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ORIN SHAFER PASSES AWAY

LAY OVER TWO YEARS WITH
BROKEN BACK.

Victim of Sawdust Cave-in at Ladd
Canyon Now is Dead.

After more than two years of complete helplessness due to a broken back sustained when a pile of sawdust from which he was loading a wagon, caved in on him, Orin Shafer, is dead. He was hurt two years ago last January while working in a Ladd Canyon sawdust pile. His back was broken. He was given surgical attention and after a time was sent to Texas where his father resided, making the trip on a specially-made stretcher. During the entire period of time he was unable to sit up, and suffered much pain. Death came yesterday according to information received here by James Moss and others. The body is due to arrive here for burial next Thursday, and interment will take place in the Summerville cemetery. As the exact hour of arrival is vague, further announcement will be made in the Observer prior to the funeral date. His father will accompany the remains to La Grande.

Y. M. C. A. BUSY

New Swimming Class Arrangement
Made—Open to Non-Members Too

Last Sunday afternoon the Y. M. C. A. lobby was well filled with men listening to the splendid lecture by Dr. Edwards on the life and character of Lincoln. This was followed by a discussion group, led by Andrew Marker, taking for study "Lincoln as a Christian." These discussion groups will become a regular feature of the afternoon Sunday meetings, taking up some popular theme for study.

Next Sunday Dr. H. L. Underwood will give a lecture on "The scientific argument for a clean life." Dr. Underwood is well fitted to lecture on this subject having made a careful study along the lines of social purity both in this country and abroad. This meeting will be for men only and it is hoped that a large number will attend.

Now that the weather has moderated the Y. M. C. A. tank is again in use. A special swimming class has been organized for Wednesday evening of each week. I. J. Garner, formerly of Portland, will be the instructor of this class. Mr. Garner comes well equipped for this work having taken instruction in the Y. M. C. A. and Multnomah club at Portland. It is hoped a large number of ladies will take advantage of this splendid opportunity of learning to swim. Mr. Clark announces a new plan in regard to ladies. He requests that all ladies who are now members of the association will kindly bring their membership card or receipt. It will not be necessary for any lady to join the Y. M. C. A. to get the benefit of the association. On payment of 25c this privilege will be extended for the one period. All day Wednesday is "Ladies day". Be sure and bring your ticket or receipt.

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CONVENTION IN ELGIN.

Rebekah Assembly Had Fine Session
at Elgin Recently.

The Rebekah convention for this district was held at Elgin, Saturday, Feb. 26. Mrs. Mae Bater not being present, Louis Douglas of La Grande, acted as chairman and Mrs. Frances DeBole, of Elgin, as vice chairman. Mrs. Agness Shoemaker of Elgin was secretary.

During the afternoon session the regular business of the convention was transacted and numerous questions relating to the good of the order were discussed and plans for the next convention were formulated. The president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, Mrs. Rose Palmer, was present and much of the success of the convention was due to her help.

The Elgin lodge had charge of the evening session and their degree staff entertained the visitors by initiating a couple of candidates into the mysteries of the Rebekah Degree, in an interesting and efficient manner.

The president then gave some very helpful instructions and also a short but very interesting account of some of the other conventions she has visited lately.

After lodge closed the Elgin Odd Fellows served a very fine banquet which was enjoyed by all.

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games and having a general good time.

Elgin was chosen as the best meeting place for the convention next year and Mrs. Jessie Yentzer, of Elgin, was elected chairman, Alice Hug vice chairman and Agness Shoemaker as secretary for the next term.

The La Grande delegation came here very enthusiastic over the help they received from the convention. They say they learned a lesson in hospitality that they will not forget.

"The Elgin people certainly showed us a fine time all the time we were there and those Odd Fellows are some fine cooks" was the way one of them expressed it.

Another American Murder.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Grover C. Varn, an American, was murdered last night at his home 25 miles north of Durango by Villistas, a statement to the state department advises today. No further details came with the first intelligence.

Advices said labor conditions in Mexico were threatening and that soldiers are ready to prevent strikes. Conditions are believed to be due to monetary troubles. The general political situation is quiet, although progress has been made by Zapatistas.

STODDARD FAMILY SCARED

Fire Breaks Out In Wall Space Where
It Is Fought At Disadvantage

An obstreperous fire hidden in the joists and in wall space of the George Stoddard home at Fourth and O streets, kept the fire department exceedingly busy for a half hour just before last midnight. The department responded to a telephone call, and for about 30 minutes struggled to get to the blaze which began when the fire-place fire burned through the bottom and ignited the woodwork underneath. No water was turned on and for that reason the damage was slight. It took 41 gallons of chemicals to get at the root of the fire, which, when reached by climbing over the heating plant, was ready to jump into the wall spaces on the main floor. Once in that combustible material it would have done heavy damage quickly.

