

BANKER TRASK MEETS DEATH IN TRAIN COLLISION

New York, Dec. 31.—Spencer Trask, one of New York's best known bankers, met his death today in a rear-end collision on the New York Central Railroad at Croton in which one other passenger was seriously hurt and several badly shaken up and bruised. The details so far received, indicate that Trask and the other victims were in the rear sleeper of the second section of the Montreal Express. The express had come to a halt in response to a signal, according to information received by railroad officials, and was standing still when a freight train crashed into it, telescoping the sleeper and inflicting some damage on the next car ahead.

None of the passengers in forward cars were severely hurt, although everyone on the train was badly shaken up. The porter of the sleeping car was badly hurt.

Further details.

Trask occupied a compartment at the extreme rear end of the train and was dressing when the crash came. When his torn body was removed from the wreckage, it was found he had partially dressed himself. The express had been stopped by a block signal and why the freight train in behind it was not stopped has not been explained.

The freight train with such force that it demolished the rear end of the sleeper and telescoped it with the sleeper ahead. Many of the occupants of the five sleepers had not fully dressed and they were thrown half clad into the snow banks.

The passengers on the Montreal express say that when the passenger train stopped, a brakeman did not go back to display the danger signal. The weather was clear and the company reports that the block signal was working perfectly.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN PAST 12 MONTHS INCREASE 534 MILES OVER 1908 IS YEAR'S RECORD, WITH NORTHWEST LEADING

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The railroads of the United States constructed a total of 3784 miles of new lines in the present year, which is an increase of 534 miles when compared with the year previous. With the exception of 1908, the present year has proved the highest 12-months period, so far as new railroad construction is concerned, in eight years. Most of the mileage was constructed into new territory. A large portion of the new construction was in the Pacific Northwest, where the Harriman, the Hill and the St. Paul interests engaged in competition for new territory.

JACKSON'S OLDEST PIONEER IS DEAD

Medford, Or., Dec. 31.—Silas J. Day, the oldest pioneer of Jackson county, died early this morning at his home in Jacksonville, where he had resided since 1849. He was one of the first to reach that place after the discovery of gold.

Judge Day was perhaps the best known of Southern Oregon pioneers. He is survived by a daughter only, who is at present in Colorado for her health. He was 84 years of age.

BAPTISTS HAVE BEST YEAR IN THEIR HISTORY

Reports from various departments of the work in the Baptist church, made last night at the annual meeting of the church, indicated that the year 1909 has been the best year in the history of the organization and the new year presents a most hopeful outlook.

The reports showed that all current expenses were met and an increase of 50 per cent was reported in money raised for benevolences. The membership of the church is now 470. All departments are doing good work and a Baptist Brotherhood was organized during the year. The pastor's salary was raised during the year \$100 per year.

After the officers were elected last night 250 members sat down to the annual supper prepared by the ladies of the church.

The Officers.

Officers for 1910 were elected as follows: church clerk, Ed Platts; treasurer, C. P. Devereaux; trustees, M. H. Harlow, M. P. Mitchell, C. P. Devereaux. Deacons, B. F. Dorris, Anderson Harlow, A. H. Smock, C. W. Converse, J. W. Ford, E. E. DeCout, T. N. Plank, J. T. Baker; Deacons, Mrs. P. T. Devereaux, Mrs. G. W. Kinsey, Mrs. M. D. Bissell, Mrs. T. N. Plank; Women's Union, Mrs. W. P. Boynton; B. Y. P. U., Oliver Needham; Baptist Brotherhood, Dr. O. W. Southworth; head usher, C. S. Frank; fluence bearer, M. H. Harlow, C. P. Devereaux, J. Mitchell, E. E. DeCout, T. N. Plank, J. T. Baker, C. Frank, A. Needham, W. P. Boynton, A. W. Baker, J. W. Ford, Percy Conness, Dr. E. J. Fletcher, Dr. C. W. Southworth, C. W. Converse; music committee, C. P. Devereaux, Ira Manville, Ethel Kinsey.

