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## PORTLAND MAN RETURNS HOME

**COMES TO AFTER MONTAS IN SACRAMENTO HOSPITAL**  
Drinks Wine With Smooth Stranger in Restaurant—Knows no More Until Told in Hospital What Had Happened—Shipped Like Sack of Junk After Being Beaten, Robbed and Cut up by Thugs.

PORTLAND, Oregon, May 25.—Drugged, robbed, beaten, tied hand and foot and thrown in a box car, is the strange story surrounding the disappearance of F. D. Odert, a Tualatin farmer, who has just returned from Sacramento to his family and tells of a remarkable chain of circumstances which prevented him from communicating with his family until now. He came to Portland in January and sold a team of horses for \$250; went to a restaurant where two strangers were seated at the same table; engaged in conversation during which one of the strangers ordered wine. Odert took a drink, walked to the door and remembered no more until the first of April when he regained consciousness in a Sacramento hospital where for the first time he knew that he was drugged, beaten, gagged and thrown in a freight car bound for Sacramento.

**ARKANSAS NEGRO LYNCHED.**  
PINE BLUFF, Ark., May 25.—Leavitt Davis, a negro was lynched today by a mob of 300. He confessed to having choked Amy Holmes aged 15, who caught him robbing her parent's home. Davis was forcibly taken from the authorities.

The W. H. M. S. of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. George Carpy, Thursday afternoon at 2:30. The due so far as possible should be in at this meeting as June closes the year. All are most cordially invited.

**Foresters' Conclave.**  
PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Over a thousand delegates and visitors, representing a membership of 6000 attended the opening session today of the Grand Court of Pennsylvania, Foresters of America.

**Pythian Encampment.**  
CHARLESTON, S. C., May 25.—With a parade which was reviewed by Supreme Chancellor Henry P. Brown, the annual grand lodge convocation of Knights of Pythias was opened here today. The newly organized South Carolina regiment of the uniform rank is also holding its first annual encampment.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR LA GRANDE BOY

**CALIFORNIA GIRL WANTS GOOD HUSBAND WITH MONEY**  
She Advertises as a Business Proposition—Says She Will Be a Good Investment for a Man Who Needs Possess Neither Beauty, Manners Nor Pedigree and Must Have Only a Measly Quarter of a Million Plunks.

MENLO PARK, Cal., May 25.—Pretty Eliza Weedon of this city, wants a husband. She has frankly set about finding one that measures up to the standard she has set. Masculine beauty, age or pedigree are not numbered as requirements, but he must show a bonafide bank roll of a quarter million. The girl inserted this ad in a newspaper. Wanted—A man who is willing to buy a handsome wife, the price being a quarter of a million dollars. No triflers. "The advertisement does not mean that I am in a hurry to marry," said the girl today, "I have had a number of chances, consequently this is no desperate attempt, but merely a business proposition. If the proper man appears it will be a good investment."

## La Grande Boys May Win

PENDLETON, May 25 (12 o'clock by staff correspondent).—When La Grande' athletes faced the starter for the morning session of the annual Eastern Oregon Interscholastic at 10 o'clock today it was in a decidedly handicapped condition. The straits of the night told on the athletes, but for all that, when the gun cracked and the preliminaries were off, the finest snaws, the pinkest skin and the most machine-like movements, especially in the hurdlers, were those belonging to La Grande.

**The Opponents Worthy.**  
La Grande today competed with the cream of the state. Nowhere is there a better high vaulter than Fiser of Ontario, and there are few equals to Moody in the high hurdles. All know that Walters has recovered his old time form. Bears of Baker City in the weights is a formidable enemy, such as only a few can master. Kimball, the fleet-footed Pendletonian, who is known in La Grande football circles, is a clever short distance man and low hurdler, while Gordon of Pendleton is a man to watch in the dashes of any meet.

**Peare a Surprise.**  
Even Peare's own teammates did not know he was to enter in the mile. His performance at Walla Walla, and during the hours of training, gave evidence of his ability in the mile and he was entered as a black horse in that event here today. He has in the doughy "Point" from Pendleton a hard man to defeat. The two men are evenly matched in size and that race this afternoon will be one of the features of the day, and also one that will scare the starch out of Pendleton's rooters, for if Peare doesn't win, it will be defeat by a matter of inches. The Pendleton man is conceded the race at noon today. Reynolds was in better condition

than was anticipated, but for all that ran with a perceptible limp, this morning. His hip is weak and may stand in the way of best work this afternoon.

**Results of Preliminaries.**  
Fifty yard dash—First heat, Gordon, Pendleton, first; Richards, Cove, second; time 5 3-5. Second heat, Fisher, Ontario, first; Denham, Baker City, second.  
One hundred yard dash—first heat, Kimball, Pendleton, first; Denham, Baker City, second. Second heat, Fiser, Ontario, first; Walters, Cove, second; time 10 3-5. Third heat, Gordon, Pendleton, first; Richards, Cove, second.

High hurdles—first heat, Peare, first; Jett, Baker City, second. Second heat, Roberts, Cove, first; Young, second. Third heat, Moody, Ontario, first; Heidenrich, La Grande, second. The winners of seconds ran together, Heidenrich winning out.

Low hurdles—first heat, Kimball, Pendleton, first; Williamson, second; time 27. Second heat, Moody, Ontario, first; Reynolds, second; time 28. In the second heat of the 50 yard dash Williamson came out several inches ahead of White, but the judges saw differently and gave the Baker City man the advantage of their lack of judgment. The same thing occurred in the third heat of the 100 yard dash, when Carpy reached the tape before Richards of Cove. Carpy spiked himself, but the wound is not serious except that it interfered seriously with his running during the afternoon.

**Finals.**  
(Special from East Oregonian.)  
50 yard dash—Gordon, Pendleton, first; Kimball, Pendleton, second; Fisher, Ontario, third; time 5 2-5.  
100 yard dash—Gordon, Pendleton, first; Kimball, Pendleton, second; Denham, Baker City, third; time: 10 1-5.  
Discus—Beers, Baker City, first; Heidenrich, La Grande, second; Hunst, Baker City, third; distance: 97 feet, 11 inches.  
120 yard hurdles—Moody, Ontario, first; Roberts, Cove, second; Young, La Grande, third; time: 17 1-5.  
The weather is fine but the crowd is small, owing to the long distance from town. The meet lies between Baker City and La Grande.

## At the Court House.

A decree of divorce has been granted Mattie Mitchell from E. K. Mitchell on the grounds of desertion.

Lottie Todd was granted a divorce from Chas. Todd today.

In the case of the La Grande Investment company vs. Mary Webber, in an action to acquire land, the decision was awarded the plaintiff, as was also the case in a similar action wherein the La Grande Investment company was plaintiff and Horman N. Staenberg was the defendant. Both cases went by default, the defendants not appearing.

## WILL PROTEST SPOKANE RATES

### COAST CITIES WANT TO HANG ON TO TRADE

**Big Meeting Planned in San Francisco to Make Plans for Changing Interstate Commission's Mind Regarding the Giving of Terminal Rates to Spokane and Incidentally to the Rest of Us.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—A general invitation is extended to manufacturers, jobbers and shippers of this city to meet with various commercial organizations and the banker's, and underwriter's associations to plan concerted action against the approval of the Spokane rate adjustments by the Interstate Commission, June 9. The meeting will be held tomorrow in the Merchants Exchange building. William J. Wheeler, manager of the traffic bureau, of the Merchants Exchange is authorized to attend the session of the commission in Washington June 9 to protest against the proposed rates.

## MALHEUR TOWN DISSAPPOINTED

### TRIED TO WORK PLAN OF MAYOR REDDY OF MEDFORD

**Encouraged by Decision in Medford Case, Vale People Want to License Sale of Liquor But Are Disappointed by State Supreme Court—Charter Provisions Found to Be Different From Legal Standpoint.**

SALEM, May 25.—The contentions of the city of Vale, Malheur county, that it should be given full power to license, tax and regulate the sale of liquors in Vale, notwithstanding the subsequent adoption of local option laws, is held to be without legal grounds by the supreme court in a decision rendered today, written by Justice McBride in the case of Pomeroy vs. Vale and a number of others against the county court of Malheur county. The litigants were encouraged by the decision in the Medford case recently determined, but the provisions of the Medford charter are altogether different, from a legal standpoint, from the provisions of the Vale charter and other charters of Oregon towns.

### Summerville Couple Married.

Mr. George W. Robbs and Miss Naomi M. Lewis, both of Summerville, were married today at the home of Rev. W. H. Gibson in the presence of a group of close friends. The young people will reside in Summerville, where they both have many friends who will wish them a prosperous and happy voyage on the sea of matrimony.

## IS POPULAR WITH NATIVES

### CORRESPONDENT SAYS TALES OF POPULARITY ARE TRUE

**Roosevelt Party Remains in Camp All of Sunday—Monday Engage in Buffalo Hunt, But With No Success—Tales That Roosevelt and Son Are Ill Without Foundation—Will go Further South June 2nd.**

(By Warrington Dawson, Staff Correspondent United Press.)

NAIROBI, May 25.—After spending Sunday and Monday with Roosevelt and party at the camp on the Healy ranch, I am able to vouch for the truth of the stories of Roosevelt's popularity with the natives, who are accompanying him on the trip. We remained in camp all day Sunday, but rode for hours without getting any trace of the game. The Colonel and Kermit had fine sport shooting smaller game. The stories that they are ill are entirely groundless. Roosevelt has returned to Nairobi. Tomorrow he will visit Governor Jackson and will remain as the guest of the Governor until June 2nd, when the start southward in search of further hunting adventures will be made.

## THREATENED WITH ARREST

### TAFT PICKS FLOWERS IN CAPITOL GROUNDS.

**Watchman Threatens Entire Party With Arrest.**

WASHINGTON, May 25.—President Taft experienced a narrow escape from being arrested Saturday night, when with two friends, he stopped to pick flowers in the capitol grounds. A watchman ran up and threatened to arrest the entire party. The president, concealing a bunch of flowers behind him, jokingly tried to throw the blame on Archibald Butt, who was ready to go to jail to save the president from any embarrassment. Suddenly the watchman recognized the party and apologized profusely.

### INLAND EMPIRE LUMBERMEN.

Members of the Western Pine Manufacturers Association to the number of 16 reached this city this morning and spent the day with almost an equal number of the members who reside in Eastern Oregon. The visit is not strictly a business one, but is made more for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the members of this section and to work up interest in the regular quarterly meeting scheduled for Spokane in August, during the National Irrigation congress. During the forenoon the visitors and their hosts were taken to the Palmer Lumber company's plant in autos. They spent a couple of hours inspecting this, one of the most modern plants in the Inland Empire. This afternoon the party are at Hot Lake.

One of the most important topics that came up during the business meeting was the matter of securing uniformity of grades in the mills of the pine manufacturers. The tariff also received its share of attention.

Those who came from Spokane and Montana territory are President McGoldrick and Secretary Kellogg of Spokane; A. W. Lind, E. Enoch, L. Tollerton, R. G. Keizer, Gus Luebitz, Earl Rogers, C. H. Richardson, S. Merrill, C. M. Crego, J. C. Barline, James Jackson, B. F. Pierce and H. B. Clark. The return trip to Spokane will be made tonight.

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