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DEAD BODIES BURIED UNDER 60 FT. OF SNOW

FRANTIC HASTE USED TO GET HORSESHOE TUNNEL VICTIMS TO SURFACE

DANGER OF MORE SLIDES IMMINENT REPORTS

All Trace of Tragedy Now Buried Under Great Mass of Snow—Blasting Under Way in Hope of Obtaining Relief—More Victims Expected by Officials.

Seattle, Jan. 24.—With four known to be dead, and three, and possibly more, missing, some victims are still buried under the snow and rock in the Horseshoe tunnel near Leavenworth, Wn. This in spite of the fact 300 men have been working on the scene of the disaster since Saturday.

Eight injured passengers are now in Everett hospital.

Snow Sixty Feet Deep. At many points the snow is sixty feet deep. Under this mass is sealed trace of the tragedy. Workmen are blasting, hoping to reach the buried coaches containing the bodies.

More Slides Eminent. Snow is falling and dangers of further slides are increasing. More workmen have been sent to the scene today.

LONG TERM ENDED.

Circuit Judge Returns and Will Conduct Equity Cases.

Concluding a five-weeks' term of court in Enterprise, Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles has returned home. He will devote himself to equity cases here and get cases booked for the opening of the February term, the 7th of next month.

While in Enterprise a great number of cases came up for trial but out of the whole list, only three verdicts for plaintiffs were found. The Enterprise Hotel company in whose building Jake Bauer's daughter was electrocuted some time ago, was the winner in the damage case brought against it.

DAMAGE SUIT FILED.

E. F. Buck Wants Damages From Railroad Company for Injuries.

A damage suit has been filed in circuit court against the O.-W. by E. F. Buck, drayman, who several months ago met up with a locomotive on an east La Grande crossing. One horse was killed, damage to the wagon sustained, the harness damaged, and Mr. Buck himself sustaining injuries to his back, kidneys and head, the complaint alleges, and \$500 damages are asked for.

GUTTERS PLOWED OPEN.

Sudden Thaw Yesterday Presages Floods but Snowstorm Intervenes.

Slush and surface floods were everywhere an inconvenience to foot traffic in La Grande yesterday due to the sudden and brisk thaw which prevailed for a couple of days. By keeping forces of men and the street scraper at work all day, the gutters were kept open so that most of the surface water was able to run off. In spite of that, foot going was inconvenient and subject to wet feet. Last night a snowstorm put a stop to the thaw and likely saved this part of the state from a severe winter flood.

Open Soft Drink Parlors.

"Ole" Rogers and P. A. Foley are proprietors of a new soft drink and chili parlor in the room formerly occupied by the Foley bar. John Flanner will be in charge.

Becker Funeral Held.

The funeral of the late George Becker, respected and wealthy Cove rancher who has lived in La Grande a couple of years and who died Saturday morning, was held this morning from the Catholic church. Rev. Driscoll said requiem mass and a large number of friends and neighbors were out to pay their respects to the esteemed memory of the deceased.

PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES RING IS LARGE.



Colonel Roosevelt has not announced that he will seek the presidency, but a list of possibilities necessarily includes him. The group shows those most persistently talked of among Republicans and near Republicans.

BABIES TO BE PUT TO TEST

STATE CONGRESS OF MOTHERS TO COME.

Headquarters to Be Moved from Portland to La Grande Next Week

Eastern Oregon babies, babies that have taken prizes in respective county eugenics contests—babies from a half dozen or more counties of the eastern section of the state—are to have a matching of physical perfection in La Grande a week from next Friday when the foremost women of the state who are interested in child eugenics and education of mothers will move to La Grande in connection with Farmers and Homemakers' week. The state bureau, maintained in the Portland court house under auspices of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, will move its headquarters to La Grande for the week. The eugenics test, Friday, is merely incidental to the week's features.

Mrs. George McMath, president of the state association of mothers, which is a state unit of the big national organization known as the National Congress of Mothers, and Mrs. A. Bayly, under whose direction and supervision the principal eugenics shows and education of mothers in the state are conducted, will arrive Tuesday and spend the week-end here. They will have headquarters in the Neighborhood club rooms at the library building where mothers may go for consultation with these two women, who are deemed extremely well posted, and will be willing to lend anything they know to Eastern Oregon mothers. This will undoubtedly be one of the most important phases of the week.

Show on Friday. The eugenics contest will be held on Friday. This has nothing to do with the so-called "selection of parents," but deals merely with the nature of babies and education of mothers. The range of age limits is from six months to five years, and there will be no prizes for the winners. In order to impress upon the mothers that the contest—directed as it will be by Mrs. Bayly, a skilled person in the scientific measurement of children—is to be pregnant with educational value, a charge of 25 cents for each entry will be made. Number Limited.

Although the measurements will begin at 9:30 at the Neighborhood club rooms and continue all day, it will be necessary for prospective entries to be filed early. Mrs. Fred G. Schilke, vice president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, chairman of the local committee, will receive these prior to the day of the show. The number that will be accepted is limited, hence the need of early registration.

