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NEGRO SHOTS CITY MARSHAL AND ONE OTHER

SHOSHONE CITIZENS DRIVE ALL NEGROES OUT OF TOWN.

EX-STATE OFFICIAL IS WOUNDED BY MAD NEGRO

Drink-crazed Negro Man Fires at Town Marshal from Moving Freight Train—Escapes to American Falls Where He is Apprehended—Fears Entertained for His Bodily Safety.

Boise, Idaho, June 19.—After shooting James May, town marshal at Shoshone, and E. V. Bower, a former member of the Idaho legislature, the later probably fatally, Jack Edwards a drug-crazed negro last night escaped but was arrested at Idaho Falls today.

Bower was attempting to arrest Edwards. During the fight the negro broke away and boarded a moving train. From the moving freight he fired a bullet, striking Bower. Bower may die, as his injuries are severe.

Citizens have ordered all negroes out of town following the affair and all have obeyed. The American Falls authorities are holding the negro fearing the irate citizens at Shoshone will do so readily here.

Wallowa Voters Elect.

Wallowa, June 19.—(Special.)—Wallowa is said to have been the most attended school meeting ever in Wallowa, and probably the best ever held in the county, occurred in Wallowa Monday afternoon at the annual school election. L. Couch was re-elected director for a term of three years, and E. A. Searle was again chosen clerk for a term of one year. Over fifty were in attendance at the meeting, there being 44 votes cast for director, and many did not vote.

Mr. Couch received 35 of the 44 votes, the balance being distributed between C. W. Mumford, F. H. Brownlee, A. J. Pipes, John McDonald and Henry Schaeffer.

Father Admits Killing Child.

Prineville, Ore., June 19.—D. K. Sheldon, the young mill worker arrested here last Friday on a charge of having slain his one-day-old babe while the mother lay in the next room, confessed last night. Sheldon said he wanted to get the baby out of the way so that his wife could help him make a living. He waited until his wife was asleep and then gave the baby a heavy dose of poison, later putting the body by his wife's side.

"When my wife awoke she called me and wept bitterly. I took the baby's body out to the kitchen and then went back to quiet her. The baby's clothing took fire and this gave me an idea, so I burned the body in the stove. I buried the remains later but I could not rest, so I dug them up and put them in the mill furnace."

Would Lengthen Term of Office.

Baker, June 19.—An initiative petition equalizing the terms of the county officers, an amendment initiated by R. P. Rasmussen of Corbett, Ore., and W. M. Davis of Portland, to make the terms of county clerk, county treasurer, sheriff, coroner and surveyor four years instead of two, was circulated here yesterday for signatures. The measure would result in putting all county offices in the state for a four-years' basis except that of circuit judge and county judge. The terms of office of the assessor, commissioners and school superintendent are now four years. The circuit judges are elected for six-year terms.

GOVERNOR COLQUITT.

Texas Executive Who Urges Intervention in Mexico.



Gypsies Run Out.

A band of Gypsies was ordered out of town today by Sheriff Hug, following some trouble between the band and the police department. They must leave Union county soil.

SON DONATES SKIN TO SIRE

TOM RANKIN MAY LIVE BECAUSE OF HIS SON.

Burns Sustained Some Time Ago Need New Skin to Be Healed.

Sacrificing great areas of his skin that his father's burns may be healed if possible, Tom Rankin this afternoon is the main figure in a local skin grafting operation. The task was performed this morning that Tom Rankin an aged citizen who was burned in Washington some time ago and who has been at the home of his daughter Mrs. Joel, at Cedar and Washington for some time, might recover from the frightful injuries inflicted by the flames.

The senior Rankin has been convalescent but slowly and the skin graft was found a necessity. The son offered the skin necessary to cover the burned patches in such a way that physicians hope to see complete recovery speedily.

McLAREN FUNERAL HELD.

Well Known North Powder Man Buried Yesterday Afternoon.

North Powder, June 19.—(Special) J. R. McLaren died at the hospital in Baker early Tuesday morning, following an operation for ulcer of the stomach and gall stones. He had been sick about two weeks and was taken to the hospital soon after. The operation was delayed on account of his condition.

