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## WM. SYNHORST KILLED IN A COLLISION

### HE AND FIREMAN MEET DEATH WHEN FREIGHT TRAINS MEET EAST OF HUNTINGTON.

## WELL KNOWN IN LAGRANDE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Synhorst Instantly Killed Near Huntington This Morning in Freight Collision—Details of Accident Meagre and Little Known as to the Manner of His Death—Bring Remains Here Tomorrow.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 16—A collision between two freights on the Oregon Short Line this morning near Payette resulted in the death of Fireman Frye and brakeman William Synhorst. The east bound freight was pulling into a siding when the west bound caboose was still standing on the main track. The engine was overturned and ten cars derailed. All traffic was stopped until this evening.

William Synhorst, brakeman, and Fireman Frye were instantly killed in a head-on collision 30 miles east of Huntington at 4 o'clock this morning when two freight trains came together. Traffic is stalled at Huntington. Synhorst, one of the victims, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Synhorst of 2008 Second street, this city, and he has been employed on the O. S. L. since May when he left an O. R. & N. job at Kamela and went to the Elbe run. Details of the accident are meagre and little is known here of the exact way in which the sad affair occurred. It is presumed Synhorst had been riding on top and that the crash "got" him. The number of injured is not ascertainable.

Bring Body to La Grande. The remains of Mr. Synhorst will be brought to La Grande tomorrow. It is believed, but as yet no definite funeral arrangements have been made. The news of his death did not reach here until just before noon and the bereaved family has scarcely had time to realize that their son is dead, much less make funeral arrangements. Synhorst was unmarried and was 24 years of age. He is well known in La Grande and especially so in railroad circles.

Information obtainable here does not indicate where the fireman died from. That his name is Frye is all that can be learned this afternoon at the O. R. & N. offices.

The cause of the wreck is also unknown at this time, as the O. S. L. is supplied with block signals and though collisions are not impossible on such equipment, still they are infrequent and seldom if ever marked with fatal results unless there are flagrant violations of the signal codes by some member of the crew.

## EAGLE VISITS LA GRANDE.

### Spends Few Minutes in Informal Visit on Postoffice Building Near Flag.

Strange freaks in birds were exemplified today noon when a huge American eagle soared down to earth from on high and with a fine show of patriotism folded his mighty wings as he neared the flag staff on the post-office building, and with dozens witnessing the sight, calmly came to rest in close proximity to the flag. He appeared fully contented with La Grande as he saw it for he flapped his wings and made himself at home much as a dove on a return from a fruitful search for food. Spectators were deeply interested in the sight. The eagle finally concluded his visit to the town and again flapping his wings in contentment, finally spread his wings to the winds and was off to his hunting grounds in the air. Spectators agree that the bird was an unusually large one.

## CLIFFORD TO BUILD MORE.

### Purchases Three Lots and Will Build in all, Five Houses.

L. A. Clifford who already is building three houses in west La Grande, has completed the purchase of three lots in the block occupying the Lute Dunn residence and will build two houses on the lots at once. The lots are located across the street from the Pattison home and were formerly owned by J. W. Byrnes. The new residences going up now with promise of these two more, will make this one of the newest sections of the city. The deal was made through the La Grande Investment company.

## CARTER'S TO BE LOST.

Democrat Will Succeed in Senate According to Helena, Nov. 16—The Democrat will succeed Senator Carter in the United States senate. A canvass has been completed gains the Democrats a majority in the house and one in the senate. It gives them 54 votes on a ballot, enough to elect a senator. While Former Senator Clark said he would like to be a candidate for the senate it is believed he will reconSIDER a decision if he has a chance. T. J. Walsh, chief counsellor of the Amalgamated Copper company, G. G. Conrad, the millionaire Helena banker, is also mentioned.

## FLEET REACHES ENGLAND.

Third Division of American Naval Force Enters London, Nov. 16—The third division of the American battleship fleet, consisting of the Georgia, Virginia, Rhode Island and Nebraska, arrived off Gravesend today and cast anchor further up the Thames than anchored further up the Thames than any American vessel ever before ventured. The run up the river was a triumphal procession with fluttering flags and salutes. The squadron will remain in port until December 7 when the fourth division arrives and the third sails.

## MAY UNITE TWO COMMERCIAL BODIES

### MEETING SOON TO BE HELD TO FORMULATE PLANS.

### Organizations Now Existing to be Combined, is Belief Prevailing.

Amalgamation of the Merchants Protective Association with the Commercial club is now under discussion and it is likely that a meeting of the two organizations will be held shortly and some sort of a new arrangement perfected.

