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BISHOP HUGHES TO SPEAK TONIGHT

NEWLY-ELECTED BISHOP IS
IN LA GRANDE TODAY.

One of the Strongest Men in the Methodist Church and One of the New School of Bishops—Will Address a Public Meeting at M. E. Church Tonight—An Educator of the First Order—President of DePauw University, Ellettsville, Ind.

Tonight the citizens of La Grande will be given an opportunity to hear one of the newly-elected bishops of the Methodist church. Bishop Hughes presided at the annual Idaho conference, which has just completed its labors in Weiser, and through the efforts of Presiding Elder J. D. Gillilan and Rev. C. E. Deal, he was induced to stop over in La Grande one day and will preach this evening in the Methodist church.

Bishop Hughes was, prior to his promotion, president of the great DePauw university of Indiana, which position he held for six years.

He is considered one of the strong men of the church, and our citizens generally, should take advantage of the opportunity to hear him.

The chances are that Bishop Hughes will preside over the conferences of the northwest during the next four years and as such general superintendent, will be no small factor in shaping the policies of the church which he represents.

Nominate Congressman.

Waco, Texas, Aug. 22.—R. L. Henry was nominated as the democratic candidate for congress from the Eleventh Texas district at the convention held here today.

MANY ESCAPE JAIL.

Forty-five Prisoners Make Get-Away at Elgo, Nevada, Yesterday.

Elgo, Nev., Aug. 24.—Sheriff Clark and a posse are scouring the hills about Elgo today searching for "Slim" Smith, who escaped jail here yesterday, in one of the most daring jail deliveries in this state's history. Forty-five prisoners escaped, but all but Smith have been recaptured. The jail is filled to overflowing, murder charges being numerous.

CAPT. HAINS A RAVING MANIAC

IS EITHER STARK MAD OR

SHAMMING CLEVERLY.

Murderer of William Annis Labors Under Peculiar Mania—Calls for Military Uniform and Storms When Restrained—Fearing He Will Attempt Suicide, a Double Watch Has Been Placed at His Cell—Forgets He Killed Annis.

New York, Aug. 24.—Captain Hains is either stark mad or shamming. He seems to have forgotten that he killed William Annis less than two weeks ago. A double watch has been placed at his cell, to prevent his committing suicide. He imagines he has to report for immediate duty.

Yesterday he sent for his military clothes. When they were brought, he said:

"I have been waiting for you; you people seem not to understand that I have to report to Colonel Harris at noon today. So long; I am off for the fort."

He tried to leave, but when restrained became furious and raged.

REMARKABLE SUCCESS BRANDS IRRIGATION MASS MEETING AS BEGINNING OF NEW ERA

The most sanguine promoter of the co-operative irrigation scheme for the Grande Ronde valley stands amazed at the deep interest exhibited in the mass meeting here Saturday night. Following the course of the meeting, close to 4000 acres of land out of the 20,000 required, were subscribed by less than 125 farmers present. The irrigation bill has been started at a fast clip and, as The Observer has said before, nothing can stand between the farmers and eventual success in this

matter. Including the local business men who attended, there were about 150 men at the meeting. George Palmer called the meeting to order and was immediately followed by George Stoddard, Walter M. Pierce, F. S. Bramwell and C. D. Huffman. Messrs. Stoddard and Bramwell know the irrigation scheme as it is to be, for they and others have spent thousands of

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MANY KILLED IN EUGENE

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 24.—After suffering for six hours, Jack Nichols, an engineer, died this morning, making the fifth death due to the wreck on the Southern Pacific local passenger, four miles north of here last night. The engine struck a cow, turned turtle and was hurled from the track. The baggage cars and coaches pushed the tender several feet, and finally piled on top of the tender.

Fireman Frank Boulton was crushed to death under the engine. Three tramps were killed under the cars. Nichols was frightfully burned and expired at 3 o'clock this morning.

The loss to rolling stock is very heavy. Autos from Eugene carried away

seven injured, among them the dying engineer, to the local hospital.

The cow was cut in twain, the fragments being scattered for a long distance.

The rails and ties were torn up for a distance of 75 feet.

The passenger coaches and baggage cars lie in the ditch a short distance from the engine. Efforts were made today to recover the bodies of the tramps. Little was done, however, until the arrival of the wrecking crew.

The train was the Cottage Grove local, and left Portland at 4:15 yesterday afternoon, with Conductor Minkler in charge. It is considered remarkable that the passengers escaped death.

Later Developments.

The bodies supposed to have been tramps were identified as Ray Swartz of Junction City; George Bailey, a restaurant keeper of Eugene, making four dead, all told.

The injured are Verne Apperson, Eugene, back hurt; John Wright, Portland, leg injured; John Wilbought, Pittsburg, Pa., left leg broken; Albert Rahn, Portland, left arm cut; W. Richardson, Salem, right hip injured.

It is one of the worst wrecks in the history of Oregon. The bodies of Swartz and Bailey were almost nude, their clothes have been torn to shreds. They were found on their backs where they had been thrown.

LEPER EXPOSES WASHINGTON

ANOTHER CASE OF FATAL
DISEASE HAS BEEN FOUND.

