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QUEEN MOTHER STILL ILL

SENDS WORD OF THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND FOR THEIR SYMPATHIES.

KING GEORGE THOUGHT ILL, ALSO

Roosevelt Today Made Special Envoy For United States and the Funeral of the Late King Edward—Has Accepted the Appointment—New King Sleeps But Four Hours in the 24—Denials Cause Fear Alarm.

London, May 11.—Dowager Queen Alexandria has issued a message to the people of England thanking them for the sympathy they bestowed following the death of her husband, Edward, and asking them to support her son, George, and assist him to follow in the footsteps of his father.

The eagerness of the court physicians to deny the reports that Queen Alexandria indicates that the Queen Mother's condition is serious. It is feared that King George has overtaxed his strength. He has averaged but four hours sleep each night since Edward's death.

The King's first message was read to the parliament today. It announced the death of King Edward and said his death was a bereavement to the whole nation.

Washington, May 11.—President Taft today appointed Col. Roosevelt as the United States special representative to attend King Edward's funeral. Roosevelt has accepted.

Promoting Irrigation Scheme.

"We will have the plans and maps for the Clyde, Idaho, irrigation project ready within a few days and then segregation of the land will be asked for," said Engineer C. T. Darley to the Observer last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Darley have just returned from Idaho where he has been attending to the engineering work for H. T. Hill, a La Grande man, who is preparing to put 20,000 acres

of sage brush land under water and sell it under the Cary act plan.

In speaking of the proposition Mr. Darley had the strongest endorsement to offer for the project. He says there is everything in its favor and he can see no reason why it should not be one of Idaho's good ones.

Mr. Hill is the man who owned the reservoir site which was purchased by a local company for the Grande Ronde irrigation project. Immediately after disposing of this valuable piece of property he went to Idaho and began developing the project above mentioned.

State Rests Case.

Kansas City, May 11.—The state in rebuttal rested at 2:05 this afternoon. The jury was remanded back to the custody of the marshal while Judge Lathaw prepared the instructions. The summing up of both sides will probably occupy two days. The case may go to the jury Friday. Hyde is looking worried.

ROAD EXPERT TO LECTURE

MEETING ON MAY 19 WILL BE OF MUCH IMPORTANCE.

Coming of Government Road Expert Should Interest Farmers.

As a result of the interest in good roads work for which so much is being accomplished in the state by the State Threshermen's association, the office of Public Roads U. S. Department of Agriculture recently tendered Secretary Bates, through Senator Bourne, a series of illustrated lectures on the county has been favored with one of the dates, May 19th.

This lecture will be given at La Grande and is free and every farmer, stockman and businessman is invited to be present. The illustrated lecture will be in charge of Maurice O. Eldridge, chief assistant of road management, office of public roads, at Washington, D. C.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST SANDERS HAS VANISHED

Failure to Establish Crime Motive May Let Him go Free—Suspicion is Very Strong

Maternal guidance seems to have been paralyzed and an abiding faith in a passing acquaintance apparently misplaced, and there apparently will be the unusual case which came to the notice of the police here last night, when Officers McLaughlin and Faulk arrested Sanford D. Sanders

in his home near the north side school house for unlawful cohabitation with a nine year old girl. Even before the man who is now in the city jail is given trial—on a minor charge it is apparent that the more serious crime of statutory charge will not be lodged against him. As far as can be learned the entire matter is a case of heathenish neglect on the part of a mother, who placed abiding faith in a friend, permitting her nine year old daughter to overstep all bounds of decency and be brought into distasteful publicity through erring motherhood.

Mabel Millean, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Nunnemaker, former residents of Island City and more recently living near the north side school house is the victim of the fracas which for a time gave indications of being carried to the higher courts and perhaps subsequent penitentiary sentence to the man in the deal, if he was found guilty. It has come to the notice of legal light today, however, that there is but little chance of convicting Sanders of any serious crime, the most serious of which would be a short jail sentence.

Mother Tells Her Story.

At the Ronde Valley House today the mother—who by the way is alling with heart disease and has every evidence of being a protracted invalid—confessed to her inhuman carelessness but maintained stoutly that her motive for allowing her child to sleep in the same house with the "bach" was not one of crime. Mrs. Nunnemaker's husband, a step father of the child, too, admitted that they had allowed the child too much freedom in the matter.

