

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
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WOMEN IN PANIC ON BURNING SHIP

DATA MADE READY BY
ON YOSEMITE, WHICH
IS THREATENED.

EXTINGUISHED BY CREW

Reaches Port in Safety and
Passengers Tell Story of
Thrilling Experience
in Gale.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Panic among twenty-four passengers, two of whom were women, on the steamship Yosemite followed a fire which started in the gallery of the vessel of Trinidad Point. For an hour it took the united efforts of the crew and passengers to save the ship and the lives of all on board.

The Yosemite was bound from St. Louis, Mo., to San Pedro, with a cargo of lumber. She had put in here this morning to discharge passengers and to have repairs made to the hull, which was badly damaged by the fire.

The deckload showed evidence of the fire on the port side, where the lumber had crawled along the pine planks.

The passengers were in a wild state of excitement and several of them had equipped themselves with revolvers, tried to jump overboard.

Mrs. M. H. Deane and Mrs. S. J. Jones, of Portland, bound for San Pedro, tried to launch one of the lifeboats in a heavy sea and were rescued by the second officer and the ship's steward.

WIFE ASKS FOR DIVORCE

Margaret Hulse Thursday filed suit for divorce from Thomas B. Hulse, who was married in Olympia, Wash., December 25, 1901. Cruel and inhuman conduct is alleged by the plaintiff. The plaintiff asks the custody of their son, Lighton, and \$5 monthly for the support of the child.

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OREGON CITY MACHINE WORKS.
Twelfth and Main Streets.

CONGRESS IS IN SESSION.



MR. AND MRS. SYMES ARE GIVEN SURPRISE

A surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Walter Symes Sunday evening at their home, 616 Fifth street, in honor of Mrs. Symes' birth anniversary. She was presented with a beautiful pedestal. The gathering was also in the form of a farewell party given Mrs. Richard Halverson, sister of Mrs. Symes, who has been in this city visiting at the Symes home, and who left for her home at Mantoloking, Wis., Wednesday evening.

The evening was devoted to games, vocal and instrumental music, and followed by refreshments.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. John Symes, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Symes, Mrs. Richard Halverson, Miss Gertrude Gavelista, Lewis Miller, Stanley Chasman, Russell Altridge, Beatrice Collins, Leslie Wills, Ralph Jellison.

BONNER DIVORCE CASE BEING HEARD

The divorce case of Ida C. Bonner against W. A. Bonner is on trial before Judge Campbell in the circuit court. The plaintiff is represented by George C. Brownell and the defendant by J. E. Hodges. Mrs. Bonner obtained a divorce in 1907, and on December 21, 1908 was remarried to her former husband. Cruelty and inhuman conduct is charged. The trial will be continued today.

BURGLAR ROUTED BY MRS. FORTUNE

OREGON CITY WOMAN HAS
THRILLING EXPERIENCE
WITH THIEF.

INTRUDER THREATENS TO SHOOT
Money Taken From Pockets of
Relative—Robber Makes Good
Escape in Indiana
City.

Mrs. Edward Fortune, of Oregon City, who is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law, Frank E. Foor, 24 Drexel avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., had a thrilling experience with a burglar last Tuesday evening. The following is a description of the story as told by the Indianapolis News:

Mrs. Edward Fortune, visiting at the home of her brother-in-law, Frank E. Foor, 24 Drexel avenue, displayed remarkable coolness, when she discovered a burglar in her room at 2 a. m. Tuesday. Even though the burglar threatened to kill her, she turned on the electric light. She could see the gleam of the revolver as it flashed in therays of a dark lantern carried by the burglar. Instead of carrying out his threat, the burglar backed from the room. From Foor's trousers pocket \$40 was taken.

Mrs. Fortune was awakened by some one in the room. She saw the person going about with a shaded light. Her first thought was that it was Foor or some member of the family.

"Frank, is that you?" she asked.

There was no response. Again she asked who it was. The man turned to her and said: "Keep still or I will kill you."

Mrs. Fortune by this time was sitting in an upright position in the bed. Near her was a switch for the electric light. She reached over and turned the light on.

The burglar was standing in the center of the room. In his right hand he was carrying a dark lantern and in his left hand a revolver. He did not speak when she flashed on the light, but, facing her, he backed through the open door into the hall. He then went through the rear window he had "jimmied" for an entrance.

William R. Brown, 25 Euclid avenue, heard a burglar working at the rear window of his home shortly after the burglar was at the Foor home. Brown started down the stairs and the burglar left. Left, Corigan with Detectives Simon and Duncan and Bicyclemen Sanders and Reed went to both places but were unable to get an accurate description of the burglar further than he was a white man.

MRS. LATOURETTE IS BRIDGE CLUB HOSTESS

Mrs. M. D. Latourette entertained at cards the Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home on Fourteenth and Main streets, Thursday afternoon, the prize being won by Mrs. Nieta Barlow Lawrence. The decorations were very artistic and attractive, being of Oregon grape, holly and magnolia. A luncheon was served by the hostess, and she was assisted in serving by Miss Zida Goldsmith and Miss Beas Daulton.

