

# CARTER, OF GOLD HILL, HEAD OF ODD FELLOWS

Elected Grand Master by Grand Lodge This Morning—Muscovites Will Parade and Hold Business Meeting Tonight



William A. Carter, Elected Head of Grand Lodge.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Oregon at the morning session today elected the following officers: Grand master, W. A. Carter of Gold Hill; deputy grand master, Richard Scott of Milwaukie; grand secretary, E. E. Sharpen of Portland; grand warden, Edward Hostetter of The Dalles; grand treasurer, G. D. Doane of The Dalles; grand representative, W. H. Morton of Astoria; trustees of Odd Fellows' home, Dr. W. T. Williamson of Portland.

These officers will be installed just before the close of the afternoon session. At this time Grand Master Carter will announce the names of the appointive officers. The annual reports of the retiring officers and of the standing committees were read today and were ordered to be published. It is believed that all the business before the body will be disposed of during the afternoon and the lodge will adjourn to day.

The Muscovites will hold an interesting session tonight at the Odd Fellows' temple at First and Alder streets. At this meeting the annual election of officers will be held and a large class of candidates will be initiated into the

mysteries of the oriental degree. The street parade promises to be interesting, as the Muscovites will be arrayed in their fantastic costumes and will march through several of the principal business streets of the city. Their meeting tonight will close with a banquet.

Hon. F. R. McLaren of Seattle, grand master of Washington, was a guest of the grand lodge this morning, and spoke on the distinction on the principles of Odd Fellowship. He was accompanied by Lewis E. Hart of Tacoma, grand secretary for the state of Washington, who also made a short address.

La Grande was selected as the next place of meeting for the grand lodge. The Rebekahs and the Muscovites as well as the grand encampment will hold their annual meetings at the same place and at the same time. There was no opposition to this and when La Grande extended the invitation the Portland lodges, which are stronger numerically than those east of the mountains, conceded the meeting place to the branch grass delegates' choice. A committee will wait on the O. R. & N. officials this afternoon to secure rates for the next meeting.

**MARRIED AMID RUINS OF SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH**

Before a temporary altar erected in the ruins of what was once the magnificent San Francisco church of St. Dominic, John G. Ewing of Chicago, nephew of James G. Blaine, and Miss Ethyl Kelly of San Francisco, were married on Tuesday by Father Thomas Sherman, son of General Sherman. This morning the happy young couple arrived at the Hotel Portland, where they will spend part of their honeymoon before taking train for Chicago.

**FIGHTS HIS NEIGHBOR WITH PAIL OF BRIGHT GREEN PAINT**

Joe Weinstein of 655 Third street has sworn to a complaint against H. Brown of 656 Third street, charging him with assault and battery. The circumstances leading up to the issuance of the warrant are amusing. Yesterday afternoon Brown was engaged in painting a wagon in his back yard when Weinstein, his neighbor, strolled in and criticized the manner in which the job was being done. He questioned Brown's ability as a

painter and Brown in reply asked Weinstein for \$6 due him.

This demand for the payment of a debt so enraged Weinstein that he proceeded to punch Brown. The only available weapon of defense within reach of Brown was the paintbrush and he used it with telling effect on the face of his assailant, painting it a bright green.

The combatants were separated and the story of the thrilling encounter will be told to Judge Cameron tomorrow morning.

**INSURANCE RATES DOUBLED IN SAN FRANCISCO**

All Special Rates Abrogated—Reopening of Banks Creates Building Activity.

(Journal Special Service.)

Ban Francisco, May 24.—At a secret meeting of the board of fire underwriters held in Oakland today definite action was taken in the matter of fixing an insurance rate for San Francisco. It was decided to double the former rates. Some members favored fixing different rates for the burned and unburned sections, but a flat rate for the entire city was finally decided upon. All special rates are abrogated.

Lines of depositors around the savings banks are materially smaller today. There have been, however, more deposits than withdrawals. As the result of opening the banks for un-

## LAWYERS ROW IN MURDER CASE

Counsel for Defense Accused of Tampering With State's Witnesses.

