

EXPLOSION SENDS BOILER SKYWARD

Nine Men in O. R. & N. Scrap-yards Have Narrow Escape From Death.

ONE IS SLIGHTLY INJURED

Escape of Water Into Firebox Cause of Peculiar Accident - Huge Mass of Metal Is Hurl'd Distance of 200 Feet.

Explosion of a big upright boiler without loss of life or serious damage was the rather peculiar accident that occurred at the O. R. & N. scrapyard, Nicolai and Front streets, early yesterday afternoon.

Instead of bursting, the big boiler went sailing upward like a huge skyrocket. A big hole was torn in the roof and the ton of hollow metal, filled with hissing steam and water, went hurtling through the air for a distance of 200 feet. It fell on the opposite side of the street.

To the fact that the crown sheet did not become overheated and the force of men working about the plant at the time owing their escape. The crown sheet was not damaged in any way, the accident being caused by collapse of the firebox. This allowed a quantity of water to come in sudden contact with the coils, generating steam with such sudden force as to loosen the engine from its anchorage and send it spinning through the roof.

Murray, the injured man, was working near the engine at the time. The boiler, an old 30 horse power affair, seemed to be working very well and was not receiving constant attention.

The accident caused considerable excitement in the vicinity, and it was at first reported that the entire working force had been killed or injured. The fire department answered a call to the place, but was not needed, as the boiler carried most of its fire and water out of the building and the wreckage did not catch fire.

SIXTY NAMES ARE DRAWN From List Federal Grand Jurors Will Be Selected.

The usual centre of 60 names was selected in the United States Court yesterday morning. From this list a grand jury of 23 members will be selected when the talesmen report for service at 2 P. M. Monday, March 15. The jurymen selected are:

- Dennis Sullivan, Lafayette, Yamhill County.
F. C. Wicks, Dundee, Yamhill County.
Oliver C. Wall, Portland.
Adrian McCalman, Portland.
Aug. Bradling, Shedd's, Linn County.
D. H. Rodden, Albany, Linn County.
John A. Patterson, Portland.
George G. Vaughn, Portland.
Alex M. Coburn, Montavilla.
George S. Stoddard, Kern Park, Portland.
Bernard Opitz, Portland.
William N. Northrup, Portland.
J. E. Goodie, Salem, Marion County.
Louis E. Swetland, Portland.
George E. Banyne, Shedd's, Linn County.
John Ogilvie, Portland.
Thomas I. Blain, Vancouver.
Otto K. Rummel, Portland.
John A. Vesteseg, Portland.
Gregory E. Snyder, Portland.
Fred Holmgren, Tangent, Linn County.
George Ormsby, Portland.
Frank C. Wasserman, Portland.
C. A. Francis, Kings Valley, Benton County.
J. W. Harritt, Salem, Marion County.
John Nelson, Portland.
David M. Moore, Portland.
G. A. Warner, Seba, Linn County.
Carl S. Nichols, Portland.
Gordon Voorheis, Portland.
Joseph P. Newell, Portland.
C. H. McFarland, Brownsville, Linn County.
George W. Patterson, Portland.
Franklin E. Turner, Portland.
L. C. Stratton, Albany, Linn County.
J. N. Edmiston, McMinnville, Yamhill County.
Harry Young, Montavilla.
George R. Stebbins, Portland.
P. M. Savage, Brooks, Marion County.
James Olson, Portland.
Charles S. Oberg, Portland.
R. V. Barr, Sweet Home, Linn County.
A. E. Housman, Brownsville, Linn County.
William P. Van Bibber, Portland.
H. J. Hamilton, Albany, Linn County.
Gustav Lasse, Scappoose, Columbia County.
A. C. Miller, Kings Valley, Benton County.
G. H. Conlow, Brownsville, Linn County.
Benjamin Scheffeld, Clatsop, Washington County.
Edward Parish, Portland.
Frank M. Orr, Portland.
John Palmer, McMinnville, Yamhill County.
Sids B. Walker, Independence, Polk County.
Charles G. Woodward, Portland.
Daniel T. Sherrell, Portland.
Thomas J. O'Brien, Portland.
Norman Waterholter, Portland.
Ryester E. Paddock, Clatsop.
Alex Wagner, Portland.
Fred Crawford, Dayton, Yamhill County.