Joseph R. McLaren was born in Augusta, Me., April 13, 1846, and went from there to Boston when a young man. He came west in 1882 and engaged in mining in Montana and was admitted to the bar and practiced law in that state. He came to Eastern Oregon about 10 or 15 years ago and spent a year or two in Baker. From there he came to North Powder, where he has since lived. During the time he has held the office of mayor, councilman, secretary, and others, and was justice of the peace at the time of his death. Deceased is survived by a wife and four children. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church yesterday afternoon, Rev. Waltz of Baker conducting the services. Interment was in the cemetery here.

Ed Tuckey Returns.

Ed Tuckey a local real estate dealer is home from Saleon, where he went as custodian of local prisoners sent to the penitentiary.

Sunday Service in Effect.

Sunday service on the branch line is now 7 o'clock instead of 7:30.

UNCLE SAM PREPARES FOR ANY EMERGENCY NOW THAT HUERTA MAY REOPEN FIGHT

The Moment Mediation Fails, Embargo on Arms and Ammunition Will Be Lifted

Washington, June 19.—The war department has completed preparations to meet any situation in case Huerta orders an attack on Vera Cruz, following the expected announcement of the failure of peace negotiations at Niagara Falls. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan believe the rebels will keep Huerta too busy for him to bring trouble against Funston's forces. Unless Huerta yields to Niagara mediators, the negotiations will cease. It is stated that the Americans have declared the last word—unless Huerta voluntarily retires in favor of a rebel-dominated government in Mexico City. It is declared on good authority that the United States will openly favor and aid Constitutionalists; not that an American invasion of Mexico is planned, but the embargo on arms and ammunition will be raised, and the Constitutionalists will be permitted to get all the ammunition they please on this side of the border.

Niagara Falls, June 19.—Failure of one of the mediators to return from New York this morning caused postponement of the deliberations today. It is freely admitted that the conference is about to come to an end.

Battle is Drawing Close.

Torreon, June 19.—The advance guard of Villa's army is within 10 miles of Zacatecas. It is said that Villa wouldn't order a general advance until he had time to confer with General Natera. That Sunday will see the battle's opening is believed here. Villa still insists he has recognized Carranza as "Jefe Supremo" but this is believed to be a plan to spare Carranza humiliation.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS TWO HUNDRED WORKMEN

Lethbridge, Alta., June 19.—At least two hundred men are believed to have perished in a terrific explosion at Hillcrest coal mine near L'airmore, Alberta today.

Six hundred workmen entered the mine this morning and only four hundred are known to have escaped. Thick clouds of black smoke are issuing from the mine shaft and it is almost certain that those who remain in the mine are doomed.

Officials of the Canadian Pacific at Calgary received advices that at least two hundred were killed.

By special trains doctors, nurses and coffins were rushed to the scene of the disaster.

HARVARD CREW BEATEN BY YALE

PRELIMINARY RACES WON BY HARVARD OARSMEN.

Second Varsity and Freshmen Eights For Harvard Each Win Out.

New London, June 19.—Though not the favorite, Yale won in the varsity eight-oared race late this afternoon over Harvard. The finish was so close that it was a matter of inches, and never has New London had so exciting an event on her classic

New London, June 19.—Harvard made a sweep of the preliminary events in the Harvard-Yale regatta today by taking the second varsity crew race and also the freshmen eights. The big varsity eight-oared race started at 4:45.

Annual Pioneer Meeting Called.

The third annual meeting of the Wallowa County Pioneer's Association will be held July 2, at Wallowa Lake Park, this date having been agreed upon at an informal meeting of the officers in Wallowa, Tuesday. The program will occur on the afternoon of July 2, and efforts are now being made to complete the program. The association was organized two years ago in Wallowa at which time

OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD.

Democratic Leader in House Opposes Wilson on Tolls.



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Belgium Mine Afire.

Liege, Belgium, June 19.—With four hundred men at work in the mine fire broke out today in the Vielle-Marihay coal mine. About half of the miners escaped, but the others failed to reach a place of safety. Gravest fear is felt for those left behind in the mine and desperate efforts are being made to save them.

SIXTEEN RIDERS IN ROAD RACES

OAKLAND, SEATTLE, PORTLAND, SPOKANE MEN HERE.