Show to Be Scientific. This contest will be the most accurately conducted, it is contended, of any yet held. The entries will be assigned to special hours so there will be no rush and no unnecessary delays. Mrs. Bayly, expert that she is, will have general supervision.

IMBLER ANNUAL COLT SHOW BOOMS

The success attending the colt show held in Imbler last year convinced the people of the North end of the valley that much good can be derived from such an exposition and it has been decided to hold a similar show again this year on Monday, Feb. 7th, immediately following the short courses of the O. A. C. at La Grande.

Some of the extension service men will most likely remain to assist in the judging, as the work done at these gatherings is highly educational, and right in line with the efforts of the state to bring about a higher development in all lines of animal husbandry.

Backed up by the efforts of men such as S. L. Brooks, W. R. Ledbetter, John Wells, Albert Hunter, J. E. Reynolds, J. D. Woodell and others who are known and recognized in promoting any good cause, there can be little doubt as to the worth of the gathering together of the young animals for inspection and comparison.

The entries are not limited to local colts but are open to all the county, and in fact competition is invited with any breeders who believe they have colts which will show good qualities.

There will be entries in all breeds of full blood draft stock, and the grades will be classed by name according to the blood of the sire. Colts of one breed are not shown on competition with other breeds except in a sweepstakes showing of the winners.

The competitive ages are for colts under one year, one year and under two, two years and under three.

Special first, second and third premium ribbons will be issued to the winners in an extra class of full-blood draft mares, but the special attention is given to the colts.

The Imbler Colt Show is in no manner a money-making scheme, for there are no entry charges, no admission fee, and the prizes are honorary ribbons, yet it is highly commendable in that it is being promoted for the general good and welfare of a particular branch of the valley's industries and one which has often turned the eyes of outsiders to the Grande Ronde Valley when in need of good horses.

Business men can do no better than to set aside that day for a visit to their neighboring town, thereby showing a real interest in the material increase of worthy enterprise, while the farmer who of necessity must raise colts can by no means afford to miss the opportunity. Remember the date February 7th, and spend that day in Imbler.

INCOME TAX HELD VALID

Washington, Jan. 24.—The supreme court has held the federal income tax constitutional.

Five cases in which the income tax law was upheld by the lower courts were appealed to the supreme court. These were grouped and argued in October, 1915. The attorney general is allowed to file briefs in two of these cases not involving the U. S.

In a complaint against the United Pacific railroad, stockholders Frank R. Brushaber charged that that part of the law taxing incomes received before Oct. 3, 1913, was unconstitutional, because the law was not then in effect. He declared it discriminatory because it exempted fraternal, agricultural, business civic and similar bodies. He declared it took property without process of law by arbitrarily fixing classes, by exempting small incomes. He declared the provision compelling corporations to pay one percent upon their coupons and bond interest; income, was unconstitutional because they might be paying coupons or bonds owed by persons whose incomes were not large enough to be taxed, but who had not notified the company; that the added bookkeeping necessary would be unjust discrimination against the company.

John F. and H. E. Dodge of Detroit said the law is unconstitutional because it levys an additional tax on the net incomes of individuals and parties, but not upon the incomes of corporations.

In the case of John R. Stanton New York, against the Baltic Mining

Monastir Is Raided

ROSE SLOGAN PROMPTS LINES

UNKNOWN JINGLER LOSES SENTIMENTAL LINES.

Bertha Slater Smith Tribute Picked Up in Store—Lines Unique.

La Grande is well supplied with couplet writers and producers of jingles with sentiment. It will be remembered that Bertha Slater Smith, born and raised in this city, recently won the Portland Rose Show prize for producing the best slogan. Her production was:

"For you a rose in Portland grows."

Saturday some La Grande individual still unknown but with a clever line of sentiment and poetical meter perfection, called at the Ash Bros. store and accidentally dropped on the floor the scribbled lines of an addenda to the Portland rose show slogan. Roll Baker, a clerk in the store, found the manuscript, and holds it for the owner who may have it by calling there.

Here are the lines written in compliment to the Portland poet laureate:

Mrs. Bertha Slater Smith, lest you forget, To add to your verse—it's not too late yet— A few inviting words to your birth town.

Word it like this—now don't turn us down—

"La Grande, La Grande, the home my parents chose, "For you a rose in Portland grows."

BIG PROGRAM TOMORROW

Neighborhood Club Anticipates Splendid Time Tuesday Evening.

The committee for the Scholarship Loan fund of the Neighborhood club has prepared a delightful evening's entertainment for tomorrow evening, Tuesday, Jan. 25.

After the short program light refreshments will be served and the rest of the evening spent in sociability and meeting the strangers who may be present.

This is an open meeting and members are requested to invite their friends. No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be made for the Scholarship Loan fund.

