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## WIFE FAITHFUL TO PRISONER

### WILL NOT HELP SEND MARTIN TO GALLOWES.

Portland Detectives Stand Outside of Cell Door and With Hypodermic Syringe Filled With "Dope" Tempt Martin to Confess That He Murdered Pawnbroker Wolff—Not Successful—Prisoner Denies Relation to New Clue in the Case.

Portland, May 7.—Mrs. Edward Hugh Martin will stick by her husband. No word of hers will be uttered on the witness stand that would assist in sending the ex-soldier to the gallows. This she declared to the police Wednesday night while standing outside the heavily grated door which barred her from her husband.

Martin declares he can prove an alibi. Attorneys have been secured to defend him. Evidence from the Salem sanitarium is now at hand to the effect that Martin was insane from the use of drugs.

Kissing Not Allowed. The prisoner's wife called at the jail to speak to him. As she leaned forward to kiss him through the bars, she was pulled back by an officer who refused to allow her that privilege. Then she turned upon the detectives who stood about her and told them that Edward Martin would be cleared of the murder charge if her efforts were of any avail. At the same time she admonished her husband to say nothing to anyone.

Attorneys From New York. "Your father's attorneys in New York are securing counsel for you," she said. It was the first kindly word the drug victim had received since his incarceration.

Wednesday night the police found a blood-stained over coat and rifle in a vacant lot near the water front. The coat has been partially identified as one similar to the one Martin was known to own. The executors of the Wolff estate declare that an examination of the stock in the pawnshop shows a rifle missing. Martin denies ownership of the overcoat.

Prisoner Refused Drugs.

The police sent Martin through all the agonies of the Inquisition by refusing his drug-drenched system the stimulant it craved so terribly. For hours he paced his narrow cell pleading with his guards to relieve the awful hunger. Finally his weakened knees crumbled beneath him and he fell across his dirty, disheveled cot. His moans could be heard out of the cell corridor and in the lobby of the station. So pitiful were his cries that even the heavy-eyed drunks and listless "vags" who occupied the bull pen added their pleadings to those of Martin and begged the police to give "the poor devil his coke."

Tempt Him With Morphine. Then the detectives came to his cell door dangling a hypodermic syringe full of morphine before his fevered

eyes and tempted him to confess the crime and take the drug.

Police Finally Give Under. But Martin did not confess. The offer to bribe seemed to brace him, for he turned his back to the officers, closed his lips and did not make another sound until finally the authorities, despairing of breaking the former West Pointer's spirit, gave up and supplied him with the injection his weakened system craved.

### WRECK AT GLOVER.

Wrecking Crew Called Out to Set Freight Train Right Again.

The wrecker was called out last night to straighten up a wreck at Glover. One wheel of an extra eastbound freight broke, derailing one car. The wrecker was gone about three hours, and there was but slight delay to traffic. The main line was cleared in time to let No. 6 through when it arrived.

### Four Lose Life in Fire.

New York, May 7.—Four lives were lost in a fire, evidently of incendiary origin, in the tenement district this morning. Samuel Sachs, Eva Berg, Hattie Kopelman and one unidentified man were killed. More than a score were badly injured. Many were asleep when the alarm was sounded.

## NEW RATES NOT EFFECTIVE YET

### LA GRANDE FREIGHT OFFICE UNINFORMED.

With No New Tariff Schedule in His Possession, Local O. R. & N. Agent Keeney is Still Shipping Under Old Schedule—Shippers Are Anxious to Know What is Come of the Rates Ordered by the Railroad Commission Recently.

Notwithstanding that the Oregon railroad commission has ordered new freight rates to become effective last Sunday, the La Grande freight department of the O. R. & N. is still shipping under the regular schedule. The rates which were changed to points east of The Dalles, will be fought by the O. R. & N. and that no doubt is responsible for the non-appearance in this city of the new tariff schedule. The local freight office is necessarily bound to abide by old rates until the O. R. & N. instructs the agent by sending a new tariff schedule.

The rates are changed by the commission and were published in The Observer some time ago, will mean additional profits to the shippers, and naturally, the city as a whole is awaiting with interest to see what action will be taken, or what is to become of the new rates themselves.

### Governor Chamberlain at Union.

Governor Chamberlain reached Union this afternoon from Eagle valley. He was received by a large crowd and liberal music, and at 3 o'clock he opened his address. He will reach La Grande late this afternoon.

