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BIRTHDAY SURPRISE ON J. C. MCGREW

A surprise birthday party was given J. C. McGrew at his residence on Gilbert Ave., Tuesday evening, by the members and friends of the M. E. Church of this place.

A beautiful birthday cake with 60 candles on it was presented him. After a delicious luncheon had been served a program of sacred music, reading by Miss Nellie Horner and a poem on Firs and the Fourth of July was recited by Mr. McGrew. Altogether a most enjoyable time was had. Those present were:

Hazel Smith, Albert Spearow, G. A. Jones, A. E. Mortrude, F. R. Williamson, O. B. Lent, Frank Wallace, R. A. Brown, G. W. Kimber, F. O. McGrew, E. L. Sells, S. R. Toon, Mattie Williamson, Florence Heald, Mrs. O. B. Lent, Alice Horner, Rubie Armstrong, Mrs. Gettings, Mrs. Wallace, M. E. Wilken, M. H. Lockwood, Berden Spearow, Mildred Brown, Mrs. E. L. McGrew, J. C. McGrew, George Jones, Mrs. W. McCoy, Mary Jones, Nellie Horner, Magdalena Mortrude, Mrs. S. R. Toon, W. Boyd Moore, Mrs. Nellie Woodworth, Mr. R. A. Brown, Mrs. J. W. Brock, Mrs. A. Spearow, Mrs. Geo. Kimber, Emma P. McGrew, Gracie Williamson, Seva Brown, Mrs. W. B. Moore, Mrs. J. E. Hawken, Delia Whitlock and Mrs. E. Sells.

SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Decision Day services will be held at the Baptist Church morning and evening of Sunday, February 4. Special music has been arranged for at both meetings. The chorus choir will render special selections, and in the morning there will be in addition music by a ladies' quartette, and in the evening by the male chorus. The Young People's Meeting will be at seven o'clock, and special music will be furnished for this part of the evening service. The pastor will speak in the morning on the theme: "A Man Caught in His Own Trap." In the evening the subject of the sermon will be: "Christ, the Water of Life." A cordial welcome to everyone.

J. M. NELSON, Pastor.

YOU CAN REGISTER IN LENTS, MR. VOTER

Attorney R. C. Groesbeck has been appointed a notary public and also registration officer for the following five precincts: Mount Scott No. 161; Lents No. 162 and 162½; Kelley Butte No. 163 and Woodstock No. 164. Roughly described the territory extends from the section line north of the Powell Valley Road to the Clackamas County line and from the Grays Crossing Road to the township line 4 miles east.

He will be ready Monday for registration. He will also keep the office open Monday and Thursday nights for the convenience of those who cannot register during the day. Voters are urged to register early.

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A Danger Averted

By JOSEPH C. CRANE

From my first meeting with Agnes Myrtle she showed a partiality for me. I was fancy free, but I did not fancy Miss Myrtle. Circumstances threw us together a great deal, but I never really made love to her. Nevertheless she persisted in assuming that there was more between us than a mere acquaintance or friendship. I should have scented danger. Indeed, I did at times realize that I was drifting into trouble, but the only way for me to break with her was to go to live in another place. This was scarcely practicable.

How long matters might have drifted between me and Agnes Myrtle and I not fallen in love with a girl whom I desired to make my wife I don't know. Agnes heard of my attention to the lady I admired, but she did not evince any jealousy. I became engaged, but still Miss Myrtle did not show any signs of making trouble for me. I was congratulating myself that she would be above envying me or was, after all, indifferent to my engagement when one day I received a telephone message from her saying that she was not feeling well and would like me to call upon her professionally.

I wished she had called in some one else. Indeed, I was surprised at her calling upon me after she had so often assumed that we were lovers and I had become engaged to another. Nevertheless I thought it better to make the visit. I found her becomingly dressed in negligee costume lying on a lounge. She told me that she needed a tonic, and I prescribed one that was perfectly harmless. She asked me what it was and when I told her said that she needed something stronger. She had once taken arsenic in small doses for the purpose of building up her strength and preferred that I should give her some compound of which arsenic formed a part.

Arsenic is a common medicine to give for tonic purposes, so I wrote just such a prescription as I had written many times before. Agnes took it, folded it carefully and put it in her corsage. Then she began to upbraid me with what she was pleased to call my treatment of her. I disavowed her charges, but as our talk proceeded I saw in her eye a vindictive look that frightened me. Then suddenly it flashed into my mind why she had asked for a prescription for a drug which was a deadly poison.