On Banks of Potomac River, a Young Man is Slowly Dying From Leprosy—Entire City of Washington Frightened as Victim Sought Work for Five Days Before Discovery Was Made—His Family in Dire Need—Authorities Watching.

Washington, Aug. 24.—With religion as his only solace, John R. Early, a Spanish-American war veteran, stricken with leprosy, admits his fate in an isolated tent on the bank of the Potomac river, where he is guarded by health officers.

Hundreds of people in Washington are frightened, fearing they have contracted the disease because Early spent five days seeking work before the physician discovered he was a leper. His wife and child are in deep distress at Lyon, North Carolina.

WOMEN FIGHT ROULETTE.

Reno Church Women Up in Arms at Gambling Allowed in City.

Reno, Aug. 24.—Church women are trying to induce the chief of police to prevent Nan Rooney of San Francisco, from conducting a roulette parlor, already opened at Reno. The sheriff refused to act, saying he has no right. Religious women threaten to take the case to the courts. Saturday night Nan won \$10,000 from Jack Flynn, a mine manager.

IMBLER CROP OF WHEAT SETS MARK

CLYDE MEYERS THRESHED

50 BUSHELS PER ACRE.

Highest Mark of the Year Established at Imbler Where Wheat Field Yields 50 Bushels Per Acre—Apple Crop in Imbler Vicinity Was Never Better—Slight Rain Last Saturday Night—No Damage—Others News Items From That Section.

Imbler, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The banner wheat crop of the season has been harvested in the vicinity of Imbler by Clyde Meyers, who threshed 50 bushels of wheat to the acre. This is without doubt, the most prolific yield of wheat yet harvested this year, though the field which produced it, was not a large one. This remarkable yield, however, is not the general crop, which continues to hold its average at about 40 bushels to the acre.

Other Imbler Notes.

A. B. Hamilton has sold a span of bay horses to Roy Campbell for \$350. Arthur Ellingford has traded 40 acres of Imbler land for a place in Idaho.

Arthur Hibberd of Salt Lake, has coached here and will join with his brother, C. R. Hibberd in the real estate business.

There was a light rain here Saturday night. No damage from the wind or lightning is reported.

Apple Crop Splendid.

The outlook for apples this season was never brighter than they have been the last week. Imbler and the entire side of the valley in which Imbler is located, will produce apples this year, eliminating unforeseen accidents, better than ever before.

Seek Simplified Form.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 24.—A uniform and simplified form for fire insurance policies and a uniform law for health and accident insurance will be among the matters considered at the National Insurance Commissioners convention, to be held here during the next three days.

STOLE MONEY FROM UNCLE SAM

FORMER SUB-TREASURY

TELLER IN THE TOILS.

Charged With Stealing Large Sums of Money From the Sub-Treasury at Chicago, G. W. Fitzgerald is Arraigned in Court—Trial Postponed Until Monday—Tried to Cash Bills of Large Denominations Stolen From Government.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 24.—George W. Fitzgerald, formerly assistant teller of the United States sub-treasury, appeared in Judge Chetlain's court today to answer a charge of stealing \$175,000 from the treasury over a year ago. The case was postponed until next Monday. The prisoner was released on \$10,000 bonds. His arrest was based on the alleged fact that Fitzgerald tried to make arrangements with certain business men to cash a one-thousand dollar bill. There were several similar bills stolen from the treasury.

A FORTUNATE NURSE.

Waited on Rich Man's Wife and Was Later Made Joint Heir to Fortune.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Friends of Alice Page, aged 25, of Chicago, were surprised to learn today that she had been adopted by John H. Converse, a Philadelphia banker, and financial agent of the Baldwin Locomotive works.

The girl nursed the wife of Converse the latter making a dying request that her husband adopt the nurse. The girl is now touring Europe with Mary Converse and is now joint heir to an estate valued at \$10,000,000.

FLEET SETS SAIL FOR WINTER.

Pacific Fleet Goes to Samoan Islands for Long Visit.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Seven cruisers of the Pacific fleet, and seven torpedo boat destroyers started at 10:10 this morning on a cruise to the Samoan Islands, which will end in at Magdalena Bay next winter, for target practice.

Yesterday thousands made a last inspection of the big ships. Today the water front and Golden Gate park were lined with thousands, taking a last look at the fleet for many weeks.

German Diplomat Dead.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Baron Speck von Sternberg, formerly German ambassador to Washington, died at Heidelberg today following an operation for cancer on the face. He has suffered a long time.

OPENING DISPLAY Of Ladies Fall Suits In New York' Latest Styles

This week we place on display for the first time fifty advance styles of New York's smartest ladies' tailored suits made by the best and most exclusive ladies' suit tailors in America.

Suits of distinguishing style, character and individuality—designed by experts who are in touch with the fashion centers of the world—made from cloths that represent the highest obtainable results of the cloth designers and weaver's art.

Embodied in these suits you will find everything worth while, superb workmanship, exclusive styles and patterns and in attention to all the small details so essential in the making of a really stylish garment.

Our prices, too, will give you a decidedly pleasant sensation:

\$15.00 to \$40.00

The Fair
DEPARTMENT STORE

You are hereby extended a most cordial invitation call and look them over.

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This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone
This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

HILL'S DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON