

BODIES TORN APART

Two Men Killed by Dynamite Near Independence.

WERE BLASTING TREE STUMPS

Explosive Was Being Thawed in Water That Was Too Warm—Shock Is Felt for Many Miles.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—While thawing dynamite preparatory to blasting stumps at Burton's hopyard, two miles north of Independence, this morning at 8 o'clock, over 100 pounds of dynamite exploded, killing Curtis Baker and Gilbert McCabe, young men of 22 and 18 years respectively, of this place. The bodies were torn to pieces, almost beyond recognition, and members of the bodies were hurled 120 feet. The legs of both were torn off at the knees.

The shed at the place of thawing was shattered to splinters and hurled 200 yards. The earth was torn up for several feet around to a depth of four feet. In a house 50 yards away the windows and doors were shattered. A woman and child in the house were not hurt.

The young men were accustomed to blasting and had been repeatedly warned. No blame is attached to any one. Baker was a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Baker, of this city. McCabe has no relatives here.

Curtis Baker and Gilbert McCabe were out on the Burton farm, where Baker was at work blasting stumps for Burton. They had there some 100 pounds of dynamite in two boxes, and had placed some of this in some hot water for the purpose of thawing it out. The water was probably too warm, and as a result the dynamite exploded, and the boys were instantly killed; one of the bodies was thrown a distance of over 100 feet and the other was hurled through the air almost as far. Their feet and limbs were torn from their bodies, their bowels were torn out, and their faces marked beyond recognition.

The whole 100 pounds exploded and the report was perceptible as a strong jar at Independence, a distance of 1 1/2 miles from the scene.

Young McCabe was left an orphan here a short time ago by the death of his father, and had a tile factory at this place. He was about 18 years of age, and was down visiting young Baker this morning and was not at work.

Young Baker had been dynamiting for different people here and it is thought had become careless to a certain extent. There was a woman and a little girl in the house located near the scene of danger, and although the house was badly demolished the people were not hurt. It was only a miracle that two other men were not killed, as they had been working with the dynamite, and one of these started to run down to where the boys were, when he was called back by Mr. Burton, who wanted him to help him at something else for a moment.

Salem Felt the Shock.

SALEM, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—The shock of the explosion of dynamite this morning was very distinctly felt by a large number of residents of Salem. Many people thought the shock was an earthquake and the subject was discussed in that view until news of the explosion was received. The ground was shaken so hard, that windows rattled.

DOUGLAS COUNTY DAMAGES.

Farmer Was Injured, and Lost Team Through Bad Bridge.

ROSEBURG, March 5.—(Special.)—In the County Court here yesterday the damage case of Frank Gorrell against Douglas County was finally settled by mutual consent of the parties for the sum of \$2100. This case has attracted wide attention. Mr. Gorrell was seriously injured by the collapse of a county bridge near Millwood early in July, 1902. By the accident his team was instantly killed and he was taken from where he had fallen with the wreckage a distance of 35 feet. Some months afterward he filed a claim against the county for \$10,000 damages. The County Court postponed the matter from term to term and finally offered him \$1000. This was refused, and the case appealed to the Circuit Court.

The matter was taken to Lane County for trial, as all Douglas County taxpayers were held to be interested parties and therefore disqualified to act as jurors. After the hearing the jury awarded Mr. Gorrell \$6000. This verdict was set aside by the court, on the ground that an act passed by the last session of the Legislature fixed the limit of damages in such cases at not more than \$2000. A settlement has finally been reached by the parties, to Mr. Gorrell of \$2000 and \$150 additional as his expenses in the suit here-in mentioned.

An attempt was made yesterday to pay his claim out of the state road fund derived from the 5 per cent of the funds received from the sale of public lands. Upon the statement of plaintiff's attorney, Judge Rice, that if such action was taken the members of the court would perhaps find it necessary personally to make good the amount so used, warrants were ordered drawn on the general fund of the county to cover the claim as agreed upon.

PROHIBITION TICKET IN POLK

Convention Called at Dallas, and Full Ticket Named.

