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MYSTERY IN DISAPPEARANCE OF GEO. HARMAN

FORMER LA GRANDE MAN
BELIEVED MURDERED.

In Letters Received in This City From the Wife of George Harman and His Friends in Baker City, Some Light on the Mystery Surrounding the Disappearance of George Harman is Made Known—Belonged to Many La Grande Lodges.

George Harman has mysteriously disappeared and traces of his whereabouts cannot be found. Less than two weeks ago he was in La Grande, but returned to his ranch near Spokane.

Fears of foul play are entertained. In letters received in this city from friends of the missing man, it is made clear how and when he was last seen but, of course, they throw no light on the manner of his disappearance. Mr. Harman is well known here, having at one time been employed in the N. K. West store. He also owned a ranch near La Grande. In a letter to one of the lodges to which he belonged in this city, from a fellow lodge man in Baker, a few circumstances attending Mr. Harman's disappearance are made known. The letter says in part:

"I have just received a letter from Mrs. George Harman, who is a sister to my wife, and who is now stopping with her sister-in-law, in the city of Spokane, at E5 Montgomery street, and whose name is Mrs. Ella Downer, in which she states that Mr. Geo. Harman left his ranch, 18 miles from Spokane, last Saturday morning, to go to Spokane to deposit his money in the bank, but the banks closed at noon in Spokane, and he did not deposit the money. He was last seen on Sunday night about 7:30 o'clock, after leaving an electric show, and he

was with a stranger going into the drug store for his overcoat (probably Frank Robinson's drug store, formerly of La Grande, as they were friends). Mrs. Harman has notified the police of Spokane, according to her letter, but up to the present time no trace of him has been found. I know Mr. Harman very well, and I am satisfied that there is foul play. Perhaps he was held up and robbed, and then thrown into the river. He dearly loved his wife and two babies, and never left home without telling them where he was going and when he would return. He loved his family

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PLANTS MORE FRUIT TREES

MORE IMPROVEMENTS FOR
MT. EMILY FRUIT RANCH.

Manager J. J. Nunn Returns From Provo, Where He Attended Annual Meeting of the Grande Ronde Valley Fruit Company—Company is Pleased With Results of its Expenditures in This Valley—Spend Much More Money Here for Trees.

J. J. Nunn, vice-president of the Grande Ronde Fruit company, and who is in charge of the 425-acre farm at the foot of Mt. Emily, which is owned by that company, returned last evening from Provo, Utah, where he attended the annual meeting of the company. So successful has the fruit farm now in existence been, that the company has decided to plant 10,000 additional fruit trees. The company is enthusiastic over the results of its investment in this valley. Mr. Nunn is an experienced fruit man and it is largely due to his management that the experiment has proven so successful. He comes back to La Grande filled with enthusiasm and with a spirit of loyalty to this valley, which he has imbibed since his coming here a little more than a year ago. The farm will soon be the largest fruit-growing concern in the valley.

BRYAN'S DEFEAT IS PREDICTED

GOVERNOR JOHNSON NAMED
AS STANDARD BEARER.

Anti-Bryan Wing of the Democracy Has Figured It Out How It Can Place Governor J. A. Johnson at the Head of the Democratic Party at Denver Over W. J. Bryan—Need No Delegates From the South to Clip Bryan's Feathers.

Washington, March 21.—The anti-Bryan wing of the democracy is today declaring that it has already encompassed the defeat of the Nebraskan at the Denver convention.

Using the name of Governor John A. Johnston of Minnesota to conjure with, they assert that they have already three more than the necessary number of votes to prevent Bryan's nomination, without the aid of a single delegate from the south.

They claim that all the states of the east, from Maine to Maryland, and Ohio, West Virginia and Minnesota will be anti-Bryan.

Massachusetts has already refused to instruct for the peerless one. Delaware has instructed for Judge Gray.

Willis J. Abbott, Bryan's representative, today said: "It's the same old war over again. The crowd that nominated Parker is behind the movement. I can see nothing in their movements that will result in Bryan's defeat."

