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## EARTH SHAKES AND VICTIMS ARE TORN TO SHREDS AT CLE ELUM, WASH.

### CLE ELUM HORROR DEATH LIST MAY GROW

(MANY OF THE INJURED NOT EXPECTED TO RECOVER.)

**Bits of Human Flesh Thrown High in the Air by Explosion of Gunpowder Magazine Near Cle Elum—Body of One Woman Not Found—Believed She Was Torn to Shreds—Whole Town Rocked and Panic Reigned—Victims Hurled Everywhere and Torn into Fragments—Panics of Windows Thrown Half a Mile—The Death List.**

Ellensburg, Wash., July 17.—Nine persons were blown into small fragments, several injured, and much property wrecked, panes of glass shattered all over town, all the result of a terrific explosion of a powder magazine of the Northwestern Improvement company, located a short distance from Cle Elum, a small mining town, late yesterday afternoon. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

George Mead, manager of the company and a clerk in the store, went near the magazine to unload a car of powder and had been working a few minutes when the explosion occurred. Three were blown into such small parts that all hope of identifying the same have been abandoned.

**Human Flesh Hurled Far.**  
The whole town was rocked and the inhabitants were panicstricken. A

tent where Mrs. Peter Moffat, wife of a brick maker, and two children lived, was blown to shreds. Moffat's infant was killed and the others injured. The body of the mother has not been found, and it is supposed she was blown into small pieces. Pieces of human flesh were hurled half a mile.

**The Death List.**  
The dead, as far as known, are: George Mead, manager; Andy Grill, a clerk; Joe Rossi, a miner; Joe Pogriappi, a miner; Baby Moffat, an infant; Gifford McDonald, a clerk; two other unidentified miners, including Mrs. Moffat with the dead, makes the total nine.

**The Injured:** Mrs. Robert Simpson, injured in the wreck of her home. Michael Evans, electrician, struck on the head with flying bricks; Mike Seuall, a laborer, serious. Moffat's daughter.

It is expected that some of the injured will die. Excitement is intense at Cle Elum today, and great sorrow prevails.

**Turners in Germany.**  
Berlin, July 17.—Germans from all over the world have returned to the fatherland to take part in the great international turnfest to begin tomorrow at Frankfort-on-the-Main. A large number of German-Americans are among the foreign visitors.

**Indians Get Fortune.**  
Washington, July 17.—Eight hundred thousand dollars have just been distributed by the interior department among the Indians of the Sisseton and Wahpeton tribes in South Dakota.

**Call for Statements.**  
Washington, July 17.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the reports of condition of all national banks at the close of this year's business, on July 15.

A man recently bought a piece of land near Freewater for \$1000 and has sold it for \$3000.

### NOT LA GRANDE ALONE BUT THE WHOLE VALLEY

Not La Grande alone, but the entire Grande Ronde Valley is behind the present booster movement, and the entire valley will share equally with the fruit of the publicity campaign. The entire valley is to be organized for one great, big, stupendous, magnificent advertising campaign. Not a better and larger La Grande alone, but a richer and more thickly populated valley, is the slogan actuating actions of of the publicity bureau in this city. "Steam Up" Lavey is getting in touch with the remotest corner of the valley in his booster movement.

As foretold in The Observer a few days ago, the board of managers of the Commercial club met last night in the club rooms and devoted a great part of the evening to a discussion of newspaper and magazine advertising. The question in all its phases was fully talked over, but in order not to do anything hurriedly or inadvisedly, the matter was dropped for a time, until figures can be obtained from several other advertising agencies, and comparisons made. The managers of the club feel that they are spending money from which the givers rightfully expect returns, and they intend that no one shall have reason to be disappointed. It is the plan of these "boosters," who are giving their time and energy for the good of the community, in fact the entire county, to take up no proposition until convinced of its worth, and the advertising campaign finally settled upon must be the most economical, and at the same time the most effective that can be devised.

The irrigation movement is by no means dead, although the parties who are expected to finance the proposition could not reach La Grande on the date set. Communication has been opened with the financiers directly, and at the present time the prospects for a comprehensive system, embracing a great party of the valley, are very bright.

The entire valley is to be organized for one great, big, stupendous, magnificent advertising campaign. The impression may have gone out that these La Grande business men are boosting only for their own particular benefit, but such is not the case. Not by a big lot. Mr. Lavey, the professional "steam up" man, is busy now writing letters to the papers and to the business men of the entire county, and very soon he will make a personal "house to house" campaign, so to speak, and will visit every town and hamlet in the county. He will talk to the business men and pretty soon we will be all one big family; and "be happy yet," (with apologies to Mr. Lavey.) It is the purpose of the club managers to advertise the entire valley, and they desire the co-operation of every citizen. They realize that this town can grow only as the surrounding communities grow, and in the campaign La Grande will not be unduly pushed at the expense of the other towns of the county. The object of Mr. Lavey's tour is to explain all this to the business men, and to get them to unite in an effort to make this the best known, most talked of valley west of the Mississippi. And he will succeed.

### BRYAN AND KERN BEGGING FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Lincoln, July 17.—Bryan and Kern, the leaders of the democratic party, today made public an appeal for campaign contributions, which in part says:

The first contribution to the democratic campaign fund this year was made by an Iowa farmer. Just before the convention, this man, who prefers his name not be made public, came to Lincoln with a contribution of \$100, which he gave to Bryan. This appropriate first contribution comes from one of a great body of our population, known as agriculturists—and the farmer has nothing to gain by privilege or favoritism. Now that the party has announced its intention not to accept any contributions from corporations and not to accept excessive individual contributions, and to publish the contributions above a reasonable minimum, it ought to be able to secure sufficient funds from those patriotic citizens who ask from the government nothing but protection. As the national committee has not yet organized, we ask contributions to this farmers' fund."

