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## YOUNG CECIL BRITTAIN IN PARENTS' ARMS

### KIDNAPED BOY OF 7 YEARS FOUND AT LAST.

Walla Walla Boy Who Was Kidnaped 17 Years Ago From Woodard Tollgate Found Near Spokane and is Now in Possession of Walla Walla Parents—Boy Traveled Over the West With His Kidnapers—Police Now on Their Trail—Reward Demanded.

Spokane, March 24.—Cecil Brittain, kidnaped from the summer home of his parents near the Woodard tollgate in the Blue mountains two years ago, has been recovered by his parents today.

The boy was first seen several days ago at Marshall Junction by J. A. Kippart, a farmer who knew the Brittain family at Walla Walla. This was announced by the United Press dispatches. Since then the police have been working silently, assisted by private detectives, following the clues discovered by the Garden City farmer.

Cecil tells a confused story. He claims he has traveled all over the west, but because of his tender age, the police can gain nothing tangible from his narrations. He is but 7 years old now.

The police are following the kidnapers and believe they have traces which will lead to the arrest of the man and woman who was seen in company with the child at Marshall Junction last week.

### Tennessee Republicans.

Nashville, Tenn., March 24.—Secretary Taft will undoubtedly be the choice of the republicans of Tennessee, who will hold their state convention tomorrow. The convention will nominate presidential electors and candidates for the supreme bench and

elect delegates at large to the national convention. The state committee will meet again tomorrow to formulate plans for a second state convention to nominate a candidate for governor. At its former meeting the committee passed resolutions heartily approving the Roosevelt administration and endorsing the candidacy of William H. Taft. Considerable opposition to the program of the Taft boomers has developed, but it is not considered sufficiently strong to prevent the endorsement of the secretary of war.

### Holidays in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 24.—Believing that it would be impossible for schools to continue the usual course of studies during the visit of the fleet, the board of education last night passed a resolution making the occasion the date of opening of the spring vacation.

## RABIOUS MAN BITES WOMEN

### BITTEN BY DOG RECENTLY AND SUFFERED RABIES.

Bitten by Dog, Escapes From Straight Jacket, Bites Three Women, and Eventually Choked to Death by His Collar is Sad But Rapid Run of Events in Career of Memphis Man—Buried Teeth in Flesh of Women—These Taken to New Orleans.

Memphis, March 24.—After sinking his teeth in the flesh of three women today, Andy Thompson, who was attacked with rabies yesterday, escaped from his straight jacket, evaded his pursuers and was choked to death with his collar.

Thompson was bitten by a dog recently and despite Pasteur treatment, rabies developed. He was a powerful man and broke away from five physicians. The women will be taken to New Orleans for treatment.

## U'REN COMING TO LA GRANDE

### WITHDRAWN CANDIDATE TO EXPOUND STATEMENT NO. 1.

Voters of La Grande and Union County Will Be Given an Opportunity to Hear the Uncertainties of Statement No. 1 Explained and to Ask Any Question Dealing With the Question at a Meeting Here Saturday Night—Be at Commercial Club.

Uncertain adherents of statement No. 1, the statement's champions, the friends of W. S. U'ren and his pet schemes in modern legislation and manner of electing United States senators, in fact, every resident of La Grande and the county who wish to hear statement No. 1 expounded by one who knows, will have the privilege of hearing "Father" U'ren in this city next Saturday night.

W. S. U'ren, withdrawn candidate for United States senator from Oregon, has accepted an invitation to come to La Grande and will be here Saturday evening. He will be heard at the Commercial club, and in these days of uncertainty on statement No. 1, it is presumed that the seating capacity of the club auditorium will be taxed to accommodate those who wish to hear the father of Oregon's pet measures. His address will deal exclusively with the statement, and he will also be in readiness to answer all questions put to him from the audience.

This is a real treat for the voters of La Grande and Union county. Admission will be open to all.