Old Masonic Lodge.

Lowell, Mass., March 21.—Pentucket lodge, F. and A. M., will tomorrow observe the 101st anniversary of the granting of its charter. The lodge is one of the oldest in America.

Horse Show in Paris.

Paris, March 21.—Fine strings of thoroughbred horses from all over Europe are entered in the Concours Hippique horse show, which opens tomorrow and will last until April 12.

THREE KILLED IN RUNAWAY

D. & R. G. ENGINE
IN MAD SIDEHILL RUN.

Three Are Dead and as Many Injured as Result of a Runaway on Branch of the Denver & Rio Grande Road Near Salt Lake—Air Brakes Refused to Work and Locomotive Tears Wildly Down the Incline—Three Saved by Snow Bank.

Salt Lake, Utah, March 21.—A runaway engine today plunged down a grade at lightning speed, carrying three men to their death and injuring as many more.

The Dead.

J. M. GORDON, engineer.
CHARLES MADDEN, conductor.
J. JOYCE, fireman.

The engine had just passed to the top of the grade at Bingham, a branch of the Denver & Rio Grande, and started down the other side when the engineer found the brakes had gone wrong. The engine was gaining speed every moment and fairly leaped over the rails, swaying in a sickening fashion, compelling the men to climb to the side of the cab.

The men remained on the runaway in the vain hope that the engine would stay on the track until a level had been reached. Instead, the engine struck a snow bank and toppled over. The three injured men owe their escape from death to the fact that they were thrown into a snow-bank.

NORD ALEXIS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

CONSPIRATOR FIRMIN
SMUGGLED ON STEAMER.

Refugees From Port au Prince Are Being Brought on Board a French Steamer—Ships Carrying Marines, Ready for Instant Use, Should There Be a Call for Assistance From on Shore—Negroes Enraged Over Escape of General Firmin.

Port au Prince, March 21.—General Firmin, arch-conspirator against the government of President Nord Alexis, was smuggled aboard the French cruiser d'Estrees at Gonaves last night. Today the fact became known and the blacks are in a rage and there is danger of an outbreak.

The d'Estrees is at Gonaves today and refugees are being shipped aboard. Small boats are alongside the cruiser and marines have arms stacked on the deck ready for instant action in case a call for assistance should come from the shore. After the refugees have been taken aboard it is thought French officials will follow and the vessel will come to this port. Marines on all warships in this harbor are being held ready for quick action if necessary.

FIRE IN GIRL'S SCHOOL.

Fire Drill Rules Broken by Girls in Wild Panic and Rush.

St. Louis, March 21.—Following the discovery of fire today in the Forest Park university, an exclusive girls' school, 150 young women were panic-stricken and most of them lost a large amount of wearing apparel. The girls were about to leave college for an outing when the alarm was given. The fire drill was immediately ordered, but the girls soon broke and ran. The building is a three-story wooden structure and was burned to the ground.

ARRESTED IN WALLA WALLA.

Well Known Steel Manager Passed "Phony" Checks in Eugene.
Portland, March 21.—G. M. Whit-

son, formerly manager of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company in the northwest, and considered one of the most brilliant steel salesmen in the west, has been arrested in Walla Walla, charged with passing a worthless check upon the hotel Meade at Eugene, Ore.

Requisition papers have been issued by Governor Chamberlain upon Governor Mead of Washington, asking for the return of Whitson. Whitson, in his career, sold millions of tons of rails to the O. R. & N. and Hill lines, and handled a great amount of structural steel in the northwest.

STANFORD MEN FAVOR STUDENTS

ALUMNI ABOUT THE
ONLY LOGICAL HOPE.

Student Affairs Committee Still Examining the 300 Students Who Confessed to Being Implicated in the Deeds for Which 14 Were Dismissed—Alumni May Make Such Strong Requests That Jordan and Committee Will Rescind its Action.

Stanford University, Palo Alto, Cal., March 21.—The student affairs committee is still examining the 300 students who confessed to having been in the mob of students who made a noisy demonstration before Professor Clark's home recently, for which 12 have been suspended.