### HAWAIIANS EXTEND GLAD HAND TO VISITING MEMBERS OF THE FLEET

Honolulu, July 17.—All Honolulu witnessed the great parade of sailors and marines from the 16 battleships today. The parade was led by Admiral Sperry and Governor Frear.

Every resident of Hawaii was on hand to extend the tropical welcome to the Americans. Many sailors were taken to the homes of residents and entertained. Arrangements for handling the crowds are perfect. There is no disorder and the city is well policed.

Honolulu presents a beautiful sight in its holiday dress. Native Hawaiian women dressed in the most gorgeous costumes. The hula dancers are kept busy at the bazaars and resorts. The governor's palace and government buildings are decorated with the Stars and Stripes, crossed with the former royal arms of Hawaii.

### WHOLE FAMILY KILLED BY HYPNOTIST

Cincinnati, O., July 17.—Suspected of killing a whole family by hypnotic power, Louis Wollweber, son of a San Francisco policeman, is in prison here today. The authorities believed the man used his power through the medium of an alleged accomplice, Grace Billingsby, aged 20. They are held on the charge of murdering Robert I. Singleton, an aged justice of the peace. It is alleged they enticed him into a room a year ago for the purpose of robbing him. Singleton died in the room. Wollweber was arrested in Boston and the girl was caught in Chicago. While Singleton's son was signing the information charging them with the murder, he dropped dead.

While handing a Bible to a girl, Mrs. E. E. Jones, daughter of the murdered justice, dropped dead yesterday. Mrs. Singleton, widow of the murdered man's son, is at the point of death today. One of the detectives who brought Wollweber here from Boston, is seriously ill. Wollweber ridicules the declared suspicion that he caused the deaths through a strange power. Miss Billingsby declares that ever since she met the man he has exercised an evil influence over her.

James spent the day attending to his correspondence. James decided today that he will not be chairman of the democratic national committee. Bryan said the conference will be held on the subject of selection of a chairman, but it is not known that any selection will be made until the meeting at Chicago. George Fred Williams is suggested in many quarters in connection with the chairmanship on account of his thorough understanding of the eastern situation.

**Baseball Scores.**  
Yesterday's results:  
Portland, 2; Los Angeles, 0.  
San Francisco, 8; Oakland, 1.

## THE FAIR SUMMER SALE

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**Summer Clearance Prices**

of the utmost interest to the stay-at-homes, as well as those who are going to take their summer outing in the mountains or at the coast—read these items and prices carefully—and remember—there are hundreds of equally good bargains in all summer goods all over the house. : : :

<p><b>\$2.50 Royal Khaki Suits \$1.59</b> Boys Suits with long or short pants, coats made in Norfolk style with belts, all sizes at the Special Price : : : \$1.59</p>	<p><b>Men's Summer Suits \$7.35</b> in single or double breasted skeleton, quarter lined, coats in two or three piece suits reg. pr. \$12.00 to \$13.50 now \$7.35</p>
<p><b>45c SPL.</b> Men's 6oc to \$1.50 Straw and Cloth hats—all Styles and all sizes <b>SPL. 45c</b></p>	<p><b>\$3.00 Ladies' Shirt Waist Suits \$1.59</b> in all white indian head linen tailored waists trimmed in straps, plain gored skirts with pleats at seams, splendid values special now at only : : : \$1.59</p>
<p><b>\$3.00 Ladies' Shirt Waist Suits \$1.59</b> in all white indian head linen tailored waists trimmed in straps, plain gored skirts with pleats at seams, splendid values special now at only : : : \$1.59</p>	<p><b>Ladies' Lawn Kimonos 39 cents and up</b> a splendid assortment in long or short Kimonos in the daintiest lawns, beautiful patterns of all colors, in all the wanted styles regular 75c and up now : : : 39c up</p>

**\$\$ & \$\$ Saved By Coming to The Fair Store**

**Don't miss this Opportunity to Save Money**

### HEARST HAS LOST FAITH IN BRYAN

SPLIT IN LABOR AND INDEPENDENCE RANKS LIKELY.

**Hearst Lost Faith in Democracy and the Integrity of Its Leaders—Independence Leader Not in Sympathy With the Uniting of His Forces With That of Democrats—Much Excitement Over Yellow Editor's Attack on Gompers.**

Washington, July 16.—William R. Hearst's reply to President Gompers, scoring the labor leaders on the suggestion that he support the "discredited and decadent old democratic party," was the subject of heated discussion at headquarters of the American Federation of Labor today. It is believed that Hearst's stand will result in a split between the labor people and the independent league. In reply to messages from Gompers that the Independence league will be abandoned and that Hearst will unite forces with the democrats, Hearst said, while he was not authorized to speak for the party, he was personally opposed to such a step. In closing, Mr. Hearst said:

"I have lost faith in the empty professions of unregenerate democracy; I have lost confidence in their ability, sincerity, and even in the integrity of its leaders."

Bryan "Mum."  
(By John Nevins.)

Fairview Farm, Lincoln, July 17.—Bryan today declined to comment on the cable message sent by Hearst from Paris, in which he attacked the democratic party. The Hearst message will be the chief topic of discussion tonight at a conference between Bryan, Lamb of Indiana, Ollie James of Kentucky and Callahan of Massachusetts.

**IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of 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.**

## HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon