

THE fearful havoc, the result of the Canyon City fire, should cause the city of Heppner serious reflection. Our town is so situated, and a majority of its buildings of such inflammable material that unless we are constantly on our guard and thoroughly organized for an emergency, the future may have in store for us a conflagration equal to that of our neighboring city. It behooves our young fire department to spare no effort that will perfect them for skillful work when the issued requires it.

A NEWSPAPER whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more influence in attracting the attention to and building up a city or town than any other agency that could be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor will locate where there is an enterprising community. No power on earth is so strong to build up a town as a newspaper well patronized, and its power should be appreciated—Oregon Scout.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY is still receiving congratulations, by mail, from every section of the country on the endorsement given him and his administration—one of the most remarkable endorsements ever given to any president in the middle of his administration—by the voters of the country. The big head is an affliction unknown to him, but the president is naturally proud of the confidence in him, which the re-election of a republican majority of the house and the election of state legislatures, which insure a big republican majority in the senate, expressed, and anxious that his future policy in connection with our newly acquired territory and his recommendations to congress, shall be of such a nature as to merit a continuance of that confidence. If a conscientious desire to do the right thing for the country will enable him to do it, he will succeed.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY, who was one of our military commissioners charged with the duty of arranging for the evacuation of Porto Rico, is in Washington. He brought a full report of the work of himself and colleagues in Porto Rico, with him, and it is now in the hands of the president. He refuses to discuss any of the numerous sensational stories dealing with the relations, both personal and official, between himself and Admiral Sampson, but has expressed an ardent desire to get hold of the man who started the story that he was a democrat. He says that as a naval officer he has no politics other than his country and does not consider any other necessary; that his first and paramount duty is to the administration. Secretary Long has not decided what duty Admiral Schley will next be assigned to, but will endeavor to meet the admiral's wishes after conferring with him.

A SCOUNDRELLY TRICK.

How a Confidence Sharp Swindled an Aged Couple on Last Night's California Express

Friday morning's overland train on the "Short Line" brought to Portland an aged couple by the name of Davis; Mr. and Mrs. E. Davis, of Medford. The man is 82 years of age, his wife somewhat his junior.

They were enroute to the Southern Oregon home, after a happy visit to a married daughter in Kansas, and were contemplating their home-coming with a great deal of pleasure.

While strolling about Portland during the day, awaiting the departure of the evening overland, Mr. Davis was accosted by a fairly well dressed, pleasant spoken man, who asked: "Is not this Mr. E. Davis of Medford?"

"Yes, sir," responded the unsuspecting old gentleman.

The ice thus being successfully broken the young stranger went on to ask if Mr. Davis happened to be acquainted with Mr. Blank, of Medford, one of the leading citizens there, and on receiving an affirmative reply, said he was a nephew of Blank's and was going down there to live and engage in business with his uncle and would up by asking the Davises if they were going out on the evening train. Being assured that they were, the party separated with mutual expression of pleasure in the anticipated journey together; the stranger intimating that his sister and her two children would join him on the trip.

Evening came and in due season Mr. and Mrs. Davis were comfortably installed in one of the coaches of the South-bound express and quietly wondering if they were to enjoy the company of the young stranger, his sister and her two children. While they were speaking of the party, in they came, the young man making straight for the aged couple, to whom he told a sorrowful tale of baggage held up for want of ready money, though he had (and showed) plenty of checks wherewith to settle all possible expense, if he could but cash them, but being a stranger and away from endorsing friends, he could not get such a favor etc., etc., and so could not make the trip but just wait until he heard from uncle, Blank etc., etc. This mournful(?) story was accompanied by all the lugubrious signs necessary to make it effective, tears even figuring to eke out the desired impression.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, with the genuine honesty of long lives honestly lived, and in the warm kindness that possesses hearts inured to trouble and disappointment, opened their meagre purses and gave to the scoundrel \$60 the old gentleman furnishing \$40 and his gentle old wife the balance. The stranger hurried away to release his baggage (his sister having quietly disappeared in the meantime,) promising to return instantly and settle down for the night journey.

That he did not return, when the train got under head way, gave the old people the first clue to the outrage that had been imposed upon them, and they were very indignant and very sorrowful. A friend whom they met en route to the east side, promised to put the city police on the track of the confidence operator and it is hoped they may run him down.

The game is as old as the history of crime, and so is the kindness of decent human nature.

The old gentlemen suffered most, apparently, from the wrong done his wife, making light of his own loss, and reiterating his assurance that he "would work hard and make it all good to her even to the last cent."

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on E. J. Slocum, Druggist, and get a trial bottle free, regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or money refunded.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

BOISE, Nov. 16.—Horace Var fleet, of St. Anthony was shot and killed by F. J. McFarland while on elk hunting on Squirrel Creek in the Teton mountains Monday. The shooting was accidental. The men had sighted a band of elk, and crouching down, fired several shots together. Vanfleet suddenly jumped up excitedly crying, "I've got him. I've got him." McFarland, also excited, turned swinging his gun that way and by some means exploded, sending a ball through Vanfleet from shoulder to shoulder. A coroner's jury pronounced the shooting accidental. McFarland carried the victim of his fatal accident to camp in Squirrel Creek meadows. Both men were highly thought of at St. Anthony.