"I have been away much of the time," said Nunnemaker, "but yesterday it rained and I came home to spend a time with my family. The little girl was allowed to stay at the Sanders house last night as has been done occasionally for the past week. I have heard the man talk during our short acquaintance and he has the appearance of an angel come to earth. I do not believe he would do any harm. He has taken a strong liking to the little girl, and was desirous of having her with him much of the time. I know now that we have done wrong, but we all make mistakes."

The little girl, bright, witty and intelligent, was a listener to the con-

versation. She is unusually small for one of her age.

Sander's Story Coincides

On the whole Mr. Sanders tells a very similar story. In his city jail cell today he said: "Last Sunday the family which has been staying with me, Earnest Houston, moved away, and I was left alone. During the past few weeks I have made the acquaintance of the little girl, and when I complained of fearing to stay alone at night on account of serious attacks of illness, Mrs. Nunnemaker told me that Mabel could stay with me and be glad to. Mrs. Nunnemaker brought the little girl's night clothes over last evening before we retired. I left the lights on and there is not a curtain in the house and when the officers called I told them to come in through the back door as I did not feel like arising to give them entrance through the front door. I am innocent, have done nothing wrong, and cannot see why I am here. The mother knew where her child was. I am 59 years of age, have reared a good and decent family and during my long res-

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TEDDY SHOUTS WITH JOY

DISREGARDS ALL ORDERS FROM HIS PHYSICIANS

Trust Buster Kellogg on Hand to Confer With Roosevelt Today

Berlin, May 11.—Disregarding his physicians advice to stay indoors, Col. Roosevelt accompanied the Kaiser to witness the military maneuvers at Doberitz. Roosevelt shouted himself hoarse and perhaps will not be able to deliver his lecture before the University of Berlin tomorrow. This afternoon Roosevelt motored about the city and tonight Chancellor Von Bethman gives a dinner intended to take the place of the one the Kaiser had planned to give before King Edward died.

Trust Buster Frank Kellogg arrived today and will confer with Roosevelt. The conference is the most significant meeting Roosevelt has held with political friends in Europe.

FOREST FIRES BREAK OUT

GREAT REGION IN THREE STATES IN PATH OF ANGRY FOREST FIRES AND SMOKE.

NORTH MICHIGAN SUFFERS MOST

Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan Are Prey to Forest Fires That Rage Over Great Areas—Northern Michigan Towns in Path of Flames and May be Destroyed Unless Fire is Controlled Quickly.

St. Paul, Minn., May 11.—Destructive forest fires are sweeping northwestern Minnesota and great areas of Wisconsin. Several villages are threatened. The loss is heavy and the fire is still uncontrolled. Over 500 square miles of territory is either fire swept or threatened.

Upper Michigan on Fire.

Houghton, Mich., May 11.—Half a dozen Michigan towns are threatened by fires sweeping the upper peninsula. Residents of Allstone have been fighting the fire for 24 hours and swift winds have been carrying the uncontrolled fire toward the town. Anse, Pilgrim River, Allouesse, Hamak and Alstone are in the path of the fire and it is feared that Anse is destroyed by the flames.

Houghton, May 11.—the town of Allstone has been saved from the fire. Reports say that the fire situation has improved except in the Pilgrim river district.

Stampede Is On

Seattle, May 11.—The first of the Iditarod stampers from Seattle direct leaves Sunday on the steamer Aglindsay destined for Bethel. It is expected that the new diggings will prove a second Fairbanks.

Foley Gets Equipment.

A carload of furniture, including lobby settees, has arrived for the Foley hotel.

You Hear It Everywhere

A day or so ago the Observer was represented on an O. R. & N. train. In the coach were a number of strangers and the conversation was centered on Eastern Oregon. Naturally it drifted to the different towns and the future each has in store.

Pendleton was mentioned and many nice things were said about the civic pride there, the splendid spirit of progress noticeable among the business people, for the business men of that town are certainly hustlers; Baker City was mentioned and as usual no one could see what Baker had to make her the splendid town she is. But finally La Grande came in for her share of the talk.

"There is a town that should be the best in Oregon, outside of Portland," said a traveling man. "There is positively more to back La Grande's future growth than any other city in either Oregon or Idaho possesses outside of the metropolitan centers."

With that he enumerated a number of La Grande's staple money producers, and he did not mention half of them at that. The other members of the party were interested. They heard the truth but not nearly all of it. And as the temptation was too great he played the part of the proverbial "but-insky" and took up the line of talk where the salesman had left off, continuing to mention the good things in Union and Wallowa counties. When we had finished one of the strangers said, "What is land selling for in the Grande Ronde valley?"

