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SIREN DENIES CHARGES AGAINST HER

OAKLAND, May 12.—Through her mother, Mrs. Florence Moore, accused of aiding the downfall of Adjutant General Otis Hamilton arrested on a charge of embezzling military funds, gave out a statement today, denying she spent a cent of the embezzled money.

She said: Hamilton was one of my husband's dearest friends. He was

connected with him in various business enterprises. I deny all stories printed against me. All the money I spent was given me by my husband. I never accepted one cent of Hamilton's money."

Mrs. Moore arrived here yesterday, and was driven to the home of her mother in an automobile.

OLD STORY FROM ISLAND

Strange as it may seem, the Grand Ronde river still refuses to disclose the whereabouts of its prey of last Saturday noon at Island City. Since noon today there has been no report from J. F. Campbell and his crew, which is now well down the river from Island City, but at noon time, no information had reached Island of their results. The wagon box is still

missing, in fact there has not been the slightest clue discovered since the drowning.

The systematic search commenced yesterday morning continues today at the direction of Mr. Campbell. Though 100 hours after the accident the bodies of Berne De Lapp and Marion Smith are as far from recovery as the hour in which they were drowned.

Pathfinder Draws Near

Barring unforeseen accidents, the Thomas pathfinder car will reach La Grande tomorrow. It arrived at Boise at 5 o'clock last evening, and at 2:30 this afternoon had not been reported in at Baker City. It is presumed the car will reach Baker City late tonight and La Grande tomorrow morning, or may even possibly work its way to La Grande tonight.

So much misunderstanding about

the pathfinder is prevalent, that it is not amiss to repeat that this car is picking the way for the transcontinental automobile race to start from New York June 1st. From Boise on, a special car did the work, but the which left New York, is the Thomas machine, the one due here within 24 hours.

Formal Action Taken

To obviate legal complications the county court has caused to be served on County Treasurer Frawley, Sheriff Childers, and the bondsmen of both officers, Frank Ph's name being used as trustee for J. W. Scriber, demanding certain sums of money which it is alleged these officers have refused to turn over to the county treasury.

The proceedings is merely formal, and the allegations in the papers are merely technical, and in no way a reflection on the officers named.

The amounts named are those secured from the Farmers and Traders bank when the 45 per cent payment was made. Demand is made on the treasurer for \$11,620.47, and on the sheriff \$2,640.32.

REFERENDUM POWERS ARE DORMANT IN 1909

SALEM, May 12.—It is not likely that there will be any enactments of the last legislature referring to the people under the referendum amendment for their determination in November, 1910. Only 10 days are left

in which referendum petitions may be filed with Secretary of State on acts of the legislature, and as none have been advocated with any great amount of popularity politicians believe none will appear.

TWO WEDDINGS.
Clerk Wright Permits Marriage of Two Couples This Afternoon.

Dennis McDaniel and Carrie Smith, all of Cove were licensed to be wed today by County Clerk Ed Wright. Joy papers were also issued to J.

H. Manly of Wallowa county and Annie Ward of Union county.

Small Pox in Salem.
SALEM, May 12.—O. B. Miles, the city health officer, reports from four to six mild cases of smallpox are quarantined in this city. The situation is serious.

SOCIAL BUSINESS MEETING.

Methodist Congregation Will Hold Meeting Tomorrow Evening.

There will be a social and business meeting of the Methodist members and congregation in the church tomorrow evening. Refreshments will be served and a large attendance is desired and expected.

Have Successful Meetings.

Evangelist team, Whiston and Longman, who will hold a meeting at the Central Church of Christ in February, has closed a meeting recently at Lewiston, Idaho, with 107 conversions. He is now in a meeting at Amity, Oregon.

MEN CHOSEN TO RULE FESTIVITIES

WILL MEET MONDAY EVENING TO OUTLINE PLAN.

BIG TIME SURE

Old Timers at The Business on The Committee.

For the Fourth of July celebration this year there is already available about \$250. The executive committee, which will meet next Monday evening to outline a program and appoint sub-committees, is composed of, Walter M. Pierce, chairman; Mac Wood, William Ash, W. R. Jones, F. C. Bramwell, J. H. Pearce and William Miller. Last year a high mark in celebrations was set in La Grande, but the personnel of this executive committee assures the city that this year's celebration will be just as good, if not better than that of last year.

Nearly all of the men on the committee served with signal success before, and this experience will prove valuable in arranging the program. One of the foremost men of the North west will be secured to deliver the oration, and the merely amusing features will be not less enjoyable than those that will be provided for 1909.

AGENT DISOBEYED HIS SUPERIORS

PENDLETON CHAGRINED AT DISMISSAL OF McPATRIDGE

PENDLETON, May 12.—According to a dispatch from Washington, Indian Agent McPatridge of the Umatilla reservation was suspended because he disregarded orders of acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine. One charge is McPatridge was severe in dealing with his subordinates. He may be transferred to another post. Business men here, will protest against his removal, and send a special messenger to Washington to appeal in McPatridge's behalf.

