

THREE LIVES IN THE OPP MINE

Blown to Pieces in the Explosion of Fifty Pounds of Giant Powder.

NOISE HEARD FOR MILES

Night Shift Was Just About to Enter the Tunnel in Southern Oregon Property When the Crash Came.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Three men were blown to pieces by an explosion of giant powder tonight shortly before 6 o'clock in the Opp mine, a mile and a half from this city. The dead are:

- BILL BROAD.
BERT COFFMAN.
FRED JOHNSON.

So far the officials of the mine are unable to determine just what caused the explosion, but it is believed that the men killed had either dropped a box containing 50 pounds of giant powder, or that the explosion followed an attempt by some one of the three men who were torn into shreds by the explosion to break open the box containing the explosive.

The Opp mine is one of the best-paying properties in Southern Oregon, and the owners are in the middle of extensive improvements. The explosion occurred in tunnel 18. Work had progressed until the drift was 300 feet. A gang of 50 men had been at work on the tunnel for the past month digging the tunnel and placing ten new stings in the mill.

Tonight, just as the night shift was going to work, Broad, Coffman and Johnson, who did the blasting, entered the shaft with a box containing the powder. Fortunately they started several minutes before the rest of the gang were ready for work, or the death list would have been greater. The terrific explosion occurred just as the rest of the gang were about to enter the tunnel. The noise of the explosion could be plainly heard in Jacksonville and it shook the mountain-side until many of the miners thought it would cave in.

News of the death of the miners and the explosion reached here within a few minutes after it occurred. Word was at once telephoned to District Attorney Reames, Grant's Pass, and he at once notified the coroner, the Peace Officer, who, in the absence of the coroner, hurriedly empaneled a coroner's jury to investigate the scene of the accident. With the assistance of the miners and the owners of the mines they entered the tunnel and brought out the remains of the men who were killed.

Johnson's body was literally torn to pieces, and his remains were so badly mangled that but for the fact that he was known to have been with Broad and Coffman it would have been impossible to have identified him. The bodies of Broad and Coffman, while they were terribly mangled, could easily be recognized. Broad was one of the best-known miners in this section of the country. He left a large family in this city. Johnson was equally as well known. His family lives at Gold Hill. Coffman left a widow, whom he married only two months ago. The coroner's inquest will be held tomorrow.

PEOPLE'S VOICE THEIR GUIDE

Hendall and Carter Will Head Direct Primary Law.

Primary Law.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—George Randall and E. P. Carter, both Republicans, are the first candidates for election to the State Legislature to pledge themselves to vote for the candidate for United States Senator that receives a plurality of votes cast for that office at the primary election in April, regardless of individual preferences. These gentlemen are candidates for Representative, and among the several aspirants for this nomination, they are the first to subscribe to this provision of the direct primary nominating law. In addition, Mr. Randall advocates and works for laws compelling railroad companies to furnish seats for passengers and sufficient cars for traffic, and for a law providing for the inspection and control of private banking institutions of the state. He favors the repeal of the law relative to the burning of slensing as amended at the last legislative session, and will work for a law for the just taxation of express, telephone, telegraph and electric and private corporations and companies.

WISH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Clackamas Residents Will Vote on Question in June.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The establishment of a county high school will be among the subjects to be submitted to a popular vote of the people of Clackamas County at the general election in June. The committee that was recently appointed by the Barclay High School Alumni Association, of this city, to draft a petition asking that such an institution be established and maintained, has already secured more than the requisite number of signatures. Additional names, however, will be enrolled when the petition will be filed with the County Clerk preparatory to having the subject placed on the official ballot.

IN FAVOR OF A DIRECT PLEDGE

Judge McBride Says Legislative Candidates Should Go on Record.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—"I am distinctly in favor of the direct primary law, and I am sure that every Legislative candidate a pledge to vote for the candidate having a plurality of votes for United States Senator," said Circuit Judge F. A. McBride today in discussing this important feature of the direct primary nominating law. The Judge continued:

I was one of the committees that framed the direct primary law, and in our circular soliciting votes for that measure we stated our interpretation of the effect in these words: "The Legislature will simply ratify the people's choice for Senator inasmuch as the same way that the President is elected." The primary law was adopted with this understanding, and the people almost unanimously voted for it. They believed that one decisive step had been taken toward the election of United States Senators by the people, and to men should be elected to the com-

LEGISLATURE IS NOT WILLING TO PLEDGE HIMSELF

Legislature is not willing to pledge himself to ratify the people's choice. It is suggested that by ratifying such a pledge a Democratic member might be placed in a position where he would be compelled to support a Republican for United States Senator, or, perhaps, a Republican member might have to support a Democrat. Well, if the people choose a Democrat for Senator, their servants in the Legislature ought to ratify and give effect to that choice, and if they select a Republican Senator, Democratic members ought to do the same. This is the logical effect and true intent of the direct primary law and just what the voters intended when they adopted it and just what the framers of the law intended when it was drawn. The question now is shall the law be upheld and shall prospective candidates be compelled to uphold it or shall we be treated to the usual "legislative" scramble over the election of a United States Senator after the voters of the state have distinctly indicated their choice at the polls?

RAILROAD FIGHT IS ON.

Southern and Western Pacific Companies Enter California Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The fight between the Southern Pacific Company and the Western Pacific Company for terminal rights on San Francisco Bay began in earnest today as far as the Federal authorities are concerned when the filing of the petition of Louis J. Leconte, Assistant United States Engineer, was begun before United States Commissioner Heacock. Attorneys Charles and Marcel Vall of Denver and the Western Pacific, and R. A. Moore, counsel for the Southern Pacific, were present. Attorney Catcher, counsel for the Southern Pacific, made details regarding the construction of the jetties were brought out during the examination of the witnesses.

RECEPTION AT SAN JOSE

BEAVER PILGRIMS ENJOYING CALIFORNIA HOSPITALITY.

Stanford University Visited, Where Students Give a Noisy and Cordial Welcome.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—With a brilliant reception at the Hotel Vendome tonight the Oregon Development League delegation terminated one of the most interesting days of the pilgrimage into California. The special reached here soon after 1 o'clock this afternoon and after luncheon at the Vendome, which had been turned over to the party at headquarters, the entire personnel boarded trolley cars for a circuit of the Santa Clara Valley.

Leaving San Jose the route was west through the valley to Saratoga. After a short stop at this place the journey was continued to Congress Springs; thence by way of Campbell to the starting point. Representatives of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce accompanied the visitors and explained such methods of farming and irrigation as were new to the Oregonians.

Returning to the city the delegation was received at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, where some time was spent in an inspection of the exhibits of citrus and other fruits, the principal variety being prunes, of which it is estimated an annual crop in the Santa Clara Valley is 12,000,000 pounds.

Following dinner at the hotel in the evening a formal reception was held there under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Worwick delivered the welcoming address, in which he referred to the chamber of commerce on the Pacific Coast which had resulted from the Lewis and Clark Park. Secretary S. R. Clarke, of the Chamber of Commerce, in his turn he called on Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Development League, and J. H. Albert, a banker of Salem.

Mr. Albert interested his hearers with a recital of the conditions which governed the markets of the Pacific Coast during the time of the discovery of gold in the Bear State, explaining that ten years previous to the time orchards had been planted in Oregon, wheat was being raised and clothing manufactured by the pioneer women, a large share of which formed a bulk of the supplies hauled into the California coast from the Atlantic Coast by way of the Horn. Mr. Albert referred to the historic trade as an illustration of the growth of the two states.

Governor Chamberlain advised the residents of San Jose to strive for a union of interests of the portion of California in line with the sentiment expressed at other times at meetings of the Oregon Development League, and in his turn he called on the president of the delegation for the treatment accorded the members since en-tering the state.

Paolo Alto presented somewhat of a deviation for the excursionists. The faculty and students of the Stanford University welcomed them royally and two hours were spent at the institution. From the station the party was escorted in carriages and before meeting the faculty was driven through the principal portions of the grounds. At the assembly hall the students greeted the Oregon visitors with college songs and yells, some of the latter having been composed for the occasion. Governor Chamberlain talked on the principles of citizenship, the duty each office-holder owed the people and the country, in which connection he referred to recent scandals in different states as resulting from dishonesty in office.

