

FIREDAMP CAUSES DEATH OF TWELVE

Five Americans and Seven Italians Die in West Virginia Mine Explosion.

DOZEN BODIES RECOVERED

Foreigners at Bottom of Shaft Fight Madly for Places on Rescuing Car, Which Can Accommodate Only 20 at a Time.

WESTON, W. Va., Jan. 26.—Five Americans and seven Italians are known to be dead as the result of an explosion of firedamp in the Pennsylvania Company mine at Weston, W. Va., near Buckhannon, W. Va., which occurred about 5:30 this afternoon, immediately following the explosion the mine caved in and narrowly escaped causing the entombment of all the miners, estimated at 100. The bodies of 12 men have been recovered and it is not known at this time whether any others met death.

The Americans who were killed: CHARLES BOERMAN, WILLIAM BAILEY, JAMES SCOTT, CHARLES JOHNSON, GLEN MILES.

The bodies of seven Italians have also been recovered, but as they are known only by numbers, their identity is not possible until later.

The explosion occurred just as the day force was leaving the mine. Only a few of the men had reached the surface when, with a terrific report, the firedamp exploded. The mine elevator had just started for the top, carrying about 20 men, and almost 50 men were still at the bottom of the shaft.

There was only one direction in which the men still in the mine could run, and this was back into the drift. From this direction, however, a strong flow of gas was slowly enveloping them. Almost suffocated, they huddled closely together and cried piteously up the shaft for assistance.

Flight to Ascend First.

Several rescuers took possession of the elevator car and quickly ran it down into the shaft. There were accommodations for about 20 of the men at a time, however, and the foreign miners, who were crazed from fright, fought like maniacs to board the car, greatly retarding the work of rescue. The car was finally loaded and run to the top.

All of the men at the bottom eventually were brought to the surface. On the last two trips a majority of the miners were unconscious and had to be carried from the car.

The five Americans and seven Italians who were killed were found about 100 feet back in the mine. Apparently all had been killed by gas, as their bodies were not burned.

At 10 o'clock tonight a rescuing party entered the mine to look for bodies, but after reaching the bottom of the shaft had to abandon the search. The officials are endeavoring to prepare a list of the men who escaped from the mine.

Mine Ruined by Cave-In.

The mine was totally wrecked by the cave-in which followed the explosion. If any others have lost their lives it will be many days before their bodies are recovered, owing to the accumulation of dirt and stone blocking the mine passage. The mine was opened a year ago, and has been in operation six months. It was equipped with new and modern appliances and the direct cause of the explosion is not known.

SAYS STORY WAS INVENTED

Brain Pronounces Tale About Woman Robbing Chinaman a Myth.

As a result of the police because of his arrest for permitting a disorderly woman to loiter in his saloon at Fifth and Pine streets, John A. Erickson is charged by Captain of Detectives Bruin with deliberately concocting a "fake" hold-up and robbery story, introducing a distasteful and untrue story, as the criminal. He is charged by the head of the plain-clothes bureau with inventing this "yellow" story to make trouble for the police and to create the impression that a desperate woman thus is stalking abroad on Portland's streets.

SOME PEOPLE KNOW

The Facts About Coffee.

Perhaps you know coffee contains the same kind of a drug as cocaine, morphine, strychnine, and many other poisons. Perhaps you know tea contains the same thing and that neither coffee nor tea are foods.

Food is necessary to do two things: repair those who waste from day to day, and furnish the individual vital heat and energy. Tea and coffee do not do the first and only make believe they do the second.

A New York lady found out the cause of her and her husband's trouble. She writes:

"Using tea and coffee from childhood up, it was a hard thing to give them up, but my doctor told me they were killing me. Of late years I had trouble with my head, my memory was poor and my nervous system entirely upset. At last I was forced to keep my bed. "My husband also had to give up drinking. He was a nervous wreck from coffee."

"Postum was then brought into our household, and while on my sick bed I drank it, supposing it was merely a substitute for coffee. I drank it for breakfast and supper, and slowly but surely began to regain my health. "I soon found out it was Postum that was doing the good. Now I am well and my nerves are stronger than I ever dared hope. My husband found Postum was a great benefit to him. He is now a strong man. "If people knew that the dreadful diseases some of them suffer from could easily be prevented by banishing that poisonous thing named coffee, and use in its stead a pure, healthful drink like Postum, I am sure there would be fewer sick and miserable creatures. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Well-Being," in packages. "There's a reason."

A Pocketful of Money Saved

One Purchaser Actually Saves \$137 on Exact Duplicate Bought by Sister at Another House—Benefits Made Possible Through Co-operative Selling at Eilers Piano House—A True Incident of Yesterday's Selling.

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WAS A PIONEER OF 1858

Late Alfred W. Stowell, One of Early Day Merchants.

Alfred W. Stowell, who died January 17, in this city, was one of the pioneers of the Oregon country and the Pacific coast. He was born in Carroll County, Indiana, February 26, 1841. His parents, John and Margaret Stowell, moved with their family to California in 1856 and settled on a ranch near Petaluma. In 1858 the family moved to Eugene, Or., where the father died in 1883. Mr. Stowell for years was in the land office at Eugene as chief clerk under William Odell.

In 1867 Mr. Stowell married Elizabeth Blandina Thurston, daughter of Samuel Thurston, Oregon's first Representative in Congress. She survived his wife by three years.

It was 24 years ago that Mr. Stowell and A. H. Morgan, another well-known pioneer, took up the business of a grocery business in this city at 247 and 249 Front street, between Main and Madison, under the firm name of Morgan & Stowell. The store was occupied by a grocery and feed store. Some years later Mr. Stowell went into the brokerage business in this city, and continued in that until he became too feeble longer to attend to his business affairs.

He was a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church, being for many years an elder under the pastorate of the late Rev. A. J. Brown. Mr. Stowell had a small farm on the Columbia River, about seven miles above Vancouver.

Funeral was held Saturday from the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. David H. Hare, assistant pastor, conducting the service. Music was rendered by the choir. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock. Laid in rest in the cemetery of the city. Mr. Stowell was survived by his wife, Elizabeth Blandina and Margaret Gertrude.

ACTRESS SUES EX-MANAGER

Catherine Countess Gets Judgment Against A. H. Ballard.

Catherine Countess, the actress, and A. H. Ballard, ex-manager of the old Belasco Theater, are principals in a suit upon which a decision was announced yesterday by Circuit Judge Cleland. It appears that two years ago Ballard borrowed from Miss Countess, then leading lady at the Belasco, the sum of \$1500, giving his personal note to secure the loan. The sum was to be repaid in one year, with interest at 8 per cent, and in event suit was resorted to, Ballard agreed to pay the sum with interest and costs.

The suit for recovery was filed after the note became due and remained unpaid. Judgment was returned for Miss Countess, and Ballard's personal belongings were levied upon. Sheriff Worland raided the manager's apartments in the Marquam block and attached the furnishings. But it appeared that Ballard had previously disposed of them to Larry E. Keating, of the Lyric Theater. Mr. Keating recently brought suit against Sheriff Stevens, word's successor, for the release of the property, on the ground that it was improperly attached. Judge Cleland's decision sustains Keating in his contentions.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

A mail clerk of 28 years' experience received in referring to the examinations in the Civil Service.

"Every man who passes the examination is absolutely certain of an appointment, for never in the history of the service has there been such a scarcity of railroad mail clerks as now. The demands for men for the Western roads are constantly going East and there are not nearly enough men for the positions. It is started with \$500 per year and within a few months is advanced to \$900 with abundant opportunity for further promotion."

The City of Portland is in need of men who come under the Civil Service code; last posted notice is taking on men, and the customs service offers opportunity for competent men.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge J. B. Messick, of Baker City, is registered at the Imperial.

H. Hirschberg, the Independence banker, registered at the Oregon yesterday.

J. A. Nolan, a merchant at Corvallis, accompanied by Mrs. Nolan, is at the Oregon.

Miss Clara Anspore, associate of the Y. W. C. T. U., is the guest of Mrs. Ada Wallace Urub for two weeks.

L. R. Stinson, one of the state officers of the Knights of Pythias, was registered at the Perkins yesterday from Salem.

James E. McGowan, now a prosperous merchant of Goldfield, Nev., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McGowan, at 759 Wasco street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McCroskey, and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Bragg, of Colfax, Wash., were registered at the Oregon yesterday. The party is en route to Los Angeles, Cal.

