

TELLS OF MELON THAT EXPLODED

Office Was a Wreck After Unexpected Escape of 105-Pound Melon

"Yes sir," announced Colonel "Bill" Decker, former Ohio legislator and veteran publisher, "it's the unexpected that makes the day's news interesting—for the newspaperman as well as the reader.

"Which reminds me of a watermelon I once met."

The colonel tilted his chair back against a plate glass window in front of the office of his newspaper, the Southwest American, and gazed off into distance with a reminiscent smile.

His auditors half believed the "unexpected" was due to happen with the colonel going on out backward through the window, but it was a good window and apparently experienced, and it held.

"What's a watermelon got to do with the unexpected?" the colonel was asked.

"Well, this particular melon was some melon, allow me to assert," the story teller resumed.

"It weighed 105 pounds. Brookes Stevens grew it on his mountain-top melon farm to the south of here. He brought it into town and put it on display in the window of a real estate emporium on Sixth street around the corner.

"Ah, me! How well I remember that cataclysmal day. It was hotter than concentrated blazes.

"In spite of the heat, a crowd collected on the sidewalk in front of the realty office to see that melon. It was worth it. I never saw—or tasted—"

"such a melon."

"And then the unexpected happened. "Did you ever see a melon sigh? Well, this one did.

"It drew a deep breath, 'Hoo-hum!' it seemed to say.

"I stood paralyzed in my tracks. So did the crowd and I made a joint mistake. We never should have lingered after having been given such unmistakable proof that that melon was getting restless.

"And then—
"Bang!"

"My heavens, gentlemen, you never witnessed or felt such an explosion in your life! It was terrible. The interior of the office was a wreck. I was a wreck. The crowd was a wreck. "I staggered blindly out of the door clawing melon seeds from my eyes and hair, fingering melon rinds out of my collar and ears.

"Women and children first!" some idiot howled.

"Men were howling everywhere, bright stains spreading over shirt

MICKIE SAYS

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fronts. Children were yelling. The whole town came down sixth street on he run to see who had dynamited the real estate office.

"A coroner's inquest developed the simple fact that Fort Smith had gotten too hot for a portly watermelon such as this chap, so he simply 'up and blew.'

"Yes, sir, it's the unexpected that always bust," concluded Colonel "Bill" Decker.

Reduced Rates.

Mrs. M. had arrived at the little station in Vermont on a cold, stormy evening, and had hired an old man to drive her to her friend's farm up among the hills. The roads were in bad condition from the storm, and the ride was altogether a very uncomfortable one. "How much do I owe you?" she asked on arriving at her destination. "Well, ma'am," said the old man, "my regular price is a dollar, but seein' as it's such a bad night and the goin' so terrible I'll call it 75 cents."—The Christian Register (Boston).

WARANT CALL

Emmett Irrigation District. Notice is hereby given that upon presentation at the office of the Emmett Irrigation District, in Emmett, Idaho, on or after August 26, 1922, I will pay the following warrants issued upon the Maintenance Fund of said District:

Series 1921-22, Warrants Nos. 192 to 212, inclusive.

1913 Maintenance warrants Nos. 4446 to 4503 inclusive.

Prior warrants of the above series have been previously called.

KARL L. MANN,
Treasurer of Emmett Irrigation District.

IN SOCIETY

Mrs. H. Carmichael was at home Friday afternoon of last week from 3 to 5 o'clock inviting in a small company of friends to meet her sister Miss Ogden. Summer flowers were used in charming fashion throughout the rooms. Cool and dainty refreshments were served during the afternoon. Miss Ogden left for her home in Iowa Sunday evening after a trip to Arrow Rock dam and picnic lunch at one of the shady nooks on the Idaho City road for her pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael planned a great deal of motoring to the mountains and lake resorts during her stay in Idaho.

In the party of picnicing and sight-seeing at Arrow Rock dam Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinzer, and daughter Clara, Mr. and Mrs. Max Crouch, Dr. and Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes' house guest, Mrs. F. A. Homlin, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and Mr. Jensen's brother, Mr. White.

The marriage of Miss Marie Johnson to William White was solemnized Saturday, August 19, at Nampa. The wedding was conducted at 9:30 o'clock, by Father Cannon at the parsonage. The bridal attendants were Miss Bernice Johnson, sister of the bride, and Vern Myers. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, and a popular member of her set of young people. Her wedding has been a motif for a number of pre-nuptial affairs arranged by intimate friends. The young people returned the first of the week and are at home on their ranch on the slope.

Of interest to her many friends here will be the wedding of Miss Grace Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cook, to Mr. Albert C. Briney of New Meadows. The wedding will take place the first of September and will be the motif for a number of pretty little affairs in the next week for the bride elect.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Morehouse and son entertained Boise friends Sunday at a pretty little dinner party. Plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Kenkl and Mr. Johnston. The afternoon was spent in a motor trip to the dam where a number of interesting and instructive pictures were taken.

Mr. and Mrs. William White were entertained both by their parents and by community friends, Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. White of the upper mesa, for what started out to be a dinner party in honor of the bride and groom was changed into a neighborhood jollification before the evening was over. All week the young people had been trying to surprise Mr. and Mrs. Will White but had been unable to find them at home, so the older people of the locality were more than pleased when they were able to charivari the newly married couple and did so with all manner of noise producers. After an evening full of merriment and fun, ice cream and cake were served to the crowd.

The ladies of the Crescent club will be hostesses Friday afternoon to the members of the Betterment and U. A. Clubs. The meeting will be held at the Betterment Club house west of town. Business and a varied program of selected numbers will take up the afternoon hours.