Remarkable Entry List Secured for Big Motorcycle Races.

With sixteen riders here and entered for the preliminary track races tomorrow and for the motor road race to Baker and return Sunday, are more speed kings entered and on the way, the fondest hopes of the local Motorcycle club will be more than realized. The riders include speed sharks from Oakland, Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Pendleton, Elgin, La Grande, Baker and Ontario. The scope of territory represented in the race, and the machines entered, assure a wonderful meet. Slight showers between now and Sunday would be welcome dust settlers.

The features tomorrow afternoon commencing at an early hour, are to be thrilling attractions in themselves. Simons, one of the speed merchants entered, tore around the half mile track in 36 seconds this morning with a 4 h. p. machine—a wonderful performance. The entries closed last night, but mailed entries dated yesterday are good, hence more are due.

The program tomorrow—which is to be as good as the main event Sunday really, as far as track events are concerned—and the day following is:

First Day, June 20, 1914.
First Race—Preliminaries in five mile professional 4 h. p. machines. Heats of four, two qualifying for finals. Race called at 2:00 p. m.
First prize \$50.00
Second prize 25.00
Third prize 10.00

Total purse \$85.00
Second Race—Preliminaries in three miles restricted to local riders on 4 h. p. machines Heats of four, two qualify for finals Race called at 2:45 p. m.
First prize \$25.00
Second prize 15.00
Third prize 10.00

Total purse \$50.00
Third Race—Preliminaries in Exhibition for track record 4 h. p. machines Two machines making best time qualify for final exhibition on following day. Race called at 3:00 p. m. Entrance fee \$1.00. First prize \$25.00, open to all professional riders. The best time made on either the 20th or the 21st shall determine the winner.
Fourth Race—Preliminaries in five

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RUMORS AFFIRM FEDERAL PROBE IS UNDER WAY

REMOVAL OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES MAY HAVE SERIOUS AFTERMATH TO IT.

THREE LOCAL DIVISION CONDUCTORS LET OUT

Wholesale Shakeup of Old Men on Harriman System and Federal Grand Jury Probe is Said to Be Under Way—Not Known Where Harpoon Will Strike Next.

Persistent rumors are current in railroad circles of the Harriman systems, that federal indictments are pending against some of the former employees of the system who have been let out for violating various rules of railroading. The shake up which began two days ago, has not directly hit La Grande but caught three Pendleton-Huntington passenger conductors. No decision will be reached as to what local men will be promoted to the passenger runs before the 15 days of posting expire, at which time the "oldest" men bidding for the three jobs will be given the runs. It is likely that at least two families will move to Pendleton if promotions are asked for by present old-time freight conductors. The rumored indictments however, which the federal grand jury is reported to be drafting, have to do entirely with Washington and West End division men, it is said. This is all rumor, but it is authoritatively asserted that railroad employees and traveling men have been called to Portland from Sound points and even nearer home and rumor has leaked out that actions of railroad men was the chief nature of questions answered.

Much regret is expressed in local circles at the whole affair but the Pendleton-Huntington division had no less victims of the spotters than the Washington or West End divisions. Practically all the old-time conductors between Pendleton and Portland are said to be involved.

There is an air of uncertainty and somewhat of alarm, for rumors circulating in railroad rows along the line point to a total of about 70 pending removals from service, including the score or more already let out on the system.

Pendleton is Excited.

Pendleton, June 18.—As a consequence of the activity of "spotters," ten O. W. R. & N. passenger conductors running out of Pendleton are today without jobs and it is reported on good authority that seventy mainline brakemen and twenty station agents are to get dismissals from the service in a few days. The shake-up has caused a big sensation in railroad circles and today there is a marked uneasiness among the employes of the system.

The conductors received their notices of dismissal yesterday. Three were running upon the Oregon division and seven on the Washington division. All were among the best known railroad men in this city. Not a one but had been with the company over ten years while at least one had passed the 20 year service mark. That they should be let out at this time was the cause of a great deal of regret among their fellow workmen.

That their dismissals are permanent is indicated that their runs are all bulletined. On the bulletin board at the local depot this morning appeared the notice that there are three vacancies on the main line to be filled. The cause of the dismissals is not yet known though the service blanks which will soon be issued from head-

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