SCHOOLS ARE REGULATED

SALEM, May 12.—W. D. Wheelwright, of Portland, has been appointed by Governor Benson as his representative at a reception to be given the Japanese Training Squadron at Tacoma, May 28, and 29.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Taft today nominated Oscar Straus the Ambassador to Turkey.

BIG PRIZE FOR HEAD.

Deposed Sultan Buys His Life With Ten Million Dollars.

BELGRADE, May 12.—Ten million dollars is the price paid by the deposed Sultan of Turkey, to save his head. The report says Hamid has authorized Enver Bey, the young turk leader to draw that sum from foreign banks.

Robbers Lure Patrons.

SEATTLE, May 12.—Armed with handkerchiefs as masks, two well dressed men held up the Australian bar at midnight. The lined up 20 patrons and took from them \$35. Seventy-five were taken from the till.

DERRY DEED IS RECORDED TODAY

ENDS POSSIBILITY OF FLUKE OR CHANGED PLANS.

COIN HERE SOON

Details as to Taxes Looked After And Deed Is Filed.

A deed to lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 block 105, Chaplin's addition to La Grande, was filed today with Recorder Snook. This is the site for the government building, formerly owned by J. M. Berry and sets to rest any chance for government refusal of the abstract or of making other city selections. While the deed has been recorded, the check in payment has not reached Mr. Berry yet. It is in the hands of District Attorney McCourt at Portland, who before relinquishing possession of it, delved into the matter of 1908 taxes. These details were attended early in the week and now the deed is on record and the government actually owns the site for a federal building here.

Engines Overhauled.

Engine No. 375 is in the shops for a general overhauling, as is also passenger engine No. 200.

GIRAFFES FALL BY TEDDY'S AIM

THE COLONEL ALSO CAPTURES TWO LIVE LEOPARD CUBS TODAY

NAIROBI, May 12.—Messages received here today, say Col. Roosevelt killed two giraffes yesterday. He killed one when it was 400 feet away and galloping at full speed. One leopard and a buffalo were slain yesterday by other members of the party.

Two leopard cubs were captured alive by Roosevelt this morning.

Receiver Neidner who has been in Portland for several days returned this morning.

BENSON NAMES SUBSTITUTE

SALEM, May 12.—Though three state normal schools will be permitted to continue under state supervision during the summer, the executive committee of the state board of normal school regents decided today that none of the equipment or buildings will be increased for the purpose of conducting private normal schools.

SECOND GUNNESS IS DISCOVERED

MARIPOSA, Calif., May 12.—The discovery today of a secret tunnel leading from the home of the late George McCoy to within three feet of a well where four human skeletons were unearthed within the week, leads the authorities to believe they are about to expose a death trap surpassing the Guinness murder farm in Indiana.

McCoy lived on the ranch from 1853 until two years ago, when he died. He was a bachelor of peculiar habits. District Attorney Adair, in charge of the investigation said today: "The

discovery affirms our belief that we found traces of one of the most remarkable series of crimes ever known in the west. Think the bodies were doubled up on the bones of the chins. The finding of the skeletons probably explains the mysterious death of Sam Wilson who disappeared in 1877, after quarreling with McCoy. The last time seen he was going to McCoy's house. McCoy was charged with the crime, but after searching the house, the authorities dropped the charge."

POCKET KNIFE IS FATAL TO CHILD

EUGENE, Oregon, May 12.—Beaule Holt, one-year-old step-daughter of Peter McCue, residing near Crosswell, is dead today as the result of a peculiar accident while playing at home with a sharp bladed pocket knife yes-

terday. When she fell the blade penetrated her side between the ribs. She crawled to the side of her step-father, notified him and fell dead. The blade severed a large artery leading to the heart.

BAPTIST MEET AT LOUISVILLE

ONE OF THE IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EVENTS OF THE YEAR

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 12.—The big Southern Baptist Convention began its annual session here today, and will continue until the 17th. It has brought here 6000 people, including 2000 delegates representing the Baptist churches of the south.

What is known as the laymen's meeting is being held in conjunction with the convention this year, and this promises to become one of the

most important features. The organizations meeting as part of the gathering are the Baptist Young People's Union, the Women's Missionary Union and the Baptist's Educational Society.

The convention comes to Louisville this year to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Baptist Theological Seminary, and special plans were adopted for the celebration. During the convention, the annual meeting of the board of directors of that institution will be held.

Another feature of the convention will be the annual seminary alumni banquet. This function will be one of the largest in point of numbers ever held in conjunction with a convention in this city. Men of national fame are among the speakers, including Governor Hughes of New York.

The effort of the Theological Seminary to raise an endowment fund of \$600,000 will be given renewed impetus at the convention.

THE SEASON'S DAINTIEST OXFORDS

Trim footwear is the key to good dressing. Our Oxfords are unexcelled in both style and quality.



PETERS DIAMOND BRAND OXFORDS



We have them in all colors and all sizes. They are wonderfully snappy and attractive.

THE FAIR LA GRANDE, ORE.