For the first time we realized that was a dangerous question and after quoting the low prices we hastened to tell him how much more land is really worth than is being asked for it.

"There's something wrong," he said, "you may be honest in what you have said, but I tell you there's something wrong or your lands would not be selling at such ridiculous prices."

This brought a thought—this county is not asking enough for her lands. And it is true. People have not the confidence in a cheap country that they do in a high-priced country.

Why should lands be cheap here? They produce the crops and pay the interest on high valuation. Then why not ask more money per acre?

NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN INAUGURATED

Des Moines, Ia., May 11.—Iowa republicans today are of the opinion that the broadsides hurled by Dooliver and Cummings last night in the mass meeting at the Coliseum mark the actual opening of the predicted campaign of progressives. There were 12,000 people present when the senators denounced the regular leaders as the cause for the present congressional situation. Taft was referred to as the "titular" leader of the republican party and it was charged that men have crowded to the front of the Taft administration who have not

the welfare of the party at heart. Dooliver and Cummings are en route to Washington to be present when the final vote on the railroad regulation bill is taken. They will take an active part in the action regarding the bill and other measures for which they have fought.

Can't Postpone Jury Probing.

Springfield, Ill., May 11.—Judge Shirley today refused to grant the demands of Attorney General Stead that the Sagamon county grand jury postpone the investigations into the alleged bribery of legislators in connection with the election of U. S. Senator Lorimer.

Is Not Going to Die Yet

Pasadena, Calif., May 11.—When Halley's comet approaches, Steven Harto a gardner, says he will be the only one to survive. He has dug a cave in his back yard, stocked it with canned goods and provisions and provided the cave with ventilators that are operated by strings into the inner chamber. He believes that deadly gasses will snuff out human life and he does not intend to be snuffed.

Gaynor Will Visit Playhouses.

New York, May 11.—Owing to numerous complaints that the Broadway theatres have staged indecent plays, Mayor Gaynor has announced that he will visit the performances.

EVIDENCE OF MORE GRIEF

VOLCANIC DUST SETTLING OVER A LARGE AREA.

Mountain Towns in Costa Rica Are Already Deserted by People.

San Jose, Costa Rica, May 11.—A succession of slight quakes today, with increasing eruptions of Posa and Irua has spread terror throughout this district. Volcanic dust is settling over the country for miles. The mountain towns are already deserted.

ENORMOUS CROP ASSURED FOR GRANDE RONDE VALLEY

If Union county can escape heavy frost for another week, the most stupendous crop of fruit ever turned out in the valley will be the result next fall and scores of orchardists will be made rich in a year. This statement is no idle boast, for not alone are the orchardists aware that their trees are more heavily laden than for any year in a decade, but the acreage of orchards has grown marvelously in the past year. About five or six years ago the orchard planting fever propagated so rapidly that hundreds of acres were set out and this year hundreds of acres of orchards will bear their first commercial crop.

Frost Later Unharmful

The blossoms have matured so rapidly that if frosts do not visit the valley within the next few days, the apple will be well formed and when such conditions are reached it requires an extremely heavy frost to do any damage to the bloom. The unprecedented load of immature apples now carried on the trees, has set the orchardists into high spirits.

Jonathans Keep Well

While it has generally been conceded that Jonathan apples keep from two to three months longer in the Grande Ronde valley than in Hood River, a case of long keeping was discovered this morning by City Water Superintendent H. C. Gilman, who by accident found some Jona-

than apples in his cellar that had wintered remarkably well. The fruit was as luscious as ever and scarcely a mark of age was on the skin. In other countries the Jonathan would no more have wintered over until May than would butter in a hot oven. Mr. Gilman is elated over the discovery and no one can tell him without meeting dispute that the Jonathan is not a good keeper. He has eight acres of bearing Jonathans.

CLAIMS HE IS INNOCENT

CASE SET FOR TRIAL LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

Accused of Taking Fifty Dollars From Local Hotel

Pete Hastings, the man arrested last night by Officer Porter on the charge of having stolen \$50 from the Ronde Valley House was arraigned before Justice of the Peace A. C. Williams and pleaded not guilty. His case was set for 3 o'clock this afternoon and Attorney Charles E. Cochran will handle the case for the state.