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CHARLTON MAY BE IN LAKE

BELIEF GROWS THAT HUSBAND WAS KILLED WHEN MRS. CHARLTON DIED.

CLAIMS WOMAN IS MANIAC

Natives Along Shores of Como Lake Tell Story of Weird Dances at Night Wherein Mrs. Charlton Appeared Only Partially Dressed—Police No Nearer a Solution of Mystery Than They Were Yesterday.

Como, Italy, June 14.—The police are no nearer a solution of the murder of Mrs. Charlton Castle than they were yesterday. They spent a night sweating Isolotto, the Russian who borrowed a revolver from an apothecary here a short time ago, but the Russian didn't become confused. Prominent Milan detectives are working on the case and have declared that Mrs. Charlton was insane due to physical malformation. They said the crime would be solved when it was proved that it had been the product of a diseased mind.

Charlton Murdered Too.
American Consul Caughy, of Milan, is here today and said that Charlton, with whom Mrs. Charlton was living on Como beach, was murdered too, and that the coat found by fishermen yesterday, was really not that of Mr. Charlton's.

American Ambassador Leishman is here, also investigating. Caughy said: "It is plainly a case of robbery and murder. Money and valuables belonging to Charlton have disappeared. The report that Charlton sent messages to various persons following the discovery of the body, is untrue. Charlton's body is doubtless in the lake too."

Country folk tell tales of midnight dances in which Mrs. Charlton was only partially dressed. Her husband, they say, would be the only witness and the seances and weird songs which accompanied them were invariably held on the lawn at the Como lake summer home.

London Watches For Charlton.
London, June 14.—General orders were issued today for the police to watch all depots for a trace of Charlton, on request of Milan authorities. American quarters are being searched.

Unusual interest by Ambassador Leishman in the Charlton murder and the disappearance of her husband, has led to the report today that the United States is seeking to ascertain whether a society has been formed for the purpose of blackmailing American women in Italy. Milan and Rome police recently held a conference regarding the murder of Miss Estella Rice, whose murdered body was found in a room. She had wealthy relatives and it is believed blackmailing was attempted in a hope that relatives would buy her tormenting off. The murder of Mrs. Charlton was similar.

Druggists Hold Session.
Marysville, Mo., June 14.—Several hundred Missouri druggists arrived here today and will hold a convention of the State Pharmaceutical association during the week.

International Carnival.
Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 14.—Niagara Falls' first annual international military and civic carnival was held today on both sides of the river, both American and Canadian troops participating.

Knights of Security.
Springfield, Ill., June 14.—Delegates representing the 100,000 members of the Knights and Ladies of Security, a

fraternal order, convened here today at the national meeting. Officials state that the order, formerly confined to the central West, is now spreading over the entire country.

Fight For Speed Only.
San Francisco, June 14.—From now on Johnson will train for speed only. He is down to desired weight, 212 pounds—today.

Rough Riders to Meet Teddy.
St. Louis, June 14.—Three hundred rough riders are assembled here today from the South and Southwestern parts of the country. They will go by special car to New York to welcome Roosevelt, their old comrade. They will form a part of his escort in the parade.

CLUB DRILL FOR ASYLUM SITE

COMMERCIAL CLUB TAKES UP MANY IMPORTANT TOPICS.

Pioneer Day Committee Appointed From Commercial Club Here.

At a meeting of the Commercial club last evening the following committee was appointed to assist in looking after the Pioneer day in La Grande: James Williamson, T. A. Rinehart, Turner Oliver, Charles Cochran, Joseph Palmer and A. C. Huntington. It is intended to make the pioneers feel welcome in the city and everything will be done that is possible to that end.

Another important matter taken up by the club was the campaign for locating the Eastern Oregon hospital for the insane. A bill was passed by the last legislature authorizing the building of an institution provided the voters of the state decree by their ballots that they want it. It is one of the many issues to come up this fall at the election and if it carries then the question of locating it in Pendleton, Baker City or Union must be settled. The representative from this county in the last legislature was unable to get La Grande in the list of possible locations, so he says, and instead put in Union because the state has a tract of land near that city.

The sentiment at the club was to get in and drill for Union the same as though La Grande had been listed for the institution and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the Union commercial club offering all the aid and assistance within the power of La Grande people.

There promises to be a general revival in the commercial club of La Grande. Dues are to be collected and a plan of action centered upon that will make the club more largely attended. This is to be done before the trip into Wallowa county is made, for on that excursion every commercial club member is to be granted some special concessions that will be of interest on the trip.

MAKING MORE IMPROVEMENTS.

Foley Hotel Lobby Is Being Beautified.

The Foley hotel is still undergoing repairs and today workmen are busily engaged in beautifying the ceilings of the lobby. In speaking of the improvements Mr. Foley remarked: "When I built this hotel it was the only three story brick hotel between Portland and Salt Lake. For some time La Grande was mentioned as having the only brick hotel on the O. R. & N. main line outside of Portland. Then came the Boise development, followed by Col. Dewey's fine hotel at Nampa and about the same time the Geiser Grand was constructed at Baker. But I am going to finish the Foley hotel in a modern way this time and make it as attractive as possible."

\$20,500 DEAL IS CONSUMMATED

TWO HUNDRED ACRES NEAR UNION BRING LUCRATIVE SUM TO N. F. FICKLIN, OWNER.

TO BE CUT INTO TRACTS

Beginning of The End of Large Land Holdings in and About Union is Noted Today When Big Deal is Consummated—Leon Levy of Union is Purchaser—Deal Has Been Under Consideration For Some Time.

Consummation of a deal that has been pending for some time, was perfected today when N. F. Ficklin, a well known land owner of Union sold to Leon Levy, also of Union, a tract of land comprising just a trifle more than 200 acres lying directly south of Union, receiving as the purchase price \$20,500. The deed was sent in for conveyance today, but on account of the fact that Flag Day provides a legal holiday, the instrument will not be noted on the county books by County Recorder L. R. Snook until tomorrow. It is the largest real estate deal that has been consummated in or about La Grande for several weeks. Practically all the land is good farm land, a good house and barn adding to the improvements. A portion of it, however, is hill land and will not be included in the subsequent disposal on the market of five and ten acre tracts that is to follow.

MADRIZ LOSES STRONGHOLD.

Bluefields is Only Remaining Stronghold of Loyal Leader.

Colon, June 14.—Today advices state that Cape Gracias, the only port the insurgents held besides Bluefields, has been captured by Madriz's troops. The port is on the Honduras border and it is said that the Hondurans assisted in the capture. Madriz sent a protest to President Taft against the attitude of the American navy, which has intimated that there is little harmony over the international neutrality law.

JEFFRIES PAYS FINE.

Will Not Go to Reno, Nevada, But Will Pay Alleged Debt.

Reno, June 14.—Jeffries won't have to cease training to go to Nevada City tomorrow to answer suit filed against him to recover \$5000, as his attorneys have made a settlement with Stout Miller, the gambler, who claims that Jeffries did not pay a gambling debt contracted several years ago.

BEEF SOARS TO HIGH MARK

HIGHER TODAY THAN IN THE PAST DECADE, SAY RECORDS.

Advance From 12 to 13 Cents Wholesale in New York Today.

New York, June 14.—The price of beef is higher today than in a generation. Wholesale price of dressed beef has been advanced from 12 to 12½ and 13 cents and the retail price has increased proportionately. It is common belief that it will go higher still before the week is over.

PASSION PLAY IN FLOOD WATER

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAY THAT TWO HUNDRED WERE CAUGHT BY HIGH WATER.

HELP GOES TO MAROONED

Ahr River is Over Its Banks and Reports of Two Hundred Dead Reach Berlin—Communication Down and Details Can't Be Learned—Mr. and Mrs. Dutil of La Grande May Be at or Near the Scenes.

Berlin, June 14.—Military authorities have issued orders to send help to the Ahr valley to rescue scores of marooned persons driven to places of safety by flood currents through the scene and natural stage of the Passion play at Abernammagau. Alarming but unconfirmed reports say that 200 were drowned by a sudden rise of the Ahr. Americans by the hundreds are marooned and their condition is critical, even if the rumors of fatalities are overestimated.

The largest number of fatalities are at Schult, where fifty were drowned. Communication has been prostrated, and it is believed that the Passion play has been interrupted. The extent of the flood is terrible and the list of fatalities is interesting the entire world, for the Passion play had drawn heavily from Europe, America and other countries this spring.

So far as can be learned, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dutil of this city—touring Germany and Switzerland this spring—are not slated to be right at Abernammagau at this time, and consequently very likely are not menaced by or victims of the storm. Mr. and Mrs. Dutil will attend the passion play in June, but unless they have gotten ahead of their announced itinerary they are away from harm. Mr. Dutil's relatives live near Abernammagau, however, and it is possible that he is one of the many Americans marooned in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Polack, of this city, have been at Abernammagau repeatedly and they describe the home of the historical passion play as a huge valley in which there is but little level land, the locality resembling a huge gully, or large ravine. The topography of the country is such as to make floods exceedingly menacing to life and property.

Dakota Grand Army.

Watertown, S.D., June 14.—The South Dakota department of the Grand Army of the Republic commenced the annual encampment here today, with a large attendance of veterans and sons of veterans.

HILL FROWNS ON PINCHOTISM

NOT CONVERTED TO PINCHOT CONSERVATION HILL.

Holds That People at Large Will Not Fall to That Plan Either.

St. Paul, June 14.—Denying that the people at large wish for conservation of natural resources as proclaimed by Gifford Pinchot the deposed chief forester, Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern and son of the Empire Builder, asserted today

that Pinchot had not converted him to the conservation idea.

