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FOUR ARE DEAD IN EXPLOSION AND FIRE

San Francisco, June 29.—Four are dead and two seriously injured as the result of an explosion followed by fire, early today in the grocery store of John Sweeny at 2796 Diamond street.

Sweeny, proprietor of the grocery store, lived with his family in a flat above the store and adjoining the latter was the saloon of S. F. Johnson, with the Dissmeyer family above it. The store and saloon had not yet been opened and the occupants above were asleep when the explosion occurred. So terrific was it force that Fred Sweeny, aged 25, sleeping near a window, was thrown through the window over the roof of a one story building adjoining. The grocery partly collapsed and immediately took fire. Before the engines arrived the wrecked building and adjoining saloon and flat were in flames.

Anton Dissmeyer awoke to find himself almost surrounded by the flames, but carried his wife into the street, although she was so severely burned that her recovery is said to be doubtful. Dissmeyer, severely burned himself, plunged into the building again to get his two-year old son, but was unable to find the child, and was forced to flee for his own life.

The entire Sweeny family perished with the exception of Fred.

The cause of the explosion is a mystery. There was no gas in the building and but five gallons of kerosene in the grocery. The only theory is dynamite or an accumulation of gas from a possible leak in the street mains.

The dead are: John Sweeny, Mrs. John Sweeny, Ella Sweeny, aged ten and Anton Dissmeyer, Jr., aged two. Injured: Miss Mary Dissmeyer (may die). Fred Sweeny and Anton Dissmeyer, Sr.

A peculiar suit has been begun at Salem. A. B. Crosby has sued the Willamette Construction Co. for $25,403 damages. A son of the plaintiff while playing around a gasoline tank, lighted a match and there was something doing, blowing off the top of the tank which struck the boy breaking his leg in two places.

SANTA FE TRAIN WRECKED AND TWO KILLED

Winslow, Ariz., June 29.—The westbound California Limited on the Santa Fe was wrecked last night near Hardy twelve miles east of here, killing two train men and a passenger and injuring about twenty more, only nine of whom are said to require hospital treatment. The train struck a burned bridge extending over a ditch sixty feet wide. The engine, mail car, accumodation car, and diner were demolished in a plunge over the edge and the fireman and engineer were buried unedr the wreckage.

LITTLE INTEREST IN BOOTH TRIAL

Portland, Or., June 29.—Until Frederick A. Kribs, timber operator, takes the stand and testifies whether or not he gave James Henry Booth $800 as a bribe for advance information there is no prospect of the Booth trial developing interest.

The morning session of the trial of the ex-receiver of the Roseburg land office in the federal court was devoted, as has been the case, since last Thursday, to the identification of documents and explanations as to the methods of conducting the business of the office.

J. T. Bridges, ex-register of the land office, was excused from the witness stand today, where he has been since the jury was selected.

Bridges will be recalled later. His statement that Kribs offered Booth and himself $25 for information on each quarter section in which Kribs was interested, is the only testimony that has surmounted the dry evidence which has marked the trial thus far.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT ARE ROBBED

Portland, June 29.—Thieves broke into the building occupied by the Women of Woodcraft last night and the combination from the secretary's desk, moeged the safe, and secured $200 in cash, and about $5,000 in gold bonds.

IDAHO VETERAN DIES AT BOISE.

Boise, June 29.—General David Vickers, a veteran of the civil and Spanish and adjutant general of the Idaho National Guard, died yesterday at his home here, aged 68 years

MEXICAN REVOLT BECOMES SERIOUS IN SOME SECTIONS

City of Mexico, June 29.—The internal troubles of Mexico have developed serious features. Today the storm center is around the city of Torreon and in the country between that place and Jarral, where bandits have been operating in conjunction with the insurrectionists. Government troops are being rushed to the scene.

Fifteen hundred troops have reached Torreon to reinforce the garrison there, 200 have reached Juarez and in Chihuahua soldiers are patrolling the streets. Public houses and jails are heavily guarded.

It is believed that the Mexican government is in a revolutionary state.

The reported capture of Jiminez is untrue, and there have been no disturbances in the vicinity of that city.

It is believed that Ambassador Creel will appeal to the United States authorities to assist in apprehending some of the revolutionists and the government has gained the upper hand at Las Vegas, the attacking force being driven back to the mountains and closely pursued.

Washington Watching.

Washington, June 29.—The State department is carefully watching the developments of the insurrectionary situation on the northern boundary department is carefully watching the international aspect of the situation will be adjusted satisfactorily.

THAW CASE BADLY MIXED IN NEW YORK COURTS

White Plains, June 29.—Judge Mills today adjourned the Thaw case until two weeks from today when the counsel will submit affidavits and arguments on the question of a trial by jury. Thaw was remanded to Poughkeepsie Jail for the convenience of his counsel, Mr. Morschauser, who lives in Poughkeepsie.

Justice Mills this afternoon said: "I believe it is only a matter of time when this man ought to have a jury trial. I am not prepared to say whether it be now or later."

Application Denied.

New York June 29.—Justice Dowling today denied the application of Harry Thaw to be removed from Matteawan asylum. His decision says:

"If after sufficient observance it is found proper to remove him to some other institution, the state authorities can so act."

