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STANFIELD MAN IS MUTILATED BY ROBBERS

SECRETARY OF STANFIELD IRRIGATION CONCERN ALL BUT KILLED TODAY

TONGUE SPLIT, JAW GONE

Victim of Holdup Writes Details of How he was Mutilated by Holdups Near His Home in Portland Victim Has Been in Portland But Ten Days When Attacked. Wife Called to His Aid by Sound of Firing.

Portland, July 25.—With his tongue clipped in two, and the lower part of his jaw broken and carried away, R. H. Irwin, secretary of the Inland Irrigation company, with head offices at Stanfield, Oregon, wrote a statement today which may help the police find the robbers who waylaid, shot and robbed him early today near his home.

Irwin wrote that they stepped from a woodpile and ordered his hands up. He refused. One poked a revolver against his head and fired.

They searched his pockets and fled while Irwin's wife came to the rescue to ascertain the trouble. He had been here ten days.

CRACK SHOTS IN LA GRANDE

MR. AND MRS. TOPPERWEIN HOLD EXHIBITION SHOOT

Lady Also a Startling Adept With Rifle and Entertains Crowd

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Topperwein, of San Antonio, Texas, the celebrated marksmen, gave an exhibition of expert and fancy shooting in West La Grande at 3 p. m. today. This exhibition will be well worth an effort to see, as no such marvelous shooting has ever been done in this section. It will be a revelation to all of the wonderful possibilities of modern arms and ammunition in the hands of experts. Mr. Topperwein is the acknowledged dean of fancy and trick shots, his many feats being of a highly sensational character. Mrs. Topperwein is without a peer among women in this line of work. Ladies are especially urged to come and witness her astonishing skill with shotgun, rifle and pistol. The exhibition is free.

During the World's Fair in St. Louis Mr. Topperwein broke 3,507 flying targets without a miss. The targets were a composition disc 2 1/4 inches in diameter, and were thrown in the air 25 feet from him. This record was made in four hours and ten minutes and was witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

Another feat performed by him was to hit 85 out of 100 2 1/2-inch targets thrown in the air, he doing the shooting while riding at full speed in an automobile. Mr. Topperwein is the originator of many marvelous fancy and trick shots, and also the act of drawing pictures with rifle bullets; shooting a rifle rapidly and drawing the outline of Indian chief or other

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PAST SACHEM TO ASTORIA

PAST GREAT SACHEM CHERRY WILL ATTEND GREAT COUNCIL

On His Return, Additional Laundry Machinery Will be Purchased

A. B. Cherry, past Great Sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men, left Saturday evening for Astoria to attend the annual great council of Red Men.

Returning from Astoria, several days will be spent in Portland completing his purchases of machinery for the new laundry.

Dr. Davidson Buchanan, to Lecture. Friday night at the Christian church. Lecture, "London by Day and Night."

U. G. GROUCH INJURED

Experiment With "Frisky" Colt and Is Thrown Against Wire Fence

U. G. Grouch the Island City orchardist is confined to his home with considerable suffering today as the result of a frisky "monoplane." His friends say he was experimenting with the motive power of his monoplane, when, after a flight of about ten feet, he was precipitated to the ground with much force, sustaining considerable injury about the hip which, however will not be permanent.

The truth of the matter is he was trying to break his colt and was thrown from a sulky and after monoplane for something like ten feet, struck a fence post.

RATTLER KILLED AT 1ST AND SPRING

MEASURES FOOT LONG AND CARRIED ONE RATTLE

Serpent Sunning Itself on Sidewalk in Front of Stoddard Residence

Rattle snakes are growing bold. This morning a pedestrian on First street, coming down the hill walk at Spring and First, discovered a rattler sunning itself on the sidewalk in front of the J. B. Stoddard residence. To kill it was not a serious task for the snake was not yet fully-matured. It measured one foot in length and could boast of one rattle. Even at that age the strike is very poisonous and no doubt little fellows with shoes and stockings safely tucked away at home will meandering with considerable care in that section of La Grande for a few days to come.