**DEFENSE SAYS SAME OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Victor Saxon Gives Damaging Evidence Against Wirtanen During This Morning's Session of the Court—Prosecution to Close Today

"I can prove to the court that the attorneys for the defense have been to see the state's witnesses as often as two or three times a day, and even asked one of them not to testify to a certain thing," said District Attorney Manning to Judge Fraser in the Wirtanen murder trial in the circuit court this morning. "That is not true," said J. C. Lee, associated with D. J. Malarkey in the defense. "If there has been any tampering with witnesses in this case, you have done it, Mr. Manning."

Mr. Manning's assertion was made in response to a remark of Mr. Malarkey in objecting to certain questions that were being asked Victor Saxon, one of the state's witnesses, to the effect that he knew what the district attorney had been doing with a number of witnesses with whom he had a consultation before court convened. Judge Fraser asked if either side cared to make its charges more definite and the attorneys said they did not.

The most damaging testimony yet given against Wirtanen was that of Victor Saxon. He said he saw Mrs. Wirtanen when she met her husband going back to the room after the shooting and heard him say: "What was it done by accident?" Saxon said. Wirtanen replied: "No, they were all the same company. I intended to shoot."

Anton Ramstedt testified that he met Wirtanen alone upstairs after the shooting and asked him what the trouble was. "Oh, they tried to kill me," Wirtanen is said to have replied. Later, when Ramstedt was washing the blood off Wirtanen's face the accused man asked, "Did Matt die?" Ramstedt answered: "Not yet, but I think he will." Wirtanen said: "That's too bad." Ramstedt testified to hearing Mrs. Wirtanen ask her husband how he came to do it, and she is said to have replied: "They are all the same crowd."

When court adjourned at noon the district attorney announced that he would call only one more witness, and said if the defense thought he was trying to suppress any evidence either for or against the accused, they need only name the witness and he would put them on the stand.

## HARRIMAN LINES ASK FOR EXTENSION PRIVILEGE

**Request for Franchise Through Tacoma—Cotton Tells of Expected Obstruction.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, May 24.—Application to the city council for a franchise for the Harriman railroad extension through Tacoma was made last night by W. W. Cotton of Portland, general counsel of the Union Pacific, and Walter Christian, local representative, who were present at the meeting.

The application was referred to the franchise committee and will be considered at a special meeting next Monday.

The ordinance provides a franchise through Tacoma to the Oregon & Washington Railroad company, the local branch of the Union Pacific, and permits the laying of tracks, the building of docks and the making of other needed improvements.

Mr. Cotton states that the company expects some trouble from the Northern Pacific, which may attempt to block the entrance of the Harriman lines but that he does not know what form this interference will take. The franchise will be passed at an early date.

## FEARS NIECE IS LOST IN CEMETERY

Bessie Bauer, a niece of Mrs. A. N. Willis of 475 Spokane street, has mysteriously disappeared and the police have been asked to locate her. She left her home in Spokane yesterday morning about 8 o'clock and declared her intention of going for a stroll. She was seen in the Riverwood cemetery several hours later, but has not been heard of since.

The missing woman is 25 years of age and has been in ill health for some time. She is described as being 5 feet 1 inch in height, slender build and was attired in a brown suit. She had dark hair, brown eyes and thin features. Mrs. Willis ridicules the idea of suicide and is of the opinion that her niece became bewildered and was unable to find her way out of the cemetery.

## CUMBERLAND LOYALISTS REORGANIZE ASSEMBLY

(Journal Special Service.)

Decatur, Ill., May 24.—The Cumberland Presbyterians assembly, over the loyalists' protest, ratified the merger with the Presbyterian church today and adjourned. More than 100 loyalists organized the assembly anew, declared the union void and proceeded with the organization of the Cumberland church. They will appeal to the membership to stand by them and expect half of the 100,000 communicants to join them.

## DEMOCRATIC CLUBS WILL HOLD MEETING

A public joint meeting will be held by the Multnomah and Young Men's Democratic clubs tomorrow evening at headquarters, 127 Seventh street. J. Hennessey Murphy will speak on J. M. Gearin, and buttermilk as a beverage. General Ed Killefeather will discuss "Purity in Politics, as Exemplified by Napoleon Davis."

Judge Hall in Portland.

Judge Thomas G. Hallay is in the city and will go to Oregon City this afternoon and will probably address the meeting at Shively's opera-house to night when Governor Chamberlain will speak.

(Journal Special Service.)

Benton, Mo., May 24.—Mrs. Aggie Meyers, condemned to die on the gallows, asks sympathy for the first time since the killing of her husband two years ago. She has signed an appeal to the governor of the state, saying that if she were to die on the gallows to day she would say her companion's story was not true.

**PLAN CHURCH UNION ON TEMPERANCE LINES**

(Journal Special Service.)

Benton, Mo., May 24.—The Presbyterians today adopted plans for a union of all denominational churches on temperance lines. The Unitarian church was excluded by insertion of the word "divine."

## WM. ILIFF DROPS DEAD ON INDEPENDENCE STREET

Prominent Mason and Prosperous Citizen Dies in Same Manner as His Wife.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Independence, May 24.—William Iliff, one of Independence's most prominent and prosperous citizens, dropped dead on the street about 10:30 o'clock yesterday. Mr. Iliff was apparently en-

joying good health as usual. He had returned from a walk and dropped on the street. Medical aid was promptly called, but his death was almost instantaneous.

Mr. Iliff was born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1852, and moved to Illinois at an early age. He enlisted in Company I, Eleventh Illinois Infantry, September 24, 1861, was wounded at Fort Donelson, was discharged November 24, 1862. He came to Oregon in 1862. Mr. Iliff has been a Mason for 55 years; was also a Knight Templar and prominent G. A. R. veteran.

One thing quite striking is the fact that Mr. Iliff's wife dropped dead in the same manner on January 19, 1904.

Four children survive him, Mrs. Charles Rice, Miss Maude Iliff and two sons, Charles and Harry Iliff.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., May 24.—Rev. Homer E. Street, an alleged minister of the gospel, who signs his autograph "Yours for all sufficient Redeemer," came into The Dalles last evening from Olex, Morrow county, where he made an address Tuesday night against prohibition and local option. Mr. Street said he was born with round eggs at Olex on his back from the hall of his home and he also relates a tale of horror about being held-up-by-five or six men next morning on his way from Olex to the railroad five miles distant. Mr. Street, who is said to be in the employ of the Liquor Dealers' association, made a speech at Olex ridiculing the prohibition movement and on the way home to the hotel he was rotten-egged. Spots on his coat bore mute evidence to the truth of the statement.

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**RESIGNS AS VICE PRESIDENT**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Joseph McCabe Leaves Northern

Pacific to Become East-

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**WILL DO CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR N. Y., N. H. & H.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Interested for Many Years in Opera-

tion of Washington and Columbia

River Road and Other Lines, He

Has Large Circle of Friends.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, O., May 24.—Joseph McCa-

be, vice-president of the Northern

Pacific railroad and general manager

of the Washington & Columbia River,

with headquarters at Walla Walla, has

resigned. The reason, he says, is that he

likes contracting better. Mr. McCa-

be goes east early in June, having a

big grading contract for the New York,

New Haven & Hartford railroad. Mr.

McCa-be has charge of the Washington &

Columbia River as vice-president and

general manager since February, 1898.

For 10 years previous he was super-

intendent of the Northern Pacific

railroad, first in Minnesota and later in

Washington.

**GEARIN SECURES REMOVAL OF SERIOUS OBSTACLES**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Lands of Portland Irrigation

Company May Soon Be

Open to Settlers.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., May 24.—The

Portland Irrigation company, which pro-

poses to reclaim 18,000 acres of land in

Lake county, was today advised by

Senator Gearin that his application to

the secretary to remove obstacles in the

way of the company's operations has

progressed to the point of having the

debtors agree to give the lands in question

to the government for settlement.

The company several years ago be-

gan operations and the government

withdrew its lands from settlement,

while considering whether or not cer-

cain irrigation projects should be be