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MAN DIVES 14 STORIES WITH SUICIDE INTENT

OAKLAND CITY OFFICIAL DIES BEFORE ONLOOKERS AT NOON.

SCAN STREET BEFORE JUMP

City Clerk Magill Climbs to 14th Story of New Oakland City Hall and Then Jumps Head Foremost to the Pavement Below—Body Strikes Lower Projection But Bounds Off.

Oakland, May 17.—H. E. Magill recently appointed city clerk, suicided today by jumping from the 14th story of the new city hall. The act was committed in plain view of girls employed in Capwell's department store adjoining. Witnesses saw the body plunge off the 14th story and land on a projection on the 12th and then bound up and crumple to the pavement below. Many rushed to Magill's aid but every bone was broken and he was dead.

According to witnesses, Magill climbed to the 14th story and stood looking about the bay. There was nothing peculiar in his actions. He then climbed on the cement coping, five feet higher than the floor, and suddenly threw both hands out and dived head foremost off the building.

Magill was lately appointed city clerk and was well known in political circles, having been employed in the county courts for years.

The city hall is the tallest structure west of Chicago and was just completed.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Walla Walla	17	5	.773
Boise	14	7	.667
Pendleton	11	10	.524
La Grande	8	12	.400
North Yakima	8	12	.400
Baker	5	17	.227

SLATER GIRL STILL CRITICAL

MOTHER OF GIRL HURT IN FATAL ACCIDENT BETTER.

Machine Was Going at Rate of 58 Miles When it Tipped.

Baker, May 17.—(Special)—Nellie Slater, the 16 year old victim of fatal auto accident Thursday when L. S. Kelsey was killed near Haines, was reported as still in a very serious condition late this morning, while some improvement was noted in the condition of her mother, Mrs. R. Slater. Mr. Slater was able to leave the hospital.

The funeral services of Mr. Kelsey will be held in North Powder Sunday by the Baker lodge of B. P. O. E. of which the deceased was a member.

It was stated this morning by parties who had inspected the overturned car, that the speedometer had topped, registering 58 miles per hour when the accident occurred.

FORTY THOUSAND RAISED FOR LA GRANDE'S Y.M.C.A.

SITE SELECTION NEAR.

It is apparent that the option for the Y. M. C. A. site on the La Grande Iron Works property, Elm and Washington, will be the one chosen. This is the only option held and final action will be taken within 48 hours. After that comes the building committee appointment, preliminary draft and general revision of plans with careful thought. Time spent on plans is well spent and several weeks may elapse before the actual plans are advertised. With the best results in handling details, the new building may be done and ready for use late next fall.

BAKER GLEEFUL IN VICTORY

LADIES' DAY PROVED LUCKY FOR BAKER'S LOCAL TEAM.

Pendleton Lost Its Feet and Never Could Regain During the Day.

Baker, Ore., May 16.—Over 1000 fans saw Baker defeat Pendleton. This was ladies day and the fair fans with their escorts turned out over one thousand strong. Bleachers and grand stand were both crowded. This is probably a record in the Tri-state attendance that will stand for some time for the smaller towns.

"Smoky Joe" Woods No. 2 was too much for the Pendleton Buckaroos today in a one-sided contest, full of sensations. The score was 11 to 3 for Baker, who didn't bat in the ninth.

Two home runs in succession in the eighth by Dean and West the first two men up in that frame, added pepper to the game.

Pendleton could not connect with Woods at the opportune time. He fanned eight and walked one. Wells struck out four and walked five, and used rare judgment in doing so.

Pendleton did not annex anything until the fourth when Rader doubled and came home on Varian's single, who went out at second on a double play, Gleeson touching Varian, and catching Howorth at first. McKune got to first but died there as Loddell flew out to Harrod who promptly handed it to Murphy on first.

In the fifth two more Buckaroos crossed the pan. Byrnes walked, stole second and loped in on Dougherty's single, who scored on Rader's single, and a fielder's choice.

The rest of the innings were filled with goose eggs and only three hits were annexed after the scoring.

Baker scored one in the second. West walked, was sacrificed to second, and came in on a double by Rock, who was called out, failing to touch first base. It was a clean sheet for the Gold Diggers until the seventh. Everybody in the grand stand was up. Dean doubled, West walked, Harrod walked, forcing West and Dean, Rock went to first on a fielder's choice, but Dean was caught at home, Cress binged a little one to Augustus who fumbled letting West score and Cress to first. Then mighty Roben came up with a two base hit scoring Harrod, Cress and Rock, Roben scored on Gleeson's single.

