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HIS HOME HIS FUNERAL PYRE

Thomas Walker, Pioneer Blacksmith of Empire Meets Horrible Death Early This Morning.

ORIGIN OF FIRE IS UNKNOWN

Flames for a Time Threatened To Destroy the Surrounding Buildings.

WAS A COOS BAY PIONEER

Has Made His Home on Coos Bay More Than Forty Years.

Upon the crimson wings of flame the soul of Thomas Walker, a pioneer resident of Coos Bay, mounted to its maker. He perished in a fire which destroyed his home on lower front street in Empire about 5 o'clock this morning.

The fire was first discovered by Miss Stella Cook, who lives in an adjoining residence. The blaze had gained such headway that it was with difficulty kept from spreading to the near by residences of Mr. Cook and Mr. Morgan between which the Walker home was located.

Immediately on giving the alarm there was a quick response by friends and neighbors who fought the flames valiantly but for a time it was feared that the Morgan home would also be destroyed. Heroic efforts confined the work of the flames to the premises where they originated.

Nothing is known of the cause of the fire but it is thought to have been caused by an overturned lamp. Dr. Mingus, coroner, was notified and left promptly for the scene of the tragic happening and is conducting an investigation into the affair this afternoon.

Probably the most intimate acquaintance of the unfortunate man, especially in early days, was John Bear, the Marshfield Hiveryman. Mr. Bear was seen this morning by a Times reporter and questioned regarding Mr. Walker's early history and life since he came to the Coos Bay country. Mr. Bear said that Walker came to Marshfield in 1867, and commenced to work for him and John Norman, in a blacksmith shop they were conducting at that time on the present site of the Flanagan-Bennett bank. He remained with them for a period of about two years and then took up other work. Mr. Bear and Walker were quite friendly in those days and spent much time together, hunting in the mountains and fishing in the streams which then abounded in all kinds of fish. Walker afterwards located on South Inlet, where he took up a homestead. He resided here for a number of years and eventually sold out and moved to Empire some 20 years ago. Upon moving to Empire he opened a small machine and repair shop which he has owned and operated ever since.

Mr. Bear was unable to state from which part of the country Walker came, but said he had been told many times in early days Walker's entire history. The deceased had no relatives in Coos county and therefore it is impossible to give any authentic account of his early history. According to Mr. Bear's best recollection, Walker was 67 or 68 years old, as he was born in 1839 or 1840.

The deceased owns several pieces of Marshfield property on North Front street and some in Empire. Mr. Bear, in speaking of his character and qualities, said that Walker was always a man of his word and met his obligations. He added that while he had never been able to accumulate any great property, he was never without the means with which to meet his current expenses.

He cited a particular instance about when they were once traveling together and circumstances had been such that they were in sore need of funds. There seemed no relief and the last resort had arrived. At that juncture, Walker took off his boots and dug a considerable amount of money from his stocking and thus saved the day.

COQUILLE BOYS STEAL SALVATION ARMY BANK

Youngsters Get an Early Start in Crime and Spend a Night in Jail.

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 4.—Some boys stole a Salvation Army bank from P. E. Drane's store a few days ago, containing \$3 or \$4. The boys were rounded up yesterday and confined in jail last night. Don't know what the sequel will be yet. The boys are 10 or 12 years old.

A BUDGET OF NEWS FROM BUSY BANDON

Two Scarlet Fever Cases Reported But Prompt Quarantine Will Stop Spread of Contagion.

BANDON, Dec. 3.—The schooner Advance arrived in Saturday and the Steoyome left with lumber for the south.

Scarlet fever is reported in two cases in the city. The parties have been quarantined and no fear of a spread of the contagion is entertained.

E. M. Furman was in Bandon Sunday and Monday, he left for Coos Bay last night.

E. P. Sheldon, the timber man, left for Prisco via Coos Bay Monday. He will return to Bandon in a short time to close up some important timber deals he is interested in.

Several fishing parties report excellent catches in the lakes and streams south of here, during the last week.

The local post of the G. A. R. announces a grand masquerade ball for Christmas eve in the Bank hall, a full orchestra. Prizes will be given as usual.

The harbor records for the month ending November 30 show a total of 10 arrivals and three departures and three three-masters in port waiting to go out.

Hary Hunt is in town this week attending to various matters of business.

RECEIVES BULLET IN BRAIN, BUT WILL LIVE

Remarkable Recovery of H. B. Teetsel, Who Was Shot by Robber, in Southern California City.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4.—Minus a considerable portion of his brain and with a large hole in his skull, Harry B. Teetsel, who was shot by two highwaymen at First and Alameda streets, has amazed the surgeons in charge of the case, not only by recovering consciousness, but by reaching practically a stage of convalescence.

Teetsel was found on the sidewalk with a bullet in his brain. He was taken to the receiving hospital, where the bullet was extracted, and with it a portion of the man's brain. He remained unconscious for two days, and finally showed such improvement that restoratives were applied and he became conscious.

Since then his recovery has been so rapid that he is able to sit up an hour or so each day, and the doctors say he will recover. He has given the police a good description of his assailants.

W. L. Raven comes from San Jose, Cal., to see what Coos Bay has to entice a newcomer.

Greeting

The Times greets its readers this week under new management. The writer has secured an option on the stock of the Coos Bay Times Pub. Co. and will be in absolute control of the paper pending the prospective transfer of ownership. This control of the business applies also to the policies and principles for which the paper stands. Performance rather than promise shall characterize the assurance to the public of the future line of conduct of the paper. Unhindered by any local entanglements, political, social or commercial it shall be the purpose of the new publisher to print a newspaper that will at all times stand for the welfare and best interests of the cities of Coos Bay and Coos county. The Times sole guide shall be the public good. It bespeaks the helpful co-operation of its readers in the achievement of such a purpose.

The new management has faith in the future of Coos Bay. The Times will be a constant and consistent promoter of this faith. There are no friends to reward or enemies to punish in the columns of this paper. There are no prejudices to promote or favors to fight for. The general welfare of Coos Bay will be the chief concern of The Times in the discussion of matters of public policy. It will be as free and as independent as the breezes that kiss the forest clad hills of old Coos in fond caress. It cannot be bribed or browbeaten into supporting any policy or principle that it considers inimical to the public good. It will give the news without fear or favor and advocate such principles as it deems worthy of being supported. It may err in its judgment at times for it lays no claim to infallibility, but its position on any public question will never be dictated by self interest or controlled by patronage. It proposes to say what it pleases, when it pleases and about whom it pleases, without prejudice or favor. It considers the welfare of the community as a whole at all times superior to the selfish interests of the individual.

These will be the guiding principles of The Coos Bay Times under its new management. They are the embodiment of the "square deal for every man." They are not adjustable like a patent shade roller, and cannot be altered for every subscriber or changed to suit the whim of every reader. When a man subscribes for The Times he is considered a member of its family but he does not buy its editorial opinions any more than he is compelled to indorse them. No one will be denied a hearing in its columns. Any man can take issue with the editorial opinions expressed herein and he will be accorded an opportunity to present his views. No man is so poor that he cannot get a hearing; no man is so rich that he can purchase a single line of editorial endorsement contrary to the honest convictions of the editor.

While it will ever be the purpose of The Times to boom and boost every project for the material advancement of Coos Bay it will not lose sight of the moral side of public questions. It hopes to be always found in the vanguard of progress, ever onward, ever upward to the table lands of light and liberty where on every every human forehead shines the glory of a God.

—M. C. MALONEY

BREAKWATER IS OUT OF SERVICE

The Big Steamer Is Temporarily Out of Commission.

DELAYED FOR ONE WEEK

Had Hole Stove in Her Side While Swinging Out From Portland Dock.

◆ Word has just been received from Portland to the effect that the damage received by the Breakwater will delay sailing one week. The steamer will not leave Portland until next Wednesday evening.

It seems that calamities never come singly, and the word that the Breakwater had met with an accident that would likely lay her up for ten days or two weeks, coming on the heels of the disaster to the Alliance, was not pleasing news to the Coos Bay people. These unfortunate circumstances, coming as they do, just before the holidays, give rather a dubious outlook for the receipt of much of the holiday goods yet to arrive here. There are mills and manufacturing plants as well, which have orders they are awaiting with anxiety and these will also be delayed.

The only word the local agent of the ship has received is to the effect that a hole was stove in the ship above the water line. The accident occurred in the Willamette river near the Breakwater dock. There were no passengers on board. The exact details of the occurrence have not arrived, owing to the telegraph wires being out of commission between Marshfield and Roseburg.

COQUILLE REVIVAL MEETINGS

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 4.—The Rev. Mr. Gardner, of the M. E. church, and Rev. Mr. Jones, of the M. E. church South, are holding revival meetings here and they are successful, some are being reclaimed and some newly converted.

M. R. Zumwalt, of Port Orford, is a Marshfield visitor.

POSTMASTERS TO ORGANIZE

Uncle Sam's Oregon Representatives To Have State Association.

TO CONVENE IN PORTLAND

Fifty Seven Postoffices in State Will Be Represented in Proposed Association.

In line with the actions taken in other states of the union, the presidential postmasters of the state of Oregon will meet in Portland on December 12th to organize an Oregon Postmaster's association. The plan to organize such an association was first broached by Postmaster Minto, of Portland, along with Postmaster J. S. Van Winkle, of Albany, and a number of others who are interested in the improvement of the postal system in Oregon. A call has been issued to postmasters in all the first, second and third class offices in the state to attend the formation of this proposed association.

According to Postmaster Van Winkle, only postmasters known as presidential postmasters, at the head of first, second and third class offices will be permitted to become members of the association. In fourth class offices in Oregon, and elsewhere the heads are appointed by the postmaster-general and will not therefore be eligible to membership in the association. These state associations are approved by the postoffice department in Washington, as tending toward the improvement and betterment of the general service.

The Oregon association when formed will comprise a membership of 57 postmasters, as there are this number of first, second and third class offices in Oregon. There are 14 second class postoffices, and 42 third class. The offices which will be entitled to membership in the proposed association are as follows:

- First class—Portland.
- Second class—Albany, Ashland, Astoria, Baker City, Corvallis, Eugene, Grants Pass, Hood River, La Grande, Oregon City, Pendleton, Roseburg, Salem, The Dalles.
- Third class—Arlington, Athena,

ANTI TREATING CAMPAIGN IS ON

Portland Catholics Inaugurate an Interesting Temperance Movement.

IT IS A DANGEROUS EVIL

No More Will the Slogan Be "What Will You Have? Its on Me."

PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—A united effort to check the evils of the treating habit has been started among the Catholics of the city by Rev. Matthias Meyer C. S. S. R., and the Cathedral Men's Club. At solemn high mass at the cathedral Father Meyer made this question the subject of his discourse, stating that the habit of drunkenness and the habit of associating with drunkards were the direct results of the habit of treating. He said that it was the pride that a man has that brings him to the habit, the desire of being thought well of by his fellows. That most of the poverty and other evils that follow upon the train of drunkenness can directly be traced to this source, was one of his statements.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Cathedral Men's Club met and passed resolutions in favor of the campaign against anti-treating, and appointed a campaign committee as follows:

Messrs. E. Ryan John Leinewebor, Joseph Prondzinski, C. A. Campbell, E. Deery, R. A. Sullivan and Father E. V. O'Hara. The plans of work are being outlined, and will be presented in a fully developed form at a meeting to be held at 8 o'clock next Thursday night at Holy Names hall. Non-Catholics will be welcomed to the meeting.

Those who are back of the movement feel that it is practically impossible to attain the ideas set up by the Anti-Saloon league, but that if the habit of treating could be checked, there would be much accomplished along the line of preventing drunkenness.

Following is the handbill that will be distributed among the Catholics of the city by the Cathedral Men's Club:

Why You Should Promote the Movement Against the Treating Habit.

First—Because it is a moderate and sane movement against a most important reform.

Second—Because the treating habit has become a tyranny against which every self-respecting man should rebel.

Third—Because the treating habit is responsible for 90 per cent of the evils of the liquor traffic.

Fourth—Because the treating custom leads people to drink who would otherwise not contract the habit.

Fifth—Because it induces people to drink more than they want: One drink is enough, two is satiate, three is gluttony, beyond that is beastliness.

Sixth—Because the treating habit involves a foolish and sinful expenditure of money, which in the vast majority of cases is sorely needed at home.

Seventh—Because the movement against treating, without interfering with your individual rights, enables you to do a great service to your neighbor who is cursed by the tyranny of the treating habit.

Aurora, Brownsville, Burns, Condon, Coquille, Cottage Grove, Dallas, Elgin, Enterprise, Forest Grove, Heppner, Hillsboro, Huntington, Independence, Jacksonville, Junction City, Klamath Falls, Lake View, Lebanon, McMinnville, Marshfield, Medford, Milton, Monmouth, Moro, Mount Angel, Myrtle Point, Newberg, North Bend, Ontario, Prineville, Rainier, St. Johns, Silverton, Springfield, Sumpter, Tillamook, Union, Wasco, Weston, Woodburn.

E. E. Morris and wife came in yesterday from Gold Beach, Curry county.

Charles O'Connor, a Chicago resident, is looking over the Coos Bay country.

CHANCE FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Oregon Society Sons of American Revolution Offers Prizes.

OPEN TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

List of Subjects on Which Essays Are Desired by the Society.

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers prizes to the pupils of the public schools of the state of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our war of Independence.

Prizes of \$20, \$15, \$10, and \$5 will be awarded for the first, second, third and fourth best essays written on any of the following subjects:

1. Washington the Great Leader.
2. Flag of the United States.
3. The Boston Tea Party.
4. Treason of Benedict Arnold.

The essays are limited to three thousand words each, must be written in the student's own handwriting on one side only of the paper, and accompanied by a certificate of the writer's teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work. The essays must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her postoffice address. They should be forwarded to Mr. R. I. Erickson, Chairman of Committee, Room 5, Washington building, Portland, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than March 31, 1908.

In awarding these prizes the committee will be governed by considerations of:

1. Originality.
2. Accuracy of Statement.
3. Manner of Treatment.
4. Orthography, Syntax and Punctuation.

These prizes are offered to encourage love of our country and the study of its history.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished on application to the Chairman of the Committee.

CHARLES H. CAREY,
B. B. BEEKMAN,
R. I. ERICKSON,
Committee.

WILL FIGHT TO EXCLUDE JAPS

Congressman Hayes of California Has Bill Barring Low Class of Orientals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Representative E. A. Hayes of California, will be one of the leaders this winter in the fight for oriental exclusion. He has a bill providing for exclusion of Japanese, Koreans, Hindus, Malays and all other orientals, naming certain exempt classes among which are bankers, teachers, students, members of the learned professions, travelers for curiosity or pleasure. These must have certificates from officials in their own country as to their character, which must be passed by representative of the department of commerce and labor attached to the American consulate at the port whence they wish to embark. At the port of entry, they may be denied admission if proof is found that their certificates are fraudulent. Provision is made for appeal in such cases.

Hayes also intends to introduce a bill providing for a new and complete naval station in San Francisco bay, perhaps at Yerba Buena island. He declares that there is inadequate provision for repair, alteration and construction work on the Pacific coast.

James Lawson, of Ferndale, Humboldt county, California, who has been in Coos and Curry counties for the past two months, arrived in Marshfield today and is awaiting the sailing of the Plant, on which he will return home.