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CROSS UNTRUTH IN THE STAR

MORNING PAPERS CONCOCTS
A SENSATIONAL STORY.

With Every Statement But One False and Teeming With Yellow Sensationalism, Morning Paper Dodges the Truth in Reporting a Quiet and Peaceable Wedding—Injured Parties Have Clear Ground for Libel Suit, Which May Follow Soon.

The Morning Star did a great injury to two popular young people of Elgin, as well as to Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Hixson of that city, in a gross misstatement of the facts regarding the marriage of Earl Bushnell, who for months has held the responsible position as engineer of the Elgin flouring mill, and Miss Della, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Hixson of Elgin, which took place in this city last evening at the home of Presiding Elder J. D. Gillilan, wherein the father of the bride, Rev. Hixson, performed the ceremony. The happy young couple left on the evening train, accompanied by the bride's sister, for Portland, and they may conclude to visit San Francisco before returning to Elgin, where they will make their home.

The facts are, that every statement in the Star is false, aside from the fact that the marriage took place, and is wholly inexcusable, for an examination would have disclosed the truth, which is, that the marriage was not opposed by Mr. and Mrs. Hixson, as is plainly to be seen by referring to the office of the county clerk, where a letter is on file giving his consent, and asking that a license be granted his daughter, who is under age. The arrangements had been made for the entire family to come to La Grande on last evening's train, which arrives at 5:30, after the county offices are closed for the day. This is why Rev. Hixson wrote his letter on Tuesday. This does not look like these excellent young people were "surreptitiously married." Mr. Bushnell rode in the same car with his bride and other members of the party and not "secretly in the baggage car" as alleged. In view of the actual facts it would look like a case of mixed drinks and a desire to write a sensational article wherein the writer saw an opportunity to humiliate a minister and his family.

Rev. and Mrs. Hixson are justly indignant and Mr. Hixson visited an attorney's office where he was informed that he had just cause for a libel suit, which may follow. The following, denuded of the sensational head, is the article which appeared in the Star:

Earl Bushnell and Della Hixson, daughter of Rev. Hixson of Elgin, were surreptitiously but none the less securely married in La Grande last night, a local minister performing the ceremony. But it was a consummation that was reached only after the surmounting of obstacles and protests. The girl's parents objected to the match. As a means of thwarting the union Rev. Hixson left Elgin yesterday

evening with his daughter and other members of the family, intending to take her to California. But yesterday was also Miss Della's eighteenth birthday, and Mr. Bushnell was also a passenger for La Grande on last night's train from Elgin. He did not ride in the varnished coaches along with the other members of the Hixon family, but was secreted in the baggage car.

"When they reached La Grande a license was easily secured, as the young lady was then of age and there were no other impediments to the transaction, and they were married. In the meantime the proposed trip to California has been postponed."

To Gallows on Friday the Thirteenth
Norfolk, Va., March 12.—Is Governor Swanson does not interfere, Leo C. Thurman, convicted of murder in the first degree, will be hanged tomorrow. A petition to the governor, asking that he refrain from intervening in Thurman's behalf has been circulated by Dr. H. E. Johnson of Suffolk, one of the best-known Methodist clergymen of the Virginia conference.

NEW CHARGES AGAINST BOAT CO.

MAINTAINED POWERFUL
LOBBY IN CONGRESS.

Legislation on Appropriation for Naval Improvements Were Lobbied by Electric Boat Company—Manufacturers Made Strenuous Efforts to Get Appropriations Through That Would Benefit Them—Committee Hears Charges Today.

Washington, March 12.—Startling charges were made against the Electric Boat company of New Jersey today, before the congressional investigating committee. The company is charged with maintaining a powerful lobby in Washington to influence legislation in its favor.

C. P. Lilley, of Connecticut, was the first witness. He is the congressman who originated the investigation by a resolution in the house. Lilley read a statement to the committee tending to show the existence of a lobby.

Congressman Olmstead of Pennsylvania was made examiner for the committee.

Lilley testified that the manufacturer had asked him to vote for the bill favoring an appropriation, and he said Representative Hobson had told him that a representative of the boat company had told him that he could make him a member of the naval committee.

Lilley declared that he was able to furnish the list of witnesses he wanted to testify before the committee when called. He then asked that Isaac Rice, president of the Electric Boat company, S. B. Frost, vice-president; Maurice Barnett and August Treadwell, officers of the company, be called. Lilley declares the company spent large sums of money to defeat for appointment on the naval committee, men who did not favor the Electric Boat company.

