BOILER EXPLOSION MYSTERY DEEPENS

On Man's Declaration at Fatal Moment May Hinge Vital Exposures.

OFFICIALS STILL PROBING

me One Yells: "I Know What That Is, That's an Explosion at Salem Bank & Trust Company," and Inquiry Gains Point.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)— "Hell, I know what that is. That is an explosion at the Salem Bank &

rust Company."
On this declaration alleged to have On this declaration alleged to have been made by a man whose name is not yet made public, and made at the moment of the explosion in the offices of the Weils-Fargo Express Company, two blocks away from the bank on another street, may hinge important disclosures in connection with the recent explosion here if the information proves to be true. The man was act at employed of the express company.

recent explosion here if the informa-tion proves to be true. The man was not an employe of the express company, it is stated.

That there is strong belief the dec-laration was made is evidenced by the fact that the Coroner has been directed by officials to secure the man's name and issue a subpens and bring him before the District Attorney as soon as

Plan of Plot Is Theory.

Information as to such a statement is said to have been brought to the Coroner by reliable people. Should it he proved such a statement was made it would strongly indicate there are people who knew some such accident would occur at the bank, probably on would occur at the bank, probably on a certain day and practically at a cer-tain time. It would seem to carry also the inference that the explosion was the result of a plot rather than the result of an accident.

That the Coroner's inquest, which resulted in a verdict that the explosion

occurred from unknown causes, is not the final step to be taken, may be further gathered from a statement

which was made by District Attorney McNary today. While he absolutely declined to comment either way on his opinion of the testimony, he did say he is pursuing the investigation further.

Mr. McNary Keeps Busy.

"So far there has been nothing in the testimony which would lead me to express an opinion as to the causes of the explosion," said Mr. McNary, "How-ever, the investigation is being carried on by my office and every effort will be made to ascertain the exact truth." Sheriff Minto said there seemed to be little possibility of the dynamite theory being a correct one. Dynamite in a being a correct one. Dynamite in a fuel box of a boiler would burn like paper with little chance of an explosion, he asserted.

Rumors, however, have been heard further of men who expressed state-ments as to the explosion before they

or crank who, deeming the building unfair, may have taken radical action. So far there has been no definite testimeney which would lead to a tangible clew that the boller was actually exploded from other than causes connected with a misuse of the boiler itself. But it is evident that officials by their further pursuit of the investigation have hit upon evidence which may possibly lead them to sensational disclosures.

Aside from a partial statement as to

DRIVING CLASSES BARRED

Annual Horse Show to Be Confined to Saddle Animals.

An innovation will be introduced into the annual Horse Show this year by those having its preparation in charge. The rigs and driving classes which have heretofore figured in the show will be eliminated and the entries are to be confined strictly to saddle horses. The show will be held at Kraemer's Riding School on December 6-7, under the auspices of the Portland Hunt Club. Always one of the social events of the year, it is expected to be a more brilliant affair this season than ever before. The elimination of driving classes is not expected to diminish the number of entries materially, while the confining of the entries to saddle classes will, it is believed, give a unity to the affair which will add much to its attractiveness.

Balmy Days in Montana.

Kansas City Journal.

N. Luccock, recently named General Conference of the at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Minne-apolis. Minn., will make his home in Helena. Mont., and have charge of conferences in Montana, Idaho and the two Dakotas Meeting a citizen from Montana, the Bishop, who will have much traveling to do, asked:

"How is it out there in Winter?"

"Oh it was a little chille in Cast.

"How is it out there in winter?"
"Oh, it gets a little chill," in fact, quite biting along in the early morning," explained the man, "but by noon it warms up; moderates considerably,"
"Ah, I see," smiled the Bishop,
"Yep," explained the Montana man ip all seriousness. "You may find it

ip all seriousness. "You may find it is degrees below zero when you get up in the morning, and by noon it will have moderated until the thermometer may show only 30 below."

"The afternoons of such balmy days," suggested Bishop Luccock, "are given over to gardening."

A Writer at Three Years.

Indianapolis News. Perhaps the most remarkable case of juvenile precocity on record is that of Christian Henry Heinecker, the "learned boy of Lubek," born in 1721, who could read before he was 1 year who could read before he was 1 year old and could write before he was 2. Before completing his first 13 months he could recite all the principal events in biblical history and before he was 4 he "knew" the history of all the nations of antiquity, geography, anatomy, the use of maps. ecclesiastical history and the doctrine of divinity. He spoke German. Latin, French and Dutch. And at the age of 4 years 4 months he died.