STATE HAS MONEY

Treasurer Moore Makes Semi-Annual Report.

DISBURSEMENTS ARE LESS

School Fund Is Doubled in Three Years and Now Shows More Than \$4,550,000 in the Treasury.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The semi-annual statement of State Treasurer C. E. Moore, for the last half of the year 1905, shows a heavy decrease in disbursements, as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year; this decrease being due chiefly to the fact that an appropriation bill was held up by a referendum petition, thus preventing expenditure of the money. The general fund disbursements for the last half of 1904 were \$22,574.95, while for the same period this year they are but \$58,421.55. The receipts credited to the general fund show no material change over 1904.

Heavier receipts to the common school fund principal and heavier disbursements in the form of loans, are also shown, with a decreased amount of idle money in the fund. A year ago the cash in the common school fund was \$20,882.95, but although the fund has been growing the loans have been increased, leaving \$17,961.10 in the fund at this time. The disbursement of common school fund interest (divided among the common schools of the state) increased from \$38,901.21 to \$66,543.52, but the growth of that fund has been steady, and notwithstanding heavier disbursements the balance now accumulated is \$10,214.44, as compared with \$4,234.42 last year, or a gain of 20 per cent. Other features of the statement show no important changes.

In addition to his semi-annual statement required by law, State Treasurer Moore has prepared a statement of the condition of the assets of the irrevocable common school fund. This statement shows the following interest-bearing securities:

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DEMOCRAT PREPARE TICKET

Clackamas County Politicians Will Vote Straight in June.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The placing of a straight Democratic ticket in the field at the coming June election was unanimously agreed to at a meeting of the Clackamas County Democratic Central Committee, at a meeting held here today. The meeting was one of the most largely attended and enthusiastic ever held by the minority party in this county. It is the 40 precinct committee of the county being present, in addition to a large representation of Democrats from many of the precincts. O. D. Eby was continued as chairman of the organization.

VALUATION IN WASHINGTON IS

Raised 50 Per Cent.

GENERAL RATE IS FIXED

Convention of State Assessors Decides That 60 Per Cent of Actual Worth Is the Proper Basis.

VERY UGLY CHARGE IS MADE

William Glasford Accused of Accepting Bribe at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—A session was sprung this evening when a local official, the fact-finder of a check for \$100 signed by a prominent property owner of the city, and in favor of William Glasford, who holds the two offices of Councilman and building inspector. The fact-finder of the check is accompanied by a sworn statement from F. D. Mottet, who drew the check, to the effect that he paid the building inspector that amount to see that a contract was being complied with by the contractor.

RE-ELECT OLD OFFICERS

WASHINGTON LIVESTOCK MEN ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

Reduction of Freight Rates, Rate Regulation and Reclamation of Arid Lands Are Indorsed.

SPOKANE, Jan. 17.—The second annual convention of the Washington Livestock Association was adjourned this afternoon. The association will meet for its next convention in Spokane some time in December. The executive officers of the association were unanimously re-elected. They are: Edwin F. Benson, of Prosser, president; A. J. Spilvan, of North Yakima, vice-president; Levi G. Monroe, of Spokane, treasurer; F. M. Rothrock, of Spokane, secretary.

Installed in Astoria Pulpit.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The formal installation of Rev. W. S. Gilbert as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church took place this evening with appropriate services attended by a large number of people. Several of the members of the local churches assisted in the services, and a number of ministers from Portland.

OLDEST ACTIVE EMPLOYEE IN POSTAL SERVICE.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The United States Government yesterday less its oldest, active employe in the mailing department of the postal service. Pratt R. Skinner, of Albany, who in his 87th year was an active mailing clerk on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, having charge of the eastern terminus of the road, died yesterday after an illness of but one week. Although the old gentleman had been ailing all winter, his rugged constitution and indomitable energy enabled him to maintain his position and save his friends from the belief that he would survive this last illness.

