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STUMBLES IN FRONT OF TRAIN

Engineer on A. & C. R. R. Passenger Cannot Check Headway in Time to Save Master of the Schooner Chetco.

ASTORIA, Or., March 16.—(Special).—Captain Samuel F. Scott, master of the gasoline schooner Chetco, was run over by a locomotive on the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad in the west end of the city, about 5 o'clock this evening, and almost instantly killed.

The schooner was lying at the Astoria Lumber Company's wharf, discharging her cargo of cedar, and Captain Scott, who had been spending the afternoon in the city, started down the river on the Chetco at 4:30 o'clock. When he was a short distance from the Nabers cove, the passenger train from Seaside came around the curve some distance ahead.

Captain Scott was walking toward the train, and as he was within three or four steps of the crossing, he tripped and fell across the engine before it struck Scott, cutting off his left foot and tearing off his right leg just below the hip. The man was thrown into the river and he was dead when picked up a few minutes later.

Coroner Pohl has taken charge of the remains, and will hold an inquest tomorrow. Captain Scott was a resident of Nova Scotia, about 55 years of age, and was widely known among shipping men on the Pacific coast. He was for several years master of the British Columbia, running from British Columbia, but during the past few years he has lived in San Francisco. His only relative, so far as known, is a son, who also resides in San Francisco.

THOMAS IN IDAHO LAND OFFICE

Charges Had Been Filed Against His Partner, C. M. Stearns.

BOISE, Idaho, March 16.—(Special).—C. D. Thomas stated today that he had resigned the position of insurance Commissioner. He had not qualified, but he thought best to resign formally before accepting the position with the Land Board relinquished by C. M. Stearns. He makes a statement in which he says:

"So far as I have any knowledge of the case, Mr. Stearns was not asked to resign. My understanding is that he relinquished the place voluntarily in order to take up some important mining matters. A short time before the Legislature adjourned Mr. Stearns decided to resign. When he laid the matter before the board, I understood that he asked that some Nez Perces County men be selected in his place. As chairman of the committee he recommended me.

The Governor had offered me the Insurance Commissioner place. He asked me to think the matter over while I was home closing up some business matters preparatory to moving to Boise. I finally determined to decline the position of Insurance Commissioner and take the Land Office appointment."

Mr. Thomas added he was now engaged in office work preparatory to the Carey act opening at Twin Falls next week. Thomas and Stearns were partners in business in Nez Perces County. Nothing can be secured respecting the charges against Stearns, but it is admitted that charges were filed. Among those making them appears to have been a conductor on the Wallace branch named Pearty. This was in connection with some transactions in which the conductor and others lost money.

MEAD THE GUEST OF SPOKANE

Governor Has Not Decided on Political Prizes for the City.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—(Special).—Governor Mead was the guest of Spokane today. After an hour in sight-seeing about the city, he returned to a reception at his hotel, and was visited by many local Republican politicians. The afternoon was spent in conference with political friends. This evening a public reception in honor of the Governor was held at the Athletic Club.

The party will go to Medical Lake tomorrow, and return to Spokane today, remaining in the city until Monday, when they will go to Walla Walla. No political appointments will be announced while the Governor is in Spokane. He is canvassing the situation throughout before deciding just what prizes the city shall favor.

T. D. Rockwell is now a full-fledged candidate for the Railroad Commission against Davison Stewart, E. D. Sanders and J. Schiller are also mentioned. A rumor is afloat that the Railroad Commissioners will be given to Whitman County, and a place on the Tax Commission allotted to Spokane.

CONNECT WITH PORTAGE ROAD

Electric Line Will Run From Walla Walla to Wallula.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 16.—(Special).—A number of companies, Walla Walla, headed by George W. Armour, supported by California capital, will incorporate here in a few days to construct and operate an electric line from here to Wallula, to connect with line of boats and the new Portage Road. The promoters of the project expect to get a large share of the wheat business of the Walla Walla Valley. The line will run through College Place and up the rich Wallula country, with a branch to Milton.

The Northwestern Gas & Electric Company has already agreed to furnish power from their big plant on the Walla Walla River. The new company does not expect to get much passenger business.

