

BLAZE ON MAIN STREET

Losses \$600 Worth of Damage to Frame Building Near Alta.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONFUSION TO STEAL.

Shoe Shop, Rose Barber Horseshoe Restaurant and Gallery Put Out of Business Temporarily—Insurance Carriers Ranley and Elliott Will Move at Once.

Loomis Lost Overboard.

Dissolves Company.

Chicago Grain.

Summary of Damages.

Summary of the damage done by the fire is practically as follows: The shoe shop, badly scorched.

The damage done by the fire was considerable, but the reckless handling of it was without being able to apprehend the thieves.

Ranley shop suffered most, a stock of boots and shoes and other odds and ends were badly damaged.

Believing that attempts would be made to rob the establishment by the insurance on Mr. Ranley's policy.

Mr. Coleman was just returning from the Pantheon when the alarm sounded, and ran immediately to the gallery.

He has been herding sheep for Douglas Belts, and last Thursday came on foot to Mr. Belt's home on Birch creek and told him a story of the loss of the entire band of sheep.

He said that half of the band had disappeared, and while searching for the first half of the band which had escaped from him.

Corley was not taken into custody and is now at large. He came to the sheep camp of Mr. Knotts yesterday.

STILL AT LARGE.

Stage Robbers Got Very Little for Their Trouble.

Thieves at Work.

Insurance on Buildings.

owned by John Schmidt, and there was not a dollar insurance upon any part of it beyond the chattel insurance mentioned.

M. Schmidt had served notice on his tenants to vacate July 1 or sooner, as he expected to immediately after that date dismantle the building and clear the ground for the new two-story department store.

Until July 1 Selbert & Schulz, O. K. Joe, Mr. Cummage, Rose the barber and Mr. Coleman will conduct their various lines of business as heretofore.

The building was damaged by the fire and water probably \$600—the rooms occupied by Ranley and Elliott so badly that they could not be reoccupied without virtually rebuilding that part of the structure.

The frame building occupied by the Horseshoe restaurant and the Myers produce market is owned by Mrs. Florence Berkeley.

Chris Ranley has occupied the room next to Rose's barber shop for the past 17 years, with a shoe store and shoe repair shop.

Trenton, N. J., June 27.—George Rice this morning filed a bill in chancery for the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company, a New Jersey corporation, as being illegal under the anti-trust act.

Chicago, June 27.—Old July wheat, 87% @ 88%; new, 81% @ 80%.

PIONEER HERDER LOSES REASON

JAMES CORLEY, OF PILOT ROCK, SAID TO BE INSANE.

Imagined He Had Lost Half His Herd and While Searching for Them the Other Half Disappeared—Entire Story Was Untrue, and the Sheep Were Found Where the Insane Man Had Left Them.

James Corley, an old settler of Umatilla county in the Pilot Rock district, who has been herding sheep for a number of years, is reported to have become insane and is now in hiding in the country somewhere in the vicinity of Pilot Rock.

He has been herding sheep for Douglas Belts, and last Thursday came on foot to Mr. Belt's home on Birch creek and told him a story of the loss of the entire band of sheep, which he had been herding.

Search was at once made for the missing sheep, and the entire band was found together, where Corley had evidently left them, when he became insane and went away imagining that he was in search of them.

Corley was not taken into custody and is now at large. He came to the sheep camp of Mr. Knotts yesterday, and ate dinner, showing every symptom of insanity.

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The two robbers who held up the stage between Whitney and Canyon City are still at large.

Meeting of Homeopaths.

Rochester, N. Y., June 27.—The International Hahnemann Association, comprising the strict followers of homeopathy in the United States and Canada, began its annual meeting in Rochester today.

SLOCUM INQUEST COMPLETED TODAY

Barrels That Had Contained Oils Were Found in Locker Where Fire Started.

TOTAL LOSS OF LIFE WILL TOTAL UP 1031.

Some 93 Persons Not Yet Found—Jury Accompanies Coroner to Wreck in Erie Basin Over the Route of the Ill-fated Slocum—Verdict Expected in a Few Minutes After Being Submitted to the Jury.

New York, June 27.—According to an exhaustive report made by Police Inspector Schmittberger on the number of dead, missing, injured and injured in the disaster, it appears that 938 bodies have been recovered and that 93 persons absolutely known to have been aboard the vessel are still unaccounted for.

A thorough examination of the hull of the Slocum by Coroners O'Gorman and Berry and Inspector Albertson resulted in the discovery in the locker in which the fire started of a number of barrels which had contained kerosene and lubricating oil.

Inquest Complete.

New York, June 27.—There is every probability that the inquest into the steambat Slocum disaster will end tonight.

The jury is expected to render a verdict within a few minutes after the case is submitted to them.

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NEW FIRE SYSTEM.

Astoria Has Discarded Her Antiquated Fire-Fighting Methods.

Astoria, June 27.—Astoria is to have a complete new fire system, and a new engine house will soon be built.

THANKS GOVERNMENT.

Rumor Denied That Ralsvult Been Ordered Punished.

Washington, June 27.—The state department received a cablegram today from Predicadris at Tangier, thanking this government for its successful efforts made in his behalf.

Driven to Desperation.

Pueblo, Col., June 27.—Charles Montgomery, a well known politician, suicided this morning by taking morphine. Two weeks ago he married the former wife of a newspaper man 48 hours after she was divorced.

Jamaican Accident.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 27.—The accidental flooding of a large pipe leading from the electrical plant to the river today resulted in the drowning of 24 men who were cleaning the pipe.

Deserter Captured.

Sheriff Taylor yesterday took in custody at the Hutchinson place, five miles from town, a man named Highland Taft, a deserter from the United States army.

THE JAPANESE MEET REVERSES

Cossacks Chase Mikado's Men 12 Hours and Leave Valley Strewn With Dead.

RUSSIANS LOSE BUT FEW MEN IN RUNNING FIGHT.

Two Thousand Russian Mines About Kuang Gung Have Been Destroyed—All Day Sunday Russians Marched to Front—Great Battle May Be in Progress—Disease Kills as Many as Bullets.

St. Petersburg, June 27.—A Mukden dispatch reports that a force of Cossacks gave chase to some Japanese who were reconnoitering on Kuroki's right.

Battle May Be Raging.

St. Petersburg, June 27.—Dispatches from Tachekiao state that both Russian and Japanese maneuvers for position have about concluded and a great battle even now may be in progress.

Destroy Mines.

Tien Tsin, June 27.—Two thousand Russian mines about Kwan Tung thus far have been destroyed.

Disease Equals Bullets.

Rome, June 27.—A Tokio telegram says the Japanese government declares deaths from disease in both armies up to present equal the losses sustained in actual fighting.

CREW EXONERATED.

Work Train Was Overloaded and Without Control.

Stockton, Cal., June 27.—The crew of the work train who ran down the Sierra railway passenger train near Melones, in Toulomne county, Saturday night, killing two women, has been exonerated by the coroner's jury.

TO MINING CONGRESS.

Mayor Matlock Appoints Delegates to the Meeting in Portland on August 22-27.

Mayor W. F. Matlock this morning appointed T. G. Halley and Bert Huffman delegates from the city of Pendleton to the seventh annual session of the American Mining Congress to be held in Portland on August 22-27.

This promises to be the most important meeting held on the Pacific coast this season, owing to the renewed vigor and activity in the mining industry.

LATE CLOSING HOUR.

Stores Will Remain Open Until 8 p. m., During July and August.

At a meeting of the Clerks' Union this afternoon, it was unanimously decided to accede to the request of the merchants to keep open stores until 8 o'clock during the months of July and August.

Small Fire at Court House.

Saturday evening last at just 5 o'clock, the roof of the court house was discovered to be on fire.

MULTI-MURDERER.

Sailor Begged for an Early Execution to Follow Conviction.

New York, June 27.—Frank Burness was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison early today. The specific crime for which Burness paid the death penalty was the murder of a sea captain in the port of New York last fall.

Burness was a sailor, and his crimes, so he declared, were committed in various parts of the world where his ship called.

Met Death Eagerly.

Ossing, N. J., June 27.—Burness, unattended by clergyman or keeper, almost ran to the chair, he was so eager to have it over.

