

MAIL BAGS BURNED

Fire in Mailcar on Portland-Seattle Run.

REGISTERED SACKS UNHURT

Blaze of Unknown Origin Discovered—Engineer Makes Quick Run to Siding, Where Car Is Detached—Starts on Platform.

SEATTLE, April 7.—Fire in the mail and express-car of the northbound Seattle-Portland passenger train of the Northern Pacific, which left this morning, resulted in considerable damage by water to two truck loads of California and Oregon registered mail for Seattle. The registered mail was not damaged.

The fire was started on the blind end of the coach and burned to the inside before it was discovered. The engine ran with all possible speed into the Tacoma railroad yards, where the Fire Department put out the blaze. The car was badly damaged.

LEAVES OVER 100 DESCENDANTS

James Webb, Pioneer of Gervais, Dies at Age of 88.

GERVAIS, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—James Webb, an old-time resident of this section, died here Saturday from an attack of pneumonia at the age of 88. Mr. Webb was born in Linn County, Ohio, February 21, 1822. He was married to Miss Christine Leach in 1849. In 1847 they moved to Oregon by ox team across the plains, first locating on Sauvie Island, and then in Oregon City. Later they moved to this section, where he took up the donation land claim on which he died. His wife died some years ago. Mr. Webb was a man of wonderfully vigorous mind and until the time of his death possessed a splendid memory of early days and many incidents that happened then.

He leaves a large family as follows: Mrs. Mary Grashorn; of Jefferson; Mrs. Mrs. Wade, of Gervais; Mrs. Toblathia



James Webb.

Stevens, of Gervais; Mrs. Harriet Grashorn, of Willhoit; Mrs. Annie E. Taylor, of Gervais; Mrs. Sarah Sken, of Molalla; Mrs. Margie Becker, of Gervais; Mrs. Lucinda Simmons, of Molalla; Frank Webb, of Silver Lake; Mrs. J. Bowers, of Burns; and George Webb, of Gervais. In addition to the above he leaves over 100 descendants.

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR FULTON

Speaks at Dallas to Large Audience From Nearby Towns.

DALLAS, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—United States Senator Fulton spoke here tonight to a large audience enthusiastic in their applause of his address. Like his other speeches throughout the Valley, Mr. Fulton made this a haul of the charges brought against him by Francis J. Heney. He touched upon the charges made by J. H. Smith, of Salem, and brought in support of his denial of these an affidavit of Mr. Powell, of Albany.

The surrounding country was well represented at the address, special trains being run from Independence and other places.

APPOINTMENTS ARE GIVEN OUT

United Evangelical Pastors Stationed by Committee.

DALLAS, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The stationing committee of the United Evangelical Church has announced its appointments for the coming year as follows: Portland District, M. J. Ballantyne; Portland First, A. A. Winter; Portland Second, C. C. Poling; Clackamas, J. Bowers; St. John, C. P. Gates; Hillsboro, S. J. Lindsay; Dayton and Lafayette, William S. Prewman.

Dallas District, H. I. Pratt; Dallas, N. W. Sager; Corvallis, E. E. McVicker; Independence, S. E. Lauer; Sedalia, C. A. Burt; Bridgeport, M. H. Young; Kings Valley, J. L. Burns; Mapleton, N. W. Thomas; Florence, O. L. Lovell; Salem, H. A. Deak; Brooks, O. J. Costell.

CAKE APPLAUDED AT MILTON

Principles Advocated Please Large Audience Gathered.

MILTON, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Hon. H. M. Oake, the champion of Statement No. 1, addressed a large-sized audience at Badger's Hall this evening in the interest of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States Senator. He advocated conservation of our forests, opening of the navigable streams of the state, edifying the Roosevelt policies and made a strong appeal for the selection of United States Senators by the people through the direct primary law and Statement No. 1. His talk on this subject received hearty applause.

Saloonmen Are Fined.

SALEM, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Joseph Melke, a Station saloonkeeper, today pleaded guilty to permitting a minor to loiter about his place of business. He said, by way of explanation, that the boy who frequents his place is his son, and owns a third interest in the busi-

ness, so he did not see how he could keep him away. Judge Burnett could not see that these facts lessened the offense and he imposed a \$50 fine. Sam Miller, Andrew Lundeen and David Kiel, all of Aurora, pleaded guilty to selling liquor to minors and paid fines of \$50 each.

Safety for Eugene Boaters.

EUGENE, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—A mass meeting of townspeople and students was held at the Commercial Club rooms last night to discuss plans for ensuring safety to those boating on the mill race. A club, which is intended to include all those who have boats on the race, will be organized at once and rigid rules made for the members. The organization will be known as the University of Oregon Canoe Club.

A resolution was passed at this meeting favoring the establishment of a bathing house where girls and women can be taught how to swim.

Bellingham to Entertain.

BELLINGHAM, April 7.—Plans were completed this afternoon for the entertainment of the officers and sailors of the cruiser squadron under Admiral Behre, which will arrive tomorrow afternoon for a four days' stay. The program includes a ball for the officers, another for the seamen, theater parties, skating parties, dances, dinners, trolley and automobile rides.

GERMANS FOR UNIVERSITY

LANE COUNTY SOCIETY BELIEVES IN APPROPRIATION.

Passes Resolutions Reciting Good Accomplished Through Oregon Institution.

EUGENE, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The German Relief Society of Lane County has passed the following resolutions relative to the State University: Whereas, the last Oregon Legislature appropriated the sum of \$125,000 to be expended for the support and maintenance of the University of Oregon, and whereas, the University of Oregon has been referred to the vote of the people and will be voted upon by the people of this state at the coming election in June, and whereas, we German-born citizens, believing in higher education and in a well-organized educational system, and believing the University of Oregon will, in the future, as it has in the past, be a credit and a source of pride to the whole State of Oregon, and whereas, the University of Oregon has taught many hundreds of students (fully 200 alone in 1907 and 1908) the German language and German literature, and whereas, we consider the University of Oregon as one of the centers of German culture, now, here, by us.

Resolved, That we hereby pledge our support to secure the appropriations for the maintenance and support of the University of Oregon, and that we urge all German-born citizens, speaking the German language and of the whole State of Oregon, to vote for the full amount of the university appropriation at the coming general election in June.

EMIL KOPPE, President, J. A. SHERIDAN, Secretary.

Medford Hears Prohibition.

MEDFORD, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The campaign for prohibition opened here tonight. Rev. William Foulkes, of Portland, speaking in the cause. The Medford band furnished music. The S. E. design was early in evidence. Pamphlets were passed among the audience, giving statistics, to which Mr. Foulkes referred, producing instead others in favor of his part of the argument. Mr. Foulkes favors local option and hopes to see local option in every case develop into prohibition.

Logger Killed in Camp.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—A logger named James Barrett was instantly killed today in the camp of the Briscoe Logging Camp. He was employed as firing engineer and had made fast to a log and given a go-ahead signal. As the engine hauled the log from its resting place Barrett stepped back, but got in the path of another heavy log which was released by the first one and was crushed to death. Barrett was about 29 years of age and was formerly from St. Cloud, Minn.

Trust Gets Can Factory.

ASTORIA, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The formal transfer of the plant of the Kendall Can Company, in this city, to the American Can Company was made last evening, but the details of the sale cannot be learned here. It is understood that P. P. Kendall, of Portland, who was manager of the local plant, becomes Northwest manager for the American Can Company.

Master Surrenders Himself.

SEATTLE, April 7.—George Worley, master of the United States auxiliary vessel Abundant, wanted in Porto Rico where he is charged with having beaten some sailors, surrendered voluntarily here today, and was released on bond.

First Wool Clip Comes.

ARLINGTON, Or., April 7.—(Special.)

MRS. MALINDA TUPPER.



Pioneer of Washington County, Who Died at Hillsboro Monday at the Age of 77.

The first of this season's clip of wool was brought to market from Smythe & Smith's shearing plant last week. No sales are reported.

Enlisted Man Dies.

ASTORIA, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Palmer Wayne, an enlisted man in the Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Columbia, died at the hospital there this morning of tonsillitis after a short illness. He was 29 years of age and a native of England.

Tomorrow and Friday will positively be the last days for discount on West Side gas bills, Portland Gas Company.

LESS RIGID LAW

Chinese Says Countrymen Are Leaving Coast.

LABOR GREATLY NEEDED

Therefore, Goon Dip Says, the Bars Should Be Let Down for Few Thousand Every Year—Prophecies a War Soon.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—That the United States should relax in some degree its Chinese immigration laws is the opinion of Goon Dip, a pioneer Chinese merchant of Portland, who has lived on the Coast for 20 years.

"There were 12,000 Chinese on the Coast 10 years ago," said Goon Dip, "and today there are not more than 50,000. In 10 years more, unless Congress should change existing laws, there will be but 10,000 or 15,000. The Pacific Coast Chinese are either dying off or returning to China. Many that visit their native land never return to this country because of the difficulty of entering. It seems to me the Government should treat the Chinese as liberally as it does the Japanese or other alien races. A few thousand Chinese should be allowed to come to the Coast annually. They furnish a kind of labor which is much needed and for which the whites are unfitted.

"Besides, China as a nation is advancing and, with America's interest in the Orient, she should treat the Chinese more fairly."

WIDOW OF PIONEER STOCKMAN

Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson Dies After Several Months' Illness.

THE DALLES, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, widow of the late Joel Coleman Johnson, a pioneer of the early fifties, who died



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at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Farrington, at Washington, April 4, after an illness of several months, was buried here today.

Ellen Sophia Crockett was born in Rockland, Me., August 7, 1829, her parents being James and Mary Crockett. She was married to Joel Coleman Johnson, who had returned to his native home at Mt. Desert Island, Maine, after a residence of 15 years in Idaho and Oregon, on February 12, 1868, and sailed with him shortly thereafter for San Francisco by the way of Panama.

After a short stay in California, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson went to Salem, Or., where they resided for seven years, moving thence to Wasco County, where they settled on the banks of the Deschutes River four miles east of the present postoffice of Wrentham. Being one of the earliest settlements in that section of the country, the home was made headquarters by stock men in their round-ups over the large territory adjacent. Here Mr. Johnson died in 1903. Mrs. Johnson is survived by one son, James C. Johnson of The Dalles; two daughters, Mrs. M. D. Farrington and Mrs. Herbert Eggert of Wrentham; three brothers, Charles and George Crockett of Rockland, Me., and John Crockett, living in Massachusetts, and one sister, Mrs. Ada Freeman of Southwest Harbor, Maine.

ALASKAN ENJOYED STEALING

Youth 15 Years Old Made No Effort to Hide His Misdeeds.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—A cable to the Times from Sitka, Alaska, says that Spardon Chirle, an 15-year-old youth, recently discharged from the Russian Mission School for attempting to despoil it of costly altar robes donated by the czar, finds himself in the toils of the law after successfully robbing three of the largest stores in Sitka.

After petty sums had been missed from the Mission treasury, Chirle fell under suspicion and was caught in the act of making off with several valuable pieces of plate.

In rapid succession three important thefts startled the little Alaskan town, and they were rapidly traced to Chirle, who made no effort to hide his looting. That part of it which was wearing apparel he put on to improve his appearance, and the money obtained he spent with liberality. In all, it is believed that the boy obtained goods to the amount of several thousand dollars.

HEARINGS OF COMMISSION

Many Complaints to Be Heard by Washington Railroad Board.

OLYMPIA, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—On May 7 at Olympia, the State Railroad Commission will begin a series of hearings upon the mass of accumulated complaints from all parts of the state regarding station facilities, the need of station agents and the reasonable increase of the grain rate from Eastern Washington. The Commission will first hear evidence upon the reasonableness of station facilities at Rochester and Outlook. Complaints from Klitzville regarding station facilities and the reasonableness of the grain rate from Eastern Washington will then be heard, after which the Commission will

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probably go to Biltzville to make a personal inspection of the station and to take testimony on the rate complaint. Testimony will be taken May 11 as to the grain rate against the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. On May 15 the Commission will go to Spokane, where testimony will be taken upon complaints asking for additional station facilities from Hoosburg, Espanola, Waukon, Lamona, Erbe, Adrian, Wenatchee, Malaga, Winchester, Cashmere and Leavenworth. The Commission will probably adjourn from Spokane to enable it personally to visit and inspect the station facilities at each place.

ROSEBURG HAS UNEMPLOYED

Army of 200 Calls on Mayor and Food Is Provided.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—This city has been overrun lately, partly by regular tramps, partly by workmen out of employment. The Southern Pacific Company has added empty freight and passenger cars to its regular freight trains in order to move those men where resumption of railroad work in the Northwest is taking place.

Today some 200 of these men formed themselves in regular order and marched to the residence of Mayor E. V. Hoover. There they requested that their wants be provided for. Mayor Hoover, after inspecting them, readily granted their request and they were divided into squads and in charge of officers were taken to the different restaurants and fed. Tonight they will be sent north.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OPENS

Expected That Attendance at Pullman Will Reach 1000.

PULLMAN, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—This afternoon the programme of the Inland Empire Teachers' Association, now convening in Pullman, was opened with an address of welcome by President E. A. Bryan, of the State College. The other speakers in the afternoon were Professor E. O. Sisson, of the University of Washington; Professor W. G. Beach, and Professor C. Timblin, both of the State College faculty. At present about 700 teachers and visitors are in Pullman, representing Eastern Washington and Bonner and Kootenai Counties of Idaho. The Idaho delegation will arrive tomorrow, which, with other delegates yet to come, will swell the attendance to about 1000.

Build Larger Grandstand.

SALEM, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The State Fair Board tonight ordered an addition to the grandstand at the fairgrounds race track, increasing the seating capacity 50 per cent. The grandstand will be extended forward from the present front so that the front row of seats will be on the line of the race track. W. E. McElroy was chosen musical director for the fair of 1908.

Supreme Court Decisions.

SALEM, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Decisions were rendered by the Supreme Court today as follows: Philomine Smith, appellant, vs. James

Moogrove, et al., respondents, from Umatilla County, H. J. Bean, Judge, remanded; opinion by Chief Justice Bean. It is held in this case that an Indian may have recourse to the state courts against persons trespassing upon lands held by him as allottee. Marie Stewart Whigham, respondent, vs.

Supreme Court of Order of Foresters, appellant, from Multnomah County, A. L. Frazer, Judge, reversed and remanded; opinion per curiam. Held that the motion for nonsuit should have been allowed and the jury instructed to find for defendant. W. H. Holmes and Webster Holmes, ap-

pellants, vs. Oscar Cole, et al., respondents, from Marion County, William Gallows, Judge, affirmed; opinion by Justice Eakin. Dillard & Clayton, respondents, vs. Orlita Mining Company, appellants, from Douglas County, L. T. Harris, Judge, affirmed; opinion by Commissioner King.

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