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## DEATH CALLS ON PERRY CLARK

THOUGH ILL FOR YEARS, DEATH WAS NOT EXPECTED AND WAS A SHOCK.

## SHOWED AN IMPROVEMENT

After Week of Apparent Recuperation Pioneer Perry Clark Dies Yesterday Somewhat Suddenly—Family Called to Beside Some Time Ago But Patient Grew Slowly Better Until Last Relapse.

Death somewhat suddenly ended the career of a pioneer of La Grande yesterday when Perry Clark died at the Grande Roade hospital of a complication of diseases which have been almost constant sources of pain and discomfort for the past six years. Even though he has been critically ill for several weeks, and his family was summoned some time ago, it was thought during the past week that recovery would eventually be effected on the pioneer. Physicians were encouraged at his condition last week, but he grew suddenly worse yesterday and died suddenly albeit that he has been ill for a long time. The city loses one of its first pioneers. Mr. Clarke settled in South a Grande when the city was but a village, and he has been a respected and enterprising citizen of it continually since.

Republicanism of Union county owes one of its staunchest friends. He was always an active participant in affairs political when it concerned matters that were honest. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. from the Clarke residence, Reverend Upton H. Gibbs officiating. Interment will take place in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The deceased is survived by the widow and daughters Emma, Justine, Jeanette Briggs and Marrie Keatin.

## RECITAL WILL BE EXCELLENT

HOT LAKE WILL BE SCENE OF PRETTY AFFAIR.

Many Prominent People Will Make Recital Classical Event.

Hot Lake, June 20.—Special—Rehearsals are the order of the day—for the musical and dramatic recital to be held next Wednesday evening at the sanatorium. Those taking part under the direction of Mrs. Vera Jane Edwards who has charge of the affair, show their enthusiasm in the manner of their work and faithful attendance, which will no doubt make it a finished performance.

One of the most artistic numbers, will be the "Japanese Fete" given by Mrs. Edwards and a large chorus of Japanese maids in pretty costumes and characteristic decorations. They will sing the "Little Maids of Nicotia" from the charming opera the "The Spiced." These ladies will also give the "Star Spangled Banner" in pantomime—a number which is sure to please.

The "Strollers Chorus" is sure to be a hit, judging from the dash they have made into this catchy specialty. Mrs. Edwards has been most fortunate in persuading Mr. Frank R. Bridges to assist her. Mr. Bridges is a well known lyceum singer who is spending his vacation in La Grande.

Mr. C. P. Ferrin of La Grande will bear added attraction as a singer. Miss Bertha Fowler, a popular singer from Portland, who is a guest at

Hot Lake, will be heard in a number of solos.

Mrs. Edwards will present a patriotic monologue entitled "Jane of Old Kentucky," depicting an incident of the civil war. It is a thrilling story—running the gauntlet of human emotions, combined in the Southern girl who surrenders to her Union lover the flag under which her family is so bravely fighting.

The Spokane Review says: "Her work is that of the highly finished artist. She wins the acclaim and makes the enthusiasm of her audience a part of herself."

San Francisco Examiner: "Vera Jane Edwards was the star attraction. She held the attention of the large audience and proved herself an artist in her original line of work. It is something new. She is clever and artistic."

## Situation May Be Serious.

Berlin, June 20.—The recent affection on the Kaiser's knee was a blood disorder as a result of overindulgence in beer, according to Dr. Doyen, the famed cancer specialist and authority on skin diseases. Should the infection continue, death will be certain, said Doyen, who asserted that he did not think the court physicians realized the seriousness of the situation.

## ADJOURN COURT UNTIL AUGUST

HARD TO KEEP JURYMEN AT THEIR DUTY JUST NOW.

Middle of August Will Perhaps See The Court Again Sitting.

An adjourned term of the circuit court is now under discussion in court circles, and it is believed that the 40 bootlegging cases and a half dozen other important issues will be carried over until the adjourned session. The movement is primarily one that will be appreciated by the farmers who are called as jurors. Haying is now well under way and it is hard to keep farmers on the panel.

About the middle of August is suggested as the most suitable period, a time when haying is over and harvesting not commenced. Should all the bootlegging cases go to trial it will require considerable time to dispose of all of them and it will require many jurymen. The postponement at this time seems to be the most plausible solution.

The Morrison case is still on, with indication of lasting through Tuesday.

## ACTION POSTPONED.

Assembly Plan Not Given Serious Consideration Last Saturday.

On account of lack of attendance of Republican central committeemen last Saturday afternoon the matter of taking final action on the state assembly plan was deferred until four o'clock next Saturday when the committeemen will come prepared to express the opinions of their constituents throughout the county.