WILLAMETTE IS ANGRY RIVER

Heavy Rains in Mountains Cause Water to Forsake Channel.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Willamette River, at Albany, is slowly proving to be a very angry river, and true to its name, the waters have in the bottom lands broken from the accustomed channels. The storm is just such a one as caused the extreme high water of the winter of 1904, when the water was so high that the waters were driven into the bottom lands broken from the accustomed channels. The storm is just such a one as caused the extreme high water of the winter of 1904, when the water was so high that the waters were driven into the bottom lands broken from the accustomed channels.

COUGAR LEGS CAUSE FRIGHT

Murder Mystery Turns Into Ham-bleton Relic of Garbage Barrel.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The mystery or supposed crime which grew out of the finding of a forearm which had been declared to be that of a woman is a mystery no longer. It has dissolved into thin air, but while latent, excited among residents of this city a high and this morning there were fresh developments which were sufficient to augment the already intense interest. His new discovery was the finding by Chief

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MEN BATTLE WITH COUGAR

Big Beast Attacks Unarmed Loggers in Tent.

MONKEY WRENCH BREAKS ANIMAL'S NECK

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—A fierce battle between two half-armed men and an angry cougar took place at dawn today in a tent near Newman Lake. The men, wrenched and stove wood were fighting the animal and the desperate struggle, the cougar being killed by Silas Cook works in a logging camp for the Otis Lumber Company. This morning Cook went to call Charles O. Scott, who was asleep in a tent. The tent has been used as a cookhouse, and provisions are stored in it. As Cook entered the tent he saw the cougar helping himself to eatables. Cook was unarmed, and there was no gun in the camp, so he tried to scare the brute away. The animal showed fight and attacked Cook, who started to defend himself with a stick of stove wood, at the same time arousing Scott. The latter lunged at the animal with a hammer, which landed with good effect.

HILL ROAD BUYS PROPERTY

Rumor That Great Northern Has Acquired Tacoma Terminals.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The sale of the property of the Far West Lumber Company, at East D and Twenty-first streets is believed to mean that the property has been bought for the Great Northern interests. It is also said today that an option has been given to Great Northern agents on the plant and property of Derickson & Co., of the Tacoma, Fa. West mill. The price is said to be in excess of \$100,000.

MINISTERS HOLD CONFERENCE.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—A highly interesting and successful conference of the East Portland District Preachers' Association was concluded in the Methodist Episcopal Church here this afternoon. Ministers who were in attendance were Rev. F. Roland, D. D., J. W. McDougall, Wilfred Smith, F. S. Clark, J. C. Gregory, G. O. Oliver, Alfred Thompson, Henry Spies, R. C. Blackwell, W. H. Hepp, D. D., Harold Oberg, W. T. Kerr, W. H. Sellick, D. D., E. G. Giffins, A. D. Wagner, C. E. Crandall, Joseph Putton, James Hunrod, Thomas Maxwell, D. L. Rader, D. D., T. S. McDaniel, J. H. Coleman, D. D., W. F. Hollingshead, D. D., D. H. Leech.

HAWLEY FILES NOTICE.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—W. C. Hawley today filed notice of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Congress in the First District. He adopted as his motto, "No interests to serve but the public interests."

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DR. CLARKE IN CHARGE.

Vancouver School Running Smoothly Under New Management.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Thomas R. Clarke, the newly-appointed superintendent of the School for Defective Youth, at this place, has taken full charge of the work and the affairs at the school are progressing nicely. There are the same number of classes as under the old management, and with just a few changes, the routine of the work continues as before.

LANE COUNTY PIONEER, AGED 87, SUC- CUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Robert Callison, one of the early Lane County pioneers, died at his home at Pleasant Hill last night at 11 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks' duration, at the age of over 87 years. "Uncle" Robert Callison, as he was familiarly known, was born in Adair County, Ky., June 18, 1818. His parents died while he was quite young, and in company with his uncle and family, he drove overland with an ox team to Illinois in 1835. He was married December 5, 1832, to Miss Polly Bristow, who survives him. They located on a farm in McDonough County, Ill., and resided there nine years. In 1845 he joined a party coming to the Pacific Coast, driving an ox team the entire distance. They came directly to Lane County, settling at Pleasant Hill, taking up a homestead claim. Several years later they bought a spring farm of 66 acres, comprising the W. W. Bristow donation claim, and made extensive improvements, all of which have increased in value from

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