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## OBSERVER ALONE WITH REPORTS

EXCLUSIVE SERVICE IN TWO COUNTIES WILL BE FURNISHED BY OBSERVER.

## W U REPORTS CANCELLED

Startling Development in Fight Returns Situation Revealed When Orders go out that no Western Union Reports will be Handled—Leaves Observer only Medium in Union and Wallowa Counties.

Exclusive Jeffries Johnson fight returns will be handled by the Observer through a district of Union and Wallowa counties Monday afternoon. Local Western Union telegraph offices through the state have been notified by Superintendent Reid to cancel all contracts already made for supplying the Western Union reports of the big scrap at Reno, and at least four contracts so signed in La Grande have been cancelled in accordance with instructions and consequently only the United Press reports will cover the entire communities of Union and Wallowa counties.

**New Era in Fightdom.**  
This is a new phase of the prize fight business and the exact reason is unknown in La Grande today. Suffice it to say that the Western Union is losing millions throughout the United States by the order and except for the fact that the United Press taps La Grande through the Observer local fight fans would be forced to wait until a late hour of the day, and then only get flashes at the best. A strict enforcement of the rule is ordered, but why, the Observer can advance no reason.

**Observer's Report Panacea**  
Out of the apparent mysteriousness of the orders received by Manager Howard last evening, comes the relief to fight fans offered by the Observer, and the public is invited to listen to the returns as read from the door of the Observer. Where special arrangements are made parties out of town can have the essence of the returns telephoned to them, and in this way this paper will keep the country at large posted through its centers of population. It is possible that Elgin, Union and perhaps Cove fans will be given this telephone service from the Observer.

The returns will commence at 3:30 o'clock and fans should be congregated by 3:45.

**Moans Springs, June 29.**—Many of the fans are alarmed by rumors that men. Both he and Corbett had a mens. Both he and Corbett had a slight attack of indigestion, for which the water is blamed. Another report says that Jeff's right elbow is inflamed. It is reported that Dr. Porter, who has been consulted, will lance a little sore this afternoon. Betting odds are 10 to 6 on Jeffries and even money that Jeff will not win within 15 rounds.

**Rfeks, June 29.**—Johnson today skipped the rope and went through other stunts for the moving pictures. Every effort is made to keep Jack in a pleasant frame of mind. At a baseball game today he acted as umpire. After today he will only shadow box, as the hard work will be over.

Fans are piling into Reno. Every tent, cottage and railroad coach is crowded. Gamblers are making a big cleanup. The work on the arena is nearly completed.

A lively little fight is predicted for this afternoon when Tom Flannigan, representing Johnson, and Berger, who represents Jeffries, get together to select an auxiliary referee.

Rickard several days ago suggested that Gleason would be a good man for the job. Flannigan howled, "not if I know it." Johnson and his fol-

lowers object knowing Gleason to be friendly to Jeffries and Berger. It is believed they will hold out for Welch or Eddie Graney.

## HYDE SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

Kansas City Doctor Given Life Sentence for Killing Col. Swope.

Kansas City, June 29.—Dr. Hyde was today sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Latashaw. He was convicted of the murder of Colonel Thomas Swope, to whom he gave strychnine for the purpose of gaining possession of the Swope millions.

Attorneys tried hard to prevent imposition of the sentence. The judge overruled a motion for a new trial. The defense has filed an appeal to the supreme court, and it is believed it will be granted. Hyde will remain in the county jail for a time as his wife is soon to become a mother.

The court in overruling the motion said: The evidence demonstrated a plot and sinister manifestations of the plot were so related that they showed the common motives of avarice and cupidity, indicating an ultimate design to obtain possession of the vast fortune of the deceased, by eliminating every human being as pawns from a chess board."

## BROWNE JURY DISAGREES.

Out More Than 120 Hours Before They Agree to Disagree.

Chicago, June 29.—After being out for 121 hours, the jury in the case of Lee O'Neill Browne charged with bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer, disagreed, and were discharged by the judge. The jurors were unkempt and tired, and showed that ill feeling existed between them.