Spain Gets Verdict For \$400

Baker, Feb. 29.—At 2:30 Sunday afternoon the jury in the damage action of John Spain against the O. W. R. & N. reported a sealed verdict, which was read in court at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, the jury allowing the plaintiff \$400 damages against the defendant company. In the first trial of the case in the local court, Spain was awarded \$1500.

Spaniard Run Down By Train

Baker, Feb. 29.—Run down by a train on the O. W. R. & N. backing from Ensina to Quartz at 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Pedro Ormachea, aged about 40 years, a Spanish laborer at the Carroll B. mine, was instantly killed, both legs being severed from his body, while his head was so badly crushed as to be absolutely disfigured. A jury sitting on the case in this city last night, returned to Coroner Earl F. West, the verdict that Ormachea came to his death by being run over by a train, but failed to attach any blame to the train crew, or to exonerate them.

TROUBLES OF THE MAYVILLES

Former La Grande People Have
Troubles in Court in Baker.

Baker, Feb. 29.—With larceny of a dwelling house as the chief allegation, the damage suit of Mayme Hawkins against her former husband, A. N. Mayville and O. W. Thompson of Durkee, commenced this morning in circuit court. The plaintiff asks \$350 as a value of the house and \$75 for damage done to the cellar and a well on the property.

That she bought the Mayville ranch from the defendant this winter and received a deed for the property before the house was removed, was the testimony of the plaintiff. She was followed by G. H. Waale, who appraised the house as being worth \$350.

Thompson took the stand in his own defense, testifying that he bought the house from Mayville in August, 1910, while Mayville's testimony was to the same effect. U. G. Cady and C. A. Cary both of Durkee, testified as to the property lines, to show that the house was on a 30 foot strip reserved by Mayville in the deed given his ex-wife.

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PERRY SCHOOLS CELEBRATE

Appropriate Exercises in Honor of
Washington's Birthday.

Perry, Feb. 28.—(Special)—Washington's Birthday was very fittingly observed here last night. The Parent Teacher Association, in cooperation with the two schools presented a program, which so far as amusement for the audience was concerned, has never been equaled. The program as rendered was as follows:
Song by all "Columbia."
Reading "Washington" by Estrid Johansen
Maxims, by boys of the first and second grades.
Reading, "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" Ruby Giltner.
Solo, "Some Ones Dear" Mrs. Reher.
Reading, "Washington's Little Hatchet" Golda Pohrman.
Recitation, "Our Washington" Rulon Davis.
Recitation, "All but One", Miss Elizabeth Bond.

Song by all, "America."
Recitation, "Flag of the Brave" Nellie Holmes.
Musing Maxims, by third grades, with solo accompaniment by Rulon Davis.
Song "Mt. Vernon Bells" by seventh grade pupils.
Recitation, "Did Washington cut down the cherry tree" Herbert Reher.
Recitation, "She Stood on the Bar of Justice" Edna Stoddard.
Recitation, "Washington's Cherry Pie" Lucile Reher.
Recitation, "George Washington."
Reading, "Washington's Bravery," Evelyn Buttler.
Remarks, "What made Washington Great." F. E. Barneman.
Punk and wit, "My Little Caboose" N. J. Nelson.
Closing remarks of appreciation, by Mrs. C. F. Robertson President of the Parent-Teacher Association.

cept in extremely heavy snow when traffic is always blocked regardless of the nature of the road construction.

Island City Road the Example.

The county court is doubtless taking the road from La Grande to Island City as an example of what grading, drainage and gravel construction can accomplish, and it is believed the purpose is to make all valley roads into such gravel highways just as fast as labor can do it. Anyway, the county court assures the people that with this season's work there will be very noticeable improvement in the roads.

"We are mindful of the entire population of Union county when it comes to road building," said County Judge Phy today, "And we want to serve just as many as possible as quickly as possible. We realize there must be a system adopted in the county for road work if anything permanent is accomplished, and with that in mind we have plans for constant and steady work on the valley roads beginning this year, with the intent and belief that we can lay such roads as we have from La Grande to Island City all over this valley in the course of reasonable time at a very economical expense, comparatively speaking"

GRAVEL ROAD.

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