William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman Lines in Oregon, will leave tonight to attend the meeting of the Trans-continental Passenger Association at Chicago, Jan. 29. Several matters of importance to the Northwest will be considered, such as the colonist rates and the rates

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Lately the agency for this piano was transferred to Eilers Piano House. In the regular way the exact duplicate of the above mentioned piano would be sold here for something like \$100 less than the above so-called "teacher's" discount. It is offered to city members of the Eilers Piano House for \$15 cash and \$2 a week. Please consider this carefully. A piano now for \$28.00 on easiest of payments, for which \$50 has been actually sold in this town for \$66. Of course the lady secured it in a hurry.

Cases such as this are of frequent occurrence at Eilers Piano House, and people who have never had a piano before have no question as to who are the real piano leaders in the West. It is a fact that out of every 100 carloads of pianos shipped here, only 10 come to the Eilers house, while all the other dealers combined use but 25.

This vast business, the greatest retail piano trade in the United States, has been built up in comparatively few years by novel lines. Through liberal methods, supplying instruments of the very highest quality at prices everlastingly the lowest, on terms of payment to suit any reasonable buyer, and with a substantial, definite and binding guarantee.

These are the advantages secured by patrons of Eilers Piano House, and no matter what claims or statements are made elsewhere, these facts are uncontrovertible, and no organization today can give such inducements. A generous public will bear in mind that one cannot expect the best of things at a low price. Our pianos and the advantages of our methods, by people who have instruments of their own to sell.

Doing Things in a Big Way.

The Eilers house is doing things in a big way. The present co-operative sale now in progress in the new establishment, now nearly completed, is a fair illustration of this. For the purpose of illustrating this in a few weeks, which would take some prestigious establishments a couple of years to accomplish, is truly a herculean effort. But not so nowadays for the public. They get it by cutting off the biggest part of the profit. The price is made low. It is possible to do this by concentrating an immense business into a fraction of the time ordinarily required. As a result, a buyer secures his piano actually for less than the average dealer pays at the factory.

And by very reason of this low price it is easier for Eilers Piano House to sell 100 instruments than it is for the average dealer to sell a half a dozen.

And in this co-operative way of selling it is possible to make the terms most astonishingly low if so desired by the buyer. I can buy a good \$225 piano now, and it costs but \$137 all told (Club "A"). See advertisement on page 14, this issue, for further particulars. The sale will close as soon as this accumulation of instruments has been disposed of. Clubs are filling fast and as the number of pianos in each is limited, no time should be lost by intending piano seekers.

Come tomorrow. If you live out of town, write us today. Telephone for information. There are no bothersome restrictions, extra dues or other red tape—just select the piano preferred and the initial payment secures all the club benefits. The first payment is applied at once on the purchase of the instrument, and the piano is delivered at once. Pay the balance in 12 equal payments of \$20 prepared for a piano bargain, at Eilers, 333 Washington street.

to the Yukon-Alaska-Pacific Exposition at Seattle.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—L. V. Keady and S. B. Edwards, of Portland, who are stopping at the Marlborough Hotel, called at the Eastern office of The Oregonian today.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels: Auditorium—C. P. Maginnis, Mrs. C. Baker, Mrs. A. Velguth, Portland, Ore.; Grand Pacific—Charles E. Elkington, Portland.

Great Northern—Mrs. L. M. Coburn, Mrs. E. L. Kynicis, Portland. Recovery—Fred Jennings, C. Jennings, Portland.

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Last year 5500 native Christians were added to the church in Japan.

Last Week of These Prices

In Our Juvenile Department



Ladies will find this department the most comfortable shopping place in Portland

Child's Sailor Collar Reefers

Ages 2½ to 8. \$3.95 values now . . . \$2.50

Child's Reefers

Ages 3 to 8. \$1.50 values now . . . 98¢ \$2.00 values now . . . \$1.35

Boys' School Suits

\$3.45 values now . . . \$1.95 \$3.95 values now . . . \$2.45 \$5.00 rainproof suits now . . . \$3.65

Misses' Tams at Half

\$1.50 values now . . . 75¢ \$1.00 values now . . . 50¢

Boys' Outing Flannel Blouses

75¢ values now . . . 39¢

Child's Russian Overcoats

Ages 2½ to 8. \$2.50 values now . . . \$1.50 \$2.95 values now . . . \$1.95

Boys' Sweaters

\$1.00 values now . . . 79¢ \$1.50 values now . . . \$1.15 \$2.50 values now . . . \$1.95

Boys' Rubber Capes

All Sizes . . . \$2.00

Boys' Raincoats

All sizes at special prices.

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TOMORROW BEGINS THE SECOND WEEK

NINTH DAY OF THE

Greatest Fire Sale Portland Has Ever Had

Lindenthal's magnificent stock of CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS and FURNISHINGS, damaged by fire, smoke and water in the great fire that destroyed the business part of Van Buren and Market, Chicago, on the night of December 8th, was bought by us at

29c on the Dollar

AND TOMORROW THE SLAUGHTER BEGINS ANEW

SHOES

3760 pairs of Lindenthal finest custom bench-made shoes—made by Massachusetts' finest custom shoemakers, for Lindenthal, Chicago's finest and most exclusive shoe store. Not a low-priced shoe in the lot; we cut the entire stock in two lots, at

\$2.35 and \$3.35

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for all kinds of leathers in Lindenthal's \$3.50 and \$4.00 custom-made shoes; victrolite, gummed, satin calf, patent cow—vici, all hand-sewed welts and hand-finished, and guaranteed to give you satisfaction or a new pair free.

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takes the cream of Lindenthal's finest \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50 custom-bench-made shoes; in every shape and style that good shoes are made in. A great many people who have been in Chicago will remember Lindenthal's, exclusive dealers in high-grade men's wearing apparel and shoes. To those people we simply say you can buy Lindenthal's finest shoes for \$3.35—that's enough.

786 pairs of high-top shoes, in loggers', cruisers', engineers', hikers', hunting boots; Creedmoors, Garfield, Viscized waterproof soles and tops, at less than one-half Lindenthal prices.

316 Cases of Hats

Mallons, Stetsons and all the leading makes of \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 Hats.

At Fire Sale Prices

99c for 1000 Hats damaged slightly by smoke and water; values up to \$4; new shapes.

For Lindenthal's best and newest styles of \$3 and \$4 1907 styles.

\$2.95 for your pick of 85 dozen J. B. Stetson finest \$5 and \$6 Hats; you all know what a Stetson hat is.

\$15,000 Worth of Men's Furnishings

37¢ for Lindenthal's 85¢ Negligee Shirts.

43¢ for Lindenthal's \$1.00 Underwear.

58¢ for Lindenthal's \$1.50 wool Underwear.

70¢ for Lindenthal's \$2.00 wool Sweaters.

82¢ for Lindenthal's \$2.25 wool Underwear.

98¢ for Lindenthal's \$2 blue Flannel Shirts.

\$1.15 for Lindenthal's \$2.50 dark blue flannel Shirts.

8¢ for Lindenthal's 20¢ fast black Sox.

19¢ for Lindenthal's \$1.50 fancy Sox.

9¢ for Lindenthal's 25¢ Suspenders.

10¢ for Lindenthal's 25¢ Ties.

19¢ for Lindenthal's 50¢ Ties.

69¢ for Lindenthal's \$1.50 negligee Shirts.

36¢ for Lindenthal's 75¢ Work Shirts.

39¢ for Lindenthal's 75¢ 7-pocket Overalls; blue, black and stripe; every size.

11¢ for Lindenthal's 25¢ cashmere Sox.

4864 SUITS and Overcoats

Made by the best makers of good clothes

At Fire Sale Prices

\$4.15 for Lindenthal's serviceable wool Suits and Overcoats, \$8 to \$12.50 value; all styles of single and double-breasted; damaged by water only.

\$7.15

for all makes of Lindenthal's finest \$14 to \$17.50 custom tailor-made Suits and Overcoats; no matter how fastidious you are, we can fit you.

\$9.15

for Lindenthal's \$20 to \$27.50 Suits, in perfect condition; clays, worsteds, vicennas, unfinished and French worsteds, made by experienced journeyman tailors. You can't get as good a suit or overcoat as this \$9.15 one of ours for a cent less than \$25.00.

\$12.15

takes pick of Lindenthal's finest hand-made Suits and Overcoats; positively the finest garments that money can buy will be found in this great \$12.15 offer. Lindenthal's \$30 and \$40 models of the world's finest clothing.

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