Those attending were Mrs. E. A. Chapman, Mrs. C. G. Huntley, Mrs. E. E. Brodie, Mrs. C. D. Latourette, Mrs. E. J. Daulton, Mrs. J. N. Wigner, Mrs. W. E. Pratt, Mrs. L. T. Jones, Mrs. E. P. Rands, Mrs. W. A. Shewman, Mrs. L. A. Morris, Mrs. G. A. Harding, Mrs. W. S. U'ren, Mrs. Theodore Osmund, Mrs. H. S. Mount, Miss Sheppard, of Portland, Mrs. John Lewthwaite, Mrs. E. T. Fields, Mrs. George Hankins, Mrs. E. T. Avison, Mrs. Henry O'Malley, Mrs. H. E. Hendry, Mrs. W. R. Logans, Mrs. A. A. Price, Mrs. Goldstein of Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mrs. C. H. Melser, Mrs. F. T. Griffith, Mrs. Charles Griffith, Miss Kate Porter, Miss Emily O'Malley, Miss Zida Goldsmith, Miss Beas Daulton.

WISNER GETS FINE FISHERIES PLACE

OREGON CITY MAN NAMED FOR
POSITION THAT PAYS \$5,000
ANNUALLY.

WILL SAIL FROM NEW YORK PORT
Government to Establish Institute
For Study of Fishing
Industry On Sea
And Inland.

J. Nelson Wisner has been appointed Director of Fisheries of Uruguay, South America. Mr. Wisner was notified of his appointment Thursday through telegram from J. Richardson, Consul General, stationed at New York. The director will receive a salary of \$4,000 which is more than \$5,000 in this country.

Mr. Wisner will meet Mr. Riching in New York, from which port he will sail. He will sign the contract in that city. Mr. Wisner has for nine years been superintendent of the United States Bureau of Fisheries. He is a native of West Virginia, and came here in 1895. Mrs. Wisner, before her marriage, was Miss Mary Pratt, daughter of Mrs. W. E. Pratt.

The following is a copy of the clause under which Mr. Wisner has been engaged:

Article 1. The executive is authorized: (a) To engage the technical staff necessary in the study of the questions relating to the fishing industry, which shall be composed of a director, who shall have a salary of \$4,000 a year, a sub-director, secretary, at \$3,500 a year; an assistant, draftsman and photographer, at \$1,500 a year; two foremen or bosses at \$1,200 a year each; and eight sailors, at \$400 a year each. (b) To purchase a vessel equipped with all materials necessary in making studies and serving the uses of the institute and fishing station. (c) To establish an institute and fishing station for the encouragement of the fishing industry at a point to be decided on by the technical director.

Article 2. The institute shall study methods for extending the exploitation of the fishing industry both on the sea and on river and lake coasts.

Article 3. The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated for the purchase of such materials, publications, and installation of the institute and fishing station.

OREGON CITY BOY TALKS OF STAGE

CHARLES U. WILSON, BACK HOME
AFTER SEVEN YEARS'
ABSENCE.

INDIAN IN GOLDEN WEST COMPANY
Actor Declares He Has Never Missed
Meal But He Is Glad To
Be Home With
Parents.

Santa Claus brought one present to Oregon City that made the hearts of the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilson glad and that was, the return, after an absence of seven years, of their son Charles U. Wilson, who went from here seeking historic honors. He is glad to be here again. But he cannot say even though Santa did force him to drop in and say "hello" to the folks.

It is really a story of a young man who started out to win. His aim was to reach the top of the ladder of stardom. He has not done so as yet, but his credits thus far indicate that his ambition will be reached before he has passed the wrong side of forty. For he is yet a young man and is planning to again step upon the rung that will lead him upward.

"Charlie" is well known in this city and has been busy shaking hands with those who have heard of his successes with "The Girl of the Golden West" company, in which he impersonated the "Indian." Not only this, but his work, according to theatrical critics, at the Alcazar, at San Francisco, has further endeared him to the theatrical-loving public.

If it were possible to tell the whole story of Charles Wilson's successes on the stage, this column would be filled, but it is sufficient to mention some of his "greater work." He was the character man with the Arnold Daly Company and when he was "admitted" to Broadway, that center-street of the Eastern metropolis, he immediately won the hearts of the audience by his character work with Margaret Wycherly.

However, it was when Wilson was engaged by Francesca Redding as leading man in the great sketch "Honora" that he won vanderlife honors. His great work, as the old man in the character lead, has placed his name among the coming actors of his time.

Wilson tells of the days when he first started to attain the position he holds today:

"You say you want me to tell you of an actor's life. Well this tells a whole lot. I have never missed a meal but I have postponed a few. When I first started I played the Ogre in "Titania" at Portland, as amateur performance. When I saw in the morning I saw in the papers a story which urged me to follow this profession. His words more than anything else encouraged me. Then I began to study. And when I say study I want all you young people who have historic ambitions to realize what study means.

"It means burning the 11 o'clock oil at the theatre at 10 o'clock for rehearsal, not a bite to eat, back to a matinee, another bite to eat and then an evening performance. Then, out the same way. If you think that an actor has an easy life, try it. But I am glad to be home with the little mother for the Christmas dinner."