"Well," I said, rising, "it would not do for me, you feeling as you do, to treat you professionally. I must withdraw from doing so. I will trouble you for the prescription I have given you."

She hesitated for awhile, then threw off all disguise.

"I shall keep the prescription," she said.

"What for?"

"I decline to say."

What I feared was that she might change the infinitesimal quantity of arsenic I had prescribed to a quantity large enough to kill. This would be a sufficient ground on which to base against me a charge of an attempt to poison her, the motive being that I wished to get rid of one girl in order to be free to marry another. For a moment I lost my prudence.

"If you don't give me that prescription I shall take it from you by force," I said.

For reply she coolly pointed to an electric button in the wall within easy reach. If I attempted to possess myself of the prescription she could easily summon some one who would be a witness against me on another charge.

It was now evident that the only chance for me to get out of a scrape that would ruin me would be by duplicity. But for my life I saw no immediate method except to pretend to gradually see my relations with her in another light—to appear undecided and at last ready to give up my engagement and engage myself to her.

I sat down by her and began a more frightful string of lies than were ever told by the father of lies himself, the purport of which was that I really loved her, had always loved her and would never love another. The only possible reason for her believing me was that she wished to believe me.

"Why, then," she asked, "have you treated me so badly?"

"Because," I replied, "you are doomed. I do not believe in a match between two persons, one of whom has but a short time to live."

"? A short time to live?"

"Yes. You have a disease that will kill you within a few months."

She was very much frightened. She had a high opinion of my professional skill and considered me truthful.

"Can't you do anything for me?" she asked hastily.

"No."

"Are you sure?"

"Your disease has always been regarded as incurable, but a friend of mine has been experimenting to discover a serum for it and, I believe, claims to have found one. I will see him, and if he has been successful I will apply it in your case."

I turned to go. I did not dare to ask for the prescription I had given her, though I hoped to get possession of it in time. She called me back and handed it to me. Crumpling it in my hand, I said:

"Thank heaven! With that paper you could have ruined me, the girl I love and yourself. Now I defy you!"

STEAM PUMP FISHING.

It Was Rapid, but Disastrous, and France Stopped It.

One of the most singular fishing devices imaginable was discovered by accident in France. Though extremely simple, the system is revolutionary.

A pond on the farm of La Marquette, bordered by rocky shores, was drained one year by the aid of a steam pump. Each stroke of the piston drew up twenty-five gallons of water, and the pond was emptied in a few hours, and not only was the water drawn off, but all the fishes also were transferred to a new element.

This was a revolution. The owners of ponds in the neighborhood followed suit, and the proprietor of the pump made a specialty of this sort of work. He "let" one of his pumps, modified for the purpose. The peasants of the region called it "the fish pump." Each stroke of the piston brought up torrents of water, in which were fish and crawfish, together with mud and debris.

One pond of several acres was cleared of fish at an expense of 36 francs, or \$7.20. The process was ingenious, but as one cannot have his fish and eat it, too, and as such rapid consumption would have led to equally rapid extermination, the authorities stopped the practice.—Scientific American.

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WALK RIGHT IN

REPUBLICAN LEADERS TORTURED AND KILLED

Revenge by Revolutionists May Mean Series of Horrors Like Hankow and Nanking

Pekin.—Seizing 21 prominent Republican leaders at Mukden, imperialists subjected the prisoners to hideous tortures before finally putting them to death. Revolutionists have sworn retaliation, and the atrocities, it is feared here, will cause another series of horrors, such as were enacted at Hankow and Nanking. Imperialists threaten to continue the slaughter.

Reports reaching here from the north state that the imperial garrisons are preparing to join the rebel forces because they have received no money for their services. This news has thrown consternation into the ranks of the Manchus and the older princes have renewed their efforts to persuade the dowager empress to abdicate.

The armistice between the imperialists and revolutionaries, has been officially renewed.

The Chinese revolutionists have crushingly defeated the imperial force of 10,000 men commanded by General Chang Huan at Ku Cheng, in the province of Anhwei. Ku Cheng is a station on the Tien Tsin-Pukow Railroad about 125 miles north of Nanking.

HILL SEES BENEFIT

"Empire Builder" Lauds Northwest Pact.

