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## TRAIN AND CYCLONE

BOTH COMBINE TO TEAR LIMBS  
AND BLIGHT LIVES.

Passenger Train Crashes into Dynamite Cars—Oklahoma Cyclone Wrecks a Town.

Oklahoma City, May 11.—Five hundred persons are reported killed or injured as the result of a tornado which swept the town of Snyder, 40 miles west of here at 11 last night. All telegraph and telephone connections with the town is gone and only meager information is obtainable. It is said that practically every house in town, the population of which is 2500, is wrecked. Shortly after 2 this morning communication between Chickasaw and Hobart was established. Hobart confirmed the earlier report and said every house in town except one hardware store and the Frisco round house, was destroyed.

### A Terrible Train Wreck.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—Poor air hose of a freight train on the Pennsylvania road at South Harrisburg at 1:10 this morning, caused the loss of about 20 lives and injury to about 100 people on the second section of the Cleveland & Cincinnati express, and destruction by fire of the passenger train and part of the freight. The bursting of a hose in the middle of the train caused several cars to buckle and fall across the passenger track, causing the explosion of two cars of dynamite and strewing the ground with dead bodies.

### New Lumber Yard

T. L. Terhune announces by advertisement in today's Press that he will engage in the lumber business. The contracting and building business done by Mr. Terhune, so he states, has grown to such proportions that he finds it necessary to carry a stock of lumber and building material. His yard is on the west side of Hunt Avenue, near his residence.

### Joint Convention.

That there will be a good attendance of prominent men from over the state at the Good Roads and Development League convention to be held in Pendleton on May 15 and 16, is indicated by the answers to invitations that have been received thus far. In most of the cases the requests to attend and participate have been accepted.

## WANT ATHENA THERE

Stop-over Privileges Can Be Obtained For Holders of Fair Tickets.

It stands Athena in hand to be well represented at the joint convention of the Good Roads Association and the Oregon Development League at Pendleton next Monday and Tuesday. At this gathering of men who are interested in the welfare and advancement of Oregon, much good will be done and that it is to Athena's best interest to be on hand with a live delegation will be seen from the import of the following letter:

Portland, May 8.—Mr. M. W. Smith, O. R. & N. Agent, Athena, Oregon: Our mutual friend, Col. R. C. Judson, is as you know, especially interested in the upbuilding of Athena. He wants you to see that

there is a good delegation present at Pendleton and that a plan is agreed upon which will result, not only in getting the stop-over privileges from the O. R. & N., and half rate to holders of Lewis and Clark tickets, but also in a plan which will actually locate people, and that is what you and your neighbors are interested in.

Now please bear in mind that Col. Judson came to this office especially to ask me to write you, and we will depend upon Athena being well represented. Hoping to meet you personally, and calling your particular attention to the enclosed circular which gives details of the convention, I am, Truly yours,  
Tom Richardson,  
Secretary Treasurer.

## Will Educate Young Hero

Denver, May 10.—Sturdy Leroy Irven Dixon, the boy hero of the San Juan division of the Denver & Rio Grande railway, is to receive an education to be paid for by Helen Gould. It took a long time to overcome the strong spirit of independence in the son of the poor rancher of La Plata county. The boy will be sent east shortly to enter one of the best schools in the country. As soon as he completes the grammar school course he will be placed in a preparatory school. After graduation at the latter he will be given his choice of universities.

With only a red bandana handkerchief for a signal, Leroy, in October, 1904, prevented a Rio Grande passenger train from being hurled hun-

dreds of feet in the canyon of the Las Animas river. Leroy was walking to school, several miles from home, when he discovered the rockslide on the track. Far down the canyon he heard the whistle of the approaching train and scrambled down the mountain side to the tracks, where he ran forward waving his handkerchief. Engineer McCabe saw the lad in time to stop the train 200 feet from the rockslide. Trainmen and passengers tried to make a hero of the boy, who was then 12 years old. Someone wanted to pass the hat for him, but he refused to accept anything. He was finally persuaded to accept the engineer's jackknife. The only thing Leroy wanted was "store clothes and a red top."

## Bingham Springs Leased

Pendleton, May 11.—Dr. C. H. Bingham has leased his popular Bingham Springs resort to M. E. Foley, formerly of the Rochester hotel in Tacoma, an experienced summer resort hotel man, who will greatly improve the hotel and make it the leading resort in Umatilla county. The sanitarium features will be entirely done away with, and Mr. Foley will cater to excursionists and campers exclu-

sively and hopes to receive his share of the trade of this vicinity. Dr. Bingham will retire from the management and will spend the summer at Walla Walla and in the mountains. Mr. Foley goes to Portland tomorrow to make arrangements for new fixtures and supplies to add to the hotel and will open the season fully equipped to greet the many friends of this old and popular mountain resort.

### WILL EXPERT BOOKS.

Will Involve All the County's Records For the Past Six Years.

For the first time in the history of Umatilla county, says the East Oregonian, the books of the county officials are to be thoroughly overhauled by experts.

Tuesday afternoon the commissioners contracted with Messrs Clark and Buchanan, of Portland, for the work, and it will commence next Monday.

The work of experting will require considerable time as it will involve an examination of all the work of the clerks, sheriffs, assessors, recorders, treasurers and school superintendents that have served during the past six years. The investigation will go back only that far because the county would be unable to collect shortage occurring longer ago than that time.

The matter of employing experts has been considered by the commissioners for some time, but was not fully determined upon until this session. In speaking of the matter this afternoon Commissioner Walker, who has continually urged that the offices be experted, stated that he regarded the matter as purely a business precaution, and something that should be done regularly. When the present investigation has been completed and the work brought to date, it is anticipated that the experting will be done regularly in the future.

### Treat for the School.

George Bannister has been giving the school children a series of treats, having on different occasions taken his Edison phonograph to the school house and given the several rooms a concert, which was much appreciated by all.

### Ice Cream Social Tonight.

Tonight in Epworth Hall, at the M. E. church, the Epworth League will give their first ice cream social of the season. The refreshments will be especially tempting. Don't fail to attend and spend a pleasant evening.

### PAPERS ON EXHIBIT.

Umatilla County Press Will Be Represented at Exposition.

One of the unique and valuable features of the Umatilla county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair will be a daily and weekly file of every newspaper published in the county, kept at the exhibit booth in the agricultural building for the benefit of visitors and friends at the fair.

A space will be provided and each paper will be asked to send a regular copy of their paper to the superintendent of the Umatilla county exhibit.

Each editor in Umatilla county has been asked by the Lewis and Clark committee of Umatilla county to act as an associate committeeman from his locality, to be on guard for valuable exhibits that might come under his notice and in this way it will be possible to secure a first class display of the resources of the county.—East Oregonian.

### Cost of Irrigation.

The United States consulting board of the reclamation service met at Ontario Monday, with the members of the Water Users' association and after a two hours' session no conclusion was reached. The minimum cost of reclaiming 100,000 acres was announced at \$40 an acre, which was \$10 an acre more than the former estimate and this threw a damper on the hopes of the people, though they have decided unanimously to attempt to put the project through. Application will be made to the secretary of the interior to secure the payment for the government work in installments, the first five to be \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 a year and \$5 for each subsequent year. The matter stands in abeyance until the question can be settled.

### To Repair Opera House.

S. L. Spencer has let the contract for repairing the opera house to T. L. Terhune. Mr. Terhune's bid was \$685, and does not include the painting of the building.

## IS AT DEATH'S DOOR

UNITED STATES JUDGE BELLINGER SERIOUSLY ILL.

Contracted Cold While Hearing Land Fraud Cases and Complications Have Set In.

Charles B. Bellinger, Judge of the United States Court, is critically ill at his home on the East Side, and the chances for his recovery are so slight that hope is practically abandoned and family and friends are waiting for the end.

The mental strain caused by the responsibilities incident to the land fraud investigations and trials which have been proceeding under his jurisdiction for the past several months, have says the Oregonian, sapped the strength of the aging jurist and weakened him until when he was attacked by the grip upon the day of his decision in the case of the Mitchell abatement plea, he was unable to rally completely, and is now on the verge of the grave, suffering from a relapse.

When Judge Bellinger rendered his decision in the Mitchell plea on Tuesday, April 25, it was seen by those in the court room that he was suffering and that it was with difficulty he was able to finish his reading. Prior to the convening of court he rested on the couch in his office, and as soon as court adjourned he returned to his room and went to bed. His physician pronounces the case a severe attack of the grip and prescribed accordingly. By Friday the Judge had recovered to such an extent that he went to his farm on the following day, returning in the evening. Sunday he was apparently well and on Monday morning attended court, but became ill and returned to his home with all of the former symptoms greatly intensified.

From that time on his condition has grown steadily worse and the progress of the disease cannot be checked. As a result of the infection due to the grip, it is said that the Judge is suffering from septicemia, or constitutional blood-poisoning. While the physician in charge of the case will make no other statement than that Judge Bellinger is critically ill, still it is known that there is but little hope for his recovery and that his death is expected at a near date.

Judge Bellinger has had the distinction of having had jurisdiction over the most important cases perhaps ever brought before the American bar, those now pending in which Senator Mitchell, Representatives Hermann and Williamson and so many other prominent men are accused of having transgressed the laws of the United States.

The effect of the death of Judge Bellinger, if the worst should come, upon the land fraud trials would be serious. His knowledge of the cases at issue, gained from his familiarity with the testimony of the grand jury witnesses, and his study upon the points of law at issue, would have had much to do with speedy and impartial trials of the cases pending. In any event there is now small likelihood that the cases can be heard at the present term of court, for if the place held by Judge Bellinger is vacated it will be some time before a successor could be appointed and the cases would be certain to go over at least until the October term of court. In the event of Judge Bellinger's recovery he would not be able to hear the cases before October, if then.

### New Barber Firm.

Henry Keen and Clyde Willaby have sold their barber shop to A. J. Parker and Elmer Lane, who recently arrived from California. Mr. Lane some years ago was in the employ of Mr. Parker, and is known in Athena as a first class tonsorial artist. The new partnership includes the business and fixtures of both shops. Lane will conduct the Keen shop and Mr. Parker will continue to preside over the destinies of the old stand. For the present the Keen place will be a one chair shop and two chairs will be operated at the Parker shop.

### Wagon Overturned.

While hauling fence posts on the Pine Creek ranch yesterday, Henry Barrett met with a serious accident. The wagon overturned on a steep hill side, and as Henry went over, he came in contact with one of the side posts on the wagon rack, the result being that the flesh on different parts of the body is lacerated and bruised.

### Wheat Shipment.

The first shipment of wheat to be made from Athena for some time was made yesterday, when David Taylor shipped three carloads to Tacoma. The wheat was in storage and was sold by a resident of Tacoma at a price not stated.