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DIES OF BURNS

Home Destroyed By Fire

Mrs. Orval Decker Frightfully Burned Last Saturday Morning Succumbs to Injuries.

Mrs. Orval Decker died Sunday evening as a result of burns received Saturday when her home was destroyed by fire.

The Deckers were living on the old John Dura place, west of the Malheur river bridge, which was sold a short time ago to Mr. Kazort and leased a few weeks ago to Mr. Decker.

The Deckers were out in the field when the fire was discovered and rushed to the house, where the baby was asleep. Mrs. Decker got into the house first and fell down, probably fainting. Mr. Decker went in and got her out and then went back and rescued the baby from another part of the room where the fire had not reached. Mrs. Decker's clothing was burned off and she only lived until Sunday evening. Mr. Decker was severely burned around the face and hands, but not seriously.

A subscription was taken up to enable the husband to take the body of his wife to Colorado for burial.

MAN HAS HEAD CUT OFF BY FREIGHT TRAIN

It is Presumed Unfortunate Man Fell Between Cars -- Unknown Here

The body of a man named Gallagher was found on the railroad tracks near Nyasa Wednesday morning.

It is supposed that he fell between the cars some way and went under the wheels as he was badly mangled.

The body was cold when found and it is supposed several trains passed over him. Little is known of the man except that he had been working at odd jobs in the neighborhood for several months.

NO CHOICE INDICATED IN MEXICAN ELECTION RETURNS

Mexico City.—At the close of the Mexican election indications were that not sufficient votes had been cast to constitute a legal choice for the presidency to succeed General Victoriano Huerta.

It was estimated, judging from the results in the capital, where it was expected the vote would be up to the average, that fewer than 10,000 of the 80,000 eligible voters in the federal district went to the polls. There are about 3,000,000 eligible voters in the entire republic. It would be no surprise if congress, the members of which also were voted for, declared the election void when the body is organized and revises the returns.

The leaders of the Catholic party claimed a long lead for their candidates, Frederico Gamboa and General Rascon. If this claim is correct, it is generally thought that General Felix Diaz and Senor Requena ran second.

There was no disorder in Mexico City. The polling places opened at 9. The election officials appeared to be a representative class of citizens. So far as could be ascertained, no government employes served in that capacity.

Diaz Severs Last Tie With Huerta. Vera Cruz.—The last shred binding General Felix Diaz and General Victoriano Huerta was severed when General Diaz telegraphed to the department of war his resignation as brigadier-general of the army.

General Diaz applied to the American consulate Monday night for protection and was taken on board the United States gunboat Wheeling.

CHURCH QUESTIONS REMAIN UNSETTLED

New York.—The general convention of 1913 of the Protestant Episcopal church passed into history in hopeless deadlock on two important resolutions, with the most far-reaching topic of legislation before it unconsidered by one house because of an error in the other, and with a positive refusal to consider a request of the Women's Christian Temperance union that unfermented grape juice be substituted for wine in the communion service.

On the proposal to establish a separate bishopric for negroes in the south and on the proposed elimination of the words "Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics," the house of bishops and the house of deputies were deadlocked.

On the proposal to require a two-thirds vote to change the name of the church, adopted by the deputies, the bishops refused to act because the resolution was sent to them only the day before adjournment, while it was adopted by the lower house more than two weeks ago. The original draft of the resolution was mislaid.

REDEDICATE CONGRESS HALL

President Wilson Occupies the Historic Chair Used by John Hancock.

Philadelphia.—Congress hall, in historic Independence square, where the senate and house of representatives sat from 1790 to 1800, was rededicated with patriotic exercises, the occasion marking the completion of the restoration of the hall to almost its original appearance.

President Wilson was the central figure in the ceremonies and delivered a 20-minute address.

The president was the last speaker. He sat in the high-backed chair which was used by John Hancock when he presided over the continental congress.

Katherine Elkins Weds Young Mitt. Elkins, W. Va.—Katherine Elkins, daughter of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins, was married here to William F. R. Hitt. Miss Elkins name was prominently before the public recently in connection with a report that she was to wed the Duke of Abruzzi. The bride is a granddaughter of ex-United States Senator Gassaway Davis, and Mr. Hitt is a son of a former representative in congress from Illinois.

CHARLES F. MARVIN



Photo by American Press Association. Charles F. Marvin, who was recently appointed chief of the United States weather bureau.

ALFALFA EXPERT TO GIVE LECTURES IN THIS COUNTY

Arrangements are being made to have Prof. Holden, the alfalfa expert, deliver several lectures in this county about the 10th of November. Prof. Holden believes alfalfa should be raised on most of the land in this section, with or without irrigation and his talk will undoubtedly be of interest to every holder of land in this section.

Oregon Wins Trophy. Tulsa, Okla.—The state of Oregon was presented with a silver loving cup given by the Chicago Association of Commerce for having the best state or district exhibit of farm products at the International Soil Products exposition which is being held here in connection with the International Dry Farming congress.

NEW HOME OF COMMERCIAL CLUB FORMALLY OPENED

House Warming in New Club Rooms Located in City Hall Building is Enjoyable Affair.

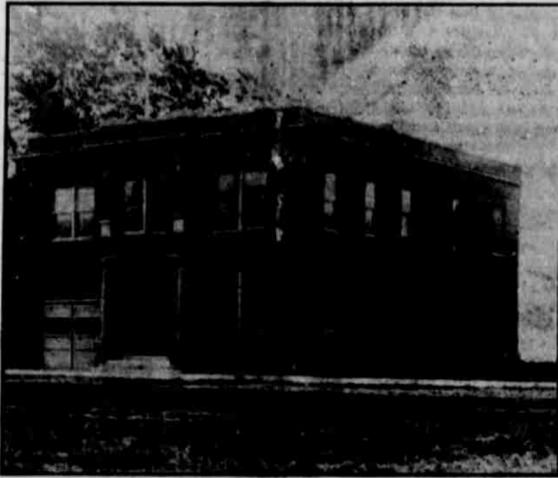
The house warming party at the Commercial club rooms on Wednesday night was attended by over sixty couples and proved a successful affair.

There were nearly eighty tickets sold and the committee having in charge the purchasing of the furniture feel sure they will have a nice fund when the returns are in from the Halloween party to be given Friday evening.

The rooms had been decorated and presented a very inviting appearance and the club members received many compliments on the handsome quarters they have.

The music by Mrs. R. O. Payne and Mr. Brown was all that could be desired by the dancers.

The young people are counting on a big time Friday evening and there will be a large attendance.



THE NEW CITY HALL AND HOME OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

NASHVILLE STUDENTS AT DREAMLAND SUNDAY NIGHT

The Dreamland announces the Nashville Students for Sunday and Monday evenings. They are at the Auditorium theatre in Boise this week and the manager has wired that they are filling the house every night.

They have been here before and gave good satisfaction. They have an excellent band with them and will give a concert in front of the theatre on Sunday evening and a parade and concert Monday. Popular prices, 25 and 35 cents. If you enjoy music and comedy this will be a treat.

Pullman College Team Defeated. Portland.—Three thousand football enthusiasts saw the Multnomah club defeat Washington state college on Winged "M" field, 7 to 0.

Oregon Wins, 27-0, Over Idaho. Eugene.—By a score of 27 to 0, Oregon eliminated Idaho from the race for the conference football championship on Kincaid field.

BIG DRAIN DITCH WILL SOON REACH THE CITY

Hard Gravel Makes Slow Work in Digging--With Under Drainage Alkali Will Soon Disappear.

The big drainage ditch is nearing the center of the city and its effect on the water holes in the northern part is apparent.

In digging the ditch it is found that a layer of concrete gravel and hard pan underlie the old channel and holds all the water from draining through. In this way the alkali cannot be washed through the soil and naturally comes to the surface. With the under drainage it will be but a few years when the white alkali will disappear.

The hard gravel encountered last week held them down to about 700 feet. This week they are out of the old river channel and expect to make better time.

WALLS OF NEW LIBRARY WILL SOON BE FINISHED

The bricklayers on the new library building made good headway last week and the carpenters have the joist in place for the ceiling of the main floor. It will be but a few days more when the bricklayers will finish their work and the roof will be in place.

The work has been delayed some on account of the large amount of concrete used.

Welfare Commissioners Deny Reports. Seattle.—Mrs. Theresa S. McMahon and Mrs. Florence H. Swanson, members of the state industrial welfare commission, issued signed statements complaining that they had been misquoted by the newspapers in their expressions at Everett concerning morals of working girls. Several churches and women's organizations of Everett have requested Governor Lister to remove Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Swanson from the commission.

SIX CARS OF CATTLE SHIPPED THIS WEEK

Trainload of Cattle and Sheep Sent From Juntura Vale Ships Cattle and Horses Same Day

Six carloads of cattle were shipped from here Tuesday by Frank Grice to the Portland market. They were part of the shipment that were brought in here a year ago from Mexico. They were well bred cattle of a fair size for that country and filled out so that they averaged about 1000 pounds.

A shipment of five cars of cattle was made from here on Friday. A train load of cattle and sheep came out from Juntura last Friday and they also shipped some horses and cattle from Vale the same date.

Two carloads of cows and calves were shipped Wednesday to Portland and will be fed in transit at La Grande. They were owned by J. E. Johnson and J. E. Comstock.

