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HOPE BRIGHT FOR ASYLUM

Local Men Optimistic Over Pendleton's Chances for Landing State Institution.

OLIVER PLACE SEEMS TO BE FAVORED

Acting Governor Bowerman Left for Home This Morning—State Board Will Make Decision at Meeting Tuesday—Central Location and Good Transportation Facilities Aid Pendleton's Cause.

Is Pendleton going to get the eastern Oregon branch asylum for a Christmas present? There are many who believe we are and rumors upon this subject that have been in circulation today have added much to the spirit of good cheer that is prevalent in business circles.

Following the investigation he made here yesterday, Acting Governor Bowerman left for Condon on train No. 5 this morning. Owing to delays east of here the train did not leave the local depot until after 7 o'clock this morning and so the governor announced that the decision with respect to the branch asylum site will be made at Salem Tuesday. At that time the state board will meet in Salem and all the data with respects to the various sites offered here and elsewhere will be considered. A decision will then be made and Bowerman has promised to wire local people regarding the same.

Oliver Place Favored. According to local men who were close to the acting governor while here yesterday the Oliver-Carpenter site seems to have the inside track among all the local sites offered. It is the general belief that if Pendleton gets the branch asylum it will be located just below town. Should that location be selected the buildings will adorn the hillside on the north side of the railroad track and opposite the Oliver home.

On the Oliver place there are 154 acres of fine bottom land and it is one of the most productive tracts in eastern Oregon. There is a fine orchard upon the place and other improvements, including two residences, valued at \$10,000. All of the bottom land is irrigated by water from the Umatilla river and the water right is one of the oldest on the river and therefore secure.

Along with the Oliver place the Carpenter ranch, comprising 160 acres, mostly hill land, was offered. Two different propositions are made the state by those having this site in hand. One proposition calls for a price of \$25,000 while the other, including more bottom land, calls for a price of \$12,500.

Aside from the Oliver and Carpenter places there is other bottom land adjoining this site and it may be secured now or later if the state board should desire it. But so productive is the river land on the Oliver place that it is generally predicted the 154 acres of intensive farming land will be all that the institution will need for many years at least.

A Central Location. Local men who were busy yesterday and previously boosting for the branch asylum say that Pendleton's central location is unquestionably helping this city in its efforts to land the institution. It has been shown conclusively that Pendleton offers the convenient and economical location for the reason that freight and passenger rates and service favor this city. It is known also that this consideration has had weight with the powers that be.

Mrs. Eurma Lee left today for Birch creek to spend Christmas.

CANADIAN STEAMERS MUST HAVE WIRELESS

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.—It is now compulsory for owners of passenger steamers of over 400 tons to install wireless telegraphic apparatus. Word was received today from Ottawa that parliament had just passed the new law. The penalty for non-compliance by owners is a fine of from one hundred to a thousand dollars or imprisonment.

SEATTLE KIDNAPER IS FOUND GUILTY

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Bert Schuman, alias Herbert Rolson, kidnaper of 11 year old Dewey Wellman, was found guilty by a jury in the superior court yesterday. The jury was out only long enough to take one ballot. After the verdict had been returned Schuman admitted that he had previously served a term in the penitentiary for the same offense and the court adjudged him a habitual criminal and pronounced an indeterminate sentence of from twenty to forty years in the Walla Walla prison. Schuman enticed the Wellman boy away from his home here last July. He made him walk overland several hundred miles before taking an eastbound train. Schuman and the boy were found in Omaha in September. Schuman was arrested and brought back to Seattle for trial and the boy was returned to his widowed mother.

BAD MAN RUNS AMUCK IN LA GRANDE

POOR AIM SAVES LIVES OF TWO WOMEN AND MAN

Drunk Crazed Woodchopper Shoots up Town With Winchester Rifle—Fires Point Blank at Two Women—Fleed Overpowered When Cartridge Sticks in Magazine.

Freak interference of fortune at noon yesterday saved Ray Boun, an employe of the Snodgrass grocery from instant death, and poor aim saved the lives of two unknown ladies in a buggy, when a man identified as Earl West, a woodchopper, ran amuck with a dangerous weapon, says the La Grande Observer. The gun he used and with which he fired two shots at a passing buggy containing two ladies, is a 45-60 calibre, short barreled affair and is unquestionably the most wicked weapon of the old school of Winchester. Intoxicated and mean and probably crazed by drink, he reached North Fir street just across the street from the Julius Fisher saloon and was standing near the Dutley bakery when the cannonading commenced. He aimed at a passing buggy a few feet away and fired two shots in rapid succession. Spectators gasped in horror but fortunately the bullets went wild and doubtless buried themselves in the railroad yards somewhere. At least no report of injuries have been received.