## Flood Strikes Kentucky

Saylorsville, Ky., June 29.—Thirty houses and many other structures are wrecked, railroad bridges washed out and an unknown number of people killed by a flood in Middlebrook creek early this morning. Seven bodies have been removed from submerged dwellings and parties are watching down stream for other corpses.

## Fitzimmons Reaches Seattle

Seattle, June 29.—Bob Fitzimmons, the ex-champion, arrived in this city from Australia last night and boarded the steamship Pueblo for San Francisco today to attend the Johnson-Jeffries. He said there was nothing to it but Jeffries.

## PENDLETON COMING ON SPECIAL

Wheat Towners Anxious to Hear Ex-Governor Folk of Missouri.

Efforts are being made by local people to secure a special train to La Grande, the afternoon of Thursday, July 7, to hear Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri who is to speak at the Chauquaqua in that city, that evening, says the Pendleton E. G. The lecture is to begin at eight o'clock in the evening and the regular trains will arrive too late.

It is generally recognized that Folk ranks with Roosevelt and Bryan as among the great national characters of the day and there are scores of people in this city and country who are anxious to hear him speak.

Many believe that he will be the next democratic candidate for president. His career has been wonderful in the eyes of the world.

In addition to the train which will probably be run from Pendleton, one will come west from Baker City and another will probably come into La Grande from the Wallowa valley.

## THREE HIGH CLASS FILMS.

Isis Running Strongest Program in Many Weeks for Its Patrons

What is generally conceded to be the best program at the Isis for many weeks is now running. The list of films appear in the house ad. Every foot of film is interesting, and will please the guests at the picture house.

## SUDDEN CAVE-IN OF KREIGER BRICKYARD CLAY BANK KILLS HANS STETZINGER, WORKMAN

Tons of clay and dirt, suddenly slipping down an embankment when undermined too far by clay bank workmen for the Kreiger brick yard today, almost instantly buried and killed Hans (Johnnie) Stetzinger, a young man of North La Grande. In company with Ned Slater, Mr. Stetzinger was undermining the clay embankment, but at the time of the slide the two men had separated slightly and Slater was about 60 feet to one side. Without warning the side of the bank caved in, and in a moment's

time Mr. Stetzinger was covered with the heavy clay. Sounding the alarm, Slater frantically commenced to uncover the workman. Uncertain just where he was standing, some little time was lost in locating the unfortunate man. However, it was but a few minutes after the accident before the body was freed from its prison of clay. The monster load carried before and after death had crushed one leg and inflicted various other injuries to the body. It was evident, however, that death was due to suffocation alone. The body was given to the undertaker's charge about eleven o'clock.

The victim of the accident has been married about two years and is survived by his wife and an aged and physically ailing mother, two sisters and two brothers. He was a man of about 35 years of age. His widow is the daughter of Mrs. Hornbeck of this city.

The victim's mother, Mrs. Stetzinger lives with her daughter, Mrs. John

Kellar, and for the last three years has been an invalid. Mrs. Fraber, also of this city, is another sister of the unfortunate workman. No funeral arrangements have been made. Stetzinger has lived in La Grande nearly his entire lifetime and the news of his untimely death cast a spell of sorrow, not only over numerous friends, but the large circle of acquaintances which he claimed throughout the city.

It seems that the bank under which Stetzinger had been working was only about ten feet high and that morning had actually been abandoned in that particular place. The workman may have gone to the place in question for a tool of some sort, for he had just completed loading one car of clay from another bank. When found, the body had about two feet of clay and dirt upon it, and judging from the way in which he lay, he had evidently had an instinctive warning of impending danger, for he had turned and faced away from the bank and had actually stepped away from the place where he was standing when last seen. The bank was declared unsafe by Mr. Slater and he says he warned Stetzinger not to go near the place. He was lying face downward when found.

