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## ENGINEER STARTS SURVEY MONDAY

**TO DESCRIBE SANDRIDGE ROUTE FIRST OF ALL.**  
With a Crew of Men, Pickler Starts Preliminary Survey Monday Morning—Will Ascertain Valuable Data in Connection With Proposed Ditch—May Go Back to Starting Point and Establish Eastern Branch of Big Ditch—Will Harry.

Monday morning Civil Engineer L. A. Pickler commences the running of preliminary surveys for the route of the big irrigation ditch that in the near future will be an assured fact. With a crew of three assistants, he commences at the Oro Dell dam and will work his way northward, establishing the future route of the big ditch, and heading toward the Sandridge. Within a week or so he will be able to announce just whose property is to be adjacent to or cut by the big ditch. The work will be watched with extreme interest by every friend of irrigation. When he is through, the exact path of the principal ditch will have been ascertained.

**May Describe Another Route.**  
It is possible that when he has completed that survey, he will go back to Oro Dell and describe the course of the other main ditch that is to run through west La Grande and out on the valuable land east of La Grande. It is not decided that this route will be established at this time.

The engineer's report will be an exhaustive one, showing in detail the length and exact direction, as well as through which it is to pass. By having this done, while the soliciting committee is exerting every effort to land the last 10,000 acres, the Commercial club will reduce the time immensely when they call a meeting of all subscribers and proceed with the final or-

ganization of the corporation which is to operate the project when it is finished.

## ENGLISH LORD DISAPPEARS.

**Spokane Girl in Anxiety Over Husband's Disappearance.**

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Mystery surrounds the disappearance from the Auditorium hotel of a man giving his name as Lord Herbert Russell of Bridgeport, England, whose wife is said to be a former society girl of Spokane. She sent a letter to the local police saying her husband carried much money when he disappeared. Russell is in America looking after investments of Englishmen. His wife has returned to Spokane fearing the publicity.

## REAR ADMIRAL COGHLAN DIES WITHOUT WARNING

**WAS COMPOSER OF THE BAL-LAD, "HOCH, DER KAISER."**

**Rear Admiral Coghlan Received Advancement in Naval Circles Rapidly—Held Many Posts of Importance—Served in Civil War as an Ensign—Death Sudden.**

New York, Dec. 5.—Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, retired, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in New Rochelle, New York, today.

Coghlan was born in Frankfort, Ky., in 1844. He graduated from the United States naval academy in 1863, and served in the civil war as lieutenant commander and attached to a training ship at Portsmouth.

His rise was rapid. He was promoted to rear admiral in 1902 and in command of the North Atlantic fleet for two years.

Rear Admiral Coghlan won national fame when he composed and recited at a banquet, a ballad entitled "Hoch der Kaiser."

## APPLE CROP IS MOVING RAPIDLY

**PRICES RANGE BETWEEN 80 AND 90 CENTS PER BOX.**

**One Firm Has Shipped 36 Carloads Thus Far—Estimated Fruit Crop Will Bring \$168,000 to the County—Few Realize Extent of the Fruit Business in This Valley—Packing Often Done to Protect the Individual Apple.**

The apple crop of Grande Ronde valley is moving rapidly this year. Shippers are having no difficulty in securing cars and the packing crews in the county fruit centers are busy packing and boxing Grande Ronde beauties. Some shippers are wrapping each apple in paper.

The prices range between 80 and 90 cents per box, which is better at this time than \$1 a box two or three months later.

An Observer representative visited the warehouse of the Ramsey-Oldenburg company today, where they are receiving and shipping. This firm so far this season has shipped 36 cars and in one corner of the warehouse they now have 7000 boxes ready for the packers. All of these will be wrapped in paper which insures prime stock upon arrival at destination, wherever that may be.

A number of growers have pooled their interests and have sold to various buyers. Most of the May Park growers have disposed of their stock, receiving 90 cents for their pack.