The incident is without precedent in recent years it is believed certainly is very unusual and rattlers usually seek the more secluded rocks as their haunts.

BOYS LEG BROKEN

Falls Over Embankment While on a Trip up the River and is Hurt

Shirley Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Tucker of north La Grande, sustained a painful break of his left leg yesterday while on an expedition up the river. In crawling over an embankment he slipped and fell to the bottom, breaking his left leg below the knee. As both bones are broken, the injury is painful. The accident was witnessed by Geo. L. Cleaver, who brought the injured boy to La Grande.

DAMAGE SUIT PRECEDES LONG STRING OF ALLEGED BOOTLEGGING CASES TO BE TRIED AT ONCE

Trial of some forty-two indictments charging bootlegging in Union county by an adjourned term of the circuit court will be ushered in tomorrow, probably, when Adolph Newlin becomes defendant at trial on one of several counts alleging illegal sale of liquors. Circuit Judge Knowles convened this morning as an adjourned session but the first case on the docket was that of Joseph M. Mills against the George Palmer lumber company. Mills is suing the company for \$5000 as damage money for injuries received at the mill. The jury was drawn at noon and the afternoon session heard evidence introduced.

STRIKE ON GRAND TRUNK IS NEAR A SETTLEMENT

Toronto, July 25.—Through trains are running on the Grand Trunk lines on schedule time though the strike by conductors and trainmen is not declared off. The men are not acting while the conference is pending.

South Bend, July 25.—Rioting has broken out here as the result of the shooting of a car repairer during the Grand Trunk strike, by a Pinkerton strike breaker. Strikers are ugly and state troops are held in readiness to suppress disorders.

HUNDRED KILLED GARFIELD LEADS IN AN ITALY TORNADO

NORTHERN ITALY VISITED BY DISASTROUS WIND STORM

Wind Does Damage of Many Million and Wrecks Entire Towns

Milan, July 25.—One hundred dead and more than 500 injured is the estimate today of the great hurricane results, that swept over northern Italy Saturday.

Many towns and villages were wiped out by the gale. Property loss will reach many millions.

Assistance is being rushed to the wrecked towns and the homeless are being cared for.

MISS LAMBERT IMPROVING

Miss Lambert the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert of Fruitdale is passed the immediate danger from acute anterior polio myelitis, with which she has been suffering for some time. Her case has led her physician Doctor Moltor to believe that the disease is most fatal when the patient is under fifteen or sixteen years.

MAYOR BLOWN TO PIECES BY A DYNAMITE BOMB SHELL

Ridgeway, Pa., July 25.—Mayor A. Roseman was killed today by the explosion of a bomb hurled at him by an unidentified man. He was lying in a hammock in his yard. The assassin hurled the dynamite and escaped.

Roseman's body was literally torn to pieces, but he lived several hours.

OHIO SEEMS DIVIDED ON THE TAFT ADMINISTRATION

Regulars Hope to Avert Defeat by Giving Liberal Compromise

Columbus, Ohio, July 25.—Politicians declare the choice for republican nomination for governor of Ohio tomorrow when the state convention meets, is between Former Governor Garfield and Former Lieutenant Governor Warren Harding.

The Cox-Dick Burton combination of regulars are planning to offer a compromise to Garfield adherents by giving them their nominations if they will endorse Taft's administration. The "Garfields" will agree only, it is said, to "Taft's intentions." This will likely cause a big fight.

The regulars are trying to keep the fight from the convention floor because such a scrap would furnish a bit of campaign material for the democrat who would point to the fact that Taft's own state was divided against him.

Psychology.

Dr. Davidson Buchanan will continue his studies on Psychology Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Moore on Fourth st. All interested are invited.

MANY CAMPERS RETURNING

JOSEPH LAKE AT HEIGHT OF ITS SEASON JUST NOW

La Grande People, Prominent in Social Functions at "The Lake"

Head-of-the-Lake, Joseph, July 25.—Special—This cool resort has been the mecca for many families from all over eastern Oregon and Washington the past week. At the public functions La Grande people are much in evidence.