FOREST GROVE IS SPRUCING UP

Active Improvement Society Plans to Receive Lewis and Clark Visitors.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 16.—(Special).—The Civic Improvement Society held its annual meeting in Vart's Hall last night, and outlined its work for the next few months, with a special view to beautifying the city for the influx of Lewis and Clark Fair visitors. The society has a large, active membership. Much has been done during the past year to improve the city's streets. Private property has also been greatly improved. 150 new residences have been built, while many unsightly buildings and fences have been removed. Thousands of rose plants have been put out by the citizens, who believe in following the example set by the citizens of Portland and making Oregon the rose state.

One of the chief objects which the society has in view for the coming year is to secure a public park for the city. An ideal site is the Congressional

Church property, in the center of the city, and an attempt will be made to acquire this for park purposes. In the course of the meeting a speech was made by President Thomas McCusker, of the Portland Civic Improvement Society, who explained the methods used by the Portland organization. Remarks were also made by Senator E. W. Haines and Professor Fernham. The following officers were elected for one year:

President, Harry Haines; vice-president, Walter Hoge; secretary, Professor Fernham; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Haines; executive committee, A. G. Hoffman, Miss Estrella Price, Mrs. G. A. Boldrick, W. N. Ferrin, Professor J. R. Robertson and Fred Watrous.

FORM ELKS' LODGE AT ASHLAND

Visitors From District Points Aid in Initiation of Large Class.

ASHLAND, Or., March 16.—(Special).—The occasion of the institution of Ashland Lodge, No. 541, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in this city today, brought together a gathering of the members of the fraternity from far and near. The instituting officer was Deputy Exalted Ruler George E. Blakely of the Portland lodge, who presided at the ceremony at the opera house this afternoon. The initiation of a class of 27 citizens was followed by an elaborate banquet at the Depot Hotel this evening.

The opera house, where the institution and initiatory exercises took place, was prettily decorated and, appropriately adorned for the occasion and the banquet hall was elaborately decked with the colors of the order, exquisitely arranged. Hon. A. E. Reames acted as toastmaster, and there was a flow of wit, mirth and music as well as wisdom, and the new lodge started upon its career under the happy and propitious auspices of E. E. Carle, who was elected exalted ruler, and George F. Wilson was chosen secretary of the new lodge. Visiting Elks were present from The Dalles, a number of them from California. Letters of regret were read from Senator C. W. Fulton, Hon. W. C. Hale, Judge L. T. Harris, W. L. Frather, Hon. Max Pratt, E. T. Sipple, Chicago.

BRINGS THREE BATTERIES.

Number of Sick and General Soldier Dead Also on Transport.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The Army transport Thomas arrived today from Manila, Nagasaki and Honolulu. She brought 1500 soldiers, 1000 general soldiers, 1700 casuals, 13 sick soldiers, five insane and 22 military prisoners. The Seventeenth and Eighteenth batteries will be transferred to the transport Buford, which is ready to sail for Vancouver Barracks, Wash., where they are to be stationed. The other soldiers will go to the Presidio for the present.

The Thomas brought the remains of Sergeant O'Neill and Lieutenant Hoyt. The former was killed during a raid made by Japones on a village in Cavite, where a small detachment of troops under command of Lieutenant Kerr was stationed. Lieutenant Hoyt commanded a detachment of Filipino scouts in Samar. About three months ago he and his little band of native soldiers were ambushed by cut-throats and he and his followers, numbering about 40, were slain.

Soon after leaving Manila, John Frindel, a private of the Ninth Battery, died at sea. The body was brought to port.

THRUSTS KNIFE IN COUSIN.

Quarrel Between Pine Valley Residents Started Over a Horse Trade.

BAKER CITY, Ore., March 16.—(Special).—A message from Halfway, in Pine Valley, this county, says that Fred Makinson stabbed his cousin, Charles Makinson, in the chest with a knife, as the result of a quarrel over a horse trade. This afternoon a message was received saying that the injured man died early this morning. The young man was a prominent citizen in the valley. The man who did the stabbing is under arrest.

