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GENERAL NEWS.

General A. S. Burt, recently returned from service in the Philippines, has a scheme for disposing of the islands by selling them to Japan on the installment plan.

Charles A. Pickett, of Waterloo, Ia., grand exalted ruler of the Elks, and Miss Ida Parmelee Ryan, formerly of Des Moines, Ia., but now of Louisville, Ky., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Ryan, in that city, Tuesday.

"Otille" Castangle, an Italian who came to this country as a woman, with the hope of getting employment as a woman servant, has been discovered to be a man and will be deported. He had long, wavy hair, wore a bonnet and deported himself as a woman.

Juan Micaba, a full-blooded Acoma Pueblo Indian, residing near Las Cruces, N. W., has committed suicide because he was whipped by his mother-in-law. Micaba had a quarrel with his wife and he whipped her. He was in turn whipped by his mother-in-law.

The revolution in Venezuela is gaining ground, and the government of President Castro is losing ground daily. It is positively affirmed that President Castro intends to offer resistance in the capital if he is beaten in the decisive battle which will probably be fought in the environs of Valencia.

During a meeting of the Cleveland, Ohio, city council Monday night, Councilman Kohl held up over his head \$2000 in money, at the same time making a statement that it was partial payment of what was to be a bribe of \$5000 to him for his efforts to introduce several amendments favorable to the application of the East Ohio Gas Company (natural gas) seeking admission to that city. There was the wildest excitement in the chamber when the statement was heard, and Mr. Kohl turned the money over to the council clerk.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

A timber fire near Doty, Wash., Saturday, destroyed about \$1500 worth of shingle bolts belonging to G. A. Onn, the Dryad shingle mill man.

Favorable reports have been made on Representative Moody's bills pensioning Mrs. Regina F. Palmer, at \$20 and Mrs. Helen N. Packard at \$15. Both are of Portland.

Captain B. G. Stoddard, who has a boat running on the Lewis river, is arranging for running his vessel up the Pudding river from the Willamette to the head of navigation.

Governor Geer has honored a requisition from California for the return to that state of James William Martin, now under arrest in Portland on a robbery charge, the crime having been committed in the southern state.

The postal department has readvertised the mail route from Antelope to Fossil, with a view to shortening the service to eight hours. The route from Long Creek to Susanville has also been readvertised, in hope of securing better service from Heppner.

Albert Jones, a young man living about 12 miles from Weiser, Idaho, was dragged by a horse about 300 yards Sunday afternoon, and is now lying at death's door. The horse fell and the young man's foot slipped through the stirrup leathers. Before he could extricate himself the horse rose and began running, dragging Jones after him. The young man was picked up unconscious. His head is badly bruised and his nose broken and his thumb is split open. The skin was scraped from his body from his waist to his neck.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

WALLA WALLA COUNTY GRANTS FRANCHISE.

Company is Required to Give a Bond in the Sum of \$25,000 for Faithful Performance of Terms of Agreement—County Court of Umatilla to Act the First Week of July.

The Walla Walla city and county officials have settled the matter of granting a franchise for an electric railway through the county of Walla Walla and on the streets of the city. The franchise question has been causing considerable hard thinking by those in power in Walla Walla county, as well as to the county authorities of Umatilla county, but Walla Walla has definitely concluded to give the Washington & Oregon Electric Railway, Light & Power Company the right to build the road.

The authorities of Walla Walla, however, caused the promoters of the company, Messrs. Mellmann and Romo, to enter into an agreement, whereby they are compelled to begin work on the line within six months from Monday, the 23d instant, or the franchise is to be void. Among other things the contract makes plain:

The road shall be constructed with all reasonable expedition and is to be in operation from Dayton, Wash., to Pendleton, Or., via Walla Walla, inside of two years. For the purpose of operating the line a strip of land eight feet wide on either side of the public highway used is turned over to the company.

Before the work of construction is commenced a bond in the sum of \$25,000 is to be delivered into the hands of the commissioners "conditioned for the construction, maintenance and operation" of said railway by the party of the second part in such a manner as not to injure the public highway over which the railway may pass or to interfere with the travel thereon and to pay to the party of the first part any damage that may accrue by reason of the failure of the party of the second part to do so.

If the company, after the completion of the road, shall fail to run cars for a period of 20 days unless prevented by accident, strikes or injuries done the road or its appurtenances by the elements, the franchise shall be deemed forfeited.

The court house, hall of records and all rooms and buildings attached to the county in this city shall be lighted with electricity free of cost by the company. The contract is not to be constructed as an exclusive franchise.

The same franchise has been asked for of the Umatilla county authorities and it is now up to them to grant it or turn it down.

Practically the same conditions are asked in Umatilla county that have been granted in Walla Walla county, and it now rests with the county court, at its meeting the first week in July, to decide whether or not a franchise is to be granted. The life of the franchise is to be 50 years.

WOODMEN WILL PICNIC.

Will Hold a Jubilee on Meacham on July 4.

The Woodmen of the World are to picnic at Meacham the Fourth of July. Not only will the Pendleton camp go to Meacham for a day's outing, but the Weston, Adams and Athena camps will join them from this side, and La Grande, Union and Elgin will join them at Meacham and a grand union picnic will be enjoyed.

A special train will be run from Pendleton, leaving about 7 o'clock in the morning, to take the jolly picnickers to Meacham, where they will be left until 7 in the evening, when it will return with them.

The Women of Woodcraft have been invited to attend the picnic and enjoy the cool, refreshing breezes of the mountains.

While the program will be informal, a good time is promised all who attend. Foot races, log sawing and chopping contests will be on the program and perhaps a baseball game will be scheduled. A band will be secured to furnish musical entertainment for the crowd.



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BENNETT VS. BENNETT.

The Wife Asks for Dissolution of the Marriage Tie for Divers Causes.

A suit for divorce was filed on the equity docket of Umatilla county Tuesday evening by Mrs. Fannie Bennett against George Bennett. The complaint states that plaintiff and defendant were married in Pendleton in 1889, and three children were the issue of said marriage. They are Dora, aged 12; Jessie, aged 11; Frank, aged 7. Complaint alleges that three weeks after her marriage to defendant he began a course of indifference toward her. This gradually grew worse and soon the husband became abusive, calling her offensive names and made false accusations. Defendant slapped her in the face many times, and while in one of his tantrums in September, 1900, he drew a stick on her and threatened to kill her. He then left the state and they have not lived together since.

Mrs. Bennett now prays for a decree, giving her freedom and the custody of the three children. Will M. Peterson and John McCourt are attorneys for plaintiff.

ELSIE WON HER CASE.

Jury Gave Her \$550 for Work as a Range Rider.

A verdict for \$550 in favor of plaintiff, was returned by the jury Tuesday evening in the case of Elsie Waters vs. T. E. Parker. This was a suit to compel defendant, who is plaintiff's step-father, to pay her wages for work done for him. The jury was composed of D. Howdyshell, R. L. Oliver, S. T. Phillips, L. M. Watrus, A. B. Thompson, W. D. Hansford, H. L. Frazier, John N. Bahr, G. H. McDonald, A. A. McDaniel, R. C. Hager and Hugh McLean.

State of Oregon vs. Tharp.

The case of the state of Oregon vs. John Tharp, accused of the theft of a horse, is before the court today.

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