

PRAIRIE FIRE BURNS HOMES

MALTA, NEAR GREAT FALLS, IS THREATENED.

Ranchers Flee for Their Lives From Raging Prairie Fire Today.

Great Falls, Mont., April 28.—A terrific prairie fire is devastating the country around Malta, and forcing hundreds to flee for their lives, according to telegraphic advices.

More than a score of ranchers' homes are already reported destroyed and many more lie in the fire's path.

IN MEMORIUM.

Milton H. Kirtley, a pioneer citizen of La Grande, passed peacefully away at the family residence at 9:15 o'clock p. m., April 21, 1913, aged 65 years.

Returning to Missouri he met and was married to Miss Susan J. Miller August 30, 1876. Being possessed of the pioneer spirit of the times he emigrated overland with his family and settled in La Grande in the year 1880, when the town was but a struggling village and at once became identified with the business interests of the town, and has during all these years been held in highest esteem by all who have come in contact with him in a business or social way.

His wife and three children, viz: Ellis E. and Naomi Kirtley, and Miss Grace K. McNish survive him, one son, Arthur, having died in Central America, eleven years since.

In the death of Milton H. Kirtley, his wife, who shared his joys and sorrows for thirty-seven years, has sustained an irreparable loss, his children a kind parent, and the community a good citizen.

He bore his suffering during his long illness uncomplainingly, with a patience and fortitude that was characteristic of the man.

"So live that when thy summons comes, Thou go not like the quarry slave at night

Scourged to his dungeon; But, sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust,

Approach thy grave like one Who wraps the draperies of his couch about him,

And lies down to pleasant dreams." The funeral services at the home were simple and impressive, conducted by the Rev. R. E. Close, assisted by a quartet composed of Mrs. Williamson, Miss Jessie Green, Messrs. Ferrin and Green.

The many handsome floral offerings attested the high esteem in which Mr. Kirtley was held in this community, and expressed sympathy for those bereaved.

Deceased was prominently identified with the Elks lodge and W. O. W. of this city, the Elks conducting the services at the grave.

TEAMS SWING TO NEW LOTS

GARDEN CITY TO BE STORM CENTER FOR SPUDS.

Two Games Won for La Grande During Past Week is Fourth Best.

Standing of the Clubs.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boise	6	0	1000
Walla Walla	5	1	.833
North Yakima	4	2	.666
La Grande	2	4	.322
Baker	0	6	.000

With two games won, three lost though better ball was played than that exhibited by North Yakima, and one game lost by poorer exhibition in all departments than the winner, the La Grande Spuds have shifted their scene of operation to Walla Walla. Some few changes are being made in the La Grande lineup, notably in the signing of pitchers. The work at North Yakima was stellar, clean fielding good hitting and on the whole good pitching, but it was pretty much the same story as was told by Pendleton at Walla Walla—good and better ball didn't always win.

Saturday the Spuds lost by a safe margin, Pendleton her only source of the week and Baker loses again. The scores that day were:

Saturday's Game.

	R.	H.	E.
Boise	9	15	4
Baker	4	9	4

Batteries—Bridger and Gard; Coleman, Jensen and Cress.

	R.	H.	E.
Walla Walla	5	7	1
Pendleton	6	8	8

Batteries—Snoddy, Leonard and Post; Osborne and Haworth.

La Grande had the better of the argument at North Yakima till the eighth, when the Yakima Braves began hitting and sent two across. The Spuds could not come back, going out one, two, three in the ninth. The Braves bunched hits and La Grande scattered. Gordon fanned six men. Browning three and Moeller one. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
North Yakima	4	6	1
La Grande	3	6	3

Batteries—Gordon and Stanley; Browning, Moeller and Heiterson.

Yesterday North Yakima, Boise and Walla Walla won again. This week La Grande plays at Walla Walla, Boise at Pendleton and Baker at Yakima.

Change of Vaudeville and Pictures at Arcade Today.

A complete change of vaudeville and pictures at the Arcade today, the films for today and tomorrow are very good, featuring "On Fortune Wheel," a two reel Kay-Bee and up to their usual high standard. The other pictures on the program is a clever comedy and the ever popular Gaumont Weekly. The bill closes with Johnson & Booth in classy singing, dancing and whistling, Mr. Johnson being an expert whistler. Coming Wednesday and Thursday, "Saved in Mid-Air," a three reel offering full of thrills.

