

WITH A HATCHET, MAN WOULD SLAY SON

Aged Albany Resident Inflicts Flesh Wound as Offspring Eats.

INSANITY CHARGE MADE

Old Man Offers No Explanation of Attack, so Guard is Placed Over Him—Father Accuses Son of Attempted Poisoning.

ALBANY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—While his son was engaged in eating lunch, J. H. Maine, 85 years of age, attempted to kill him with a hatchet, striking him in the back of the neck and inflicting a deep flesh wound.

Father Offers No Explanation.

The old man offers no explanation of the attack. The father and son, who have lived in the same home, have not been on friendly terms for years but there had been no special quarrel lately.

Blow Cuts Near to Bone.

The wound is two inches long and penetrated almost to the bone in the center of the cut. The old man has been eccentric for years, but was never considered insane until today's attack.

FORESTERS TO KEEP BUSY

Oregon Lodge to Hold Convention in Portland in May.

STAYTON, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—According to the Oregon Forester, a new monthly fraternal paper published here for the Foresters of America in the Oregon Jurisdiction, the Grand Court of Oregon will hold its annual convention in Foresters' Hall, eighth floor, Marquam building, Portland, Oregon, next week in May, 1910.

BRACKING VERDICT STANDS

Man Convicted of Beating Wife is Denied New Trial.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—In the case of the State vs. Walter J. Bracking, a resident of Portland, for assault and battery on his wife, a motion for a new trial was overruled today by Judge Donald McManaway.

RAINS FALL; FARMERS GLAD

Umatilla County Sees Spring-Sown Grain Sprout Already.

PENDLETON, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Farmers in Umatilla County are rejoicing in the rain which has been falling in showers during the past 24 hours.

Oddfellows to Have County Union.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—The various lodges of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, of Clark County, are to be formed into a county union.

The Dalles Gets Street Paving.

THE DALLES, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The third street-paving ordinance was passed last evening at a meeting of the City Council, by a vote of seven for and two against. After

MANY VERDICTS INVALID

Non-Citizenship of Juror Upsets Judgments of 20 Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Through the accidental discovery today that Richard Nugent, of this city, is not an American citizen, all of the judgments in the numerous cases in which he has sat as a juror in the past 20 years will be invalidated.

WOMAN DROPS FROM SIGHT

Mrs. McCullough, of Forest Grove, Cannot Be Found.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Whereabouts of Mrs. Sadie McCullough, who disappeared mysteriously from her home Tuesday morning, and who when last seen was at the Oregon Electric depot, are still unknown.

NEAR-BEER TEST CASE ON

Albany Man, Guilty, Will Carry Fight to High Court.

ALBANY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Charles Kroschel was convicted today of violating the Albany city ordinance prohibiting the sale of near-beer. He at once appealed his case to the Circuit Court, where, it is said, he will attack the constitutionality of the ordinance.

Movements of Coast Shipping.

TACOMA, March 19.—Arrived—Steamer Atlas, from San Francisco; steamer Watson, from Seattle; steamer City of Puebla, from Seattle.

SEATTLE, March 19.—Arrived—Steamer Col. E. L. Drake from San Francisco; steamer Hornet, from San Francisco; Sailed—Steamer Eureka, for San Francisco.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—Arrived—Steamers James S. Higgins, from Fort Bragg; Helena, from Grays Harbor; Willapa, from Willapa Harbor.

Kenton Maccabees Organize.

The Knights of the Maccabees organized a new tent at Kenton Friday, with 31 charter members, and officers were elected as follows: Past commander, E. S. Dyer; commander, H. L. Kellogg; lieutenant commander, H. J. Ames; record keeper, C. L. Van Fleet; chaplain, C. J. Spies; sergeant, W. S. Case; master-at-arms, L. O. Barnes; first M. of G., H. E. Henshaw; second M. of G., D. B. Prosser; sentinel, H. M. Baker; picket, H. E. Smith.

Oregon Surety Company Formed.

The Oregon Surety & Casualty Co., with a paid-up capital of \$100,000, has been organized with the following officers: Guy Lombard, president; Henry Ladd Corbett and Orange M. Clark, vice-presidents; C. Hunt Lewis, secretary and treasurer; directors: Orange M. Clark, Henry Ladd Corbett, Frank E. Dooly, William B. Glick, Bonange S. Josselyn, C. Hunt Lewis, Guy Lombard, Christ Minsinger, Drake C. O'Reilly, George W. Simons, Andrew C. Smith, Schuyler C. Spencer, Dooly & Co., general agents.

VANCOUVER ELKS BREAK GROUND FOR \$32,000 TEMPLE, WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES.



EXALTED RULER PADDEN, HOLDING SPADE WITH WHICH FIRST EARTH WAS REMOVED FROM EXCAVATION.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—With appropriate ceremony the ground for the \$32,000 Elks Temple has been broken by James J. Padden, exalted ruler of Vancouver Lodge No. 823. Speeches were made by Exalted Ruler Padden, J. J. Cairns, who will be the next exalted ruler of the lodge, John H. Elwell, William Shaw and Frank Elchenlaub.



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LAND TO BE SOLD

Washington Will Sell Timber in River Counties.

BUILD CAPITOL WITH CASH

Commission Calls for Bids on Timber Land in Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties—Expects to Realize \$1,000,000.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)

—About 11,900 acres of state timber lands were offered for sale, on which sealed bids will be received by the State Capitol

Commission up to Thursday, March 24, 1910.

These are parts of the land granted to the state to be sold to provide funds for the erection of buildings at the state capital. The lands and timber to be sold are in Cowlitz, Skamania and Clark counties.

