

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT

One Killed and Nine Seriously Injured.

CARELESS ENGINEER

The Boiler Forced 210 Feet.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

Daily Guard August 25.—The accident that occurred yesterday morning, near Smithfield, was worse than at first reported. As was stated yesterday Elery V Kirk, aged 37 years and 8 months was instantly killed.

THE INJURED.

John Lemley—Badly burned over the entire body by steam; left leg was broken just below the knee and was crushed into slivers; has several deep burns about the hips; cut in neck and face. By good nursing it is thought he will recover. LATER.—Dr J W Harris returned shortly after noon and informs us that Lemley died suddenly this morning. He appeared to be entirely out of danger, and in splendid spirits when suddenly he collapsed and died within a minute. Dr Harris attributes the sudden death to the bursting of a blood vessel weakened by the shock.

Joe Gibson—Badly burned on head and shoulder; cut on left cheek; one tooth out so he cannot close mouth. Tony Bryant—Concussion of brain and badly readed. J P Bryant—Face scalded and ankle sprained.

C F Hett—Face and arm burned. Chance McBee—Several light burns on body. Chesley Kirk—Ankle cut.

Jesse Herbert, aged 14—Badly burned about the face and body; collar bone broken. Robert Herbert, aged 17—Badly burned on right shoulder; back also burned.

It is thought by the physicians that under usual conditions all will recover. The burns are nearly all superficial, few of them being deep.

PHYSICIANS.

The following physicians and surgeons attended to the injured in a very satisfactory manner: J W Harris, W L Cheshire, W W Oglesby and J W Mahon.

CAUSE OF EXPLOSION.

The cause of the explosion has been fully determined: It appears that the evening before the engine and outfit had been moved to the field where the explosion took place. The engineer, Fred Hett, following his custom while moving, keyed down the safety valve with a ten-penny nail and he forgot to remove the nail in the morning, and the steam gauge being broken and removed, the engineer had very little warning. Of course this shows negligence. It is but just to say concerning Mr Hett that he had run engines for a number of years. The nail is still acting as a key in the valve, where placed. Several persons witnessed it.

THE EXPLOSION.

The explosion took place as stated yesterday morning. The engineer, F Hett, noticed steam and water coming out around the stay bolt heads. He exclaimed, "Boys, I think she is going to explode." Several present had run a few feet when the explosion took place.

The engine, a ten horse power, raised in the air, passed completely over the separator, about 50 feet distant, and landed 150 feet from where it started and then rebounded a distance of 90 feet, making a total distance it actually flew of 210 feet. This shows the immense pressure of steam.

While the boiler was an old one, under the circumstances it is likely any boiler would have exploded.

The boiler burst on the left side in the fire box, and the forward portion was also blown away.

An idea of the force of the explosion may be gained from the fact that the men were blown from 30 to 120 feet from where they stood. Actual measurement shows Lemley, dead, was blown the latter distance.

The stubble for many feet about the spot where the boiler stood was actually forced into the ground.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Coroner Cheshire late yesterday afternoon held an inquest over the body

GREEN DISCHARGED.

The Justice Found the Evidence Insufficient.

ALL CIRCUMSTANTIAL.

Ezra Green, charged with burning W K Scarbrough's wheat on the morning of August 2nd, was given an examination before Justice Wintermeier today, and was discharged, the Justice deeming the evidence insufficient.

Prosecuting Attorney Harris an Attorney Blyou appeared for the state and Attorney Stevens for the defendant.

of Elery V Kirk, and the following verdict was returned:

VERDICT.

We the undersigned Jurors find that Elery V Kirk was killed on August 25, 1898, by an explosion of the boiler of the thrasher engine on the premises of his father, J F Kirk, and said explosion was caused by neglect to remove key from safety valve and running without steam gauge.

Dated this 25th day of August, 1898.

J R HILL, Foreman.

J E TAYLOR,

C C CRODE,

H O P LEMLEY,

D M PURKERSON,

LEWIS J GIBSON.

