



WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Friday cloudy and threatening; warmer to night.

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1904.

NO. 5004.

WILLIAMSON DIES BY POISON

Walla Walla Girl Drinks Acid Solution and Dies Horrible Death.

A BITTER NOTE TO HER FORMER LOVER.

The Daughter of William P. Williamson, a Well Known Farmer Laborer—Was 17 Years Old Had Kept Company With...

"When I am dead, send this letter to Charley Wall with my curse and hate for him, who has made me what I am. Goodbye for the last time."

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arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

Just Returned From Missoula.

From Marshal Carney it is learned that the Williamson girl, in company with Bert Montgomery, a grain handler who has been in the city for some time, and Ollie Maurer, the girl who had her father, Ed Maurer, arrested some months ago for assaulting his wife, went three weeks ago to Sumpter, Weiser and Missoula. From the latter place a telegram was received by the marshal a week ago, stating that the two girls were in Missoula and stranded, and that the Williamson girl admitted having taken \$85 from her father in this city.

Carney went to the father, who was willing to send for the girl and offered to telegraph her a ticket, but she refused to return unless a ticket was sent for the Maurer girl as well. Williamson refused to do this, stating that as the Maurer girl was the cause of her trouble she could leave her behind or stay with her. His daughter then consented to come home, and the ticket was sent. She arrived last night on the Hunt train. The Maurer girl, it appears, is still in Missoula.

It is stated that the girl left a letter for Bert Montgomery, in which she accused him of wrecking her life and cursed him for his share in her trouble.

DEEP SNOWFALL COVERS RANGES

ABOUT 15 INCHES NEW SNOW IN SOUTHERN UMATILLA.

At Alba There Was Already From 10 to 14 inches of Old Snow—Storm Yesterday Covered the Foothill Ranges Completely and Stock Are Being Driven to Vicinity of Pilot Rock—May Be Some Stock Losses Yet.

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CRUISER BAYAN WAS DESTROYED

Blown Up by a Floating Mine That Was Derelict in Port Arthur Harbor.

THE SEVEN HUNDRED MEN ABOARD WERE DROWNED.

Korea Undertakes to Keep Yonampoh Open to the Commerce of the World—Firemen Are Being Shipped into Port Arthur From Odessa to Fight Fires Resulting From Bombardments—Captain Ivkoff Accused of Selling Secrets to Japan.

Berlin, March 24.—The Schlesische Zeitung announces that it was not the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skori that was blown up by a floating torpedo in Port Arthur harbor March 16, but the armored cruiser Bayan. Almost the entire crew of 700 was killed.

Firemen to Port Arthur. Odessa, March 24.—Twenty firemen have been dispatched to Port Arthur to deal with fires started by the Japanese bombardments.

Russians Not Defeated.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—General Pflug telegraphs from Mukden today stating that there is no truth in the report that Japanese have crossed Tatung Pe Soa pass, or had any engagement with the Russians. The same applies to an alleged engagement at Port Arthur March 19, in which 600 Russians are alleged to have been killed and wounded.

A Lio Yang dispatch states that Kurapotkin is welcomed to the trans-Balkal territory by Linevich, in a telegram saying the troops are thirsting for revenge.

Southern Manchuria and Southern Korea are reported quiet.

Will Be Court-martialed.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—It is officially denied that Captain Ivkoff, commissariat of the department and accused of being a Japanese spy, was shot as stated. He has been removed from the service and is now under arrest awaiting court-martial for selling information.

The work of rushing troops to the frontier proceeds regularly. The last of the railway equipment for the lines of Manchuria passed Lake Balkal today.

Port Yonampoh Opened.

Washington, March 24.—Minister Allen, at Seoul, cables that Port Yonampoh will be opened to the trade of the world by the Korean government. Thousands of Russians have moved south to the Anja river, but floating ice makes crossing difficult. There have been a few encounters but with slight casualties.

Attack on Port Arthur.

Tokio, March 24.—Admiral Togo's report of the Port Arthur attack of the 22d has been received. He says the combined fleet acted according to a plan, while the destroyers were under fire, but sustained no damage. The battleships Fuji and Yamashiro were directed to make an indirect bombardment against the inner side of the port. During this the enemy's fleet came out to draw us nearer their forts. Many of their shells fell near the Fuji, but the ships sustained no damage.

