

1 DEAD; 1 BLINDED; GOPHER POISON

Albany Woman Commits Suicide and Death Crazes Her Niece.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., Oct. 21.—After a long period of despondency, Mrs. Nanney S. Sawyer, wife of Colonel William Sawyer of Brownsville, committed suicide at her home in that city yesterday noon by swallowing a solution containing strychnine. She secured a small bottle of strychnine that had been used in killing gophers and mixing it with water. She drank the contents, and then lay down on the bed, where she was found in convulsions a few minutes later by a neighbor.

Through absent-mindedness on the part of Mrs. George Blakely, a niece of Mrs. Sawyer, she nearly met with a like fate. On hearing of the tragedy, Mrs. Blakely came to the house and as she stepped to the bedside her foot came in contact with the bottle of poison. Picking up the bottle she poured out a spoonful of the contents and, wishing to ascertain its nature, passed it to her mouth. Knowing at once what the liquid contained, she immediately spat it out. The effect of the strychnine, however, caused her to be partially blind for a number of hours.

Mrs. Sawyer was 54 years of age and was a native of Tennessee, from which state she came about a year ago to marry Mr. Sawyer.

STARVES THIRTY MILES FROM MAN

B. T. Pratt, Miner 60 Years Old, Perishes Horribly on Inyo Desert.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 21.—Thirty miles from human habitation B. T. Pratt, a miner, 60 years old, starved to death on the Inyo county desert, according to the report of G. W. Lewis and S. E. Shankland, who have returned from a prospecting trip in the Argus mountains.

A note book scribbled full of a terrible account of the dying man's agonies bore Pratt's name and contained the following entry:

"I left Grapevine, Inyo county, California, July 28. Tom S. Pratt told me I would perish. I thought I could make it, but got lost, so guess I will have to eat, and can't walk."

"I have three brothers, C. H. Pratt at Bonanza Springs, Wyanotte county, Kan.; E. B. Pratt at St. Louis, and W. R. Pratt, who lives in Custer county, Wyo."

FOUR CAUGHT IN DEATH TRAP

Fire Consumed Wooded Steamer and Workmen Could Not Escape.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Newburgh, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Four men were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed the steamer New York of the Hudson river day line. The steamer was undergoing repairs in the shipyard here. Fifty persons were on board the steamer when the fire was discovered. A number were slightly injured in the panic that followed and the wild rush for safety. The four victims were trapped below decks.

It is supposed the fire was caused by an explosion but the origin probably never will be known definitely. The New York was one of the big river boats and made the daylight trip between Albany and New York city. She was a wooden craft and burned rapidly.

The dead are:
James Jones,
Joseph Matthews,
Isaac Jenkins,
Alexander Brau.

GRANDPA CHEERS BABY VICTIMS OF CASHIER SCRIBER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
North Powder, Or., Oct. 21.—
Dr. E. W. Barns is entertaining his two small grandchildren, 8-year-old Allen Hunter and 6-year-old Nita, who are over from their home at Island City to visit and forget the prospective loss of their money, nickel and dime savings in the Traders & Farmers bank at La Grande. Like a host of other little depositors, these tots have their all tied up in this bank—Allen \$20 and Nita \$60.

NEW ROUTE FOR CHINK SMUGGLERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Diego, Cal., Oct. 21.—Although the smuggling of Chinese coolies across the Mexican border has been practically ended, it is acknowledged by the immigration authorities that many Asiatics are being illegally brought into this country by water. Commissioners Wadde says his office is badly handicapped by not having a fast boat in which to pursue craft bringing coolies up the coast.

Eye glasses, \$1 at Metzger's.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Oct. 21.—For the 26th consecutive year a distinguished gathering has assembled here at the home of Albert K. Smiley to discuss the needs and welfare of the Indian and other dependent peoples in the United States. The conference will be in session three days and during that time a number of men of national prominence will be heard. Indian affairs was the topic of discussion at the opening session today. Among those on the program for addresses or papers were: James S. Sherman, Republican candidate for vice-president; Francis E. Long, commissioner of Indian affairs; Rev. George L. Spiving of California; Superintendent Friedman of the Carlisle Indian school; and a number of officials of the Indian service. Tomorrow will be devoted to Philippine affairs, and a day and Porto Rico will be discussed on the last day of the conference.

Metzger fits your eyes for \$1.

This Shows Eilers Piano House Share of total Sales

\$18,000 TO BE GIVEN AWAY IN A NOVEL COUNTING CONTEST

If you want a Piano, a Pianola, an Organ or Talking Machine, count the instruments FREE—SOME OF THE BIG PRIZES—FREE



and numerous other splendid awards to the total of \$18,000 to be awarded according to merit, based on correctness of count, neatness and legibility of answer

WHY WE DO IT AND HOW WE CAN AFFORD TO DO IT

This generous distribution of prizes is made for the purpose of advertising Portland's Home Institution known as Eilers Piano House. We want everyone who intends to buy a Piano, or a Pianola Piano, or a Talking Machine, or an Organ, to know of Eilers Piano House—its magnificent line of instruments and its money-saving methods.

We want everyone to know that the name of this concern in the Music Trade stands for fair dealing, absolute reliability, high quality and reasonable prices.

Very few men or women buy more than one musical instrument in a lifetime. This is the reason why there are not many who are posted upon piano values and piano-selling conditions. This is why it is necessary to repeat constantly the facilities we offer and the advantages in dealing with Eilers Piano House.