INCIDENTS.

One curious incident, unexplainable, is that the portion of the separator in front of the cylinder is crushed flat as if some great weight had struck it.

Robert Herbert had his shirt, pants and shoes blown off him. He is unable to explain how it occurred.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Elery V Kirk occurred this forenoon at 10 o'clock at the Richardson cemetery. A very large number of his friends attended. Rev J C Richardson, of this city conducted the services.

THE LATEST

Daily Guard, August 27

A messenger from Smithfield this morning informed the GUARD that the death of Tony Bryan, aged 18 years, was momentarily expected.

He also stated that a couple of the others were in great pain.

Wm Lemley was buried at the Richardson cemetery this forenoon, the services being conducted by Rev J C Richardson of this city.

Dr Oglesby telephoned the GUARD at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from Junction that he had just returned from a visit to all of the victims of the Smithfield explosion.

Tony Bryan, who is in the worst condition, recovered consciousness this forenoon and is now able to talk. He is a little improved, but is still in a dangerous condition.

Chance McBee is also slightly better, but is still quite low.

The two Herbert boys are also dangerous, but slightly improved.

The doctor stated that he believed they would all recover.

The others injured are beyond danger and improving nicely.

FOUR DANGEROUS.

Dr W L Cheshire visited the Smithfield victims last evening. He found the condition of Tony Bryan to be the worst; Chance McBee was also dangerous and the Herbert brothers were in a dangerous condition. The rest of those injured he said were recovering.

OTHER NOTES.

A gentleman who left the scene of the boiler explosion at Smithfield this forenoon at 11 o'clock informs us there is no hope for Tony Bryan and Chance McBee. The others will recover.

It was 125 steps from where Lemley stood to where he was blown.

It was 51 fair steps from the place where the boiler blew up to the place where it first struck the ground; then 41 steps further to the point where it rested after the second bound.

Mr Richardson was loading wheat on his wagon very close to where the boiler and engine struck. He heard the explosion and had barely time to make a forward movement to reach the lines, which were tied to the stake on the front end of his grain rack, when one of the large traveling wheels passed between him and the line stake landing 50 yards farther on.

Chehalis, the Oregon wonder won the 2:08 pacing race, purse \$2,000, at Glen Falls, N Y, yesterday; best time 2:06 1/2.

A REVOLTING CRIME.

A Former Lane County Man in Trouble in California.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

The Portland Telegram of August 25 says:

"C M Aldrich, an Oregonian, is in jail at Stockton, Cal charged with incest. W M Gibson, district attorney of San Joaquin county, is in the city looking up evidence to prosecute the criminal.

"Myrtle Aldrich, who is scarcely 10, confessed to the district attorney that C M Aldrich is her father. They formerly lived at Isabel, Lane county, and were in Portland last April. From here they went to California. In the meantime Myrtle gave birth to a baby.

"When charged with the crime Aldrich alleged that the girl was his wife; that he was married in Troutdale, July 20, 1897, and the marriage license was recorded at Portland. Attorney Gibson telegraphed the county clerk here and received word that no such license was issued. The attorney desires to look over the records himself in order that he may appear as a witness against the father."

SUPPORT PLEDGED.

Aguinaldo Will Uphold American Authority in the Philippines.

New York, Aug 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: General Aguinaldo, interviewed at Bacor, declared that he was anxious to support the authority of the United States in those islands, and he had persuaded the other leaders to accept his views.

It is his desire now that the insurgent army be disbanded and return to the provinces. He complained of lack of money and of military talent in the rebel leaders, and said he had not an army, but an unruly rabble. The general seemed dispirited. He says that he trusts the United States will form a free and liberal government, and says the Americans can count on his co-operation.

A Voter Talks.

EDITOR GUARD.—I am glad to see the GUARD take a stand against an extra session of the legislature. One session every two years is enough, Heaven knows. The flimsy argument in today's Oregonian that it would stop the paying of interest is almost too silly to notice. I think the press of the state should protest against an extra session in no uncertain tones.

As to the senatorship, Judge Eakin would make an ideal Senator, pure, independent, manly and honest.

A VOTER.

Wood at Dawson.

Wood for fuel is one of Dawson City's problems and it has always commanded a good figure. At present there is a scarcity of wood for sale, as access to the timber has been shut off by a wise and benevolent (?) government. One man, named Stewart, has been granted the right to all the timber along the Klondike. Labor is so plentiful that he pays only \$3.50 per cord for cutting wood, although these men have to pay \$1 per pound for their provisions.

Sailed For Home.

Santiago, Aug 25.—General Shafter and staff sailed this afternoon on the transport Mexico. His departure was not marked by any special incident. On arriving at Montauk Point, Shafter will go to Washington to meet President McKinley and Alger, afterwards proceeding to San Francisco.

Furloughs Extended.

Washington, Aug 25.—Orders have been issued by the war department extending the furloughs of volunteers given leave of absence from 30 to 60 days.

A LABEL.—Oregon City Courier: "Up in Eugene they have a divinity school, where a number of young men from various sections of the state are preparing themselves for the ministry. Now Eugene like most up-valley towns, has a superabundance of girls, in comparison with the male population. Consequently the exemplary divinity students are in demand in social circles, and several of them have married during the past few months. And some of them were fortunate enough to receive a housekeeping outfit with the bride."

We have been handed "A brief poem on a few of the leading men and events of our Spanish American," by Prof J C Snodgrass, well known in Eugene.

EZRA GREEN ARRESTED

He is Charged With Burning Scarbrough's Hay.

EXAMINATION TOMORROW

Daily Guard, August 26
Constable Fleeman, assisted by Acting Marshal Kissenger, last evening placed under arrest one Ezra Green, the information charging him with having maliciously, on August 2, 1898, burned five stacks of wheat grain the property of W K Scarbrough, contrary to the statutes of the State of Oregon, in such cases made and provided. He was taken before Justice Wintermeier who held him in bonds to the amount of \$250. Not being able to give the required bond he was placed in the county jail, pending examination, which will occur tomorrow forenoon at 9 o'clock.

He has retained Attorney L L Stevens to defend him.

Green, is a man about 40 years of age, is married and has one child, and has recently been residing at Mr Reynolds, near the Eugene bridge.

At the time the wheat was burned and prior thereto he was working on the farm for Mr Scarbrough.

Hestrenuously denies having committed the crime.

RUFUS K HOLBROOK.

The S F Examiner and Call Say the Young Man Died From Disease.

The uncertainty as to the death of Rufus K Holbrook seems to be at an end.

The San Francisco Call and Examiner of August 23rd have reports of all who had died in the Philippines according to General Merritt's report. The three Oregon recruits, Edgar J Johnson, company D, of La Grande, Rufus K Holbrook, company C, of Eugene, and Edward C Young, company A, of McMillanville are all named as having died.

EARLY HOPS SHIPPED.

Stephen Smeed Ships 27 Bales of Fugles.

Stephen Smeed, of Camp Creek precinct, brought to Eugene today, twenty-seven bales of early hops, and immediately placed them in the depot for shipment to R Weaver, Sussex, Wis, on consignment, as he has done for years.

Mr Smeed says his early hops yielded well and are of excellent quality.

Woodmen Picnic.

The General Committee of Woodmen on Harvest Picnic to be held at Meriau's Park, near Eugene, September 7th, announce the following program of sports and contests:

Foot race, 100 yards, free for all Woodmen; three to enter. First prize \$2.50, second \$1.50.

100 yard race, free for everybody, three to enter. First prize \$2.50, second \$1.50.

Bicycle road race, two miles. First prize \$5.00, second \$2.50.

Ladies bicycle race, three must enter. First prize \$2.50, second \$1.50.

Woodmen chopping contest. Each contestant will be furnished ax, and cut a 14 inch log in two. First prize \$2.50, second \$1.50.

Ladies nail driving contest. Hammers and nails will be furnished. Five nails will be driven. First prize \$2.50, second \$1.50.

Woodmen sawing contest. Each team must furnish cross-cut saw and saw 24 inch log twice off. First prize \$2.50, second \$1.50.

Baseball game. Fats vs Leans Nines will be organized on grounds. Losers pay for ice cream for victors.

Any other contest can be organized under the supervision of the committee in charge.

Carriage tickets to and from the grounds can be had from M O Wilkins, secretary General Committee, for 25 cents, round trip.

Good music will attend the pavilion during the afternoon for all who wish to dance.

Heppner Gazette: Mr James Beaton and family, who came to this section from Eugene about two weeks since in search of a location, have decided to make an investment and will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to our community as they are the class of intelligent agricultural people who add very materially to our resources.

Mrs Olga Jansen is the only woman who this season has come out of the Klondike with a competency in gold. She resided at Livermore, Calif., is a widow, 35 years old, and brought with her \$9,300 in nuggets, which she personally, with the assistance of her two sons, aged 11 and 13 years, dug out of the ground near Dawson City.

AN ACCIDENT

J L Smith, of Fall Creek Had a Severe Fall.

A HARD TRIP.

M Mettson, of Portland, was in Eugene this forenoon and reported that while on a prospecting trip up Fall Creek with J L Smith, a resident of Fall Creek precinct, Mr Smith, who is 62 years of age, fell as they were traveling up the bed of the stream and severely injured one of his knees. Mr Mettson assisted him to the bank and found the knee very badly swollen from the fall, but was unable to determine if any bone was broken. It was impossible for the injured man to come out without help, and Mettson fixed him up in a camp as comfortably as possible with their provisions and bedding, and came back to the Fall Creek settlement where he immediately secured men and started them back to carry Smith out. Mr Mettson is of the opinion that they must have been about 15 miles on the timber reserve when the accident happened, a point about 40 miles easterly from Eugene.

JUNCTION NEWS.

Clipped From The Times of August 27.

Mrs Frank Harvey is visiting in Spokane.

Miss Emma Chase and Miss Emma Wold, of Eugene, are the guests of Miss Anna Crain.

C F Hurlburt is the new manager of the opera house, since the resignation of Prof Sibbetts, who has gone to Manila.

G F Skipworth and wife returned from Lebanon Tuesday. Mr Skipworth can be found at his office as usual.

Miss Anna Crain expects to leave next Tuesday for Seattle to teach school, having the same position as last year.

The W S Lee brick building, occupied as a drug store, will be sold at assignee's sale by G C Millet, September 3d.

Elbert Jackson has quit work on the Florence stage line and returned to this city. He has secured a job with Bushnell & Mahon's prune evaporator.

Mrs Ella Benham and Miss Anna Crain will entertain the M E Sunday school children at the residence of F W A Crain this (Friday) afternoon. It will be in the nature of a farewell reception, as the ladies mentioned will leave here shortly. Refreshments will be served at 5 p m.

BROWNSVILLE ITEMS.—The Times says: A letter received from "Camp Merritt" on the Blue river, where the Dyson party are camped, conveys the intelligence that everyone appears to be enjoying himself. Misses Frank Dyson and Blanche Everest recently made a trip to the Lucky Boy mine and report a good number of men at work in the Blue River mines. Bert Wilson's arrival is joyfully announced, for it is expected that Bert will furnish the camp with an abundance of venison.....C B Wilson is spending the week in the Blue River mining district, hunting deer and angling for the speckled beauties which inhabit the streams of that locality.....Mr and Mrs Thos Boya are the guests of Agent L Boyd and family of this city, this week. Mr Boyd was recently agent at Coburg, but has been changed from that place to Saginaw, Lane county.

COMING HOME.—A writer says: "People are beginning to return home from the mountains and coast, sun-burned, and all the healthier for having had an outing. They may have suffered inconveniences while on the trip, returned home tired and dusty, and glad to get back to take a rest, but they have breathed pure mountain air and ocean ozone, and had a change from the every day hum drum of life. While annual trips to the seaside or mountains may be more or less imaginary in their good advantages, they add variety to the spice of life."

ENGINE EXPLOSION ITEMS.—Junction City Times: "One of the dropped his fork and run at the first sound of the explosion and the engine landed where he dropped his fork. At the scene of the wreck hats, clothing, blankets and iron are scattered in all directions. The boiler is twisted in various shapes and pieces of the engine can be picked up at a distance of 500 feet."

LOWEST STAGE.—Residents of the upper McKenzie valley say the McKenzie river is six to eight inches lower than ever before known. They give as a reason for the low stage of water the unusually light snowfall on the Cascade range last winter.

AFFRAY AT MANILA.

United States Troops and Filipino Engaged in Deadly Combat.

ONE TROOPER KILLED.

MANILA, Aug 25.—Last Wednesday a corporal and two men of battery of Utah artillery, after disarming a Cavite, were sent on an errand. They passed through the streets. Trooper Hudson discharged his revolver. He was in mere fun, but the natives of the immediate locality were alarmed for a time.

The natives immediately began firing. Dismounted cavalrymen were sent to quell the disturbance, but the natives misunderstood the movement and the firing became general.

Trooper Hudson was killed and Corporal Anderson mortally wounded. Troopers Laydon, Machbar, Conroy and Doyle, of the Fourth cavalry, were seriously wounded. Four natives were killed and several wounded.

Aguinaldo has expressed regret at the encounter, and promises to punish the offenders. No further trouble is apprehended.

BREVETS.

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Wheat is 43 cents; oats 25 cents. Dwelling houses to rent are scarce in Eugene.

The train was thirty minutes late this afternoon.

Henry Mathews will ship a car load of beef cattle to Aurora tomorrow evening.

The negroes that were circulating around Eugene yesterday afternoon gave a show at Springfield last night.

The peace commission will consist of Justice White, Whitelaw Reid, Senator Davis, Secretary Day and Senator Frye.

Stephen Smeed brought 25 bales more of early hops to the city today from his Camp Creek farm. He will ship these with those brought here yesterday to R Weaver, of Sussex, Wis. Astoria policemen are at present having a tussle with the boys of that town in an endeavor to make the latter wear "tights" when bathing in the river.

Grant and Crook counties are over-run with sheep buyers and the consequent competition has run the price of lambs up to \$2.50 a head, according to the Fossil Journal.

Shade of John Wesley! A Methodist church at Baker City has been utilized as a theater by a traveling vaudeville aggregation, as a result of last week's fire having destroyed the opera house.

Ashland Tidings: Misses Haxton and Hulin, both of Eugene, are completing some unfinished work in the summer school and will be ready for the regular work in the State Normal school at the opening, Sept 5.

William Cook, a North Yalms rancher, was struck by lightning while lying in bed at his home Tuesday night. The thunderbolt struck his forearm, passing down and out his fingers, leaving a livid mark all the way.

The Dalles fruit shippers have last learned that in their business the quickest way is decidedly the cheapest in the long run, and are sending away nearly all their fruit by express this year.

Judge Bellinger decided Thursday the case of United States against the Bay Wagon Road Company that held to which homestead rights were attached when a line of a wagon road was definitely fixed were as much accepted from the grant as if they had been excluded by its terms.

A traveling man who has just finished a tour of the Malheur country during which he gave considerable attention to inspecting wheat, and the Pendleton East Oregonian says while the yield will be lighter than was expected some weeks ago, there will nevertheless be a bountiful harvest.

Cottage Grove Messenger: And Nelson is putting a dam across the river by the electric light plant for the purpose of securing power for his plant.....Ostrander & Culp have removed their barber shop into the building formerly occupied by Mrs Hart's taurant.

Cottage Grove Messenger, August 25: Clara Baker came home Wednesday on a 30 days furlough from Camp Merritt. He reports that the climate at San Francisco is execrable. He speaks well of the floors under whom he served and that they are not to blame for the conditions of things there.