Mr. Wilson will stay in Oregon City for a short time while he considers several offers he has received from theatrical agencies for an original vanderlife act.

BUSINESS MANAGER IS DIMICK'S PLAN

MAYOR-ELECT SAYS COUNCIL
MAY PASS ORDINANCE
NAMING MAN.

SAYS BIG SAVING WOULD BE RESULT
Rumor That There Will Be Sweeping
Change in Council Com-
mittees—Economy Is
Biogen.

Mayor-elect Dimick announced Thursday that in his message to the City Council, January 2, he would recommend the appointment of a business manager for Oregon City. Judge Dimick says the office can be provided by ordinance.

"I think the appointment of a capable man as business manager of the city would be a step in the right direction," said the Mayor-elect. "It would be of great assistance, and unquestionably save the city money. His duties would largely consist of checking up the work of the men, the street improvements, merchandise, lumber, brick, sewer piping and other materials, and seeing that for every dollar spent the city received a dollar in return. The business manager should be responsible to the Mayor."

Mayor-elect Dimick refused to say who would be appointed to the various offices. It has been reported that Chief of Police Shaw would be retained but friends of former Chief Burns are making a strong fight in his behalf. A report also is current that John Green, formerly street commissioner, will succeed Charles Dabcock in that position. Henry Montgomery, assistant city engineer, has been suggested as the successor of Major Charles E. Nobel as city engineer. Mayor-elect Dimick has said frequently that he had a high regard for all the night policemen and considered them capable and conscientious men. He, however, has not said he would re-appoint any of them.

"It is reported that the mayor will make sweeping changes in the council committees. The report has it that at least one of the new members of the board will be named on the Finance Committee."

"I have not decided upon my appointments yet," said the Mayor-elect Thursday. "I expect to devote New Year's day to considering the various applications and will announce them at the first meeting of the council over which I preside. I am determined, however, to have a business manager."

In connection with Judge Dimick's plan to have a business manager, the following article on what has been accomplished in Stanton, Va., through a condensed commission government is interesting.

"Stanton is a city of 12,000 population. Revolving from the old style of municipal government it resolved to try condensed commission government."

"I sent to Richmond for Charles E. Ashburner, a civil engineer and railroad man, and installed him as city manager, paying him \$2,500 a year. He has entire charge of the city's business. He has had work for three years. The tax rate has not been increased. He has laid 10,000 feet of pavement, as against about 2,000 under the regime of the old council. He has installed a sewerage system. He has enlarged the water supply. He has reformed the collection

GRANGE IS WORKING FOR ROAD MEASURE

Members of the State Grange will be held from now on until election in championship of their two road bills, which will be submitted to the people in competition with the bills to be offered by the Governor's Commission. A. E. Mason, of Hood River, one of the grange executive committee handling the legislation for that body, makes the following summary of the rival measures:

"The principal difference between the grange and the opposing theory of road legislation may be summarized in two issues. First, shall the people locate the roads upon which their money is to be expended, or shall these roads be located by those who may be influenced by political necessities? Second, shall the State Highway Department be authorized to issue orders over the counties operating through the County Courts, or shall the State Department be advisory only?"

"The grange believes that the Highway Department of the state shall be advisory, only, and that the people have the highest right to say for what, when and where their bonded funds shall be expended in road construction. By making the Highway Department advisory, that uniformity in construction may be attained which is so much discussed, if the State Department is able to evolve any plans which are an improvement upon local custom."

"In our grange bill, we provide for a county road meeting, secured in proper manner and after due notice. Some of our opponents claim that this county road meeting, which shall determine the location of the roads, will cause factional struggles and dissatisfactions, and more or less separate the counties into districts. To those who entertain this thought, I would refer them to the fact that we now have upon the statute books of Oregon a road law exactly the same in its operation, only on a smaller scale. Our present road law permits districts to vote a ten-mill tax for road construction, in almost identical the same way that we propose to expend county funds on a larger scale. The election of road districts outside the right to locate the beginning and terminus of all roads to be provided for under the present special tax law."

"Our provision for the county road meeting is in effect the creation of a Legislature for that county, with its powers limited specifically to road building. We are willing to admit that there will be differences of opinion and perhaps sometimes ill-feeling, but there should be no more in proportion than is encountered in operating our State Legislature, our National Congress or our city governments."

"It must be remembered that the county road meeting has two clubs over it making the check better than any referendum law in Oregon. First, the action of the county road meeting must be approved, or ten per cent of the voters will not sign the petition to have the action put before the electors. Then, also, if the proce-

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NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A sequel of the elopement in April, 1910, of Miss Ethel Croker, daughter of Richard Croker, the millionaire ex-governor of Tammany Hall, and John J. Brown, her riding master, came today when Brown filed a civil suit to recover \$100,000 damages, alleging the alienation of his wife's affection, against Richard Croker and his two sons, Richard Croker, Jr., and Howard Croker.

The Croker family was much displeased at the marriage and have been reconciled to the match. It is said a few months after the elopement the couple were separated, Brown at the time blaming his wife's family.

He said then that he loved her more than all the money in the world and that he would fight to get her back.

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