St. Paul, Minn.—In a statement issued from the offices of the Northwest Development league, James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern railroad advocates the strengthening of the organization, co-operation of the northwest states and the establishment of a central colonization or immigration bureau to aid in the development and settling of the American northwest.

"The states of this league spend enough separately on immigration projects to bring in several times as many persons every year as they gain, but a considerable portion of it is devoted to enticing settlers from one of them to another," said Mr. Hill.

DARROW INDICTED AS JUROR BRIBER

Los Angeles.—Clarence S. Darrow, the noted union labor lawyer, and chief counsel for the McNamara, was charged with bribery in two indictments returned by the county grand jury, which for four weeks has been investigating allegations of corruption in connection with the trial jury in the McNamara dynamiting case. There are four counts in the two bills.

The maximum penalty that could be imposed upon Darrow for conviction on all counts is 30 years' imprisonment, and fines aggregating \$10,000. He is under \$20,000 bail.

"I was expecting to be indicted," said Darrow, "and I am prepared for it. All I'll say in regard to the indictments is this: I've repeatedly said that I know nothing about any attempts to bribe or influence a juror. I repeat that steadily. I confidently hope and expect to be acquitted."

ASYLUM HEAD ACCUSED

State Robbed by Napa Management, is Charged.

Sacramento, Cal.—Serious irregularities in the management of the state hospital for the insane at Napa are charged in a report to Governor Johnson. The report accuses Dr. Elmer E. Stone, the superintendent, who has tendered his resignation, with the embezzlement of \$1130, which, it is declared, Stone admitted taking. It is said that he gave a check for the amount, offering also a check for \$1800 to cover extravagant personal expenses, which the board of control refused to accept.

It is charged in the report that within four years the state paid \$12,000 for meat that was never delivered and for other supplies in proportion.

Northwestern's Head Denies Story.

Chicago.—Concerning the report sent out from Portland that the Chicago & Northwestern railroad was to be extended to the Pacific coast, President Gardner denies that the company is planning to extend from Lander, Wyo.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The establishment of a state rock quarry at some convenient point between Oregon City and New Era is contemplated.

Three restaurant proprietors at Astoria pleaded guilty to selling adulterated cream and milk, and were fined \$25 and costs.

Tests in wood preservation are being carried on under the direction of the forestry department of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Back pension amounting to \$600 and a regular widow's pension of \$12 a month has been awarded to Hannah Kelly of McMinnville.

It probably will be the latter part of February before the commission to revise the tax commission of the state holds another meeting.

After consultation with United States naval officials Governor West has issued orders with a view to a reorganization of the naval militia.

Representative Hawley has introduced a bill appropriating \$13,500 for the construction of a permanent highway within the Crater Lake national forest.

The state convention of the Oregon branch of the American Mining Congress will be held in Baker next June 6, 7, and 8, the date being changed from April.

The following fourth-class postmasters for Oregon have been appointed: Mrs. Etta Mullinix, Rockville, William B. Ross, Meacham; George E. Hartill, Melville.

Increases of capital stock were filed with the corporation department by the Lebanon State bank, from \$25,000 to \$35,000, and by the People's bank of Silverton, from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Definite announcement has been made that the Southern Pacific will begin at once construction of a railroad from Salem to Fir, to connect Salem and the Woodburn and Springfield branches.

The Union Fishermen's co-operative Packing company at Astoria at its annual meeting distributed \$60,600 among its fishermen, regardless of whether or not they were stockholders in the company.

The Point Adams lighthouse, an historic landmark, built in the year 1858, was destroyed by fire under orders of Lieutenant Colonel Stevens, commanding the coast defense at the mouth of the Columbia.

Railroad construction activity in the vicinity of Eugene has already attracted a good many settlers, and sales of farm lands, as well as city property, are more numerous than at any time during the last year.

The army board of engineers has made a favorable report on the Yaquina harbor improvement project. It will recommend a \$72,000 expenditure, 40 per cent to be paid by the government and 60 by the community.

The spelling contest in the public schools of Polk county for the month of January have been completed and the table reports show a great improvement of this common school study in all parts of the county.

An exhaustive memorandum of the election laws of Oregon compiled in pamphlet form has just been published under the direction of Secretary of State Olcott. The pamphlet may be obtained free of cost on application to the secretary at Salem.

The programme for the farmers' week course at the Oregon Agricultural college, which starts February 5, has just been published. It shows that during the week there will be a total of 103 lectures delivered by 25 members of the faculty and by four outside speakers.

