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Eastern Oregon Weather

Tonight and Friday fair.

WINDY CITY

Charged With... Claims Society... Loved Him.

WO HUNDRED... TTERS AS HIS PROOF.

Crowded With Excited... All Closely Watched... Doors are Closed... Coachman... Have 50 More Letters, Not Produce Them.

Jan. 28. — Coachman... accused of attempting to... Thurston, a society... arraigned this morning... not guilty, and the work... a jury began. The case... of hundreds of others... Mrs. Thurston is... by her husband, and the... is filled with society... attorneys promise testi-... will shake upper-tendon... earthquake, while Mrs... attorneys aver the 200... letters Tillbury claims... forgeries.

Crowd Attending... crowd attempted to enter... and the bailiffs were... to close the doors an... the trial opened. Men... continued to jam the... mill extra police were... keep the crowd moving... Tillbury declared he had... concealed in the Thurston... the court officers and at... night made a thorough... announced this morning... to find them.

He retired with... chambers, and shortly after... returned and announced... request of defendant his... Clarke, is no longer con... the case. The court... Attorney Rosenthal... Tillbury and adjourned... tomorrow to the great dis... of the spectators.

THE MAN ARRESTED.

Alibi and Was Released at Louisville.

Jan. 28.—A white man... name of Behr, was arrest... on suspicion of having... Miss Schaffer, of Bedford... clothing is covered with... his face is badly scratched... confirmed opium fiend... refuge with a colored fan... the crime and has kept in... since. He wanted pay... an account of the... and the colored fan... alarmed at his actions... Behr was released today... from Memphis proving an

INDIVIDUAL SYSTEM.

in Handling Engines on the Southern Pacific. Cal., Jan. 28.—It is re... that the Southern Pacific... to the old method of... engineer and his fire... engines, holding them... for their condition. The... system now in use is unsat... to the men and the compa... Too many are handling the... The return to the individu... will be welcomed by the

Wisconsin Eye Doctors.

Wis., Jan. 28.—Nearly... opticians filled the se... of the St. Charles hotel... the semi-annual meeting... of the Wisconsin Optic... and discussions of little public... but of great importance... session, occupied the attention

Councilman Indicted.

City, Jan. 28. — Christo... ex-councilman, indicted... a bribe, surrendered... \$1,500 bonds.

No Known Cause.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—In... presence of his wife, who... lying in bed, Charles El... 30, prominent in real... circles, blew out his... this morning. Cause... his domestic rela... being happy and bust... affairs in good shape... ment is presumed.

EAVESDROPPED THE ELKS.

Ballard Woman Declares She Has Witnessed Over Fifty Initiations in Order.

Ballard, Wash., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Inez King, of this city, declares that she has witnessed over 50 initiations in the Elks' lodge, knows all their secret work, can repeat the ritual page after page, greets the members in the sign language of the order and can give the grips so perfectly that old members are awestruck with her knowledge.

Mrs. King says she can pass any examination the officials are inclined to impose upon her, for she has been present at so many sessions of the lodge that the proceedings have actually become tiresome to her.

Her residence stands on an eight-foot alley opposite the rear of the Elks' lodge room, and their loud and hoisterous fun making at their initiations reached her ears, through an open back window, while she was seated in her home, and becoming curious for further knowledge that she could catch in this manner, she placed a board across the alley and night after night from this position of vantage has watched the initiations, heard the charges, saw the grips given and exemplified and can repeat the ritual with all the savvy and grace of the most perfect exalted ruler.

She declares that she will not give away the slightest word to the uninitiated, as she has repeated the obligation so many times with the new members that she considers herself bound, but she does declare that the Elks must treat her right, for she can stand the examination and is a full-fledged sister.

Southern Education Discussed.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—A special meeting of the trustees of the Peabody Education fund was begun at the Arlington hotel this afternoon. The principal business of the meeting is to elect a general agent to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. J. L. M. Curry. The question of whether the income, estimated at \$2,000,000, shall be devoted to the establishment of a great educational institution or to assisting county schools throughout the south also will come up for consideration.

