

MANY ATTEND GRANGE SOCIAL

MEDICAL BURNING (Special)
The Grange gave a social Saturday evening. There was a large attendance. After the meeting luncheon was served by the ladies of the Grange.

Mrs. P. J. Powers has been visiting friends at Baker. She returned home Monday morning.

J. D. Harlan is reported to be ill at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelly were shopping at Baker Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Orr, of Elgin, motored to Medical Monday morning. They left for Baker in the afternoon.

Ed Beckman, of the Twin Falls mine, was a visitor at the Hob Wanker home here Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Duncan and family and Mr. Duncan's mother, Mrs. Julia Duncan, spent Sunday visiting relatives at La Grande.

Vernon Love and Mrs. Fay Love were visiting at Medical Monday.

George South left for Huntington Saturday to spend a few days at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Witt, Mrs. George South and Mrs. J. P. Kennedy attended services at the Christian church at Baker Sunday morning.

The Rev. G. Mathok and Mrs. Mathok were Saturday afternoon callers at the home of Mrs. J. P. Kennedy and Mrs. George Kosby.

Desert That Baffled Cortez Is Conquered By U. S. Engineers

MEXICALI, Lower Cal. (AP)
Four hundred years after the desert south of here and surrounding the head of the Gulf of California had defied the undertaker, U. S. engineers, an American railroad is being built across those sands that promise to wear out untold wealth from the waste which balked the Spanish conquistadors.

The line, 170 miles long, which will connect this town on the California-Mexico border with San Diego, the nearest point on the Gulf of California where a deep water harbor is available, must be completed, according to contract, in 1927.

Frontiers of the desert domain back to the railroad to split the wood of progress with three great changes.

Spanned the lower Colorado river with its waters.

Proved a new system of defense, through levees on which the road will travel, against the floods of the Colorado.

Open the way for reclamation of 2,000,000 acres of fertile delta land.

Cortez, the daring Spaniard who through Mexico under the roof of Aztec and Chaco, sent expedition after expedition into this waste between the years 1527 and 1541. He wished to discover a northern route around what he called the "Island of California," and he desired above all else to locate and loot the fabled rich Mexican Cities of Cibola.

He failed, he built his quays, but while the Spanish adventurer with his sword pointed down to great the American engineer with his theodolite is engineering victory.

The railroad originally was started by the Mexican government in 1878, but after ten miles of road had been graded the U. S. troops revolution broke out and construction stopped.

In 1924, Harry Chandler of Los Angeles and a group of associates obtained a contract from the Mexican government under which they were given a 99-year lease, and

Wife of Hammer Victim



Mrs. Prudence Clark, whose husband, William J. Clark, was tragically murdered by a hammer sayer at Hillsdale, N. J. Joseph Court, called for the police to have been in love with Mrs. Clark, before he died. Allegations that an elopement was planned have been denied and Mrs. Clark has been closely questioned and examined by the police to determine if she had any knowledge of the circumstances or Covert's purported motives.

allowed three and one-half years to complete the line. It will be known as the Mexicali and Gulf railroad.

The builders' concession includes the right to construct wharves, cotton gins, commissaries, and oil mills at San Felipe, which will become a shipping center to the western United States via Panama, and across Europe and Asia.

The concession is a fishing paradise which has been open for the Gulf of California abounds in hundreds of varieties of fish, great and small.

French Cat, With a Price On Its Fur, Needs All Its Lives
PARIS, (AP)—Cats are becoming so popular with furriers that they now need their proverbial nine lives more than ever.

The only difference between the sleek, well-bred household favorite and the ordinary, low-cost variety of the neighborhood, is that the former may find himself transformed into a cloak and christened with a high-sounding name, while the other goes into the making of rugs for automobiles.

20-YEAR DELAY IN LETTER OF MAN LIVING 16 MILES AWAY
SAINT ETIENNE, France (AP)—Mrs. Françoise Dilland is now the wife of one of the village's prominent citizens, but she will not say "I am might have been" had a letter from one of her numerous suitors, written September 24, 1905, been delivered on time.

Mrs. Dilland then lived at Montbrison. The letter was posted at Saint Jean Stobertoux, 16 miles away. The letter arrived just 20 days late.

FREIGHT CARS WRECKED
ROSENBERG, Ore.—Six gondolas and flat cars belonging to the Southern Pacific company were wrecked on the spur track leading to the lime quarry above Carney station. The cars, which were being switched on a grade, broke loose from the train and gathering great momentum in a long, wild dash down the track, finally leaped the rails and piled up in a heap of wreckage.

No workmen were on the cars and no one was injured.

OPEN GREEK THEATERS HAVE RIVAL IN ILLINOIS

JACKSONVILLE, Ill. (AP)—A Greek theater has been opened in Jacksonville that is described as more perfect in its circular formation and acoustics than many of the open-air theaters built by the ancient Greeks.

Its walls form a perfect circle. Professors from the Art Institute of Chicago designed it, directed its construction, and also the first performance in it, occasioned by the Jacksonville centennial.

Half a year ago there was a huge round water reservoir where the theater now stands. When 500 steam had been drawn from all walks of life to play in the centennial pageant, the necessity for a large playhouse presented itself. The old reservoir was transformed. The north side of the bowl was partially knocked out to make place for the entrance and stairs. Circular seating levels were made of concrete, sufficient to seat 6000 people. The stage was built on three levels to accommodate the

stantaneous changes of scenes without curtains. This is accomplished by turning the light off the stage and shining a bright light in the faces of the audience. The theater is owned by the city. The 60-piece band which plays in it is the Jacksonville Community band. The musicians get paid whenever there is any money in the treasury, but when there is no money they starve anyhow. Their last concert netted them 2 cents each for the performance.

Worm Turns and Now Leaders in France Have the Blues

PARIS, (AP)—The note shaver and chattel mortgage specialists in France have the blues. To many of the profession it seems that the only remedy is for the money lender to retire from business until the return of better times.

Changed conditions of life in France is the principal cause. Borrowing has gone on even more extensively, but all of it has not been spent in riotous living. Part of

the loans has gone into foreign oil or mining stocks which, advancing automatically in value as the franc went down, brought handsome profits. The borrower began paying interest to the lender in depreciated francs, pocketing the profits and then borrowing more money to finance new deals.

Child of Soviet Probation Marriage Has No Religion
MOSCOW (AP)—Children born of parents wedded on "probation," a ceremony authorized under the latest Soviet marriage code, are presumed to have no religion unless they are 16, when they may choose any form of worship or none at all.

This is another offspring in the freedom and ease with which matrimony and divorce can be effected that is attributed largely to the separation of the church from the state and to the government's desire to give both sexes absolute equality in all activities of life.

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