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—Miss Abbie H. Zaner, directress of nurses at Portland hospital, to-day received a dispatch from Surgeon-General Sterberg of the United States Army to proceed to Manila immediately with as many trained nurses as could be secured in Portland. Miss Zaner will leave for San Francisco tomorrow and will be accompanied by the following trained nurses: Miss Josephine Dunn, Miss Cecelia Earhart and Miss J. Lake. They will probably sail for Manila Friday.

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Nov. 17.—Thousands of people today witnessed the launching of the battleship Formidable. She is said to be the largest battleship in the world. A notable feature of the launch of the battleship was the entwining of the British and the American flags on the official stand.

LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 15.—John Collins, an employee of the O. R. & N. Company, who was fatally injured by a premature blast near Mebam yesterday, died at 6 o'clock this morning. He had been employed by the company for a long time, at one time being night watchman in the yards here. He was 52 years of age, and a native of Ireland. He was unmarried and had no relatives in this county.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 15.—Republican national headquarters, according to Secretary Dick, will be opened in Washington as soon as congress convenes and preparations for the campaign of 1900 will go forward rapidly.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—The court of session has informed the minister of colonies that it decided that Dreyfus be informed by telegraph of the revision of the proceedings commenced and that he prepare his defense.

SEATTLE, Nov. 15.—The steamer Centennial, which arrived from Hilo, today reported that the steamer Columbia bound from Honolulu to this port sank in the harbor of Hilo November 2nd. The Columbia opened seams when about 400 miles off the Hawaiian coast and put back to Hilo. She had a number of passengers on board but there were no casualties.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—Capt. Greenhill Palmer of the Wyoming light artillery committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the head. When Palmer's company sailed on the Newport for Manila he was left behind owing to his mental condition. This worried him considerably until his condition became worse, ending in suicide. He leaves a wife and two children.

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IONE NOTES.

From Justice of the Peace Haywood, who spent yesterday in our city we made note of the following items of interest:

New enterprises are being talked and Ione's prospects are bright.

Thursday night Hal Ely was held up by a thug, and relieved of \$54 at Douglas' M. M. Hunter, the hotel man, seems well pleased with his business experiment, and the town feels that he is the kind of a citizen a progressive community needs.

While the town is not overcrowded as was the case during the grain and wheat hauling season, those who come to town are here for business, which keeps the merchants busy.

Ione is going steadily ahead, a number of business men building neat homes in addition to the numerous business houses erected there during the spring and summer. Among those who have their homes under head way of construction are, Bert Woods, O. H. Colvin, Frank Ingleman and Mrs. Hale.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with a pain in the chest or side, or a lame back, give it a trial. You are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. For sale by Conser & Warren.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, it has pleased the supreme ruler of the Universe, to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Nancy Sloan.

Therefore, be it resolved, that Ruth Chapter No. 32 tenders its most heart felt sympathy to the immediate family of said deceased, realizing full well that in her death they have lost a kind and loving mother; Ruth Chapter, one of its most respected members; the community in which she lived, a noble woman and neighbor.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the lodge, and a copy handed to each of the Heppner papers for publication.

KATIE MORROW, HELEN M. WARREN, EFFIE GILLIAM, Committee.

Racklen's Arnetta Salve.

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Restore full, regular action of the bowels, do not irritate or inflame, but leave all the delicate digestive organism in perfect condition. Try them. 25 cents. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

THE BENEFIT CONCERT.

The Entertainment a Decided Success and Well Attended.

The GAZETTE tenders its readers an apology for failing to report the interesting features of the Benefit Concert, given at the opera house last week, whereby the amount of thirty-four dollars was realized, to apply to the indebtedness of the Christian church, for the removal of which Rev. Shelley is devoting considerable energy, and while he is unable to gain employment at a salary, has donated his professional compensation to help raise the debt.

Demoralization consequent upon the installation of new printers, necessitating attention to so many details, is responsible for the oversight.

We earnestly feel that local talent is entitled to all encouragement possible, as in an isolated city of the country we are dependent principally upon them for our entertainment.

While three interesting numbers of the programme were omitted, the packed audience was entertained in a most satisfactory manner. The instrumental duet, the first number on the programme by Miss Cora Hart and Mrs. Herbert Bartholomew, awakened the musical lovers to an appreciation of our local talent, which called forth applause from every part of the house.

Miss Margaret Elise Bartholomew, in her vocal piece accompanied by Miss Fay Bartholomew on the piano, made a decided "hit" with her sweet voice, and popular selections. Miss Julia Rose Hart came next on the programme with "The Bismarck" by Schumann. This being her first appearance in public since her return from the conservatory of music, her many friends were eagerly anxious to hear her, and it goes without saying that she came up to their expectation in its full sense, and a continued applause demanding a response from the accomplished lady, demonstrated their appreciation of classical music.

Miss Emma Arilla Welch in her quaint old songs was decidedly pleasing. Miss Eva Alberta Bryan held the audience's undivided attention, with a selected recitation, after which Miss Julia Hart rendered "Ballade" by Rhesabarger, in a manner the musical talent thoroughly appreciated, when the entertainment came to its conclusion with a solo, entitled "Just as the Sun Went Down," by Miss Elsie Irene Ayers, who simply carried the audience completely away with sweet musical voice. Professor Holbrook, as a substitute for a missing number, made a few impressive remarks on "Selfishness."

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