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VICTIMS OF MEXICAN BANDIT ARE BURNED

Fifty or More Passengers and Crew Believed to Have Perished in Tunnel.

Cumbre, Mexico.—Nothing but charred bones and buttons were found by the rescuing party which, by the aid of oxygen helmets and-pulmoters, succeeded in penetrating the Cumbre tunnel from the south portal as far as the locomotive and first two cars of the passenger train. They were probably killed when the engine of the passenger train crashed into the burning freight train, which had been pushed into the tunnel by Castillo's bandits several hours before.

It is now believed that every one of the 50 or more passengers and the crew aboard the train when it dashed into the tunnel are dead.

Railroad men are furious at Castillo's act. Last week 22 of his men were captured and executed by the rebels and the next day, apparently in revenge, he captured the freight train, ran it into the south end of the tunnel about 300 feet and there set fire to it.

Castillo's failure to send back warning of his act is regarded as the most cruel and murderous act of his career of outlawry and there is a disposition here to criticize General Francisco Villa for not having crushed him long ago.

CELILO CANAL NEARS FINISH

Big Blast Removes Last Obstruction to Flow of Water.

The Dalles, Or.—About 80 per cent of the work on the Dalles-Celilo canal was completed when 10,500 pounds of powder were exploded by the pressing of an electric button. The last obstruction to water flowing from end to end was blown out.

The completion of this important improvement will give a large portion of the Inland Empire the benefit of water transportation. It will open to steamboat navigation the Columbia river from Priest Rapids to the sea, a distance of about 400 miles, and during the greater portion of the year the Snake river from Lewiston to the sea a distance of about 465 miles.

May Sue Rockefeller for Taxes.

Cleveland, Ohio.—County Attorney Locher received instructions from Attorney General Hogan to sue John D. Rockefeller for his personal taxes. The Cuyahoga county authorities had estimated approximately \$12,000,000 was due them.

AMERICAN-JAPANESE RELATIONS IMPROVED

Washington.—Notable improvement in the relations between the United States and Japan is believed to have resulted from the events in the house of representatives last week connected with the passage of the Burnett immigration bill. Reports from Tokio are to the effect that a profound impression was caused in the Japanese capital, not only by the refusal of the house to include in the bill the proposed prohibition against the entry of Japanese into the United States, but even more by the non-partisan appeal of Representative Mann.

The Japanese statesmen are declared to have been much pleased, by the house's reception of the appeal for fair treatment of aliens and for abstention from legislative interference with the executive department in its efforts to arrive at a settlement of the open issue between the two countries.

Rabies Reported in Baker County.

Baker.—Reports of rabies infected dogs have been received in Baker and county health officials are taking steps to advise the populace on how best to escape infection, and on what to do if infected. It is believed that the disease is spread by coyotes on the range.

Gold Strike Made.

Canyon City.—The gold strike reported on Canyon mountain several days ago has been followed up by three other discoveries. Miners here say that it now has the appearance of ledge matter. The ground is the same that Dan O'Shea took a \$2500 pocket from last summer.

INCOME TAX MAN CALLS ON THE ONTARIO MILLIONAIRES

James E. Godfrey, internal revenue agent for the income tax, was here this week checking up to see who are going to pay an income tax. All those who have had an income in excess of \$2500 from March to December will have to report. This virtually means for a man and his wife as there is but one exemption for a family and is probably arranged to head off the men who might want to place some of their property in the name of their wife.

Mr. Godfrey states that there are a number of men in this county who will have to pay and the law is such that it is advisable for all who are subject to this tax to report as the penalties are quite heavy and the government has access to all books when tracing the incomes of individuals. It does not make any difference where your property is located and there are no exemptions for living expenses.

Mr. Godfrey located about twenty persons here who are subject to this tax and if they do not report the penalty will be imposed.

SALOONKEEPERS SUE OREGON GOVERNOR

Baker, Or.—Suit for an aggregate of \$8000 has been brought against Governor West, Colonel B. K. Lawson and Sergeant Walton, militia officers, by the saloonkeepers of Copperfield on a complaint charging wrongful, malicious and unlawful confiscation of property, consisting of wines and liquors.

