

BOLD ROBBERY AT BAKER CITY

THIEF HITS BARTENDER GETS BAG OF MONEY

Stranger Visits Bar of Hotel—Asks For Change, and Strikes Victim—Then Grabs Bag Containing \$500.00 and Makes Getaway—Bartender Found Unconscious—No Arrest Yet Made.

BAKER CITY, May 1.—G. A. Roberts, night bartender at the Crabill Hotel, was last night beaten and robbed by a tall stranger. The thief got away with a bag containing about \$500.00 which Roberts had taken from the safe in response to the stranger's request to him to change a twenty dollar bill. Roberts was found unconscious, and after recovering so that he could talk, said that the robber was of powerful physique, about six feet in height, and had struck him with a beer bottle or slug shot. No arrests have yet been made, but the police think they have a good clue, and will probably land a suspect before night. A fellow answering the description given by Roberts has been hanging around the city for several days, and was regarded with suspicion by the officers. He is missing today.

BEAN FILES HIS RESIGNATION

WILL BECOME FEDERAL JUDGE ABOUT WEDNESDAY

SALEM, May 1.—Judge Bean's resignation was filed today with Secretary of State Benson. Bean will be sworn in as Federal judge about Wednesday. He will hold court at Helena, Butte and Great Falls.

BOYS WILL DEBATE. Presbyterian and Methodist Boys in Forensic Contest.

The B. M. boys of the Methodist Sunday school last week held their social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lottes. Last evening they held a business session at the home of Mrs. Fred B. Currey, at which they accepted an invitation for a joint debate with the Presbyterian boys, and also took steps towards arranging for a track meet.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT EPWORTH LEAGUE

If a neat, attractive and appealing circular letter bears fruitage there will be a splendid attendance at the Epworth League tomorrow night. Every member received one by mail this morning.

Concert Well Attended.

The band concert last night was well attended, several hundreds of citizens being present. Every number was applauded, and all the special numbers, could the audience have had its way, would have been encored. The vocal solo by Miss Foley, the violin solo by Miss Young, the cornet solo by Mr. Carl, and the clarinet music were applauded to the echo.

ORIENTAL VESSELS AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 1.—Imposing escort of American ships which joined them outside the gate, the Japanese training squadron, comprised of the cruisers Aso and Sora, passed through the Golden Gate at 9:15 this morning accompanied by an

ROOTERS GO TO UNION.

Old And Young Must Attend The Field Meet.

Quite a number of rooters went over to Union this morning to help the La Grande boys win the county field meet. Among those who went on the train were George Currey, Roy Currey, Harold Grady, Harold Carpy, Zoe Bragg, May Nell and Ollie Massee. An automobile party of several left about 10 o'clock. Coach Nelson drove over.

Several boys who could not stay away either sneaked off and slipped away on the train. They were County Superintendent E. E. Bragg, Prof. Mansager and Prof. Mickelson. Jack Peare left for Union as soon as he got his dinner.

BRICKYARD IS IN OPERATION

PAYROLL TO BE QUITE LARGE—35 MEN AT WORK

Today George Kreiger put a force of 35 men to work at the brick yard and will burn several kilns during the season. This is one of the permanent money distributors of the city, year in and year out. All the way from two to five million brick are made each year at this plant and the quality is such that the demand comes from all over this section of the country. This year Mr. Kreiger expects to make extensive shipments into Baker county.

TENNIS GROUNDS READY.

The grounds of the Algonquin Tennis Club have been put in fine shape and will be ready for players tomorrow. The tapes and nets were put in place this afternoon by some of the members.

Attorneys Dan Shehan and J. F. Burleigh of Enterprise came in this afternoon on their way to Pendleton to attend the supreme court.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Hundreds of fishermen are out today, the opening of the fishing season.

INDIANS WIN FROM Y. M. C. A.

SALEM-PORTLAND RELAY RACE WON BY CHEMAWA

SALEM, May 1.—The relay race of 52 miles from Salem to Portland between the Chemawa Indian training school and the Y. M. C. A. of Portland, was started at 9:02 this morning when Gov. Benson said "Go" to Amos Smoother, representing Chemawa and D. Cooper for the Y. M. C. A. They ran the first five miles. When they left the capitol building Smoother was four feet in the lead. The runners carried the following message from Governor Benson to Mayor Lane: "The State of Oregon sends greetings to Portland the beautiful, a sure winner in the race of cities of the Northwest." At Oregon City, the end of 815 feet, the Indians were eight minutes in the lead. Chemawa won the race in 5:21:52.

JOINT POOR FARM AND FAIR GROUNDS

For a long time the Union county fair association has been laboring under difficulties, trying to hold a county fair without funds or without any degree of public support; the latter due to their inability to make a fair with-out money.

Now a proposition has been started, the successful consummation of which will provide the fair association with a fair grounds, buildings, track and stables, and the county with a poor farm near the center of population, and large enough for our needs for years to come. The county court has proposed to the fair association that if they will raise \$3,000 for the purpose, the county will appropriate \$7,000 to buy the present fair grounds. There is a mortgage of \$10,000 on the property, but it is probable that the holder would prefer the money to the property.

FRUIT IS NOT KILLED

False alarm as usual. The fruit crop is not killed, nor anything like it. One of the best informed fruit men, and closest observers in the valley investigated conditions yesterday, and finds that sweet cherries, although some blossoms are killed, will bear very nearly a full crop, and the quality will be all the better for the thinning. Sour cherries are not hurt at all. Pears were thinned out some by the frosts, but there will be

better than a fair crop. None but early apples are damaged enough to hurt. Prunes and plums will be as good as last year. There are localities, of small extent, where these conditions are not true, where nearly all the fruit is killed, but in general, the average crop of the entire valley will nearly approach normal in quantity, and in quality will be much better than if no frost had occurred.

Hundreds are Killed By Storms

MEMPHIS, Ala., May 19.—At least 182 persons are known to be dead and 700 injured as a result of the storm Thursday night. Forty towns in the Mississippi valley are ruined. The property loss will amount to millions of dollars. When telegraphic communication is restored it is certain that the list of dead will be greatly increased.

LA GRANDE WINS THE TRACK MEET

An enthusiastic bunch of rooters and a hopeful squad of athletes left La Grande this morning on No. 6, bound for Union, where they were to meet like aggregations from Coville, Island City and Union. Elgin also sent a few competitors for athletic honors. The La Grande boys were in pink of condition and had put in hours of training. Consequently their tempo ran high. They were accompanied by Professors Mansager and Mickelson. Coach Nelson drove over later.

Officials of the Meet. Prof. Churchill, of Baker City, was the referee of the day. He was assisted by C. C. Clark of Union as field judge; E. E. Bragg of La Grande as finish judge; G. M. Mickelson of La Grande as clerk of the course; Mr. Cameron of Union as starter, and by various other officials of minor importance. The result of the meet, as far as can be learned as we go to press, is as follows. Some of the names may be spelled wrong. The one thing that we are sure of is that the La Grande boys won the meet handsomely. 100 yard dash—Walters first, Carpy second, Williamson third; time, 16.02. Shot put—Geddes first, Massee second, name of third unknown; distance, 45 feet. 220 yard dash—Carpy first, Walters second, Williamson third; time, 23.02. Mile—Parry, Island City, first; Williams, Cove, second; Ingram, Cove, third; no time. High hurdles—Poore, La Grande, first; Robbins, Cove, second; Young, La Grande, third; no time. 440 yard dash—Reynolds, La Grande, first; Walters, Cove, second; Ingram, Cove, third; no time.

CHRISTIANSSEN RELEASED.

Relatives of Young Man Provide Required Bond.

Word was received from Elgin this afternoon that Elmer Christianssen's relatives would provide the \$500.00 bond required by Justice Barnes, and that when that is done, and the notice received by the sheriff's office the young man will be released. Christianssen is alleged to have raised a check.

UNKNOWN BURIED.

No News From Friends of Fred Miller. Nothing has been heard from anyone who knew Fred Miller, the man who was killed at Hilgard some time ago, and the body was buried at the expense of the county this afternoon.