Jap Envoy Coming Here.

Tokio, April 28.—With a view to establishing a mutual understanding on the anti-alien land question pending in the California legislature, Baron Eharasoroku, representing the Seiyuki, will leave for Sacramento May 10.

Not a "Birth" in His Language.

A commercial traveler is on friendly terms with the porter of a sleeping car that he uses frequently. Well, Lawrence," announced the salesman one morning gleefully, "I have good news for you. We've had a birth in our family—twins." "Dat am no birth, sir," said Lawrence; "dat's a section."

REFERENDUM FOE IN CITY

UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION SUBJECT MEETING TONIGHT

Portland Representative of State League to Head Speakers.

Defensive warfare against the referendum movement about to be circulated through Eastern Oregon by the Parkinson forces to hold up the University of Oregon appropriations, will be brought to La Grande tonight when Miss Emma Wold, representing the Oregon Citizen's Educational League of Portland, addresses an audience at the Commercial club rooms. Miss Wold will not be alone in discussing the proposed referendum for local members of the U and O alumni, several of them, will voice their sentiments and if possible initiate a campaign to prevent sufficient signatures being obtained on the referendum petition. Miss Wold, who is here today, represents a state-wide movement in that direction. She is versed in scores of reasons why the appropriations should not be held up and will impart this knowledge to those who may care to listen. A large audience is wanted that the matter may be properly and intelligently understood by the voters. Ladies especially are urged to attend this meeting and gain first hand reasons for framing their opinions on the matter.

Miss Wold is a firm believer in the eastern school systems now being tried out wherein the school is made the social center of a community. It takes, in many ways, the place of the Y. M. C. A., athletic features are provided for the community, not the school children alone, and social entertainment is made headquarters at the schools. This system is working out in the east and will in time, she thinks, be adopted generally. Miss Wold is a well versed educator who is competent to handle the question now before the voting public, in a thorough, careful manner.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Sarah Foster of New York survived a fall of 120 feet down an elevator shaft.

Mrs. John Hays Hammond has retired from the active presidency of the woman's welfare department of the National Civic federation.

Miss Dorothy Kelleher of San Francisco, born on a Friday, Oct. 13, announces her engagement and has set her wedding for Friday, June 13, 1913.

Mrs. Quincey A. Shaw, daughter of the late Louis Agassiz, has given her home, in the most aristocratic part of Boston, for permanent headquarters of the Women's Municipal league.

Mrs. Louis L. Teller of Philadelphia recently sent a check for \$2,000 to the Philadelphia Jewish Sanitarium For Consumptives to endow a shack in memory of her parents, Henry and Clara Oppenheimer.

Mrs. Robert J. Murray, wife of a Scranton (Pa.) attorney, is a lineal descendant of Colonel Zebulon Butler, the defender of Wyoming, a hero of the Revolutionary war and a warm friend of General Washington.

Mignon Nevada, whose fame promises to be greater than that of her mother, Emma Nevada, began to sing her mother's roles at four and at six could mimic all her mother's mannerisms, besides studying the parts. She made her debut two years ago in Rome, while still in her teens, and sang like a finished prima donna.

Electric Sparks.

A perfect dynamo that weighs out a quarter of an ounce has been made by a French electrician.

Electric power has been adopted by candy factories because of its ease of control and cleanliness.

The government mint of Denver is operated entirely by electric power, motors totaling 300 horsepower being used.

Both the transmitter and receiver of a new French loud speaking telephone can be concealed in a vase of flowers, a table ornament or any other non-conspicuous object in a room.

UNION DOWNED ON LOCAL TRACK

FEW RACES HAVE CLOSE FINISHES TO THEM.

By Wide Margin Local School Runs Away With County Track Meet.

La Grande ran away from Union in the annual county meet in which only the two teams were entered last Saturday afternoon. No particularly exciting races developed except those in which La Grande runners were attempting to best each other. Of these, the race between "Jakie" Jacobson, a novice in the track game, and Hough, in the quarter mile, was perhaps the greatest of all. Jacobson showed wonderful staying powers for a youth and it was not until the tape that Hough overtook an early lead, breasting the barrier by an inch ahead of the young runner. Conkey, captain of the locals, won several firsts and was the star performer of the group, winning handily in everything he entered. Some few events were allowed to go by the boards but on the whole, the meet was fought through to the finish. The events, and winners are: being La Grande enters unless otherwise specified.