LIBERTY OF SHORT DURATION

Alleged Swindler Gives Bail but Is Rearrested. J. N. Saylor, a Federal prisoner, secured his release from the County Jail yesterday by furnishing bonds in the sum of \$1000, only to be rearrested by De-

puties Hellyer and Maloney on a warrant issued from the Municipal Court charging him with vagrancy. Failing to furnish the bonds that were required on the second charge, Saylor was lodged in the City Jail.

Saylor, together with R. H. Wells, Frank Cassin and M. J. Dorsey, was recently held to the United States Federal jury on a charge of using the mails to defraud. The four are being held on a charge of receiving through the mails about \$1000 worth of currency, issued by the Merchants & Planters Bank, the worthless paper being purchased from a Chicago curio dealer at the rate of 20 cents for each \$5 note.

It was while passing these bogus bills that the four were detected and placed under arrest by the United States authorities. At a recent examination before United States Commissioner Sladen, the accused men were held to answer before the Federal grand jury, which will be called March 15.

SISTER'S SUIT COMPROMISED Mrs. Margaret Lyle Gets \$5000 From Crawford Estate.

An order was issued in the County Court yesterday morning, authorizing the guardian of Mrs. Margaret Lyle to accept \$5000 in settlement of a suit brought to obtain for Mrs. Lyle one-third of the \$100,000 estate of John A. Crawford. Mrs. Lyle is Crawford's sister. Robert M. Crawford, a brother of



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the deceased, is administrator of the estate. The suit alleged fraud and undue influence on the part of Robert M. Crawford while his brother lived. This, Mrs. Lyle alleged, resulted in her brother obtaining the entire estate. She also alleged that the administrator had reported to the court only a small part of the property coming into his hands. She asked the court to give her one-third of the estate.

County Clerk Reports.

The cash receipts of the County Clerk's office during February fell below those for the same month of 1907, as a result of the employment of a number of extra registration clerks. The net profit of the office last month was \$2384.85. In February, 1907, it was \$2282.22, while in the second month of 1908 the county was put to an expense of \$2065.62. The receipts last month from the Circuit Court department were \$1449.50, from the County Court department \$1922.45, and from the recording department \$2722.95, making a total of \$5094.90. The salaries for supplies were \$269.25, and for expenses \$2887.17, making \$2956.42 in all.

Withdraws His Resignation.

W. O. Nisley has withdrawn his resignation as superintendent of the detention home of the Juvenile Court. Upon reconsidering the matter he has decided to accept the salary of \$100 a month offered him by the County Court, this being an increase of \$5. His wife will receive \$5 a month as matron. The new detention home will be ready for occupancy this month.

Forced to Reveal Past.

R. H. Dunn is suing John Brechler and T. H. Gora before a jury in Judge O'Day's department of the Circuit Court, to recover \$300 on a note. The defendants allege that Dunn obtained the signatures of the defendants by fraud. Evidence was introduced yesterday to show that Dunn was once convicted in the Circuit Court for forgery. When placed upon the witness stand, Dunn admitted the conviction but said the note was not forged by him.

Alleged Footpad on Trial.

A jury in Judge Gantenbein's department of the Circuit Court is hearing the testimony in the case of the state against J. J. Crawford, who is charged with assisting K. M. Kiebles on December 22, with the intention of robbing him. Nearly the entire afternoon was spent in securing the jury, but before the time for adjournment, some testimony had been introduced.

Two Prisoners Arraigned.