### To Try Banker Montgomery.

New York, March 24.—William R. Montgomery, former president of the Hamilton National bank, who was indicted on two counts charging the over-certification of checks, will be placed on trial tomorrow before Justice Dowling in the supreme court. Montgomery has entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment.

## LINEBERGER FINALLY DIES

### FUNERAL TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT TWO.

After Slight Rally, Relapse Overtakes Victim of Sad Accident in Ladd Canyon Last Sunday and Death Removes Him This Morning—Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon From Henry & Carr Undertaking Parlor—Was Fine Young Man of 19 Years.

After apparent rally from injuries received in falling from a high cliff in Ladd Canyon last Sunday, Harry Lineberger died at the Grande Ronde hospital at 5 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Lineberger was partially conscious yesterday but toward evening lost all consciousness and early in the night it was evident the injuries were of such a nature that he could not survive. Badly cut and bruised all over his body and sustaining such injuries to his skull that the brain was fatally injured, the relapse was expected by those who had been constantly with him.

With him at the time of the accident were his two brothers, Oscar, the deaf mute, and Roll. It seems that Oscar was the nearest, and just prior to the fatal accident had signalled to Harry to come to dinner. The latter had answered back that he would, as soon as he dislodged one more rock, and watched his descent. The delay cost him his life.

His foot may have slipped or the crowbar with which he was working may have jerked him over the precipice. Oscar Lineberger was the nearest to him at the time, but even he was not near enough to know definitely just what happened. The other brother and two other boys rushed to where Oscar stood and arrived there in time to prevent him from falling over the precipice in a faint. The terrible sight was too much for his nerve, and his death, too, was narrowly averted.

Harry Lineberger was born near Union on March 17, 19 years ago. He has been with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lineberger continually, and was the flower of the family. His splendid physique made him the envy of boys in Ladd Canyon. He weighed, at the time of the accident, 195 pounds.

He is survived by his father, mother, two brothers, three sisters and a half brother. The brothers and sisters are: Oscar, Holly, Minnie, Helen and Christina and the half brother, Drumm Smith, who lives in Ladd Canyon.

The almost prostrate mother was brought to La Grande this afternoon and allowed to view the remains in the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors. She will be a guest of Mrs. Charles McCary until tomorrow afternoon when the funeral will take place from the undertaking parlors, with interment at the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

## JEFFRIES CLUB IS TAKING SHAPE

### REGULAR FIGHT CLUB ORGANIZED AT VERNON.

Jim Jeffries Will Be President, Referee and Matchmaker at Regular 25-Round Matches Under Fight Club Management—Big Heavyweight Has Championed Such a Scheme for Some Time—Holidays in Los Angeles During Fleet's Visit.

Los Angeles, March 24.—Jim Jeffries' proposed fight club became a reality last night when the town of Vernon, south of the city, granted Jeffries a permit to do business with 25-round bouts. The "has been" heavyweight is president, referee and matchmaker of the club. It is his desire to pull off a number of matches during the visit of the fleet.

He telegraphed Stanley Ketchel and

Billy Papke last night asking them for a match before the club at that time.

### Fight on Bryan in Iowa.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 24.—Delegates to the democratic state convention, to be held here Thursday, are beginning to arrive today, and there is prospect that the session will develop one of the hottest fights in the history of the party. The anti-Bryan democrats were completely victorious in the first skirmish of the state committee, but the admirers of the Nebraskan are determined to secure his endorsement by the convention. The Bryan boomers are in furious mood and are making threats to oust State Chairman C. W. Miller of Waverly, a strong anti-Bryan man. Miller alleges that the conservative element of the party is in the ascendancy in Iowa and that it will have no trouble in maintaining its position in the convention.

## AMERICAN CAR SAFE IN 'FRISCO

### ROUTE TO ALASKA ELIMINATED FROM RACE.

The Thomas Car Leading the New York-Paris Automobile Race by 800 Miles, Reaches San Francisco—Will Be Taken by Boat to Orient and Not by Way of Alaska—Nearest Competitor is the Italian Car, Fully 800 Miles in the Rear.

