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## TWO TOWNS IN WAR BURY AXES

### JOSEPH AND WALLOWA ORDER TELEPHONES RE-INSTALLED

#### ENTERPRISE NEGOTIATIONS STILL UNDER WAY TODAY

Meeting at Joseph Last Night Results in Business Men of Two Towns Accepting Concessions of Home Independent Telephone Company—Some Talk Still of a New Company at Enterprise.

As far as can be learned today, locally, all the towns in Wallowa county have agreed to return to the fold of the Home Independent Telephone company, under the rearranged program as announced in the Observer yesterday, save one. Enterprise is the only town which to date has not decided to resume the telephone service and that town will probably be reported in time soon. Joseph and Wallowa have accepted the proposition advanced by the telephone company. Last evening at a lengthy meeting in Joseph the business men decided to have telephones reinstalled and Wallowa was put in line with the same movement today. Discussions are still under way at Enterprise.

A counter move is said to be on foot in the Wallowa county seat, in that promoters of a new company at Enterprise are still trying to formulate a new and competing concern, but reports from Enterprise today say the movement is principally confined to Enterprise and is not taking root in Joseph or Wallowa, either.

General Manager Crowe has not returned from Wallowa county yet and has not authorized any statement today and the Observer has not been apprised of what the outcome at Enterprise today was.

#### Roe Tells of the Trouble.

Carl Roe, publicity manager for the prospective company in Enterprise, writes the following communication to the Observer relative to the trouble in Enterprise:

Definite steps were taken Saturday evening by the people of Wallowa county to join with the people of Union county in the organization of a co-operative telephone company. A meeting of committees from Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa, Lostine, Imbler, Imnaha and the Farmers lines was held in the county court house in this city and was attended by officials of the Home Independent Telephone

company and a large gathering of interested spectators.

An effort was made to compromise the existing differences on a basis which would at least partially restore the privileges which were heretofore granted and which were formally promised by the telephone company. The company offered to reduce phone rentals on an average of 25 cents per month and made some other concessions, which were at first rather well thought of, but they refused to throw off the charge of 10 cents for every two switch calls within the county of Wallowa. Not being able to agree on the demands made by the people the meeting was adjourned and later on was reconvened as a mass meeting for the purpose of taking the necessary steps toward the organization of a co-operative telephone company. The delegations from the various localities appointed committees to solicit memberships in such an organization.

A representative from Elgin was present and represented that the people from that city and surrounding country were in hearty accord with the movement, and that most of them had already removed their phones. In fact some of the people had already ordered wire for the construction of temporary lines for use until harvest is over. After harvest he stated that the movement would be practically unanimous.

CARL ROE.

## UNDERTAKER ALSO BLAMED

### DR. HAZZARD NOT ALONE IN THE PRESENT TROUBLE.

Big Damage Suit to Be Instituted Against Undertaking Firm.

#### DOCTOR OUT OF JAIL.

Seattle, Aug. 8.—Dr. Hazzard was released from jail this afternoon on \$10,000 bail and immediately left for Tacoma.

Tacoma, Aug. 8.—British Vice Consul Agassiz went to Seattle today to confer with Attorney Kelley and Prosecutor Stevenson relative to the prosecution of Mrs. Hazzard, under arrest charged with murder in connection with the death of Miss Williamson at the "starvation" institute. Agassiz says he will file a \$25,000 suit for damages against Mrs. Hazzard and the Seattle firm of undertakers for alleged desecration of Miss Williamson's body by an unauthorized autopsy. The woman will probably be released from jail this afternoon on bonds.

Before leaving the city Agassiz said he had received proffers of assistance in the investigations of the case from several persons in Tacoma who asserted that they were victims of Dr. Hazzard's alleged "starvation" methods.

#### MINNESOTAN BUYS HOME.

L. J. Jordan Disposes of House and Lot to Former Easterner.

Benjamin Rafter, now a foreman at the Palmer mill, but formerly living in Minneapolis, has purchased the L. J. Jordan home and lot on Second and Washington. Mr. Rafter paid \$2,000 for the property. The former owner now resides at Enterprise, though he at one time occupied the property himself. The deal was made by Black & Pratt, realty dealers.

#### Will Plumb Wallowa Building.

Bradley & Co., will send a crew of steam fitters out tomorrow to Wallowa to install a new hot water heating plant in the Couch & McDonald building.

#### Ships Hogs West.

I. S. Hotchkiss has shipped a carload of hogs to Pendleton and the Brando Ronde Cash company has sent a carload to Seattle.

## STEEL TRUST CONTRIBUTED TO HIGH TARIFF LEAGUE

### FORMER STEEL MAGNATE SQUIRMS AND WRIGGLES AS QUESTIONS REGARDING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE PUT TO HIM—SOCIOLOGICAL FUND PAID THESE CONTRIBUTIONS—WITNESS REFUSES TO ANSWER AN AVA-LANCHE OF QUESTIONS.

Washington, Aug. 8.—In an effort to show that the United States Steel corporation has a monopoly of the street and iron business now, George Perkins, a former partner of J. P. Morgan appeared before the Stanley committee today. Perkins, after reviewing the history and his connection with the matter, admitted he had talked to Schley, of Moore & Schley, regarding the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, by the trust. Stanley brought out the fact that the steel trust usually had from 40 to 60 millions on deposit with Morgan's banks at 2.6 per cent interest. He also showed that the trust was very active politically, especially for a protective tariff.

#### Witness Squirms in Chair.

When Stanley began to probe mercilessly into the political activity of the trust, Perkins wiggled and squirmed when confronted with evidence from

and could only remember "generally" the records of the steel corporation itself. He proved that it supported the republican tariff doctrine, and paid good money for publication of stories upholding the protective tariff.

Stanley showed that the corporation contributed \$2,000 yearly to the Protective Tariff league, since it was organized. Perkins also admitted that the "welfare fund" of the steel trust which the steel magnates had testified were for "sociological work and for furthering the health and comfort of employees" was a fund to which such contributions were charged.

Perkins was threatened with a citation before the bar of the house of representatives by Stanley because he refused to answer specific questions concerning the political contributions made in the national campaigns by himself or by corporations which he was connected with. Perkins refused to answer on his attorney's advice.

## JUDGE LOVETT DENIES WAGE DEMANDS BY 'FRISCO SHOP MEN

New York, Aug. 8.—Judge Lovett, head of the Harriman system, intimidated strongly today that the railroads will not, for the present at least, accede to the demands of the shop employees for increased wages.

#### Industrial War Predicted.

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Industrial war will result between the western railroads and employees in the mechan-

ical departments now that the demands for the wage increases amounting to \$50,000,000 annually have been refused.

Railroad officials would not talk today. It is admitted the situation is tense. The Harriman lines officially announced they could not tell what the union would do but predicted the trouble wouldn't come for some time, if at all.

## JAPANESE NAVAL HERO SEES UNCLE SAM'S NAVY SECRETS

Washington, Aug. 8.—Naval regulations of the strictest character were put aside today when Admiral Togo as the nation's guest, was taken through the Washington navy yard, and allowed to make a complete in-

spection. There is a rule forbidding any official of a foreign nation to even enter the United States navy yard, but it was fractured as a personal compliment to the Japanese fighter. More dinners and receptions are planned for tonight.

## SAVIOR OF RUSSELL SAGE IS DEAD, PENNILESS AND CRIPPLED

New York, Aug. 8.—Penniless and alone William Laidlaw whom Russell Sage used as a shield to save his own life when a bomb was thrown by Henry Norcross, is dead here today. Sage was uninjured by the bomb, but Laidlaw was made an invalid for life.

He never received a dollar for his blighted career from the Newhouse millions which are today being given broadcast to charity. Laidlaw fought for damages in the courts until his funds were one and then his sisters kept him.

#### PEACHES NEARLY RIPE.

Upton Orchard Groans With Load of Peaches Nearly Ripe.

Peach trees in the Dr. C. H. Upton orchard just north of La Grande are fairly breaking with ripened fruit, and

a sample taken at random and brought to the Observer office today denies the assertion that peaches are not prolific here this year. The fruit is all but ripe, has a desirable color and has attained good size. Another product of Dr. Upton's fruit ranch is a plant of beans which carries 91 pods and all of

good size. It is a remarkable type of locally grown beans.

#### Des Moines War in Court.

Des Moines, Aug. 8.—Officials of the street car company today served notice they will continue the fight over the present difficulty with the carmen in the courts. It was expected that a motion would be made for a reversion of the injunction granted by Judge Degraff which prohibited carrying on of the strike either by the man or by the company. It is believed the company will not put up much of a fight.

#### London Strike Serious.

London, Aug. 8.—With the docks piled high with freight in London and Liverpool, today is virtually tied up by the strike of the dockmen and teamsters. The dockers refuse to turn to work unless the teamsters' demands are met. Prospects are getting scarce. An unemployment trouble the police reserves are held in readiness, while a conference is on between the employers and employees.

#### Mrs. Deck May Live.

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Mrs. Deck, who was shot by George Forsythe, the latter committing suicide, has a good chance for recovery.

#### Senator Frye Dead.

Lewistown, Maine, Aug. 8.—Senator William Pierce Frye died at his home here this afternoon.

## CONGRESS NEARS ADJOURNMENT

### NEXT WEEK TO SEE END OF THE PRESENT SESSION.

President Taft Today Signed Re-appointment Measure.

Washington, Aug. 8.—President Taft today signed the congressional re-appointment bill providing for the re-districting of the various states. It provides for a house membership of 433.

#### Quick Adjournment Predicted.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Both democratic and republican leaders in congress today predicted the present extra session of congress would end next week.

They do not agree on the date but coincide in the opinion that adjournment will come soon after the wool and free list bills have been finally disposed of.

#### TELLS WEIRD TALE.

Hen Comes Home to Roost on Outfit Car Beams, She Says.

So prevalent have hobbos become in Eastern Oregon that even the hens are becoming afflicted with the wanderlust. It is either that or an exemplification of the old adage about hens coming home to roost.

A lady who has charge of the cook outfit for the construction camp on the O.-W. R. & N. line at North Powder has several hens which are the pride of her heart. A few days ago the crew at that point was moved to Baker. When the lady went to gather her hens for change in location she found that one of her pets was missing. Thinking that it had fallen a victim to some of the numerous hobbos that are passing through the country at this time she gave it up for irretrievably lost.

However, when the construction camp Lanes and Penates were installed in the new camp at this place the missing hddy was found safely ensconced on her perch and the only way the hen's mistress can explain this is that the hen must have emulated the hobbos and have ridden the rods into Baker.

#### Two Stock Cars Shipped.

McKennon & Chandler today sent two carloads of cattle to the Portland market.

## UNITED STATES ENVOYS SHIFTED

### SWEEPING CHANGES IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICES ORDERED

WITH EXCEPTION OF ENGLAND, NEARLY EVERY ENVOY CHANGED

Recommendations Sent to Congress Today Which Affirm the Radical Tinting and Changes in Diplomatic Service—Many Smaller and Lesser Ambassadors.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Sweeping changes in the diplomatic service which had been rumored, was affirmed today when nominations affecting practically every important station, save England, were sent to the senate. The shakeup is the result of the resignation of Ambassador Jayne Hill to the Berlin post.

Leishman, present ambassador to Italy, succeeds Hill; O'Brien succeeds Leishman from Japan; Charles Bryan succeeds O'Brien from Belgium; C. P. Anderson, attached to the London embassy, becomes minister to Belgium; John Carter, minister to Roumania, Serbia and Bulgaria, becomes the Argentine minister, and is succeeded by John Jackson, the Cuban minister who is succeeded by Arthur Beaupre, minister to the Netherlands. Lloyd Brice, of New York, succeeds Beaupre.

#### SHOOTING RUMOR A JOKE.

Such at Least Is Belief of Those Who Started Gossip.

Stories circulated about the city recently pertaining to the alleged shooting of a La Grande woman's alleged paramour by an alleged irate husband attaining that state of ire because of alleged relations between his wife and said paramour, have been run to earth and are now generally branded as a lemon. Gossip has recounted in more or less colored details of how a local man was shot and severely wounded by another La Grande man, because of a woman in the case, and gossip has searched the secret recesses of hospitals and resting places for the identity of the wounded man, or the identity of the irate husband, but it has all been in vain and the circulators of the yarn are now admitting that it was a huge lemon "slipped" over on the wise ones. That no such incident occurred and that a whole lot of busybodies about town have been made the victim of a jokesmith, is generally conceded.

## BEND, OREGON HAS GOLD BUG

### TOWN DEPOPULATED WHILE CITIZENS HUNT GOLD.

Ten Dollars a Ton Said to Be Assay Value of Discoveries.

Bend, Ore., Aug. 8.—Announcement that gold quartz discoveries on Tumalo creek, 12 miles west, assaying \$10 per ton has started a gold rush and the town is almost depopulated. About 50 claims are already staked and the hill is swarming with gold seekers.

#### TRENCH DIGGER HITS PIPE.

Greenwood Street Has Miniature Cloudburst When Pipe Breaks

Beaver creek water went beyond its piped confines yesterday afternoon when the trench digger now on Pennsylvania avenue, severed a small main. The stream irrigated nearby lawns and for some time resembled a fair-sized cloudburst.

## CLERGY ANGRY AT J. J. ASTOR

### CLAIM COMING MARRIAGE IS A CRIME AGAINST NATURE.

Pending Wedding Is Called Criminal in Every Phase.

New York, Aug. 8.—New York clergymen today are stirred to the depths over the announcement of Madeline Force to John Jacob Astor.

"Speaking as a man and a priest I brand this proposed marriage to Miss Force as a crime against nature as well as society," said Reverend Father Evans of St. Andrews church. "Such a marriage is only legalized by free love."

Others spoke in a like strain. Miss Force is 18 and Astor is 47.

Astor announced October 15th has been selected as the date for the marriage with Miss Force.

He said Miss Force is ill from the newspaper criticism of the proposed marriage which he characterized as cruel and unjust.