

EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN

DEATH LIST IS SWELLED EARLY TODAY

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POURS GASOLINE INTO COOK STOVE

Five Killed in Accident; Two Died Early Today as Result of Burns and Explosion.

EUGENE, Dec. 7.—Six small children and one woman are dead today and three grown persons, and one child are suffering from burns received last night when a can of gasoline mistaken for kerosene exploded in the stove to aid a smouldering fire. Mrs. Iver Johnson at whose house the explosion occurred, and Hazel Church, one of the seriously injured children, died early today, making the death list seven.

The dead include Mrs. Iver Johnson, Marvel Johnson, four, Leroy Johnson, two, William Church, six, Orelle Church, five, Ida Church, three, and Hazel Church, four. Iver Johnson and Clifford Johnson, aged one, and Mr. and Mrs. James Church are in the hospital. Mr. Johnson was not seriously burned and may live, are the reports from the hospital today.

According to Mr. Johnson's story, his wife mistook the gasoline can for the kerosene can, and an explosion followed, filling the house with flames. The Church family recently came from Radeville, Saskatchewan, and were visiting the Johnsons.

GOODING, OF IDAHO, BLAMES UNION PACIFIC

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Declaring that Idaho was faced with an impractical railroad monopoly by the Union Pacific, and that if the Central Pacific were separated from the Southern Pacific it would fall into the control of the Union Pacific Senator Gooding, republican, of Idaho, today urged the interstate commerce commission to grant that made Southern Pacific petition of control of the Central Pacific.

He said that the Union Pacific had wrecked Idaho by high rates.

Mary C. Wade, Pioneer Lady Died Yesterday

The onward march of time has claimed another of the Grande Ronde pioneers. Mary C. Wade, one of the best known pioneer ladies of this valley died yesterday afternoon at her home on Fourth street. She was the wife of Phares E. Wade, and their marriage occurred on June 18th, 1865. Her husband died in 1894.

Adolph Groupe Frozen to Death in the Hills Up Catherine Creek Country

Adolph Groupe, aged 23, perished in the storm in the Catherine creek hills in what is known as the "Park" country between Medical Springs and Union sometime during the last 48 hours and his body was found by searchers today at 10 o'clock.

It is said that Johnny Buff Jack Britton, who lost their

How Does Th Strike You?

A well improved three-acre tract just outside of the City limits, block from the paved highway.

A fine acre tract and a dandy room house, with other good improvements just outside the city limits.

Strictly modern 5-room home, 5th St., near Adams Ave. Must be sold at once. Will sell furnished or unfurnished. Bargain price and terms. If you want something let us show you this place.

Five room modern home in the block on Y. avenue. Two lots, toilet, electric lights, city water, garage. Macadamized street. \$2500; \$400 cash.

A five-room modern home, large corner lot on 12th street, block from paved street. \$2500; cash. Will take a good car as payment.

Apartment house, a rooming house and a restaurant also for sale.

PYRAMID LAND CO
F. N. Ford
Notary Public

"Comfortable as an old shoe"

WOOD DECLINES OFFER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Major General Wood, governor of the Philippines, has decided to remain at his present post and not to accept an offer by the University of Pennsylvania to be provost of that institution, according to information received here today.

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Five children were born: William T. Wade of Elgin, Lucy A. Wade of La Grande, Emma Conover of Payette, Idaho, Mrs. Carrie Hubbard of La Grande and Walter E. Wade, deceased. One sister, Mrs. Jeanette Tuttle of Imbler, and one brother, B. F. Myers of Caldwell, Idaho, survive her. The deceased became a member of the Christian church forty-seven years ago.

Record Attendance Is Expected at Conference

In addition to the 75 delegates who had sent in their enrollment to the Older Boys' conference to begin in La Grande tomorrow afternoon, several more registrations were received today and those in charge are confidently expecting the conference to be attended by about 200 delegates. Union county is expected to be represented by about 75, Baker county by about 50, Walla Walla county by about 30 and Umatilla county by about 35. Other nearby counties will send smaller quotas.

Union is coming over strong under the wing of Superintendent Roy Conklin, who will bring about 15 delegates. Condon sends 7, Echo 2, Lostine 3, Muddy Creek 2, and Helix 5, all of which were received today. Gene Hall, superintendent of the Haines schools, will accompany a delegation of eight boys.

La Grande will decide upon her delegation this evening in a meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. at seven o'clock and about 40 or 50 delegates are expected to be named.

Leader Here.
A. E. Young, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., arrived in La Grande yesterday and has taken up his headquarters at the conference headquarters at the Y. M. C. A. and is making the final and definite arrangements for the three-day meeting.

TWO MEET DEATH
EUGENE, Dec. 7.—George D. Linn, proprietor of the Eugene Sand and Gravel company, and Henry Neale, employee, were drowned in the Willamette river today when a post upset.

WHEAT MARKET
PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—Wheat is quoted today at \$1.12 to \$1.18.

THE WEATHER
PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—Tonight and Friday will be fair.

YOU NEVER CAN TELL



HALES SHOT AND KILLED IN IRELAND

Announcement is Made in Irish Parliament By President Cosgrove.

DEPUTY O'MALLE RECEIVED WOUNDS

Two Men Were Attacked While on Their Way to Parliamentary Session; Assaults Unknown.

(By Associated Press.)
DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—President Cosgrove announced to parliament today that Deputy Hales had been shot and killed and that Deputy O'Malle, who was deputy speaker, had been wounded while on their way to the parliamentary session.

Bombs Military Car.
(By Associated Press.)
CORK, Dec. 7.—Powerful bomb was thrown at a military car today. The missile did not reach mark, but exploded nearby, wounding two men, two women. The bomb thrower escaped.

Tomorrow's Program.
The conference opens tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock with registration and assignment to places of entertainment. A session of song service and devotional will be held at four o'clock and a leaders' meeting at 4:45, with an address by W. W. Dillon, telling of the aims of the conference. A banquet will be held at the L. D. S. Amusement hall at 6:15 to which the delegates and the fathers and sons of La Grande are invited. Each father is expected to invite a delegate for the evening and they are urged to meet at the Y before the banquet to receive their adopted son. Preliminary to an address by the Rev. George L. Clark, which closes the evening, an election and installation officers will be held.

MURDERESS IS STILL IN HIDING
Reports of Seeing Clara Phillips in Tijuana Proved False; Whereabouts Still a Mystery.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 7.—Reports that Mrs. Clara Phillips, Los Angeles hammer murderess, was seen in Tijuana yesterday and had possibly taken refuge in a cabin near the ocean, proved false today after an investigation by officers.

ORDINANCE PASSED BY CITY COMMISSION DEMANDS ALL PROPERTY OWNERS KEEP THEIR SIDEWALKS FREE.

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The action was taken due to the fact that the piling up of snow and the forming of ice on the sidewalks in the city make walking dangerous and a hazard to pedestrians.

Other matters that came before the meeting were an application for a building on Fir street by Wang Sing, which was denied, an application for a rooming house on the corner of Fir and Jefferson by John Baxter, which was denied, a resolution authorizing the deeding to Bernard Snow of lots 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 18, Padmore's addition, was passed, he having paid all assessments in full, current bills were allowed and the monthly reports were presented.

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UPTON GIVEN SUPPORT OF DELEGATION

Pendleton Meeting Last Evening Settled Question of Senate Presidency.

At a meeting of state senators from Eastern Oregon held in Pendleton last night it was decided by a majority vote of the delegation to support Senator Jay Upton for president of the state senate at the coming session of the legislature.

It will be remembered last July a meeting of senators from east of the mountains was held and all agreed to vote as a unit whichever way the majority of the delegation might be. At the meeting last night this agreement among the senators was declared in force. A majority vote favoring Senator Upton of the entire delegation will be cast according to the original agreement.

With the Willamette valley and Western Oregon senators who are supporting Senator Upton the number of votes he has for the presidency is sixteen or sufficient to elect him.

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KILLING IS CHARGED TO W. KESSLER

Coroner Jury Recommends An Investigation By Grand Jury

MANSLAUGHTER IS CHARGED BY COUNTY

Prosecuting Attorney Files Charges of Manslaughter Against Car Driver Today.

A charge of manslaughter was filed in the justice of peace court today by E. R. Ringo, prosecuting attorney, against William Kessler, driver and owner of the car that was wrecked near Union December 2, resulting in the death of Arthur Cleaver and the injuring of other occupants.

The charge was filed on the recommendation of the coroner's jury, who met in the Bohnenkamp chapel yesterday at four o'clock.

Jury's Verdict.
The verdict of the jury was: We, the coroner's jury in the case of the death of Arthur Cleaver, find that he came to his death on December 2, 1922, in the morning in an automobile wreck about one-half or three-fourths mile west of Union on the Oregon State highway, said auto being an Oldsmobile eight, driven by a man by the name of William Kessler, and, from evidence offered, said Kessler was totally drunk and wholly under the influence of liquor and was unfit to drive and this jury recommends that William Kessler be held for investigation by the grand jury, also recommend that his driver's license be revoked at once. Signed by six members of the jury and the county coroner.

Immediate Action Taken.
The verdict was presented to the prosecuting attorney this morning and in filing the charge he stated, "We have had entirely too much reckless and drunken driving in the past and it must be stopped. If the accident had occurred during the day when traffic is heavier, it might have resulted in an even more serious occurrence, as evidence showed that the car zigzagged for scores of yards before turning over. Demon drivers must be apprehended."

William Kessler is still at the Hot Lake sanatorium although he is recovered. His arrest will be made immediately and an examination will be held in the justice court following his arrest.

The other occupants of the car are recovering nicely with the exception of Madge Smith, whose back was broken. Her injuries, while not fatal are very serious and will necessitate her remaining under medical care for some time.

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