Orders for the sale were issued today by the State Capitol Commission. This Commission was created at the last session and was directed to make sales of the granted lands and timber and with the proceeds to pay off the present Capitol building debt and interest and with the balance to build a modern Capitol, using the old foundation on Capitol Point, in this city.

Preliminary to sale the Commission decided to have a careful cruise made of the lands and timber, and this has been completed, with the exception of Stevens and Douglas counties and four west side counties, when the funds appropriated were exhausted.

Senator Polson, of the Commission, who has consistently opposed sale of the timber areas, occupied the same attitude at the meeting today and raised a legal question as to the right of the Commission to sell state property.

Assistant Attorney-General Magill held that the Commission had the power to sell timber and land, either together or separately. Members of the Commission present were: Governor Hay, Auditor Clausen, A. S. Taylor, Everett, Mitchell Harris,

Olympia; Alexander Polson, Hoquiam.

The absentees were: Land Commissioner Ross, now on his way to the National capital, and ex-Commissioner Frost. When asked why all of the cruised timber west of the Cascades had not been ordered sold, the Governor stated that the Commission had decided to sell only the timber located in the three counties, in order to find out how the sealed bid proposal will work.

The question of building the proposed new Capitol in Olympia in the immediate future was not taken up. The Governor had secured photographs of various State Capitols and these were viewed by those present. The Capitol of Kentucky made the most favorable impression, but as the floor plans were not to be had, the talk was merely informal.

According to McCool, the bids should figure up to \$1,000,000.

EGGS 'HANDLED WITH CARE'

Expressman Has Charge of 324,000; Breaks Only Two.

ALBANY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—In the past 46 days, Charles C. Curry, of Albany, has handled 324,000 eggs and has broken only two.

Curry is an expressman on the Albany-Springfield train and every day he brings a big load of eggs from Brownsville, Springfield, Plainville and other places along the line to Albany for shipment to Portland.

Curry has been on this run 45 days and has handled an average of 20 cases a day. There are 30 dozen eggs to the case, making 7200 eggs handled every day. Though every case must be handled twice on each trip, Curry has never dropped a box. One morning at Brownsville the bottom of a packer fell out and in turning the box over to save the eggs two rolled out and cracked.

OREGON MAN DROPS DEAD

W. H. Hefner, of Brownsville, Washes for Supper, Then Dies.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—W. H. Hefner was stricken with heart failure in his home in this city at 6 o'clock tonight and fell lifeless to the floor. Hefner had been in good health and was walking about as usual. He went home and started to wash for supper when the sudden attack came.

Hefner was a native of Iowa 49 years of age. He came to Brownsville 17 years ago and has been in the livery business here for many years. He leaves a widow and two grown children, William and Josephine Hefner, all of Brownsville.

Poolroom License Refused.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Recently a large majority of the taxpayers and citizens petitioned the City Council not to grant a license to operate a public pool and billiard hall in the town. The petition was granted, although the city would have received more than \$200 a year from licensing such games.

For many years there has been no public pool and billiard hall in Brownsville. The petition of citizens set forth that public pool and billiard halls are damaging to the community in which they are allowed to operate.

Mauling ex-Parson Costs \$25.

SALEM, Or., March 19.—As the result of a fist fight between D. W. McInturf and W. Simpson, two Aumsville citizens, yesterday, Justice of the Peace Round of the Aumsville district, fined Simpson \$25 as punishment for having beaten and chased McInturf around a barnyard where a public sale was going on. McInturf is an ex-minister, and the row took place over the purchase of some stock the two men were bidding on.

BIG CROP ASSURED

Fruitgrowers of Walla Walla Valley Jubilant.

FARMERS LAMENT WINTER

New Year's Day Gale Accomplished Untold Damage and Many Farms Had to Be Entirely Re-Seeded.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—While farmers in the wheat belt are lamenting the severe winter which has caused them to reseed almost their entire farms, the fruitgrowers of the Walla Walla Valley are jubilant over the prospects for an unequalled crop.

Frost is the only fear of the fruitgrower now. W. A. Ritz, who is identified with the Walla Walla Valley Fruit & Vegetable Union, has just returned from an inspection of the fruit trees in the Touchet Valley. He stated today that the yield this year will be greater than ever before and that farmers will have to spend thousands of dollars in thinning their trees.

He reports that thousands of trees are being planted this year in the Touchet Valley, while many orchards will bear fruit this year for the first time. The temperature in that section are all in a healthy condition.

Fruit Inspector C. L. Whitney has also completed a tour of Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield counties, and his statements bear out those of Mr. Ritz. Mr. Whitney says frosts could kill three-fourths the buds now on the trees and there still would be a crop that would be above the average.

Mr. Whitney has been engaged in giving outdoor exhibitions of pruning and spraying. Ranchers and fruitgrowers for miles distant have been taking advantage of these demonstrations.

Next Tuesday afternoon the fruitgrowers of the entire valley will meet with the trustees of the Commercial Club, when plans are to be perfected for the display of a carload of fruit at the National Apple Show in Spokane next fall.

In order to make this display what it should be it will be necessary for the fruitgrowers to pay special attention to the trees all year, and this is now being done under the supervision of Fruit Inspector Whitney.

One large warehouse has been rented and already early green garden stuff is being received. The first shipment of garden-grown spinach received in Seattle this year was shipped by the Fruit and Vegetable Union the earlier part of January. It is not the intention of this organization to profit any as an organization but merely secure better prices for every member and have the products put up in a more inviting manner.

Reports of the damage to wheat done by the prolonged winter still continue to come to the headquarters of the Farmers' Union. The suffering seems to be general all over the wheat belt. Farmers have been compelled to purchase hundreds of bushels of wheat with which to reseed their fields. It is thought the sudden drop in temperature on New Year's day, which was accompanied by a gale, did most of the damage.

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