in that city on a charge of wife desertion, was apprehended by Sheriff Hug yesterday and taken to Walla Walla. Rudio had started off toward the Pierce ranch and later swerved going by horseback to Hot Lake. Tom Williamson had made a sortie in that direction but was informed that Rudio had cut off for the Lake, apparently with the intention of catching a train at that place for the east. A phone message informed the sheriff of the whereabouts of the fugitive and his capture was the matter of an hour's run to Hot Lake. Extradition papers were necessary because Rudio refused to go back. These were obtained and Sheriff M. Toner, of Walla Walla, county, came and took charge of the prisoner.

DINNER TONIGHT PROMPT

Music and Speeches and Dinner to Be Started at 6 o'clock.

In order to complete a two-hour program consisting of dinner and music and speeches and songs, the Commercial club dinner this evening will start promptly at 6 o'clock. It will be held in the Methodist church basement. The list of speakers including men and women, has been prepared by John Collier, vice president of the club, and there is every indi-

cation that the dinner will be a big affair in every way. The subjects to be discussed are pertinent to the welfare of the club and the city's commercial interests and will furnish timely topics. There is to be no effort to raise money and no hat will be passed. The dinner will be 50 cents per plate. The band will play during the dinner.

NEW CUT-OFF RUMORED.

Coyote to Cold Springs May Be Line of New O.-W. Cut-off.

Hermiston, Ore., March 12.—There is a persistent rumor in the west end of the county and it is said to come from railroad official circles to the effect that the O.-W. will build a cut-off from Cold Springs station on the Columbia across the Umatilla project via Hermiston, connecting with the Coyote cut-off at the mouth of Butter creek. Talk of such a line change has been current in this section for several months past and recent reports brought by outside people have added to the belief that this change may be made.

It is said that by a cut-off from Cold Spring across the butter creek the railroad could follow the 500 foot contour line and thus secure a very favorable route from a construction standpoint. The new line would not pass directly through Hermiston but would miss the town by about a half mile.

SECOND DAMAGE CASE ON.

Insurance People Also Sue the Union Railway Company.

As a sequel to the blaze of the Laselle Bros prune drier at Union, alleged to have been caused by an engine of the Central Railway of Oregon, the Hartford Fire Insurance company and others have brought suit against the railroad for the loss of a barn which is said to have been burned by embers from the prune drier fire for which Laselle Bros. and Pine last week obtained a verdict in the circuit court for over \$4000. The barn was located but a short distance from the prune drier and when the latter building went up in flames the barn likewise caught fire and was destroyed. The barn was the property of H. J. Neilson of Union, and the insurance company is striving to collect from the railroad the amount of the insurance money paid Neilson for the loss of his property. The amount involved is \$500. R. Kitchen of Union, is representing the plaintiff and L. Z. Terrell and Cochran & Eberhard will plead for the defendant company.

Catholic Church To Be Work Of Art



Perspective of the Church of Our Lady of the Valley which will be erected by Catholics of La Grande this summer, showing beautiful lines of architecture embodied in every item of the plans.

Designs of the new Roman Catholic church which will be built in La Grande during the coming summer, have reached the city from the Portland architects. It will be built in the center of the block on Fourth and L streets and will face north. Lawns and shrubbery will add to the beauty of the setting. It will be constructed of local selected brick and white stone and will be of pure Gothic design both

in and outside. The dimensions are 104x60 feet. The stone will come from Pleasant Valley and will be selected for their peculiar light color.

The parish house will be in the same block but will face Fourth street, and will be built of the same materials and will conform in architecture to the church design. Building will commence about the first of April. Five months will be required for the build-

ing. Father Driscoll is hopeful that services will be held in the new edifice on Christmas of this year.

The cost of the church and the parsonage will total \$40,000.

No full basement will be built under the church as at first planned but ample fuel room will be provided for. Houghtaling and Dugan of Portland are the architects and will have charge of the building.

HOBOS ACCUSED OF TAKING ARMS

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IS MINUS ARMS AND MUNITION.

Revenge is Suspected in Act for Driving Men from Sacramento.

Woodland, Cal. March 12.—The national guard armory was burglarized last night and a quantity of arms and ammunition taken from the building. The supposition is that the deed was committed by the army of unemployed as an act of retaliation for the driving out of the city of Sacramento and other places in Yuba county. This last act has earmarks of intended violence and citizens of the section are preparing themselves for the worst.

Judd Geer Resigns.

Salem, Ore., March 12.—Judd Geer, of Cove, has resigned from membership on the state board of horticulture and H. H. Weatherspoon of Elgin, was appointed by the state board to fill the vacancy.

Chickenpox at Pendleton.

Pendleton, March 12.—Two chickenpox cases were placed under quarantine this morning by the police. The cases are in the Charles Johnson home at 710 Matlock street and at the Deebach home, 301 Lillith.

Beautiful Eclipse Viewed from La Grande.