With the aid of the manufacturers represented by Eilers Piano House this is to be a most far-reaching campaign. As stated in the drawing, the pianos to be seen in this advertisement represent the total number of instruments sold in a given length of time by the entire Northwestern Piano trade. The Pianos shown in the long column represent the proportion of the total sold by Eilers Piano House. The Pianos in the little column represent the proportion sold by all other dealers combined.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Eilers Piano House, therefore, handles nearly 80 per cent of the total. What does this indicate? It means that every one of the men and women who have bought the instruments pictured made careful analysis of the situation, and they favored Eilers Piano House with their patronage because it was the best concern to deal with.

Many must have investigated the claims of concerns "wholesaling" to retail buyers, but when an agreement was asked for, as was published by Eilers Piano House June 26, 1908, to the effect that if proof could be furnished that such style or make of instrument was obtainable by the regular trade for less than the amount to be paid instrument was to be forfeited, it could not be obtained.

Many must have found interested parties endeavoring to have them buy one or another make of instrument because of a commission promised by a dealer who could not otherwise make the sale.

Then the Pharisaic protestations of "higher-than-thou" firms claiming to sell at one price, how often they must have been found to be double prices, subject to "confidential" discounts, resulting in a buyer's confusion and disgust.

Again, the many claims for superiority over such makes as Chickering and Kimball and the magnificent Weber! How they were punctured by advertisements in plain English, showing, for instance, such makes as Steinway for sale in England at less than \$150 for uprights and less than \$250 for grands, for each of which a clean \$200 or more was asked on the Pacific Coast! How many times the blatant claims of other makes as "the best in the world" were shattered upon the fact that but a few years ago the self-same concern was absolutely bankrupt, and the entire assets for sale at what would not be an extraordinarily large week's business at Eilers Piano House.

How the many claims of branch houses and agencies were exploded because of the fact that in many cases it was shown that as much as fifty dollars per piano and fifteen per cent management charges were added to the cost of each Piano to be sold in Portland. But space forbids further comment. The record is plain and speaks for itself.

IT IS EASY TO WIN.
If you want a Piano or Pianola or an Organ or Reginaphone, it will pay you to go into this contest. It costs nothing except a little time and patience. No element of chance enters into this great opportunity. Merit alone tells. The number and variety

RULES GOVERNING CONTEST

Any one residing in the northwest may send in one answer. Not more than one answer will be received from same party or family, and no contestant or family will be entitled to more than one prize. Where more than one answer is sent in by the same party or family all will be rejected. No employe of this firm or anyone engaged in the piano business may enter this contest. Winners of pianos in former contests held by Eilers Piano House are also debarred from participation in the present contest.

We reserve the right to reject any list where evidence of fraud or duplication is shown. The names of the six highest prize-winners will be published as soon after the close of the contest as possible. In the event of a tie, and only in this event, the replies which are tied will be judged according to neatness and general appearance. If a tie still remains, the value of the prize offered will be equally divided between those tying or a prize of that offered will, at our option, be awarded to each of the persons.

All answers must be written plainly, giving results in words and figures, also name and address; write on one side of the paper only. Each contestant must cut out and properly fill out the coupon from the lower part of this announcement and pin same to the paper containing reply, again signing full name and home address. All replies must be delivered at one of our stores not later than 6 o'clock, Western Union time, on November 4, 1908, or if sent by mail, must bear postmark of date not later than November 4, 1908.

This contest shall be determined solely by the conditions named in this announcement. It is conditional upon entering the contest that contestant agrees to abide by the decision of the judges, who are disinterested parties and whose decision will be final. Address envelope plainly to Contest Department, Eilers Piano House, 353 Washington street, Portland, Or.

THE JUDGES.
The awarding of prizes will be left to three disinterested parties. The correct number of pianos or organs or parts thereof shown in this drawing is kept under seal, and is known only to one trusted individual. This number will be turned over to the judges of the contest.

WHAT YOU MUST DO.
To impress upon every reader of this advertisement the magnitude of the Eilers business and the advantage of dealing with Eilers Piano House, we have organized this contest. Count the pianos and organs that appear in this drawing, either in whole or in part, and your reply stating plainly: 1st, the number of instruments or parts thereof shown in the long column, as sold by Eilers Piano House. 2d, the number of instruments or parts thereof shown in the short column, as sold by all other dealers combined. 3d, the total number of instruments and parts thereof shown in the long column, as sold by all other dealers combined. Sign name and address plainly—attach the coupon properly filled out and signed and send it as soon as possible. The contest positively closes at 6 o'clock, Western Union time, November 4, 1908.

Be careful to observe the governing rules. Your success depends upon strict observance of them. Neatness and legibility of your reply will count, as well as correctness of result. Eilers Piano House.

POPULARITY TEST

Tear this off and send with your reply to Eilers Piano House, Counting Contest.

My favorite piano is.....
Because.....

My favorite organ is.....
Because.....

I.....own a.....Talking Machine.
(*Please insert "do" or "do not," as the case may be.)

I am not engaged in the music business and am eligible as a contestant according to your rules.

Name.....
Address..... (J)

Sales of all others combined in same time

THE PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE—
One New Chickering Grand.

SECOND PRIZE—
One New Kimball Piano.

THIRD PRIZE—
One New Eilers (Concert Size) Upright Piano.

FOURTH PRIZE—
One New Pianola.

FIFTH PRIZE—
One Fine Kimball Parlor Organ.

SIXTH PRIZE—
One of the latest Reginaphones (combined talking machine and music-box.)

THEN—
80 Prize Credit Certificates, good for one-fourth of the purchase price of any new Piano or Organ or Pianola Piano or Reginaphone.