

TWO AVIATORS FALL TO INSTANT DEATH

Hoxsey and Moissant Killed in Twin Accidents—Spectators Are Horrified.

John B. Moissant and Arch Hoxsey, America's foremost aviators, were killed Saturday.

Moissant met his death while attempting to land in a field several miles from New Orleans.

Hoxsey, displaying his skill before another crowd of thousands in Los Angeles, lost control of his Wright biplane shortly after 2 p. m. and, falling several hundred feet, was dashed to death.

Started as was that part of the world which was watching the almost record flight and farther into the realm of endeavor of the birds, to receive the news of Moissant's fatal drop in his 50-horse power Blot machine early in the day, the later news which told of the death of Hoxsey cast a broader shadow over it.

Moissant, who won the \$10,000 prize recently in New York for circling the Statue of Liberty from Belmont Park, defeating Graham-White, of England, was killed when his monoplane tipped "on its nose" and dropped in one swoop to earth. The pilot's neck was broken.

Hoxsey was over 500 feet in the air, where he had gone to better, if possible, his world's altitude record made within the week, of 11,474 feet. The rear control of his biplane evidently failed to answer his touch and the machine turned over several times, crashing to the earth. His death was instantaneous.

HILL IN BIG CORPORATION

Indications Point to Coup for Control of Western Pacific.

San Francisco.—The incorporation of the United Properties Company of California, a corporation with \$300,000,000 at its disposal for railroad building to and in California, goes far to prove the fact, which has been a suspicion in railroad circles for some weeks, that James Hill has acquired control of the Western Pacific Railroad.

Starting with the consolidation of the Key route, Oakland Traction and Lewis Water and Power properties, and with an actual cash investment of \$35,000,000 there are at the disposal of this United Properties Company of California resources of foreign capital amounting to \$165,000,000.

Hay Will Attend Meeting.

Olympia, Wash.—Governor Hay has announced the appointment of a legislative committee to accompany him when he holds his conference this week with the Oregon authorities at Astoria, to frame up a settlement of the Columbia River boundary questions.

Recall for Gill Is Filed.

Seattle.—The petition for the recall of Mayor Hiram C. Gill, who is accused of misconduct in office, was certified to the city council as containing the requisite number of names, the city controller having carefully checked every signature.

WILL TEST ANTI-TRUST LAW

Alleged Ownership of Patents on Machinery Used to Extort Money.

Toronto, Ont.—As the first test of the new Canadian anti-trust law whereby patents used to establish restraint of trade may be voided, the suit against the United States Shoe Machinery Company, charged with being an illegal combination, is to be pressed in the courts here. The suit was brought at the instance of a number of manufacturers in Quebec, who alleged that the machinery company had combined to boost prices in restraint of trade. If the courts find the charges sustained, the patent rights held by the company may be revoked and the protective duty on the articles it manufactures may be removed.

Woolgrowers Meet in Portland.

Portland, Ore.—The annual convention of the National Wool Growers' Association opened in Portland Wednesday. It is considered the largest convention ever held in the city and possibly in the entire Pacific Northwest. Estimates place the attendance at anywhere from 6,000 to 10,000. Tuesday the annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association began.

Most elaborate arrangements were made to entertain the visitors during their stay in the city and a large committee of representatives and active citizens attended to their reception.

Banker Robin Att'empted Suicide. New York.—Falling suddenly unconscious in the criminal courts building just before his arraignment for the alleged theft of \$89,000 from the Northern Bank of New York, Joseph O. Robin nearly succeeded in ending his life. Physicians were rushed to him and a stomach pump was used vigorously before he could be revived. Then he admitted that he had taken morphine and tried to kill himself.

Potato Prices Go High.

Stockton, Cal.—High prices for potatoes all over the United States are predicted for the coming year by George Shima, a Japanese, known as the California potato king. He believes that the price will advance to \$3 or more a sack, and that for small quantities as much as 4 cents a pound will have to be paid.

Rob Two Banks; Escape.

Marysville, Kan.—Four yegmen who robbed two banks and escaped in an automobile from a hastily organized posse, are being sought by the sheriff's forces. The robbers first blew open the vaults of the Citizens' State Bank at Waterville and took a sack of money. From there they went to the Waterville State Bank and dynamited the safe.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WEEK

Ten dollars a minute is the value a New York jury has attached to the time of Lawyer Samuel C. Harriman, who sued the owners of a downtown office building for false imprisonment because he was locked in a room 10 minutes by a janitor. The jury gave him a verdict of \$100.

Customs inspectors discovered 75 tons of opium, valued at \$4000, on the liner Asia.

Many public men of note attended the banquet of the Illinois Society of the War of 1812 in Chicago, at which plans for the building of a great memorial for Commander Perry at Put-in-Bay were discussed.

Led by the United States Government, it is the belief in Wall street that the country is about to enter an era of entrenchment and economy. According to the wise men of the street, the railroads and great industrial corporations are to take the lead in the campaign of economy.

For the first time in Missouri there was no Christmas tree at the executive mansion for the pleasure of the little children of Jefferson City. An epidemic of scarlet fever prevails in the city and the physicians requested Governor and Mrs. Hadley to abandon the annual Christmas tree.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS

After spending 18 years in Folsom, California, prison on a life sentence for train robbery, it is probable that Chris. Evans, one of the leaders of the famous highway band known as Sontag and Evans, which terrorized the San Joaquin valley in the nineties, will be paroled.

The petition of Abraham Ruef, the former San Francisco political boss, under sentence of 14 years for bribery, for a hearing of his case before the district court of appeals, was denied by that tribunal. Ruef now faces his last resort—the supreme court.

Some of those who think they are gifted with political prophetic vision think they see an effort to make Francis J. Heney, backed by William Kent's money, the United States senator from California to succeed Frank P. Flint, with Kent coming in to succeed Senator Perkins two years thereafter.

Joseph Wendling, convicted of the murder of Alma Kellner, eight years old, at Louisville, Ky., a year ago, was denied a retrial.

Every laborer in the employ of the New York City Park Department received a bright, new \$5 gold piece as a Christmas gift from Mrs. Russell Sage.

Standing upon a flower-banked platform erected near the fountain given to San Francisco by Lotta Crabtree, before 50,000 persons, Louisa Tetrazzini sang to the people of San Francisco, as her Christmas offering.

Bank Doors Closed.

Vancouver, Wash.—The Commercial Bank of Vancouver, this city, failed to open its doors Monday, owing depositors \$41,063.10. J. L. Mohundro, state bank examiner, of Seattle, took charge of the bank and will remain several days to see if the institution will be able to resume business. There are more than 1000 accounts in the bank.

ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Our Readers.

Coos County Wants New Game Law.

Bandon.—In an effort to place the game laws of Oregon entirely within the authority of the county officials, and also to provide funds for the payment of counties on dangerous wild animals, several deer hunters of Coos County are now working together along the line of securing an amendment to the existing game laws of the state. The proposed amendment, if passed, will entitle each county to all the fees collected from the hunters' licenses and this money will be retained by the respective counties as a bounty fund. It will also make necessary for hunters living outside the limits of any county to pay a license fee within the county before they have the right to hunt within its boundaries.

Plant Tree Seed in Curry County.

Gold Beach.—Four pounds of seed of the big tree have been received by Supervisor Fromme from Hot Springs for planting in Curry County. The redwood, which is closely related to this tree, is found in Oregon only along the coast in southwestern Curry County, with its northern limit the Chetco River.

It is the intention of the supervisor to sow this seed on a favorable site in the redwood belt to see if it is not possible to extend the range of the big tree so that it can be successfully grown over a larger area. The seed is sufficient to sow about five acres.

Round-Up Association Buys Home.

Pendleton.—With an enthusiastic shout of "Let 'er buck," the stockholders of the Round-up Association have adopted the motion to purchase the Matlock grounds in the west end of the city for a permanent park in which to construct a stadium for the annual wild west show. The Matlock grounds include the site where the round-up was held last year, but comprise in all 17 acres, which is approximately three times as much as is at present within the fence. The purchase price for the tract is \$3,000.

STATE FAIR WANTS \$110,000

New Stock Arena Building and Main Pavilion Are Needed at Grounds.

Salem.—Approximately \$110,000 will be asked of the legislature by the State Board of Agriculture to be used for betterments at the Salem state fair grounds, according to decision of the board.

This money will be expended for a new stock arena building and a main pavilion to replace the present antiquated structure.

Special appropriations will be asked for the purchase of additional land for the enlargement of the present pure water system which was inaugurated a comparatively short time ago.

Especial interest is taken by the board, as the fair will mark the semi-centennial of the founding of the institution and it is hoped to make it the biggest state show ever held in Oregon.

Fruit Crop Pays Growers.

Milton.—Nearly half a million dollars represents the business done this year by the Milton fruitgrowers' union. The fruit sales made brought \$440,000 to the members of the union. One of the striking features of Manager Lamb's report was the itemized statement showing that in the business done every dollar but \$200 has been collected.

The best grade of apples grown in the valley netted the grower \$1.75 per box, while prunes brought the fruitmen \$30 per ton net, and strawberries averaged \$2.03 net to the grower.

Lumber Company Practices Economy.

Eugene.—Beginning with January 1, the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company will reduce the wages of its sawmill employes two and one-half cents an hour. This comes almost as a second reduction in a very short time, because only a few weeks ago the working day was cut from 10 hours to 8 hours. The lowest wage is now \$1.55 a day, while two months ago the lowest was \$2.