Governor West is made a joint defendant with the two officers in the action and, if judgment is obtained, each, all or any one of the defendants will be liable to the amount of the judgment.

The complaints set forth that the plaintiffs were engaged in the saloon business at Copperfield under licenses duly issued by the town of Copperfield and by the United States and that they were in lawful possession of the business and the property at the time it was forcibly taken from them, by force of arms and sent all out of the town of Copperfield.

GENERAL PANCHO VILLA



A new portrait of General Pancho Villa, leader of the rebel army in Northern Mexico.

Round-Up Buckaroo Killed.

John Day.—In a drunken row Velson Pope, 18 years old, son of a well known pioneer, shot and killed Jim Green, a half breed Indian. The shooting occurred at the Pope ranch, a few miles out of John Day.

Green was employed at the Pop ranch to break wild horses, and on his return from a trip to John Day he took a quantity of intoxicating liquor with him.

Green was noted for his prowess as a buckaroo, and was a star performer at the Pendleton Round-Up last year. He is survived by a wife and a child about one year old.

Commercial Club Annual Meeting

Officers Are Elected and Many Other Important Matters Are Handled In Judicial Manner

The annual meeting of the Commercial club was held Wednesday evening and a new set of officers elected.

The minutes of the previous meeting held about a year ago were read and approved.

The president, Mr. Doolittle, then called on Mayor Phillips of Nyssa, who addressed the club and asked the endorsement of the Owyhee Irrigation proposition by the club and on motion this was done and a committee named to draft resolutions and forward them to the Irrigation board and the senators and congressmen from Oregon. The officers were also instructed to notify the delegates to the Irrigation congress at Portland to have the matter brought up there and endorsed. A telegram was read from E. A. Fraser, who is in Boise, stating that the Boise club would endorse the proposition if Ontario did and the officers were instructed to notify Secretary Childs of the Boise club of the action of the Ontario club.

Mr. Blodgett, of Owyhee, was called on and asked for the endorsement of Mr. W. Wade, of his section for the position of county farm expert. Mr. Kingman was called on but had little to say as Wade is his son-in-law. On motion Mr. Wade was endorsed and the secretary ordered to notify the county court and Mr. French of the Agricultural college.

The secretary was called on for his report, which was read showing the club had paid out about \$8000 and was out of debt.

The newly elected officers are James Lackey, president; E. C. Van Pettes, vice president; H. B. Grauel, secretary-treasurer. For directors, H. C. Boyer, J. R. Blackaby, W. U. Sanderson, M. E. Newton, W. H. Doolittle, S. F. Taylor and A. L. Cockrum.

The matter of a ladies' auxiliary was discussed and the president instructed to take action on the matter.

A vote of thanks was given President Doolittle for the able manner in which he has managed the affairs of the club during the past year.

Mr. Blodgett thanked the club for the endorsement of Mr. Wade.

Mr. Kineman thanked the club on behalf of the Pomona grange for the

Woman Keeps Long Vigil By Body.

Los Angeles.—Without having made connected statement of any kind, Miss Nanette Warren, who was found in her apartment after keeping a lone vigil of 29 days over the body of her sister, Miss Mary Warren, was placed in the insane ward of the county hospital. It was learned that she was the daughter of a former pioneer business man and manufacturer of Toledo, O., and that she was heiress to a fortune of \$500,000.

Two Marysville Defendants Convicted

Marysville, Cal.—Richard ("Blackie") Ford and H. D. Suhr were found guilty of murder in the second degree, for the killing of District Attorney E. T. Maxwell at Wheatland in the hopfield riot last August. William Beck and Harry Bagan, the other two defendants, were acquitted.

Wages Higher on Canal.

Panama.—Colonel Goethals, on receipt of notification that President Wilson had signed an executive order fixing the conditions of employment in the permanent canal organization, began arranging the wage scale, which will be 25 per cent higher than in the United States for similar work.

Banker's Shortage is Now Million.

Memphis, Tenn.—With the discovery that of \$527,867 listed as actual cash on hand when the bank closed its doors, \$416,000 was represented by personal checks of the president, C. Hunter Raine, now imprisoned, charged with embezzlement, the amount of the apparent discrepancy in the accounts of the Mercantile Bank advanced to more than \$1,000,000. The exact amount will not be known until the audit is completed.

financing of the corn contest to be held this fall.

Mr. Greig suggested to Mr. Kingman that the granges urge their members to start in now and arrange for exhibits for the fair to be held this fall. This is the time of year to start the work.

On motion the officers were instructed to ask the county court to appoint a man as registrar who would have an office in the county hall, where the books would be kept and available at all times.

Prof. Bailey and G. W. Platt were appointed to audit the books of the secretary treasurer.

The furniture committee appointed some time ago to secure furniture for the rooms, was called on, but none of the members were present. It is generally understood that the furniture has been ordered and will be installed some time this year.

COLONEL THATCHER GREATLY ENCOURAGED

Finds a Feasible Route to Boise and Idaho People Enthusiastic.

The location of a route for the Washington highway from Ontario to Boise is proving more successful than first anticipated and Mr. Thatcher has secured a route nearer than it was supposed could be found. This is extremely encouraging for Ontario and Brogan and will inspire the entire citizenship to boost with greatest enthusiasm.

The Idaho campaign has opened in a most encouraging manner. Many of the best citizens are only too glad to join hands with Ontario in securing the great Washington highway.

Mr. Thatcher spent Sunday at the home of the speaker of the house of representatives.

We will have Hon. C. S. French, the speaker of the Idaho legislature with us in Ontario Saturday, February 14, to express his views on this great public utility enterprise.

A great highway across the continent that means millions for this section to be constructed by the government, is without doubt, a pearl of rare price. We have been long praying for the hour of deliverance from the mud and bumpy roads reign and now is our chance for freedom.

Everyone is coming to Ontario on Saturday, Feb. 14 to celebrate. Come neighbor and bring your family and show your appreciation by boosting for the Washington highway. Come and join the anti gloom army working for progress and the enrichment of the Snake river fruit belt.

Be a good sport and come out February 14 and help celebrate you will feel happier and more self respecting and this is at least worth something. All men like to be called great and it certainly is a heroic feat to get out of the old rut. A great fun feast will be served along with a wisdom feast and youth restorative.

Come early so that we can place your name in the pot. Ladies are enthusiastic for this government constructed roadway. It surely is high time that the men were getting aboard the band wagon. We need you to cheer for the paradise that good roads and the Washington highway will create.

SUITS WILL NOT BE DELAYED

Attorney-General McReynolds Advises Governor West Decision is Final.

Salem.—Announcing that the decision to separate the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railway lines was final, Attorney-General McReynolds telegraphed Governor West that the institution of suits could not be delayed for further hearings. The Attorney-General said that a careful investigation had been made and that the consolidation of the system was clearly in violation of the anti-trust act. This means that the business interests of the state will not have an opportunity to make protest through hearings.

To Prison For Fourth Time.

Pendleton.—Four times a convict is the record held by Bert Pixler, found guilty in the circuit court of the theft of four cattle. The crime for which he has just been found guilty was committed within 10 days after he returned from the state prison. He was sentenced to serve 10 years.

MUCH WANTED CRIMINALS ARE CAUGHT IN ARIZONA

Sheriff Richardson, of Harney county, and Robert Odell, marshal of Ontario, returned Friday morning from a two week's trip to Arizona, where they arrested Ernest Esmond and Pat Russell. Russell is wanted at Drewsey for passing bad checks seven years ago and also in Nevada and California for stealing horses and saddles. Esmond is wanted in Harney county for stealing seven horses and a mule from the P. L. S. Co., seven years ago and for crimes in other states.

Russell has been shot through the neck and through one heel, while escaping from officers and is known by different names in different localities, being known as F. D. Kent at Drewsey.

These men have not committed any crime beyond petty larceny while in Arizona, but disappeared for several months each year during which time they are supposed to have been making raids.

When Esmond stole the horses he was followed into Nevada by Frank Morfit, then deputy sheriff and two horses recovered.

Sheriff Richardson and Marshal Odell are tireless when after criminals and have a knack of always getting the men they go after, no matter how long the chase.

BUT LITTLE DROP IN PRICE OF WOOL IS LOOKED FOR

John Johnson, the wool buyer from Boise, was here Friday looking over the situation. He says he does not expect to see much change in the price of wool this year, probably about twenty-five per cent reduction over what was paid last year. There is no great surplus in the world and the market cannot go to pieces as some predicted. While the wools are cleaned out of the local warehouses there is still some in the storage warehouse. The sheep are wintering well and the grade of wool should be good.

Cooperative Store Burns.

Redmond.—Fire swept the plant of the Farmers' Cooperative Warehouse company here, doing damage estimated to be in excess of \$12,000. Insurance will cover about \$8000 of this loss, but valuable contents of the structure were unprotected.

DR. HOWARD A. KELLEY



Dr. Howard A. Kelley, the Baltimore physician who is an authority on the radium treatment of cancer.

NEW PLYMOUTH CHEESE FACTORY ISSUES REPORT

Following is the annual report of the New Plymouth cheese factory.

Amount of milk received during year, 1,673,628 pounds; cheese made, 166,082 pounds; sales for the year amount to \$24,208.45. Invoice of the cheese on hand shows that there is \$1,631.58 worth of cheese in excess of last year's excess. The total value of cheese made this year amounted to \$25,840.03.

CORN CULTURE THE TOPIC AT GRANGE HALL

Plans For Corn Contest Are Outlined—Prof. Petrie Gives Good Talk

Corn was the keynote of a meeting held at the Grange hall on the Boulevard last Saturday evening, with D. C. Petrie, of the Ontario high school giving a lecture on corn culture in the main hall, while Miss June Grey, also of the Ontario high school, made corn fritters and gave an address on the values of the various food products, demonstrating both in theory and practice in the realm of domestic science.

Master Conklin, of the grange, outlined the plans of the corn contest to be held this summer and a number of the farmers present spoke of their personal experiences in this region in raising corn over a considerable period of years.

For the men the main attraction of the evening was the address given by Mr. Petrie, who explained in detail the methods employed in the most modern agricultural departments of testing corn for germination. By scientific methods the average production of corn has been greatly increased without any additional labor cost, making the service a net gain for the farmers who have employed these methods. The lecture was much appreciated by the farmers, as it not only solved many of their problems, but gave them a clearer idea of what the schools are doing in a practical way for the pupils in directing them along scientific lines in farming.

In the kitchen Miss Grey gave a most entertaining and instructive address on the contents and values of the various kinds of food and at the same time demonstrated the practical work of the school by preparing a luncheon for those present, a task of no mean proportions when one considers that there were about 100 in attendance.

In outlining the plans for the corn contest Mr. Conklin announced that the details would soon be ready for the public and that already there were a sufficient number who had signified their intention of entering the contest to insure its success.

E. R. SLAGLE OF CHICAGO A VISITOR HERE LAST WEEK

E. R. Slagle, who is manager of the construction department of the Pullman Car Co., was here last week visiting with his sister, Mrs. McBratney and his brother, Robert, who came over from Lewiston, making quite a family reunion. Mr. Slagle says his company has all the work they can do for the next two and a half years, most of it being due to the orders of the Interstate Commerce commission requiring steel cars. They are working 14,000 men.

Mr. Slagle stated that the general impression in his section was that the Republican party was a thing of the past and that Mr. Roosevelt would be nominated and elected president at the next election. Up to the present the people are satisfied with the work of the Democrats, but now that the party planks have been worked over and new measures are to be brought up it is expected that sufficient mistakes will be made to cause a change in administration. It is thought it will require most of this year to get business accustomed to the change in tariff and banking laws.