50 yard dash—Conkey, Hough, Bussick, Union. Time 5:4-5.

Half-mile—Leffel, Winters, Larsen, Time 2:17.

One hundred yard dash—Conkey, Hough, Bussick, Union, Time 10:3-5.

Pole vault—Conkey, Garity, La Grande; Goodbrod, Union. 9 feet 3 inches.

Hammer throw—Ralston, La Grande; Goodbrod, Union; Horstman, La Grande; distance 106 feet.

220 yard dash—Conkey, Weaver, Union; Leffel. Time 24:4-5.

Discus—Ralston, Goodbrod, Union; Horstman. Distance 89 feet 10 inches.

Mile Run—Carrol, Rosenbaum, Winters, all La Grande. Time 5:23.

Shot put—Conkey, Ralston, Haller, Union; Distance 39 feet 9 inches.

Quarter—Hough, Jacobson, Weaver Union. Time :61.

Board Jump—Weaver, Union; Carpy and Winters tied for second Distance 17 feet 2 inches.

Relay—Won by La Grande. Hough, Carpy, Leffel and Conkey. Time 1:41.

220 Hurdles—Davis, Merton, both of Union, Carpy. Time 30.

Mine Horror Investigated.

Monongahela, April 28.—State mine inspectors and county officials have started an official investigation of the explosion of the Cincinnati mine at Finlayville, which caused heavy loss of life. Work of clearing away the debris was resumed today.

Superstitions of the Days.

Sunday's child ne'er lacks in place; Monday's child is fair in the face; Tuesday's child is full of grace; Wednesday's child is sour and sad; Thursday's child is loving and bland; Friday's child is loving and giving; And Saturday's child shall work for its living.

Different for One.

The fifth day drew to a close with the twelfth jurymen still unconvinced. The court was impatient. "Well, gentleman," said the court officer, entering the jury-room, "shall I, as usual, order the twelve dinners?" "Make it," said the foreman, "eleven dinners and a bale of hay."

A colored parson, calling upon one of his flock, found the object of his visit out in the back yard working among his hen coops. He noticed with surprise that there were no chickens. "Why, Brudder Brown," he asked, "war'r all yo' chickens?" "Huh," grunted Brother Brown, without looking up, "some fool niggah lef' de do' open an' dey all went home."

BIXBY "COMES OUT"

Los Angeles Millionaire Makes Appearance After Long Hiding.

Los Angeles, April 28.—George H. Bixby, multi-millionaire, today appeared in the court house to answer a summons to testify before the grand jury investigating vice conditions in Los Angeles. He was sought for several days.

White Slavers Plead.

San Francisco, April 28.—"Not guilty" was the plea entered in the federal court by Murry Diggs and Drew Caminetti, charged with taking Marsha Warrington and Lela Norris, Sacramento society girls, to Reno, for immoral purposes. They are being prosecuted under the Mann white slave act.

BETTER WATERWAYS

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land through the Portland Chamber of Commerce, date to be fixed later, at which time the desired representatives from every community tributary to the open river boat service in the Inland Empire may be present. It was also decided to prepare a strong petition to be signed by the leading citizens and especially shippers of the Inland Empire addressed to the Portland citizens which should be considered at the conference above referred to. Copy of this petition, prepared by Scott C. Henderson of Kennebec by order of the convention, is herewith enclosed.

I want to request you on behalf of the Columbia & Snake River Waterways Association to circulate this petition immediately among your prominent citizens and ask them to sign same. Then if your community

will designate a representative to be present at the Portland meeting, let this petition be placed in his hands for delivery thereat, otherwise please mail the same promptly to me at Lewiston and I will see that it is conveyed to Portland. By concerted action, you can readily see that we ought to be able to persuade our Portland friends that their duty with respect to the open river steamboat service, and therefore the more widely we can have these petitions circulated and signed the greater the influence will be. I will be glad to hear from you in reply to this, acknowledging receipt hereof.

Yours truly, WALLACE R. STRUBLE.

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