

EYES BADLY INJURED

Perry Hibbard Meets Painful Injury While Visiting Neighbor.

Almost crazed with pain and with his eyes blinded from the burning effects of lime and sulphur spray, Perry Hibbard was brought to the office of Dr. B. H. McCullough, Wednesday morning for treatment.

The accident responsible for Mr. Hibbard's condition occurred in the orchard of a neighbor, where spraying of fruit trees was in progress. In some manner the nozzle of the sprayer had become clogged, and the owner of the orchard was seeking the cause of the obstruction, when suddenly the stream of lime and sulphur solution burst forth with terrific force and struck Mr. Hibbard squarely in the face. The burning liquid filled both his eyes and scorched his nose and cheeks.

Mr. Hibbard was hurriedly brought into town and taken to the office of Dr. McCullough, where cocaine and soothing lotions were applied to ease the pain. The injured man was then placed in the Doctor's automobile and hurried to Salem to be placed under the care of Dr. A. B. Gillis, the well-known eye specialist.

An examination by Dr. Gillis disclosed the fact that the treatment administered by Dr. McCullough had saved Mr. Hibbard's sight, although it will be some time before the unfortunate man will be able to expose his eyes to the light. When Mr. Hibbard arrived in Dallas, the eyeballs were burned white, but the removal of the particles of lime and the application of soothing medicines did much to relieve the pain.

Mr. Hibbard will remain in Salem for several days, where he will be under the care of Dr. Gillis and a skilled nurse. His many friends will hope that his recovery will be rapid and that no permanent injury may result from the accident.

Improvements at Gail.

The lobby and parlor of the Hotel Gail have recently been repainted and equipped, giving both a cheerful and cozy appearance. Although the reputation of Dallas's leading hotel is already state wide, Mr. Thompson is constantly making it better.

L. D. Brown, Abstractor; Notary.

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See the 10-cent dishes at The Dallas Trade Company's store.

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The Observer wants the printing you are particular about.

Dr. Lowe, the sight specialist, will be in Hotel Gail next Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31.

Dr. Lowe, March 30 and 31.

FRAUD, SAYS McCOURT

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY SENDS WARNING TO SETTLERS.

Says Solicitation of Homeseekers to File on Railroad Lands Is Quasi-Bunco Game.

Government officers are investigating methods of certain attorneys who are accepting fees to locate prospective settlers on the Oregon & California railroad land grants now in litigation in the federal courts, says the Portland Journal. That it is a scheme for the wholesale defrauding of cautious investors is the opinion of the United States district attorney and the officers of the local land office.

Thousands of circulars have been sent to eastern people. It is said that one circular out of every 100 has brought a response. Fees have been assessed in amounts from \$15 to \$100. At this rate, it is said, the business has bid fair to become immensely profitable, while to the same proportion dis-illusioned investors have been putting "black eye" on legitimate advertisements of Oregon opportunities.

"It's Fraud," Says McCourt.

Concerning the practice, United States District Attorney McCourt said yesterday:

"It is fraud pure and simple, but just inside the law. Showing the proportion reached by the practice I will say that I have answered more than 1,000 persons who asked if the scheme was all right. To each inquirer I said as vigorously as I could, 'No.' The government has not finished with the investigation."

\$2.50 Per Acre.

"Over 40 years ago the government granted to the Oregon Railroad company, later reorganized under the name of the Oregon & California Railroad company, the odd numbered sections of land for 20 miles on each side of its line, to aid in the building of its railroad from Portland, Oregon, to San Francisco, California."

"Conditions embodied in this large grant from the government demanded that the grantees, or its assigns, should sell these lands to actual settlers for \$2.50 per acre, and not to exceed one quarter section (160 acres) to any one person. As there were about 5,000,000 acres granted, it would produce about \$12,500,000 at the price named. As the line (now operated by the Southern Pacific railroad) runs through the fertile valley of the Willamette river, the grant included fine agricultural lands and heavy timber."

"For many years the railroad company complied with the agreement and sold lands by the quarter section, but as the adjacent territory was settled and developed, the demands to buy increased and values raised so that the railroad began to advance its price to \$5 and upwards as high as \$10 per acre, and also to sell in large tracts to corporations and investors, thus legally violating the contract with the government, which it had ratified and accepted."

Government Started Suit.

"Thus the government holds the railroad has forfeited at least the 1,300,000 acres remaining unsold (and which for 10 years past they have refused to sell at any price) and that these unsold lands must be sold by them or by a receiver at the grant price of \$2.50 an acre, and only 160 acres to any person, and suit was begun last year by the government to enforce this in the United States circuit court in Portland, Oregon."

"It is also clearly established that applicants who have properly filed their applications through attorneys, and demanded deeds from the railroad company at the stipulated price and tendered money in payment thereof, must be deemed the lands they have applied for, if the government interests, which are also the public interests, prevail in this suit."

"The application fee which includes the attorney's services and attention to recording all things in Oregon is \$75 per application. Some of the most

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Elizabeth Howell is visiting friends in Salem.

S. M. Gurney, of Falls City, visited in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. C. R. Cochran, of Falls City, is visiting friends in Dallas.

Mrs. W. D. Gilliam, of Gilliam siding, was in town Wednesday.

Sheriff J. M. Grant was a business visitor in Salem, Wednesday.

Glenn O. Holman was a business visitor in Portland this week.

Miss Lela Reese, of Falls City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. McCulloch.

G. D. Treat, of Falls City merchant, was in Dallas, Wednesday, on business.

County Clerk E. M. Smith made a business trip to Falls City yesterday.

J. P. Byers came down from Falls City, Wednesday, for a few days' visit with his family.

Miss May Shelton and Miss Nora Robertson were visitors in Portland, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Walter F. Nichols, assistant cashier of the Bank of Falls City, was a county seat visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Blessing and little daughter, of Salem, visited relatives in Dallas this week.

Dr. D. D. Young has opened an office in Monmouth and will practice in that town a few days each week.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. C. Bressie, who were married in Falls City this week, were visitors in Dallas yesterday.

H. Y. Kirkpatrick, publisher of the Lebanon Express, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday.

Mitchell Butler and family moved to Newport, Monday. Mr. Butler will take charge of a store in that city.

The Rev. Richey, pastor of the Christian church of Newberg, was in Dallas, Wednesday, visiting friends.

John Chappell, of Portland, spent a few hours in Dallas, Tuesday, while on his way to his home in Falls City.

David Hall and L. M. Grames, of Falls City, stopped off in Dallas a few hours yesterday on their way to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Staats drove down from Alirle yesterday and spent a few hours shopping and visiting friends.

J. Bagley, of Luckiamute, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday. He reports the farmers all busy in his neighborhood.

Samuel Gibson returned Wednesday, from Aberdeen, Washington, where he has been spending a few days visiting with his parents.

Ralph Savary, a progressive farmer and horse breeder of the Salt Creek neighborhood, was in Dallas on a business errand yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Holman, of Portland, came in Wednesday for a few days' visit with Mrs. Holman's grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Harris.

Rev. Abbott, State Sunday School Missionary, preached in the M. E. Church in Dallas last Sunday morning to a large and appreciative audience.

Mrs. Julia Connaway, of Portland, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Anna Coad. Mrs. Coad's sister, Mrs. J. R. Cooper, is also here from Independence.

Jasper Coad is critically ill at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna Coad, in this city. His sister, Mrs. J. B. Stump, is here from Monmouth to be at his bedside.

Mrs. Cora McCallister and daughter, Mrs. Edith Rowland, arrived from northern Washington this week and are looking after their property interests in this city.

C. C. Kays and George Skeels were in Dallas, Wednesday, superintending the work of dismantling the old Spaulding sawmill. Two cars of machinery are now ready for shipment.

The Rev. A. C. Brackenbury, a former pastor of the Dallas Methodist Episcopal Church, came up from McMinnville yesterday. Mr. Brackenbury has almost entirely recovered from his recent severe illness and is once more attending to his duties as pastor of the church in McMinnville, where he has been stationed for the last three years. He will return to McMinnville today.

LAURANT IS COMING

Famous Magician Will Appear in Dallas Next Thursday Night.

Holders of tickets in the College lyceum course are anxiously looking forward to the entertainment to be given by Laurant, the Magician, in Woodman Hall next Thursday night. This will be the last number of the course and will doubtless prove to be the strongest attraction of the season.

Laurant is known as the Man of Many Mysteries and presents new and original creations in magic and illusions. He has appeared before and delighted the most cultured audiences on the best lyceum courses in the United States. He carries all of his own curtains, draperies and hangings, and the apparatus and paraphernalia used by him is of the very best.