Whirls Against Pedestrian. Probably angered by his poor aim, the man swung about and aimed the weapon at the heart of Ray Boun, who was passing and had been frozen in his tracks by the rash act intended to kill the women. Boun was only a few feet away from the muzzle of the gun when West commenced to pump in a shell and pulled the trigger. That Boun is alive now is due entirely to the fact that the third shell stuck in the breach. While the man was working frantically to get the mechanism in working order, Julius Fisher led a hastily formed posse and overpowered the fellow. Police-men were hastily summoned and the man is now in the city jail sleeping off a drunken stupor.

Miss Nettie Galbreith, principal of St. Paul's school, Walla Walla, is spending the holidays at the home of her cousin, Mrs. N. Evans.

TRAINS CRASH AND MEN DIE

Confused Orders Results in Disastrous Wreck of Two Pennsylvania Trains.

FAST FLYERS MEET HEAD ON WITH FATAL RESULTS

Six Trainmen and Two Passengers Killed—Others Will Die, While Scores Were Injured—One Engine Derailed While Second Plows Through Cars of Opposing Train—Entire Engine Crew Killed—Freight Wreck Which Blocks Track Indirect Cause of Accident.

The Dead Are: William Fowler, passenger, Chicago. Friedstein, passenger, Chicago. George Morton, baggage-man. Cass Beebe, baggage-man. C. Craig, engineer. C. Miller, engineer.

Bucyrus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Six trainmen and two passengers were killed and a score of passengers bruised in a head-on collision between two Pennsylvania flyers at Nevada City, Ohio, today. The trains were running at high speed when they met on the same track, as the east bound track had been blocked by a previous freight wreck. Confused orders caused the disaster.

The engine of train No. 15 was derailed. The locomotive of No. 48 held the tracks and ploughed into the baggage car. The entire engine crew of one train was killed, while two baggage men and two other trainmen will die. One train was made up entirely of Pullmans. Both locomotives were demolished.

The first sleeper made of wood was crushed and two passengers killed. The others were of steel construction and withstood the shock. Most of the injured were in the wood car. Nevada is about ten miles from here.

CHRISTMAS EVE TIME FOR MOURNING IN ENGLAND

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 24.—Christmas eve in the village of Lelch and in the vicinity of the Pretoria mine of the Little Hulton Co., where approximately 200 miners lost their lives by an explosion a few days ago, was made a time for the great funeral service over the bodies of the 186 recovered. The features of only fifty were identified and scores of widows wept over the mangled bodies, uncertain which was their husbands or sons. The bodies will all be consigned to one pit.

STRIKING MINERS ARE SENT TO COUNTY JAIL

Denver, Dec. 24.—Sixteen striking mine workers of Lafayette, Colo., began today serving sentences following their conviction for contempt of court in violation of the temporary injunction to restrain the strikers from interfering with the operation of the Northern Coal & Coke company's mines and for threatening non-union employes.

Christmas Dinner at Quelle

The Quelle will serve a good, old time Christmas dinner Sunday, December 25. Turkey, duck, chicken, mince pie and all the other good things that go with them.

BROTHER OF FORMER PENDLETON MAN MURDERED

Word was received here this morning that a brother of Carney Rhodes who was formerly employed by Milne & Co. in this city, had been murdered and information is wanted regarding the present whereabouts of the brother who was here. He is thought to be working some place on Upper McKay creek. Another brother is working at Arlington for Dan P. Smythe of this city.

DYNAMITE FOUND ON SEATTLE CHURCH STEP

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—A strict investigation will probably be held by the police following the discovery of five sticks of dynamite wrapped in a package on the front steps of the First Methodist church late yesterday by C. E. Downie who chanced to be passing. Downie notified the police and stood guard over the explosive until the authorities took it to the station.

Reverend Adna Wright, pastor of the church recently received a threat of death because he had scored the vice conditions of the city.

AVIATOR LOST IN NORTH SEA

Cecil Grace, a Young English Birdman, Cannot Be Found on Sea or Land.