La Grande citizens were treated to a beautiful view of the eclipse of the moon last evening. Absence of clouds made it possible to watch the phenomenon from the beginning to the end. The eclipse started at 7:14 and reached its height at 8:14, when eleven-twelfths of the moon was under the eclipse, and was off again at 9:44. By 10 o'clock the heavens were lighted up with a most brilliant moon. At no time was there a cloud to obscure clear view of the strange phenomenon.

WILL CELEBRATE MARCH 17.

Sons of Erin of this Locality, to Pay Homage to Patron Saint.

St. Patrick's day is to be celebrated. The Grande Ronde sons of Erin have come to the conclusion that the day must be fittingly celebrated and for this season arrangements are made whereby the Patron saint of Old Ireland will be appropriately toasted on March 17, the day observed throughout the United States. James Corbett, a loyal son and champion of the worthy cause, has the arrangements in hand and will this afternoon make a deal with the proprietors of Sherry's theatre for the show house on that night. The banquet feature of the day has been omitted owing to the lack of room in which to seat all of the sons of Erin who have signified a willingness to participate in this celebration. A recent arrival from the sod, Father Callahan of Hermiston, will be one of the speakers on this occasion and a wittier man could hardly be found. Music appropriate to the occasion will be rendered by the best talent in the city and other efforts will be made to make this year's celebration the best ever held in La Grande.

FARREL PAYS LINE A VISIT

PROPOSED CHANGES AT HUNTINGTON CONSIDERED.

Galaxy of Railroad Officials Pass Through City Today.

President J. D. Farrell, of the O.-W. R. & N.; J. P. O'Brien, general manager; T. E. Palmer, acting general superintendent; J. T. Langley, superintendent of motive power; S. A. Harrington, car service agent, together with Superintendent Wm. Boltons, of the local division and A. Buckley, local assistant superintendent, left this morning on a trip of general inspection to Huntington and points east. The subject of changing division headquarters from Huntington to Ontario is one of the men, that will come for thorough inspection. Equipment and other problems will keep the officials busy on this trip. This morning they made a hurried inspection of the yards and equipment at this place.

REVOLTS GROW WORSE.

While Rio Janiero is Quiet Interior States are in Revolt.

Rio Janiero, March 12.—Strong reinforcements in the way of troops have been ordered by the war office to be sent to the state of Ceara where it is admitted anti-government revolts are reaching revolutionary proportions. The disorders are partly racial, partly industrial and partly political. They began with a series of strikes which spread until they involved the whole state's working population. Fights between blacks and whites and government troops and strikers are occurring daily. Considerable loss of life goes on. The situation here, however, is quiet, martial law prevailing and a number of suspected plotters being in prison.

HUERTA ORDERS FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE TORREON

VILLA'S THREAT TO DROP BOMBS FROM AIRSHIP BRINGS ACTION.

COLQUITT CONTINUES TO DEFEND BORDER

Rangers Not Under Supervision of Uncle Sam Says Governor When Asked About His Actions—Better Protection of the Border, Through Ranger Forces, is Plan He Has.

Mexico City, March 12.—General Villa, the rebel, having announced his intent to drop bombs from an airship into the town of Torreon, President Huerta has sent orders to the garrison commandant to furnish facilities to foreigners to leave immediately. It is understood he acted on requests from Washington.

Fighting is in progress in the vicinity of Torreon. Wires have been cut down and few details are known. Charge de Affairs O'Shaughnessy was told today by Huerta that 2000 rebels have captured the town of Comoros and two passenger trains and one freight train near Torreon.

Colquitt Strengthens Patrol.

Austin, Texas, March 12.—It is understood here that Governor Colquitt intends to re-enforce the rangers here who have been placed along the Mexican border for the more perfect safety of American citizens. "Do you intend to consult with President Wilson, regarding the proposed increase," he was asked. "Washington has absolutely nothing to do with the rangers," he said, "and I will consult none of the federal authorities."

INCEST CHARGE PREFERRED.

North Side Man Accused But Preliminary Hearing is Delayed.

E. W. Powell, formerly in the employ of the O.-W., and a resident of North La Grande, has been arrested on a charge of incest and his preliminary hearing has been set for March 21. Effort to put him on bail was put forth last evening but failed to materialize.

WILSON SIGNS ALASKAN BILL

RAILROAD MEASURE NOW A REALITY.

Wilson Affixes Signature With Much Used Pen this Afternoon.

Washington, March 12.—President Wilson has signed the Alaska railroad bill. He used the same pen with which Speaker Clark and Vice-president Marshall signed the bill. Army engineers will have charge of the building of the proposed road. The initial appropriation is \$35,000,000 as contended for by the house. Other appropriations will be made from year to year as the necessity arises. The building of the railroad is one of the longest steps towards the development of Alaska, yet made.

MOTHER JONES REPORTED MISSING

Denver, March 12.—A report has been received at the headquarters of the Miners' union that "Mother" Jones had disappeared from San Rafael hospital in Trinidad. It is said that Mrs. J. W. Foster who has been visiting the

patient for weeks, wired that the woman had vanished yesterday. The laborites believe the militia took her away. It is admitted at the hospital that the soldiers who have been guarding her, have been withdrawn.