MURDER AND LAND SWINDLE CASES

San Francisco, March 24.—In the Botkin trial today the defendant was unqualifiedly identified by F. S. Gray, a drug clerk, as the woman to whom he sold a quantity of arsenic, June, 1898. He declared he remembered the woman because he had seen her in the store in company with John Dunning, husband of one of the prisoner's victims. This positive identification almost caused the prisoner to collapse.

Mrs. J. J. McGinnis, formerly clerk in the candy store, could not positively identify Mrs. Botkin as the woman who bought the box of chocolates. Believed she was, however.

Detective McVey, of Dover, the officer who worked up the evidence in the East, denied that former Chief of Police Lees told him he had ordered Chemist Wolfe to report he had found poison in the candy. He also denied he had heard of a threat made by the cook in the Pennington family, that he intended to kill the

TARIFF CHANGES ARE VOTED DOWN

Modification of Import Tax Defeated by a Strict Party Vote in the House.

CONSUL AT BOMBAY LOSES DAUGHTER BY THE PLAGUE.

Entire New Board of Managers Named for National Soldiers' Home—Great Postal Carrying Graft Discovered, Exposed and Shut Off—Alleged That General Bristow Manipulates Good Strong Graft for His Family—Secretary Taft Recommends Pardon.

Washington, March 24.—The democratic tariff revisionists on the house committee on ways and means made an assault on the Dingley bill this morning. Williams demanded a vote on his bill putting salt, hides and other commodities on the free list. Got it and was defeated along partisan lines.

Clark of Missouri, made a similar demand in behalf of his bill taking the tariff off twine, wood pulp and agricultural implements. His bill was laid on the table.

Die of Plague at Bombay.

United States Consul Fee at Bombay, India, cables the department that his daughter is dead of the plague, and his wife has been attacked.

Board of Managers.

Washington, March 24.—The house committee on military affairs has authorized a favorable report on a resolution selecting the following board of managers for the National Soldiers' Home: Martin MacMahon, of New York; J. M. Holley, of Wisconsin; William Warner, of Missouri; W. R. Shafter, of California; H. E. Palmer, of Nebraska; Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey.

Great Graft Exposed.

During considering of the postoffice appropriation bill in the house, Robinson, democrat of Indiana, attacked the subsidy of \$45,000 recommended in the bill for Oceanic Steamship Company, for transporting the mails from San Francisco to Tahiti. The appropriation has heretofore been sneaked through congress in a cowardly manner.

Robinson then moved to strike out the subsidy, which was done.

Bristow as a Graft.

All members of congress in the mall today received cards printed on both sides purporting to show the record of Bristow as shown in the Franklin County, Kansas, directory. He names himself and four relatives on the government pay roll in an aggregate sum of \$9,700 per annum. Bristow's partner, Henry Allen, is a candidate for congress.

Pardon Recommended.

Secretary Taft has recommended the president to pardon General Aquino, the Filipino insurgent court-martialed for ordering five American prisoners shot, resulting in the death of three. He has served three years and denies having issued the order.

Deny Having Yellow Fever.

Austin, Texas, March 24.—The health officers have received from the governor of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, a denial of the report that yellow fever exists there.

MAIL CARRIER'S THEFTS.

Walla Walla Boy Confesses to Keeping Money Entrusted to Him.

Walla Walla, March 24.—On a charge of failing to turn over post-office funds entrusted to his care, Ray York, mail carrier on rural route No. 5, was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Postoffice Inspector Clark. The arrest was the outcome of an investigation made by Inspector Clark on reports from patrons of route No. 5, that moneys entrusted to young York's care had never reached their proper destination. The young man was called into Postmaster Brunton's private office yesterday afternoon after he had come off his route and confronted with a mass of evidence accumulated.

Instead of denying that anything was wrong the young man immediately owned up that he had taken money entrusted to him and made a complete confession. When informed that he must be turned over to the United States authorities for trial, York nearly collapsed. Late last evening he was taken before Court Commissioner Strong and bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of \$500. The amount taken will not exceed \$40.

MILTON PAINTER KILLS HIMSELF

WM. A. JONES COMMITS SUICIDE BY SHOOTING.

Well Known Painter of Milton Takes His Own Life—Had Suffered Intensely With Headache, Is the Only Known Cause—Left Wife and One Small Child—Funeral Tomorrow.

Milton, March 24.—William A. Jones, a well known citizen of this place, killed himself in his barn, yesterday, about 5:30, by putting a bullet through his brain. A pistol was still clenched in his hand when he was found by Mrs. Jones, who heard the shot and went to see what was the cause. He was dead when she reached him and no cause is assigned for the deed, except that he had suffered intensely all the day before with a severe headache.