Jake Fearn, the only living member of the Umpqua and Callpoo Indian tribes, claims title to 1480 acres of tribal lands allotted in 1888. Of this acreage 480 acres are in Lane county and 1000 acres in Yoncalla valley. If Fearn's claims are sustained the land will be put on the market at private sale.

Muddy water playing from the faucets at the state capitol aroused some of the state employes and officials to an investigation, which showed that the capitol is now being furnished by water supplied from Mill creek, or the penitentiary system. The Salem water pressure at times has been so low that it was deemed advisable to use the penitentiary supply to furnish a flow for fire protection.

Articles of incorporation for the Oregon Home Protective Association have been filed with the secretary of state. The articles show that there are about 20 incorporators, and evidence from the reading of the articles the association is formed for the purpose of promoting the "dry" campaign throughout the state during the coming summer, although this purpose is not given specifically in the articles.

Governor West has issued a Good Roads proclamation, designating the week beginning February 4 next as Good Roads week, and urging the people of the state to make a special study of highway work during that time in order to gain knowledge of the needs of the state in this respect and devising plans for the improvement of roads in all parts of Oregon, and crystallizing sentiment that may result in intelligent legislation providing for road work.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Two Bridges at Corvallis.

Corvallis.—Two bridges across the Willamette are included in the development programme of this section. The county court of Benton county has entered into a contract with the Coast Bridge company of Portland, for the metal structural material for a county bridge and will advertise for bids for piers and foundations in March. The Oregon Electric will build another bridge four blocks south of the county structure.

Jetty Work Begins Soon.

Florence.—A force of men is at work repairing the government scow, in preparation for the actual work on the jetty. Others are engaged in repairing for the use of W. T. Carroll, engineer, one of the buildings built several years ago, before the abandonment of the Sluslaw jetty by the government. Work is being done and piles driven for the new receiving wharf and tramway on the north side of the harbor.

Over 8000 Acres in Timber Deal.

Eugene.—Deeds were filed here transferring approximately 8000 acres of timber lands in the Sluslaw valley, carrying over 300,000,000 feet of timber, from a number of individual holders to the Wendling-Johnson Timber company, of San Francisco. The consideration will be in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

WATERUSERS MUST PAY

Request for Graduated Payments Rejected by Interior Department.

La Grande.—The prayer for graduated payments of water-right charges upon the Umatilla project seems to have availed nothing, inasmuch as the commissioner of the general land office has directed the local land office to notify every water user within the project, shown by the records of that office to be still owing any part of the water-right charges up to and including that of December 1, 1910, that payment must be made of such charges at the local land office before March 1, 1912, or appropriate action looking to the collection of the charges under the water-right contract—if the land is not included in an entry subject to the reclamation act—or the entry, if subject to said act, will be promptly cancelled without further notice.

Roundup Gets Old Stagecoach.

Pendleton.—The old "Erie Gondola," a world-famous stagecoach and one of the few really old-fashioned carriers in existence, is now en route from New Jersey to this city.

A message to this effect was received by President Taylor, of the Roundup Association, to which the coach was presented by Manager Edward Arlington, of the "101 Ranch."

Death Laid to Accident.

Yaquina.—Evidence surrounding the death of Miss Sarah Fitzpatrick, who was found shot through the heart at the Monterey hotel near Newport, shows that the young woman was alone when she met death.

There was no evidence of foul play, and it is believed by the family that she came to her death by accident.

34 MEASURES ON BALLOT

Electors at Next General Election Will Be Kept Busy.

Salem.—With the statement of Governor West that there will be at least seven or eight road measures to go on the ballot, with it being noised around that a plan is on foot among the members of the G. A. R. to initiate a bill to make February 12, Lincoln's birthday, a public holiday, with 11 measures already on file in the office of the secretary of state, and with the other measures now being circulated through petitions, or in the course of preparation, there are at least 34 measures which are actually in sight to be voted on by the electors at the next general election with a possibility of the number going to 40 or over.

In 1910 the voters were called upon to pass on the merits or demerits of 32 bills.

Parkison Files Brief in Appeal.

Salem.—The brief of H. J. Parkison in appeal to the supreme court from the decision of Judge Galloway of the Marion county circuit court, invalidating the referendum petition directed against the University of Oregon appropriations, has been filed.

104 Fail to Pass Test.

Albany.—One hundred and four of the 141 pupils who took the eighth-grade examinations in Linn county last week failed.