Coos County Still Wet.

Marshfield.—A temporary restraining injunction has been granted by Judge Coke in the circuit court and Coos County will not be declared dry until he renders a decision on the mat-

ter. It is claimed by the "wets" that there was not a proper number of signatures affixed to the petition by which the wet-dry question was placed on the ballot.

Pigtails in British Army.

Pigtails survived in our army until well into the nineteenth century, the Welsh fusiliers being the last to abandon them. Sir Algernon West relates how he heard an argument once as to whether the blues did or did not wear pigtails at Waterloo. One of the disputants, who had seen them on their way to Dover, was convinced that they did. The other, who had been a midshipman on the transport which conveyed them to Ostend, was equally certain that their hair was short. The giver of the dinner at which the dispute arose referred the matter on the following day to a friend who had served in the blues at Waterloo. "Both your friends were right," he said. "We were reviewed at Windsor by the king on our departure with our pigtails on, and at Dover we had them cut off before our embarkation."—London Chronicle.

An Anxious Waiter.

General Frederick D. Grant said of camp cookery:

"Soldiers in camp have a right to expect nourishing and palatable food. They mustn't expect, however, French 'plats.' They mustn't be overparticular, like the man at the quick lunch counter.

"Give me," said the man, "two new laid, brown shelled eggs fried on one side and mounted on a grilled slice of Virginia peach fed ham—be sure it is peach fed, mind you."

"The waiter roared down the speaking tube:

"Two new laid, brown shelled eggs, fried on—fried on—"

"Then he turned to the man again.

"Excuse me, sir," he said, "but which side will you have them fried on, please?"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A New Method.

To those interested in the training of the memory by the association of ideas the following will appeal. A young lady of the south was teaching the alphabet to a little pickaninny who seemed unable ever to recognize the letter F.

One morning, however, after having successfully named the first five letters, he passed on to F, which he called out at once without the usual preliminaries.

"Well done, Caesar!" said his teacher. "But how did you manage it?"

"'Twas mammy, Miss Ella," Caesar explained. "She say tub me, she say, 'Caesar, ef you tries, you kin remember.'"—Youth's Companion.

THEIR DAY AT HOME.

Quaint Advice the Newcomers Got From the Old Inhabitant.

When the first city family bought a place in Lanesboro and went up there to spend four months the denizens of the village looked at them askance, but before the season was over the new residents were on friendly terms with every one. Mrs. Deacon Holland explained the matter to a visiting cousin that autumn:

"I gave them a little hint, that's all," she said cheerfully. "The neighbors had all been to see them and show their good will, and they'd returned the call—the Copes had—in their runabout, as they call it.

"They were running about themselves, Mrs. Cope and her daughter, the whole time, it seemed to us folks that have our own housework to do. They'd drop in mornings when we were busy as could be and early afternoons before we got the work done up, and then they'd go riding off, scouring over the country.

"Well, one day they came in on me right in the midst of strawberry jam, and Mrs. Cope said, 'We're thinking of having an afternoon at home every week, Mrs. Holland—Fridays. We thought the good people here would be pleased with the idea.'

"Now, we read the papers here in Lanesboro, and we keep up with the times some, but I saw my chance then, and I took it. I looked at her innocent as a lamb, and I said:

"As long as you're speaking frank to me, I'll be the same with you. They will be real pleased. Of course we all like visitors, but still you do have a kind of a comfortable feeling to know there's a day when nobody will drop in on you and find you unprepared. There's good many things you are glad to do at such a time. I take it real

kind of you to let us know. And for your side of it, I said, 'I should think you'd want to get up at noon to yourselves to do up that little mending you have, and so on.

"Folks can't be so good the go all the week without getting worn out," I told her, and then I spoke a little firmer.

"This isn't a fashionable village," I said to her, "and so there won't be anybody leave a card at your house that day, just when you want to be quiet," I said. "I'll pass the word around, and you'll have Fridays clear to yourself. We can do our neighborhood calling other days."

"She opened her mouth, and then she shut it. Then she put her head on one side and looked at me, and then she held out her hand, laughing a little.

"Thank you," she said. "I'm glad you approve," and off she went.

"We all like them first rate. They've learned our ways, and they fit right into 'em now. I have been known to take my mending basket and go over there on Fridays—but 'twas by special invitation."—Youth's Companion.

Auctioneer's Hourglass.

An auctioneer of Philadelphia collects all sorts of objects pertaining to his ancient calling. He has, among other things, an interesting set of auctioneers' hourglasses. The auctioneer a century or so ago ended a sale not by saying "Going—going—gone!" and rapping the counter with his hammer, but it was his better method to turn up a free running glass toward the end of the

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