Remember his date in Dallas, March 31. Reserved seats will be on sale at the usual place.

Will Organize Loss.

Failing to agree as to the amount of loss occasioned by the recent fire in Falls City, W. L. Toose and the companies in which his store was insured will submit the matter to a board of arbitration. Mr. Toose has chosen R. E. Williams as an appraiser, and Mr. Bird, of Portland, has been selected by the insurance companies. These two will select a third appraiser and the amount of loss will be determined by the three.

Lieutenant Staffin Takes Command.

Conrad Staffin has received from Colonel Yerxa his orders to duty in Company H, Oregon National Guard, and is now in command of the company. Captain Bollman being absent in New York. Last night was his first experience as commanding officer and it was interesting to see him put the boys through their movements.

Call for County Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that all outstanding Polk County warrants will be paid upon presentation at my office. Dated at my office this 25th day of March, 1916.

ED. C. DENN, County Treasurer.

T man bought land on Bear creek, Wallawa county, two years ago at \$20 an acre; sold it last week for \$100 an acre.

MEETINGS NEAR CLOSE

Evangelist Reed Will Preach Last Sermon in Dallas, Sunday.

The meetings now in progress under the direction of Evangelist Reed will close next Sunday night. A few special services are planned, and special attention is called to them.

The first of these special meetings is a big gathering together of all the children and young people in the tabernacle this afternoon at 4:30. All parents are urged to send or bring their children. Mr. Reed will have a message for them and Mr. Grant will sing.

Sunday will be the closing day. All the churches will hold their regular Sunday School services as usual. At 11 o'clock, the congregations will unite in the tabernacle. In the afternoon, two special services will be held—a meeting for the women in the Evangelical Church, conducted by Miss Kemper, and another men's meeting in the tabernacle under the leadership of Mr. Reed and Mr. Grant. The special services last Sunday were a great inspiration to the large number attending them, and an equal or greater message is expected this coming Sunday.

Sunday night will be the closing service. Every man or woman in Dallas who has not heard these workers should attend one or more of these services and leave with hundreds of others in thanking Mr. Reed and his co-workers for the good they have done for Dallas.

LONG ILLNESS ENDED

H. H. Jaspersen Dies at His Home in Independence.

H. H. Jaspersen, a well-known business man of Independence, died at his home in that city Tuesday, March 22, 1916, after a long illness. While he had only been confined to his bed a few days, Mr. Jaspersen had been afflicted for many years with Bright's disease.

Mr. Jaspersen was a native of Denmark, and was 68 years old. He came to Oregon about twenty years ago and lived for a time at Falls City, afterwards moving to Independence, where he engaged in the undertaking business and followed that occupation until a few weeks ago, when failing health caused him to sell his establishment and retire from business. Mr. Jaspersen left a wife and four children.

The funeral services will be held under the auspices of the Masonic order at 2 o'clock this afternoon and burial will take place in the Odd Fellows' cemetery south of Independence.

Plaster Threshing Outfit.

Ed. Plaster has purchased from the Adams-Brosch Company an Autum & Taylor separator and a 20-horse International gasoline traction engine. The separator is of the most modern construction, being equipped with a self feeder, self stacker and self weigher. The feeder is so built that only a given amount of straw can be fed into the cylinder, while a uniform speed is maintained at all times. Mr. Plaster is justly proud of his new outfit.

Professor Metzger Ill.

Professor D. M. Metzger, of Dallas College, has been seriously ill at his home for several days from an abscess near the base of the brain. He was reported slightly improved yesterday afternoon and hopes are entertained for his speedy recovery.

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Ladies' \$3.50 " 2.69

Ladies' 2.50 " 1.85

Big special in all our shoes.

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Men's \$1.25 " " " 98c

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Executive's Final Notice.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the undersigned Executrix of the estate of William F. Muscott, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate with the County Court for Polk County, Oregon, and the same has been set for hearing on Saturday, April 9th, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at which time all persons interested are hereby notified to appear and make objection thereto, if any objections they have, why said account should not be in all things approved, the administration finally closed, the Executrix discharged and her bondsmen exonerated.

Dated at Dallas, in said County and State this 7th day of March, 1916. MARGARET MUSCOTT, Executrix of the estate of William F. Muscott, deceased. R. Sibley & Eakin, Attorneys.

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