

LIZARD WAS IN COOS RIVER RANCHER'S STOMACH FIVE YEARS

J. R. Burns Presents One of Most Phenomenal Cases Known.

WAS OPERATED ON FOR OTHER ILLS

Illness For Several Years Baffled Physicians—Health Is Improving.

J. R. Burns, a well-known Coos River rancher, who lives about five miles back from the creamery, is just recovering from one of the most phenomenal ills that is known to medical science and humanity. Ailing for four or five years, his case baffled physicians and they operated on him in vain to ascertain the cause. Not until a few days ago when he was taken with a severe vomiting spell was the illness explained and the cure effected.

The severity of the spell frightened Mrs. Burns and the family. After almost choking, relief suddenly came with the omission of what appeared to be a mass of bones. In a few moments, Mr. Burns was much improved and felt better than he had for four or five years. An examination of the mass, proved to it to be the skeleton of a lizard about eight inches long.

Mrs. Burns who was in Marshfield yesterday said that Mr. Burns was rapidly regaining his normal condition and the nauseating sickness that bothered him for four or five years had disappeared. She and Mr. Burns are confident that the strange illness that puzzled physicians was due entirely to the presence of the lizard in his stomach.

Explanation of Trouble.
How the reptile was swallowed by Mr. Burns is a puzzle. He believes that while serving in the United States army in the Philippines, he must have swallowed either a lizard's egg or a minute lizard when drinking from one of the streams which the soldiers were often compelled to do in forced marches in the torrid heat. As the first of his long illness dates from his service there, he is confident that this must have been the way in which the accident occurred.

How the lizard could live and grow in his stomach is another unexplainable matter. That it did is certain as the size of the skeleton shows that the reptile was too large at the time of its death to have been swallowed.

Was Operated On.
Another indication that the reptile did live in his stomach was the voracious appetite that Burns had during the first stages of his illness. At first, he was troubled with severe pains in the stomach at intervals. Physicians were consulted but they could not ascertain the cause. Finally one physician thought that he had diagnosed the trouble all right and operated on Burns. He recovered from the operation but it failed to give relief.

During the last few months, the ailment had grown more severe, at times causing Burns' body to become swollen and indicating poisoning. These were accompanied by severe pains in the stomach or cramps and a nauseating sickness.

MRS. RICHARD HOWELL SUCCUMBED LAST NIGHT

Well-Known Marshfield Woman Dies at Home On Isthmus Inlet After Long Illness.

Mrs. Richard Howell died at the family home on Isthmus Inlet last night after a protracted illness of diabetes. She was at the point of death for many hours prior to her demise.

Mrs. Howell was about thirty-five years old and moved to Coos Bay from Richmond, Ind., with her husband about a year ago. Her father, Frank Fornshell, resides near Eugene.

Mrs. Howell is survived by a husband and two children. Mr. Howell is employed in the baggage and freight department of the Marshfield

BREAKWATER BRINGS MANY

Delayed In Lower Bay This Morning By Heavy Fog—Had Good Trip.

The Breakwater arrived from Portland early this morning after a good voyage from Portland. Owing to the heavy fog in the lower bay early in the forenoon, Capt. Magenn decided not to attempt to come up until it cleared. Most of the passengers were brought up in launches. The Breakwater will sail for Portland at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Among those who came down from Portland on the Breakwater were the following:

James Pitt, B. Trent, G. P. Trent, Mr. Rau and wife and two children, Robert Marsden, M. Rau, J. W. Johnson, B. W. Foster and wife, J. Savry, D. Herschike, S. Grundstem, B. L. Dulle and wife, G. W. Hollister, C. A. Turner, F. N. Goltan, I. V. Truellinger and wife, Misses Truellinger, R. R. Dickinson, F. Heavner, M. B. True, H. H. Cobb, Wm. Candlin, S. Harris, J. Dowbrle, Geo. Hobler, Mrs. J. Patterson, M. A. Phillips, J. D. Harvey, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Oldwell, James Oldwell, Jos. Bress, Jno. Bress, Miss Woodruff, W. H. Sawyer, H. H. Speer, Mrs. Myers, Chas Jost and wife, C. L. Weaver, D. Long, M. E. Anderson, E. Anderson, Joe Card, A. Lucas, Frank Lindgren, J. W. Doyle, N. Campbell, L. S. Spooner, W. C. Hill, Jno. Nelson, J. J. Toole and P. B. Ferguson.

M. F. Plant Sails.
The M. F. Plant sailed for San Francisco at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Among the outgoing passengers on her were:
E. Kroenke, H. P. Harrison, John Erickson and wife, C. G. Gaithea, W. L. Nood, J. Polhemus, J. C. Greene, M. S. Huston and wife, Miss Dake, Mrs. Anderson, R. Groagner, C. Martini, Messrs. Hocket and Herrick, W. S. Chandler, B. R. Chandler, Miss Haglestein, Mrs. M. Kennedy, Agnes Cooley, Mrs. M. Johnston, Miss Grace Taylor, Mrs. Balandyne, Mrs. F. A. Moss and children, R. Hill, F. A. Moss, Dr. Harriman, H. Kahn, F. Sturdivant, L. Jones, P. Herron, D. Sneddon, R. Balandyne, C. H. Hilling, O. C. Carlson, H. Anderson and several steerage.

HOLDUP MAN MEETS DEATH

Chicago Bartender Opens Fire On Two Who Tried to Rob Saloon Today.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Leonard Smith, alias William Fay, was shot dead today in an attempt to rob a West Madison street saloon. Smith entered the saloon in broad daylight with two companions. He commanded the inmates to hold up their hands but in a fusillade of shots from Lawrence M. McGraw, the bartender, Smith was killed. His companions have been arrested.

depot. Mrs. Wm. Warwick and Mrs. Wm. Grimes of Marshfield are cousins of the deceased.

The body was taken to M. J. Mangan's undertaking parlors where it will remain until Mrs. Howell's father can be communicated with concerning his wishes as to the funeral.

FREE COFFEE AND CLAMS at the M. W. A. Excursion to Bandon, Sunday, August 16. Special train leaves at 7 a. m.

Attend Joke and Josh Club BALL at Finnish hall TONIGHT.

A BALLOON EXPLOSION KILLS TWO J. C. WILCOX OF NORTH BEND

RELEASED FROM COUNTY JAIL

Dropping of Lighted Match Just Before Ascension Causes Disaster In London Today.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aug. 14.—Two were killed and six injured in an explosion of a balloon owned by Capt. Lovelace

of the New York Aero Club. Preparations for the ascension were being made when it exploded. The cause is supposed to have been the throwing down of a lighted match. Miss Hill, aged 18, secretary to Capt. Lovelace, was burned to crisp. The other person killed was an unknown man. Lovelace's clothes were burned but he was not otherwise injured.

ST. PETERSBURG FEARS CHOLERA

Strange Malady Resembling Plague Causes Many Deaths There.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 14.—During the past fortnight, an immense number of cases of intestinal disease have been recorded in this city. Last week, there were 175 deaths and in five days of this week 210. The Health Department declares officially that the city is threatened with cholera. Great precautions are being taken to prevent an epidemic of the plague, and the city may be quarantined.

ORATORY WILL SOON BEGIN

Democrats Plan to Start Many Stump Speakers Campaigning.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—With the organization of the speaker's bureau of the Democratic National Committee practically completed, John H. Atwood, head of the bureau, today sent out nearly thirty speakers in response to requests from the Democratic organizations in various parts of the country. This vanguard will be followed with a greater number who will be sent to every part of the United States, where their services are needed. Atwood says that twelve United States senators have volunteered their services for the stump.