## NO SOLUTION TO MYSTERY

### DETECTIVES WILL UNRAVEL LA PORTE MYSTERY.

Today Has Brought Forth No More Discoveries in the Gunnes Ranch Mystery at La Porte—Bodies Found Thus Far Show Signs of Poison and Fractured Skulls—Day Laphere at One Time Threatened to Burn the Farm—Find Watches.

La Porte, Ind., May 7.—No more bodies were found on the Gunnes farm today, but no cessation has been made in efforts to unravel the deep mystery about the place. Bessie Conklin of Michigan City, Ind., a sweetheart of Ray Laphere, is the only suspect arrested in the case and she told the police today that Laphere threatened to burn the Gunnes farm at one time in her presence.

Just at noon today six watches, one of them a woman's, were found.

In the examination of the bodies found, some show fractured skulls others death by poison.

Sheriff Smutzer has left here for Chicago to hold a conference with the Chicago police in regard to the theory that the Gunnes farm is a clearing house for a band of Chicago murderers who disposed of all the bodies to Mrs. Gunnes.

## SUGGEST FOLK FOR PRESIDENT

### IF NEITHER BRYAN NOR JOHNSON, THEN HE.

Rumored That Members of the Democratic National Committee Have Framed a Plan to Drop Out Bryan and Push Up Folk if the Former Cannot Show Two-Thirds of Delegates—Will Give Commoner a Fair Show—Same to Johnson.

Chicago, Ill., May 7.—It is reported here that following a meeting of the democratic leaders last night Governor Folk has been selected to be presented by democrats as a substitute for W. J. Bryan.

Chairman Taggart, of the National committee, Roger Sullivan of Illinois, Urey Woodson of Kentucky, and Norman E. Mack of New York, were present.

Bryan will be allowed a fair opportunity to nominate himself, but if he cannot show two-thirds of the delegates and John A. Johnson, governor of Minnesota cannot develop over one-third, Governor Folk of Missouri, will be offered.

### Massachusetts for Bryan.

Boston, May 7.—William Jennings Bryan was given unqualified endorsement by the Massachusetts democrats today in the state convention. The delegation will be pledged to him.

theater from opening its doors on rest day.

A revised resolution dealing with the oil storage question was presented and referred to the proper committee. It is in substance the same as the one which Mayor Hall exercised his veto powers on some time ago, but objectionable features in the original have been remedied and it is thought this one will pass.

### Express Messenger Murdered.

Denver, Col., May 7.—Charles H. Wright, express messenger on the Denver & Rio Grande, was murdered some time last night in his car. The murderers secured about \$100. The body was found this morning when the train pulled in. There is no clue.

### Convention Adjourns.

After a two days' session of the Northeastern District convention of the Christian church adjourned last night. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. H. Hilton of Milton; vice-president, F. J. Ford of Hood River; secretary, B. M. Neal of Union. The meeting places for next year have not yet been decided upon.

Mrs. I. W. Faulk of South La Grande, is reported to be seriously ill.

## LAVISH HONOR ON BOB EVANS

### SAN FRANCISCO OUT. DOES ITSELF COMPLETELY.

Showers of Flowers Fall on Soldier and Sailor Alike—Reception on Land to Members of Fleet is Unprecedented—Even Greater Than That Which Was Given Dewey in New York—Evans Suffers Much, But is Able to Acknowledge Honors.

San Francisco, Cal., May 7.—Patriotism ran riot in San Francisco today. The reception to the Atlantic fleet was great, but the reception to the men ashore was greater. Soldier and sailor were pelted with flowers and showered with adulation and admiration. Enthusiasm for Evans was unquenchable and amounted almost to devotion. Not even the reception to Admiral Dewey in New York after Manila bay, equaled what Evans received today in San Francisco.

The idol of the navy was cheered from the moment he fell into line until he was driven to the St. Francis hotel to join his wife and daughter.

When the parade reached the reviewing stand at Van Ness avenue, the rear admiral and Governor Gillette fell out of line and took their station. As the men passed, each gave the marching salute. Although in great pain, during the demonstration the grizzled admiral frequently smiled and bowed his acknowledgement to the great cheers that greeted him.

Mrs. Charles Johnson of South La Grande, is still quite sick.

## DISCOVER CRIME AT WALLA WALLA

### FIND BODY OF MRS. ALDRICH IN MOUNTAINS.

Residents Talk Lynching as Result of a Discovery Made by Two Young Ranchers Today—Mrs. Anna Aldrich Was Found Murdered and Body Left in Hole of Upruned Tree—Has Been Missing Since Friday—Garden City Much Excited.