U. S. SEEKS NO ADDITIONAL TERRITORY

Mobile, Ala.—While avoiding any mention specifically of Mexico or any European influence connected with the Mexican situation, President Wilson delivered a speech here before the Southern Commercial congress which appeared to be freighted with significance and which served to point with further directness the policy of the United States not only toward Mexico, but toward all Central and South American republics.

A score of South American diplomats sat just behind the president while he spoke and many of his remarks were addressed in conversational tones to them. The president spoke only in general terms, but many of his sentences were pointed with a meaning so clear as to leave little doubt of their intent.

The president's speech was uttered with a confidence which bespoke the dominant part the United States expects to play in the future of the American republics. Not through any idea of "material interest," he carefully explained, but through a love of the people of constitutional liberty.

"The United States never again will seek to obtain one additional foot of territory by conquest," he declared, amid applause.

ATTEMPT TO POISON GIRLS

Mrs. Effie Cresswell, inmate of State Training School, is Arrested.

Salem, Or.—Mrs. Effie Cresswell, an inmate of the state girls' training school, was arrested on a charge of having attempted to poison the other 14 inmates of the institution.

According to Mrs. M. E. Hopkins, acting superintendent of the school, the woman put strychnine in the coffee and tea which was served to the inmates at supper. Several of the girls, upon tasting the beverages, announced that they had a peculiar flavor and Mrs. Hopkins made an investigation.

She says she learned that the Cresswell woman, who was committed from Salem several days ago on a charge of delinquency, had smuggled the poison into the institution and had induced Stella Morgan, committed from Albany; Lula Smith, committed from Corvallis, and Lydia Hill, committed from Columbia county, to put it into the coffee and tea.

THOMAS A. EDISON



© 1913, by American Press Association. Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, who has recovered from a severe illness.

BOY FRACTURES LIMB WHILE PLAYING GAME OF FOOTBALL

Richard Adam, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam, got mixed up in a football game Saturday and received a fractured leg in the scrimmage. The young man has been enduring a lot of pain like a little hero, but is over the worst of it now. Football is a rough game and when indulged in by boy or man broken legs, arms and heads must be expected.

Aggies Unable to Score at Seattle. Seattle.—The University of Washington football team defeated Oregon Agricultural college by a score of 4 to 0 on Denny field here.

TRAINS COLLIDE

And Five Persons Are Injured

Construction Trains West of Vale, on New Line, in Rear End Collision While Rounding Curve.

Five men were injured in a rear end collision near Juntura Wednesday afternoon, between two construction trains. One train was backing up, going west and struck a gravel train at a sharp curve, the two cabooses being wrecked.

Conductor H. H. Byrd was riding on top of the cabooses, watching the track and received a cut on the back of his head and one leg, but was feeling good this morning and it is thought he will soon recover.

Fred Buckley, a brakeman, was riding in the cupola of the caboose on the lookout and his condition is considered serious. He has a badly crushed knee and leg and has not recovered from the shock. He will lose his leg anyway.

Albert Hughes, assistant track superintendent, has head, chest and leg injuries, mostly burns from the stove upsetting. His condition was good this morning and a rapid recovery is looked for.

Westley Hinkson, the dump man of the gravel train died just before he reached the hospital.

One other man was injured and he was left at Vale, and the others were brought to the hospital here on a special train, accompanied by Dr. Bartlett, of Vale, who called in Dr. Payne to assist in dressing the wounds.

FIVE CARLOADS OF CATTLE FROM EL PASO

Are Shipped in By Payette Men and Will be Fed Here Until Spring.

Five carloads of cattle arrived here Friday from El Paso, Texas. These cattle were of all ages, sizes and conditions, 250 having been loaded in five cars. It is said they are the tails of 6000 head and it is easily believed when one takes the time to look them over carefully, as they are certainly the runtiest looking bunch that were ever in the yards here.

There are many that show the old Spanish blood and others that are evidently a cross with some foreign animal, showing a large hump at the shoulders. There are two-year olds in the bunch not any larger than a Jersey calf and four year olds that are no larger than a yearling.

The bunch show what can be expected by inbreeding for centuries as the ponies of Mexico have been doing. The little bulls showing that they pay absolutely no attention to breeding. The animals are very poor, many just able to walk and their appearance indicates they were raised where feed water and were scarce and far apart.

The United States has little to fear from the importation of this grade of foreign beef and it will only compete for the cheaper cuts, it being impossible to get any steak from them.

This is the first of a large number of shipments that are being brought here by Payette men, who figure on wintering them in the valley and taking them to the reserve in the spring.

WORK OF REMODELING THE CARTER HOUSE TO START SOON

The definite plans for remodeling the Carter house are here and soon as the contract can be let the work will be started. The additions will be built on first so that the work will not interfere with the hotel business.