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## CARTER HOUSE IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Workmen Allow Tar to Ignite and New Annex Is Partly Burned,

A fire in the new addition to the Carter house on Saturday afternoon caused quite a commotion and it looked for a while as though the old landmark was doomed.

The workmen were heating some tar for the roof and in some manner it caught fire and in a moment the whole room, with piles of roofing lying over the floor was a mass of flames, accompanied by dense smoke.

The firemen responded promptly and had water on it in a short time but this only tended to increase the fury of the flames as the material had sufficient naphtha in it to spread. Then the chemical engine got busy and did effective work. The fire had worked into the roof and it was necessary to chop many holes to reach the flames. There was some loss in the hotel from the water and smoke, but none of the furniture was moved.

The loss to the annex will be a few hundred dollars.

## SEWER TO BE COMPLETED SOON IF WEATHER ALLOWS

The sewer is nearing completion. The lateral to the graveyard slough will be finished this week and then they will tap the Boyer pond. The catch basins are about all in and the job will be completed before the first of the year.

Bids will be received for the lateral district sewer in a few days and the people in the other sections of the city are getting busy and filing petitions for other laterals to accommodate them so that all sections of the city will be able to connect with the sewer in the early spring if the open weather continues and the work can be prosecuted all through the winter months.

Washington Express Tax Law Fails.

Olympia, Wash.—The state supreme court affirmed the decision of the Thurston county superior court, declaring unconstitutional the law passed in 1907 imposing a 5 per cent gross revenue tax on the state business done by express companies operating in Washington.

## WALLACE POSTOFFICE ROBBED OF \$17,000

Wallace, Idaho.—Without leaving as much as a finger print as a clew, burglars robbed the local postoffice of a little more than \$17,000 and apparently made good their escape.

When the postmaster and clerks arrived in the morning nothing unusual was noticeable around the office. The safe being locked apparently the same as it had been left the night before. Postmaster Presley quickly noted the disappearance of the three registered packages and a hurried investigation followed, revealing the fact that they were missing and robbery had been committed. A thorough search of the office and all doors and windows did not reveal a single clew, as apparently they had not been molested. The safe had been opened without a scratch being made and had been as carefully relocked, the only thing noticeable being that the inner door had not been locked.

Outlaw Not Thought Donnelly.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Guards returning to the state prison with the blood hounds used to trace the Chehalis outlaw say they believe the man is not Mike Donnelley, the escaped murderer from the local prison.

Canada To Exclude All Japanese.

London.—A dispatch from the Times from Tokio says that the Japanese government has been notified that Canada intends to prohibit all immigration to British Columbia for three months.

## PARMA HOGS TAKE PRIZES.

Parma hogs made the Northwest Livestock show at Portland sit up and take notice. One car of hogs shipped last Friday by J. H. Trout was placed on exhibition, with the result that Mr. Trout brought home the silver cup, the sweepstakes prize of \$150 and another of \$75 together with others. It was said to be the finest bunch of hogs ever seen in the northwest and was of the Poland China breed. J. P. Welbourn also shipped one carload of porkers to the Portland market along with Mr. Trout. Frank Grice shipped two and L. H. Lawson a mixed car of cattle and hogs.

## VILLA HOSTILE TO FOREIGN RESIDENTS

Mexican Rebel Leader Seizes  
Property and Makes Un-  
reasonable Demands.

El Paso, Tex.—Americans, Germans and Spaniards, who arrived from Chihuahua, Mex., report that Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, virtually had constituted himself dictator there and that he refused to heed the requests of representatives of foreign governments.

They asserted that the rebel leader had seized \$5,000,000 worth of property belonging to foreigners; had put to death about twenty Mexican civilians, and had commanded the American, German and British consuls to obey rebel orders.

Villa seized a large department store valued at \$1,500,000 and owned by French, German, English and Spanish interests.

He also seized a brewery, a clothing factory and all the grocery and other stores owned by Spaniards, valued at \$3,500,000. He called a meeting of merchants of all nationalities and told them they must pay him sums of money, aggregating several million dollars, to support the revolution.

Villa's expulsion of citizens of Spain all of whom were progressive merchants, was on pain of death.

## DR. MARIA MONTESSORI



Dr. Maria Montessori, originator of the famous Montessori method of teaching small children, who recently arrived in America from Italy.

## INDIAN HELD AS BURGLAR

Series of Robberies Alleged to Have Been Committed in Portland.

Portland.—Richard Mills, a Carlisle Indian school graduate, one-fourth Sioux, and the owner of a 640-acre farm in Nebraska, was arrested here for the alleged robbery of five houses. These are about one-half the house burglaries in Portland since Mills came here, December 9.

Mills, the police charge, is financially well fixed, but steals for the love of the game. He has served a year in Deer Lodge, Mont., for burglary, it is alleged, and, it is also alleged, that he served some time in the Washington state penitentiary in Walla Walla for the same offense.

## VOTE TO TAKE OVER THE FAIR

### Spirited Election Results in a Small Plurality for Proposed Malheur County Fair Measure.

There was an election held in this country on Monday to determine whether the fair at Ontario should be taken over by the county and continued as a county fair or allowed to drop. Up to the time of writing the vote indicates that a majority of the people favor holding a county fair.

The people of Ontario and vicinity were very much interested in seeing the fair continued as they have watched it grow each year since it was started as a small street fair, until it is today recognized as among the best fairs held anywhere. The people of Vale and also Nyssa apparently do not consider a fair of any benefit and therefore voted almost to a person to close the fair and deprive the residents of the county of the opportunity thus afforded to gain information. However, the claim is made by many of the residents of these towns that they did not understand the proposition or they would have supported it.

Among other things, it also brought out the extent of the voting strength of the Cairo, Ontario, Big Bend, Jameson and Juniper precincts, as there were fully 200 voters who did not get to the polls on Monday, the committee being short of automobiles to haul them. It also shows the vote follows:

Precincts	For Agnst	Maj	Maj
Arcadia	33	58	25
Basin	1	4	3
Barren Valley	3	14	11
Big Bend	34	30	4
Bonita	4	34	30
Brogan	19	26	7
Bulky	5	76	71
Cairo	476	57	419
Carlile	16	53	37
Castle Rock	8	9	1
Crowley	4	15	11
Grange	12	131	119
Harper	1	18	17
Jameson	25	41	4
Jordan Valley	20	29	9
Juniper	4	13	9
Junction	78	14	64
Malheur	3	54	51
Nyssa	8	155	147
Ontario	653	16	637
Owyhee	15	50	35
Red Butte	1	33	32
Snake River	31	39	8
Skull Springs	1	7	6
Summit	4	5	1
Star	2	21	19
Three Forks	0	13	13
Westfall	2	34	32
Vale	13	351	338
Totals	1476	1380	1128
Majority for			1022
Total vote	2856	96	

## TO RESUME WORK ON ONTARIO OIL WELL

Work is to be resumed on the Ontario oil and gas well at once by an experienced driller from Mexico, who was driven from the fields by the insurgents.

Shriner, the last driller who worked a the well, has always been sanguine of the success of the well and he wrote to his friend in Mexico to come here and take up the work. The friend sent a scout here and his report was even better than Shriner had represented and then Mason came and made his examination and claims that both men have been too conservative and that he is ready to start work at once and will bring in a commercial oil or gas well. In case he cannot do so he will not expect anything for his work or expenses, on the other hand when he does make it a commercial proposition he is to have a one half interest in the well.

Louis Hurtle has moved his barber shop to the first door north of the harness shop, opposite the M. M. Co. store. The room has been enlarged and made over into one of the coziest shops imaginable. There are two bath rooms and a lavatory and new fixtures are to be installed. He will call it the O. K. barber shop and hopes for a continuance of patronage from the people who appreciate good work.

## WOMEN RECEIVE MUCH PRAISE

Many warm tributes are heard these days for the women, girls and boys who labored on election day to have the fair continued. At each of the fairs held the departments given over to the schools and ladies have been replete with exhibits that were a credit to the exhibitors and of much interest and profit to those who attended the fairs and the girls and boys fully realized the great educational value of it to the community. Their hearts were in it and they did effective work.

## WORK PLANNED FOR IDLE OREGON MEN

Salem, Or.—Governor West called a meeting of the state emergency board for Thursday morning, at which he suggested that a deficiency of \$50,000 be created to give employment on public roads for the next two months to men now out of work. He figures that the money will provide employment for 500 men at \$2 a day and that the work will be of advantage to the state by hastening improvement of thoroughfares.

The decision to call the meeting was reached by the governor after C. C. McCollum, state senator, Mr. West's representative at the meeting of the unemployed in Portland, had made his report. Senator McCollum said that the meeting was orderly and he was convinced that the men actually desired work. The governor said if the proposed road work is undertaken it would have to be done in the regular way through the state highway commission.

Reuben D. Nevius Dies.

Tacoma.—Reuben D. Nevius, D. D., who founded more than 30 Episcopal churches in the Pacific Northwest, died in this city at the age of 88. He came to the coast 41 years ago and settled at Portland as rector of Trinity Church, later becoming general missionary for Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

## GENERAL VILLA



General Villa, rebel leader in Northern Mexico, who is accused of confimation of property and demands for exorbitant sums of money on entering Chihuahua.

## VOYAGE PROVES EFFICIENCY

9000-Mile European Trip Made On Supplies Carried.

New York.—The battleships Wyoming, Arkansas, Utah and Florida came into port here after passing through a five-day gale which marked the end of their voyage of 9000 miles.

These vessels were part of the fleet which left Hampton Roads October 25 for the Mediterranean on a voyage of courtesy and to demonstrate that a squadron of United States battleships could cross the Atlantic and return without being forced to depend on foreign ports for supplies.

Nine battleships composed the fleet, and not an ounce of coal, oil or provisions was purchased in the seven weeks or more they were absent from American shores.

The Produce from  
15,000,000 acres is  
marketed from Ontario each year

## FIELD OF POP CORN MAKES BIG YIELD

Ninety Bushel to The Acre  
Will Bring Him About  
\$200 Per Acre.

Fred Pillsbury who lives on the Big Bend, has 17 acres of pop corn this season that will turn out 90 bushels to the acre and should sell for enough to make him at least \$200 to the acre. The corn is of the Pearl variety, eight and ten rows. Many of the stalks have six and seven ears on them. This corn was planted on sod and Mr. Pillsbury has several acres more of sod broken for the crop next spring. There is a good market for this pop corn at about four cents a pound. Mr. Pillsbury also has some peach and apple trees that turned out big yields of choice fruit. He now has fine Snow, Northern Spy and other apples in fine condition. The Snow apples are of the kind that the juice flies all over when you press your teeth into them.

## CORN SHOW AT PENDLETON IS A GREAT SUCCESS

That the northwest has become the rival of the "corn states" has been demonstrated by the first Corn Show held at Pendleton, December 5. The people of Umatilla county had their first view of real Oregon field corn. There was corn of every description. Corn on the cob, in rows and piles; corn on stalks, some of them measuring 12 feet high. There was corn in bulk, yellow corn, white corn, red corn and several shades between. Prizes given by the O. W. R. & N. and others amounted to \$1,000.

Entries from 200 individual exhibitors were represented. The exhibit was judged by Professors Scudder, Hyslop and French, of the Oregon Agricultural college, after which the entire exhibit was shipped to Portland and displayed for a whole week by the railroad.

In Portland, thousands were astonished to see the corn exhibited in the shock, on the ears, in the sack, in the silo and ground into meal, this being the product of the state of Oregon, where all was spread out in convincing profusion and now Oregon comes into the ranks of corn growing states.

## WANN BROS. EVAPORATOR FINISHES UP SEASON RUN

The Wann Bros. have completed their work with the evaporator near Fruitland for this season. Mr. Wann says there is room here for several evaporators and there is no reason why they cannot be operated throughout the year.

The plant near Fruitland cost about \$3000 and has a capacity of 1,500 pounds of dried product in every twenty-four hours. This year they turned out about 50,000 pounds of dried apples and a few potatoes.

There should be tons of peas, beans and other vegetables turned out here every year and the fruit and vegetables that go to waste would keep several such plants going and the returns to the grower would more than justify the trouble. The payrolls that would go with a string of these plants would be a factor in the building up of the community.

## LIBRARY TO BE FINISHED BY FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR

The force of carpenters and painters employed in the library building are finishing up the interior work as rapidly as possible. There is much to do in the way of building shelves for the books and the counters and partitions, but the contractor believes that it will all be finished and ready to turn over to the library commission by the first of the year.