He was a painter by trade and had resided in this city for several years, being an industrious man and apparently contented.

An inquest was held today in which it was decided that Jones came to his death by his own hand. The funeral will be held tomorrow. Jones leaves a wife and one small child.

LADY MACCABEES.

State Convention of the Order at Everett, Wash.

Everett, Wash., March 24.—A hearty welcome was accorded today to the delegates who assembled here from all parts of Washington for the state convention of the Ladies of the Maccabees. The gathering was formally opened in fraternal hall with Mrs. Martha E. Stewart of Port Angeles presiding. The roll call showed a full attendance of delegates from all the local branches of the order throughout the state.

The convention, which will be in session several days, will be addressed by Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister of Detroit, supreme commander, and other prominent officers of the order.

ROBBER'S RICH HAUL.

Spokane Home Ransacked of Over \$500 in Money and Jewelry.

Spokane, March 24.—Burglars last night secured jewelry and money aggregating more than \$500 in value from the home of David R. McClure, one of the proprietors of the Crystal steam laundry.

Taking advantage of the absence of the family, who were attending services at the Centenary church, the thieves, some time between the hours of 6 and 10:45 p. m., ransacked the residence.

No Sunday Closing.

Walla Walla, March 24.—The city council has passed up the Sunday closing question presented by a list of petitioners last week, as not having sufficient backing to warrant action.

\$38,397.60 for a Leg.

Los Angeles, March 24.—Anita Kelly, a New York society girl, was awarded \$38,397.60 damages against the Hotel Potter company, at Santa Barbara, for the loss of a leg in an elevator accident.

Concussion of the Brain.

Kansas City, March 24.—A. V. Merrill, a spectator, may die from concussion of the brain as a result of a stream of water striking him that was intended for a fire.

OF IMPORTANCE AND INTEREST

Council Acts Upon Questions That Have Excited Much Comment and Argument.

NEW FIRM HAS BENEFIT OF LICENSE PAID IN ADVANCE.

Arrangements Completed for Having Rippingrap Replaced on the Levee—Webb Street Will Not Be Graded, But the West End of Court Street Will Be—Wheeler Building Ordered Closed Until Alterations Are Made—Clearances Around the Pumping Station.

The council meeting did not impress itself on the minds of all of the aldermen last evening, and as a result there was barely a quorum present. Besides Mayor Matlock, Aldermen Renn, Johnson, Wells and Ferguson were in attendance.

The first item on the list was an application for a renewal of the Baker & Garrison liquor license, which was granted.

The new firm of C. C. Broilier and T. J. Crowner, who have bought the liquor business of H. A. Kline, on Main street, asked that the license taken out by Mr. Kline be transferred to them until its expiration, May 1. The question provoked a little discussion, but was at last allowed.

Alderman Wells, of the street committee, reported that he had had a talk with R. O. Hawks about replacing the rippingrap which he had taken from the top of the levee, and that Mr. Hawks and decided that he would replace the rock. Owing to the high stage of the water, however, he asked to wait until it was more convenient to make the repairs. This was allowed by the council, with the understanding that the work be done before next winter.

Court Street Will Be Graded.

The report of the committee which has been investigating the Webb street controversy, put a quietus on the improvement of that street. It was discovered that there were 35 names on the petition, which represented an ownership of 7,500 front feet on the street. As the length of the street was 14,000 feet, the petition represented a majority of the property owners, and the improvement could not be forced. The subject will be therefore dropped, but an effort will be made to open Court street and have it graded at the lower, or west end of the city.

Wheeler Building Condemned.

City Attorney Carter, at the request of the city health officers, presented a resolution to the council, condemning the upper story of the Wheeler building, on Court street, now used as a lodging house. The property is owned in part by Mayor Matlock, and he was uncertain whether or not the resolution should be made known to the tenant or the owners, and in order to make no mistake, both were incorporated. Mr. Matlock put the resolution, which condemned his own building. The place will be closed until it is so altered as to comply with the health and fire regulations.

Thirteen Men Killed.

Berlin, March 24.—The Flora variety theater, being demolished, collapsed today and 13 workmen were killed.

Snow and Landslides.

San Francisco, March 24.—Wrecks from landslides and snowslides in the snowsheds region in the Sierra Nevada have impeded progress on the Central Pacific, carried away telegraph wires and practically cut off all telegraphic communication with the East. Two trains, one freight and one wrecking, were caught in slides, but with no loss of life.