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while buried beneath the shattered cars.

The greatest loss of life occurred in the diner, which seems to have been filled with passengers. Not a person in this car escaped death.

The Buffalo Reading and Cleveland Shriners with their wives and children occupied the dining car and two sleepers. It was in these three cars that havoc occurred. In the baggage car the baggageman was instantly killed.

There were 145 people on the wrecked train. A report from San Luis Obispo gives as the cause of the wreck the fact that a railroad crew was engaged in repairing the track.

The special train bearing 21 dead from the wreck arrived here at 1:30 this morning.

San Francisco, May 15.—When Abraham Ruef pleaded guilty to the charge of extortion this afternoon he made the following statement:

"With permission of the court I desire to make the following statement against the protests of my attorneys. To the public I have feelings of the greatest kindness, and here I wish to make a formal statement declaring that they always fully believed me innocent of all the charges against me. My personal condition is such that I cannot stand the terrible strain of another three or four months in court.

"Moreover the strain upon those who are near and dear to me is such that their health is also undermined and they are in a state of vital collapse. Their lives are in danger. I have occupied a prominent position in this city. I have long borne an honored and respected name. My private professional life without stain. I have held up my head among my fellow citizens, and justly. Until the election of 1905 it was no fiction of mine such that it might bear out in any way the charges made against me in the newspapers; until that election my life was clean and true to the high ideals I had always held.

"But my desire to hold together the vast political machine built up at extreme cost and great personal sacrifice caused me to lower those high ideals which I had held up to that time, to sacred. Now I have but one course before me, to offer reparation is my only course. I am now prepared to make the greatest sacrifice a man can make to society. I do this to make what wrong I have done right. I am not guilty of the crimes charged in the indictment, but in view of other charges against me and for the reasons stated above I desire to have the court allow me to change my plea of not guilty and substitute that of guilty; also I move that the court discharge the jury. I throw myself upon the mercy of the court."

Honey immediately consented to the motion and the judge discharged the jury. Ruef shook hands with a number of newspaper men. His eyes were full of tears and his hand shook.

Dr. Kerr, the newly elected president of the O. A. C., made his first appearance at the college chapel last Wednesday when he was greeted with marked cordiality by the student assembly. On being introduced by President Gatch, among other things said by Dr. Kerr was:

"I desire to express my appreciation of the hearty welcome you have given me, and in what little I shall say I wish first to emphasize the great value of land grant colleges. They have already become a very important factor in the educational work of all the states. When I come here to make this my home, I expect to be intensely interested in everything which shall tend to upbuild the state of Oregon and, as president of the Oregon Agricultural College, I shall interest myself especially in all its activities, not forgetting the literary societies or even the athletic features of college life or anything else which shall inspire and preserve college spirit and loyalty to the school. One pledge I leave with you. I shall bring to the work of the college the very best there is in me."

Following Dr. Kerr's remarks, was a lecture by Dr. J. R. N. Bell, who had been previously announced. His topic was, "Reminiscences of the Civil War by an ex Confederate

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Soldier." The lecture was a description of humorous events which Doctor Bell said curiously enough have not found their way into history, but ought to be there. He confessed that his most brilliant military tactics were performed his career as first lieutenant of a foreign squad, for his was the banner squad in the division. He denies emphatically that hunger never visited his camp even in the busiest days along the Shenandoah. After half an hour of rippling humor and good sense, the speaker told of the reformed soldier who knows the reasons for his faith. Then he alluded to the ascent of San Juan by General Joe Wheeler and Theodore Roosevelt as an evidence that patriotism has melted American interests so that in danger the highest thing an American cares to see is the American flag.

BEST BREAD and pastry can be obtained at Starr's Bakery.

### Order of Sale.

In the county court of the State of Oregon for the county of Benton.

In the matter of the Guardianship of the person and estate of Gertrude A. Seckler, a minor.

Order to show cause. The court having read the petition of Annie Seckler, the duly appointed guardian of the said Gertrude A. Seckler, asking that the court grant an order, to sell lots one and two, in block seventeen, in the original town of Marysville, now Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, in which said minor has an undivided one-half interest, and the court being fully advised in the premises, that it is necessary and for the best interest of said minor.

It is therefore hereby ordered, That the next of kin of said minor, and all other persons interested in said estate appear before this court on the 8th day of June, at ten o'clock A. M., at the court room of the county judge of said county, in Corvallis, Oregon, and show cause why an order should not be granted as prayed for in the petition herein filed.

And it is further hereby ordered, That a copy of this order be published in the Corvallis Times, a newspaper of general circulation published in said Benton county, Oregon, at least once a week for four successive and consecutive weeks. Dated May 7, 1907.

E. WOODWARD, County Judge.

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### Call for City Warrants.

There is money on hands with City Treasurer to pay all endorsed warrants in general fund, up to and including December 1, 1906. Interest will stop on same from this date, May 6, 1907. GRANT ELGIN, City Treasurer.

### Notice of City Election.

Corvallis, Or., May 10, 1907. Notice is hereby given that the annual election for the City of Corvallis, Oregon, will be held on the 20th day of May, 1907, beginning at 9 o'clock A. M., and continuing until 6 o'clock P. M. of said day at the city hall of said city. For the purpose of electing one mayor to serve for a period of two years, one police judge, one chief of police and one treasurer, each to serve for a period of one year; First Ward, one councilman to serve for a period of three years, and one councilman to serve for two years; Second Ward, one councilman to serve for a period of three years, Third Ward, one councilman to serve for a period of three years; one councilman to serve for a period of two years, and one councilman to serve for a period of one year. The common council of said city has appointed A. C. White of the First Ward, Joseph Yates for the Second Ward, and R. H. Colburn, of the Third Ward to be judges of said election, and C. A. Gould and S. L. Henderson to act as clerks of said election. Dated May 10, 1907. J. FRED YATES, Police Judge.

### Notice of Sale.

Public notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, as the administrator of the estate of Peter Wilson, deceased, by virtue of an order of the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, sitting in probate, said order being of date the 26th day of April, 1907, will from and after Monday the 3d day of June, 1907, at and from the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, offer for sale, and sell all of the right, title and interest, of the said estate in and to all of the following described real property, situated in Benton county, Oregon, to-wit: The North-east quarter of section 18, in Township 12 South, Range 6 West, containing 160 acres. Said sale will take place at the law office of E. E. Wilson in Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, and will continue until the highest possible price has been received for said tract of land, and said property sold. Said property will be sold free from all liens and encumbrances whatsoever. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 3rd day of May, 1907. D. H. CHENEY, Administrator of the estate of Peter Wilson, deceased.

### Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of Eliza A. Knight, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of said Eliza A. Knight, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate of Eliza A. Knight, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers therefor, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at his law office in Corvallis, Oregon. Dated April 29, 1907. E. E. WILSON, Administrator of the Estate of Eliza A. Knight, deceased.