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Youngster Heard Gloomy Tales of Impending Want.

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Idaho Ten-Year-Old Did What He Thought Would Relieve His Mother in Her Great Distress.

WARDNER, Idaho, April 17.—(Special.)—George Decker, 10 years old, lost his father by death a week ago, and the child became dependent on the poverty-stricken family after the death of the breadwinner. He had heard gloomy talk about the family having to go to the poor farm, and the prospect of seeing his mother and his little brothers shivering preyed upon his mind night and day. At last he decided that the only way they could escape would be through saving the expense of his keep, and, without saying a word to anyone, the little lad struck out for the poor farm. By dint of much walking he got to the place four days ago and told the keeper that he meant to stay until he was big enough to work for himself.

The boy never thought of telling his mother, and she was heartbroken over his loss. Chief Decker, of the police force, after three days' telephoning, got a trace of the boy and brought him back safe today to his mother. Now he thinks that the poor farm is a good enough place for boys without a home, but he thinks that he can best help his mother by staying at home and doing his best for her with his own little efforts.

PRESBYTERY AT CLATSkanie

Rev. C. W. Hays, of Portland, is Elected Moderator.

CLATSkanie, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—The Presbytery convened in the Presbyterian Church here yesterday at 2 P. M. Rev. J. R. Welch, retiring moderator, presiding. After a short devotional service Rev. Charles W. Hays, of the Marshall Street Church, Portland, was elected moderator for the ensuing six months. Rev. J. R. Landsborough, of Oregon City, was appointed temporary clerk, and Rev. D. H. Hare, reporting clerk.

Rev. Thomas Parry, D. D., of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, and Rev. J. M. Ferguson, of the Presbytery of Southern Oregon, sat as corresponding members. Rev. E. D. Allen was dismissed to the Presbytery of Washita, and Rev. J. E. Day to the Presbytery of Southern Oregon. Rev. John M. Ferguson was elected Sunday school missionary for the following year.

The afternoon was largely taken up with reports of the various committees representing the departments of the church work, the most important of which was the report of the committee on home missions, which, in the absence of the chairman, Rev. E. F. Hill, D. D., was read by Rev. H. Marotte.

At the evening session Rev. Thomas Parry, D. D., preached a most interesting and inspiring message. The Presbytery was continued today. Rev. J. A. P. McGraw preached at 11 o'clock.

ROORBACK SPRUNG ON HUSTON

Congressional Candidate Lays It at Door of Disbarred Lawyer.

HILLSBORO, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—Considerable public commotion was caused here today by the distribution of an unsigned circular, purporting to be the political history of Hon. S. B. Huston, the Washington County candidate for Congress in the district of Oregon. The circular was a lengthy one, and contained the allegation that Mr. Huston left the Democratic party for monetary as well as other reasons.

HEARD THROUGH A HOLE

Objection Made to the Diversion of the Waters of Rock Creek.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—Injunction suits have been brought in the Circuit Court asking for an order to restrain the City of Corvallis from diverting water from Rock Creek into a new gravity water system now in course of construction. The suits are in the name of J. E. Henkle as plaintiff in the one, and G. R. Parra, chief owner in the present Corvallis water system, as plaintiff in the other. The defendants are the city officers and the Corvallis Water Board, the latter of which has charge of the construction work.

TRIES TO KILL DEPUTY SHERIFF

Idaho Blacksmith Then Kills Himself in Wife's Presence.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 17.—(Special.)—Russ Kennell, a well-known rancher and blacksmith, shot a small town near Grangeville, on Camas Prairie, shot and killed himself at 4 o'clock this afternoon, while under arrest charged with criminal assault. Before shooting himself he fired a bullet at Deputy Sheriff Blackburn, of Idaho County, barely missing his head. The affair was witnessed by Kennell's wife and other persons.

Fatally Burned at Bedtime.

THE DALLIES, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jennie Romero, mother of Mrs. Henry Brown, of North Dallas, and a pioneer resident of this city, was fatally burned Sunday evening at the residence of her daughter, her death occurring yesterday morning. Mrs. Romero had gone to her room last evening and was preparing to retire when she was heard to cry out. Her daughter, hurrying to her assistance, found her enveloped in flames about the head and shoulders. Being a blanket from the bed, Mrs. Brown extrin-

STAMP LAW WALKED

Washington Attorney-General Says He So Holds.

DESPITE JUDGE HANFORD

Opinions Are Conflicting Regarding Trading Devices, and State Supreme Court Will Be Called Upon for Final Decision.

REGIMENTAL COLORS MISSING

Governor Mead Would Recover Stand of Territorial Regiment.

MANY LARGE FISH ARE CAUGHT

Gillnetters in Prairie Channel Are the Most Successful.

RATES FOR BIG CONVENTIONS

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—More than half of the 45 roads in the organization were represented at the quarterly session of the trans-continental passenger agents' convention today. Rates and conditions were taken up at once and will be the special business of the session.

ADJUTANT BEAL HAS RESIGNED

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—The State Board of Control today accepted the resignation of Charles N. Beal as Adjutant of the Soldiers' Home at Orting. It is announced that the vacancy will be filled by appointment to be made by Willis L. Ames, commander at the Home.

PRESENT FROM LORD ROTHSCHILD.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 17.—Captain Mikkelson, the explorer, who is preparing the schooner Duchess Bedford to start on May 15 for an Arctic expedition, has received a cable from Lord Rothschild adding \$1000 to his contribution toward the expenses of the voyage.

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CONRAD'S DEMAND FOR MONEY GETS HIM IN TROUBLE.

TACOMA, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—Councilman J. J. Conrad will have to answer in the court charges made against him in the council investigation of some weeks ago. Prosecuting Attorney Bates will start an action in the Criminal Court within a few days.

REPORT FROM SOLDIERS' HOME.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—The March report of Commandant Willis L. Ames of the Soldiers' Home at Orting was received by the Board of Control today. It shows an average daily attendance at the Home of 27.38 veterans, at a daily per capita cost of 286 cents. During the month there were three deaths and 72 patients treated in the hospital.

SUBMARINE MINES ARE REMOVED.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 17.—As a result of the change whereby the Canadian government took over the Beaufort defenses from the Imperial government, the elaborate systems of submarine mines which were laid some few years ago as part of the scheme of defense, have been removed and the cables and other material placed in the naval stores.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO BUILD JAIL.

RAYMOND, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the Commercial club was decided to build a jail at Raymond at once, the club to stand the expense.

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DREDGE THE HARBOR

Aberdein Will Use Material for Her Streets.

COST WILL BE \$90,000

have elapsed from the date of the sale of the property involved.

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