Batteries to Come by Water.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., March 16.—(Special).—Word has been received at this headquarters that the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Mountain Batteries, on the way from the Philippine Islands, will be transferred to the transport Buford, and will come direct from San Francisco by water.

There is reported to have been several changes in the officers in charge of these batteries during the last few weeks, but the roll before any alterations were made was:

Seventeenth Battery—Captain George G. Latta, First Lieutenant Daniel C. Craig, Second Lieutenants Louis C. Brinton, Jr., and Dennis H. Currie.

Eighteenth Battery—Captain David J. Crockett, First Lieutenant E. C. Williams, Second Lieutenants E. R. West, A. F. Brewster and P. H. Worcester.

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Instructed for Taking Census.

SALEM, March 16.—(Special).—Secretary of State Wood has issued the blanks and instructions to County Assessors governing the taking of the state census of 1905. Supplies will be sent to each Assessor in a day or two. The Legislature, at its last session, having failed to pass any act amending the old census law. Secretary of State Dunbar has advised closely to the law, out of date though it is.

Two blanks are provided, one for the enumeration of inhabitants and the other for the enumeration of industrial products. For the convenience of Assessors the military roll was included in the enumeration of inhabitants.

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Len's Repairs at Mare Island.

VALLEJO, Cal., March 16.—The plans of the Russian government to have the Russian cruiser Lena, which has been repaired at the Mare Island Navy Yard for the past several months, to be repaired at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, have been abandoned, as President Roosevelt would not give the desired permission. The work will be done at Mare Island by the regular yard employees.

The boilers of the Lena are to be retubed and the pumps repaired, and there is a great deal of other work. Two months' time will be required to complete the repairs.

Boone May Recover.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 16.—Through one of the bullets fired by the guard and sentries at the flying figure of Lieutenant F. M. Boone cracked the skull of the disgraced officer, he will probably recover. The other bullet that hit the mark entered the back at the right shoulder and ranged downward under the ribs. It has not been removed. When he recovers Boone will be taken to Alcatraz Prison for a year, and then dishonorably discharged.

GUILITY OF ROBBERY

Dunn and Crossley Broke Open Lebanon Bank.

THE JURY QUICKLY DECIDES

Kingsley and Darland, Two Members of the Gang Who Escaped, Also Found Guilty, as Charged in the Indictment.

ALBANY, Or., March 16.—(Special).—Ell Dunn and J. A. Crossley, alias Reynolds, were found guilty of robbing the bank at Lebanon the night of February 7, in the Circuit Court here tonight. The jury was out an hour and 30 minutes before returning the verdict. Judge Burnett will impose sentence Monday at 1 o'clock.

John Doe and Richard Roe (Kingsley and Darland), who escaped capture, were also found guilty as charged in the indictment. The defense concluded the presentation of its testimony at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, after placing several witnesses on the stand to prove an alibi for Dunn and Crossley. The case was then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

The defense began their presentation of their testimony this morning. Dunn himself was sworn and took the stand for Portland there while Crossley went on to Parker and boarded the same train at that station. He ate dinner at the home of Mrs. Julia A. Boone, at Parker, who identified him. Sheriff Tom Word and Deputies Harvey L. Moreland and J. S. Downey, of Mountbush County, testified regarding the arrest and searching of the prisoners, and gave different facts connecting them with the crime. The introduction of the testimony was concluded when court adjourned last evening.

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The testimony introduced in the trial of J. A. Crossley, alias Reynolds, and Ell Dunn, charged with the Lebanon Bank robbery, is rather conflicting. The prosecution used a strong chain of evidence to prove that the Portlanders were guilty by four men, who walked from Albany to Lebanon the evening of the robbery, came back to this city on railroad trip, and were seen by several witnesses in gangs between Albany and Lebanon, made their way "across country" to the West Side Railroad and took the north-bound Portland-Corvallis train at different stations on the afternoon following the night of the robbery.

The evidence introduced goes to show that these four men were Crossley, Dunn, Kingsley and Darland. The two former, who are the defendants in the present trial and are prisoners here, have been identified by the witnesses as being with them at Albany and at different places on the West Side, and the descriptions the witnesses have given of their companions tally with the published descriptions of Kingsley and Darland.

The defense, in its testimony, admitted that Crossley was in Albany and at the other places, where the witnesses for the prosecution have identified him, but denied he was ever in or near Lebanon, and alleged he was up the valley on business. Dunn, the defense alleged, was in Portland when the robbery was committed, and the attorneys for the defendants attempted to prove an alibi for him. Dunn and Crossley both admit that they were in the Lebanon Bank on the night of the robbery, but deny ever being associated with any man answering the description of Kingsley and Darland.

The testimony of Kingsley and Darland, introduced by the attorneys for the prosecution was as follows:

Dunn, together with two other strangers were shown to have been in Albany together on the afternoon of February 7, the robbery being committed that night. The two former were seen in Albany on two days several days before the robbery. F. M. Pomeroy stated that February 7, and again on the 4th, Dunn and Crossley, accompanied by another man, were in his saloon at the Southern Pacific depot in this city. Crossley was in the saloon again the following Monday and Tuesday (the robbery occurred Tuesday night). Dunn was there several times, playing cards. He was positive as to the identity of both men.

W. H. Millhollen, of Portland, saw Dunn and Crossley in Albany on the afternoon of February 7. He was acquainted with both men in Portland and positively identified Dunn. Other witnesses who were seen in Albany on the night of the robbery were positive in their identification of Dunn.

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Mrs. M. J. Prosser, of Lebanon, heard men passing her house several times at a late hour the night of the robbery. About 8:30 o'clock on the morning of February 8, N. E. Manley, of Tallman, saw a railroad velocipede pass that station rapidly. J. K. Shiley heard a velocipede pass on his house at Goltra Station some time early that morning. Testimony was introduced showing that two railroad velocipedes were found in the State of Oregon, near where the Southern Pacific track crosses it on the outskirts of Albany on the forenoon of February 8.

Jacob Weiss testified that he found a revolver on the Lebanon railroad early on the morning following the robbery, and evidence was introduced showing that it was the same as the one which was found on the morning of the robbery. When he was arrested, Mrs. Minnie Schultz, of Portland, received from

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Solomon M. Waite.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 16.—Solomon M. Waite, resident of Douglas County for the past 27 years, died at his home, eight miles south of Roseburg, Monday morning, aged 82 years. He came to Oregon in 1878, settling in Roseburg, September 2, 1894. He is survived by the following named sons and daughters: Engineer J. B. Waite; Albany; F. E. Waite; Roseburg; Mrs. C. M. Waite; Roseburg; Douglas; W. H. Waite; Roseburg; Cassius M. Waite; Roseburg; P. C. Waite; Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Ed Cooper, Roseburg; Mrs. W. C. Waite, Forest Grove; Mrs. William Bush, Portland.

Hon. J. J. Foster.

ASTORIA, Or., March 16.—(Special).—Hon. J. J. Foster, an old and highly respected resident of Wahkiakum County, Washington, died at his home near Callahan yesterday afternoon from old age. His funeral will be held on Saturday, under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge, of which he was a member.

The deceased was born in Spartanburg, S. C. in 1824, and came to Portland in 1860. In 1864 he removed to Wahkiakum County, where he resided until his death. He was a member of the Wahkiakum County and also represented the district in the state Legislature.

William Butler.

PHILOMATH, Or., March 16.—(Special).—William Butler, a pioneer of Polk County, died at his home near Philomath, March 16. Mr. Butler was born in Kentucky, November 17, 1826, and drove an ox team from Kansas in 1854 to Polk County.

Cougar Had Killed Many Sheep.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 16.—(Special).—A cougar was killed and brought to town this morning by A. G. Vancaschick, who lives at Wildwood, 5 miles east of here. The bear made a raid on some of his sheep last night. The dogs were put on its trail early this morning and after chasing the animal about a quarter of a mile, it was shot and killed the first shot. It is seven feet long, and will be mounted. It had been a disturbing element in that locality for the past month, killing many sheep.

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