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MYSTERY OVER MRS. SMITH DEEPENS

LETTER RECEIVED YESTERDAY WHICH IS THOUGHT TO BE A FAKE FROM MURDERER

MURDER THEORY IS NOW POPULAR

Smith telegram from Los Angeles is believed to be clever fake—Police asks Los Angeles to aid in running down mystery which at present is beyond solution—Two women with missing lady when last seen.

Portland, Oregon, May 23.—The police today have redoubled their efforts to find Mrs. Hannah Smith, a widow, who disappeared May 8th, after drawing \$600 from E. E. Ericson, an undertaker who handled her business. Yesterday Mrs. Anna Harper, a niece, received a telegram from Los Angeles signed by Mrs. Smith saying she was all right and wanted her belongings shipped to Los Angeles. Mrs. Harper and Ericson say that Mrs. Smith could not write and they believe that the message is a fake. The police are working on the theory that the woman was murdered for her money and have asked the police of Los Angeles to trace down the sender of the message. When last seen Mrs. Smith was in the company of two strange women.

DISPUTED HUNDRED YARD DASH AT COVE UNSETTLED.

The Eastern Oregon High School Oratorical and Athletic Association did not hold its annual conference this year, no officers were elected, no rules action taken and no action taken on the disputed race at Cove a little more than a week ago. The conference was set for last Saturday evening, but so many of the qualified delegates returned without waiting for a meeting to transpire, that the conference was cancelled and it is not known whether or not the event will be held at a later date or not. As an important issue is up, it is only right that some action be taken to hold a meeting.

The Cove race where La Grande was disqualified because Cove runners were left at the mark and the starter failed to call the runners back because his gun failed to work, holds the final decision as to who won the meet at Cove, and some action ought certainly to be taken. Election of Eastern Oregon association officials is also an important matter.

POPULAR FILM HERE.

The Isis is running a picture entitled "fly pests" which has been seen in all the large cities and Portland doctors recently visited the houses where it was shown and declared the film to be the most instructive lecture on the fly and its results that could be imagined. The methods of carrying diseases, is only one of the features. It will be shown tonight for the last time.

Close Scriber Case Today.

Portland, May 23.—It is expected that the Scriber case will be closed today so far as the defense is concerned. More alienists will probably be put on the stand. Scriber looks like the ghost of his former self, spending most of his time figuring on a blotter and muttering to himself.

TOTAL ECLIPSE RANGERS GIVEN WILL BE AID TO SAVANTS SCORING BY MANY

SPLendid VIEW OF COMET PROMISED TONIGHT DURING THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

LA GRANDE SEEMS FAVORED CITY

Other Cities Unable to Get Unsettled Views of the Comet Like La Grande Astronomers Promise Good Views of Comet This Evening When the Moon Goes into Total Eclipse for Period of About Four Hours.

La Grande will be given a splendid view of the comet tonight during the total eclipse of the moon. The eclipse will be total at an early hour, and as the comet can be seen from La Grande up until 9 o'clock, there should be a splendid view possible tonight as indications point to a clear sky.

La Grande seemingly has seen more of the comet than any other city on the coast or in the Northwest. La Grande people were the first to actually see the comet with the naked eye, and judging from news dispatches, other towns have not been fortunate in securing unobscured views of the traveler as has La Grande.

Good Views Promised

University, Washington, May 23.—Tonight is the best night to see the comet, according to Professor Gould head of the University astronomical department, as the moon goes into a total eclipse. The comet sets at 10:39 and the eclipse will last four hours before the comet sets.

Ostoff to Coach W. S. C.

University of Wisconsin adherents will be pleased to know that Oscar P. Ostoff, an all around athlete of the University of Wisconsin, will be the coach for W. S. C. at Pullman, this year.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON FOREST RANGERS GIVEN SEVERE LASHINGS IN PETITIONS

SPRINGFIELD MAN IS BITTER

Oregon forest rangers accused of revising laws made by department—Many letters complain about the treatment accorded the homestead or "Set of Official Ruffians" is a term used to designate rangers.