NEGRO FIEND SOON KILLED

New Orleans Crowd Quickly Shoots Blackman Who Murdered Neryv Policeman.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 14.—Police man John J. Carroll was cut to death today by a negro cook who was afterwards killed by the police on a Louisville and Nashville train in the station here. The negro quarreled with another negro and when Carroll entered the car to stop the trouble, Cook disembowled him and ran into the drawing room where he was surrounded and killed. Carroll fired at the negro as he ran and badly wounded him. Scarcely had Carroll pulled the trigger when he became unconscious dying a few minutes later.

The negro murderer's name was Frank Barralsford. He had been drinking when he reported for duty. During the excitement, another negro, John Scott was shot and perhaps fatally wounded.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The last sad rites over Mrs. Jessie F. Piper will be held at the cemetery in Marshfield Saturday, August 15, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. All friends are invited to attend.

IRA D. SANKEY DIED TODAY

Noted "Singing Evangelist" Succumbs In New York After Long Illness.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Ira D. Sankey, the "singing evangelist," died at his home in Brooklyn last night, after a long illness.

BURNS WINS OVER RUEF

San Francisco Judge Overrules Charges Made By Former Boss.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Superior Judge W. P. Lawlor today dismissed the contempt proceedings instituted by Abraham Ruef against Wm. J. Burns, chief of the district attorney's corps of special agents in the bribery and graft cases, holding that no contempt had been committed. Ruef charged Burns and his agents with having approached prospective jurors at Ruef's coming trial with a view of having them disqualify themselves. The court holds that both sides have the right to investigate the jury list and that the court has no power to define how this shall be done.

THIEVES ROB POSTOFFICE

Safe Blown at Toppenish, Wash., and Considerable Booty Secured.

(By Associated Press.)
TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 14.—The safe in the postoffice at Toppenish, Wash., was blown last night and it is reported that a considerable amount of money and stamps were taken.

The explosion was heard by many but the thieves were fleeing at a safe distance when it was discovered what had happened. A posse of citizens are searching for the bandits.

BOOTH-KELLY MILL AT SAGINAW SAFE
EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 14.—Fire near the Booth-Kelly mill, east of Saginaw, is entirely under control. Most of the men fighting it have been called off. Danger to the mill is past.

Steamer **BREAKWATER SAILS** for Portland SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, at 1 p. m.

WILL PUBLISH VOTE TOMORROW

CANDIDATES IN THE COOS BAY TIMES POPULAR VOTING CONTEST HAVE MADE MARKED GAINS DURING WEEK.

The standing of the contestants in the contest for the several prizes offered in the Coos Bay Times Popular Voting Contest, will be published tomorrow. Nearly all of the candidates have shown big gains from a week ago and the race is becoming decidedly lively.

Eric S. Bolt has been doing some of the most effective work of the individual candidates and will probably have the greatest gain for the week, placing him well up among the leaders. A number of friends have been enlisted by him and he will undoubtedly keep well up in front from now on.

The Eastern Star of Marshfield Doric Chapter No. 53, has also been doing some effective work and has the campaign well organized. The North Bend High School is also forging ahead. Coos Tribe, Improved Order of Redmen, has also received a large number of votes during the week.

Several candidates in the Coquille Valley are also forging ahead. The ones showing the greatest gains are those securing a few new subscriptions. Some of the candidates have turned in large numbers of ballots and have their friends saving ballots. While this helps considerably, the big votes are obtained with payment of subscriptions and especially by obtaining new subscribers.

GOOD ROADS IN COOS COUNTY

Construction of Several Stretches of Highway In Coquille Valley Will Be Beneficial.

COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 14.—The Coquille Herald says: "Considerable new road building is under way in the South Fork section, and with its completion there will be some bad places in winter months avoided by the traveling public. One new stretch of highway upon which a crew is engaged will extend from the foot of the Johnson hill, across the river from the W. T. Dement place to a point about opposite the Massey place, a distance of one mile. The crew of workers is camped in the timbered bottom, where the old road to be avoided is located, and in which there is a sea of almost fathomless mud during the rainy season. The new road is being excavated from the hillsides above.