The ladies composing the committee are Mesdames George Palmer, O. E. Silverthorn, F. J. Holmes, C. A. Nichols, C. H. Scranton, Henry T. Hill, George Currey, C. R. Hibberd, E. E. Kirtley.

The full program will appear in tomorrow's paper.

RUSE IS RESENTED.

King Nicholas Sprang Armistice Talk to Gain More Time.

Rome, Jan. 24.—Remnants of the Montenegrin army are in grave danger of capture. Austrians are reported to be heading eastward to stop the retreat toward the Adriatic and Serbians and Albanians are rapidly heading to Corfu. Within a fortnight the Italian troops in Albania will clash with Austrians. Officials have confirmed the report that King Nicholas has adopted a ruse in getting an armistice from the Austrians to gain time for a retreat. It is feared, therefore, Teutons will wreak a bloody vengeance when the trick becomes known.

Foleys at Salt Lake

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Foley, who are on an extended honeymoon trip, are at present in Salt Lake, on their way to the big places of the east.

Leases Swaney House.

Mrs. H. B. Leiter, the proprietress of the Arcade, has leased the Swaney home and is moving in today.

Senator Kiddle Home.

After spending several days in Portland on business Senator Kiddle has returned home. Just at present most of the Kiddles are busy writing checks for the dollar wheat that is being marketed.

Sheepman in City.

R. N. Stanfield, one of the wealthiest sheepmen of Umatilla county, with headquarters in the town named in his honor, was a guest in the city today, being registered at the Foley.

Able to Leave Hospital.

Mrs. Bess Scriber, who has been under treatment at the Grande Ronde hospital for several days, has sufficiently recovered to return home.

Dance at Grange Hall.

A dance was given Saturday evening at the Riverside grange hall and was under direction of L. C. Stilwell. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable time.

Fruitdale Boy Ill.

A little son in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Duckett, of Fruitdale, has been seriously ill for several days. The sickness is considered partially a result of an attack of la grippe.

ALLIES SWEEP OVER THE CITY KILLING MANY

WHILE GERMANS ATTACK THE ENGLISH COAST WITH NEW CRAFT, ALLIES ACT.

GREATER PROTECTION TO LONDON LOUDLY DEMANDED

Aerial Attacks Numerous and Bloody During Yesterday and Today—Bishop of Metz Home Struck by Bomb, Several Being Killed—Retaliation Under Way.

Salonika, Jan. 24.—Squadron of 45 French aeroplanes bombarded the Austro-Bulgarian headquarters at Monastir Sunday, causing great damage.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Official announcement is made that French aviators bombs struck the residence of the Bishop of Metz, killing two civilians, and wounding eight. One machine was shot down and the aviator captured. The bombs also struck the court of the Metz hospital.

German aviators retaliating, bombarded the railroad stations and military establishments, behind the western front.

Allied aviators raided Monastir, killing several inhabitants and wounding others. Concerning the western front the statement said: "Germans had the upper hand in several air engagements. Lively artillery and aeroplane tactics along the entire west front. Artillery north of Divinska set a Russian train afire."

Berlin, Jan. 24.—(Wireless to Sayville)—The Admiralty has announced that German naval aeroplanes bombarded the station and barracks at Dover Sunday morning.

More Protection Demanded.

London, Jan. 24.—Newspapers have predicted a renewal of aerial attacks, declaring Fokkers will undoubtedly supplant Zeppelins. They demanded greater preparations for defending London. The Times assailed the censor for forbidding publication of actual localities of two attacks yesterday. One killed, 6 injured, stands the official number.

The Chronicle correspondent at the front reported a British aviator has routed two Fokkers.

RAIDS BRING FRUITS.

Many Ships Go Down and Coast Towns Bombarded and Looted.

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—It is officially announced that Russian torpedo boats sank 33 Turkish windjammers and destroyed seven at the docks during the raid on the Anatolian coast. The villages of Sampson and Onnehatz were bombarded and stores, barracks and custom houses destroyed.

Praise for Light Company.

Occasionally the world looks upon effort with compassion and even praise. This is true of the late condition in La Grande when the storm tore away electric lines and it looked as though the city would be dark, the newspaper would have no power to run its presses and the meat man would have to let the sausage mill take a rest. Extra effort on the part of the light company tided the city over and saved it from darkness. The numerous words of praise for the quick and efficient should make Manager Harmon feel that there is a spirit of justice and equity in the people whom he serves—throughout the Grande Ronde valley at least.

GOVERNOR IN COUNTY.

Executive and Mrs. Withycombe Visit With Son Robert.

Governor and Mrs. James Withycombe were passengers from Salem this morning en route to Union to visit their son Robert, who is in charge of the Eastern Oregon experiment station.

Robert Withycombe, manager of the experiment station, at Union, met his parents here this morning, he coming over on No. 17 and returning on the noon train.

Pioneer Lady Ill.

Mrs. H. A. Thomas, wife of Park-keeper Thomas, went to Lower Cove yesterday where she was called on account of the illness of Mrs. J. Q. A. Richardson, a well known pioneer resident of that section.