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BAD ACCIDENT.

Boy's Eyes Nearly Put Out by Powder Explosion.

Sunday afternoon the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davidson, of Parker, "wanted to make a noise" and so proceeded to do it by a gunpowder explosion. He first secured a graphite box, filled it with powder, placed a fire-cracker fuse in it, and proceeded to touch it off by a match. In some manner the powder was lighted and the full force of the explosion lodged in the boy's eyes. The eyebrows, eyelashes, and even the hair was burned away instantly as cleanly as though they had been shaven. The eyeballs were frightfully burned. Medical assistance was hastily summoned and after examination the boy was taken to the Salem hospital, where he will be treated by Dr. Gillie. The young man can now distinguish light from darkness and the outlines of objects. The attending specialist does not expect a loss of sight, though they will probably be im-

OIL DEVELOPMENT.

Work Will Begin in Earnest in About One Month.

O. L. Chapel, the oil expert, who has been prospecting in this vicinity for several months, was in the city this week endeavoring to interest Independence people in his proposition to subscribe stock. He had been in Dallas and Monmouth and reported the people there very enthusiastic over the prospects.

Mr. Chapel informs us that the best prospects for oil and coal he has found in the state is on the Holmes' place, not far from Perrydale. He says he never felt more confident that oil would be found in any district during his fifteen years of experience as he does there. The prospects are identical to those of West Virginia, where the oil industry is carried on gigantic scales. He thinks he will be supplied with sufficient funds to commence boring for oil in about thirty days, and within a few days after that he will have demonstrated whether oil is present or just a mere supposition. He thinks it will not be necessary to bore deeper than 2,000 feet before good oil is produced. In fact, he predicts a great oil excitement here within two months.

Death of Arthur H. Hampton.

Last Thursday, August 8th, Arthur H. Hampton, son of D. M. Hampton, of Monmouth, died at the hospital at The Dalles from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. Friday his remains were brought by train to this city and taken to Monmouth, where his parents reside. The funeral services were conducted by Hon. H. B. Mulkey and the remains interred in the K. of P. cemetery.

Deceased was a graduate of the 9th grade in the Monmouth Training school and was highly respected by all who knew him. His age was 15 years, 7 months and 27 days.

Horst Bros. Fall.

Announcement comes from Lon-

don that Horst Bros., who have been extensive dealers in hops and hop lands in Marion and Polk counties for the past ten years, have gone into voluntary liquidation and are winding up their affairs through chancery, Louis A. Horst having been appointed receiver for England and Emil C. Horst for the United States and Canada.

An interesting fact in connection with the announcement is that August 5 mortgages or trust deeds were filed in this county and Polk securing the payment of \$125,000 and covering some 1200 acres of land in these two counties. The trust deed for Marion county was for the consideration of \$38,703.19, with E. Clemens Horst, of San Francisco, party of the first part; G. Howard Thompson and James Rolph, of the second part, and the Bank of California party of the third part.—Telegram.

Smallpox in Marion County.

A few cases of smallpox have been reported at Howell, in the families of F. T. Ott and Fred Kampf. The former is postmaster and merchant and as his family resides just back of the rooms occupied by the store, his stock of goods will be lost by the contagion. There are two cases in this family. The family of Mr. Kampf visited at Mr. Ott's since they were ill, but it was believed, at that time that the disease was chickenpox in a light form. The places are four miles apart and are the only cases of the disease known in the county, and there is no likelihood of its spreading as yellow flags have been raised and the inmates have promised to stay inside. They have direct telephone communication with Salem and also with Dr. Brooks, who has said that he will see that they need for nothing. There is no law in the state to establish a quarantine for such diseases in the rural districts, and in this case there does not seem to be any particular need of a guard being appointed.—Salem Journal.

Oregon Blankets For Indians.

Chief Johnson, the most prominent Indian in Alaska, and a ruler over 7000 of his tribesmen, made his annual visit to Salem yesterday, to buy his winter stock of blankets and woolen goods at the Salem woolen mills. Chief Johnson is a merchant, and operates large stores at Juneau and Dyea, and supplies the smaller Indian chief with the goods they require. His purchase yesterday was principally blankets. He left by the afternoon train for Portland, going thence for Seattle, and expects to sail for home in a few days. He is an interesting figure and wields a great influence among the Southeast Alaskan Indians, where he is looked up to as a leading judge.—Statesman.

DIED.

SCRAFFORD—At the family residence just below town, on Tuesday, August 13, 1901, at the age of 47 years, 2 months and 7 days, of scarlet fever and heart trouble. The remains were interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, August 15.

GRAND EXCURSION.

Large Crowd Here Sunday and All Were Satisfied.

The excursion given by the Knights and Ladies of Security, from Portland to Independence Sunday brought about six hundred people from Portland, and there was easily that number from the adjoining country. The Monmouth band was at the depot to greet them with music and the visitors seemed to have a good time. The crowd was very orderly.

Court House Notes.

Dallas Observer.

PROBATE MATTERS.

Estate of Nancy S. Parker, deceased—petition of Cleveland R. Parker to be appointed administrator filed. Ordered that when he files an approved undertaking in the sum of \$2000 that petition be granted.

Estate of E F Hosford, deceased—final account filed and ordered set for hearing Saturday, September 7, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Estate of Daniel Vanbuskirk, deceased—report of sale of real property presented and confirmed and executor ordered to make deed.

Guardianship of Claude C and Lulu A Dempsey, minors—petition to sell real property filed and ordered that same be set for hearing on Monday, September 2, 1901, at 1 o'clock P. M. and that citation issue.

Estate of Richard Emms, deceased—petition to sell real property granted.

Estate of Wm. Savage, deceased—final receipts filed; ordered that executor be discharged and his bondsmen exonerated.

Estate of Daniel Rundle, deceased—final account approved. Ordered that the share of George Rundle, an heir, be paid over to county clerk until same shall be called for, and upon receipts of other heirs being filed, administrator be discharged and bondsmen exonerated.

Estate of Benjamin Thorpe, deceased—report of sale of real property confirmed and administrator ordered to make deed.

Estate of Abigail Ball, deceased—objections of heirs to the sale of real property and the demurrer of petitioner thereto heard and demurrer over-ruled and petitioner given until September 2, 1901, at 1 o'clock P. M. to answer said objections. Ordered that U S Loughary be appointed guardian ad-litem of Thos. Bowman, a minor and heir of said estate.

Estate of T S Jeffries, deceased—final account heard and approved and ordered that administration be closed and bondsmen discharged.

Estate of Nancy S Parker, deceased—bond filed and approved; James Helmick, W P Bradley and M Tillery appointed appraisers.

Guardianship of Claude C and Melvin Settlemeir, minors—report of sale confirmed.

Estate of Wm. Mason, deceased—report of sale of real property confirmed.

Estate of Elmer E Harritt, de-

ceased—report of sale of real property approved.

Estate of Benjamin Thorpe, deceased—report of sale confirmed.

CLAIMS ALLOWED.