ATTEMPTS TO RE-CROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

Vessels Churn Waters of Sea and Channel in Vain Search for Intrepid Explorer of the Air—Aviator Wore Cork Jacket But Would Be Heavily Handicapped in Water by Heavy Clothing—Machine Would Sink—All Believe He Has Met His Death.

London, Dec. 24.—With the approach of midnight and no tidings yet of Cecil S. Grace, the intrepid young aviator who disappeared Thursday afternoon while attempting a return cross-channel flight from Calais to Dover in an aeroplane, the belief generally prevails in London that the old North Sea holds somewhere on its turbulent breast the story of a tragedy.

Every nook and corner—on shore and in land—where it was thought young Grace might have landed, was searched today, but unavailing, and the boats that churned the channel and portions of the North sea on the lookout for the youth or wreckage of his machine likewise reported their search had been in vain.

Grace carried with him petroleum sufficient for a flight of about five hours. His biplane was not fitted with pontoons. Grace wore a cork jacket but in case of a fall into the water he would have been cumbered by his heavy fur-lined boots. The general belief is that it will be impossible for his machine to float for any great length of time, and that unless the aviator was rescued by a ship bound for some distant port, there is a slender hope that he escaped death in the sea.

ILLUMINATING GAS KILLS SIX PERSONS

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Six were killed by illuminating gas in an apartment at the Lintz Hotel today. The bodies were discovered by the bell boy. Bottles around the room indicated they had been reveling before their death.

The gas escaped from a stove. The dead are: Charles Lutham and wife; William Kennedy, Pearl Kennedy, son of William; Harry Newcomb, and Miss Bailey.

AVIATION AT LOS ANGELES

Valuable Prizes Bring Out World's Best Talent for Meet.

BIG RAILROAD STRIKE IS FINALLY AVERTED

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The strike of the railroad engineers has been averted. A settlement has been reached. Commissioner Neill announced this afternoon. The terms have not yet been given out.

PASSENGERS BURNED ALIVE IN WRECK

London, Dec. 24.—Two were killed outright and eight severely injured were incinerated in a fire following a collision of an express train with a pilot engine near Carlisle today. The passenger was bound for Glasgow and was filled with persons going home for Christmas. Twenty were badly injured.

Mrs. Paul Sperry and little child are now here from the Sperry ranch at Cecil and will spend Christmas at the Privet home on West Court street.

THOUSAND DOLLARS' WORTH OF DREAMS

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 24.—One thousand dollars worth of opium is sequestered aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of India waiting to be smuggled ashore, according to one of the men arrested recently and sentenced in police court for bringing the stuff ashore. The man confessing today says the Chinese are the principals in the traffic that they have succeeded in landing much of the dream fluid. Another search will be made of the ship.

GATLING GUN PROTECTS CARS FROM MOBS

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—Following the riots in the street car strike last night in which thirty cars were wrecked by unionist sympathizers, the street railroad officials today secured a gatling gun and were compelled to defend their property. The military is not out yet but is ready to respond at a moment's notice.

The indications show that only the strictest measures will control the present situation. Cars are all withdrawn from service after eight in the evening owing to the dangerous temper of the mobs. Guards have been placed around the terminal barns to prevent them being burned. In all fifty cars have been destroyed by the mobs.

POISON MYSTERY STILL BAFLING

DAUGHTER OF DEAD WOMAN FEIGNS ILLNESS

Girl Recently Inherited Money and Had Been Held Virtual Prisoner for Fifteen Years—Had Long Wanted to Leave Home—Starvation Pact Scouted.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—Physicians today asserted that Lavinia Corey, daughter of Mrs. William Whiteline, who died of poison yesterday, was not suffering from the same illness as her mother. Physicians who have examined her say she has really feigned illness.

This adds mystery to the case of the two women who, it was first believed had entered a starvation pact. The authorities say the girl is concealing important facts. She will be carefully examined as a number of peculiar circumstances have been unearthed.

Recently the girl received a legacy of \$1500 and it is known she has been made a virtual prisoner for fifteen years by her mother. Relatives admit she had wanted to leave home for some time.

When the girl and her mother were found yesterday she said she had been poisoned by pork gravy. It was believed someone had sent it to them. Physicians examined the remains of the pork, but refused to say what was found.

SAFE CRACKER KILLED WHILE PLAYING PROFESSION

Chicago, Calif., Dec. 24.—Bert Kelley, 22, a safe cracker was killed last night by Richard Epperson at Durham, a small farming village near this city. Kelley was breaking the safe, when Epperson who lives above his store, shot him with a shotgun.

