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A NARROW ESCAPE

MRS. MASTERSON FALLS UNDER TRAIN WHILE MOVING.

Jumped to Station Platform and Then
Rolled Backward Alongside
The Moving Wheels.

People standing about the depot Wednesday evening witnessed a scene that narrowly escaped being a horrible accident. Mrs. A. Masterson, an elderly lady of this city, had boarded the passenger train for the purpose of speaking to a friend. The train started and the lady jumped to the platform, losing her footing as she did so. She rolled off the platform near the rail, and but for the presence of a brakeman, would undoubtedly have been crushed beneath the wheels. He held her close to the ground and just as the last car passed, swung to its rear, when the lady, now liberated, in her effort to rise, rolled over the rail directly on the track, a thing she would in all probability have done had she not been held. A slight scratch on the face was her only injury.

It was a miraculous escape and the dangerous position of the lady sent a thrill of horror through the crowd of on-lookers. Mrs. Masterson did not appear to be much frightened when first rescued, but after all was over and she fully realized how near she came to being killed, she nearly collapsed under the strain to which her nerves had been subjected in the terrible ordeal.

60,000 Crackers and Bombs.

The China New Year will be ushered in tonight, and all good celestials will celebrate in appropriate style. King Yuke, the cook at the Athena Hotel, called at the Press office last night and requested the paper to announce that tonight at 8 o'clock in front of the hotel he would be the principal actor in a fire-cracker and bomb exhibition. He will gyrate about the street in his spectacular stunt of exploding 60,000 firecrackers and Chinese bombs. He described his fantastic attraction in pig-tail English and his oriental eyes snapped with excitement when he told of strings of crackers 20 feet long. He extends an invitation to the citizens of Athena to witness his exhibition, and would be pleased to have all horses kept off the street during the performance, which lasts about 30 minutes.

BOTH ARMIES NOW REST AT MUKDEN

Stirring Description of Five Day's Battle In a Manchurian Blizzard.

Oku's Headquarters, Feb. 2.—The Russian force remains opposite the Japanese left. Occasional shots are fired but no serious attacks are attempted. It is evident that both armies are preparing for battle as soon as the weather moderates. It is believed the present period of cold weather is the last of the season.

The five days combat which will go down in history as the battle of the Hun river was fought out on a seemingly unending plain which is broken only by southern mountains around Yentai, the solitary eminence of which is the Liaoyang tower of bloody memory. The bright glare of the sun reflected from a dazzling expanse of snow was painful to the eyes and it was with difficulty that one could follow here and there black streaks marking the Russian columns or waves in the skirmish lines marching against what resembled dull gray rocks, but which in reality were the villages of Lidiatoun and Tanlepu and the hamlet of Sandepas, bastioned by Chinese defenses and converted by the Japanese into veritable fortresses.

Exposed to the severity of Manchurian winter, mounds of earth had become like granite and was impenetrable as the steel sides of a modern battleship. For five days Russian soldiers hurled them-

selves against the defenses and the field artillery pounded them until the frosty air reverberated with the thunder of cannon, the din of bursting shells and the rattle of musketry, but neither steel pointed shell nor sicker bullets availed against the frozen earthworks. The gunners actually wept with despair at the impotence of the attacks. Mortar batteries came up at a gallop in the hope of demolishing the fortifications. Night and day the stream of shells was poured against the earthworks, but it had little effect. The men seemed indifferent to hunger and cold, which later reached Arctic intensity. Their fingers, hands and feet were benumbed, while stinging snow and dust blinded them.

The slightest wound caused excruciating pain. Warm blood no sooner exuded from lacerated flesh than it began to freeze. The wounded could not be left exposed, and if they did not receive attention within an hour they died. The surgeons, their assistants and nurses were almost powerless in the bandaging of wounds, for they were obliged to wear leather gloves or mittens in order to resist the cold. The men seemed to be living again the horrors of the winter campaign of 1812 against the Turks.

Conspirators After Heney

Portland, Feb. 2.—The federal grand jury is investigating this morning, the alleged local conspiracy to obstruct justice by securing the removal of the prosecuting officers through blackening their reputation and defaming their character. Witnesses who testified have been asked by the conspirators if they would give evidence along certain lines desired.

The conspiracy was to accuse Heney

of lewd conduct with a woman interested in the case. The latter, it is stated, had been requested to lay a trap by inviting Heney to her rooms and other witnesses stated they were asked to swear having seen Heney coming from her apartments. The secret service agents discovered the conspiracy and the result is that all are summoned before the grand jury.

The Supporters Wore Out

Salem, Feb. 2.—Representative Mayor's bill to create the office of county attorney in lieu of district attorneys, was defeated yesterday morning. An attempt last week to shelve this bill when it was up for final passage failed, as the measure had a strong host of supporters. Several times it was brought up for con-

sideration but it was always re-referred to another committee. The supporters of the bill at last wore themselves out and allowed it to be postponed indefinitely yesterday without so much as a protest. The Multnomah delegation was strong against the bill and refused to compromise on the stand they had taken.