ALDERMAN CHOICE FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—The teachers of Oregon have chosen L. R. Alderman for state superintendent. March 19 of this year, Charles H. Jones, editor of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly, sent out circular letters to each of the county superintendents, asking them to nominate candidates for state school superintendent. The superintendents responded generally and the following candidates were named: L. R. Alderman, of Eugene; E. D. Ressler, of Corvallis; A. J. Churchill, of Baker City; R. F. Robinson, of Portland, and P. L. Campbell, of Eugene. Mr. Jones took three candidates as a basis for a "straw vote," and in the January number of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly, will make the following announcement:

"The Oregon Teachers' Monthly's straw vote contest for state school superintendent closed December 25. Altogether 1609 votes were cast and each county in the state was represented except Curry and Lake. The votes were fairly well distributed and the following are the results obtained: L. R. Alderman, 916; E. D. Ressler, 218; R. F. Robinson, 182; P. L. Campbell, 139; A. J. Churchill, 101; Scattering, 53. The candidates in no way have taken any special interest in the matter. So far as we know, no solicitation or pressure by them has been brought to bear upon any of the teachers. The candidates were all well known to the teachers."

L. R. Alderman, associate professor of education in the University of Oregon, who wins the straw vote contest by the teachers of the state, received over four times as many votes as his nearest competitor. The present superintendent, J. H. Ackerman, who will have had twelve years of successful work in the office, is not a candidate for reelection.

A Native Son.

Mr. Alderman was born in Yamhill county 37 years ago of a pioneer family. He attended the Dayton public school and later was a student at McMinnville college. While there he represented his college in the first intercollegiate football game in the history of Oregon in the fall of 1895 and graduated in June, 1898, with an A. B. degree. He was a hard student, an able debater and was honored by being president of the student body.

After graduating he taught school in Halsey and Brownsville, in Linn county, and was then elected vice principal of the schools of McMinnville. Next year he was elected principal, which position he held for three years.

In 1904 he was elected superintendent of the schools for Yamhill county. While in this position he started the school fair, to bring the schools and homes closer together. Under his leadership 1500 children had home gardens and over 500 girls made bread every Saturday under the instruction of their mothers.

Came to Eugene in 1907.

In the spring of 1907 Mr. Alderman was elected superintendent of the city schools of Eugene. While in this position he started many kinds of industrial work, and also got the co-operation of his teachers, pupils and parents, so that the school board raised his salary and offered him a three-year contract, but two state schools offered him a position. He accepted the position he now holds in the state university.

He is a man of vigorous health and has a strong personality and broad sympathies.

NORTH YAKIMA VOTES FOR SALOONS

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 30.—In an election characterized by a heavy vote and intense interest, North Yakima voted to remain in the "wet" column today by a majority of 270. The prohibition forces failed to carry a single precinct in the city and it was evidenced that the result represented the true sentiment of the city by the fact that out of 2600 electors registered, 2540 cast their votes. Though the police were on hand to see that there was no disorder, their presence was not needed, as there was not the slightest attempt at roughness or rowdiness.

The election terminated a long and bitter campaign, started before the city primary fight was on, and later curiously intermingled with local politics. In the wind-up of the struggle today the "wets" pressed into service every automobile in the city, while the "drys" made free use of hacks, and further increased their efforts at the polls by having women mingle with the crowds, bearing banners urging the men to vote for no license.

REV. DR. BROUGHER TO LOS ANGELES

Portland, Dec. 31.—Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of the White Temple, Wednesday night presented his resignation as pastor of the Portland church to the prudential committee, which met in special session, to consider the subject of his change to the pastorate of the Temple Baptist church at Los Angeles.

Every member of the committee was opposed to Dr. Brougher's resignation, but the pastor declared that his decision was final, and the committee voted to present the subject to the church for action tonight. If the church accepts the resignation, it is understood that Dr. Brougher will accept the call to the Los Angeles church.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' Association is shipping cold storage apples to different points. A car had went to Pocatello, Idaho, a few days ago.

ANOTHER GOULD FIGURES IN COURTS

Actress Sues Frank J. for Alleged Breach of Promise

New York, Dec. 29.—The charge that Frank J. Gould actually promised to marry Bessie de Voe, the stage dancer who has brought suit to recover \$250,000 from the millionaire on alleged breach of promise, is substantiated, according to the actress' attorney today, who offered the following letter, declared to have been written by Gould to Miss de Voe, as evidence:

"34 Fifth avenue, Wednesday evening, January 13, 1909.