His body will be removed to the family home at W. Avenue between Fourth and Ash Streets. A year ago he took out a life insurance policy, but allowed it to lapse a month or two before his untimely death.

## MARTS TO CLOSE QUARRY CREW IS MONDAY P. M. NOW WORKING

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO ACCOMMODATE EARLY SHOPPING

Local Clothing Houses Will be Closed All Day Monday.

Grocers and meat dealers will keep open shop July Fourth until 11 a. m., to accommodate the hungry and negligent who overlook orders Saturday night enough to last them through until Tuesday morning. This agreement was reached this morning following a canvass of the city's places of business. The hardware stores and dry goods stores will take an entire holiday but to accommodate the public the meat dealers and grocers will keep open a half day.

**Place Orders Early.**  
Clerks and grocermen and meat dealers are human and are anxious to close as early as possible. The public can aid in this matter if orders will be placed early in the day, or on Saturday evening if possible. This will expedite matters for the business places. The firms who plan to remain open until 11 o'clock Monday are: City Grocery and Bakery, Royal Bakery, Pattison Bros., Snodgrass, Thorne, White Grocery and Geddes Bros. The meat dealers are agreed unanimously to close at 11 o'clock.

## Ohio Music Teachers.

Columbus, O., June 29.—Members of the Ohio Music Teachers' Association convened today and will be in session for three days.

## Pennsylvania Educators.

Erie, Pa., June 29.—A program of live topics will distinguish the fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, commencing here today.

WARREN PEOPLE WILL HAVE A CREW ON STREETS SOON

Two Week's Supply of Rocks Will Permit Operations on Streets.

A crew of fourteen men arrived last night to do quarry work for the Warren Construction company and are today located in their headquarters near Oro Dell. The machinery is being installed and contractor foremen who are here, claim the gangs will be at work on the streets within two weeks. The machinery for crushing the rock arrived in the city several days ago and is being installed as rapidly as possible. The crew now here will have a sufficient amount of rock ready for crushing, when the machinery is set in motion, to keep the work going on without delay when once started.

## Ohio Racing Circuit.

Cleveland, O., June 29.—The Ohio Racing Circuit begins its season today at Hamilton, continues at Dayton, Xenia, Springfield, Lima and Findlay. It ends at the later place August 5.

## Drydock Dewey Afloat.

Manila, June 29.—The dry dock Dewey is afloat again after several weeks submergence. A special board began an investigation today to ascertain why she sank.

## Vermont Republicans.

Montpelier, Vt., June 29.—Montpelier hotels are today filling up with politicians in advance of the Republican state convention, which will be called to order here at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Candidates to be nominated include governor, lieutenant-governor, state treasurer, secre-

tary of state, state auditor and attorney general. A state committee, composed of one member from each county, will also be elected.

## TAXPAYERS TALK LEAGUE

Reported that League will be Formed to Discuss Various Topics.

Formation of a tax payer's league is under way throughout the county, though there has been no tangible line of organization advanced. The matter is being discussed at some length by various parties who are desirous of forming a league which can investigate and suggest to the tax payers in general what action they deem best when important propositions involving large sums of money come up for settlement. Those behind it are not ready to announce what the exact organization plans will be but it is thought developments during the coming week will bring the movement well under way.

## President visits auto victim

Boston, June 29.—President Taft arrived here today en route to Beverly, the summer capital. The president has planned to visit the Italian whom Robert ran down with an automobile and injured. The Italian suffered a fractured skull but the physicians say they believe he will recover.

## Fans Favor Temperance

Duluth, Minn., June 29.—That a large proportion of the Finnish-American citizens of the country favor temperance and the abolition of the liquor traffic is the statement of officials of the National Finnish Temperance Society in session here.

## APPRAISER FOR LOCAL DISTRICT.

After Three Months of Individual Appraisal, Comes Expert

After three months of individual appraisal of timber claims prior to final proofs, an official appraiser is now working in the La Grande land office district and hereafter filers can not name their own estimate of value of timber on the claims filed upon, as has been the case the past three months when the fund for maintaining the special agents and appraisers was exhausted. During that time, 1200 claims through Oregon were left unappraised and 100 of these were in the La Grande district. One dozen in this district were appraised by the filers.