FORTY VILLAGES ARE SNOW BOUND

LARGE PART OF MICHIGAN IS STORM AND SNOW-BOUND.

Many Thousand People in the Little Peninsula Are Suffering from Food and Fuel — Committees Are Apportioning Rations.

Detroit, Jan. 28.—Fears are entertained for all the residents of the "Thumb district" of Michigan, containing 40 villages, which have been completely cut off by storms for ten days, with from 10 to 20 feet of snow. In some places fuel is at the vanishing point. Several villages have turned the food over to a committee, which apportions the rations. The situation is particularly grave at Harbor Beach, a town of 1500 people. Railway officials say it will be ten days before they can open the tracks.

Coldest Ever Known. Bessemer, Mich., Jan. 28.—The coldest ever known in the copper belt is 48 degrees below. Cattle and horses are freezing to death in barns.

Kansas Y. M. C. A.

Newton, Kan., Jan. 28.—A spirit of enthusiasm characterizes the annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, which formally opened a three days' session in Newton today. Every local branch of the association throughout Kansas is entitled to from two to a dozen delegates, and all are fully represented. Besides discussing plans for the future of the association and reviewing the work of the past, the convention will listen to papers and address by prominent Christian workers of several states. Splendid entertainment has been provided for the visitors by the local Y. M. C. A. and the various church organizations.

THE MELLMAN ROAD.

Electric Railroad Scheme Revived in Columbia County, Washington.

R. B. Brown, of Dayton, Wash., manager of that end of the Mellman electric railroad project, between Dayton and this city, has just revived interest in the road by filing new papers on the water rights held by the company on the Tukanon river, in Columbia county, Washington. Mellman has been out of sight for a year or so, but his agent at Dayton announces that he expects his employer to arrive any day with sufficient financial backing to carry the road and lighting plants designed at different points in Columbia and Umatilla county to completion.

E. J. Wade, manager of the Mellman interests in this city, has heard nothing direct from Mr. Mellman for some time, but has recently forwarded letters that have been addressed to Mellman here, to his headquarters in Walla Walla and says he would be surprised to hear of the success of Mellman, in securing financial backing for the road.

RAILROAD AND MINE HORRORS

Daily Grist of Growsome Happenings in the East and West Recorded by Wire.

SIX MINERS KILLED BY CAGE FALLING IN SHAFT.

Fell Three Hundred Feet—Horrible Sights in the Cheswick Mine—Public Funeral Commemorative of the 180 Victims Will Be Held Sunday—Twenty Men Are Digging Graves—Rear End Collision in Nebraska Kills Several Trainmen.

Brownsville, Pa., Jan. 28.—Six miners were killed by a falling cage, which dropped 300 feet in a shaft in the Briar Hill mine this morning. The engine gear broke.

Bodies Torn in Pieces.

Cheswick, Jan. 28.—At 10 o'clock this morning bringing bodies from the mine was temporarily stopped, as there is no longer room in the dead rooms until some are removed and buried. Of those recovered 25 are lying at the foot of the shaft ready to be hoisted.

The north entry of the mine has been explored to the end. The bodies are piled along the passage and will be brought up as soon as possible. The searchers are now in the south entry, where the explosion occurred. There are horrible sights, as the bodies are torn in pieces.

It has been decided to remove the bodies from the heated mine. They will be wrapped in blankets and laid on the snow outside the mine. Several more have been removed, badly swollen.

Sunday has been set as the day for the funerals. Twenty men are digging graves a short distance from the shaft. Eighteen were identified this forenoon.

Killed in Collision.

Broken Row, Neb., Jan. 28.—A rear end collision took place at Burl, of freights this morning, on a curve in a deep cut. The dead are Fireman Taylor, brakeman Birch and fatally hurt, Engineer Kelly.