DALLAS, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—The Prohibition County Convention of Polk County was called to order this morning at 2 o'clock by County Chairman Cobb. Mr. Cobb was elected temporary chairman, with George A. Forbes, of Monmouth, as secretary. There was a large attendance of delegates, and enthusiasm was manifested in the nominating speeches. A full county ticket was placed in the field and the delegates were elected to the State and District Conventions. The following were nominated for office: State Senator, Professor D. M. Metzger, of Dallas County; State Representative, J. R. Fawkes, of Oak Grove; County Commissioner, T. J. Pettit; County Judge, J. H. Shepard; of Zena; Sheriff, William Miller, of Dallas; County Clerk, O. S. Clarke, of Dallas; Treasurer, Jacob Rodabaugh, of Dallas; Assessor, A. N. Pool, of Monmouth; School Superintendent, Professor G. A. Forbes, of the Oregon State Normal School; Surveyor, William Lee, of Bridgeport.

Plauds were taken for campaign work and plans laid for an energetic canvass. The local option amendment was endorsed. William Miller was elected chairman of the County Central Committee for the coming year.

BOY FORGER IS RELEASED.

Regnier's People Pay Up and Victims Petition for Leniency.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—William Regnier, the boy forger, who has been under arrest awaiting trial in the Circuit Court, was released today on motion of District Attorney White. Mr. White stated that he was moved to take

this course because the relatives of the young man had made good all the losses consequent upon his forgeries and all the victims had united in a petition asking that the case be dismissed.

Mr. White said that probably if the boy went home the lesson learned would be more effective for good than two years spent in the penitentiary. Regnier and his brother departed for their home in Clyde, Kan., tonight.

KRUG FORGED WIFE'S NAME.

Charge Made Against Dead ex-City Treasurer of Seattle.

SEATTLE, March 5.—Adolph Krug, ex-City Treasurer of Seattle, who was found dead on January 1, under circumstances which indicated suicide, is charged in two suits filed today in the Superior Court with having forged the names of his wife and her brother, William Ritterhoff, notes aggregating considerably over \$10,000.

December 21, the day before he died, Mrs. Krug went to a bank which held one of the notes, although her husband tried to dissuade her, and there ascertained the facts. That afternoon Krug crossed Puget Sound to Pleasant Beach, a few miles away from Seattle, and the next morning was found dead in bed in the hotel at that place. The suits are to have the notes declared void.

Krug was formerly Treasurer of the city and spent a term in the penitentiary, being pardoned, however, before it was completed. There was a shortage in his accounts. It was generally believed that he was guilty of an wrong intent and that he was the victim of his friends, to whom he loaned the city's money, and that his shortage was the result of his own ignorance of business and bookkeeping. It was on this theory that he was pardoned. The case was quite a noted one at the time.

READY TO ASK GOVERNMENT AID

Irrigation Will Greatly Enlarge Cultivable Area of Boise and Payette.

BOISE, Idaho, March 5.—(Special.)—The committee that is in charge of the preliminary work in connection with the government irrigation project in the Boise and Payette valleys, has reached the point where it is prepared to make a formal application to the government for aid. It has a very large proportion of the lands in the two valleys signed up, and at a meeting it has arranged to have all the data put in form and the necessary application prepared and forwarded.

The State Land Board on behalf of 60,000 acres of state land within the proposed district today adopted a resolution pledging itself to co-operate in the work of the committee and authorizing the Governor to act with the committee in urging the government to take the matter up. This project contemplates a great system of reservoirs and canals by means of which the irrigated area of the two valleys will be increased from 100,000 acres to 250,000 acres.

STURGEON FOR THE EXPOSITION

Weights Nearly 400 Pounds, and Was Caught Off Puget Island.

ILWACO, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—What is believed to be the largest sturgeon ever taken from the waters of the Columbia River has been caught by Andrew Anderson, a fisherman, off Puget Island. The monster tips the scales at 375 pounds.

Anderson took his catch to a fishhouse at Cathlamet, where it was viewed by many of the old river fishermen, and all declared it to be the finest specimen they had ever seen, and probably the largest ever caught from the river.

The fish was later purchased by S. Schmidt, alias, of Astoria, who intend to exhibit it at the St. Louis exposition this year. It is being put through a careful course of preparation.

CAUGHT BY EXPLOSION IN MINE

Ashland Miner Badly Injured—His Companion Also Hurt.

ASHLAND, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—C. W. Parker, a well-known miner, was very seriously if not fatally injured by an explosion of several charges of giant powder which he was setting off in the Grosvenor mine, which he is one of the owners, and located west of Ashland, last evening. Another miner named Gildersleeve was also slightly injured in the explosion. Parker took place in the tunnel where blasts were being set off before quitting work for the night.

That Parker was not instantly killed was due to the fact that the explosion occurred while he was in the act of lighting a fuse. He suffered a number of broken bones and severe burns and injuries about the face and body.

WILL ENFORCE BAKESHOP LAW

Washington Labor Commissioner Will Not Consider Judge's Decision.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—State Labor Commissioner William Blinn today refused to carry to the Supreme Court the Spokane case in which Judge Richardson, of the Superior Court, declared unconstitutional that part of the law which prohibited the opening of shops in basements. Mr. Blinn said he did not consider that the law has been set aside until the Supreme Court passes on it. He will enforce the law until the full result of the final outcome of the case.

Dix Wants to Be State Senator.

GARFIELD, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—Hon. John A. Dix, of Garfield, who represented this district in the last Legislature, has announced himself a candidate for Senator from the ninth district, subject to the decision of the Whitman County Republican Convention.

It will be remembered that Mr. Dix, as a Representative from Whitman County, stood by Governor McBride in his fight for a commission bill at the last session of the Legislature. The people of this county have not forgotten this and knowing his loyalty to their interests, desire to send him to the State Senate. The people of Whitman County are for McBride Governor and their desire to send only such men to the Legislature as will support a railway commission.

Delegates to Forest Grove.

McMINNVILLE COLLEGE, McMinnville, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—The following delegates to the State Convention from the various classes to represent McMinnville College at the state oratorical contest at Forest Grove: Freshman class, Paul Patterson, W. W. Standard; sophomore class, Myrtle Colman, Lora Kunk; junior class, Fred Thompson, Edward Dodson; senior class, K. S. Latourner, Phil Latourner. The delegates are chairman of the delegation and was also chosen to respond to McMinnville's toast at the banquet.

Eugene City Nominations.

EUGENE, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—Nominations for Councilmen to be voted for at the coming city election are being made in all the wards, and in order to comply with the new law all nominations will be made by petition to be filed 15 days before election.

In the First Ward W. W. Calkins and A. Hampton have been placed in nomination; in the Second Ward R. McMurphy and R. B. Henderson; Third Ward, G. B. Durr; Fourth in the Fourth Ward J. D. Matlock. Nominations have not yet been made for Recorder and Treasurer.



PHYSICIAN GOES INSANE

HE LEAPS FROM SECOND-STORY WINDOW AT COLFAX.

Escapes Serious Injury by Landing in Willow Trees—Dr. Boswell Is a Pioneer of Whitman County.

COLFAX, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—Dr. Calvin M. Boswell, the pioneer physician of Whitman County, became suddenly insane at an early hour this morning and leaped from a second-story window of the Hotel Whitman to avoid imaginary foes whom he feared would hang him.

He escaped serious injury by striking some tall willows growing near the hotel, and ran toward the Palouse River, declaring he would "join the army." He was captured before reaching the river, and is now under guard at St. Ignace's Hospital.

Dr. Boswell has practiced medicine in Colfax 30 years. He was born and raised in Oregon and is a graduate of the Oregon State University. His wife and oldest daughter died within a month two years ago. He has a daughter attending school in Portland and a son in Seattle.

PROTEST ON THE JAPANESE.