## Train Kills Woman.

Santa Cruz, June 20.—An investigation was started today following the death of Mrs. Bernard Garrity and the injury of her three children by a motor train on a trestle near Boulder creek. The witnesses say the train gave no warning but sped onto the trestle. Mrs. Garrity with her six year old son was some distance ahead of the husband and the other three children. As the train rounded the curve to the trestle she clasped the boy in her arms and hurled him into the creek as the train struck her. The boy thus escaped injury but she was instantly killed. Two other children aged 10 and 12 were brushed from the track and were slightly injured. Mr. Garrity and the last child escaped.

## GOOD ROADS AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION URGED BY MANY LA GRANDE TAXPAYERS

Better Roads in Oregon and in Union county will be realized by the present generation if a movement which has been set in motion in Union county today by the Oregon Good roads association is given the encouragement which it should and doubtless will receive at the hands of the voters. The petition is an initiative amendment to the constitution making it read when amended as follows:

"No county shall create any debts or liabilities which singly or in aggregate exceed the sum of \$5000 except to suppress insurrection or repel invasion or to build permanent roads within the county, but debts for permanent roads shall be incurred only on approval of a majority of those voting on the question."

When the proper signatures are affixed the matter will pass through the regular initiative proceeding and if it becomes a law, will provide for a special election in Union county whereat the taxpayers can say they want macadam roads or indicate that they do not want them. There is little danger of the measure being killed or of the final vote in each county refuting the possibilities of the amended constitution.

Union county and others have been building macadam roads but at a slow process, because of lack of funds. This measure will empower the county to assume a debt and build the roads immediately that the present taxpayers may enjoy the privileges of the improved roads. The petitions can be found at the banks in this city and various other places as well, so that any tax payer who is a disciple of Lionel R. Webster and

his good roads movement, can sign them at any time. It is absolutely necessary that sufficient signatures be affixed.

## TEDDY ROOSEVELT MARRIED.

Wedding Solemnized Before Fifteen Hundred Guests This Afternoon.

New York, June 20.—Theodore, eldest son of Theodore Roosevelt and Eleanor Butler Alexander were married at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Fifth avenue church. Fifteen hundred guests were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry M. Saunders, a great uncle of the bride, and assisted by Doctor Gordon Roosevelt.

Ethel Roosevelt was the bride-maid. Kermit Roosevelt was the best man. The church was decorated with lilacs, lilies of the valley and roses. The couple will arrive in San Francisco July first, where Roosevelt will be employed. The honeymoon tour is unknown.

## Roosevelt Swamped.

Oyster Bay, June 20.—Theodore Roosevelt is swamped with letters: "I wish you would announce through the United Press that it is impossible for me to read all of them. It will be a kindness for well disposed strangers to refrain from writing or telegraphing me," said the ex-president.

## Signs Statehood Bill.

Washington, June 20.—President Taft today signed the statehood bill providing for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as separate states. The bill was a part of the administrative program and its passage was urged by the President.

## It Means Dollars to Taxpayers

The city printing matter is of interest to the taxpaying public only insofar as it saves them money. All superfluous words can be eliminated and it gets down to the question:

Has not the Observer offered to save the city of La Grande two thirds its printing bill for the coming year?

And did not four councilmen vote against saving the taxpayers this money?

These are the pointed and all-important questions.

Ask each of the four councilmen about the matter. Make it important, for every taxpayer has a right to talk to officers. There is no mysterious veil enveloping any public officer.

As far as making a newspaper controversy out of this matter is concerned, the papers are mere incidents in the transaction. What the people will want to know is how it happens that their interests are not looked after.

Harmony is a fine thing, it is. But when harmony is costing the taxpaying public money, we believe most of the taxpayers will say "let's burn some red fire and find out where we are at."

The Observer has made no charges against anyone. All that we have claimed is a decided irregularity in attempting to handle this part of the city's business, but thanks to the other four councilmen the transaction was checked and La Grande's taxpayers will be benefitted.

It is a plain business proposition throughout. Controversies are unnecessary unless they are forced, for wordy controversies are not even amusing to an intelligent public that reads live, wide-awake newspapers containing the news of today while it is news. This being true, just keep in mind the dollars and cents that the taxpayers have to pay.

## AFTER BEEF TRUST.

Attorney General of Missouri Starts Proceedings to Oust Them.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 20.—Attorney General Mayor of Missouri today filed in the state supreme court quo warrant proceedings seeking to oust the "Beef Trust." The petition alleges that Swift and Armour of St. Louis dressed their beef and provisions with the National Packing company and sought to establish a monopoly in restraint of trade. The petition asks that the franchise of the company be forfeited and the companies excluded from doing business in the state.