Before Judge Cleland, in the State Circuit Court, Alexander Vladesovlov, charged with assaulting Joe Panich with a knife on February 11, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. His case was not set for trial. Clyde Stratton, accused of committing a statutory offense against a 17-year-old girl, was given until 2 P. M. today to plead.

WILL RECEIVE AMUNDSEN Committee Named by the Norwegian Singing Society.

Norwegian residents of Portland are planning a warm reception for Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the Northwest passage. Captain Amundsen will lecture in Portland on the night of March 17, at Arion Hall. His feat in sailing through the undiscovered passage is said to be the most striking advance in discovery during the past decade. With his sloop Gjoa, Captain Amundsen accomplished the voyage two years ago. At a meeting of the committee of 50 from the Norwegian Singing Society last night the following reception committee was named to welcome the celebrated discoverer to Portland and to make his stay pleasant while here: E. M. Cederbergh, Norwegian Vice-Consul; Dr. G. T. Trommald, P. C. Hagemann, J. O. Berg and A. Bjelland. This committee is already making plans for the entertainment of the explorer while here. Captain Amundsen's lecture will describe the journey through the Northwest passage and the entire trip will be shown by stereopticon views.

ASK FOR WARSHIPS

Commercial Bodies Aid Rose Festival Promoters.

MAKE UNITED DEMAND

Telegraph Delegation at Washington to Urge Navy Department to Send Vessels to This City in June.

Efforts are being made to bring a part of Rear-Admiral Evans' fleet of warships to Portland during the coming Rose Festival. The Oregon delegation at Washington is being besieged with telegrams from the Portland commercial organizations asking that representations



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be made to the Secretary of the Navy as to the advisability of sending a number of cruisers and torpedo boats to this harbor between June 1 and 5.

It is believed that the matter of the direction of the movements of the fleet now on its long cruise to San Francisco is entirely in the hands of Secretary Metcalf and that he can send the ships to any point desired. It was given out at Washington when the fleet first started on its cruise, that the matter of visiting Pacific Coast ports was in the hands of Rear-Admiral Evans himself and that he would direct the fleet's movements.

Fletcher Linn, president of the Manufacturers' Association sent a telegram yesterday to Senators Fulton and Bourne asking them to make the necessary representations to the proper department to secure a visit from at least a portion of the fleet.

Secretary Muller, of the Board of Trade, dispatched similar telegrams last night to the Oregon delegation, urging that the presence of the cruisers and torpedo boats in the local harbor will add much to the success of the Festival.

The Chamber of Commerce will add its request to those of the other two bodies today. The board of trustees will meet this morning at 11 o'clock and among other business, the matter of inviting a part of the fleet to Portland will be considered. It is likely that even before the meeting Secretary Giltner will send telegrams in support to those already dispatched.

President Hodson, of the Commercial Club, will exert the influence of his or-

ganization to bring the cruiser squadron here during the Rose Festival. He believes, however, that more will be accomplished by direct appeals to Rear-Admiral Evans as he has been given to understand that the movements of the fleet are under the Rear-Admiral's direction.

citizens of Portland and turned over to the Park Board, on Washington's birthday, will be planted within a week. There are about 20 men at work at the present time preparing the ground in the three park blocks set aside for rose planting, and within the next two days this force will be increased to 50 or more. The block between Burrside and Couch has been given a top dressing of fertilizer and the planting is progressing rapidly in that square.

As soon as this block has been filled with roses, the workmen will move to the block between Salmon and Main, where the formal ceremonies and blessing of the roses were held on rose-planting day, and this tract will be thickly massed with the shrubs.

The block between Harrison and Montgomery is being worked over and made ready for the top dressing and the bushes will be set out here last.

"There is plenty of time yet to plant the bushes," said Mr. Monteth, last night, "so as to have them in full, rich bloom by June 1, the opening day of the festival. We have been delayed a little longer than we expected, but the work is moving along in good shape now. We are taking the utmost pains in this planting work, so as to make the three blocks roses the most beautiful rose gardens of their size in the country. They will be unique for the reason that the public has drafted and been working on them will be public rose gardens in the true sense of the word. Expert gardeners are directing the work."