TARIFF KNOWN BY JUNE FIRST

TAFT SAYS SIGNED AND DELIVERED BY THEN

WASHINGTON, May 1.—President Taft announced today that he thought the tariff bill would be signed and delivered to the country by June 1. Senator Aldrich said the completed bill will be submitted to the president for his signature before June 1st.

Many Will Attend Ball.

From reports received from different towns about the valley and county, a record breaking crowd will be present at the carnival ball.

TACOMA'S MAYOR.

TACOMA, May 1.—Mayor John Linck was arrested this afternoon on an indictment by the grand jury charging him with failing to enforce the law relative to prohibiting houses of ill fame. The arrest created a sensation.

Pastime Theatre.

New pictures tonight—fresh from the manufacturer, and guaranteed to be up to date—and unexcelled vaudeville.

WILL KILL LION OR STAY MONTH

ROOSEVELT DETERMINED TO KILL KING OF BEAST

NAIROBI, May 1.—Reports received here today from Roosevelt's camp, that he intends to remain there until he bags a lion. He spent yesterday tracking a big black maned lion, which eluded him. Kermit spent the day in shooting Gazelles.

EXPRESS RATES ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION

The Observer is in receipt from the State Railroad Commission of the schedule of reduced express rates fixed by the commission. Portland to all points in the State on the O. R. & N. If anyone desires to see them, he may do so by calling at the office. The rates apply to the Pacific Express Company.

La Grande Gets More Points Than All Others Together.

BIG SUIT FILED AGAINST SMELTER

BAKER CITY BANK SUES FOR LARGE SUM

Suit Brought by Cashier of Institution, Acting as Trustee—Several Large Firms and Sumpter Valley Railroad Made Defendants—Complaint Also Asks For \$500.00 as Attorney's Fees.

BAKER CITY, May 1.—J. T. Donnelly, cashier of the First National bank, acting as trustee, has sued the Sumpter Smelter for \$42,705.40 and \$500 attorney's fees. The smelter is controlled by the Oregon Smelting and Refining company, the Sumpter Valley railroad, the Columbia Gold Mining company and the Adams-Gardner lumber company, all of which are made defendants to the suit.

Blanchard's Condition Serious.

Frank Blanchard, who was operated upon yesterday at the hospital, was delirious all night, and is still in a very critical condition, but it is hoped that he will recover. Through misunderstanding over the phone, the Observer was made to say yesterday afternoon that Dr. Upton and Dr. Miller were Blanchard's physicians, when the names should have been Dr. Hubbard and Dr. Little.

PASS UNKNOWN TO HARRIMAN

ENGINEER SAYS RAILROAD CENTRAL OREGON-COOS BAY EASY

WEISER, Idaho, May 1.—At the morning session of the Idaho-Oregon Development Congress, H. A. Hurlburt, a retired civil engineer, created great enthusiasm by his addresses. He said there is a pass through the Cascade which will permit railroad construction on one per cent grade from the plateau of central Oregon to Coos Bay. It is believed that the pass is unknown to Harriman.

Hurlburt said the pass is so densely timbered that a footway would have to be cut through. Hurlburt's information overcomes a great obstacle.

Rev. Dark Will Preach.

Rev. F. E. Dark reached the city this afternoon and will speak in the First Baptist church at the morning and evening hours tomorrow. Also in the Presbyterian church at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon. He will be most interesting and helpful.

DR. STEVENSON'S MOTHER IS DEAD

News reached this city by wire last night of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson the mother of Dr. J. E. Stevenson at Hitchcock, S. D. Dr. Stevenson left La Grande for Hitchcock last Saturday night, and with the other four children was present when the mother passed away. Mrs. Stevenson visited with her son and family in La Grande during the past winter and is most kindly remembered by many who came to know her.

SULTAN HAD PLANNED MASSACRE

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 1.—Correspondence was found in the palace today which proves conclusively that the deposed Sultan had planned a general massacre for April 25, and that the capture of the city on the 29th was merely a prelude to the