"My dear Bessie: I spent an hour with Mr. Nichols this afternoon. He has made fairly good progress. Plans are almost made so that 'someone' will go to Nevada, and then the degree would be granted by October next. Of course nothing definite has been agreed to, but everything looks as though at least the beginning of the end were approaching. I feel quite happy this evening, notwithstanding a very bad cold and the pain in my back. Does this agreement on some plan please you? If you only know how I look forward to the time when I am free, and later on more so when we are married.

"Yours, my dearest, with love and kisses, Your Frank."

On March 16 the attorneys stated Gould began to count the days that intervened before September 4th, which the actress declared was the date set for their wedding. On that day this message is alleged to have been sent to the dancer:

"My own dear Bessie: As soon as you left I again felt so lonely and would be glad to see you again. Mrs. Slayback thinks that you are immature, and so does Mr. (that's Will). Am going to figure out the number of days that will intervene between today—Can you guess? Frank."

Gould told Miss de Voe the result of his figuring the next day, according to another letter made public, purporting to be from the millionaire's pen:

"334 Fifth avenue, Tuesday, March 16, 1909.

Dearest Bessie: I may be over as soon as this is received by you, but want so much to write you these few lines. Oh think—one day less! There are now at the most 198! Doesn't that seem big enough? It does to me. The opera was fine last night. Will see you soon. Will give you my love and kisses in person. Yours, dearest girl, Frank."

WAIVES EXAMINATION, BOUND OVER TO COURT

Elmer Ray Decides That He Does Not Want Examination and Is in Jail

Elmer Ray, the young man recently arrested in Portland, charged with passing a worthless check at the Irving Mercantile Co's store at Irving, was to have been given a preliminary examination before Judge Bryson of the justice court this afternoon at 2:30, but decided at the last moment that he would waive

John S. Sargent.

Famous American Painter Who Resides Abroad.



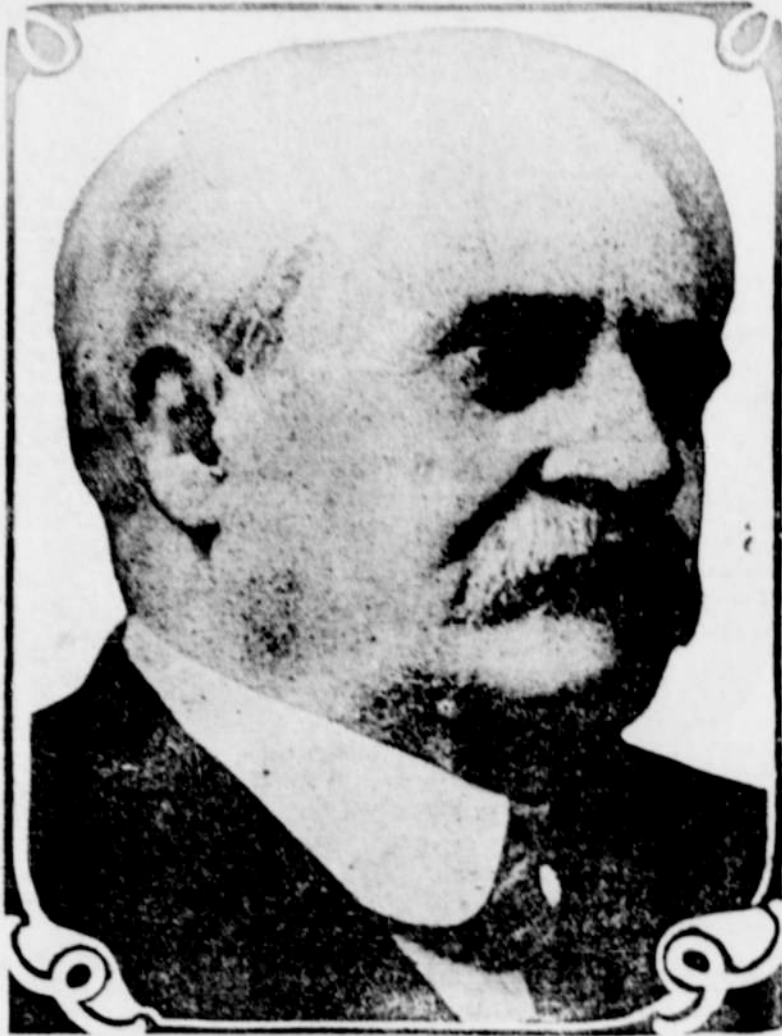
Although John S. Sargent, the famous painter, has made his home abroad for many years, he is considered an American artist. Mr. Sargent makes frequent visits to America.