The exact plan to be followed is to be discussed at this meeting and it is very likely that one or both may be swallowed up by the organization which is to be organized. Shortage of funds has limited the scope of the commercial club's work and the matter of properly financing the institution will be brought up at the coming meeting.

## ARMY MUST ECONOMIZE.

### Taft's Retrenching Plans Force Army Posts to be More Saving.

Washington, Nov. 16 (Special)—It's a hard, cold winter in the army. Soldiers must economize on forage and fuel all along the line. Pres. Taft's economy policy, resulting in the reduction of appropriations, reaches to the farthest-most army post.

The following excerpt from an order issued by Brigadier General Bliss from the headquarters of the Department of California, are typical:

"The appropriation for Regular Supplies, fiscal year 1911, is \$1,160,000 less than the amount appropriated for the fiscal year 1910. It therefore becomes necessary to reduce expenditures on all items chargeable to this appropriation, and especially so in the cost of fuel and forage."

"Post commanders are enjoined to restrict the issue of forage to actual requirements."

"Post commanders are also enjoined to make every effort to confine deliveries of fuel at their posts to the lowest limit."

## VACATION NEXT WEEK.

### Planned to Call School Again on Friday After Four Day Holiday.

On account of Thanksgiving day coming during the week of the teachers' convention in this city, local school children will get practically an entire week's holiday. It is planned, according to the present announcement, to call school again on Friday. The presence here of the convention delegates makes school impossible during the first days of the week.

## ARMED INVASION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

### TEXAS FLYING SQUADRON RETURNS TO AUSTIN WITHOUT HAVING SEEN INVADERS.

## OFFICIALS ON THE ALERT

Town of El Paso Given Thorough Scare This Morning When Drunken Mexicans Shoot up in Vicinity of the City—Appears to be Quiet in Mexico—American Goods Boycotted by Mexicans—Governor in Close Touch.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 16—Fear of the armed invasion by 300 Mexicans were quieted when the members of the "flying squadron" that left yesterday to intercept the band of Mexicans, reported marching across the border, returned today without coming on the invaders.

Armed men which fill the town refuse to be convinced that a brush with the Mexicans is not imminent. They profess to believe that the Mexicans reconsidered the matter and recrossed the line to await reinforcements before attempting to again revenge Rodriguez' death.

Americans Boycotted. El Paso, Nov. 16—Reports today indicate everything is quiet in Mexico. A general boycott of American goods as a result of the recent unpleasant is threatened. Prominent Mexican officials are said to be supporting the movement.

Town Thoroughly Scared. The town was given a good scare this morning when firing was heard in the direction of the border line. A hastily gathered party formed but found later that the gunfighters were drunken Mexicans having a good time.

Governor Campbell is constantly conferring with Adjutant-General Newton and is keeping in close communication with Rangers at Rock Springs to prevent any clashes between Mexicans and cowboys along the border.

## EXPEDITION WILL BE SLOW.

Ottawa, Nov. 12—The government officials this afternoon announced that they will not send a relief expedition to the Porcupine district until MacLean's story is confirmed.

## ACTRESS IN TROUBLE.

### Denies However That Her Husband in any Way Quarrel With Her.

New Orleans, Nov. 16—When asked today regarding the rumor that she and her husband, Russel G. Colt, had become estranged, Ethel Barrymore, the actress, became estranged and denied it. Colt is the son of a millionaire manufacturer of firearms and is here but doesn't accompany his wife to or from the theatre.

## WITNESS REACHES TROUBLE.

### Trial of Greek for Disorderly Conduct Brings About New Case.

During the trial of a member of the local Greek colony today for disorderly conduct, City Attorney Baker found sufficient grounds for having the complaining witness arrested. The case came up over the arrest of a Greek on a charge of disorderly conduct. The prosecuting witness told his story to the court and during his recital divulged facts which led to his arrest. Judge Cox fined Mr. Greek \$10 and City Attorney Baker immediately filed a complaint against Mr. Greek. Greeks never overlook an opportunity to "stand trial" and like Greek I, Greek II will hire an attorney. It appears that both used rough and vile language.

## COMMODORE UNDERWOOD RETIRES.

Vallejo, Calif., Nov. 14—After forty years of active service Commodore Edmund B. Underwood retired from active service in the navy today.

## TRAIL TO WEALTH STREWN WITH THE DEAD

### CAMP OF ONE HUNDRED MINERS SLOWLY STARVING TO DEATH SAYS COURIER.

## SCORES ARE ALREADY DEAD

Messenger From Gold Camp on Porcupine in Northwestern Ontario Says Relief to Camp is Urgent—Roads Obliterated and Cost of Living Soars—Several Drowned When Attempting to Reach Civilization for Help.

Montreal, Nov. 16—Scores of prospectors are dead and many are dying on a trail south of the Porcupine gold camps in northwestern Ontario, according to W. R. McLean, a mining expert who arrived here today. He declared men died of exposure and starvation. The Dominion government agents are powerless, owing to shortage of provisions. Appeals for aid failed to reach civilization. McLean urges the government to send a relief expedition.

100 Dying Now. According to McLean when the strike was reported, prospectors flocked to Porcupine. The price of foodstuff soared. With snow and winter it was impossible to import food and famine followed. McLean said 20 died of starvation and 100 were dying when he left, with no prospect of relief. Conditions are frightful he said.

Lost in the Woods. A party of miners, seeking death if they remained, attempted to reach the camp. Roads were then obliterated and many of them were lost in a trackless waste. Two of the party fell into a swamp and drowned before the eyes of their friends. The remainder of this party reached civilization.

## CHEAPER FOODS A FARCE.

### Wholesalers Agree That Consumer Will Not be Benefited by Decline.

Chicago, Nov. 16—That false hopes have been raised and that the retailer and not the consumer will be the beneficiary of the decline in food stuffs is the belief expressed here today by the wholesalers. J. O. Armour gave it as his opinion that the decline would be gradual and consumers only benefit slightly for several months. Another prominent wholesaler said that retailers would not reduce until compelled to do so.

## SEATTLE WILL NOT PLAY.

### Flatly Refuses to Accept Oregon's Challenge to Meet This Year.

University of Washington, Seattle, Nov. 16—The university will not meet the University of Oregon foot ball team in season or out of season this year, according to Graduate Manager Victor Zeednick today. This was in answer to Oregon's challenge to Washington to meet them in Portland next Saturday.

## MRS. WALKER IN JAIL.

### Mother in Jail and Children in Care of Father, Awaiting Trial.

Mrs. Walker, the woman arrested a few days ago charged with adultery, is still in the county jail awaiting trial. Her bond was placed at \$500 and she has been unable to pay it. In the meantime, the little children, two girls, are in charge of the father, who has been employed at the sugar factory.

## SCHENCK JURY MEETS FRIDAY.

### Sensational Developments Against Mil-linre's Wife Expected.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 14—The special grand jury to consider evidence against Mrs. Schenck, suspected of having attempted to poison her husband, will meet next Friday. Some sensational developments are expected.

## AVIATOR TIES TROUBLE.

Graham-White Will Take Steps to Prosecute Belmont Race Manager. New York, Nov. 14—True to his promise, Claude Graham-White, the English aviator will stir up a fight because he was not given a second chance to win the \$10,000 prize offered by Thomas Ryan for the fastest flight around the statue of Liberty and return at the recent Belmont park meet. White filed a protest against awarding it to Johnny Molassani, the American who won it. White alleges American judges were biased in favor of the American contestants.

## SEINE RECEDED.

### Populace Joyfully Watches Rapid Drop in Threatened River Seine.

Paris, Nov. 16—The Seine, which reached a dangerous stage yesterday began to subside today. It is believed the crisis has passed and a flood is averted. People are joyfully watching the waters drop today.

## OREGONIAN MAN AT HOT LAKE.

Hot Lake, Nov. 16 (Special)—Wilbur T. Brooks, former circulation manager of the Morning Oregonian, and now interested in Wallowa lands, arrived at Hot Lake today to spend a week or ten days.

## COMMISSIONER AFFIRMS JOHN BROWN CASE

### SEVERAL CASES OF UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE HANDED DOWN.

### Cases Involving Testimony of Horace Jones Among the Batch Received.

The local land office has received from the Commissioner of the General Land Office the past few days decisions in five important cases appealed from the local land office to that officer. Each of these decisions was concurred in by both officials here, and all of the opinions in these particular cases were by Receiver Eberhard.