**County vote was about 3700, while Mr. McCoy's was less than 100 below that figure.

It is now settled that W. R. Horton has been elected Assessor over P. O. Hilstrom and Mrs. Elizabeth Storling Superintendent of the County Schools, over J. V. Fike.

A. M. Blaker, for County Commis-

TWO SUCCESSFUL WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES SNAPPED AT VANCOUVER.



ABOVE, GEORGE M'COY, REPRESENTATIVE AND PROBABLE CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER; BELOW, O. B. AAGAARD, REPRESENTATIVE FROM

M'COY MAY BE SPEAKER

URGED TO MAKE RACE.

Southwestern Washington Has Not Been Honored With Presiding Officer in Many Years.

ments as to the explosion before they could possibly have been informed as to conditions surrounding it. These statements contained suspicious references which may have indicated some preconceived plan directed at the bank.

Labor Decries Insinuations.

Labor union men are strong in their denunciation of any attempt to couple organized labor with an attempt upon a building here. Generally, the theory is scouted that if there had been some plot simed at the bank that organized labor was accessory to it.

Officials hold forth the possibility that there may have been some fanatic or crank who, deeming the building had served several terms in the Senate

of Washington has not had such to had such these theories, including the discovery of the statement supposed to have been made by a stranger in the Wells-Farso offices, they are refraining from making public what facts their further investigation may have uncovered. a strong booster for the Pacific High-way bridge. He is also a director of the Clark County Fair Association. One of the strong planks of Mr. Aagaard's

> MAYOR-ELECT OF SALEM ONCE DROVE BREAD WAGON IN PORTLAND.



Dr. B. L. Steeves. SALEM, Or., Nov. 3.—(Special.)

—Dr. B. L. Steeves, recently elected Mayor of Salem, used to drive a bread wagon in Portland and in Salem years ago. He was born in Canada. He came to Salem in 1888 and attended Willers and the Salem in the lamette University, where he graduated in the classical course. In 1851 he went to Idaho and settled at Weiser. From 1905 to 1907 he was Lieutenant-Governor of Idaho. He returned to Salem in 1909, making heavy investments in property, including the Steeves building, which has been remodeled and converted into a five-story building for the use of the Salem Bank & Trust Company.

sioner, was defeated by S. N. Secrist, a Democrat, by over 400, and D. W. Democrat, by over 400, and D. W. Wright was beaten by A. Rawson. Democrat, by nearly 500.
Roscius Harlow Back was elected

VANCOUVER LEGISLATOR IS County over M. M. Connor, by a vote of 4048 to 1864... Cresap, for Sheriff, had just three votes less than Mr. Back.
Victor Hugo Limber, elected Coroner,
has the honor of the highest vote, re-4265

ST. HELENS TRIAL DRAGS Bertram Green Accused of Murder in

Steeves Tells What He Will Do.

In the attention of the people of this county. The case is expected to take up the court's time for the next five or six days, as the state's case is entirely circumstantial and a large number of witnesses has been called. It will be a week before the trial is concluded. The crime for which Green is tried is that of killing a graph and considered the logical ministry in Delagation in Del tried is that of killing a gamekeeper named Wiess, at the duck ponds near are expected to make the opening his own camp.

statements.

Judge Eakin is hearing the case and District Attorney E. B. Tongue, of Hillsboro, appears for the state, while John A. Jeffrey, of Portland, is leading the defense. Judge Eakin has made an

order that the jurors must be kept together until the end of the trial.

The murder of Wiess occurred about
a year and a half ago. It occurred soon
after Wiess, who was a gamekeeper at
the Johnson and House duck ponds, had
complained to the authorities about the theft of a rifle from his cabin, and ac-cused Green of stealing the gun, and asked for the man's arrest. Nothing came of it, however, and for a time Wiess and Green were on exceedingly had terms until one morning Wiess was ound murdered at the cabin. Phompson immediately secured blood-Green, who was arrested for the crime He has been in jail since that time.

CHARMED BY 'BLACK MAGIC'

Englishman Said a Neighbor Cast a Spell Over Him.

London Globe. A man applied to the magistrate at Union Hall for redress of various in-Union Hall for redress of various in-juries inflicted upon him by a person, who, he said, had long held him in sub-jection by the power of witchcraft. The person complained of had for some time been his opposite neighbor, and aithough it had been his constant study not to offend him, being well aware of the influence he possessed with the powers of darkness, yet he had in some way or other been so un-fortunate as to incur his displeasure, and severely he had suffered for it both in person and property, as the wizard had at different times destroyed his clothes, tainted his provisions, pre-vented the smoke from ascending the his clothes, tainted his provisions, prevented the smoke from ascending the chimneys, sourced the liquor in his cellar, and on various occasions, when the complainant had been under the necessity of going out to business, had so fascinated his powers of vision that on his return home all his efforts to discover his own door had proved ineffectual, and he had frequently been under the necessity of applying to his neighbors to conduct him home.

An Aristocratic Comparison.

London Opinion A Mayswater girl, holidaying near Cromer, entered the cottage her mother had taken. She had come from the meadow, where she had been reading a Pinero play. Her mother, who had been asleep herself, said: "What have you been doing, my dear?" "Oh," the daughter answered, "I have spent the whole afternoon in the hammock with The Gay Lord Quex." Her mother sighed, then murmured resignedly: "Well, as long as it was a lord!"

Making an Appointment

Puck.
Latin Teacher—Now you may give
me an example of the dative. High
School Girl (with her mind elsewhere) -I will meet you at 8 o'clock,

IS MAN'S DOWNFALL

Political Waterloo of Mayor Lachmund Told by "Wet and Dry" Campaign.

DOUBLE CROSS CHARGE OUT

Compact Alleged Which Gave "Drys" Officeholding Prestige on Strength

"Wets" Would Be Interfered

SALEM, Or., Nov. 9 .- (Special.) -On the surface, carried on as being any-thing but a "wet" and "dry" fight, the recent city election, which hoosted Dr. B. L. Steeves into the Mayoralty and proved the political downfall of Mayor Lachmund, for the time being at least, has been the topic of conversation on every hand since the election as being one of the strongest "wet" and "dry" campaigns which has ever heen carhe surface, carried on as being anycampaigns which has ever been car-

campaigns which has ever been carried on here.

Charges of the political "double
cross" being handed to Lachmund by
the saloon element, allegations of political trickery and alleged compacts
between the "drys" and "wets" to bring
about the defeat of Lachmund have
been heard on every hand and it seems
doubtful if the municipal political atmosphere will clear for some time to
come.

Leading members of the "dry" fac-tion have made boasts since the election have made boasts since the elec-tion that they have brought about a condition where there is a prohibition Mayor and a majority of prohibition Councilmen and they did it without starting a prohibition fight. In fact, they have made the statement in pub-lic that it was the removal of this ele-ment in the campaign which gave them their heavy victory. their heavy victory.

Compact Is Alleged. On the other hand, it is claimed that a compact was entered into which gave the "drys" the office-holding prestige on the strength that the "wetwould be interfered with in nowise. It is known that Dr. Steeves, who was considered as a candidate for the church and "dry" element, was approached by Graham P. Tabor, who recently acquired the editorship of the Daily Capital Journal, with a type-written document which he asked Steeves to sign. This document, it is stated, has as its first proposition that Steeves would not initiate a "wet" and "dry" fight during his term in office and it also held forth the proposition that Steeves, if elected Mayor, would and it also held forth the proposition that Steeves, if elected Mayor, would allow the salcons to be conducted under the law ond would not interfere with them in any of their legal rights.

When the question was put to Dr. Steeves point blank today he admitted that such an agreement was placed be-Steeves point blank today he admitted that such an agreement was placed before him by Tabor, but said that he did not sign it. He said that he did make the statement to Tabor, however, that he would allow the saloons to be operated under the law and that he would abide by the law and the wishes of the people as far as the saloons are concerned. He denied today that he would refuse to issue a saloon license in event such a license was sent up to him by the City Council.

Steeves Tells What He Will Do.

Lachmund was considered the logical man for the saloon element to back and when the overwhelming victory of here. After the jury had been com-pleted this forenoon, the court, with the defendant and attorneys, went to the scene of the murder, and after re-turning this afternoon the attorneys friends that he had been deserted by

> Saloonmen Back Lachmund. A. G. Magers, one of the leading sa-loonmen of the city, said he did not

know on what authority Tabor offered such an agreement to Steeves; that the saloonmen, as far as he knew, hacked Lachmund and declared that he sup-ported Lachmund and voted for him. Other saloonmen made the same as-

sertion.