AMERICAN LEGION NOTES

Approximately 10,000 acres of land in New Mexico may be taken over by veterans of the world war, according to an announcement by the land office of the Interior. The land which was formerly withdrawn under the reclamation act for reservoir sites has been restored and will be subject to entry at the land office at Las Cruces, N. M. The American Legion advises prospective homesteaders to write immediately to the office at Las Cruces for information.

The American Legion Auxiliary National headquarters in Indianapolis is trying to locate the greatest war mother in America—that is, the mother who had the largest number of sons in the service, according to word reaching the American Legion headquarters at Boise. One Indiana community has a mother who had seven sons in the world war, others had as many as five—but the auxiliary wants to know definitely where in America is the woman who has the honor of having more than seven sons in the service.

New Orleans will entertain the largest assembly of musical organizations in its history during the American Legion National Convention next October. More than 100 bands and drum corps from all parts of the country will compete in prize contests. Entries are restricted to Legion organizations.

AUCTION SALE

of Sample Merchandise

At the building just South of Hawkin's Hardware, Emmett

LAST TIME

Saturday, Aug. 26

at 2 p. m. and at 8 p. m.

Ladies' Wool Dresses

All kinds of Remnants

Ladies' Waists

Men's Clothing

Men's Shoes

Army trousers

Army Coats

500 pair Knee Pants.

All kinds of Boy's and Men's Underwear.

ANY ARTICLE IN STOCK WILL BE SOLD RETAIL. DON'T MISS THIS.

NEWS OF RECORD

Instruments Filed for Record for the Week Ending August 21, 1922

Warranty Deeds

Emma B. DeClark to Dora Barclay both of Emmett. 50 ft. by 160 ft. in Lot 61 Sunny Slope Add. and adj. tract. Emmett. \$130.

Lafayette and Alice Amy Knowlton to Harry Knowlton, all of Sweet. W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 3, W. of Squaw creek. E 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Lot 1 Sec. 4-7-1 E. less 12 in south part. \$10.

William H. and Anna Canaday to Harry J. Query, all of Emmett. N. 50 ft. of W. part Lot 27, Sunny Slope add. Emmett. \$1000.

Harry Query and Anna Query to William H. Canaday. N 1/2 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, and SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 10-11-1 E. \$1000.

Ida B. Dryden Hiatt to Mary S. Danielson, both of Emmett. NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 10-6-1 W. \$1000.

Birdie B. Kidwell and C. F. Kidwell of Long Beach Calif. to Mary S. Danielson of Emmett. SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 10-6-1 W. \$800.

Patents

U. S. to Roy W. Pope. S 1/2 SE 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Lots 1 and 4, Sec. 18-9-2 E. and NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 13-9-1 E.

Also SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 13, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 24-9-1 E.

U. S. to Harry Query. N 1/2 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 10-11-1 E.

In the Span of Life.

Tropical midges of sorts live less than a day—sequoias have felt their sap quicken with the warmth of three thousand springs. Somewhere between these extremes, we open our eyes, look about us for a time, and close them again. Modern political geography and shift of government give us Methuselahic feelings; but a glance at rocks or stars sends us shuddering among the other notes, which glisten for a moment in the sunlight and then vanish.—William Beebe in the Atlantic Monthly.

Thoughts for the Children.

To help a child to become unselfish, self-reliant, kind, thoughtful, considerate, honest, and independent; to train to habits of usefulness; to promote purity of thought and life; to have even some small part in awakening loftier purposes and holier aspirations; to arouse in the minds of boys and girls an honest and sincere hope to be able to make happier the school, the home, the community, the state, the nation, and the world—should be the greatest ambition of every teacher.—R. C. Barrett.

The Leader.

It was the custom of the congregation to repeat the Twenty-third Psalm in concert, and Mrs. Armstrong's habit was to keep about a dozen words ahead all the way through. A stranger was asking one day about Mrs. Armstrong. "Who," he inquired, "was the lady who was already by the still waters while the rest of us were lying down in green pastures?"—Metropolitan.



Perhaps you, too, dread wash day with its monotonous, never-seeming-to-end grind. Perhaps, you're undergoing all the tortures that accompany the average "Blue Monday."

If that be the case, we believe you aren't getting out of life what you should. Let us be your messengers of care. Let us carry away your weekly bundle and return it to you spic and span.

There's one thing certain; we will handle your finest wearables as carefully as you do yourself. Such a service is to be desired.

And the Tuesday's work is cut down too, for the laundry comes home with many of the pieces ironed, a service you don't get outside of the laundry.

Mail Orders Receive Prompt Attention

Gem City Steam Laundry

in Emmett.

Help Wanted

I will pack my peaches, prunes and apples at the packing house belonging to the Co-operative Exchange. I need a box maker, a few more packers, packing house men, and pickers. List your names with me by phone or at the office of Co-op. Exchange.

J. R. FIELD

ANNOUNCEMENT

DR. FREDERICK P. WHITSELL, Dental Surgeon, cordially invites the people of Gem County and vicinity to visit the opening of his new office in Room 17, Bank of Emmett Building, Emmett, Idaho, after Saturday, August 26th.

Every courtesy will be shown in explaining and demonstrating the latest equipment and methods employed in the practice of Dental Surgery.

Graduate College of Dentistry
State University of Iowa.

Office hours from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Evenings by appointment.
Office Phone 274. Residence 188-J.

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"Gip" tire prices now hold on terrors for us with the prices on standard makes at their present level.

30 x 3 Fabric casing	\$7.99
30x3 1/2 Fabric casing	\$8.99
30x3 1/2 Cord casing	\$12.45

Other sizes in proportion.

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