Washington, May 23.—Complaints against the forest service and the interior department are on file before the Ballinger investigating committee. Scores of letters have been received by the committee since January 1, in which the charges of violation of laws and injustice to homesteaders have been practiced by both branches of the government service. Guy White, of White Fish, Montana, alleges that an illegal contract was let by Ballinger for the survey of the Idaho-Montana boundary, because no competitive bids were asked for. One complainant describes the forest rangers of Oregon as a set of "official ruffians." P. W. Gibson, of Springfield, Oregon, wrote that they were the curse of the country and complained that "there is no need of laws by congress if the foresters are allowed to revise them."

File at Land Office.

The following filed at the land office today: John Price, of Echo, homestead; Fred Lann, of Durkee, homestead; Walter Baker, of Pine, homestead; J. J. Jones, of North Powder, homestead; Charles J. Bookman, of Heppner, timber and stone.

strong enough to keep up hostilities until the country will demand American interference." He is hoping the Estrada general will keep up the desultory fighting at the outpost in order to guard Bluefields. He wants Madrid to attack the city, believing that a clash with American forces here may result and then intervention.

MAKE POPULAR MUSIC HOUSE.

Rinehart & Little to Have Store that is Equalled by None Anywhere

Decorators and painters are making alterations on the Rinehart & Little piano house that will make the place the most fashionable of any in the state, barring none. The work now being done is but a starter of what is to follow in the campaign to make the local establishment the leading store and the most fashionable as well, in the state.

FRIDAY LAST DAY.

High School Students Can Get Chautauqua Tickets for Half Price.

Until next Friday when school ends the high school pupils of all ages can get season chautauqua tickets for half price. After Friday all children over 16 must pay full price.

All those who have signed for the tickets can get them at the Bohnenkamp store and receive the little paste board which every loyal citizen will tote this summer.

Earthquake at Salt Lake.

Salt Lake, May 23.—Cracked walls and leaning chimneys are today evidence of a sharp earthquake in this section yesterday. The state university seismograph recorded three separate shocks within 30 seconds. The only one here affected an area of 50 miles.

PIONEER LADY IS NEAR TO DEATH

FAMOUS LADY OF NINEY-SEVEN YEARS GIVEN UP BY PHYSICIANS AT HER BEDSIDE

PIONEER AND AGED BUT KEEN

One of La Grande's Residents Always Popular With Young and Old, and up to the Last Keen and Sharp Witted, Mrs. Palmer Nears Death Door. Family Called to Her Bedside—She Rode in First Railroad Train.

At 8:45 this afternoon Mrs. Palmer was still sinking. She has not been aroused from her sleep for two days and the end is expected momentarily.

Sinking rapidly, sleeping as it were in transit from a life of 97 years into the life of the beyond, "Grandma" Palmer has been given up by the physicians this afternoon and it is but a matter of hours until the tenacious life thread will snap, and the oldest woman in La Grande will have passed away.

"Grandma" Palmer has many claims to distinction, among them the fact that she rode on the first railroad train ever built in the United States. She has a host of friends in the ranks of the pioneers and young alike, who hope she will recover, but this afternoon it seems a fatal illness.

LA GRANDE CAPTURES FAST TRACK MEET HERE

INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

Fiser	17
Carpy	16
Peare	13
Beers	13
STANDING OF TEAMS	
La Grande	41
Baker City	38
Pendleton	22
Ontario	19
Cove	10
Enterprise	1

Fleeter feet never ran the courses in Eastern Oregon, more brawny men never revived the ancient feats of skill and strength, no modern carnival of sport was ever conducted in Eastern Oregon with more dispatch and pure, friendly rivalry, than was accomplished in this city last Saturday afternoon when the La Grande high school track and field team climbed to the pinnacle of Eastern Oregon athletics and snatched victory from under the very nose of the formidable aggregation of 27 athletes representing Baker City—the closest rival of the many schools participating in the Eastern Oregon annual field meet. The victory was a signal one and all the more spectacular because the relay race—always exciting—was doubtless so on account of the fact that La Grande's fortunes in the friendly war hung in the balance with considerable uncertainty.

Records Fairly Slaughtered

More records were knocked away than in any similar meet held in the Northwest this year. Even when records were not broken they were hugged and that closely.

Stanley Carpy started La Grande's formidable scoring machine by capturing the 50 yards, and soon after taking the hundred, notwithstanding that in the latter race he was set back a yard for a false start, making

101 yards to run. He continued his remarkable showing of ability and endurance by winning second in the low hurdles, after losing first by the narrow margin, and again taking second in the 220 yard dash. To cap the last day of his career on the high school track, he ran a beautiful race in the relay. All these events were against various men.