The only hope of the student body now to reinstatement is that the Stanford alumni will take steps to make such strong representations to the committee that they will rescind their actions. The only thing which prevents a walk-out of the students and some radical action is the refusal of President Murphy of the student body to call a meeting of the students until the examination of the student affairs committee is completed.

The alumni generally stand with the students in opposition to Jordan and the student affairs committee.

One Year for Murder.

Portland, March 21.—John Wynne of Pendleton, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary today, for the killing of W. H. Dupuis, also a Pendleton man, in a Portland saloon brawl last December, by Judge O'Day.

Press Not at Fault.

San Francisco, March 21.—Freedom of the press is regarded as a greater boon than exaggerated awe of the supreme court, by the San Francisco Bar association, and when the friends of the higher court attempted to pass a resolution condemning the critics of the courts for the recent Schmitz decisions, they were turned down by an almost unanimous vote.

At a meeting of friends of the court a fight was made to secure the protection of the judges from criticism of rulings, but the attorneys would not consider it in that light.

SEND NEGROES TO PENDLETON

POPULATE IRRIGATED
LAND WITH AFRICANS.

Steps Under Way to Migrate a Colony of Negroes to the Irrigated Districts of Umatilla County—Presiding Elder Coleman Believes This is the Logical Solution of the Race Problem—Many Colored Church Organizations in the Northwest.

Pendleton, March 21.—It is believed that the best solution of the negro problem would be a settlement of the arid irrigated districts of America with industrious members of the black race. The presiding elder of the African Methodist church of the northwest, John C. Coleman, has been in Pendleton, arranging for a shipment of a colony of his race to that vicinity. He believes that the new country in the northwest furnishes ideal conditions for the negro who wants to build up a home in a new country.

The presiding elder has been in eastern Oregon for several days, going from La Grande last evening to Baker City. In his travels he takes subscriptions for the establishment of three churches for the colored Methodists to call their religious homes. The number of churches which are now in existence in the northwest, and most of them thriving, is 13. These include the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon. With the money which he is collecting he proposes to build the new churches which are asked by the various parts of his territory.

Taft is Still in Lead.

Washington, March 21.—Political developments of the week have not served to materially change the situation in the race for the republican presidential nomination. Secretary Taft is still far in the lead, with every prospect of maintaining his advantage. State republican conventions will be held next week in Illinois, Rhode Island and Tennessee. The former state will, of course, be for Cannon. Tennessee will undoubtedly select a Taft delegation, and Rhode Island is apparently decided in its allegiance between Taft and Hughes, with the odds in favor of the former. Congressional district conventions will be held next week in several states and all of them, with the exception of two Illinois districts, will likely elect Taft delegates.

Erie Road Cuts Wages.

New York, March 21.—The announced cut of 10 per cent in the wages of engineers on the Erie railroad will become effective tomorrow. Similar reductions have already been made in the wages of other employes of the system. The wage committees of all brotherhoods will hold a conference in New York next week.

DON'T OVERLOOK THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY
FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY'S SHOPPERS AT

THE GREAT SPECIAL SALE AT THE FAIR

Monday and Tuesday will be the last two days of our great sale and the chance for saving is so great you should make a special effort to be on hand both days if possible. When we say there will be extra special Bargains these two days, you can come with no fear of disappointment. We make good every promise printed and when you see it in our ad you know you can depend on getting it just as we advertise it.

1000 yds wool Dress Goods, regular 65c to \$1.00 per yd, sale	39c	200 Men's Dress Shirts, values 85c to \$1.00, for	39c
5000 yds summer Wash Goods, regular 15c to 25c values, sale	9c	\$1.00 Men's Hats, \$1.75 to \$2.50 values, sale	98c

The rest of the bargains are at the store, no more room on this paper.

INDEPENDENT
BLUE 32

The Fair
DEPARTMENT STORE

PACIFIC STATES
BLACK 1301

LA GRANDE, OREGON

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