the examination and he was bound over to the circuit court with bail at \$500, which he has failed to raise. He is now in the custody of the sheriff and will be taken to the circuit court on Monday morning when he will occupy a room in Harry Bown's hotel on East Eighth street between the city hall and the courthouse.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RESIGNS OFFICE IN EASTERN WASHINGTON

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 29.—A. G. Avery is no longer United States district attorney for the Eastern district of Washington, and his office has been turned over to Joseph B. Lindsey, his assistant.

The appearance of Post, Avery and Higgins, as attorneys for the Washington Waterpower Company in its overture hearing at Court d'Alene, gave rise to a protest which was followed by Avery's resignation.



JUSTICE HORACE H. LURTON, NEW MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COURT.

President Taft and Horace H. Lurton of Tennessee, whom he nominated to fill the vacancy in the United States supreme court caused by the death of Justice Peckham, have been personal friends for twenty years. When President Cleveland appointed Justice Lurton to the United States court of appeals Mr. Taft was an associate justice and swore Lurton in. The new justice is a native of Kentucky and served in the Confederate army during the civil war. He was a law student when the war began and quit college to enlist. He was admitted to the bar in 1867 and for many years was a member of the supreme court of Tennessee.

NEW POSTAL CARD BEING ISSUED TODAY

Likely They Will Be Put on Sale at Many Postoffices on New Year's Day

Washington, Dec. 29.—Distribution was commenced today of the new design of postal cards, and it is likely that they will be put on sale in many postoffices New Year's Day.

While the new card bears a head of McKinley, a better likeness of the late president has been selected and the border design has been improved.

On the new small card intended for index purposes and for social correspondence, the head of Lincoln will appear. The two-cent international post card will bear a portrait of General Grant.

The double or reply card will contain a new feature. On the original message half will appear a likeness of Gen. Washington and the stamp on the reply half will contain a picture of Martha Washington.

Postoffice department officials say that the borders of the stamps on all the different cards will present an attractive diversity of design.

On all the cards the words "Postal Card," required by the Universal Postal Union Convention, will appear in the border of the stamp instead of a separate inscription.

HAWLEY DEMANDS FUNDS FOR OREGON

Washington, Dec. 29.—Representative Hawley had a conference with the chief engineer regarding the desired appropriations for Oregon improvements in rivers and harbors. Mr. Hawley expects a favorable recommendation from the department for an appropriation of \$500,000 for Coos Bay, \$200,000 for the Willamette locks, and sufficient funds for the removal of bars and obstructions in the Coquille river, and that the government will co-operate with the local interests for the improvement of the Siuslaw bar. Mr. Hawley today secured the promise of Dr. Wiley that an investigation will be made of the practice of misbranding salmon. A grant injury is worked upon Oregon fish interests through the misbranding of inferior product as Oregon brands.

In a general way the farmers, as a consequence of the unfavorable weather, have bullish views regarding the future of the market, and many having stock in pits and cellars are not at all inclined to sell at going prices.

FORMER TREASURER OF OREGON DIES

Hon. Edward Hirsch, former state treasurer of Oregon, passed beyond human ken at near 11 o'clock Wednesday night. He had been the center of solicitors care for several days at his rooms at the Willamette hotel, where he has made his home for many years—ever since he retired from the Salem postoffice. His last days were cheered by the presence of his family and relatives, all his children being present but one son. Besides his devoted wife he is survived by the following children: Ella, Louis, (Mrs. R. F. Loomis), Mauri, (Mrs. E. E. McMill), Guy, Gertrude, Myer and Leona, (Mrs. Richard Brady). All of the children reside in this city with the exception of Guy, who is at present in New York.—Salem Journal.

JAPANESE TIRES OF WHITE WIFE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Junjiro Aoki, daughter of Archdeacon John Emery, living with her Japanese husband in Seattle, is said to have appealed to her father at San Francisco to take her and her baby away from her husband.

A San Francisco dispatch says that Mrs. Aoki is unable to endure the treatment of her husband and longer. Mrs. Aoki this morning refused to sign firm or deny statements contained in the dispatch.

There was quite a heavy snowfall on the low hills south of the city last night. A few flakes fell in Eugene.

SAWMILL BLACKSMITH HAS BAD ACCIDENT

Herman Bucholtz Is Victim of Gas Explosion While Repairing a Cylinder Head

Herman Bucholtz, blacksmith at the Booth-Kelly mill, had his right eye seriously injured, both hands badly cut, his face cut in many places, and a deep wound in the fleshy part of his left leg as a result of the explosion of gas in a closed cylinder head that he was heating in his forge yesterday. Two other men that were in the room with him miraculously escaped injury from the flying bits of metal and coals. One piece of the iron, weighing several pounds, flew across the room and imbedded itself in the wall.

Bucholtz was repairing the cylinder head for a logging firm up the river and placed it in the forge to heat it. The head was hollow and some gas which had found its way in exploded when heated. Bucholtz was standing close to the fire with his hand on the blower, talking with two mill hands when the accident occurred. The report of the explosion was so loud that it could be heard all over the mill, even by the men working around the machinery. The room was filled with smoke, and the two mill hands rushed outside, scarcely knowing what had happened. Bucholtz was knocked down, and they went right back after him. His eyes were closed and blood was flowing from his face and legs. Three stitches were taken in his leg. Unless blood poisoning or inflammation sets in his injuries will not prove serious, although they are very painful.

SMALL CHECK LAW IS NOT OBSERVED

There Is Already An Old Law Prohibiting Issuing Check for Less Than \$1.00

The announcement from Washington that after January 1 it will be unlawful to issue a check for less than \$1 need not alarm any one, for there has been an unobserved law to this effect for over 40 years, and the recent one is only the work of some idle congressman who learned that there was such a statute. The local banks will not enforce it, as it has no purpose whatever.

The original law was passed soon after the civil war for a purpose that has been outgrown long ago. Every one knows the financial conditions at that time—how poor money was spoken of in terms of bushels. Because of this, it became the custom to draw checks for everything. These were transferred and endorsed and became almost as individual currency that caused much trouble. To eliminate this the law was passed. As its usefulness passed, it was not enforced and had almost been forgotten until brought up by a member of congress who could think of no other way to make himself known.

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BORN

W. C. C. Carson, son of W. 10th and Jackson streets, a son.

The recent cold weather and frost will mean that more or less brick work will have to be torn down and relaid. The damage however, is not serious.

D. C. FREEMAN PUBLICITY MAN FOR YEAR 1910

D. C. Freeman, of Portland, chosen by the board of governors of the Eugene Commercial Club night as booster and director of public work in Eugene for the year 1910. Mr. Freeman is an experienced man at the publicity business, and a splendid record in that line, and his appointment seems to give general satisfaction. He will take up the work well started by J. H. Hartog, immediately after the first of the year and will continue it under contract entered into for a period of one year.

The decision to select Mr. Freeman was reached after a series of long and careful inquiry into consideration of qualifications numerous candidates. The appointments were from all parts of the country.

Mr. Freeman has been a resident of Oregon for sixteen years. During that time he has filled many important public positions and is well known as a writer and publicist. By training and education a practical newspaper man, his work on the coast, after coming from Chicago years ago, was in service of the Morning Oregonian Evening Telegram. As a writer, having regular lines to be enjoyed the privilege of signing his work night editor of the Oregonian and has been connected with numerous other publications.

His ability as a publicity expert commended in cordial terms by many other publicity concerns, and others, among them, A. L. M. Jones, of the First National Bank of Portland, one of the vice-presidents of the Lewis and Clark Club, Henry B. Reed, director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and A. Y. P. at Seattle; L. E. Moench, of the Wells-Walsh Commercial Club; E. G. Giltner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Portland, and other railway and export officials.

Department's Platform.

The "platform" of the promotion department for the new year to embrace the following "resolutions" which every citizen is invited to adopt and promulgate:

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