Irrigation Law is Assured

Advices from Salem, coming from observant and deeply interested and competent observers, indicate, says the East Oregonian, that the passage of the Cole irrigation bill is reasonably assured, though not by any means certain. The joint house and senate committee meeting of last Tuesday night was an auspicious event, as the arguments pro and con were brought out in detail, and hardly in any degree to the disadvantage of the measure. Hon. T. G. Hailey made a masterly plea for the bill, supporting it with a splendid marshaling of statistics, facts drawn from the experience of other states, and a profound knowledge of the legal conditions.

MYRICK MITES.

Myrick, Feb. 2.—Miss Maggie Mumm entertained a number of young people at her home Monday evening. Games were played and everyone reported an enjoyable time.

Messrs John Marshman and John Mumm will give a social dance at the German hall next Saturday evening. Invitations have been issued.

Mr. Elmer Kennedy, of Pendleton, is visiting his father here.

Mrs. Krebs and two children left this week for Washington, where she with her husband will remain permanently. She was accompanied by her sister, Ella Hudeman.

Mrs. Fenner and daughter Dottie, of Colorado, arrived last week and will spend a few weeks here visiting at the home of Mrs. J. Myrick.

Dr. Griswold reported six cases of La Grippe at the home of Fred Peters, Wednesday.

Louis and Isabel Le Doux are confined to their rooms with pneumonia.

Mr. J. E. Montgomery's warehouse force spent the week at Fulton, loading wheat to ship east.

Mr. J. E. Withrow will leave next week for the state of Washington, where he will engage in farming.

The Washington Irving Literary society will give a shadow social in the school house Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Osburn spent Saturday in Pendleton.

J. Myrick was in Pendleton Saturday on business.

J. B. Kennedy was in Pendleton Saturday.

Everybody is plowing.

There's a pretty girl in an Alpine hat,
A sweeter girl with a sailor brim,
But the handsomest girl you'll ever see
Is the sensible girl who uses Rocky Mountain Tea. Pioneer drug store.

It makes no difference how many medicines have failed to cure you, if you are troubled with headache, constipation, kidney or liver troubles, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well. Pioneer drug store.

IT'S MITCHELL AGAIN

FEDERAL GRAND JURY ADDS BRIBERY TO INDICTMENT.

State Senator Brownell Is Accused of
Perjury—Charges Against Him
Involve Lands in Eastern Ore.

Interest in the land fraud cases is again at fever heat by the announcement by the federal grand jury of the indictment of Senator Mitchell on another charge of bribery. The grand jury also indicted State Senator George C. Brownell on the charges of subordination and perjury.

The indictment against Mitchell alleges that, while the senator from this state to the federal congress, accepted on seven different occasions sums of money aggregating \$4,200 from a timber dealer named Frederick R. Kribs, for services rendered in, it is alleged, including Congressman Hermann, then commissioner of the general land office, to expedite, make a special order of and approve certain applications for public lands and recommending issuing patents to lands located in the Roseburg land district. The indictment makes the charges that in consideration of his services Kribs gave Mitchell two checks for \$500 each on the Roseburg bank on February 13, 1902; two checks on June 14, 1902, for \$1000 each; one check January 4, 1904, for \$500, and one check October 8, 1904, for \$700.

The indictment against Senator Brownell involves land in the same district in eastern Oregon, in which forged applications for surveys were made and upon which ex-Surveyor General Henry Meldrum was convicted last year.

Fair Is Assured.

Senator Smith's bill, creating the Third Agricultural Society of Eastern Oregon, comprising Umatilla and Morrow counties, has become a law by a bare majority, both Linn and Douglas counties fighting it hard on the floor of the house. The bill will be signed by Governor Chamberlain and go into effect at once. It provides for an appropriation of \$1500 to be expended annually in premiums. A board of commissioners will be named by the governor to have charge of the organization. The permanent meeting place is Pendleton.

Brents for Federal Judge.

If Senator-elect Piles carries out his agreement and succeeds in having the state of Washington made into two federal districts with the Cascade mountains as the dividing line, the chances of Judge Thomas H. Brents of Walla Walla being appointed as federal judge are bright. It has been known for many months that the friends of Judge Brents have been working quietly in his interests and have been laying plans to land him on the higher bench in the event that the new district is created.

Mormons at College Place.

It is persistently rumored that the Mormons are now closing a deal for the Adventist college at College Place, near Walla Walla. When the adventist college was built a public subscription was raised, many prominent citizens giving large sums for the establishment of the college. The rumored sale of the property has caused much comment from the donors to that fund.

Will Put in New Front.

C. A. Barrett has let the contract for putting in a modern plate glass front in the building formerly occupied by the First National Bank. Donald McFadden, a contractor and builder and a recent arrival in Athena, was awarded the contract. The building will be occupied by Ely & Scott, grocers, who have leased the store room for a period of three years.

A Rousing Meeting.

The attendance at the regular meeting of Pythian Lodge No. 29, K. of P., last evening was very large, there being over 100 Knights present. Visiting members from Adams, Helix and Weston lodges to the number of 30 men were guests of the local lodge. Degree work in all three ranks was given and the meeting terminated with a splendid banquet.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our Athena friends for kindness and assistance given us during the funeral and burial of our dear mother. George W. Ely,
Mr. and Mrs. Bamford.