RICH ALASKAN STRIKES.

Pans Out \$1.20 on Bullion Creek, Below Discovery.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 28.—The report reaches here from Alasec, near White Horse, by way of Ashcroft, that strikes made in the new diggings are surpassing the bonanzas in the best days. On No. 19, below Discovery, on Bullion creek, gravel that gives returns of \$1.20 to the pan has been struck.

CORNER-STONE LAYING.

Inauguration of New Episcopal Church at Heppner.

Rev. W. E. Potwine left this morning for Heppner where he will assist in the laying of the corner-stone of the new Episcopal church. Since the flood the members of the Episcopal church of Heppner have been diligent in raising funds for a new building to replace the old one. A new plot has been provided on the hill out of the reach of any flood that may ever visit the place, and on this a modern structure is being built.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the corner-stone will be laid, under the direction of Rev. William Seymour Short, of Grace Church, at Astoria. He will be assisted by Rev. John Warren, of Heppner, and Rev. Potwine, of this city. In addition to the usual ritual there has been provided an appropriate musical program.

AFTER COUNTY SEAT.

Prairie City Will Raise a Bonus for a New Court House.

Sumpter, Jan. 28.—The subscription list that is now being circulated in this section for the purpose of building a court house in Prairie City and present to Grant county, when the voters at the election decide that the county seat should be removed from Canyon City to Prairie City, is being liberally subscribed, and there is no longer any doubt but that the subscription will reach the sum of \$25,000 or \$30,000. The petition will now be circulated.

From information gathered throughout the county, even from the most distant points, it is learned that the heaviest taxpayers are as a general rule in favor of the change.

CHINA AROUSED AND IS DEFIANT

Prehistoric Empire of Preternatural Slowness is on the Defensive Against Russia.

RAISED LARGE ARMY TO PROTECT HER FRONTIER.

Japan Has Equipped and Manned an Armored Train on Her Korean Railroad—All Russian "Replies" Up to This Time Have Been Fakes—That Country is Now Drafting a Rejoinder to Japan's Demands—Peace, Not War, is Probable.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—A dispatch from Shanghai says 50,000 Chinese are held in readiness to protect the frontiers in the event of war.

The Soviet asserts Japan has already an armored train manned with quick-firing guns on the railway between Seoul and Chemulpo.

London, Jan. 28.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Berlin says: "Only today does Russia commence drafting her reply to Japan. All sinister reports are, according to the highest information untrustworthy. Official circles continue firm in the belief that the powers will come to terms, although the negotiations will probably be protracted."

TREATY WITHOUT CHANGE.

Committee on Elections Will Investigate.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The senate committee on foreign relations this morning rescinded its former action in proposing amendments to the Panama canal treaty, and will recommend the senate to accept the treaty as it stands without change.

Shortly after the senate opened a resolution directing the committee on elections to proceed with Smoot investigation was unanimously agreed to, having been favorably reported by the committee on contingent expenses.

White Postmaster At Last.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The president today nominated William Martin (white) to be postmaster at Indianola, Miss., to take the place of Minnie Cox (colored), whose resignation was demanded last year by white citizens and resulted in the temporary closing of the postoffice.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Result of Tenement House Fire in New York.

New York, Jan. 26.—Three children, the oldest 7, burned to death in a tenement fire in Madison street this morning. During the panic several were slightly injured. The damage is small.

SUIT AGAINST C. B. WADE.

To Secure Account for Building Expenses—Realty Transfers. C. B. Wade is again in evidence in the recorder's and clerk's office. A suit was filed this morning by E. J. Murphy, and Mousou & Co., against C. B. Wade, et al, seeking to recover \$1,190.65 alleged to be due for labor, material and construction of buildings in the past year. The amount also includes attorney's fees and costs of filing papers in the liens and suits.

