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JUST FROM THE PEN

It is Now Known the Wallowa Robbers are Barkley and Gale, two Noted Criminals.

The robbers who escaped from the Wallowa county posse are now thought to be Dick Barkley and Wm Gale, two desperate characters whose former crimes are well known in this and adjoining counties.

Officer J H McLachlen yesterday, received information from the deputy sheriff of Wallowa county that they were sure that the men who robbed the Imasha post office a few days ago are the above named parties and think they are also the men who robbed the Flora store a short time ago.

In 1894 Barkley and Gale were of the trio who attempted to hold up the train at the tunnel below Talahas Engineer A E Stephens of this city was pulling

the train. For this they were finally captured after a long chase were convicted at Union and were sentenced to the penitentiary for fifteen years. About eighteen months ago they were pardoned by the governor and returned to this section of the state. A number of robberies have been committed in the Conner creek district and in Wallowa county which the officers credit them with being the operators.

They are known to be desperate men and their recent penitentiary experience will in no wise make their capture easy. Gale is the most hardened in crime and a noted desperado and the officers do not expect to capture him alive.

Five Thousand Men Out

Topeka, Kan., May 3.—Approximately 5000 men out on the Santa Fe system is the strike situation today, as claimed by President O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists. This statement is based on reports received this morning. Of the 5000, about 1200 are boilermakers, blacksmiths, cooperworkers, helmers and semi-killed labor of the Allied Metal Mechanics. The reports say that 21 shops and roundhouses are affected, all shops west of La Grange, Col., to the Pacific Coast being completely tied up.

Graff Renominated

Peoria, Ill., May 4.—Congressman Joseph V Graff was renominated today by the Republican of the Sixteenth district.

THE H. S. CONTEST

Seniors Win First Place in Oratory and Juniors First in Debate Last Night.

The High School Oratorical contest last evening resulted in a victory for the Senior class as regards the oration and also for the declamation. The contestants for these places of honor were Earl Kilpatrick, representing the Seniors and Ben Grout representing the Juniors for oration. Miss Hazel Corbett representing the Seniors and Miss Edna McCall representing the Juniors on declamation. The question for debate in which the Juniors captured the honors over the Seniors was "Resolved that the annexation of Canada by the United States would be beneficial to both nations." The Juniors had the nega-

live side. After the debate came the dialogues in which Herman Clark and Earl Kilpatrick recited the trials and troubles of a politician in a manner to greatly amuse the gathered patrons of the school. The High School orchestra furnished music throughout the evening. The High School is to be congratulated upon having such a splendid orchestra, as it is certainly a credit not only to the schools but also to the town. La Grande has reasons to feel proud of its public school. The showing made last evening was such as to reflect great credit upon the teachers and students. This contest was really a try out for the purpose of determining who would represent the High School in the Inter-high school Oratorical contest to be held here May 28. The school will be represented by Earl Kilpatrick who captured the honor on the merit of his oration last evening. The school feels he will also be successful in the contest then.

The vocal trio by Misses Mertie Aldrich, Bessie Worstell and Mary Tait was greatly enjoyed by all. The attendance was good, the auditorium being completely filled. The net proceeds of the entertainment amounted within a few cents of twenty dollars.

EMPIRE IS INFORMED

Now Knows All About How the Japs Crossed the Yalu--The General Explains.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—(Noon)—The Emperor has received an official dispatch from General Kurapatkin forwarding a dispatch from General Zassulitch commanding the Russian forces which have been engaged with the Japanese advance from Yalu. It is dated upon Sunday and describes how he ordered the Russian forces at Antung and Kullin Cheng to fall back along the main road toward Fong Wang Cheng. This movement was protected from the threatened flank attack by men and gun stationed at Petitsensky one mile north of Kullien Cheng and Chio Fou, villages on the Litzaveta River.

Here the fighting was protracted and severe. The Russians lost artillery and horses being obliged to abandon, according to the text, a "few" guns. General Zassulitch says: "Although we were unable to hold our positions here, we inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

Good Report

J M Selders, of the Cove and republican nominee for county commissioner was a La Grande visitor today. Mr Selders states the fruit prospects in his section were never better, and that is saying a good deal for Mr Selders has been a resident of the Cove many years and during all of which time he has been interested in horticulture. He also stated the strawberry acreage was larger than it has been for previous years.

Memorial Day

The Women's Relief Corps and the G A R are making preparations to observe Memorial Day at La Grande. The committee appointed at the last post meeting will have a meeting in the editorial rooms of the Observer tomorrow evening at 7:30 p m to make arrangements full attendance is required.

A Splendid Addition

The Lane County addition of the Eugene Morning Register reached this office yesterday. It is an addition of sixty four pages splendidly illustrated and containing much valuable information regarding Lane county. It reflects great credit upon its publishers and upon the citizens of Lane county. For without the assistance and co-operation and support of them the publishers would be unable to issue such a complete and comprehensive addition.

Oldest Printer is Dead

Mill of May 4—James C Cook, known as the oldest practical printer in the United States, if not in the world, died here today, aged 87 years.

WEDDING BELLS

Two Very Pretty Home Weddings Took Place in This City at High Noon Today.

VURPILLAT—MCKENNON—In this city at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt Mr and Mrs J M Berry, Mr Charles Aubrey Vurpillat and Miss Harrie Lucy McKennon, at high noon May 4 1904 the Rev Father Whyte officiating.

The wedding was a very quite one only the family and a few out of town guests being present. The rooms were handsomely decorated with ferns apple blossoms and Oregon grape. The happy couple were married under a canopy of flowers and ferns from the center of which hung a green wreath pendant in which was a white dove. The house was darkened and wax candles furnished the illumination, making a very beautiful and dainty effect. The maid of honor was Fannie McKennon and the best man was Mr Chandler McKennon, the ribbon bearers were Cornelia Stanley and Mildred Beavis. From 1 to 5 the bride and groom were at home to their friends who called by the score to pay their tribute and offer congratulations. At six o'clock was the wedding supper at which were the family and the out of town guests. Following were the dinner guests. Mr and Mrs F S Stanley, of Portland; Mr and Mrs F S Murphy, of Perry, Mr and Mrs E A H Holmes of Wallowa; Mr and Mrs Frank Berry of Baker City; Mr and Mrs C H Clark of Cove; Mrs H H French of Cove; Hon. J M Church, Dr N K Hall and W J Church of this city, and Miss Porter of Baker City.

Mr and Mrs Vurpillat will leave this evening for Mr Vurpillat's home in Winnsboro, Indiana, where they will visit the next two months. The happy couple carry with them the very best wishes of a large circle of friends who join with the Observer in offering congratulations.

Lewis-Smith

At high noon today Mr Preston Lewis Jr and Miss Ethel Adolene Smith

were married at the home of the bride's parents Mr and Mrs W D Smith in this city, by Rev. W L Van Nuya pastor of the Presbyterian church of Penolton. The wedding march was played by Miss Edith Lafferty, one of Mendelssohn's. Miss Hattie Short was maid of honor dressed in white Persian lawn carrying a bouquet of pink carnations. The bride's maids were Miss Cora Harding and Miss Lena Co y dressed in Mous-elme De Sole carrying pink carnations. Mr Earnest Lewis was groomsmen. The bride was dressed in white Crape De chine trimmed in white lace carrying a bouquet of white carnations. They were met under a arch of blossoms by Rev Van Nuya who married them by the Presbyterian ring ceremony, after which the party assembled around a bounteous dinner table Mr and Mrs will be at home after May 15th corner of 3rd and D streets. It was their intention to leave this evening for Chicago, St Louis and Florida, but Mrs Lewis' death postponed their trip until fall.

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Greeted with a Sneer

A Portland paper in announcing the arrival of sixteen railway coaches with 400 immigrants, from near Boston, heads the news with a most uncalled for and impolite sneer. In large type thus "Bran Est-ers Seeks Homes Here." The press of Oregon has been boasting of the glad hand which our people stand ready to give to new comers, and now when a goodly number of respectable people do come and find their coming thus heralded with a derisive sneer in the largest city in the state and by one of the largest dailies therein they will justly feel indignant and regret that they have come across the continent to secure such a boorish reception. The news items is as following:

Sixteen coaches, drawn by two locomotives, rolled into the Union depot at 11:55 last night, loaded with over 400 immigrants from the Atlantic Coast. The majority of these immigrants are from Massachusetts in the vicinity of Boston. There are many families in the party, and all are looking for farms in various portions of Oregon.

Bound Over

A part of the time of Judge Grant's court was occupied yesterday afternoon with the case where Charles Wilson, a tourist of the Hobo variety was charged with stealing two boxes of cigars from the State Sa oon. Wilson could give no good excuse for having the cigars in his possession and was bound over to appear before the district court in the sum of \$50. In default of which he was sent to Union this morning by officer Wale.

TROUBLE IS ENDED

Henry Smith Dies at Salem--The Man who Attempted Suicide in This City.

Salem, May 4—Henry Smith died in this city yesterday. Smith has not been in good health for many months some weeks ago he made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide at his brother's home at La Grande. He was taken to the Pendleton hospital where he recovered from his wounds and was soon after adjudged insane and was brought to this city where he died yesterday.

Land Laws

The Observer received this morning from W A Richards commissioner of the General Land office, the circular from the General Land office of the United States showing the manner of proceeding to obtain title to public lands under the homestead desert land and other laws.

The circular is dated Jan. 25, 1904 and contains 339 pages bound.

The Observer requested a copy of this circular from the commissioner to enable it to answer safely the many inquiries it receives from persons about land matters. The same mail that brought the circular from Washington also brought an inquiry from a homesteader wishing to know "how long from making entry on a homestead he had in which to make final proof and on page 14 of said circular we find an application to make final proof on homesteads should begin to make their proofs in sufficient time to complete and file them in the local office within the statutory period of seven years from date of entry."

Plenty of Work

Fred Jacobs, says his employment agency is doing a land office business this week. He is finding work for about six men per day. To be more correct, he is finding six men who will work each day. There is plenty of work for all.

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