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## EXPLOSION OF GAS AT FRUITLAND

A peculiar accident occurred Sunday evening at the home of N. W. Lewis, which nearly cost his life. Mr. Lewis has a well 400 feet deep, piped, with 5 feet of cement curbing. They have always known it contained large quantities of natural gas, but never utilized it and did not realize its volume and the danger. Something got wrong with the pump and Mr. Lewis went to fix it, carrying a lighted lantern. When he raised the covering of the well the accumulated gas exploded, igniting his clothing, severely burning his face and hands. A physician was called and the burns cared for. This morning he was reported improving nicely.

Rev. Deal will exchange pulpits with the pastor of the Methodist church of Weiser, April 19th.

The Friendship Sunday school will give a program at their school house Sunday afternoon. The Methodist church choir will help with the music.

Mr. Williams, a brother of Mrs. Childs, arrived last week and expects to spend the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Stewart are moving to Nyssa, where he recently purchased a shoe store.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt, of Weiser spent several days visiting with

their relatives, L. D. Carpenter's family. They returned home on Sunday.

J. O. Seritchfield sold one acre of his town property, west of his residence, to M. Flock.

Mr. Coons and B. Groves went to Weiser Wednesday on business.

The Philathea class of the M. E. Sunday School will meet at the home of their teacher, Mrs. H. E. Robinson, Saturday afternoon and elected officers. They have invited the Philathea class of the Baptist Sunday School to an after meeting, when Mrs. Selby, a returned missionary from Japan will address the classes.

Vernie Himler was thrown from a horse Monday and badly bruised, but no bones were broken.

E. E. Hunter has gone to Evergreen, Florida, to look after property interests. He will be away about a month.

The ball game between the New Plymouth and Fruitland high school teams, played here last Friday, resulted in favor of Fruitland, 6 to 5. Fruitland and the Payette high school teams will play this Friday afternoon at Payette.

The choir of the Methodist church met at H. R. Russell's Monday evening to practice for the Easter service.

Mr. Bennett was here the first of the week looking after the interests of T. D. Turner and Co., of Oklahoma City, who have been buying apples and potatoes here.

Paul McGary, a nephew of E. E. Hunter and who formerly lived here, died in Portland, April 1 from typhoid fever.

Several from here attended the prohibition lecture by Sam Small at Ontario.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

M. E. Miller of St. Helens has entered the race for the republican nomination for state labor commissioner. Medford now has a playground which has been established under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association.

"Portland Rose day," on June 16, 1915, will be one of the special events set aside in the celebrations at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

In addition to the building of a pavilion the State Fair Board has decided to erect a brick auditorium for use at the fair this year.

A strong effort is being made by the commercial clubs of Dallas and Independence to finance the county to oil the roads between Independence and Salem during the coming summer.

Every word in the first 92 pages of the spelling book was spelled before the winner of the spelling bee, held at the Grange Hall at Mulino, could be announced.

For transporting Myrtle Kellett from Eureka to Portland for alleged immoral purposes, Dr. Harrison Keene of Eureka, Cal., was sentenced to one year in the county jail.

"A Bigger and Better Round-up," is the slogan which the directors of Pendleton's annual frontier show adopted at a meeting held to discuss plans for the 1914 exhibition.

Plans for the development of the hog industry of Lane county and for the establishment of a packing plant, with a capital of \$40,000, are being formulated by the Springfield Provision company.

Before the first of May the state highway commission will advertise for and open bids for the construction of the Columbia highway from Multnomah county to Astoria.

Holding turkey raffles, playing cards for the drinks, and betting on horse racing, are forms of gambling under the Oregon statute, according to an opinion of the attorney general given to Joseph Putnam of Monument.

Rules and regulations governing the annual Polk county school children's industrial fair, which will be held in Dallas September 17, 18 and 19, have been sent out to the schools of the county. Preparations are being made by the pupils and a large exhibit is expected.

Over six tons of election supplies were shipped by Secretary of State Olcott to the county clerks of the 34 counties of the state for the primary election to be held May 15. This is more than twice as great a quantity as was ever prepared before for an election in Oregon.

Postmaster Elmer Russell, of North Bend, discovered a new use for parcel post when an unusual odor emanated from a package near a warm radiator in the office. The offensive package was removed and found to contain skunk hides, being forwarded to a New York furrier.

