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BIG FIRE IN WHEAT

TWO CONFLAGRATIONS ON THE
LOWELL ROGER PLACE.

Standing Grain and Wheat in Sacks,
Horse and Cook Wagon
Destroyed.

At Lowell Roger's place on the reservation a destructive grain fire took place Saturday afternoon. The fire originated near the cook house and before the crew could stop it the flames had devoured the cook wagon, killed a horse and burned over about 40 acres of stubble which had been cut by a combine, charring about 500 sacks of wheat scattered over the cutting. It was a difficult matter to stop the fire as the stubble was dry and heavy, and the winrows from the combine furnished additional food for the flames.

From late in the afternoon of Saturday until noon Sunday a careful watch was kept on the fire, but notwithstanding this vigilance while the crew was at dinner the fire broke out again and rushed from the stubble into the standing grain. Men battled against great odds. The combined heat from July sun and flames made the position of the fighters almost untenable, and before control was gained Rogers had lost over a hundred acres more of good grain, and about 20 acres in the adjoining field had been destroyed for Louis Audette. It is understood both men were protected in a measure by insurance.

All Right if Right.

The merchant who always says advertising does not pay is always ready to pound the mail order houses that get all their business through advertising. A business man whose business "won't stand advertising" makes a very sorry figure in any community. A business that won't stand advertising is a mighty good business to avoid and it is generally by the people who buy. But it is true some advertising does not pay. The ad. that sounds as if it was written just to help the editor, the ad. that does not tell the truth, the ad. that gives no description of goods, no reasons, no price, no inducements, does not pay. The up-to-date merchant, who does not advertise to help the editor, but to help himself, who spends time and care in preparing his ads., has no trouble to make advertising pay. He wastes no breath "cussing" the mail order house, but fights them with their own weapons and wins.

HAVE LITTLE HOPE FOR THE ARABIA

Owners of Portland Steamship Believe Russians Have Captured Her.

Yokohama, July 25.—(Bulletin)—It is reported here that the German steamer Arabia, from Portland, Or., to this port, has been seized by the Vladivostok squadron. A fisherman who reported seeing the fleet this afternoon says it had no prize in convoy, hence it seems certain that in the event of the Portland steamer having been seized she must have been sent to some Russian port with a prize crew aboard.

Washington, July 25.—(Bulletin)—Minister Conger at Peking cables the state department that the Russians are evacuating Niuchwang this morning and have captured another British steamer.

Yokohama, July 25.—(Bulletin)—The British steamer Tsinan has arrived here with the crew of the British steamer Knight Commander. The European passengers were all detained by the Russians.

Portland, July 25.—That the steamer Arabia, which sailed from here on July 3 for Japan and China, with a full cargo of flour and other freight, has fallen into the hands of the Russian Vladivostok fleet there seems to be no reasonable doubt. News received from Yokohama this morning indicate that there were

good grounds for the fears expressed in the Sunday Journal by O. R. & N. officials that the overdue liner might have been seized by the warships of the czar. A cablegram from the Japanese port states that the Vladivostok squadron has captured a German steamer, believed to be the Arabia. The Arabia flies the German flag, but is chartered by the Portland-Asiatic company.

Although this makes the fifth day that the steamer is overdue in reaching Yokohama, the local officials of the Portland-Asiatic company, charterers of the vessel, have received no word concerning her more than that they have seen in the newspapers. Apparently they have about abandoned all hope of eventually being apprised of her safe arrival at her destination. Shippers who sent goods on the vessel are also beginning to arrive at the conclusion that the steamer has been captured. Since Saturday afternoon they have been besieging the local office of the company for information on the subject but their questions could only be answered in a vague and unsatisfactory manner. If something definite is not heard about her today it is freely admitted that they can no longer reasonably expect to be advised of her safe arrival at Yokohama.

WILL GO TO COURT

O. R. & N CO. WILL FIGHT OPENING OF CERTAIN STREETS.

Attorney for Company Here Saturday and Claimed Proceedings to Be Irregular.

James G. Wilson of Portland, an attorney connected with the O. R. & N. Co., was in the city Saturday and called at the city recorder's office. Mr. Wilson came to Athens on business connected with the right-of-way department, and informed City Recorder Chamberlain that it was the purpose of the O. R. & N. Co. to take into court the matter of the council's action in ordering certain streets opened across the company's property and right-of-way in the city of Athens, characterizing the proceeding as being irregular.

At the special session of the legislature an amendment was made to the city charter granting power and authority to the city council to condemn, vacate and open streets and alleys within the corporate limits of the city of Athens. Acting within the provisions of this amendment, the council appointed three men to view the property through which it was desired to open and extend Garfield, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets, and appraise amount of damage, if any, to the company. These men reported to the council that in their judgment in the process of opening these streets, no damage would be incurred by the company, and the council directed that streets be opened, at the time notifying the company's local agent. The visit of the corporation attorney is the result of the notification.

ARE MARRIED NOW.

William Timm and Celia Burns Seek Sanction of the Law.

The Weston-Leader reports that William Timm and Celia Burns, who have been living together as man and wife without the formality of marriage, were brought before Justice Wood Monday on the complaint of the girl's brother-in-law, Fred Kyle, who objected to their intimate relations.

They were committed to the custody of the sheriff, and were taken to Pendleton Monday afternoon by City Marshal Lavender. It was their expressed intention upon arriving at the county seat to be joined in wedlock and thus satisfy the law.

Timm was employed for a time at the Weston brickyard, and boarded at Mrs. Sarah Staggs' residence, where the girl lived with him as his alleged wife. Inquiry at the county clerk's office by Mr. Kyle elicited the fact that no license had been issued to them. Getting wind of this they went to Athens, where they were placed under arrest.

Shortly after reaching Pendleton the young couple obtained a marriage license and were duly wedded. The phrases "All's well that ends well," and "It's better late than never," apply in this instance. May happiness attend Mr. and Mrs. Timm.

TOMBSTONE IS WAITING.

Eccentric Sexton Puts up Peculiar Inscription.

Walla Walla, July 25.—"I'm here. How'd you do?" Such is the inscription on the tombstone of Pardon Doc Bentley, the veteran sexton of the Walla Walla city cemetery. And Pardon Doc Bentley still walks this earth. The queer epitaph on the stone that is intended to some day mark the last resting place of the old sexton is no more strange than the one on the headstone that will indicate Mrs. Bentley's grave. It reads: "I am dead. So are you."

These two peculiar headstones are erected on vacant lots in the city cemetery, and Sexton Bentley, still hale and hearty, and his wife, who is yet a woman of vigor, point with satisfaction at the place where they intend to lie when death has claimed them.

For years Pardon Doc Bentley has been in charge of that portion of the city cemetery which is controlled by the municipal government. The entire cemetery consists of a 40 acre tract and since 1878 bodies have been interred there. It is estimated that fully 6000 graves are in the plot. There are five graveyards within the city cemetery grounds, the city, the Catholic, the Masonic, the I. O. O. F., and the Chinese.

When bilious take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all druggists.

Malheur to Get Irrigation

Portland, July 25.—It now appears that the Malheur irrigation project in Eastern Oregon will become a reality, and not have to be abandoned as was feared. Advice was received by Chief Engineer Newell of the reclamation service, today to the effect that the farmers living along Malheur river have aroused themselves and intend to submit to the government their written promise to cooperate with the government in constructing this irrigation work. Mr. Newell's criticism of these farmers, expressed through dispatches a short time ago, and his threat to remove his en-

gineers from Malheur county unless the farmers acted on his suggestion, has had the desired effect and the local engineers are now convinced that before long the farmers along the Malheur river will comply with the government's requirements. If farmers co-operate they will have to pay but \$3 per acre per year for 10 years, in order to get water from the government reservoirs onto their lands, and at the end of that time the entire works will be turned over to the users of the water. The government will merely retain control of the work of construction until the cost has been repaid by settlers who are benefitted.

PORTLAND IS CLOSED UP

Recently Elected Sheriff Notified All Gamblers to Cease Playing.

Portland, July 25.—Portland is a closed town. The almost unprecedented feat of causing the public gambling houses to suspend operation was accomplished by Sheriff Word yesterday afternoon between 4:30 and 5 o'clock.

Contrary to what might have been supposed by casual observers of the violent efforts recently made by some officials and many insistent reformers, it was not a difficult task. The sheriff merely visited the various gambling houses and gave a simple order to shut down the games, saying he would raid any house whose owners refused to obey the mandate.

Within the time it took the sheriff to

make the rounds of the different resorts, the money and paraphernalia was put away, the players and employes dismissed and gambling was no more. It is estimated that the closing of the games will throw 700 persons out of work. After the sheriff had gone, dealers and habitués gathered in knots on the streets adjoining the gambling houses and discussed the situation in mournful tones.

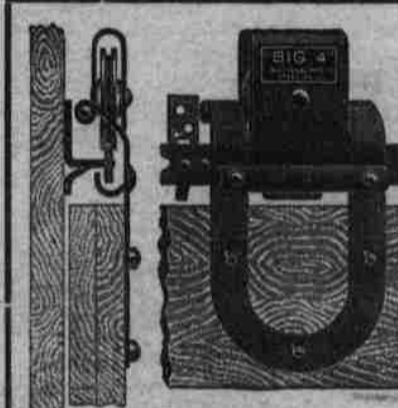
The game mentioned in each case was roulette, and the witnesses whose names appeared on the information were W. H. Markell, E. Quackenbush and W. F. Edwards, members of the Municipal association.

He Robbed the Hotel Safe

Walla Walla, July 25.—The safe in the State hotel was robbed about midnight last night of \$136.25 in checks and coin. W. C. Darice, the night clerk, has disappeared and a warrant is out for his arrest, charging him with the crime. Darice is a stranger in Walla Walla and had been at work at the hotel but a few nights. Last night shortly before

12 o'clock, Darice informed the bartender at the hotel that he was going out for supper and asked him to watch the hotel office during his absence. That was the last seen of the clerk.

This morning when W. A. Koontz, the proprietor, was informed of his clerk's absence, he opened the safe and discovered \$136.25 missing.



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