Walla Walla, May 7.—Lying in a hole at the foot of an unrooted tree on the bank of North Fork in a wild, mountainous country, by two young ranchers, Dorsey Brunton and Fred Ross today found the body of Mrs. Anna Aldrich, who has been missing since last Friday. The discovery culminates interest in the continuous search that has been made since last Saturday and for which three arrests have already been made. Jack, Bud and John Barnes, aged respectively 18, 25 and 16, are in jail charged with complicity in her mysterious death. She was last seen alive in a carriage with Bud Barnes Friday, while en route to Watsburg to attend to some legal business. Barnes appeared without her.

Later her strong box was found open and a blood-stained handkerchief was found in Barnes' overcoat. This morning a \$1000 reward was offered for her recovery, dead or alive.

The two young ranchers followed the Coppel until they discovered the corpse near the site of an abandoned sawmill. Sheriff Haviland and Coroner MacMartin are now at the scene. Talk of lynching is prevalent and soldiers and deputies are in readiness to prevent such an act. The people are greatly excited.

### JONES IS CHIEF.

Rescue Hose Company Holds Annual Election of Officers Last Night.

Chief Jones is the new chief of the La Grande fire department. The results of the election held by the department last evening was almost unanimously in favor of the chief's reelection.

In addition to holding a department election Rescue Hose company No. 1 held its annual election. Co. No. 3 held its election early in the year, and No. 4 held its election earlier in this week. The results of the Rescue company's vote follow:

Foreman, C. Jackson; assistant foreman, Frank Bay; second assistant foreman, Lot Snodgrass; president, John Jordan; secretary, Harvey Bay; treasurer, Frank Brown.

The thermometer made a drop of 41 degrees during the night. At 6 o'clock last evening it registered 75 degrees, and some time during the night went up to 80 after which it dropped to 39, making the total drop of 41 degrees.

## CHANGE FORM OF ENTRY BLANKS

The land office department through Frank C. Bramwell, register of the local land office, has made public an announcement which will mean much to the office itself, the newspapers of the state and the people who have to do with public lands in general.

The department of the interior has made a radical change in the form on which applications for homesteads, desert lands and timber and stone entries are made. Heretofore and since 1878, the form has had a few minor changes, all tending to shorten the

## ADAMMS AVE. NO SPEEDWAY; NO RACES

Because there is a city ordinance prohibiting fast driving of automobiles, and because the city council cannot under any circumstances put an ordinance on the shelf for the time being, there will be no automobile races next Saturday afternoon during Auto show day.

The committee in charge of the day's attraction want it driven home with capital letters that there is go-

## NO SUNDAY CLOSING ORDINANCE EXISTS

The city council last evening struggled with weighty problems, most of them pertaining to bills against the city, until an extremely late hour of the night. Mayor Hall presided and the following councilmen responded, to the roll: Monroe, Kreiger, Williamson, Bolton, Bay, Meyers, Andrews and Curtis.

For nearly three hours the matter of bills was the sole topic for discussion. Later on, however, things livened up a bit from a listener's point of view, when the La Grande Entertainment and Market Day association presented a petition for permission to conduct a parade and hold band concerts on the street, the 23d inst. After some discussion in which the feasibility of converting Adams avenue into a speedway was thoroughly threshed out, the petition was granted, and the council went on record as heartily in favor of allowing all concessions in its powers to further the market day scheme.

Petitions relative to the extension of water mains and various other matters that come under the jurisdiction of the street committee, were dis-

posed of. The chief matter to business was the final passage of the street-naming ordinance.

Every resident should give special study to this ordinance, as it behooves every citizen to know the names of the city's streets. The changes made make it more readily possible and in every way will prove highly satisfactory.

Well along in the night, when the city fathers should have been home-bound, the matter of issuing a license to Messrs. La Fountain & Dozier came up. Here the council drew lines on the Sunday closing question, Councilman Williamson, Bolton and Monroe going on record as opposed to the Sunday theater practice. The reluctance of these men in allowing a place of amusement to be open and operated on Sunday was soon dispelled when Councilman Meyers, Curtis, Kreiger, Bay and Andrews voted to grant the license without appending a clause relative to the Sunday matter. This vote followed a decision by City Attorney Baker that there was no ordinance at present forbidding the

**IT** OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

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