Among those who camped here during the week just ending are Messrs and Mesdames T. J. Scroggin, Will French, Colon R. Eberhard, F. P. Childers, Wallace Childers and Ray Logan; Mrs. McCall and daughters Florence and Marjorie, Miss Ivy Long, Arcaie Bacon, William Francis and H. Steward.

Messrs Scroggin and French made a fishing side trip to the Imnaha river Friday, returning with a large catch.

Most of the La Grande people mentioned above will return Sunday or Monday. Among those who will not return until after the first of the month are the Eberhards. They have their own camp and besides entertaining La Grande people, have at their domicile many people from Joseph, their old home.

From Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Masterson are registered at the office of the company.

LARGE FARMERS OBJECTING TO IRRIGATION

WHILE SMALLER TRACT OWNERS PRAY, THEY OBJECT

Directors Attempt to Adjust Boundaries to Suit Everyone.

That owners of a few farms in the proposed La Grande irrigation district are going to show strenuous opposition to the district plan of irrigation, developed Saturday afternoon when the directors of the Meadowbrook association held a public meeting. From small tract owners there is an incessant cry for water, but some who own several hundred acres object.

Wherever it is possible, such men's farms are left out of the district on their own request. A few prominent farmers are located in such a way that it seems impossible for them to be placed without the boundaries of the district from such sources will come what objection there is or may be developed.

When the project is in working order—for its completion seems surer today than at any time in the history of irrigation agitation—the men who are now objecting to the system will be able to buy water if there is any to sell, but they will have to take what is left, and that, of course at much higher prices than those in the district. From \$1.25 to \$1.50 is the estimated cost per year per acre and this very reasonable sum is what is giving added popularity to the scheme. Other plans may be advanced, but cheaper water rights are hardly conceivable.

Little else was done Saturday than to listen to the discussions. The directors are shaping their boundaries

MANY ARE ADRIFT AFTER WRECK OF VESSEL

TOTAL NUMBER MISSING IS 155 WHEN JAPANESE BOAT SINKS ON ROCKY COAST

WARSHIPS ON THE SEARCH

Two Boats Out of Six Launched Reach Shore—Boats and Warships Seeking for Other Four-fifty Army Officers With the Missing Captain and Most of Crew go Down With Ship Off Rocky Shore.

Nagas, July 25.—All efforts to send a wireless to the warships dispatched yesterday to find 105 passengers and fifty army officers adrift in small boats since the wreck and sinking of the Japanese boat Maru Saturday afternoon off the Chinese Islands of Korea, were unsuccessful today.

Additional war vessels have been ordered to the scene of the disaster to aid in the search of the missing boats, carrying the human freight.

Two Boats Reach Shore

Only two boats reached shore, out of six launched in the fog after the rock coast had been struck. The crew and passengers number 240 and the captain and most of the crew went down with the ship. It is doubtful the other four boats survived the sea.

PLANTER HOME FROM SOUTH

E. Z. CARBINE SPENDING FEW WEEKS HERE

Former La Grande Man Has Good Success in Western Mexico

After spending a year or more in what is commonly called the California of Mexico, but geographically known as the state of Sinaloa in western Mexico, E. Z. Carbine the Fruitdale orchardist is home for a month's visit with relatives and to give attention to his business affairs here. Mr. Carbine is located near the town of Machichahu, Sinaloa, where he owns 560 acres of his own land and is interested in a company that controls or plants something like 17000 acres. The plantation is productive of tropical fruits and also of an abundance of tomatoes, canteloups and the like.

The planter will return about September first, and his family will join him later in the fall.

as near in conformity with the desires of the people involved as possible, though they may not be always able to do so.

One prominent irrigationist said today: "The big land owners overlook the fact that their land will be so valuable when water is put on it that they cannot afford to own a half-thousand acres, but can sell liberal portions of their holdings at greatly increased prices and still produce more than they do now. In this way it will be possible to bring more people to Union county and still retain more already here."