## JOHN TIERNEY DEAD.

Well Known La Grande Resident Dies at Hot Lake Last Night.

John Tierney, a well known resident of La Grande, died at Hot Lake early this morning of a complication of diseases. Mr. Tierney is an uncle of Mrs. Frank Pike, and has made his home much of the time with Mr. and Mrs. Pike, corner of Greenwood and Washington.

Interment will take place at Huntington next Thursday at High Mass time. Mr. Tierney was aged and has been ill for some time.

## LOCATE AT ISLAND CITY.

Illinois Family Buys Mrs. Kirkpatrick Home in Island City.

Mrs. Emma Kirkpatrick has sold her home in Island City and will go to North Yakima where her daughter, Mrs. Al Heulst, now resides. The purchaser is an Illinois man named Nathan Perline and has a family of two daughters.

## Murder and Suicide.

Chicago, June 29.—A double tragedy occurred in the Leland hotel today when a man giving the name of William Thompson, shot and killed a woman registered as his wife and then committed suicide. A note left requested that they be buried together. It read: "God have mercy on what I have done. She broke my heart. I tried to make a good girl out of her but it cannot be done. We will end all together. The wages of sin is death. If there is any love in the public's heart, bury us together."

## LA GRANDE WINS RATE CASES

COMMISSION DECIDES IN FAVOR OF INLAND TOWNS AFTER HEARING ARGUMENTS

## CASE ALREADY APPEALED

Inland Towns, Including La Grande, Get Twenty-Five Per Cent Reduction on Freight from the East to Inland Towns—Case Appealed and Decision Stayed Until the Highest Courts Acts Finally.

Washington, June 29.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered a reduction averaging 25 per cent on transcontinental railroads freight in series of decisions based on complaints from Spokane, Portland, La Grande and Salt Lake, and the largest reductions were made on rates in territory from the Missouri river to the coast. Following this decision the railroads interested filed a petition for a rehearing of the Missouri river rate case in the U. S. supreme court. The petition acts as a stay on the commission's action until October, when the petition will be considered by the court.

Signal success has attended La Grande in its fight for lower freight rates. While, as the above dispatch indicates, the federal courts may make some changes in the wording of the finding of the commission, it is evident that inland terminal rates, as it were, will be recorded the towns mentioned. Backed by the local commercial club, Attorney Turner Oliver appeared before the commission at Spokane, setting up the same conditions as did Spokane. This decision is the outcome of that hearing and in dollars and cents stands for much to La Grande business men and shippers. The decision, even as its own stands as a material victory and it is very probable, according to local attorneys, that the decision will stand when given the final tests.

## To Admit U. S. Horses.

London, June 29.—At the meeting of the English Jockey Club today, the stewards moved for the withdrawal of the rule adopted June 1, 1909 which experience has shown to be ineffective. The rule is as follows: "No weight shall be allotted to any horse in a handicap until he has run three times in the United Kingdom." This rule went into effect following the passage of the Agnew-Hart law prohibiting organized bookmaking in New York, following which some of the best of the American horses were sent to race in England.

## Expect Million Immigrants.

Washington, June 29.—It is expected that complete figures will show that a million immigrants landed in this country during the fiscal year ending tomorrow. The last million immigration was in 1907.

## Earthquake Shocks Reported

Cleveland, June 29.—Two earthquakes were registered by the seismograph early this morning. The disturbance was apparently 3000 miles away.

## Special Train Starts West.

Chicago, June 29.—Two special trains for the Jeffries Johnson fight left here today. They carry Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Chicago and Detroit fans who will use the cars for hotels during their stay in Reno.

## Canadian Women Meet.

Halifax, N. S., June 29.—Forty of the women's organizations of the Dominion have sent delegations to Halifax today to take part in the annual meeting of the National Council of the women of Canada.