La Grande is becoming so accustomed to look upon fine young growing orchards and read about carloads year after year, that it does not appreciate the excitement which the fruit industry occupies commercially. In apples alone this year Union county will ship out no less than 350 carloads which, estimating at the minimum—800 boxes to the car—means 210,000 boxes, and at the lowest present prevailing price of 80 cents means \$168,000. It is a very conservative estimate that places the entire fruit values of the county at anything less than a quarter of a million dollars and each year will see this amount greatly exceeded.

The industry is reaching that point where it must have a cannery to provide a market for the stock that cannot be shipped out. One industry always brings on another. The by-products of the cannery would make a small vinegar factory profitable. A large vinegar factory would thrive here on its own merits. The pure food law now in force makes it possible for vinegar factories to pay dividends when otherwise it was impossible to compete with acid and adulterated products.

## NATIONAL SHOW NEAR AT HAND

**ROOSEVELT LOOKS WITH PLEASURE ON COMING EVENT.**

**Radical Changes Are Required in Apple Culture—When National Apple Show Convenes in Spokane, Vastly Important Lessons Will Be Taught—Show to Be One of the Great Events in the Nation's Industrial Exhibitions.**

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 5.—Baked apples, apple pie, apple dumpling, apple butter and other delectable dishes which do more than anything else to keep the boy on the farm will be served by pretty girls to all who attend the National Apple show in Spokane next week. Practically all of the exhibits are now installed and all is in readiness for the formal opening of the big and unique show on Monday.

The leading horticultural experts of America, acting as judges, will award premiums amounting to \$35,000 to the growers of the best commercial apples entered in the numerous competitions, which are open to the world.

President Roosevelt is enthusiastic in his endorsement of the national apple show, as are the heads of the agricultural departments of the United States, Canada and various countries in Europe, and it is also approved by the leading state and provincial horticultural growers and shippers' associations of North America and in practically every district in which apples are grown. So popular has the movement become that "apple week in America," officially designated, has been concurred in by grocers and dealers everywhere in the county, and they will make displays in stores and windows during the coming week and it is believed that every one interested in either growing or eating apples will observe the period in fitting recognition of the industry.

According to experts, radical changes are necessary in the culture of apples on this continent. There must be betterment of the general conditions of the commercial orchards, else the United States and Canada will be forced in a few years to import apples instead of exporting them. Just how important this is may be gathered from the statement that if it had not been for the enormous crops in the orchards of the Pacific and northwestern states this year an apple famine would have resulted.

Many of the middle western and eastern states reported small yields this season, due to failures in numerous instances, but generally because of pests. Orchards have been neglected and in scores of places the trees have been permitted to die be-

cause of lack of even ordinary attention, while, again, in others the growers did not know how to combat insects and tree diseases.

Those familiar with the apple industry state that in 1896 the total produce of the crop of the country was 69,070,000 barrels or 177,675,000 bushels. Since then hundreds of thousands of acres have been added and methods of fruitgrowing have improved, yet the government reports show that the aggregate crop in all the states of the union was not more than 25,000,000 barrels or 62,500,000 bushels in 1908. The necessity for greater efforts and for the eliminating of half-heartedness in this important industry is apparent, declare the experts, who hope that the coming week will inaugurate a new era in the apple industry.

## NIGHT OF CAROUSAL ENDS IN SUDDEN DEATH

**MYSTERIOUS VOICE ON PHONE ADVISES PROBING.**

**San Francisco Young Millionaire Dies and Throws Scandal to the Wind—Valencie Woman Claims She Lived Life of Shame With Young Sport—Big Suit.**

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Authorities are investigating the sudden death of David J. Baird, a young millionaire; whose estate is claimed by a woman known as "Dodie" Valencie, who is reported to have lived with Baird and bore him a son.

Following a carousal at beach resorts the night preceding his death at his home, rumors of foul play were brought to the attention of the authorities. A mysterious voice over the telephone advised that Baird's stomach was examined. The organ was turned over to the city chemist.