Rain Badly Needed.

The Dalles, June 27.—The rainstorm that visited this section last Friday was not general, as it did not reach south of the Deschutes river or into Sherman county.

Bank Ordered Closed.

Chicago, June 27.—The First National closed its doors this morning by orders of the comptroller currency.

IRRIGATORS MEET IN NOVEMBER

DATES FIXED FOR NATIONAL CONGRESS AT EL PASO.

Texas City Will Prepare for the Greatest Irrigation Meeting Ever Held in the West—Activity in Government Irrigation Will Stimulate States to Deeper Interest—Oregon Will Send Large Delegation—Portland Will Get the 1905 Meeting.

The date of the next meeting of the National Irrigation Association has been fixed at El Paso, Texas, on Tuesday, November 15 to Friday, November 18, and official notices of the meeting have been sent out by the executive committee.

Owing to the great activity in government irrigation, this meeting of the association is expected to be the most important in the history of the organization.

The action of the association in the past has had much to do with shaping the policy of the national government in the matter of irrigation, and, in fact, the national irrigation law was framed and revised by committees from this association.

Oregon will have the largest delegation at El Paso that has ever attended a meeting of the association from this state.

Umatilla county will be entitled to about 20 delegates, and it will be the aim of the different bodies appointing delegates to select only those who will promise to attend the El Paso meeting.

A "HOLY TERROR."

Boy is Considered As Sinned Against, However.

Carl Johnson, aged 11 years, who has resided with his mother on Kelsoe bottom, was last evening brought to the court house, tied hand and foot, by his mother and step-father, who wanted him committed to the reform school.

It seems the boy has been severely punished by those people for some time past, and yesterday rebelled to such an extent that he took a gun and got the drop on his step-father.

UMATILLA CASES IN SUPREME COURT

Lower Court Was Affirmed in Two Important Cases at Salem Today.

LOUIS ANDERSON WINS OUT AGAINST THE O. R. & N. CO.

Wheat Destroyed at Cayuse Warehouse—Supreme Court Decided that Engines Were Overloaded and No Precautions Taken to Prevent Fire From Sparks—Hattie Jones Refused a Divorce—Both to Blame.

Salem, Or., June 27.—The decision of the lower court in awarding damages to Louis Anderson in his suit against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company was affirmed by Justice Wolverton today.

Hattie Jones was refused a divorce from William Jones, of Pendleton, by Chief Justice Moore and the lower court was affirmed.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Baggagemaster Hamilton, Thrown From Car—May Not Recover.

Huntington, June 27.—Fred Hamilton, of La Grande, is lying here in a serious condition from the result of being thrown from a car at Durkee.

He was brought here and examined by Dr. McKenzie, of Portland, who pronounced him partially paralyzed and in too serious condition to be moved either to his home in La Grande, or to the hospital in Portland.

PRESIDENT GRAM COMING.

Head of the State Federation of Labor Will Address Meeting at Milarkey Hall Thursday night.

Secretary L. E. Wenham, of the Trades and Labor Assembly of this city, has received a notification from C. H. Gram, president of the State Federation of Labor, that Mr. Gram will be here on Thursday and will address a meeting of the assembly on Thursday evening at Milarkey hall.

Mr. Gram is now in La Grande on an official visit to the labor assembly there. He has just returned from Sumpter and Granite where he has spent two weeks among the mining organizations and finds conditions very satisfactory.

LOST A FINGER.

Result of a Burn Made by a New Grass Rope Was Blood Poisoning.

T. P. Shafer was in town Saturday from Cold Springs with his right hand in a sling. The injured member is doing nicely, but Mr. Shafer had a close call, not only to save his hand and arm, but his life as well, for a time.

The trouble arose from burning the third finger of his right hand with a new grass rope by a fractions cayuse dragging the rope through his hand.

Although the finger was cut to the bone, Mr. Schafer regarded the injury as nothing serious.

St. Louis, June 27.—Edmond, an ex-member of the house delegates, pleaded guilty today to the charge of boodling placed against him by District Attorney Folk.

The best fishing days are those that find you compelled to hump over the deck.