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EMISSARY ON WAY TO VISIT PRES. WILSON

DISAPPEARANCE OF HUERTA'S SON-IN-LAW IS EXPLAINED TODAY

HUERTA FOOLING BACKERS

Explains to Them That British Warships Are Coming to Defend Huerta and Oppose American Warships in the Harbor—If Note Is Sent Can Mean but One Thing

Washington, Nov. 20.—In case of an emergency, O'Shaunnessy at Mexico City knows just what to do. He will stay there until ordered out by Huerta. This is the statement of Secretary of State Bryan today. Bryan would not explain why the British squadron was coming to Mexican waters, but did say that Admiral Dewey would probably not be sent to Vera Cruz.

Brownsville, No. 20.—That nearly all of the 300 federals defending Victoria yesterday were hunted down and slain like wolves by General Gonzales was the text of a verified report reaching here today.

Mexico City, Nov. 20.—General Huerta, who all along has sought to give his adherents the impression that the powers support him against the United States, has intimated to them that the British West India squadron now on its way to Mexican waters, is coming to oppose American warships there.

Message on the Way

Huerta's son-in-law, General Fuente, who left last night on a mysterious mission, is reported to be on his way to Washington with a message from Huerta to President Wilson. The supposition is that Huerta has a proposition to make which is little short of unconditional retirement. That he could make no other is believed from the fact that Lind has announced no other message from Huerta will be received unless it is one of retirement.

Porkers Shipped West

A. F. Wort of Payette, Idaho, passed through the city this noon on his way to Portland with a car of fat porkers for the Union stock yards.

FIREMAN O'CONNOR INJURED

Falls From Engine to Roadway 30 Feet Below

Fireman Frank O'Connor sustained a painful fall last night from engine No. 558, just as the engine had stopped on the approach to the steel bridge below Oro Dell. The safety valve on the engine would not close and the steam was escaping. O'Connor raked the fire and was alighting to get the clinker hook, which was attached to the tender, necessitating his alighting from the cab. In stepping for the last step on the engine his foot slipped causing him to fall thirty feet to the road that runs beneath the approach. Here he lay helpless with his legs in water to the knees and unable to move. Engineer Chas. Thorborg heard the cries for help of the injured fireman and alighted to assist him. A message was then sent to the conductor, who attached his caboose telephone to the wires and telephoned in to La Grande for an engine to come out and take them back to the city.

O'Connor was placed on the pilot of the engine and taken to the city where he was met by Dr. Bacon and taken to his rooms at 902 Washington street. The injuries were examined and it was found that, luckily, no bones had been broken, but that the muscles of the small of the back and the wrist had been severely bruised.

Theatre at Elgin Mecca

THIRTY-FOUR FROM LA GRANDE ALONE ATTEND

TRAIN FINE BUSINESS

Show Troupe Escapes Heavy Expense of Special Train Scheme

La Grande sent a delegation of 34 to the "Prince of Tonight" performance at Elgin last night. Before the train had reached Elgin there were 110 on the train. The attraction was generally satisfactory and the municipal theatre loudly praised.

The excursion was a master business stroke for the "Prince of Tonight" company. In order to reach Baker tonight, it would be necessary to charter a special train to get from Elgin, and at the eleventh hour it was discovered that the public might pay for the train, which was done in a handsome way. The train waited for the show to load out and the birds went on to Baker at the noon hour.

To Treat Umatilla Fairly

Pendleton, Nov. 20.—Satisfied that the members of the state tax commission will treat Umatilla county fairly Assessor C. P. Strain arrived home this morning from Salem, where he had been to protest against the raising of property valuations in this county. He was accompanied on his mission by Dr. C. J. Smith and T. C. Taylor of Portland, two former Pendletonians who are still extensive property owners in this county.

LITTLE FOLKS WILL BE DINED

THANKSGIVING DAY TO BE BANNER FOR CHILDREN

Plenty Turkey and Then Big Matinee for Hundreds of Children

One of the most notable philanthropic works of the year is the Thanksgiving dinner to be given by P. A. Foley to the little boys and girls of La Grande, who will not be fortunate to have real turkey and mince pie on the big day of "eats." The affair has been planned by the proprietor of the Foley and the superintendent of schools, Mr. John Girdler. It has been decided to hold the dinner at the cafeteria at 2 p. m. Thanksgiving day. All children from 6 to 15 in whose homes there will be no turkey, will be invited to attend the dinner. The manner of determining the proper ages and other conditions will be left to the teachers in the various schools of the city and in this manner it is hoped that no child will be overlooked.

The superintendent was taken with the idea and gave the matter his immediate attention. Inasmuch as the schools will be closed during all of next week, owing to the meeting of the school teachers the matter of giving out invitations will be done sometime tomorrow. Pat says he would feed 500 if there are as many as that who won't have turkey or goose on Thanksgiving. Pat is conscious of the day when he was a boy and wants to see the little folks of the city enjoy themselves to the fullest extent on that day. It will be Pat's day, for in the afternoon it is his intention to take all of them to the picture shows and show them a real good time. Pat has made arrangements to lease the show houses for the afternoon and all children between the ages mentioned will be admitted to the afternoon matinee free of charge. Any child that may be overlooked should make application to Pat himself in person.

Mr. Allison Improved

Word received from Portland is to the effect that William Allison is somewhat improved today.

COMMISSIONERS ASSUME DUTY OF CITY GOVERNMENT

HELMSMEN GO TO PORTLAND ON CITY BUSINESS

THREE MEN TAKE OVER DUTIES WITH APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE

WOOD IS MADE PRESIDENT

With Brief Ceremony New Officials Take Hold of Affairs and then Depart for Sound Cities, Where It Is Rumored Manager May Be Picked Up—New Body Organized

La Grande's three commissioners, clothed with the mantle of government of the city of La Grande, have gone in a group to Portland and Seattle, following their qualification and organization last evening when the council method of government passed into history. The precise nature of the mission which was commenced last night was not announced, but it is believed generally that they have gone to sound cities and Portland on a still hunt for city managers. The commissioners left immediately after they had been handed the government reins last evening, and will be home within a few days to wrestle with the affairs of a city that needs careful manipulation. La Grande today has the most advanced form of municipal government known in the United States and stands alone in the entire northwest in various phases of the plan.

Wood Is President

"President Wood," if you please. Such will be the introductory clause hereafter when the city's chief executive is introduced. The election of Max Wood, general manager of the Golden Rule company, was effected as the first piece of work done by the commissioners after they had been seated.

A council committee of W. R. Jones, R. L. Lincoln and E. C. Davis had escorted Commissioners-elect Wood, J. C. Gardner and J. A. Russell to the seats amid plentiful applause from the audience. Mr. Wood was elected president unanimously, and then the audience yelled for a speech, which Mr. Wood gracefully delivered, refusing to promise much other than that hard thinking will be the order from now on.

Present heads of departments were asked, in a verbal resolution to retain their positions as now until further notice, and that was satisfactory to all. City Recorder Warnick will probably act as police judge for the present.

After the meeting the commissioners boarded the Portland train and it is possible they will return with a manager. While in Portland, however, they will absorb whatever lessons they can from the Portland commission, which though differing materially, has some similar fundamentals.

SERVICE FOR BUSINESS MEN

Local Speakers to Address Congregation at Methodist Church

Next Sunday several local professional and business men will appear on a religious program of addresses when the Methodist congregation will hear questions of education and religion discussed from the pulpit. Rev. E. B. Fyke has enlisted the services of four or five good speakers, who will deliver brief addresses during the business men's service.

VIADUCT JOB WARRANT NOT TO BE DRAWN

ONE OF COUNCIL'S LAST ACTS MEETS WITH OBSTACLE IN LEGAL FORM

COUNCIL NOW DISSOLVED

Tax Levy, Licenses, Viaduct and Various Other Matters Go Over to the Commission—Warren's Force Account Warrant Will Not Be Drawn at Present, Asserts City Recorder

Although the Warren Construction company's force account bill of \$664.40 for excavation on the viaduct was presented to the council on its final meeting night and was ordered paid after some discussion, the warrant will not be drawn for the present, at least, and the commission form of government will make final disposition of the payment of the bill, said by some to be excessive to some extent. The legal questions arising have prompted City Recorder Warnick to not draw the warrant for the present at least, and in all probability the bill will be acted on by the commission next week. The old council paid the bill, but Mayor Hall and the councilmen had been relieved of official duties by their retirement in favor of the commission, and it is pointed out today that the retiring mayor cannot sign the warrant and furthermore Recorder Warnick feels he is recorder to the commission now and not to the council and therefore he has no authority to draw the warrant. It is generally agreed the mayor and recorder could have signed it last night before retirement.

But little business was transacted by the now extinct city council at its farewell meeting last evening. Various propositions came up for consideration, but in only one or two matters was final action taken. Several resolutions and an ordinance or two, were tabled, the tax levy question with them. The nearest the Second street viaduct question came to the front was in the attempted passage of an improvement district recreation on Second street, which has long since been paved and once districted, but which had to have its boundary changed because the original called for that section of the street now being graded for the subway. The intention is to make the approach on Second street a district in itself, but the council tied on a resolution to redistrict, and the proposition went to the table. The matter of accounts against the city for the current month was taken up and it was agreed that with the exception of the force account to the Warren people on the excavation done on the viaduct, these should go over to the commission for payment. The force account drew out some ginger, and it was only fitting that the last session should be marked with some fireworks at least; few 1913 council meetings have escaped it.

Like that grizzly old veteran in politics, Joe Cannon, Councilman F. D. Haisten went down to private life with his gonfalon of fight nailed to the mast. He entered the council scrapping the Warren Construction company and that's the way he went out. The city engineer had not O. K'd the price charged for excavation on the viaduct, though admitting that quantities were correct, and Councilman Haisten took this as a cue for contest.

Big Splash Is Near At Hand

YALE-HARVARD GAME DRAWS ATTENTION

YALE IS UNDER-DOG

Hal Sheridan Picks Harvard to Win From Yale Next Saturday

BY HAL SHERIDAN

New York, Nov. 20.—Everything was poised today for the Big Splash in football for this year. The annual Yale-Harvard tussle is on the brink of being called and with these two old rivals at each other's throats on Saturday some tall and lofty footballing is always on tap. Yale or Harvard may be booted or abused by other teams during the season, but when they are turned loose on each other things are different. A new fire springs up where spirits lagged before, and the team that wins always comes out with a thorough understanding of what it means to be in a fight.

Yale is usually represented as a fierce looking bull dog, with overhanging jaw. But the team this year in the early games, qualified nearer to the ski-terrier class. Way back in this terrier's breeding, however, will be found a strain of the ancient bull dog which the New Haven rooters expect to cling on to the sons of John Harvard to the limit. It might be added, just for the sake of argument, however, that at Cambridge this expectation is regarded as containing more bull than dog.

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TAX HEADS AT SALEM RECENT

UNION COUNTY TO BE BENEFITED BY CHANGE

County Assessor Sets Forth Facts About Assessments Here

Oregon's tax commission has "backed up considerably," according to County Assessor U. G. Couch, who returned today from Salem, where, like so many other assessors of the state, he went to protest the assessment of public utilities. The commission has ordered that the county assessors hadn't assessed high enough and arranged it so that in Union county public would be taxed on about 53 per cent, whereas 75 to 100 is the basis on real property here. On the showing of facts made by Mr. Couch the ruling has been changed for this county and within a few days a new assessment will be agreed upon that will be more nearly in harmony with local assessments as they really are, than they were before Mr. Couch went to Salem.

He also raised the point that certain expense bills in the force account such as blacksmithing on tools, should be investigated. Councilman Campbell was free to admit that he thought it excessive but, being bound to pay a force account, didn't see how he could do anything but pay for it, the meanwhile some of them thinking it excessive. At any rate the \$600 bill was allowed.

The reason given by Engineer Neil for not affixing his O. K. is that the account brings the total cost for excavation to 52 cents a yard, when contractors generally hold that from 32 to 35 cents would be ample. The company on the other hand asserts that about 35 cents is what the cost figures out.

The tax levy was gone over in some detail, but was finally laid on the table, meaning the commission will handle it. The commission will dispose of the viaduct question, too.

Bond Protection Sought
A resolution to pay all due the War-

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SHERIFF MUCH IN DEMAND IN THREE PLACES

UNION, COVE AND ALICEL HAVE URGENT NEED FOR OFFICIALS

COVE HUSBAND TERRORIZES

Alicel Farm Lady and Hired Man Have Trouble needing Sheriff's Attention and at Union Big Robbery Is Committed—Cove Affair Has Many Thrilling Features, It Seems

S. O. S. signals from families in danger of physical harm and from merchants who have lost property, have kept the sheriff's force in hot water since yesterday noon. From the Sandridge country, Cove and Union have come three hurry up calls during the last few hours for assistance from the strong arm of the law and with the exception of the robbery, the "world is quiet" today.

Cove's peaceful quiet was disturbed last night by the attempt of a citizen to murder his wife. The sheriff's office was apprised of the fact and Deputy Sheriff Reese was making preparations to hie to the scene of the trouble. The officers of Cove, however, forestalled the trip by sending in the information that a neighbor had interposed in the abused wife's behalf and that the irate husband had turned the gun in his direction and discharged the load in the direction of the fastly retreating peacemaker. The last information to the sheriff's office was to the effect that no one had been killed and that most of the rumpus consisted in blue smoke and noise.

Big Robbery at Union

Last night the general merchandise store of G. F. Hall of Union was broken into and robbed of articles to the value of over \$200. There is absolutely no clue to the burglary and the only marks by which the burglars may be identified are the articles of clothing taken from the building.

Among the articles appropriated by the prowler were several suit cases, one black broadcloth suit, with the name of P. G. Tobin, the maker, sewed on the inside, one blue serge suit with the name of Walter Winter, three pairs of Florsheim shoes, several shirts, size 15½, with the George Ide brand on them, dress gloves, two mes-saline shirts, neckties, bib overalls, two overcoats of the Kenyon brand woolen underwear, two black muffs, and several other articles of smaller value.

The sheriff's office has been notified, but so far there is no information that would lead to the detection of the thieves.

Hired Man Disputes Lady

Deputy Sheriff Tom Williamson was called to Sandridge in the neighborhood of Alicel yesterday when a farmer's wife discharged the hired man, but he would not leave until he had gotten his money, and threatened to be ugly. As the husband was in La Grande at the time of the happening the lady had no protection and called on the sheriff's office to save her from harm. When the deputy arrived he persuaded the wrathful hired man to proceed to the city where they would attempt to meet the owner of the farm and settle the matter in a business like way. This was done and the friction subsided.

SECOND OPERATION NEEDED

Judge Knowles Unable to See Callers Except on Special Cases

Judge Knowles will be permitted to see only such cases as are of extreme importance, in signing of attorney orders, for a few days, following another operation on his injured knee last night. He is resting much easier today but had a restless night. Doctors Underwood and Hall recommend perfect quiet for the jurist for a few days.