Ivie Bros, road supplies	\$ 2 70
Glass & Prudhomme, stationery	8 50
C G Coad, stamps, etc	10 60
F H Marsh, roads, bridges	38 83
Western Clay Mfg Co, road acct	16 85
H Wood, viewer	3 20
Geo Stuckey, well work	1 50
T P Bevens, viewer	3 00
Montgomery & Milligan road acct	4 33
Glass & Prudhomme, rubber stamps	50
Glass & Prudhomme, books and stationery	50 00
C G Coad, stamped envelopes	42 40
J D Irvine, pauper acct	2 50
Rowell Bros, lumber	9 80
G W Chapman, road work	88 12
M O Morrow, gravel	7 02
Mill Creek Lumber Co., lumber	11 28
W T Haley, road work	10 00
J E Sibley, salary	67 65
J G VanOrsdel, taxes 1899 (specials)	117 80
J G VanOrsdel, taxes 1899 (county and state)	369 66
Hoskins Lumber Co., lumber	10 98
J T Ford, salary	50 00
Belt & Cherrington, pens	1 50
J J Wiseman, supplies	15 75
D J Riley, lights	15 00
West Side, printing	1 80
E W Cooper, pauper acct	13 00
C M Tetherow, viewer	3 60
Martin Bros, lumber	9 92
D G Meador, pauper acct	8 00
Observer, printing	22 15
W F Nichols, salary	50 00
Charter Oak Mill Co, lumber	7 50
L E Braley, bridge work	411 00
L E Braley, bridge work	145 50
Mrs Anna Huntley, pauper acct	14 75
U S Loughary, salary and expense	137 18
A N Holman, coroner inquest	4 40
J G VanOrsdel, salary	139 38
Tracy Staats, salary	65 00
Mrs F E Myer, salary	46 00
F E Myer, salary	81 00
E V Dalton, salary	63 25
Milo Woods, salary	40 00
Milo Woods, moving wood	5 75
J J Fiddler, pauper acct	6 40
Jack Waggoner, road and bridge	4 50
C L Starr, salary and expense	87 83
W H Martin, scalp bounty	2 00
Thurston Lumber Co, lumber	81 36
Dial Tate, road acct	31 00

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John A L Duncan et al to N E Duncan, 21.86 acres in sec 30, t 9 s, r 6 w, \$3328.

C B Lafollett et ux to E M and F B Martin, 320 91 acres, sec 20, t 6 s, r 7 w, \$1000.

J S Montgomery et ux to W L Gibson, lot 6, block M, Falls City, \$1.

The desks used by the first legislative body of Oregon were made by J. B. Riley, present proprietor of Dayton hotel. The desks were made by Mr. Riley in Oregon City, while a resident of that place.

MORE IN DETAIL.

Death of A. J. Mosher, of Riverside.

Last week the ENTERPRISE gave a brief account of the accident to A. J. Mosher, who died from the results. The Riverside correspondent gives a more elaborate account as follows:

A terrible accident occurred about four o'clock P. M. in our midst yesterday, which resulted in the death of our neighbor, Mr. Abram J. Mosher.

Mr. Mosher was engaged in hauling rails to build a fence along the road about half a mile below the Mineral Springs on the Dennis place. The men at work on the fence were burning the brush and logs along the roadside. An alder stub about twenty feet high stood near the road and had been on fire for some time, about three feet of the top being nearly burned off. Mr. Mosher's attention had been called to the condition of the stub, but he thought it would not fall for some time. He threw part of his load off and stepped in front of his team. At that moment the top of the stub fell, striking him on the forehead, knocking him down and covering his clothes with burning coals. Mr. Smith, the owner of the place, and Mr. O. Butler, were standing near talking. They ran to his assistance, dragged him out of the fire, got water out of the creek near by and bathed his head and face. He was unconscious and did not realize how badly he was hurt. They put him in Mr. Butler's hack and took him to his home nearly a mile away. Dr. Butler, of Independence, was hastily summoned, but Mr. Mosher had passed away shortly after being carried into the house.

Abram J. Mosher was born February 4, 1835, in the state of New York. In 1857 he moved to Michigan and was married in 1865 to Miss Clara Shaff and moved to Missouri. He came to Oregon in 1886 and settled near Silverton, Marion county. He moved into this neighborhood in 1891.

Deceased was a member of Co. H., 6th Michigan Infantry, and served four years in the Civil war. He became a member of the M. E. church in 1865. On coming to Oregon he joined the United Brethren church at Abiqua, Marion county. He leaves an invalid wife and two sons and one daughter, C. N. Mosher, of Oregon City, John Mosher, of Portland, and Miss Bertha Mosher, of Salem. Two brothers survive—Rev. John Mosher, of Silverton, Oregon, and C. S. Mosher, of Battle Creek, Mich.

The body was laid to rest Thursday in the Silverton cemetery by the side of a son who was drowned several years ago.

Threshing in Full Blast.

Binding was finished the latter part of last week and threshing commenced in earnest Monday. By the middle of the week every thresher in this vicinity was running, and grain commenced pouring in. The best crop for ten years is being harvested. Give us the prices again and the Willamette valley will be without a rival.