Peare Breaks Record.

No less remarkable was the performance of Peare—the dauntless half miler and hurdler. But for Heidenrich who is not classed generally as a hurdler and has trained but little for that event, La Grande would have lost out in the high hurdles where Peare was to run down the formidable Fiser of Ontario. Fiser and Peare were running neck and neck in the record time of 16 1-5 when on the eighth hurdle Peare slipped and fell. Heidenrich tore through splendidly and pulled a second. Peare's hour of triumph was yet to come for after winning a half mile race of a fast nature, he made a wonderful showing in the quarter, doing a spurt ten yards from the tape that was superb. He was called upon to do the spurring business in the mile, when Morrison, a new man from Ontario, raced up the finish of the mile from a straggling field and ran Peare neck and neck for the second position. Both men showed wonderful finishing powers. Boylen, the frey haired youth from Pendleton ran the mile in easy style, taking first with little difficulty. Boylen is credited with being the best miler in the Northwest and he no doubt is. He ran Peare a noble race in the half mile also.

While these men were making proud a large crowd of La Grande rooters, Millering and Heidenrich were doing their duty in the field.

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CONTINUE BLOODSHED UNTILL UNCLE SAM INTERFERES

Bluefields, May 23.—The Nicaraguan revolution is being kept up in the hope that the United States will intervene in the admission made today by politicians close to the Juan Es-

trada revolutionary leaders. One of the followers said today: "Estrada knows that he can never crush the present government of overthrown Madrid, but he believes the army is

A FINE PRESENT FOR YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW.



—Fox in Chicago Post.

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

Graduates of the high school, their relatives and friends last evening filled the Central Church of Christ to the doors, to hear Rev. Ford Ellis deliver the Baccalaureate address to the class of 1910. It was an eloquent address, portraying great and imminent truths, and if but a portion of the many kernels of undisputed truths and models of an honest life are followed out by the products of the high school, their lives will be the better for it. Excellent music interspersed the occasion.

The speaker was himself, but recently turned out from the portals of an eastern college, and the occasion may have appealed to him more than to a man further out from the shore of collegedom, and being in tune with the feelings of the graduates, he carried with him close attention and won enthusiastic approval of his statements.

Mr. Ellis said in part: "Our highest conception of perfection is attributed to the Creator. The Creator manifests Himself to the human race through the laws of nature. Judging by these manifestations the Infinite is bountiful with His blessings. The hills and valleys are richly garbed with the garland of green. The orchards produce myriads of blooms before the fruit is harvested. The water flows unceasingly from the perpetual snows or the ever bubbling springs. The Infinite sows bountifully and the human race reaps bountifully. We as sons of God can approach unto that perfection by living an abundant, exuberant life. We cannot be true to the God-like life without living the exuberant.

"Anxiety retards advancement. Be not anxious for your life. Your mind will seek you out. The law of attraction is at work in the human mind. "Like attracts like." Bring out your own genius. You are the builder of

your own destiny. The material out of which you build that destiny is not without but within. Be not envious of your fellowmen. You cannot fill their places until you are qualified. When you are qualified you would not want the position. Be true to yourself. Be the judge, jury of all with whom you come in contact. Forget the thought that you are worms of the dust; you are sons of God. The sons demand the best and the best is none too good. The source of all knowledge is within yourself. Your mind is a great dynamo on the river of life. Your faculties are the batteries. Charge the batteries, you have the power. Study and meditation is the means. Unmanifested power is useless. It is injurious to the health and happiness of the individual. Manifest the power through the body. Action is the expression of that stored brain power. Thus the three steps to honor, position and trust are meditation, study and action.

DOCTOR AND MRS. RICHARDSON ARE HOME AGAIN.

Doctor and Mrs. A. L. Richardson are home from an all winter trip in the east, taking them to the far south and to various surgical and musical centers of the United States. While Doctor Richardson spent three months in post graduate study of surgery, two weeks in Rochester, and two weeks in Chicago under the best of surgeons in these cities, Mrs. Richardson was studying music under skilled instructors in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson returned to the Pacific coast by way of the Northern route and have spent more than a week in Portland. They will again be at home in their residence at Pennsylvania and Ninth after an absence of more than four months.