The first excursion train ever run into the Stuslaw Valley over the new Willamette Pacific, according to present plans, will carry a band of Eugene Radiators, dressed in uniform, to participate in the annual Florence rhododendron carnival, May 29 to 25.

George R. Castner, formerly county judge of Hood River county and for many years fruit inspector, left for Pendleton, B. C., where he has been employed by the Canadian government to assist in the fight that is being waged against the fire blight, which threatens the orchards of the Vernon district.

A. H. Averill, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, has wired Senator Chamberlain urging him to see the secretary of the navy, to secure the assignment of warships for the Rose festival and enough men to make a good showing in the parades. Senator Chamberlain will secure as good naval representation as possible.

Approximately \$1,000,000 will be spent at Eugene in 1914 for public and private improvements according to plans which are being announced from time to time for construction. The greater part of this amount will be expended in the construction of buildings, both public and private, but a measurable sum will also go for improvement of the plants of the public service companies.

The Salem Cherrians are preparing to hold a society circus at the armory, April 24-25. Its official name is the "Cherringo." All the freaks and attractions of the most up-to-date circus are to be on hand. The glee clubs of the Willamette University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college have been engaged, and also the Willamette university and Salem high school bands.

When Secretary of State Olcott closed the doors of his office Saturday, a total of 228 candidates had filed their declarations of candidacy for office. Of the total number of candidates who have filed declarations, 175 are republicans, 39 are democrats and 14 are progressives. For the office of United States senator, governor, representatives in congress in the first and third districts, and national committeeman, all three parties are represented by candidates.



GUS C. MOSER

I was born and reared upon a farm in Buffalo County, Wis.; educated myself by my own efforts, and have practiced law in Portland since June, 1894. Have always taken an active part in public affairs, and have held several official positions.

I stand by my record as State Senator at the last session of the legislature. I worked and voted against the new tax law, and favor a law making taxes payable semi-annually without penalty.

Only five of the laws passed at that session were referred to the people by referendum petitions; four of these the people approved by overwhelming majorities, and I voted for them; the fifth was almost as badly defeated, and I had voted against it in the legislature.

I worked and voted for Senator Malarkey's minimum wage bill for women, providing for an impartial commission to fix the maximum hours of labor and the minimum amount of pay.

I favor a similar law providing for an impartial commission without compensation, to fix the maximum hours of labor for men in the various industrial occupations; this in preference to a flat eight hour law.

I favor good roads legislation with state aid, so that we may have cheaper transportation from the farms and producers in every direction.

I favor the reduction of taxes by

consolidation of various commissions, or the abolishment thereof, and placing their duties into the hands of the state Board, and by the reduction of the expenses of conducting the various departments of the state.

I favor suitable appropriations for our State Educational institutions and the continued improvement of our great bulwark—the public school system.

And above all I favor the vigorous and efficient enforcement of all the criminal statutes, including those regulating and prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, and this I shall do with firmness and impartiality. The rich, the poor, the great, the humble, the capitalist, the laborer, the churchman and the liquor dealer shall be measured by the same standard, and each shall answer for his own acts.

### Lee Noe Appointed State Deputy Game Wsrden

Lee Noe has been appointed deputy game warden for this section, having received the appointment on the 3d. Lee will try to get the game commission to stock the streams of this country with fish and also introduce some game birds. There is no reason why the Snake at this point should not be an excellent stream for fish, but at present about all one gets is carp, suckers and an occasional bass in the sloughs. Some channel cat and pike would help out wonderfully.

Federals Fail to Follow Advantage. El Paso, Tex.—A tale of rebel reverses and rebel luck was brought here from the front by John Reed, correspondent of the New York World and Robert Dorman, a photographer. Their stories are the first unbiased accounts of eyewitnesses since the attack on Gomez Palacio, Laredo and Torreon began.

"The rebels were whipped twice at Gomez Palacio," related Dorman, "but the federals didn't have the good sense to follow up their advantage and Villa returned to the attack after reorganizing and ultimately occupied the city."

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A. A. Hall was an over Sunday visitor from Boise.

A large dipping vat is being constructed at the shearing plant to meet the conditions imposed by the Federal Inspector's orders of this week to the effect that all sheep must be dipped. Jun-tura Times.

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