The case of U. S. vs. John M. Brown, of Rondova, involving part of a timber claim in the famous "4 North, Range 41," in Wallowa county, Oregon, is of more importance, locally, than any other. After Brown filed his timber application, an alleged settler, Jay J. Hamblin, attempted to file a homestead on a part of Brown's entry, and, after failing, protested Brown's entry. Later, he sold his claim for the land, and withdrew his protests, but the government took up the matter and compelled Hamblin to testify against Brown. Hamblin and his relatives again took up the cudgel against Brown, and at the hearing before the local office August 1909, the feud between the timber claimants and the homesteaders in that township again broke out and the relations between the government attorney and Mr. C. H. Finn, Brown's attorney, became strained, to say the least. Two days were consumed in taking testimony, most of it contradictory. The local office found against the government, denouncing the acts of Hamblin in behalf of his settlement to be the acts of a mere adventurer seeking title to government timber land. The Commissioner did not express any opinion of Hamblin's acts of settlement, but affirmed the case.

A government case against Jack Vaughan, a homesteader in Fox valley, Grant county, developed a great deal of feeling at the time the testimony was taken at Canyon City, Oregon, the government being represented by the famous Horace Tillard Jones, whom the Interior Department found to be more useful outside the service. The defense impeached the evidence of two of the government's witnesses by calling about ten of their neighbors and acquaintances of years, while the government insisted that some of the witnesses for the defense were drunk at the time of the hearing, by asking them appropriate questions to this effect. In a most vigorous opinion this case was dismissed here and the same has now been appealed.

## PASSENGERS ON LONELY ISLAND SUFFERING

### EFFORTS MADE TO REACH EIGHTY THREE PEOPLE ON WRECKED SHIP "PORTLAND"

## EIGHTY OTHERS IN DANGER

Steamer Brings Word That the Ship Wolverine is Marooned on a Desolate Island in Lake Winnipeg—Success Needed—Believed Entire Ship and Human Load Floundered But Banner Affirms Differently.

Cordova, Alaska, Nov. 16—Efforts to reach the eighty-three passengers and crew on the doomed steamer Portland who are now stranded on Katalla Island, were made today. The food supply is small as fishermen have not enough provisions for the shipwrecked victims. The storm is growing intense as it is hardly likely that the steamer Alameda will be made to enter the harbor. An appeal was made to the government today to send the revenue cutter to the island with supplies. The Portland is a total loss.

## MISSING 80 FOUND.

Selkirk, Nov. 16—Sixty-six passengers and a crew of fourteen on the steamer Wolverine were reported marooned on a desolate island in Lake Winnipeg by an Indian runner today. The Wolverine floundered three weeks ago and it is believed she sank. It is unknown whether all the passengers reached shore safely. Unless rescued they will be compelled to remain until the ice freezes and they can walk to shore.

## ORPHAN NEARLY FINISHED.

### New Theatre Building Being Supplied With Seats and Finishes.

The Orpheum, the name designated to the new Gardiner building, will be ready for the opening night on Monday. The seats are being arranged today and the interior finishes are completed. The building is not as large as many other circuit theatres, but it is positively as well equipped and few buildings in Oregon are better supplied and better finished throughout.

## BIG SUM FOR ASYLUM.

### \$200,000 Will be Expended on Eastern Oregon Asylum.

The Eastern Oregon Insane Asylum bill which passed at the general election carries an appropriation of \$200,000 which sum includes maintenance cost up to December 31, 1912. Within 60 days after the act becomes a law, the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer will select a site for the institution within five miles of Baker, Union or Pendleton. After selecting the site they will have plans drawn for a building capable of accommodating not less than 600 patients, and will cause the same to be erected. After the hospital is completed the board, with the advice and counsel of the superintendent of the Asylum at Salem will select such patients as shall be removed to the branch institution and therefore the board will direct the various counties as to which asylum their insane shall be sent.

Of the 32 initiative and referendum measures submitted to the voters in the recent election, seven are known to have been approved, practically all doubt has been removed as to the approval of an eighth—the Presidential primary bill—while a ninth measure, the county tax amendment, is still in doubt.

The following are the measures that have been adopted:

- An act authorizing the establishment of a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon.
- A bill providing for the permanent support and maintenance of the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth.
- The Home Rule amendment.
- An employers' liability law.
- A bill prohibiting the taking of fish from the Rogue River except by angling.
- The good roads amendment.
- An amendment changing judicial procedure, terms of judges, etc.

## FINES WALLOWA COUNTY JOINTISTS

Enterprise, Ore., Nov. 16 (Special)—In circuit court today Judge Knowles handed down sentences in nine bootlegging cases where the defendants had plead guilty. The men fined and the amounts charged to them which aggregate \$2550, are: Chas. Bidwell, \$250; J. G. Flenor, \$500, and ten days in jail; Lott Hamilton, \$350; Fred Blensfield \$350; J. W. Isley, \$250; Joe Martin \$350; Arthur, Ross \$350, Ralph Picoock \$100; Buster Brown \$50.

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