

FIVE CHILDREN ARE POISONED

Family Almost Wiped Out When Supposed Epsom Salts is Given

MOTHER IS PROSTRATED

Medicine, Sold at General Store, Said to Have Been Put Up in Tacoma

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—Almost an entire family was wiped out today when five children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhodes, residing at Klaber, in southeastern Lewis county, died an hour after taking what was purported to be epsom salts, administered to them by their mother.

The dead are Verda Louise, 10; Edward Lee, 9; Arie Annel, 8; James Oliver, 6, and Bernio Rhodes, 3.

The mother of the dead children was preparing to take some of the medicine when she discovered the effect it was having on the children.

Autopsy to be held coroner David Livingstone returned tonight from Klaber where he went to investigate the tragedy. The bodies of the victims were removed to a Chehalis undertaking parlor where an autopsy will be held.

The medicine, which will be sent to the state chemist for analysis, was said to have been purchased by Mrs. Rhodes at the general store at Curtis, and was said to have been put up by a wholesale grocery firm in Tacoma.

Mother Prostrated
The mother of the children is prostrated with grief as a result of the tragedy. She was alone with the children, the father being employed as a timber cruiser near Tokeland, in Pacific county. A physician was summoned from Chehalis, 14 miles away, but the children were dead before he arrived at the Rhodes home. There are no other children in the family.

REALTY EXCHANGES

Reported by Union Abstract Company

Mary Johnson to the public for road purposes, strip of land 40 feet wide in Wm. West DLC 4-2-W, \$1.

Clyde and Mary K. Thomas to Walter C. and Eliza P. Gidley, 34 acres sec 36-6-1-E, \$3100
Alfred D. and Cora Wolfer to

HARVEY BECKWITH IS SHRINER GUEST



HARVEY BECKWITH

Harvey Beckwith of Portland, who was potentate of Al Kader temple in 1914, was in the city yesterday and attended the dance and reception given by the Salem Shrine patrol at the Shrine mosque last night. At present Mr. Beckwith is recorder of Al Kader temple. When a resident of Salem he was a member of the state accident commission.

Emma Evans, land in Hubbard, \$10.
Claude and Adelaide Cole to C. W. Beckett, 24.66 acres, R. Davis DLC 9-2-W, \$5500.

Mary J. Quiener to Edw. and Flora Sestak, part of block 2 Thomas add to Stayton, \$1.
Edward and Flora Sestak to Joseph and Theresia Sestak, part of block 2, Thomas add to Stayton, \$100.

E. W. and Mabel I. Garver to Oliver P. McLaughlin, northeast 1-2 of lot 23 south in Silverton, \$500.

Grace P. Stevens to R. A. and Letha L. Harris, .90 acres in J. L. Parrish DLC 7-3-W, \$10.

Emma Liebe to Gertrude J. M. Page, lot 8 Eastside add to Salem, \$10.

Mrs. O. G. Burnett to Charles A. Germond, lot 9, block 2 Boise's second add to Salem, \$10.

John and Marie Cernik to F. Brady, lots 1 and 2, block 7, Fairmount park add to Salem, \$10.

State District Sealers Will Gather Here Monday

W. A. Dalziel, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, has called a meeting of the four district sealers of the state, to be held in Salem Monday and Tuesday of this week and Wednesday in Portland.

The entire scope of the department's work will be reviewed, and State Treasurer Hoff, who is ex-officio state sealer of weights and measures, probably will attend a portion of the conference.

Read the Classified Ads.

REPORT ON THE BROCCOLI CROP

Probably Fifty Percent Yield to Harvest — Meeting Next Saturday

C. C. Russell and J. W. Savage, a part of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Salem Broccoli association, have finished a two days inspection trip through the fields of the members of the association and found a greatly damaged condition generally.

Their report says: "Our association covers a big territory, and conditions were about the same, except where the field was protected from the north; also, we found where the plants were set

curd had formed, and this caused a greater loss. We also found that we have a very good strain of seed and with no further damage by freezing we will have a big per cent of curds that will grade No. 1 to fancy.

"The committee has found a broker who will establish a man at Salem to supervise the loading and grading and make a payment of 75c to \$1 per crate on delivery, balance 25 days, and can handle up to 100 car loads.

"We found one or two fields that would test as low as 15 or 20 per cent, while in the same neighborhood we would find a 75 per cent crop, but generally the crop will be about 50 per cent.

"At Hines Bros., Gervais, route 1, are three patches all quite close together, all beautiful stuff before the freezes. Patch No. 1 will yield only 15 to 20 per cent, and No. 2 and 3 patches about 40 to 50 per cent, and of splendid quality.

"We found all fields in a fine state of cultivation; they had been well cared for, and all grow-

ing for another year. "Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 18, at 2 p. m., at the Salem Commercial club rooms. The buyer's representative will be there to discuss marketing and the sales end of the business. You should be at the meeting.

Crop Will be Late
(Mr. Russell said yesterday that the main part of the crop will likely be late; that there will not likely be any full cars of broccoli loaded out of Salem till well into March.)

Tex Rickard said to a group of correspondents the other day:

"It isn't only scrappers that make bad mistakes in etiquette. I was eating breakfast in one of the swell New York restaurants one morning when a fat man came in.

"He's one of the biggest swells in the town," says my friend, "Watch him."

"The fat man—he was dressed like a prince—ordered two portions of ham and eggs, two of

wheat cakes and maple syrup, and along with all that, mush and milk, lamb chops, liver and bacon, fried potatoes, oatmeal and corned beef hash.

"All these things were brought to him together and he dumped them into a big soup dish and proceeded to cut them up and mix them round well.

"Hanked if that ain't the worst sight I've ever seen," I said to my friend. "I'll bet you three to one George, he eats it with his knife."

"No, no," says George. "He's a big swell, I tell you. I bet he eats it with his fork."

Mr. Rickard shook his head gloomily.

"We both lost," he said. "He ate it with the ladle."

Mile. Lençon, the French tennis expert is coming to America again. She must have drunk some of Tom Lipton's tea and imbibed a bit of his sporting spirit.

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