MRS. M. F. HONAN CONTRIBUTES FIVE THOUSAND TO THE FUND

La Grande's Campaign Ends With Splendid Stroke of Victory

La Grande has raised \$40,112.00 for a Y. M. C. A. Through the philanthropic generosity of Mrs. M. F. Honan a liberal donor to enterprises of merit, the sum wanted—\$35,000—was not only passed but materially enlarged. An audience of 150 men and women had gathered at the Commercial club to get the final returns, and an anxious crowd it was.

"Would we get the \$30,000 necessary to validate the donations now in?"

"Would we be able to say that we reached what we went after?" These were the fears expressed verbally and through anxious countenances when the roll call commenced at 8 o'clock. When the necessary sum was reached, enthusiasm was high, when it went slightly by, men and women shouted and cheered and hurrahed until the building rang with clarion echoes.

Big Donation Comes. Chairman Wood sent the audience into a madly cheering, shouting, stamping overjoyed mass of excited boosters by announcing a \$5000 donation from Mrs. Honan. While enthusiasm was still overflowing its banks, that masterly general I. B. Rhodes pulled the wire that brought the \$40,000 and better.

Geo. Stoddard first responded to a call for an additional \$5000 and in less than five minutes all but \$455 of that amount had been raised. Then the last cent was advanced and team captains rushed for the elevator and onto the street.

Though after 9 o'clock the men went out after money and when they came back at 9:45 the grand total stood at \$40,112, better than they had started out for the second time. The wild cheering, tossing of hats and slapping of shoulders, interspersed with the excited yells of applause from the many women present, was resumed.

Sober Moments Come. Pathetic almost, was the winding up of the campaign on the stroke of 10, the hour set. The men gave the matter a moment's sober thought and some pretty expressions were voiced in a little love feast that followed. The men sang "They say that I. B. Rhodes hasn't got any style—he's style all the while, all the while, and hip; hip; hurrahs! shook the building, but again that masterly engineer brought the most fitting climax and finale scene on an effort of this kind that man wants to see.

"Blest be the tie that binds." So sang these 150 men, many of whom have not said the beautiful words since the last funeral they attended. Standing, the pretty song was fervently sung and with meaning and while Dr. A. G. Lane invoked divine blessing upon the campaign, its proper ending and upon the workers and givers, men bowed their heads in silent and fervent thoughts of praise to He, who in the words of Mr. Rhodes "Has surely answered prayers for success on this venture."

Excerpts From Campaign Sentiment. Mac Wood, chairman of all committees—"I had cold feet at the start but I lost the chill early in the game. I am too tickled to say much."

W. H. Casey, team captain—"I formed a friendship with Y. M. C. A. work when the Portland institution was at its infancy, just starting. Time for narrow mindedness is past, and though we differ religiously the Y. M. C. A.'s influence reaches us all. In the end we shall all be of one fold."

George Stoddard, president-manager Perry mills—"Our effort is not measured in dollars and cents but in what we leave for our children and our children's children."

August J. Stange, president commercial club—"What we have done will go down to our children with everlasting credit."

Fred J. Holmes, president La Grande National bank—"This effort is a bright star in the city's list of enterprises."

J. T. Williamson, chairman of Y. M. C. A. directors—"I feel like I might 'skin the cat' if I only had that gymnasium now."

Dr. J. W. Loughlin, president library commission—"The women of La Grande were mighty willing workers and a big asset in the work."

H. C. Grady, O-W conductor—"One year and a week ago we started actively on this proposition, first in a small way and look what we have done. It is great."

John H. Rudd, secretary Y. M. C. A.—"I am too pleased for utterance."

J. P. Rusk, city attorney—"Had we not raised a cent of money the effort would be worth the while in what it has done to introduce we professional and business men to each other. I wouldn't have missed the work for anything."

George T. Cochran, team captain—"As individuals we must pick the pearls from the trash of life and as a community we have just picked the prettiest pearl of them all."

On every hand where the truth of the greatness of the campaign "soaks in," is heard similar expressions of delight and elatement.

I. B. Rhodes as the power behind the workmen, was roundly complimented and a vote of thanks was taken for him, prettily expressed by George Stoddard. J. H. Rudd, and all those who worked like trojans that the deed might be done, were separately and collectively applauded and praised by word of mouth. The truth was slow to soak in, and men weary with labor and tired from long and hard wrestling with this proposition hadn't the good judgment to go home and sleep when it was all over.

AVIATOR JUMPS FROM HYDROPLANE

Havana, May 17.—Domingo Rosillo, using a biplane without floats, won the ten thousand Key West to Havana race today. His only opponent was Augustin Parla in a hydro-

plane. Parla fell shortly after the start but was rescued by a Cuban boat. Both were Cubans. An unconfirmed report was circulated here which declared Parla deliberately fell from

PER CAPITA HIGHEST.

