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HOPELESSLY INSANE

MACK ROYCE'S MENTAL CONDITION DOES NOT IMPROVE.

Malady Is Insanity In Pronounced Form and Not St Vitus Dance As Diagnosed.

The pitiable mental condition of little Mack Royce, is again being discussed in the neighborhood in which he resides with his widowed mother. Sometime ago attention was called to this case, and on investigation of Mayor Taylor, the boy was sent to Pendleton for examination as to his sanity.

Dr. Cole, the examining physician, pronounced the boy's ailment to be St. Vitus dance, and he was brought back to his home here. Evidently the examination was made during one of the lad's rational periods, for since his return he has gradually grown worse and insanity in a very pronounced form has developed. This is the verdict of all who have seen the boy during the last few days.

His mind has weakened to the extent that at times he is devoid of mental control. The authorities no doubt will see to it at once that he is again examined. It is said that at times his imagination takes a violent turn and while in these moods there is cause for alarm for the safety of his mother and sister.

Presented With Cane.

Rev. G. W. Rigby, one of the oldest members of Kit Carson Post No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic, has been presented by the post with an elegant gold headed cane. The presentation was made by the members of the post in token of the esteem for Mr. Rigby and the excellent services he has rendered during his connection with the post.—Tribune.

Teacher Resigns.

Miss Minnie Elton, a teacher in the Pendleton city schools, has resigned her position and will leave for Portland where she will accept a position in the Portland schools.

Notice.

The Pioneer Drug Store has changed ownership, and all persons indebted to Brock & Mitchell will please call at the law office of Will M. Peterson and settle at once. Will M. Peterson, Atty. for Brock & Mitchell.

BILL FOR DORMITORY ON THE COLUMBIA

INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE BY REPRESENTATIVE COLE.

Provides for a \$25,000 Appropriation for the Construction of Buildings at Weston.

The Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston is handicapped for want of a suitable dormitory building for the accommodation of young lady students. To alleviate this deficiency, Representative Cole has introduced the following bill in the legislature:

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon; also, be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon:

Section 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated out of the general fund of the state of Oregon the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection of suitable buildings for a girls dormitory of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston and for furnishing the same.

Section 2. For the purpose of expending the appropriation made by section 1 of this act, the secretary of the state shall and hereby is directed and authorized to audit all claims approved by the board of regents of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston, Oregon, for the erection of a building and furnishing of said building, and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants on the general fund of the state of Oregon.

THE CALEDONIANS

DR. BLALOCK TELLS OF PLANS FOR COMMERCE.

Material Is Being Put On The Ground and Money Will Be Collected at Once.

"We are negotiating for three steamboats to be used in opening the Columbia river," said Dr. N. G. Blalock, who has been one of the leading spirits of the move to better the shipping conditions, "and when the portage road is complete I believe that the boats will be ready to attend to all freight. One of the boats belongs to members of the association and is plying between Arlington and Celilo, and the other two are on the river above. It is our hope to close negotiations for them at an early date.

"We will meet in a few days to make plans to finish collecting the money subscribed by the different counties to be affected by the open river. We must complete arrangements for paying for the work, as actual construction will commence shortly. The contractors are getting the material on the ground and must have the road done by the 31st of May or pay a forfeit of \$500 a day until completed.

"The new contracts made did not lessen the amounts to be raised, but by letting the contracts to two different firms the cost was kept within the limit.

"I do not believe the people at large realize the benefits to be derived by the move, but there are many who have shown the greatest enthusiasm and have materially assisted in raising the necessary money."

ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON JANUARY 25.

Members of the Society Here Will Participate In the Program at Walla Walla.

At a meeting of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society held in Athena the other evening, the question of joining Walla Walla Caledonian society in celebrating the birth anniversary of Bobbie Burns, January 25 in that city, was discussed. If 20 persons from here will attend reduced rates can be secured on the O. R. & N. Those in attendance at the meeting were of the opinion that the necessary number could be secured.

The meeting will be held at Odd Fellows Hall in Walla Walla. Among those who hold membership in the Umatilla county society and who will take part in the program, is D. C. Kirk, who will speak on the life of Burns; Mrs. A. C. McIntyre and Mrs. M. W. Smith.

Invitations for the affair are now being issued and the society expects the occasion to be a most enjoyable one.

The program to be rendered is as follows:

Selection.....Piper McDonald
The Life of "Robbie" Burns.....
.....D. C. Kirk
Vocal music.....Selected
Mrs. G. W. Whitehouse, Mrs. F. Newman, John F. McLean and Dr. Y. C. Blalock.

Vocal solo.....Mrs. M. W. Smith
Recitation.....Miss Nettie Galbraith
Vocal solo.....Mrs. E. L. Brunton
Instrumental duet.....The Misses McRae
Vocal solo (in costume).....
.....Master Willis M. Hales
Recitation.....Mrs. A. C. McIntyre
"The Scotch Schoolmaster".....
.....Rev. S. B. L. Penrose
Baritone solo.....Joseph N. Scott
Music.....Quartet
Selection.....Piper McDonald

DOCTORS DISAGREE.

Dr. Cashatt of Weston and Dr. Best of Pendleton Disagree.

Dr. J. A. Best, lately of Weston, but now of Pendleton, was in town yesterday.

Dr. Best had been in Weston on professional business, and while there became involved in a personal encounter with Dr. Cashatt, the physician who purchased Dr. Best's practice and business in Weston. There are always two sides to a story, and Dr. Best's version as given a Press reporter in substance is that when he sold to Cashatt he entered into a contract not to practice in Weston except on call from Walla Walla or Pendleton.

Dr. Best said the Weston physician invited him into his office and called his attention to the contract. The clause referred to was called into question. Dr. Best handed the paper back, and instead of taking it the Weston doctor punched the Pendleton physician in the eye. Dr. Best further alleges that Dr. Turley, with whose fist he collided sometime ago, also took a hand and was assisting Dr. Cashatt when interference by citizens put a stop to the fight.

The cause for the trouble dates back so it is said, to the time when Dr. Best sold out his business to Dr. House, with the usual agreement that he was going to leave Weston and not practice there any more. Best took a post graduate course in the east, returned to Weston and put House out of business by getting all the practice in sight. When Cashatt bought out Best written articles of agreement were entered into that a like occurrence might be obviated.

B. B. HALL IS CASHIER.

Succeeds J. R. Killgore as Cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Weston.

B. B. Hall has been elected cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Weston to succeed J. R. Killgore, whose resignation took effect last Saturday. Mr. Killgore will spend the winter in California, and upon his return to Weston will engage more extensively in farming.

Mr. Hall is well known, having served as deputy county clerk under W. D. Chamberlain during Mr. Chamberlain's two terms of office. Mr. Hall was also deputy assessor under C. P. Strain for several months, resigning last fall to accept the position as bookkeeper in the Weston bank. He was acting in that capacity when promoted to the position as cashier at the recent meeting of the directors of the bank.

RUSSIAN COSSACKS CAUGHT IN A HOLE

Tokio Announces a Counter Movement Against Cossack Marauders.

Tokio, Jan. 16.—Several papers here report that General Mistchenko's raiding party of 2000 Cossacks has been cut off by a force of 6000 Japanese, southeast of Newchwang, and that a furious battle is raging in that region. This news is contained in lengthy dispatches from the front, which tell in great detail that General Oku had been kept informed of the activity of the Cossacks and that he waited until the various raiding forces had been concentrated. A Japanese mixed force of nearly 10,000 men, mostly cavalry and light artillery, was held in readiness at Sunlihem, and of these 8000 were dispatched to the relief of Newchwang and Newchiatun so soon as it had become evident that the enemy's force was gathered at these places.

The transport of troops developed into a most perilous undertaking. The Russians had torn up the railroad four miles south of Newchwang and the two trains bearing the Japanese troops be-

came stalled at that point. General Mistchenko left a small detachment before the towns and rushed the remainder of his force to the break in the line.

General Mistchenko withdrew his force to a considerable distance and then prepared a counter attack. He was evidently ignorant of the strength of the relieving party, for he suddenly changed his plans and made an attempt to retreat when he obtained accurate information.

The correspondents add that the retreat will be cut off and that more reinforcements are arriving. The attack upon Newchwang and Newchiatun occurred on Thursday last. Three desperate charges were made against the towns, several points being attacked at the same time. It was the evident intention of the Russians to burn the stores kept in these cities, for small parties of Russians were observed toward evening with flaming torches, but before any damage could be done the relief arrived.

Resolutions To Congress

Salem, Jan. 16.—This afternoon resolutions were passed in both houses of the legislature setting forth that the state of Oregon had appropriated \$100,000 for the purpose of buying the right of way around the dikes on the Columbia upon the understanding that the federal government would build a canal and locks. The resolutions declare that the failure on the part of the government to carry out its part of the agreement would be a breach of faith. The resolutions also urge upon the attention

of the government the vast importance to Oregon, Washington and Idaho of this enterprise. The resolutions will be forwarded to the Oregon congressional delegation at Washington, D. C.

The governor today returned with his veto bills amending the Australian ballot law and providing for another judicial district. The vetoes were sustained. Bills were introduced limiting the hours of employment for railway employees and to prevent the counterfeiting of railway tickets.

Gives Warning to China

Washington, January 16.—Secretary Hay has again called China's attention to the necessity of maintaining strict neutrality. On receipt of Count Uamsdorff's letter charging that China was repeatedly violating the neutrality, the secretary today instructed the American consul in charge at Pekin

to make inquiries into the situation. It is not to be understood that this government assumes the responsibility of the Russian charges. Indeed, this government has not received any information from its own representatives that the Chinese are violating the rules of neutrality.