

TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE NEAR SPOKANE, WASH.

Cremated In Bad Conflagration at Coeur D'Alene Last Night.

CHARRED BODIES ARE FOUND TODAY

Many Stores and Buildings Wiped Out By Flames.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 17.—The bodies of two men who were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Franklin block at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, last night, were found in the ruins today. One was Jacob Skogland of Ely, Minn., and the other Cox Layton of Spokane. The Franklin block was valued at \$12,000 and was owned by Young and McBurney. It was insured for \$5,100. Joe Johnson who conducted the hotel in the building lost \$4,000. His insurance was \$2,500. A number of stores and other business places were burned out.

BRYAN PLANS TOUR.

May Make Speaking Trip to Pacific Coast.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—W. J. Bryan and National Chairman Mack will confer tomorrow in this city on a speaking tour that will carry the candidate through the middle west and possibly as far as the Pacific coast. The tour will practically take up the entire month of October. Mr. Bryan will speak only in cities where he has not spoken on previous trips.

TAFT IS BUSY.

Prepares Speeches For His Western Tour.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 17.—With the strenuous speaking itinerary of Judge Taft, decided upon, the time intervening before he leaves on the first trip will be devoted largely to the preparation of the numerous speeches he is to deliver in the west.

POSTMASTER CARRIES MAIL TO MARSHFIELD

Lee Webster of Empire, Makes Trip When Regular Carrier Fails to Show Up For Job.

Lee Webster, the genial postmaster at Empire City is not only determined to see that good service is given the mails in the office but is also ready to act as mail carrier in order to insure prompt delivery in case the regular carrier does not show up. This was illustrated yesterday when he personally drove to Marshfield with the mail after waiting in vain for the regular carrier. The new Marshfield paving almost proved too much for Mr. Webster's steed though as the animal slipped and fell immediately after getting on to it, breaking the shaft of Mr. Webster's vehicle. However, the mail got through without delay and the broken thill was soon repaired.

Mr. Webster says that the citizens of Empire are delighted over the reopening of the fish cannery there and hope that it signifies the resumption of other industries there in the near future.

AT THE THEATRE.

The Margaret Iles Company will play at Masonic Opera House Friday and Saturday nights in "The Girl and The Gambler." This is the best play that this company has ever produced in Coos county and is worthy of more than special mention. It is a play that is full of comedy and any one who enjoys to laugh will get all the chance they want by seeing this play. This comedy-drama went so good in Bandon that the people then wanted the Iles Company to stay over and repeat it, but they couldn't on account of their other dates to fill. Don't fail to see this play or you will miss something worth seeing.

MANY CAUGHT IN COLLISION

One Killed and Seven Injured In Pennsylvania Railroad Wreck Today.

(By Associated Press.) BELLEVERNON, Pa., Sept. 17.—One was killed and seven injured, two fatally, in a collision between a yard engine and a work train on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie at Gibson, near here today. All are foreigners.

POLITICAL STATISTICS.

Two-Thirds of Oregon "Dry"—Division of Political Parties. SALEM, Ore., Sept. 17.—Twenty-two of the 34 counties in the state have gone dry, and but 12 remain wet, according to the returns collected by Secretary of State Benson from the general election of last June, and just issued in the new official directory, made public last evening. Of the counties included in the wet list, in Baker, Clatsop and Multnomah prohibition was not voted on in the county as a whole, and Crook, Curry, Gilliam, Wallowa and Washington. No vote was taken on prohibition in the newly created county of Hood River.

The dry counties are Crook, Curry, Gilliam, Wallowa, Benton, Douglas, Grant, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Morrow, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wheeler and Yamhill. The wet counties are Baker, Clatsop, Multnomah, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Harney, Lake, Lincoln (by three votes), Marion, Wasco and Washington. The population of the state, according to the state census of 1905, was 464,538 as compared to the federal census of 1900, which gave a total of 412,536. The total registration for the June election, 1908, from January 1 to May 15, was 122,095, and this was distributed among the several political parties as follows: Republicans 80,921; Democrats, 28,788; Prohibition, 1,889; Socialist, 3,226; Populists, 59; Independents, 3,656, and there were 3,556 who registered and refused to designate political party.

FLEET TO MANILA.

(By Associated Press.) ALBANY, West Australia, Sept. 17.—The American battleship fleet will leave here tomorrow instead of today as originally planned on the long trip to Manila where it is due on the second or third of October.

MRS. NATION AFTER TAFT

Carrie Becomes Dumfounded at Her Own Nerve and Interview Terminates.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Sept. 17.—Mrs. Carrie Nation was a visitor at the Taft residence today and endeavored to induce the candidate to enter into a discussion of the liquor question which Mr. Taft politely declined to do. Mrs. Nation then began a characteristic speech on the liquor evil. Judge Taft backed away and Mrs. Nation seemingly somewhat awed at what she was doing backed her way out of the room and the interview ended.

SEATTLE MAN STARVES TO DEATH

Minden S. Wasson Loses His Way In Woods Near Kenmore and Body Is Found By Searchers.

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 17.—Straying from his home in Seattle in

a fit of mental aberration in May, and wandering through the thick woods in the vicinity of Kenmore where he became lost and finally died of starvation, the body of Minden S. Wasson was found late yesterday. He was identified by a brother-in-law. Wasson was a teamster and leaves two small children.

BOAT'S CREW RUINS SIGHTS

British Seamen Mutiny On Cruiser Gibraltar As Result of Punishment.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 17.—Disapproving the call to repeat during the night an evolution which had been improperly performed during the day, the crew on the cruiser Gibraltar while on its way to Australia destroyed all the gunsights on board. As a punishment, all customary privileges including smoking and the use of the canteen was stopped until the culprits can be discovered. The cruiser is at Albany, Australia, where it participated in the welcome of the American fleet.

GEORGE KANE LOSES VIOLIN

Stradivarius Valued at \$800 Disappears From Room In Garfield Hotel.

George Kane, a Portland violinist who has been spending the summer on Coos Bay, is today vainly searching for his \$800 Stradivarius violin which mysteriously disappeared from his room in the Garfield hotel yesterday. He has been unable to secure any definite trace of the instrument and today inserted a want ad in The Times in hopes of finding some clue to the beloved violin.

"I left the violin in my room—room 11—at the Garfield yesterday morning as usual and locked the door when I went out," said Mr. Kane today. "When I came back, the door was still locked but the violin was gone. No one appears to have seen anyone around my room in the meanwhile. May be it was stolen but if it was, the thief will have a hard time to sell it as it is such a valuable instrument that it is carefully marked and easily identified. The case is marked with the initials of a Portland violin maker who made some repairs on it last spring. I have had the violin for about several years and would not sell it for any sum."

REGISTRATION TO OPEN.

Books Will Be Reopened Next Week For Presidential Election.

Everything is in readiness for the registration of voters for the presidential election. The books will be opened Monday, September 21, and will be kept open up to and including October 20.

Voters who have already registered this year are not required to register again for the presidential election. Those who have not registered since the first of January, however, must register if they wish to cast a ballot in November. Voters who have moved into different precincts than those in which they are registered, will be given the opportunity to record the change so that they may vote at the polling place of the precinct in which they now live.

Six months' residence in the state is necessary in order to register, though there is no requirement as to residence in the precinct for the registration that begins next week. Foreigners who have been admitted to citizenship, and those who have made declaration of intention one year or more ago may register and vote at the presidential election.

REUF'S LAWYERS ARE INDICTED

True Bills Returned Against Adolph S. Newberg and Frank J. Murphy.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The grand jury has filed two indictments with Superior Judge Sturtevant against Adolph S. Newberg and one said to be against Frank J. Murphy, both being of Abraham Ruef's staff of attorneys, in which they are charged with attempting to influence a prospective juror named J. M. Kelley to vote for Ruef's acquittal if he was accepted as a juror. Newberg was arrested and released upon \$5,000 bail. Murphy has not yet been apprehended.

FOGS CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS

Two Dead and a Score Injured In Collision In Chicago Today.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—A dense fog in Chicago and its suburbs handicapped transportation seriously today and was responsible for a number of accidents. While the Duluth Limited on the Chicago and Northwestern was waiting for the signal to proceed, a suburban train crashed into the rear end and a half dozen persons were injured. An interurban car from Aurora crashed into an elevated train on the Oak Park incline, injuring several passengers.

The injured resulting from accidents due to the fog number over a score, and two deaths have already occurred.

HAT SMOOTHERS MAN.

John O'Connor of Portland, Victim of Odd Accident.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 17.—Plunging over a steep embankment at East Thirty-third street and Powell Valley road, and as the result of the fall having his hat jammed so tightly over his face as to suffocate him to death, was the fate of John O'Connor, a cook employed in Martin Connelly's grading camp. Coroner Norden is making an investigation of what is regarded as one of the most remarkable cases of violent death recorded in years.

WOMAN FALLS DEAD.

Mrs. Bunch of Looking Glass Expires Suddenly.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 17.—Near Looking Glass, September 12, 1908, Mrs. Isabel Bunch, widow of the late David Bunch, aged 63 years, died suddenly of heart trouble.

Mrs. Bunch, who lived at Flournoy Valley, died as she was riding home from Dillard, late in the evening. The funeral was held at Looking Glass Sunday, with services conducted by Rev. A. C. Vernon.

Three daughters and one son survive Mrs. Bunch. They are Mrs. Melvina Foster and Mrs. Stacey Noah, of Marshfield and Mrs. Edna Williams and David Bunch of Flournoy Valley.

When you pay your subscription, be sure that you get your votes for The Coos Bay Times Popular Voting Contest.

NORTH INLET RANCHER GETS \$825 PER ACRE FOR CRANBERRIES

FIGHT PLAGUE IN MANILA

Officials Try to Stamp Out Cholera Epidemic Before Fleet Arrives.

(By Associated Press.) MANILA, P. I., Sept. 17.—The number of cases of cholera showed a decrease yesterday. The officials hope to clean out the disease before the arrival of the Atlantic fleet. The number of deaths from the plague has not been given out.

JOE CORBETT MAY PITCH FOR ELKS

San Francisco League Twirler May Take Part In Sunday's Game and Eagles Are Up In the Air.

The Eagles baseball team today is suffering from consternation and stage fright as a result of the announcement that Joe Corbett, the San Francisco league pitcher who is coming to Coos Bay to go on a hunting trip with Jack Flanagan, will be here and probably be in the box for the Elks Sunday. Corbett wired yesterday that he would be in Saturday. Of course, his visit here now is accidental. Jack Flanagan says that Mr. Corbett, who attended school with him in Frisco, has been figuring on coming up for sometime to do a little hunting. Corbett is an Elk and will be eligible to participate in Sunday's game.

Jake Goldie and Charlie Howard are working their cohorts double time and some of their players are almost down and out but the managers say they have more to draw from and are going to keep up the strenuous practise.

W. R. Haines, George Goodrum, Tom James and E. D. McArthur were among the Elks out for practise yesterday and today all are swathed in bandages and liniment.

LOCAL CHURCHES WILL HOLD UNION SERVICES

First Baptist, Presbyterian and First M. E. to Unite In Farewell to Rev. W. R. F. Browne.

The congregations of the First Baptist, Presbyterian and First Methodist Episcopal churches will unite in a union service to be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night as a farewell to the Rev. W. R. F. Browne, the pastor of the latter. The Rev. Mr. Browne will leave shortly to attend the annual conference, and it is likely that he will be transferred to another charge by the bishop. He has been very successful here and the possibility of his departure is greatly regretted by his friends.

The program for the union services has not been definitely announced yet.

UP IN THE AIR 30 MINUTES

Leon Delagrangé Makes New Record With Aeroplane Near Paris.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Sept. 17.—Flying at Issy today, Leon Delagrangé staid aloft in his aeroplane 30 minutes and 20 seconds.

LEMANS, France, Sept. 17.—Wilbur Wright spent today trying out his machine for the protracted flight to be made tomorrow. In one short flight today he covered 4,800 yards in six minutes and 43 seconds.

TRY Haines for feed.

R. R. Pinkerton Will Derive Large Sum From This Year's Crop.

YIELD TO BE ABOUT 300 BUSHELS PER ACRE

Claim That Berries Are Superior to Famous Cape Cod Product.

R. R. Pinkerton of North Inlet, was in North Bend yesterday completing preparations to market his crop of cranberries which will be one of the most lucrative crops ever produced in Coos county. He stated that his cranberry ranch would yield about 300 bushels per acre and as the prevailing price is about \$2.75 per bushel, he will derive about \$825 per acre.

The cranberries are among the finest ever seen in this section and are said to be superior to the famous Cape Cod cranberries, being larger and of even a better flavor.

Mr. Pinkerton came to Coos Bay from the east where he had considerable experience in cranberry growing. He says that the marsh land in this section is better than in the east as the crop here is free from the dangers and pests that cause grief for the growers in Massachusetts. Here, he believes the cranberry crop is practically certain.

Mr. Pinkerton says that the yield from the cranberries will be better after the fields have been cultivated a few more seasons and thinks that 400 bushels per acre is a conservative estimate on the possible yield.

Cranberries have sold as high as \$4.00 per bushel here, it is said, so that cranberry growing offers such great inducements that there is bound to be a rapid development of the industry in this section.

STATE BUILDING RAILROAD.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 17.—A practical experiment in railroad construction and operation has been undertaken by the state of Texas. The state is building a line of railway from Palestine to the penitentiary at Rusk. About 15 miles of the track has been completed, and work on the remaining 14 miles is being rapidly pushed. The state officials say they expect to learn by actual construction and operation the immediate cost of railway building and running, and that public information so obtained with juggling bookkeeping will be a basis of argument for future railroad rates. The fact that the state operates iron works at Rusk gives a financial reason for this government ownership of a railroad.

FAREWELL IS TENDERED.

Special Services Held at the Lutheran Church.

At the song service rendered in the Lutheran church Sunday evening, the choir of that church proved itself second to none in our city. The various numbers were rendered with great ability and with such feeling as to add greatly to the devotional spirit. The rendition of Excell's "Consider the Lilies," is worthy of special mention. The duet "Rock of Ages," arranged by Solly, was sung by Miss Millie Johnson and Mr. Benjamin Ostlund, in a manner which speaks highly of their ability to render sacred music. Mr. Ahlquist preached a short sermon, his theme being "The Songs Our Lives Sing."

This service was also in the form of a farewell it being Mr. Ahlquist's last appearance prior to his returning to Rock Island, Ill., there to resume his studies at the Augustana Theological Seminary. An offering was taken up to aid in defraying Mr. Ahlquist's traveling expenses. He has acted as assistant to Rev. Bengtson during the summer months and now returns for his last year in the seminary.

Better send this paper to a friend.