\$40,000 Loss.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—The loss in the Odd Fellows hall fire here last night will not exceed \$40,000, according to conservative estimates made today. The Daughters of the Confederacy sustained losses in confederate records that can never be replaced.

CITY READY FOR X-MAS

Exercises for Children Being Held in Local Churches This Afternoon.

SACRED SERVICES ARE TO BE HELD TOMORROW

"Chimney" Exercises for Baptist Sunday School Children—Tree Laden With Presents at Methodist Church—Excellent Musical Program by Choir—Presbyterian Children Enjoy Tree—Church of Redeemer Observes Event Today and Christian Church Tonight.

Today is the day before Christmas and tonight is Christmas eve. Tomorrow is the one day of all the year most anticipated by the children of all Christian nations, the day "when peace on earth and good will toward men" is supposed to prevail according to divine decree. As a symbol of this universal peace and good will, the custom of giving gifts has become crystallized and millions of dollars are spent annually from this practice.

Pendleton, like all other cities, towns and communities, will observe Christ's natal day, but because of the fact that it falls on Sunday this year, the various churches are holding exercises for the children this afternoon while tomorrow will be devoted to sacred services.

At the Baptist Church. The Baptist church this afternoon held "chimney" exercises for the children of the Sunday school at 4 o'clock. A huge "chimney," built of candy boxes was the center of all attention and down came Santa Claus who proceeded to distribute the candy among his juvenile friends. The remainder of the program consisted chiefly of songs and recitations by the children, but one of the principal features was the packing of a Christmas box for an orphanage in Alaska.

The Methodist Church. The children of the Methodist church were entertained this afternoon at 2:30 with a Christmas tree which was laden with presents such as bring joy to youthful hearts.

Mrs. J. S. Landers has prepared an excellent musical program for the Christmas service tomorrow morning. It is given below:

- Anthem—O Come, All Ye Faithful... Solo—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Minetti)... Music for evening service: Cantata—Star of Promise... Ashford By Augmented Choir. 1. "Behold, for Zion's Sake" Soprano Solo and Chorus 2. "Oh, Come, Emmanuel" Contralto Solo and Chorus 3. "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Double Quartet and Soprano Obligato. 4. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Contralto Solo and Chorus 5. "Angel Serenade" Ladies' Quartet and Refrain Male Voices. 6. "Now, When Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem" Soprano Solo and Chorus 7. "The Radiant Star" Soprano Solo and Chorus 8. "Christmas Voices" Male Quartet and Semi Chorus 9. "Room for the Christ Child" Bartitone Solo 10. "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Tenor Solo and Chorus 11. "Star of a Thousand Years" Final Chorus

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OLYMPIA COMPANY BARGAINS FOR MAIN STREET BUILDING

If a deal that is now on is consummated the French restaurant building on Main street will be sold by Mrs. Hannah Lowell to the Olymont Realty company of Olympia, Wash., for the price of \$30,000. A trade has been agreed upon by the parties to the transaction and a substantial payment has already been made upon the property. Abstracts to the property are now being prepared and in all probability the transfer will be completed within a short time. Under the terms of the trade agreed upon, Mrs. Lowell, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lot Livermore, sells the French restaurant building, the ground upon which it stands and also the property in the rear of the building and reaching to Garden street. It is a 50 foot tract extending through the entire block from Main and Garden streets. It is regarded as a very desirable piece of property and the value of the Garden street frontage is enhanced by the fact that the federal building will be erected just across the street. The Olymont Realty company is a holding company for the Olympia Brewing company of Olympia. It is understood that the company purchased the property with a view to having Anton Nolte conduct a saloon in his old location in that building. Whether or not Mr. Nolte's failure to secure a license will affect the sale remains to be seen.

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"THREE R'S" WILL RECEIVE MORE CONSIDERATION IN OREGON

School teachers throughout the state of Oregon will be asked to emphasize the "three R's" during the next year, according to Superintendent Frank K. Welles, who, with his wife returned last night from Portland where he had been to attend a meeting of the county school superintendents. This was one of the three recommendations made by a committee of which Superintendent Welles was a member, the other two recommendations being that all school authorities continue their work for better health conditions in the schools and that they work for an improvement in country life. The other members of this committee were Superintendent-elect L. R. Alderman, chairman; Superintendent S. E. Notson of Morrow county, Superintendent Lincoln Savage of Josephine county, Superintendent R. P. Gohn of Lincoln county.