That Lachmund received a vote so small that it could only represent a small percentage of the saloon inter-

WOODLAND'S FIRST POST-MASTER PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF SI YEARS.



Christopher C. Bozorth.

WOODLAND, Wash., Nov. 9.— (Special.)—Christopher Columbus Bosorth, the founder of the town of Woodland, died here this week, aged \$1. "Uncle Chris," as he was familiarly known, was born in Missouri, January 1, 1852. His parents moved to lowa when he was quite young, from whence, in 1845, they made the journey to the Oregon country by ox team. the Oregon country by ox team, lived a short time near Hillsboro, then to Forest Grove, then to Multnomah County opposite Van-Multnomah County opposite Vancouver. Wash., and in 1851 his
parents took up a donation land
cialm near Woodland, and as his
father died in 1853 the cares of
the family devolved upon him. In
1881 he founded the town of
Woodland, was its first postmaster, was Justice of the Peace
for 14 years, and contributed
largely to the building of the
old schoolhouse and the present largely to the building of the old schoolhouse and the present Presbyterian Church. Previously he was a member of the Territorial Legislature in 1860 and served as Assessor of Clark County before Cowlitz was cut off and afterwards as Assessor of Cowlitz County.

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est was apparent, however, as soon as
the vote was announced.

Interest among many classes here is
at fever heat and probably will remain so, to see just what course will
be pursued by the new administration.
The "drya" in many instances have expressed themselves as being satisfied
with a complete victory in the election with a complete victory in the election of Steeves, while the saloomen appear just as confident that Steeves will make no effort to interfere with them.

Dr. Steeves takes the stand that he will not interfere with them under the law and the question seems to be one that will be decided only by the re-

WILSON KINSMAN GLAD

SECOND COUSIN MODEST AS HE "PUNCHES COWS."

'Hayseed," Who Had Equal Start With President-Elect, Is Free to Admit He Doesn't Know Beans.

CHICO, Cal., Nov. 9 .- (Special.)-Harry Glimore Wilson, better known in Butte County and Chico, where he lives when not cow-punching in the adobe district, as "Hayseed" Wilson, has a district, as "Hayseed" Wilson, has a strain of President-elect Woodrow Wilson's blood coursing through his veins. Aithough the relationship is remote, Hayseed feels proud of his ancestry and in commenting this morning upon the relationship said, with a sigh and papuller smile. peculiar smile:

ministry in Princeton and graduated with honor. He is now working for Spear & Snow in the capacity of stock-

gave man and cattle ranger. "Hayseed's" fame came when he played first base for the Chico baseball club. Wilson is still popular in Chico and is an authority on all problems calling for expert or academic knowl-edge among "the boys." His father. John Thomas Wilson, is long since

> Dr. Laurence Selling Returns. After three months in research work

Sixty Year Old Piano on Display

Remarkable Instrument Made by the Illustrious House of Chickering Attracts Much Attention Eilers Windows.

A great deal of attention is being at-A great deal of attention is being at-tracted by a remarkable little Chick-ering piano on display in the Eliers show windows at Seventh and Aider streets. It is over 60 years old and is one of the first three Chickering planos one of the first three Chickering planos shipped in to the Oregon territory.

It is an instrument typical of the time it was built, being a diminutive style, short an octave in the way of keys, and genuine rosewood case, with old-fashioned design fretwork panels. Most noteworthy of all, however, is the remarkable tone which this old Chickering plano still possesses, and is indicative of that old Chickering exceitance and superiority which is embodlence and superiority which is embod-ied in the superb masterpleces created by the glorious old house of Chickering today and which made the Chick-ering piano famous a whole generation before the time of other aspiring

Interesting Comparison.

A comparison of this old Chickering with the latest models shows in the later instruments a strict adherence to the fundamentals of successful piano the fundamentals of successful plano building as laid down nearly a century ago by the father of the American plano industry, Jones Chickering.

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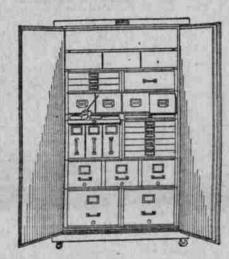
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University of Leipsic, a year as a member of a clinic on nervous disease at the University of Breslau and several months in Von Noorden's clinic on internal medicine at the University of Wienna, followed by a trip over other parts of Europe. Dr. Laurence Selling, son of Ben Selling, returned to Portland recently. His European studies were supplementary to two years of post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University, of which he is a graduate.



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