George L. Baker, who has personal charge of the big benefit that will be given at the Marquam Grand Theater Friday afternoon, March 13, to help swell the Rose Festival fund, is busy arranging the programme for that event. Managers of all the local playhouses have given him carte blanche as to talent to be drafted and he has arranged a preliminary list of "stars." He will arrange a varied programme, so that there will be musical, vaudeville and "legitimate" numbers arranged and interspersed so as to appeal to all tastes.

Mr. Baker announces that he will not complete the list of events until he has made the rounds of the theaters, nearly next week, to judge for himself what acts are likely to prove attractive on the benefit bill.

Managers and stage employes of all theaters will join hands in making the programme one of the most elaborate that has ever been given in Portland. The Rose Festival committee will have charge of the tickets and will announce the opening of the sale within the next few days.

WILL DEBATE WITH U'REN

John F. Logan and T. F. Fording Accept His Challenge.

John F. Logan and T. F. Fording have been selected to meet W. S. U'Ren in a debate on Statement No. 1 before the South Portland Republican Club tonight at Jones hall, Front and Gibbs street. The committee appointed by W. P. Little, president of the club, after scouring the city, finally got the consent of Mr. Logan and Mr. Fording to meet the Oregon City lawmaker on the platform.

The fact that U'Ren is to defend his pet measure has roused a great deal of interest among politicians and non-politicians and a record-breaking crowd will turn out tonight. Since U'Ren issued his challenge to debate Statement No. 1 a host of willing talkers have come to the front, but they have been passed up by U'Ren, just as have been those to whom U'Ren had issued his challenge. Both Mr. Logan and Mr. Fording are good talkers and as U'Ren considers he has a fight to the death on his hands in defending the statement a rather tropical session is prospect.

In addition to the debaters there will be a number of other speakers at the meeting, loaded down with pointed questions for the Oregon City politician. Whether the latter will get a chance to fire their queries at U'Ren and whether he will make answer, remains to be seen.

Under the direction of President Little the South Portland Club is very active in the present campaign. At a meeting of the executive board held last night nine candidates who are running for precinct committee were endorsed. They were: Dr. C. C. Newcastle, A. J. Fanno, J. P. Singer, W. M. Calk, Sr., J. M. Mann, Frank W. Hummel, Charles Feldman, M. J. Brennan and Edward Dennison.

Norden Out for Coroner.

Benjamin L. Norden has filed in the County Clerk's office a declaration of intention to run for nomination on the Republican ticket as Coroner. J. H.

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and Bourke demanded that sum for his release.

CARD OF THANKS.

The sister and niece of the late Dr. James S. Surman wish to express thanks for the floral tributes, and to all friends who so kindly assisted by their presence and words of sympathy at the funeral services and burial of their brother and uncle.

Read Sharkey's Sunday ad.

Recital Friday Evening

SOLOISTS: Miss Beulah Gaddwell, soprano. Mr. S. J. Story, violinist.

Eilers Piano House announces the fifteenth of this season's recitals, to take place in its Recital Hall, corner of Park and Washington streets, at 8:30 Friday evening, March 6th.

A fine programme of vocal and instrumental music has been prepared. The piano numbers and accompaniments will be played with the new Themodist Pianola.

All are cordially invited, but to insure comfort and prevent overcrowding, admission by ticket only. These tickets may be secured by calling at Eilers Piano House before 6 o'clock Friday night.



KREISLER

Heilig Theater, March 17

Fritz Kreisler is acknowledged to be the greatest living violinist in the entire press of America, several leading New York dailies proclaiming him "the true successor of Joachim," not only as a master of the violin, but also as one of the greatest musicians of the present time. Kreisler, like most of the great artists, prefers and insists upon having the Steinway Piano for his accompaniments. Shegman, Clay & Co. are Western agents.

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