"Pinchot announced he had converted me. I deny it," said Hill. "Pinchot has been meeting clubs and organizations formed for the express purpose of promoting conservation. I have been at the meetings and I hope they don't want his kind of conservation."

Undertakers Talk Shop.

Springfield, Ill., June 14.—Illinois undertakers convened here today to talk shop and transact the business of the state association. The convention follows a school of instruction in the art of undertaking held here during the last week. Several interesting social features will mark the gathering.

BENSON'S ORDER MISLEADING

FLAG DAY NOT NECESSARILY A LEGAL HOLIDAY HERE.

Circuit Courts of State Could Have Kept Going if Desirable.

Salem, June 14.—To-day—Flag day—is a non-judicial holiday and the courts can proceed with their business the same as any other day, if they wish. Through a mistake, many courts in Oregon got the idea that no court could be held today owing to Governor Benson's Flag Day proclamation, which only recommended observance of, but did not make a legal holiday as many believed was the case.

Circuit Judge Knowles was misled like the others of the state, and yesterday issued the dictum that there would be no court in La Grande today. The banks are open, however, and doing business as usual.

THROWN ON MARKET SOON.

Deal Means Effort to Settle Large Land Holdings About Union.

Union, June 14.—Special—"The tract will be cut into five and ten-acre tracts immediately," said Mr. Levy, the purchaser, today. In some instances there is orchard land on the piece, but as a whole it is farming land, and I will sell it out without setting it to trees." The deal represents the beginning of large land holdings in and about Union. Within a few years' time the district south of Union in the vicinity of this tract will be a veritable city, if present plans mature. It will mean that similar deals pending will colonize the Union end of the county faster than any known medium. It is the beginning of the end of large land holdings in this district.

HAMILTON PROMISES RECORD.

Discouraged Over His Flight From Philadelphia Yesterday.

New York, June 14.—Disparaging his biplane flight from New York to Philadelphia, and almost a return, Hamilton, the aviator, today expects to make a real flight. He intimated he would undertake a record-smashing journey. Hamilton's plans are to enter the race from New York to St. Louis which carries a \$25,000 prize. Today he will fly over New York.

Advertisers in Session.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 14.—Buyers and sellers of publicity from a dozen states congregated today at the annual meeting of the Central Association of Advertisers. The visitors will be lavishly entertained and will visit the plants which made Milwaukee famous and other points of interest.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET JUNE 18

ASSEMBLY WILL BE ADOPTED OR REJECTED WHEN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS.

MEETING VERY IMPORTANT

Chairman Peare and Secretary Matott Send Out Call to Central Committee for Called Meeting Here June Eighteenth—Chairman's Policy to Be That of Allowing All Republicans to Name The Delegates.

Adoption or rejection of the Assembly plan by the Republican county central committee of Union county will be determined at a called meeting of the committee in this city June 18. The call has been sent out to the members of the central committee by Chairman J. H. Peare and Secretary J. A. Matott.

"It is my opinion that the committee decide upon the matter of adopting or rejecting the assembly plan, and if adopted, have the Republicans of the county name the thirty delegates that the state assembly will accept from Union county," said Chairman Peare today.

The meeting will likely be an important one and a large attendance is anticipated. The letter which has been sent to the central committee, reads:

La Grande, Ore., June 8, 1910. Dear Sir: Pursuant to instructions from the Republican State Central committee, you are hereby notified that a meeting of the Union County Republican Central committee will be held at the office of C. E. Cochran at La Grande, Oregon, at 3 o'clock p. m. June 18, 1910, for the purpose of arranging for the selection of thirty delegates to the Republican State Assembly which will be held at the city of Portland on July 21, 1910.

The committee will also transact such further business with respect to the welfare of the party as may be deemed proper to be considered by the meeting.

Yours very truly,
J. H. PEARE, Chairman,
J. A. MATOTT, Secretary.

RAILROAD BILL PRESENTED.

Long and Short Haul Clause is Embodied in Conference Report.

Washington, June 14.—Senator Ekins presented to the senate today a conference report on the administration railroad bill. The report contains the house provisions on long and short haul clauses, and the senate provision empowering the interstate commerce commission to suspend rates for ten months pending an investigation of proposed schedules.

To Stamp Out Weeds.

Winnipeg, Man., June 14.—To devise improved methods of suppressing the noxious weeds which have been a source of great loss to the agricultural interests of Western Canada, a convention of weed inspectors was opened today at the Manitoba Agricultural college.

Union a Busy Town.

Statement of freight shipped from Union during the year ended June 1, shows a total of 696 cars, classified as follows: Hay 170 cars; flour and mill feed 97 cars; barley, oats and rye 23 cars; cattle and hogs 52 cars; horses 11 cars; vegetables 14 cars; fruit 115 cars; sugar beets 24 cars; lumber 179 cars; miscellaneous 11 cars.

C. W. Nibley of Salt Lake went on to Baker City this morning. He has been to Portland and stopped off here to visit relatives for a day.