San Francisco, Cal., March 24.—Welcomed into San Jose by hundreds of local San Francisco automobiles the Thomas car in the New York-Paris automobile race, was piloted into San Francisco at noon today. When the Thomas car passed through Gilroy last night, it was just 800 miles ahead of the Italian car, its nearest competitor. Last night Edwin L. Thomas of the auto company, decided to eliminate Alaska from the race course, and take a longer journey direct to the orient by boat. This may delay it some, as it will be fully 25 days at sea, but it is believed the margin of lead is sufficient to make this the best course.

### Reporters Boycott Reichstag.

Berlin, March 24.—Reporters of Berlin newspapers still boycott the reichstag despite the appeal of that assembly asking them to return on grounds that the public should know what they were doing. The reporters in their statements to the prime minister, declare that they will never go back until offending legislators apologize for a speech insulting the reporters, made by a member recently.

### Two More for Cannon.

Aurora, Ill., March 24.—Two more delegates will be added to the Cannon column as the result of the convention here today of the republicans of the 11th congressional district.

## FEAR GENERAL ASSASSINATION

### SAN FRANCISCO JAPANESE ALARMED OVER CONDITION.

Shooting of D. W. Stevens in San Francisco Yesterday is Believed to Be Signal for General Wave of Assassination of Japanese and Their Sympathizers—Police Guard Home of Japanese Consul and Wealthy Japanese Consul and Wealthy Japanese—Stevens May Recover.

San Francisco, Cal., March 24.—Fearing that yesterday's assault upon D. W. Stevens, the Japanese-Corean diplomat, is but one of the series of assassinations planned by the local colony of Koreans against Japanese and their sympathizers, Japanese here are taking every precaution to prevent a recurrence of yesterday's incident.

Last night the home of the Japanese consul was guarded by special policemen and the homes of a majority of the wealthy prominent Japanese were also guarded.

In the Korean quarter the shooting of Stevens is taken as a signal for a wave of patriotic enthusiasm and many did not hesitate to give unqualified approval of the crime. Further arrests are possible.

It is known that the Japanese consul has gathered a mass of data in regard to revolutionary plots of the Koreans.

The Japanese consul, Kotke, has sent a long dispatch to Ambassador Takahira in Washington.

Stevens is reported as doing as well as could be expected and has a chance for his life. The wounded Korean assassin is not expected to live.

### For Federal Positions.

Washington, March 24.—Civil service examinations for positions in five different branches of the government service will be held tomorrow in cities throughout the country. The examinations will be for applicants for the following positions: Assistant superintendent of seed warehouse and seed distribution; bureau of plant industry; watchman, bureau of engraving and printing; magazine attendant; plate cleaner; bureau of engraving and printing, and public document cataloguer.

The salaries attached to these different positions range all the way from \$70 per month to \$1500 per year. The examinations for all the places embrace practically the same branches except that portion of the examination relating to the experience in the special branch in which the applicant desires to enter. In each instance experience is rated much higher in importance than anything else.

### Accept China's Invitation.

Washington, March 24.—The department of state announced today that the fleet would visit one China port on the trip around the world.

## NEW GOODS

Will be the all-absorbing topic for the next few weeks—We believe you will be interested in the new goods we have selected for the spring and summer season, and which are now arriving daily.

Keep your eyes on this store and our ads from now on and all the time, and you can come to this store any day with the assurance of finding some new arrivals in some of the many and varied lines.

In this connection let us say to you the spring productions are most beautiful in point of colors and fabrics and the ready-to-wear garments are so natty and varied in styles that the most exacting tastes can be satisfied.

There is also a tendency for LOWER PRICES in nearly all lines, and as usual this store will be the first to give you the fullest benefit of the lower prices. Being members of the Northwest Cash Buyers' Union, consisting of more than 50 of the best stores in the northwest with a purchasing power greater than the average jobbing house, enables us to take advantage of merchandise opportunities beyond the reach of individual buyers—You will share these benefits to the fullest extent if you buy at this store.

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PACIFIC STATES

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There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compound 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."

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