"Another piece of needed new highway has been begun further up the South Fork, a mile beyond Eteleka postoffice. This will be two miles in length, and involves the construction of a bridge over Yellow creek, having an 84-foot span. The contract is one of two secured last spring from the county by Stemmler & Minard of Myrtle Point, and it will afford the means of traveling on the north side of the stream without the necessity of crossing to the south side during high water. The other contract obtained by Stemmler & Minard was completed, a short piece of road near Bridge on the Middle Fork.

KELSEY IS DEAD.

Retired Rear Admiral of United States Navy Succumbs.
(By Associated Press.)
MILWAUKEE, Aug. 14.—Rear Admiral James Kelsey Cogswell, United States Navy, retired, is dead at Jacksonville, Fla.

Oregon Supreme Court Orders Him Admitted to Bail Pending Appeal.

HE WILL FURNISH \$2,000 BOND

Release Unexpected and Causes Furore On Coos Bay Today.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 14.—Chief Justice Bean, of the Supreme Court, has granted a petition for a writ of probable cause, and admitted J. C. Wilcox, of Coquille, Coos county, to \$2,000 bail, pending an appeal of a decree of the Circuit Court, in which Wilcox was convicted of selling liquor to a minor, and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Wilcox has served three months when released. R. Citron, of Portland, is Wilcox's attorney. Wilcox is the leader of the liquor interests in Coos county, and has been arrested and fined upon numerous previous occasions for infractions of the state liquor laws.

At the time of his conviction vigorous efforts were made to secure an immediate pardon for him, but Governor Chamberlain refused the petition upon the ground that the saloon owned by Wilcox had been a persistent offender against the liquor laws. Wilcox, it is understood, owns the saloon but did not personally sell the liquor to the minor.

IS SURPRISE HERE.

Release of J. C. Wilcox On Bail Was Not Expected On Coos Bay.

The above telegram from Salem came as a surprise to Coos Bay people. L. A. Liljeqvist, assistant prosecuting attorney, said that it was the first he had heard of it. He was deeply chagrined that Wilcox should be released and declared that he would take immediate steps to see that Wilcox was properly punished for the offenses of which everyone knew he was guilty.

The plan to secure Wilcox's release was forecasted in The Times a few weeks ago when he had attorneys to come down from Portland take this matter up.

Wilcox who is in the Coos county jail at Coquille, was informed of the action of the Supreme court last night and was highly elated. He said that he expected to furnish the \$2,000 bail and secure his freedom today.

The admittance of Wilcox to bail has started many rumors and one story in circulation is that Wilcox will never be tried again.

There have also been rumors that Wilcox's old place in North Bend has been in operation since Wilcox's incarceration. The saloon which Wilcox formerly operated but which was closed upon Judge Hamilton's order to withdraw Wilcox's license was opened a few weeks ago by a former bartender for Wilcox who secured a license from the North Bend city council.

It is expected that the Coos Bay Law and Order League, which took a prominent part in Wilcox's prosecution, will get active again and fight the case to a bitter end.

CULLINGS OF COQUILLE.

Events at Coos County Seat as Told By The Herald.

DIED—At the County Infirmary, August 9, 1908, Lewis Lambo, aged seventy-six years. The remains were interred at the county farm Monday afternoon.

Chas. Hensley who recently arrived here from Bisbee, Arizona, has enjoyed a visit with his friend and former acquaintance from that place, C. M. Wade, who is now engaged behind the block in the shop of the Pioneer Meat Market, and who with his family, has resided here for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gage. Mrs. Fred Belloni, Mrs. J. M. Nye, and Miss Ray Collier, returned Monday from their camping trip in Curry.