No other campaign in the state has reached the high per capita that was attained in La Grande. Basing the population of 6000, the per capita subscriptions runs ahead of Eugene, Baker and all other Y. M. C. A. institutions in the state. Ellensburg, Wash., alone has a greater per capita in the entire Northwest. The added subscriptions means a larger building and every cent subscribed will be needed to handle the added facilities and scope that will follow. "I am indeed greatly pleased at La Grande's wonderful showing," is the word from I. B. Rhodes.

PRISON OPENS FOR GAMESTERS

BUNCO GANG CONFESSOR SENT TO SAN QUINTIN.

Five Years is Portion Meted Out to Frisco Ringster.

San Francisco, May 17.—"It is a reflection on San Francisco that this form of calevection can go on so thrifly year in and year out without hindrance by authorities." With this arraignment of the San Francisco police department, Superior Judge Lawler sentenced Maurice Demartini, a confessed bunco man, to San Quintin for five years.

Before sentence was passed Assistant District Attorney Brennan appealed to the court to deal leniently with Demartini, pointing out his confessions had aided in the expose of the bunco scandal here in the police department.

FEW HEAR ARTIST

Counter Attractions Keep Crowd Away from Excellent Reading.

Last evening seemed to be a most unfortunate time for as splendid a reader as Miss Ramsden to appear in La Grande.

The open air concert and the fine debate at the high school deprived many of hearing the rare treat, "Every Woman" is a most beautiful play and most beautifully rendered. Miss Ramsden brought with her three companions, Youth, Beauty and Modest, these with her ability to read and the excellent moral of the play won all present. The one lamentable fact is so few heard "Every Woman."

WHITE SLAVER INDICTED

Policemen Return from Portland Where They are Witnesses.

Chief of Police McLachlin and Officers Walden and Avant, who with Officer McElgunn, made the arrest at the time, have returned from Portland where they appeared before a federal grand jury hearing evidence against Archie Randall, the man arrested in a raid here some time ago on charges of holding a mother of a few months' old babe in this city for immoral purposes. A true bill was returned against Randall.

the machine in attempting to end his life in a spectacular manner.

Rosillo's time was two hours and thirty-five minutes. The tanks of his machine were empty when he reached here.

LOW WAR NEWS MAY BE PROSECUTED

SECRETARY OF NAVY ANGRY AT JAPANESE WAR SCARE STORIES.

URGES CRIMINAL ACTION

Editors Who Sensationalize the Japanese Situation are Flayed by Secretary of Navy, Himself an Editor—Explains Cause and Effect of Sending Ship to Pacific.

Washington, May 17.—Criminal prosecution of unscrupulous newspaper editors, who, without justification, have printed alarming stories of how near war is between the United States and Japan is urged by Secretary of Navy Daniels, himself a publisher.

"War scares and reports that the government is facing a crisis because of the Japanese situation and is preparing for international struggle," said Daniels, "and repeated statements that the truth is being withheld and the public deceived, are justified only so far as the public permits itself to be misled by certain unscrupulous portions of the press. If there is the slightest justification for publication of these war scares, I won't want the public to know the facts. There is not the slightest foundation for their existence."

"I protest against the colored misinformation that some publications are feeding the people. Recently we ordered the cruiser Maryland to the Pacific to test the Alaskan coal. Its bunkers were filled and it made a test run to San Francisco. As a result this is pointed in a headline that appeared in one of the yellow journals: 'United States cruiser Maryland, stripped for action, makes forced speed to San Francisco.' The man writing the story headline ought to be prosecuted. This is only a single instance of misrepresentation. The navy, war and state departments and the White House has been misrepresented. Danger lies in the fact these publications are not confined to America."

Daniels ordered every warship in the Pacific to hold its present anchorage.

JUNIORS WIN DEBATE

La Grande Should Adopt Commission Form Agrees Verdict.

Last night the junior debating team won from the sophomore team in the high school auditorium and this decision decides the school championship in favor of the juniors. The question was "Resolved, That La Grande should adopt a commission form of government." The affirmative side of the question was upheld by the juniors. Leon Adams, Gerald Moore and Bessie Stoddard being the winning team, while the negative was championed by the second-year speakers, Blanche Black, Ellis Williamson and Myrton Westering. The winners will each be given a gold medal.

Coach Montgomery has displayed good ability as a debate instructor. Judges for the debate were Attorneys T. H. Crawford and Colon R. Eberhard and Aug. J. Stange.

Boise Turns Tables.

Boise, Idaho, May 17.—Shader, the Bade's recruit from California, was unable to hold the Irrigators in check yesterday, the home team winning from Walla Walla 6 to 4. Johnson and Bonner pitched for Boise, the latter being called in the sixth.

The score: R. H. E. Boise 6 12 3 Walla Walla 4 7 2 Batteries—Johnson, Bonner and Gard; Shader and Brown.