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Five Dead, Fifteen Buried Under Wreckage

SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT

Rock Island Railway's Colifornia Special Train Goes Into the Ditch.

ENTIRE TRAIN DERAILED; MANY REPORTED INJURED

Five Dead Bodies Have Already Been Taken From the Wreck and Wrecking Crews Are Here Working to Rescue Passengers From Beneath Burning Cars.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31.—A serious accident to the Rock Island's California special is reported to have occurred near here. Although details are lacking, it is said that the entire train was derailed. Later reports say that five dead bodies already have been recovered

from the wreck, and that at least 15 were buried under the wreckage. The cars are said to be burning, and scores are reported injured.

The train left the rails 2 1/2 miles north of here, and toppled over. A special train was hurried to the scene and the injured are being rushed to hospitals here.

Members of a wrecking crew, armed with axes have attacked the sleeping cars, and are attempting to rescue the imprisoned passengers.

FREE TRIP PASS; THIEVES ARRESTED

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—The fraudulent disposition of free trip passes has cost the Great Northern railroad upwards of \$600,000 in the past four years, it is alleged, as the result of an organized system, supposed to extend throughout the West.

Special Agent A. L. Rain has been working on the case for the railroad for over a year, and as the result of his efforts Paul Carbon, a St. Paul saloon keeper, and an employment agent at Grand Forks, N. D., have been taken into custody, accused of disposing of passes.

The investigators allege that the passes were purloined from one of the railroad departments, and sold to employment agents and others for shipping laborers over the road.

EX-PRESIDENT ZELAYA TAKES A SLAP AT KNOX

Can Drink, Talk, Gamble, Sleep, and Live In Mexico Without Any Fear of Molestation.

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 31.—"Americans have been misled by biased reports and made-to-order stories of the alleged crimes and offenses in Central America, but I feel that since I have been given an opportunity to state my side of the case, that they will begin to understand the true state of affairs."

This was the statement made today by former President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, to the United Press correspondent.

"While it is true," he continued, "that I have enemies in the United States, I also have friends. The latter firmly believe that no matter what faults may be found with my policy in governing Nicaragua the action of Secretary Knox was far

from proper from a diplomatic point of view."

Zelaya laughed at the story that he had plundered the country and declared that he had paid the \$50,000 Emery claim out of his own pocket. The former president seems undisturbed by the rumors of a plot to assassinate him.

A sub-secretary of foreign affairs today denied that Zelaya was a virtual prisoner at the Mexican capital. He stated that Zelaya was at liberty to go and come as he pleased.

"Zelaya," said the secretary, "may spend millions, drink, talk, gamble, sleep and live in Mexico without fear of molestation as long as he cares to."

NEW BOOSTER FOR THE CITY OF EUGENE

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 31.—The board of governors of the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial Club last evening elected D. C. Freeman of Portland as manager of the club for 1910 to succeed John H. Hartog, who leaves Eugene for New York City tomorrow evening.

Mr. Freeman was the unanimous choice of the governors, who considered quite a number of applications. He was strongly recommended by prominent men of the northwest. Mr. Freeman is a practical newspaperman, but his work in the northwest has been along exploitation lines, having represented the Harriman lines in Washington and Idaho. He was secretary and assistant to the late President Goode of the Lewis and Clark exposition. During the last year he was engaged in exploitation work in connection with the A.-Y.-P. exposition at Seattle. The manager will take up his work the 1st of January.

TOWN OF REX, ORE., WANTS A DEPOT

The Railroad Commission today received a petition, which is liberally signed by the patrons of the Southern Pacific railroad near the town of Rex. The petitioners set out that some time back representatives of the road advised them that if the farmers in this vicinity would do the grading for a switch that it would be installed, and also that a depot building would be installed by the company. It is represented in the petition that the switch was constructed, but, though the petitioners have appealed again and again to the company for a depot, none has been provided, and the commission is now asked to take action with regard to the matter.

JACKSON COUNTY PIONEER DIES

McMdford, Ore., Dec. 31.—With the passing of the old year, Silas D. Day, the oldest pioneer of Jackson county passed out into the night. He died early this morning at his home in Jacksonville, where he has resided since 1849, being one of the first to reach that place after the discovery of gold.

Judge Day was possibly the best known of Southern Oregon pioneers. He is survived by a daughter only, who is at present in Colorado for her health. He was 84 years of age.

WEATHER PROPHETS SOMEWHAT MIXED

The weather prophets evidently could not come to an understanding between the hours of 6 o'clock last night and 8 o'clock this morning. Last evening the mercury stood at the 45-degree mark above, and the weather was reasonably comfortable, but along about 10 o'clock frost could be seen glittering upon the sidewalks, and the thermometer registered 32 degrees. This morning Salem was greeted, first with snow that came down from a leaden sky in large flakes, as though another white mantle was going to form, and then rain prevailed for a short time, which froze as soon as it fell.

ASTORIA TO HAVE NEW ELECTRIC ROAD

Construction On the Astoria Seaside and Tillamook Railway Begins Soon.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 31.—President F. L. Eynas, of the Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Railway Company, announced today that active work on the construction of the proposed electric line from this city to Seaside will be commenced next Monday morning.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS SOON TO BE BROKEN

In spite of the wet weather at present, all the water wagons in the city have been engaged for this evening. Water wagon tallyho parties will be seen shortly after the clock strikes 12; hubby will look sad and dump his last Havana into the stove; wife will never, never "chaw the rag" again over trifle matters; Bobby is made to promise that he will be more guarded in his speech at the table, and even the dog will swear off kicking up a muss with the family cat.

All these good resolutions will be set down and sworn before me this last day of December, etc., and placed carefully away in some suggested nook by hubby, who will see to it that it will become misplaced mysteriously a few weeks later, and then a few friendly whiffs will be indulged in by the sly old man out behind the barn or in the bath room. The water wagon supporters will cling on for dear life for the first few miles, and scorn even friendship, but later on the riders wear out; the driver lays off, and, to cap the climax, the ultimate violation of the resolution and probable loss of

a \$10 bet or a new hat, some fellow will jump down to get the whip which fell out of the socket. With the stealth of an Indian, he will sidestep into the refreshment room door, peer cautiously about the place and whisper his order, and leave hurriedly. Some times he makes his escape, but oftener he is caught coming out with a handkerchief to his mouth.

HOP MERCHANT BUYS "JOY RIDING" BUGGY

Frank Durbin, the Salem hop merchant, was out on the street this morning in his brand new Chalmers-Detroit, recently sold him by Clay, local agent. Mr. Durbin succeeds very well in making the machine belch out clouds of smoke and an occasional sheet of flame, but is a little shy on speed as yet. When the new skipper of the land craft becomes accustomed to handling the helm, and can regulate the machinery to where it will not sound like a bull atoul of a barb wire fence and operate the fog whistle on the starboard arm, his friends will be invited to take a little sail around the "buoys" on the Liberty road.

WANTS \$5,000 FOR GIRLS RETURN

Louisville Girl Kidnaped While On Her Way to Church Christmas Morning.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Frank E. Fehr, the millionaire brewer, and cousin of Anne Kelner, the little Louisville girl who was kidnaped while on her way to church, arrived in this city today and immediately went into consultation with the police.

Fehr has offered a reward of \$3,000 for the girl's return. Immediately after Anne's parents received a letter yesterday demanding a ransom of \$5,000, Fehr left Louisville for this city. It is believed that the child is hidden here.

Fehr stated that he would offer a larger reward if he thought it would increase the activity of the police in apprehending the kidnapers.

HOW THE NEW YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED

The different factory whistles about Salem resemble a steam calliope when the dawn of the new year appears, and church bells in every precinct toll out their recognition of the year 1910 and the farewell of the faithful old 1909. The first notice of New Years is given by the firing off of numerous shotguns and other firearms, the celebrators being prepared with watch in hand to send out greetings to the new year as soon as it is turned over by the clock. Steam whistles and the balance of the racket then notifies everyone that 1910 is then in charge, and the less enthusiastic ones can then turn over and go to sleep, providing there is no stray overly-dextrous celebrator in your vicinity, who persists in prolonging the noise.

Woodburnites Join the Bunch
There was a big time at the Elks' meeting in Salem last Thursday night. Among the twelve canlight'es put through were G. W. Huffman and Claud Dunn of Woodburn. Others present from here were Francis Feller, F. Steelhammer and Ed Herren.—Woodburn Independent.

The outdoor skating for this year in Salem is over with. Many enjoyed it while it lasted.

GRAND JURY REPORTS TO THE COURT

Session Comes to an End by Returning Five True and Six Untrue Bills.

THREE GAMBLERS ARE INDICTED; TWO GO FREE

Among the True Bills Was an Indictment for a Prominent Man, Whose Name Has Not Yet Been Made Public, But Whose Arrest When Made Will Cause Sensation.

The grand jury returns five true and six untrue bills. Indict three of the gamblers and acquit two of them. Also indictment of one party whose name is unknown, but who stands high in the community where he resides, and his arrest will create a sensation. Probable arrested tonight. The jury recommends that the cases submitted to it by Insurance Commissioner Koser, which are violations of insurance law, be taken up by the next grand jury, which convenes Monday.

The present jury has completed its labors and discharged.

Five indictments, upon the back of which were endorsed the words "A True Bill," and six indictments upon the back of which were endorsed the words "Not a True Bill," were returned by the grand jury, which has been in session ever since last Monday, when it reported to Judge Burnett at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The jury had in reality completed its labors Wednesday evening and were only waiting yesterday for them to be formulated into indictments, and were scheduled to report on these this morning at 9 o'clock, but last night Insurance Commissioner Zozier decided to submit some matters to the jury, and this delayed the report until this afternoon. After the submission of the report Foreman Baldwin was asked if the jury had completed its labors, and, upon receiving an affirmative answer, the judge directed the jury discharged from any further attendance upon the court.

Indictments Found.
Those against whom true bills were found by the jury are as follows: Sam Morgan, Emery James and Charles Pellette, all charged with violating the state gambling law. These indictments came as more or less of a surprise, as it had been anticipated that, owing to the fact that the jury made an unfavorable report upon the bawdy house cases, that a similar report would also be made upon the gambling cases. W. H. Miller, charged with larceny alleged to consist in the stealing of a bicycle, and the other indictment is one preferred by the jury on its own initiative. It is preferred against a man residing in the vicinity of Salem, but owing to the fact that he is not in custody the name could not be learned nor the charge upon which he was indicted. It is said that he stands high in the community where he resides, and his arrest will create considerable of a sensation. He will probably be arrested and brought to the city by Sheriff Minto or one of his deputies this evening.

The indictments which the jury returned an unfavorable report upon.

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Our Annual CLEARANCE SALE

Is now in full blast and will be continued until further notice. There will be no mercy shown to prices

The entire stock must be closed out to make room for our spring goods. It is not profits we are looking for now; it is the matter of disposing of the stock. Just think of it—this magnificent stock of this season's newest and best goods offered at less than manufacturer's cost. Now is a good time to buy up-to-date merchandise at prices that no competition can touch. Come and get our prices and save good money on each purchase.

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