## NEW MEXICO CELEBRATES.

Becoming a State is Important Event in Cities and Towns.

Santa Fe, N. M., June 20.—Albuquerque and other cities and towns will celebrate the signing of the statehood bill tonight with fireworks and oratory. Santa Fe's celebration began Saturday night when the passage of the statehood bill was noted. Feeling is of intense satisfaction over what is termed a victory for both Arizona and New Mexico. The people feel they got what they deserved.

## ANNUAL CONCERT NEXT SATURDAY

L. D. S. CHURCH WILL CONDUCT POPULAR NUMBER.

President Smith To Be One of The Attending Guests That Day.

This week's end will be a red letter day for the Latter-day Saints of Union county and, too, the music loving public of La Grande. Next Saturday night the public is going to be once more treated with the annual L. D. S. concert features—those who have lived here in recent years have but to be told of the coming event and they will remember the grade of concerts that are always arranged for this affair.

President Joseph F. Smith, the supreme head of the Latter Day Saints, will likely be in the city the last days of this week and next Sunday, bringing several apostles with him. He will attend the stake conference which will be held Saturday and Sunday and be present at the concert Saturday evening.

The program in full will be ready for publication probably tomorrow evening, but already there has been arrangement made for bringing of some twenty musical stars to this city from Salt Lake, Portland and Chicago, and local musicians too will take part. Prof. Edwards will manipulate the baton before a choir of 100 voices—this means 100 voices—composed of the best voices from the Baker City and La Grande churches.

It is needless to say that the concert will be the important musical event of the season, for the L. D. S. church seldom attempts anything without making the very best out of it.

## BOLTON ONLY CANDIDATE.

Election This Afternoon Will Likely Elect S. N. Bolton.

At the school election which is in progress today, it is evident that S. N. Bolton will be elected to succeed himself. He is the only candidate for the office, his friends urging him to again seek the election as he has given the school question much attention the past year during the strenuous period of engineering commencement of the new school building.

## Dry Dock Near Surface Again.

Washington, June 20.—It is stated at the navy department today that the dry dock Dewey, sunk near Manila, will be adrift again before the end of the week.

## SETTLE DISPUTE TOMORROW

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIGHT SITE WILL BE MADE FROM RENO, NEVADA.

## RICKARD AT RENO TODAY

Gillett Showered With Telegrams of Encouragement and Preachers Sing His Name in Praise From Pulpits—Whispers of Money Harvests Going The Rounds in Nevada Points This Afternoon.

San Francisco, June 20.—By tomorrow morning it will be determined just where the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be held. Rickard has gone to Nevada, and at Reno the promoters will tell him of the wonders and greatness of Reno and others of the beauties of Goldfield, and there are whispers of a coin harvest yet to be gathered. Everyone is strong for the fight in Nevada and there is absolutely no opposition by the authorities.

At Seal Rock Johnson is going ahead with his training and though nothing has happened at Roravdenra, Jeff and trainers are awaiting orders to move. He expects also to go to Reno. Governor Gillett has been showered with congratulations today for the success of his fight. Ministers lauded him from the pulpits and telegrams admired his nerve.

## Not Looking For Records.

Boston, June 20.—The steamship Boethic has been chartered by Harry Whitney of New Haven and Paul Rainey of Cleveland, and equipped for an extended trip today en route for the Arctic for hunting. Members of the party say they will not try to find the records Cook claims he left at Etah.

## E. O. LEAGUE UP IN SMOKE

FIRST EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT UNION LAST NIGHT.

Expected Other Teams Will Have to Disband League Next Sunday.

The Eastern Oregon Amateur League has proved itself to be a real Fourth of July aggregation, for it has blown up, even before July Fourth. At least Union exploded last night and this leaves but three teams in the league to do business, a condition which will spell death for the others. Cove plays Baker City at Cove next Sunday and that, it is thought, will be the last game of the league this year.

Union's blowup came yesterday evening after Cove had defeated her 11 to 7. On the strength of the fact that Union had last week recruited two new men, the explosion was somewhat of a surprise to the followers of the league.

## Reports Are Contradicted.

Washington, June 20.—Conflicting reports were made today to the senate judiciary committee on the investigation of the removal of District Attorney Sutherland and Marshal Boyce of Alaska and the nomination of John Rustard and H. D. Faulkner to succeed them. The report made by the sub-committee that had been investigating the charge that the Morgan and Guggenheim syndicates dickered the removal, and suggested the appointments. Two other reports have been filed contradicting this one—one of them by Borah of Idaho, who refuses to state where he got his information.