In the recorder's office C. B. Wade and wife have in two deeds, transferred to T. C. Taylor and W. S. Matlock, as trustees of the estate, lot 29, in the Hazel addition, and the south 30 feet of lot 3, block 5. In the first instance the transfer was made to enable the trustees to issue a deed to Gertrude O'Gara. Some time ago she and Frank O'Gara, her husband, gave Wade a note for \$500, and secured the amount with a deed to the lot. The money having been paid, the transfer is made in cancellation of the mortgage. In the second paper the transfer was made from Wade to his trustees, so they could convey the property named to Frank O'Gara, Mary I. Barnhart and Dayton Barnhart. These parties had given their note for \$2,500, and deeded the property as security, and having taken up the note the property was re-deeded.

T. T. Geer's Timely Warning.

The friends of the direct primary law are not as active as they should be in this state in the matter of securing an initiatory submission of the question to the people. For the purification of politics this is one of the most effective measures proposed for many years, and it is hoped it will not be permitted to fall for want of sufficient attention at the proper time.—Salem Statesman.

The republican state committee of Idaho unanimously endorsed Roosevelt at its recent session.

IN GERMAN SOUTH AMERICA.

Natives Slaughtering Colonists, Who Are in Dire Straits.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—A dispatch from German South America this morning says sixteen German colonists near Karabib were murdered and seventy others are missing, including thirty women and children. A relief expedition of 100 marines fought 1000 blacks and reached Karabib, where they are now surrounded and completely cut off from aid.

Herr Kronfeld, commandant of the garrison at Otyimbingwe, was killed, leaving 30 leaderless defenders of the place.

WRIGHT SUICIDED.

Took the Most Virulent Poison That is Manufactured.

London, Jan. 28.—The post mortem examination of Whittaker Wright is being held this afternoon. The suicide theory has many supporters. The Globe today says the police last night found a loaded revolver at full cock in his pocket.

Later.—The post mortem examination of Whittaker Wright this afternoon developed suicide with cyanide of potassium.

CLARENCE BROWN DROWNED.

Sixth Death in One Family in Less Than a Month.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 28.—Clarence Brown, from Astoria, Ore., fell in the bay and was drowned last night. He had been drinking heavily. He was a nephew of Thomas Sumlin, who lost his wife and three children in the wreck of the Clallam. His father died three weeks ago, making six deaths in the family in less than a month.

Vote of Thanks.

Madrid, Jan. 28.—A cabinet meeting has decided to send warm thanks to America for the reception tendered the Spanish cruiser by American marines at the recent New Orleans celebration.

CLOSING THE FAIR SUNDAY

RESIDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS UNFAVORABLE

People Must Be Favored Who Have No Opportunity to See the Exhibits During the Week—Would, However, Not Allow Machinery to Run.

For sometime the Portland papers have been full of contention over the question as to whether the Lewis and Clark fair should remain open on Sunday. The ministerial associations of the city, some of the leading women's religious organizations and other forces are at work preparing a petition congress to refuse the appropriation asked for unless the management of the fair will promise to keep the gates shut on Sunday.

Col. J. H. Raley, one of the members of the fair board, is adverse to closing the fair on that day. He thinks that those who are unable to visit the fair during the week should have a chance to do so on Sunday, but that the machinery and all other exhibits should be left idle. There should be nothing on display other than those state exhibits and places requiring extra attention. The public should have access to the grounds, but the whole mechanism of the fair should be dormant for the day. This would give all a chance to see the fair, in part at least.

All things that are religious are not expedient in an affair of this nature, and the pleasure and convenience of the mass of the populace should be considered before making a move affecting so many people.

World's Record Broken.

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 28.—William Vanderbilt, Jr., broke the world's record (automobile) today. The record, officially timed, was one mile in 39 seconds flat.

DEATH OF MRS. HAYES.

Taken Away by Consumption at the Age of 61 Years—Funeral at 704 West Alta.

Mrs. Mary A. Hayes died this morning at 6 o'clock at the family residence, 704 West Alta street. The deceased was 61 years of age at the time of her death, and had been a resident of this city for the past two years, coming here from Seneca, Neb.

Mrs. Hayes was a widow when she came to this state, and came here in search of health, having been threatened with consumption for some time before making the move. For a while after reaching here she seemed to mend, but of late has grown weaker until her death.

Several children survive her: Mrs. Cora Bunce, at whose home the mother died; Mrs. J. C. Niel, who lives in North Pendleton, and Edward and Mamie Hayes, both of this city. Another son, Harry Hayes, is now in Missouri.

The funeral, tomorrow, will be conducted from the residence, at 10 o'clock in the morning, Rev. Robert Warner, of the Methodist church, conducting the services.

REPORT ON VITAL STATISTICS

Question is Raised of Jurisdiction Over Cases Occurring on the Reservation.

COUNTY JUDGE UNDECIDED WHETHER HE HAS AUTHORITY

Seventeen Cases Contagious Disease During Past Three Months — Physicians Rendering Increasing Compliance With the Law—Twenty-four Births During the Past Month — One Case of Contagion on the Reservation, of Scarlet Fever.

County Judge G. A. Hartman is busy compiling his report to Dr. Woods Hutchinson of Portland, secretary of the state board of health. Under the law it is the duty of the county physician, or of the county judge to make a monthly report to the state board in regard to the births, deaths and contagious diseases in the county during the month and it is on this task that Mr. Hartman is now engaged.

Umatilla county is singularly situated in one regard, and that is in relation to the jurisdiction of the state or county over the Umatilla reservation. There has been one case of scarlet fever reported from the reservation and in making his report Judge Hartman (not knowing whether the county has jurisdiction in such cases over the reservation) is therefore undecided what course to pursue in handling the diseases occurring there, in his report.

Seventeen Cases Contagion.

During the past three months there have been 17 cases of contagious diseases in the county, all of which have recovered with the exception of one or two.

The report of one case has just been handed in which was taken down with the disease on June 19. This delinquency is caused, no doubt, by the newness of the system of reports, which is sometimes forgotten by the doctors. Of late they have been more prompt and the reports are coming in regularly.

Twenty-four Births in One Month.

Umatilla county is a banner county in proportion to the population, when it comes to births, there having been 24 during the past month, and one doctor ushered 12 babies into this world of woe.

The judge is starting out to keep up his records in a systematic manner. He has asked and requires every person making return of a death, birth or case of contagious disease to send him two blanks, one for the state board of health, and one for entry in the record of vital statistics for the county. At first Mr. Hartman took a copy of all records sent in, until he had instructed all of the physicians in the county in regard to the matter, so that there is now a complete record in his office of all matters of that kind from the time the law went into effect last June, until the present time.

REGISTERING SLOW.

One Hundred and Thirty-eight Have Registered Since January.

The registration of voters in this county is very slow, there having but 138 of the electors come to the courthouse since the books were opened on the first Monday of the month. Now and then when a man thinks of it, he goes to the office of the clerk and shows his interest, but oftener he forgets all about that part of his business.

C. E. Kennedy has taken charge of the registration books, and is now keeping open house in the office of the county judge, waiting for all those who wish to register. It is supposed that Milton is doing a big business in the registration line, as there have been a couple of calls on the county clerk for affidavit blanks, but as none of them have been returned it is not known how many have registered up there.

Black Eagle Captured.

Tex Langiver has received from Charles Cook of Echo a 2-year-old black eagle, which was captured near Echo about two months ago. At the time of its capture the bird had one of its legs and a wing broken, but under the care of Dr. McNabb these were spinned and healed so that the bird is as lively as ever.

Natural Gas in Utah.

Salt Lake, Jan. 28.—The Guffey-Galey syndicate, boring for oil north of this city, struck natural gas today, throwing mud over the top of the derrick. The percentage of free gas is so heavy it burns fiercely though encumbered with mud and water.