Justice Dowling's decision further states that Thaw is a dangerously insane person.

The decision is not operative for the present as Thaw is in custody under orders.

CLOUDBURST FLOODS TOWN OF KANSAS

Wichita, June 29. — A cloudburst at Wellington, Kas., last night resulted in seven deaths from drowning. Five inches of rain fell in an hour and five feet of water flowed through the town taking houses from their foundations.

PELICAN BAY PREPARES FOR E. H. HARRIMAN.

Klamath Falls, Or., June 26.—The first artificial ice made in Klamath county was brought into this city this week. Colonel W. H. Holbird has just completed the installation of a cold storage and ammonia ice plant at Pelican Bay, for use during E. H. Harriman's visit there, and the first test ice was made this week.

The plant has a capacity of two tons of fine quality ice or four tons inferior quality, per day. The temperature of the room was reduced to four degrees below zero. Parties in Klamath Falls, attracted by the success of the plant at Pelican bay, are making arrangements to establish a plant here.

A contractor with a large force of men has started work on the automobile road from Fort Klamath to Pelican Bay. E. H. Harriman stands most of the expense and the road will be in readiness for him when he arrives in August.

WE SHRINK YOUR CLOTH AND MAKE BUTTONS TO MATCH

Striking 4th of July Specials in all Departments

Tailored Suits for Women at ½ Price

We will not wait till after you need them most but will reduce our suits before July 4th.

A sweeping reduction on strictly up-to-date garments, which posess styles that are distinctive, rich in beauty and at such a low price.

$16.00 Checked Panama Suit, jacket satin, 9 gored skirt, ½ price, the suit...... $8.00

WASH MATERIALS ON SALE FOR 1-2 PRICE. Fine mulls, Swisses, organdies, lawns, worth up to 75c the yard; special, the yard .... 12 1-2 to 37 1-2c

WHITE DUCK SKIRTS AT A SAVING. Entire stock on sale; take your choice in style and price $1.00

$1.25 Skirts, sale price, each $1.20

$1.50 Skirts, sale price $1.75

$2.00 Skirts, sale price, each $3.00

$3.50 Skirts, sale price, each

CHILDREN'C COATS 1-2 PRICE

Light weight spring and summer coats for children, all wanted colors, regular price $4.00 to $6.50; sale price each .... $2.00 to $3.25

CHILDREN'S PARASOLS

50c children's many colors and patterns, each 25c

WASH SUITS

Entire line of white and colored wash Suits placed on sale at 1-2 the former price; $3.50 to $6.50 Suits at just one half. The suit at .... $1.75 to $3.25

4TH OF JULY WAIST SPECIALS.

Beautiful lingerie Waists of fine mull Batiste and Persian lawn greatly reduced during this sale.

Any $2.25 Waist on sale at ea $1.75

Any $3.00 Waist on sale at ea $2.00

Any $3.50 Waist on sale at ea $2.50

Any $4.00 Waist on sale at ea $3.00

Any $5.00 Waist on sale at ea $3.00

Any $6.00 Waist on sale at ea $4.00

$19.00 LIGHT GRAY SUIT, jacket trimmed with [illegible] lar skirt, with double [illegible] pleat in front [illegible] $9.50

3,000 DARK CHECKED PANAMA [illegible] trimmed with 9-gore [illegible] $15.00

$45.00 Novelty Suiting [illegible] with heavy black taffeta, silk trimmed skirt [illegible] gain for anyone who can wear size 42, just 1-2 [illegible] $22.50

Smart Summer Suits to Help You Celebrate the Holiday

Now is the opportunity for you to get a latest model Coat and Trousers Suit or a fancy suit for the glorious Fourth. But lose no time in getting here, they are being picked out fast and the best always goes first.

You know we sell that famous make of all wool clothes made by

Hart, Schaffner & Marx

There will be a grand parade of these garments on the streets of Eugene July 4th, and if you haven't one yu'll not be well dressed. You'll find just what you want if you COME NOW. The cost from $15 to $30.

Of course wev'e other suits which you could buy for less money, look pretty well, too! They will cost you from $10 to $15

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Maybe you want a suit for common wear. We are at home with this grade of suits for men and young men. You can get a respectable looking suit for $6.00 to $10.00

Underwear, Negligee Shirts, Neckwear, Suit Cases at Prices which will be an Attraction.

Everything you need for your comfort [illegible] correct dress while at home, [illegible] in the country, at the seashore or mountains. If you want something good, stop in [illegible] at the boys show you [illegible]

[illegible] neckwear at 25c and 50c

SUIT CASES IN SUCH A LARGE ASSORTMENT [illegible] Any grade you want.

A good [illegible] for $2.00; better grade for $3.75; others at $4, $5, $7, $10 and up to $15.

40c Kimonas each 25c

Hampton Bros.

558-564 Willamette St.

WHERE CASH BEATS CREDIT

Men's Underwear The Suit 50c

NEW TERMS OF COUNTY OFFICERS BEGIN MONDAY

Next Monday, July 6, is the date on which the new term of the several county officers who were re-elected at the June election and of the initial term of Sheriff-Elect Harry L. Bown, begins. Mr. Bown will be the only new officer in the courthouse, all the others holding over or were re-elected. There will probably be no change in the personnel of the forces at any of the offices, for teh present, at least. Sheriff-Elect Bown has worked as deputy with Deputy Sheriffs Hammond, Wallis and Parker, and is well satisfied with their work, so their will doubtless be no change at all there.

FIFTY THOUSAND TEACHERS ASSEMBLE

Cleveland, June 29.—With flags flying, the city is in holiday attire, and Cleveland will today entertain fifty thousand or more school teachers from all parts of the country, who are attending the forty-sixth annual convention of the national education association. The convention will continue until Friday.

JOHN HUBERT WARD.

British army officer who married Miss Jean Reid, daughter of American Ambassador last week.

SECRETARY TAFT QUITS WAR OFFICE

Washington, June 29.—When Wm H. Taft leaves hi soffice in the war, state and navy building tomorrow, he will have finished his labors as secretary of war. His successor, General Luke E. Wright, will take up and continue this work along the same lines of general policy.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE NORTHWEST.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho, fair.

THEODORE A. BELL TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

Denver, Colo., June 29.—Theodore A. Bell was formally named as temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention by the sub-committee this afternoon.

IRRIGATION FOR UPPER VALLEY AS EXPERIMENT

Salem, Or., June 27.—Not only is the necessity of irrigation in the Willamette valley realized but the first steps toward an irrigation project in the Willamette Valley have been entered upon at Eugene by the state in conjunction with the government. In 1907 $2,500 was appropriated for this work by the legislature and as it is the practice of the government to add a similar amount, $5,000 is now available for the geological survey already begun on a sheet including 225 square miles in which is situated the city of Eugene.

Notice was received from the federal government last week that the additional $2,500 had been appropriated Oregon for geological surveys in the Willamette valley and the secretary of state at once gave the state engineer instructions to go ahead with the survey. Camps have been opened and the work is now progressing near Eugene. It will probably take from three to four months to complete the survey, after which the Albany sheet will be taken up and then the Salem and Oregon City sheets.

To Encourage Irrigation.

The area will be mapped upon a scale of one and one-half miles showing a 10 foot contour interval. The area of the Eugene sheet extends nearly to Harrisburg and will include the bottom land between the McKenzie and middle fork of the Willamette rivers. The survey is being made for the encouragement of irrigation projects now actively talked of in the vicinity, and to which end such prominent and far-sighted men have directed their energies as W. W. Cotton, general counsel for the Harriman lines in the Northwest.

In his address at Eugene Wednesday Mr. Cotton again asserted the necessity of drainage and irrigation in the Willamette Valley before it can be expected to produce what it should. Mr. Cotton has directed considerable attention to the subject and is the strongest advocate of irrigation in the Willamette valley. For 10 months of the year, the rainfall is very heavy, but for six or eight weeks every summer the rainfall is so light as to constitute almost an arid condition as far as the production of agricultural crops are concerned.

Willamette Valley Needs Water.

Mr. Cotton is not alone in this discovery. A. B. Stover has been directed to report on the need of irrigation in the Willamette valley by the United States department of agriculture. His conclusions are identical with those of Mr. Cotton. The report has just come into the hands of State Engineer Lewis at Salem.

In his introduction Mr. Stover recites that the Willamette valley is the largest single body of tillable land west of the Rocky Mountains outside of the great San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys. It is also one of the oldest settled sections of the west a large portion of its prairie and bottom land having been under cultivation for 59 years.

"In the earlier days and up to within the last few years grain growing has been the predominant industry," says the government expert. "The moist early springs and dry summers were admirably adapted to the production of cereals. However, under the strain of constant cropping of wheat, and with only poor, shallow cultivation and no fertilization, the soil has gradually failed to yield profitable crops of grain. As a result a change in agricultural methods has taken place and the wheat ranch of 320 or 640 acres is giving place to the small diversified farm with its crop of rotation and its intense cultivation."

Climate Not Adapted.

It is Mr. Stover's conclusion that the climate is not well adapted to this new kind of farmnig. The crops now being raised, clover, vetch, hops, small fruits and vegetables—extend their growth through the dry season while the grain was ripe and ready to cut before the dry season came on. The diversified crops

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PRESIDENT DIAZ'S DAUGHTER.

Donna Amada Diaz de la Torre, who is one of the most brilliant and cultured women in the republic of Mexico.

PATTERSON WINS IN TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Tenn., June 27.—In today's Democratic primary after the hardest fought, bitterest and most picturesque campaign ever known in Tennessee, Governor M. R. Patterson won the gubernatorial nomination over H. W. Carmack. Carmack based his fight on statewide prohibition and Patterson supported the present, the local option statute.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, June 29.—June 86 1-4; July 85 5-8; Sept. 86 3-8; Dec. 87 3-4.

Portland Unchanged.

Portland, June 29.—Wheat unchanged.

A Silker Lake cow last week gave birth to three as nice calves as one should want to see, says the Leader. The cow is a Herford and the calves are all marked like the mother and can hardly be told apart.