Effort to Keep Laborers Out of Mills on Gray's Harbor.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—The Woodworkers' Union gave a large and successful smoker to the laboring men and business men of the Harbor last night at their hall, and the crowd listened to speeches by State Organizer Young and several other union officials. The main topic was on the bringing of Japanese labor into the city. Mr. Young said in his speech:

"The laboring men, regardless of union or non-union affiliations, are objecting to the bringing of Japanese labor into the city. They reason if once a foothold is established by them it will cause endless labor troubles. The American laborer has families to support, schools to maintain and a life that calls for a decent wage. He is the home builder and developer of the country.

"This cannot be done on a wage such as Japanese will think sufficient, and the American laborer is rich who demands that he shall not be compelled to meet this kind of competition. The Japanese will make no home here and will not stay. He will not help to build a city here. In time to come, when the city is overrun with Japanese, they will soon furnish their own stores or buy in bulk from their countrymen in San Francisco.

"They will open cheap restaurants, where meals will be served for 5 cents and use inferior houses where the weary can find shelter and barbershops where you can get shaved for 5 and 10 cents. This state of affairs has followed the advent of Japs in every town they have infested, and it will be strange if Hoquiam escapes the many curses of their baneful presence.

After the speeches a lunch was served, which was enjoyed, and all left for home. A mass meeting will be called at the theater tomorrow afternoon and some of the ablest speakers in the state will address the men on this question.

MUCKLE BROS. WIN SUIT.

Lone Star Lumber Company Must Pay Price or Rent Money.

ST. HELENS, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—Judge T. A. McBride held a special term of court here today and rendered a decision of great interest to this community in the case of Muckle Bros. vs. The Lone Star Lumber Company.

The company leased the mill here from Muckle Bros. with the option of purchasing on the first day of last July. Upon that date the company tendered the purchase price of \$10,000, but found fault with the title, demanding a warranty instead of a quit claim deed. Muckle Bros. then used for possession and the Lone Star Company filed a cross-bill setting forth damages for improvements made to the property.

The court by its decision quieted the title, confirming Muckle Bros. ownership, and ordered the Lone Star Company to pay the purchase price within 30 days, in default of which they are to pay the

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Muckles \$75 per month rental from the first day of last July. Muckle Bros. to give a warranty deed to the property, which is one of the best millsites on the Columbia River. G. A. Lively, of Portland, is the present owner of the property.

The ultimate settlement of the dispute means the additional employment of between 30 and 35 men with the present capacity of the mill, but it is generally believed that if the property reverts to Muckle Bros. a modern mill will be erected with a capacity of 100,000 feet per day.

LIBRARY AT ABERDEEN.

Offer of Carnegie Is Under Consideration by City Authorities.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—The question of accepting Andrew Carnegie's offer of a public library has been agitated by the newspapers for some time, but the Mayor and Council have not decided in favor of the plan on account of the financial condition of the treasury. The library which was accepted from a private association more than a year ago has been growing under the direction of the people, and definite action will be taken before long to take advantage of Mr. Carnegie's proposition.

In the meantime two of the men who have been directors have dropped out, and the library is now in the hands of the City. The Council has appointed two prominent women, who will make an active canvass among the business men in order to create a fund for new books and to secure encouragement that will result in a building later on.

"CHITTAM CLAIMS" IN DEMAND

Squatters Strip Trees of Bark, and Then Abandon Land.

GREENLEAF, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—"Chittam claims" are in demand, and a good many homesteads are being located where there are canyons containing the tree, the object being to peel the bark and abandon the claims, as there is no valuable timber on them and they are of no value as homes under present conditions.

One man who has squatted on a claim in a canyon debouching into Chickahominy Creek is peeling the bark with a drawing knife, and drying it in his cabin. He hired 1000 pounds hauled to Eugene a couple of weeks ago and sold it for 9 cents a pound, though by this process of peeling much of the inner bark of the tree, the bark is not of the best quality.

ELECTRIC LINE FROM BOISE.

Two Suburban Projects on Foot by Los Angeles Capital.

BOISE, Idaho, March 5.—(Special.)—For some time Engineer Starrow, of Los Angeles, has been looking over the field in the interest of the electric railway people who recently purchased the line in this city, with a view of determining the feasibility of several proposed suburban lines. It is understood he will report in favor of them and that his recommendation will probably be adopted. One will be a line to the mining camp of Pearl, a branch reaching Caldwell.

Prosecutor Has No Bondsman.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—Judge Rudin announced in court today that if the Prosecuting Attorney did not file a new bond by next Monday he would proceed to appoint his successor, Mr. Guthrie, the County Attorney, is without a bond, for the reason that the American Bonding Company, of Baltimore, withdrew as surety. The court had been called this morning to sentence prisoners, but as the Prosecuting Attorney was not present he postponed action till Monday.

Lane Democratic Convention.

EUGENE, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—The Democratic county central committee of Lane County, meeting at the Hotel Lane today, held the county convention. Primaries will be held March 9. A call has been issued by J. D. Matlock, chairman, and M. E. Wallis, secretary of the committee.

Inheritance Tax on Dalgleish Estate.

SALEM, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—State Treasurer Moore received a remittance of \$10.25 today as the inheritance tax on the David Dalgleish estate, in Multnomah County.

Talk on Spring Clothes

With the coming of March Spring has arrived. Spring stock has likewise put in an appearance. Possibly you will be interested in learning about the Spring styles.

Gray will be the predominating shade for the season. However, variety is assured in the many mixed patterns of cheeks, stripes and plaids.

Dark patterns will also be worn, but the cloth will be toned up with a sprinkle here and there of golden brown, olive and such colors.

The fabrics will be principally chevrons and worsteds. The chevrons are of soft texture, while the worsteds are hard-finished.

The garments will embody a few changes from last season's styles.

The coats will be an inch longer in the skirt. The lapels will be long and narrow. The collar will be narrow and close-fitting. The coats will have concave shoulders, giving a man a good athletic appearance.

The pants will not be so wide in the legs as last year. There is a trend toward conservatism in all this year's garments.

But why should we go into description when you can so easily see the clothes themselves? Come to the store—you will not have to buy because you look. In a few minutes' time you will get a good idea of this season's styles.

We have splendid business suits for \$15 to \$30, made in patterns and fabrics above mentioned. The lining is princess serge or alpaca; the inside canvas lining is fully shrunk, to make the clothes hold shape; the seams are all sewed with silk and have a visible outside stitch parallel with the seam.

The clothes are hand-tailored throughout. They are molded into shape by the needle while being made. They are the kind of clothes that are gracefully adapted to the human figure, because they fit in every part.

With every suit you get our guarantee—your money's worth or your money back.

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RAILROAD TAXED HIGH

WHITMAN ASSESSOR SAYS \$12,000 A MILE IS ABOUT RIGHT.

To Make County Tax Equal, the Officer Declares, Amount Should Not Be Less Than \$10,000.

COLFAX, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—R. H. Huff, Assessor of Whitman County, smarting under the severe criticism of the press for his attitude in voting against the advance of railroad assessments, has announced that he will assess railroad property in Whitman County at \$10,000 per mile, and may assess it at \$12,000, if the County Commissioners will sanction that figure.

Mr. Huff, in an interview, declares he has been making a special study of the railroad question and has arrived at the conclusion that railroads must be assessed at not less than \$10,000 per mile in order to make the assessment equal to that on other property.

"Every mile of railroad in Whitman County will be assessed at \$10,000, and I may raise the assessment to \$12,000. I have consulted a firm of attorneys who will advise me in the matter, and if it is found that on the basis of the assessment of other property railroads should be assessed at \$12,000, I will make the assessment at that figure. I will assess every mile in the county at one of these figures, and will include the Pleasant Valley, Moscow and Washtucna branches of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's line and the Genesee and Farmington branches of the Northern Pacific, as main-line tracks. This assessment of \$10,000 or \$12,000 per mile will include roadbed, tracks and rolling stock.

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