The filing by the Valencie woman of a petition for the latter's guardianship over the child, is paving the way for a bitter fight over the million dollar estate left by Baird.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Upon completion of the examination of Baird's stomach today, Chemist Green announced that he was unable to find anything of a suspicious nature. His condition was normal. However, the coroner is not satisfied that death was natural.

## Arkansas River Meeting.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 5.—In order that its claims may be properly presented at the meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors congress in Washington next week, the Arkansas River commission held a convention here today. Representatives of all the commercial bodies in the cities interested attended the session. The Arkansas river, it is claimed, could easily be rendered navigable from its mouth to Muskogee, Okla., and it is believed that this would result in great savings to the shippers of central Arkansas and Oklahoma.

It might not be surprising any one to read of the foot and mouth disease during the football season.

## SEATTLE CARS IN FATAL COLLISION

**WILD PANIC ENSUES AFTER CRASH COMES.**

**Women Trample on Each Other in Reaching Places of Safety—Two Rapidly Moving Street Cars, Laden With Laborers, Crash Into Each Other—Fatally Injured Dug From the Wreckage—Heavy Fog and Misconstructed Block Signal.**

Seattle, Dec. 5.—A motorman was fatally injured and a score of passengers painfully injured early today in a collision of two heavily loaded street cars on Lake and Edgar streets. Passengers with broken legs and arms were lying in the streets awaiting ambulances. Not a single passenger on the incoming car escaped injury.

Both cars were running at full speed in a dense fog.

The fatally injured are Motorman Gus Olson, Charles Bolling and John Elandel whose legs were broken. The motorman was dug from the wreckage.

**Wild Panic Follows.**  
A wild panic followed the collision. Women fainted and were trampled upon by others in reaching places of safety. The cars were partially demolished.

A dozen are seriously injured and 40 slightly. A misunderstanding of the block signal is supposed to be the cause. The outboard car was loaded with workmen on their way to the fair grounds, and the incoming car was crowded with people going to work.

The accident occurred on a straight track, on a slight grade. The impact was terrific. The front vestibule of both cars were telescoped like egg shells. Several seats were torn from their fastenings. A helpless load of humanity was pitched forward in heaps. Several were cut by flying glass. The outboard car carried 76 passengers and the other 120.

## TROUBLE OVER SHIPMENTS.

**Chicago the Seat of Bitter War Over Western Fruit Shipments.**

Chicago, Dec. 5.—A bitter fight is being waged today between the transcontinental carriers and the Trunk Line Freight association, over the change proposed by the association in the method of delivering to California and western fruits to eastern consumers. The transcontinental roads declared to accede to the demand of the association that original bills of lading be forwarded to points where the goods are delivered. Where the shipments are diverted from contracting shippers to the purchasers, it would mean a diminution of coast shipments of citrus fruits. Shippers hitherto consigned shipments to themselves when sold, to deliver it to the purchaser without presenting the original bill of lading.

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## ROOSEVELT DECLARES HE WANTS CHAMBERLAIN AS U. S. SENATOR

Washington, Dec. 5.—"I am glad to meet you, Governor Chamberlain and senator-to-be. I would have preferred to see a republican senator, but I am for the people ruling, and want you to be senator." In these words President Roosevelt settled all doubts as to his attitude toward the Oregon senatorial contest. The president conferred with Governor Chamberlain in the executive office when the latter, J. N. Teal of Portland, and Miss Carrie Leo Chamberlain called to keep an appointment. "I am delighted to meet you," said the president to Miss Chamberlain. "Your father hit me a few licks from time to time, but he is a mighty good fellow." The room was crowded at the time, Senators Lodge, Carter, Warren and Cummings and others being near. The president spoke loudly, evidently preferring to have his views known to all within hearing. The whole Oregon situation had been laid before the president.

**Will Take Peculiar Evidence.**  
Seattle, Dec. 5.—The Bar association committee which is investigating the Root-Gordon scandal, will meet next week in Olympia, where, it is understood, they will have as witnesses members of the supreme court, who have been shown documents in the Harris-Great Northern case. In the absence of the documents this evidence as testimony of the supreme judges, will be material.

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