ATLANTIC FLEET'S ANCHORS DROP IN MAGDALENA BAY THIS MORNING

TRIP AROUND THE HORN STANDS AS
MARVEL OF EFFICIENCY AND NAVAL STRENGTH.

Two Days Ahead of Time, Its Crew Safe and Sound, and Not a Mishap to the Machinery, the Idol of America Steams Into Magdalena Bay in a Majestic Manner This Morning—Affords a Naval Spectacle Scarcely if Ever Equalled—On Day of Arrival the Fleet Can Be Cleared for Action in One Hour—Strenuous Rifle Practice and Then Evans Sails for Upper Pacific Coast—Crew and Fleet in Better Condition Than When It Left Hampton Roads Last December.

Magdalena Bay, Lower California, March 12.—(By United wireless telegraph to Los Angeles and the United Press leased wires.)—By special staff correspondent:

The Atlantic fleet of battleships in command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, entered Magdalena bay early this morning. The fleet arrived late last night but anchored off the port until daylight. Led by the big flagship Connecticut, the fleet steamed slowly through the narrow passage into the shelter of the land-locked harbor. As the great fighting monsters swept into the calm waters of the bay with a tropical sun glistening on the white hulls and dazzled the eye as it struck the shining barrels of the big guns, a marine spectacle was afforded, the grandeur of which was seldom if ever before witnessed.

As the fleet steamed past El Centrinia, a giant rock that guards entrance to the inner harbor, an admiral's salute boomed forth from the guns of the cruiser Buffalo, the only warship in the bay. It was answered by the incoming Connecticut.

Fleet Has Wonderful Strength. . . A wonderful testimonial of the power and efficiency of the ships and

BISHOP PADDOCK LEAVES FOR PENDLETON TOMORROW MORNING

Bishop Paddock leaves tomorrow morning for Pendleton, where he will spend a week as he has done in Baker City and La Grande.

He preaches his last sermon of the present series here tonight. He will conduct holy communion at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning in St. Peter's church and the Bishop hopes that as many as possible will endeavor to attend. The ecclesiast has won a large number of friends while in the city. His services have been highly interesting and large crowds have filled the church nightly.

Reception Yesterday Afternoon. All the ministers of the city were invited to attend an informal reception in honor of Bishop Paddock at the Episcopal rectory last evening at 4:30. All the pastors and ministers responded except Rev. O. H. King, who was out of the city and unable to attend. Those who were present were Presiding Elder J. D. Gillilan, Rev. C. E. Deal, W. S. Seemann, W. H. Gibson and Upton H. Gibbs.

A social hour resulted. Another desirable result of the reception was the more general acquaintance that followed. The bishop will be in La Grande often and all the ministers appreciate the honor of being a personal friend of the head of the eastern Oregon Episcopal diocese.

HYPNOTIST GETS JEWELS. Exercises Strong Will Over Jewel Importer and Cleans Up Pile.

New York, March 12.—A remarkable tale of having lost \$182,000 worth of his stock through alleged hypnotic power of George H. Carpenter, said to be a Princeton graduate, is told by Rudolph A. Breidenbach, a millionaire diamond importer.

The story is unfolded in bankruptcy proceedings started by the merchant's attorneys against Carpenter, to ascertain the whereabouts of the jewels. Breidenbach declares that Carpenter mesmerized him into believing that he was so strong financially, that he allowed Carpenter to take jewels without leaving any cash behind.

Want Bryan on Coast. Fresno, Cal., March 12.—Great influence is being brought to bear by California Democrats to secure the presence of William J. Bryan at the state convention to be held here on May 18. Plans have been made for an enthusiastic convention, inaugurating a rousing democratic campaign in the Golden state.

harmful to the commercial interests of the state.

Addresses will be made by several prominent railroad men and commercial leaders in favor of "safer and saner" legislation. It is declared by many delegates that the stringent anti-trust and reform laws have resulted in driving many industries from Texas and that a continuation of such radical legislation would become a positive menace to the prosperity and development of the state.

To Hang Slayer of Policeman. Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—Andrew Johnson, convicted slayer of Policeman J. O. Manier, will be hanged tomorrow in the Tower. The execution will be private. Johnson murdered the policeman on Friday, December 6, he was tried on Friday, December 13, and he was first sentenced to be hanged on Friday, January 3, and re-sentenced on Friday, March 13. Two "unlucky" combinations followed Johnson in the last days of his career—Friday and the 13th.

U'REN LEAVES THE BIG RACE

MARTYR TO HIS PET PLAN AND PRINCIPLE.

In a Formal Letter W. S. U'Ren Leaves the Race for Senatorship From Oregon—Retiring in Favor of Mr. Cake, Who Supports Statement No. 1—Takes Rap at Republicans Who Are Antagonistic to the Principle as it Stands.

Portland, March 12.—W. S. U'Ren, who recently announced his candidacy for the United States senate from Oregon, has issued a letter of withdrawal this morning.

In withdrawing from the race for the United States senatorship U'Ren has issued a statement in which he pays his respects to certain republican politicians in Oregon, who, he declares, will go to any length to defeat statement No. 1. The then says: "The effective campaign Mr. Cake is now making for statement No. 1, leaves me no alternative but to withdraw and strengthen him for the sake of principle, or continue the campaign and endanger the success of the principle. It seems very clear that my duty to withdraw and render such assistance as I can for election of statement No. 1 candidates for the legislature and Mr. Cake for senator."

National Exposition in Brazil. Rio Janeiro, March 12.—Exhibit entries to the Brazilian national exposition will close three days hence, on Sunday, and space will not be allotted to foreign manufacturers after that date. Within the last few days many applications have been received from America, but it is likely that the displays of English and other European manufacturers will be more extensive than those of American firms. The exposition will open on June 15 and will celebrate the centennial anniversary of the opening of the ports of Brazil to international commerce.

And Her Name Was Maud. Jackson, Miss., March 12.—Charles Hubbard, a Hinds county planter, is suffering from severe injuries as the result of a visit to a Vicksburg mule sales stable. One mule kicked another over the heart, killing it instantly, and the dead animal fell on Hubbard, breaking his leg and causing internal injuries.

Hug and Klases, \$2500. Vicksburg, R. L., March 12.—Alleging that he did "violently hug her and purloin kisses against her will," Marguerite Delcourt has brought suit against Godfrey Daignault, a prominent young business man, for \$2500.

Minnesota Farmers. Fergus Falls, Minn., March 12.—A state farmers' institute was held here today, with a large number of visitors and several prominent agricultural authorities in attendance.

Trying Denver Anarchist. Denver, March 12.—Gulseppe Alla, charged with the murder of Father Leo Heinrichs, and an alleged anarchist and lunatic, will know his fate tomorrow morning. Today the arguments are being heard. They are sharp and pointed. The defense makes a plain insanity defense, and denies any connection with anarchists.

Later.—Gulseppe Alla was found guilty this afternoon.

ROBERTS' COMMISSION HERE. Receiver and Special Disbursing Agent by New Commission.

A. A. Roberts entered upon his second term as receiver of the United States land office in this city this morning. Yesterday his commission reached him from Washington, and his reinstatement took place this morning. His term holds for four years.

His official title is receiver of public moneys. In addition to that duty, his commission for the second term gives him power of special disbursing agent for the secretary of the interior.

Want "Less and Better Legislation." Fort Worth, Texas, March 12.—Marking the beginning of a movement to secure for Texas "less and better legislation," a great convention of the commercial, industrial and agricultural interests of the state was opened in Fort Worth today. The delegates hope to agree upon a plan to elect men to the legislature who will secure the passage of such laws as are desired, as well as to prevent the enactment of measures that would likely prove

TEMPORARY BASEBALL PARK TO BE BUILT NEAR THE "Y"

Plans are formulated and about to be consummated, which will surely mean the existence of a professional baseball team in this city the coming season. Grant Lincoln is out this afternoon securing financial aid to the movement and to all appearances the baseball team is assured. It is possible to lease two blocks of land between the Bohnenkamp and Bousquet planting mills for athletic park purposes. William Miller has charge of the land and announces that nothing stands in the way of securing leases for a year or more to this tract. While the leases have not been made out, it appears that they will be, as nothing at present stands in the way.

The land is of such size that a temporary quarter-mile track can be constructed on it at a very nominal cost. Mr. Lincoln, who is going to carry a large portion of the expense if the city at large does not support it liberally, gives the assurance that the park will be open to every department of sport, thus allowing the high school to conduct track meets on it and also to arrange for football games in the inclosure. It is large enough for both.

Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compounding of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon