

## DEARLY RE WELL BOTTOM

C. A. Chapman, of Bend, Overcome by Gases After a Blast.

## FRIEND NOW A MANIAC

A. A. Anthony Attempts Rescue, but Is Choked by Fumes and Drops Body—Terrible Journey After Aid.

BEND, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Carl A. Chapman, a young business man of Bend, met death last Friday under most distressing circumstances. His friend, who tried to save him, is a raving maniac. Chapman was engaged in digging a well on his recently taken homestead, 15 miles southeast of Bend. A. A. Anthony, a neighboring homesteader and old friend of the family, was assisting in the work. The well was down 25 feet, several feet of which were in solid rock.

A blast was exploded, and shortly thereafter young Chapman went down to work. He was soon overcome by the gases of the blast. Anthony went to his assistance, and was able to carry the insensible man up the ladders to within about seven feet of the top, when his own strength gave out. Chapman fell to the bottom of the well, his head being crushed on the rocks.

Rides Horse to Death. Anthony, frantic and exhausted, managed to get out of the well. It was nine miles to the nearest help. Not knowing the fate of his friend at the bottom of the well, and being unable to investigate further himself, he climbed on the horse he had at the homestead and rode him till he dropped.

Anthony ran and crawled the remaining two miles to a ditch construction camp, where the men thought him crazy, since he was too greatly exhausted to talk intelligently, and his terrible anxiety could not be expressed. Finally, he made himself half understood, and a telephone message was sent to town. Charles A. Chapman, father of the young man, hurried out with a doctor, but there was nothing to do except bring the body home.

Shock to Mother and Wife. The mother of the young man, and his young wife with her 3-month-old child, started for the homestead last night, knowing from the report that first came whether it was a slight or serious accident. In the middle of the night they met the others returning.

Anthony, from anxiety, exhaustion and grief, has become a maniac and is closely watched in order to prevent self-destruction. Carl Chapman, 21 years old, was of singularly genial temperament and exemplary life. The family, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Chapman, a daughter and this son and his wife, came to Bend from Moscow, Idaho, and engaged in the dry goods business last December. They are well known also in Pendleton and Lewiston.

## OPINION ON MECHANICS' LIEN

Idaho Supreme Court Is Divided in Its Conclusions.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court has handed down an opinion in a Boise case brought by the Pacific States Savings, Loan & Building Company against J. K. Dubois, in which the mechanics' lien law is construed in a manner that is of great importance to all interested in such subjects. In this case the building was being done by the owner, no contract was made. Numerous liens were attached subsequent to the filing of two mortgages by the loan company aggregating \$30,000. The lower court held all the liens void, and the Supreme Court, by divided decision, holds the liens arising from work begun subsequent to the recording of the mortgages, or for materials, delivery of which was begun subsequent to recording of the mortgages, do not take precedence over the mortgages. A distinction between liens arising under the circumstances of this case and those that might attach in which a building was being erected by a contractor is suggested. Justice Allsides dissents in a very vigorous opinion, in which he scolds the reasoning of his associates on the bench.

## SENATOR CLARK NOT IN FRAUD

Judge Hunt Makes Order in Consonance With Previous Decision.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 14.—In the United States Court today Judge William H. Hunt made an order in the suit of the United States against William A. Clark and R. M. Coburn, granting the motion of the defense for permission to file a plea of bona fide purchase. The case is similar to that of the Government against William A. Clark, in which suit was brought by the United States to certain timber lands in Western Montana, on the ground that fraud had been committed by the entrymen and entrywomen, and like the first suit this is to cancel patents, the claims, however, being some that were not included in the suit originally tried.

The United States District Court of Montana and the Circuit Court of appeals at San Francisco each decided Senator Clark was an innocent purchaser in the first suit. The granting of the motion by Judge Hunt takes the element of fraud in the entries out of the case.

## CASE GETS THE CONCESSIONS

Only Moral Shows Are to Be Permitted at the Regatta.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The regatta company today sold the amusement concessions during the regatta to Colonel Case for \$500 cash, the latter agreeing to furnish six first-class attractions. The attractions will be under the supervision of the regatta company, in that they must consist of nothing objectionable and must be properly conducted. The company also closed a contract today with C. G. Palmberg for the erection of a large grandstand on the Flavel wharf. It will be of a substantial nature and as the regatta company is now a permanent organization, the grandstand will be retained for future regattas. The Astoria hose team began training this evening for the tournament races, which will be held on the Flavel wharf.

Washington towns, entries in these contests have already been made by a team from British Columbia and one from Juneau, Alaska.

## IDENTIFIED AS A ROBBER.

Prosser Farmer Says Fair Money Was Taken by Hold-Up.

TACOMA, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Frank Roberts, one of the desperadoes arrested by Detective Cummings of the Northern Pacific in a running fight at Sumner, was today identified at the County Jail by M. A. Ferguson, a farmer of Prosser, as a robber who held him up on the road and took \$25 last week.

Ferguson said he and his friends were on their way to the Portland Exposition, and the loss of the money will cut short their trip. He was positive of his man when he saw Roberts, but the latter put on a bold front and said, "He's off."

## BANK GETS ONLY A PART

Payment for Lumber Cargo Mainly Divided Among General Creditors.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—An order of the Superior Court has been issued in the case of the Charles Nelson Company, of San Francisco, against the receiver of the insolvent Columbia River Lumber Company, directing

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## BOOKS FOR PUBLIC

Oregon Library Commission Outlines Its General Policy.

## HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING

Report Presented by Miss Caroline Marvin, Secretary to the Commission, Shows Five Main Lines of Work.

SALE, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The Oregon Library Commission, created by an act of the last Legislature, held its first meeting today and outlined its general policy of work. There were present at the meeting the following members: Governor Chamberlain, Superintendent of

Public Instruction, A. W. Ayer, and Miss Mary Loom, President Campbell, of the University of Oregon, who is the other member, could not be present.

The general policy of the commission was set forth in a report submitted by the secretary, Miss Caroline Marvin, until recently connected with library work in Wisconsin.

The report shows five main lines of work to which the commission will give its attention:

First—The building up of public school libraries under that section of the law which requires that an annual school library tax be levied by County Courts.

Second—Encouragement of public library establishment in the larger towns, independent of the school libraries. The only cities now having public libraries are Portland, Eugene and Salem. Other towns which are mentioned in the report as large enough to support public libraries are Albany, Astoria, Baker City, Corvallis, The Dalles, Dallas, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Heppner, La Grande, McNamara, Marshfield, Medford, Oregon City, Pendleton, Roseburg and Sumner.

Third—The organization of traveling libraries through which residents of rural districts may have access to the best literature. It is suggested that the commission raise \$5000 for this purpose. Mrs. J. E. Hoffman, of Portland, has given \$500 for the purpose of founding a traveling library.

Fourth—The improvement and enlargement of the libraries at the state institutions, such as the penitentiary, asylum, reform school. It is also recommended that the documents in the State Library be catalogued so that they may be of general use to the public.

Fifth—The collection of reference works that will be of practical use to the members of the Legislature and others who are investigating needed legislation.

Among other suggestions of minor importance are these:

That a magazine "clearing house" be established where old magazines may be sent by those who have no use for them and where they can be obtained by those who need them.

That exhibits of traveling libraries and public school libraries be sent to county fairs, teachers' institutes, etc., and that circulars be printed giving information regarding the organization and management of libraries.

That a collection of library literature be made and kept at the commission's office in Salem.

That stationers be induced to carry stocks of library supplies, such as membership cards, file cards, catalogue cards, etc., and that binders be encouraged to do public library binding at reasonable prices.

Secretary Marvin announced her intention to visit a number of Eastern Oregon cities in the near future for the purpose of arousing interest in public libraries. For the present, no list of library books will be published, but for the three counties which are prepared to buy—Marion, Douglas and Yamhill—the books will be selected from a list prepared by Professor Louella Clay Carson, of the University of Oregon. The commission decided, after a lengthy discussion, that all books will be purchased after a competitive bid, in which all publishers and dealers in the United States may participate.

The estimate of expenses for the remainder of the present year is as follows: Secretary's salary, \$450; traveling expenses, \$200; typewriter, supplies and incidentals, \$300; total, \$950, leaving a balance of \$150, from which it is recommended that \$125 be expended for clerk hire, and \$250 for books for a traveling library.

PART OF THE LINE IS SUBLET

Lewiston Company to Build 17 Miles of Riparia-Lewiston Cut-Off.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Engineer H. A. Brandon, acting for contractors who have the construction of the Riparia-Lewiston line of the O. R. & N., has signed a contract subletting the building of 17 miles of road to the Inland Construction Company, of this city. The sub-contractor expects to begin preliminary work tomorrow, when soundings for a bridge to be constructed across the Clearwater at this point will be made.

The Inland Company's contract comprises three distinct portions of the road. One portion will be work to be done three miles below the proposed road. Another point will be the construction of seven miles of road at Central Ferry and other work will comprise about 10 miles of work to be done at Riparia and running east about 20 miles east of Riparia. It is evident that the company has determined on the permanent location of the bridge and official announcement may now be looked for at any time.

Advices received from Riparia are to the effect that the first laying of steel on the new line will begin tomorrow morning, connecting with the main line at Riparia and running east about two miles, to which point the roadbed is already graded. The Inland Construction Company expects to begin active work with a full force of men not later than September 1.

SHERIFF WILL TAKE HIM BACK

Howard Edmunds Wanted at Tillamook for Illegal Liquor-Selling.

SEASIDE, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Marshall Thorp received word from Sheriff Linville, at Astoria, that a man named Howard Edmunds was wanted in Tillamook County and to arrest the man if he were in Seaside. At the conclusion of the ball game, the Marshall saw his man, took him into custody and locked him over to the Sheriff at Seaside.

Sheriff Wolff, of Tillamook County, arrived in Seaside, having made the trip

overland, and left on the 5 o'clock train for Astoria to take charge of the prisoner. Edmunds is charged with selling liquor without a license in Tillamook County, also with gambling, and the authorities have been looking for him for some time.

Slave Girl Surrenders Herself.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Ah Sun, the slave girl prisoner at the Oriental Home of the Methodist Church, who escaped to her lover, Ah Fun, at midnight Friday night, voluntarily surrendered herself to the police Saturday evening, and was returned to the mission to be held for deportation. She told the police she had been married and had a child, and that she had been sold to Ah Sun, a Chinese man, who had been looking for her for some time.

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About an hour later Mrs. Grassel, clad only in her night robe and stockings, arrived at the home of John Anderson, a mile and a half east of town. She opened the door and Mr. Anderson, the only occupant awoke and spoke to her. With a scream she came back to consciousness, and it was some time before she became calm enough to understand where she was or what had happened to her. She had no recollection whatever of her trip.

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