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DETECTIVE IN TRINIDAD SHOT BY ASSASSINS

BULLET FROM GROUP OF MEN TEN FEET AWAY FELS OFFICER

MARTIAL LAW ORDERED IN

Chief of Baldwin-Feltz Detective Agency Shot Down and Killed by a Man Thought to Be an Austrian—Police Think Conspiracy Existed in Strike-Ridden District to Kill Him

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 21.—Following the assassination of George Belcher, chief detective of the Baldwin-Feltz detective force, Trinidad was under martial law for six hours today. Belcher was shot and instantly killed last night in the center of the business district by a group of men ten feet away. Louis Zancanelli, an Austrian miner, was arrested. The police assert that the prisoner tossed a revolver away as Belcher fell, but Zancanelli denied this. The authorities assert the assassination resulted from a conspiracy of the striking miners.

Adjutant General Chase, commanding the militia in the strike bound district, swept the streets with cavalry and infantry and drove citizens indoors. He enforced the military law until he was convinced that the danger was over.

ALUMNI SQUAD ORGANIZES

First "Rehearsal" to Be Held This Evening for Turkey Game

Last evening the alumni of La Grande high school met at the Commercial club and outlined details of a big Thanksgiving game here for next Thursday afternoon. It gives the alumni but a few days for drill yet it is apparent that there will be a quantity of alumni players to freshen the lineup as the old timber grows weary against the agile youngsters who are in good training.

Coach Reynolds will play with the high school team. The former O. A. C. helmsman will add a vast amount of strength to the high school team, because of his generalship, and his playing, and his presence in the game not only reduces the chances for the alumni to win but insures the high school fans that the closing game of the season will see the best brought out of the squad that is in them.

As an open field runner and engineer of a team, coupled with his tossing ability, "The Shrimp" has few equals, and this should make the turkey day game all the more interesting.

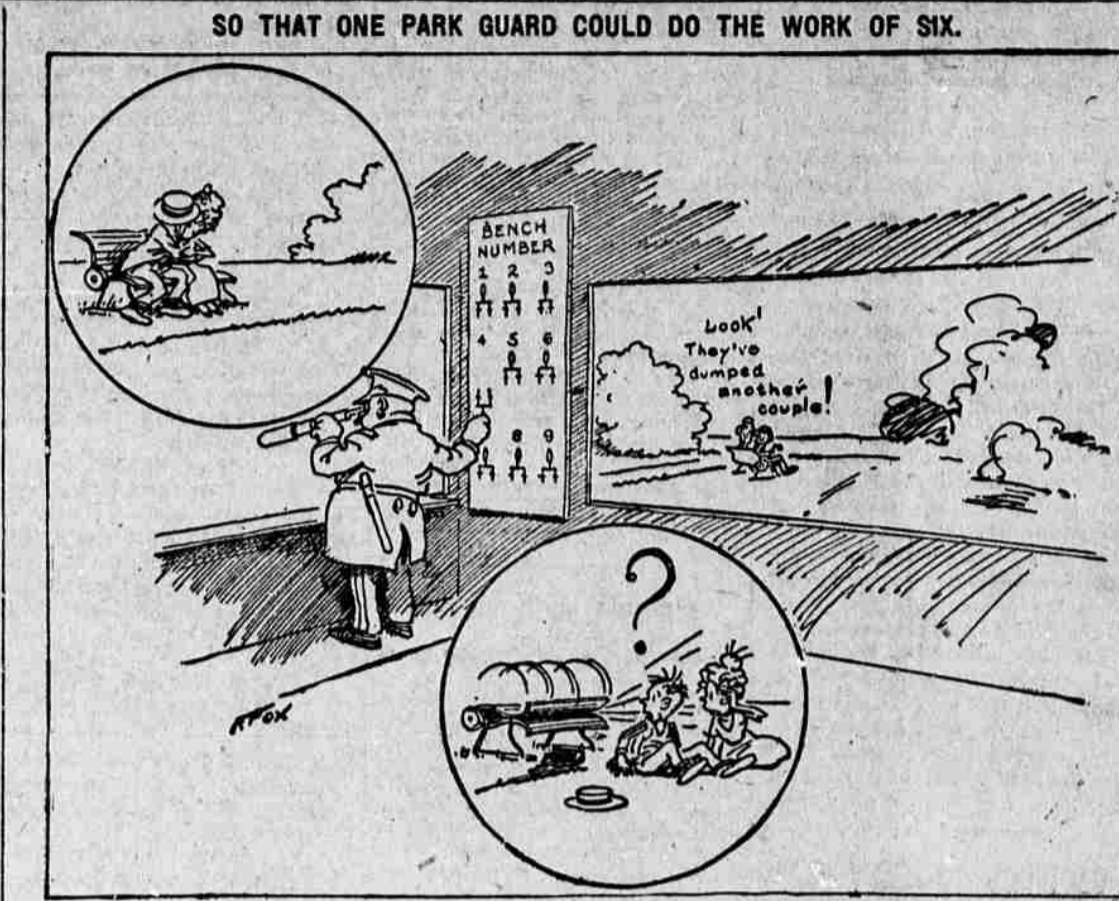
The first drill occurs this evening at the Commercial club, when signals will be given out and all alumni players are especially urged to be on hand. Sunday afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, the main and principal signal practice in the campaign will be held. Joe Williamson is business manager of the alumni.

A chalk talk on the new rules will be given.

New Roadmaster Named
The position of roadmaster of the

BOX OF CLAMS STOLEN FROM SNOWFLAKE BAKERY LAST NIGHT

Some family in the city of La Grande has a delightful dinner on clams all in readiness tonight. Last evening J. D. Porter, proprietor of the Snow Flake Bakery, left a delicious boxful of clams on the display boards in front of his establishment and



—Fox in New York Evening Sun.

WILSON BREAKS OLD PRECEDENT

NO NEW YEAR RECEPTION AT WHITE HOUSE

Chief Executive Announces That He Will Enjoy Vacation

Washington, Nov. 21.—By announcing there will be no New Year's reception at the White House, the president has broken another precedent which has stood for a hundred years. Instead, the president said he would leave Washington for "a brief holiday vacation."

NEW TEACHER ELECTED

Mrs. J. S. Lincoln Chosen to Fill Vacancy on School Staff

Mrs. J. S. Lincoln of this city was elected last evening by the La Grande school board, in regular session, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Cora Harned a few days ago. Miss Harned, who went to Pasadena, Calif., from here, had been teaching the seventh grade in Riverside building, and with the election of Mrs. Lincoln, Miss Gennoway goes from the Central building to the seventh grade in Riverside and Mrs. Lincoln to the Central building. Mrs. Lincoln formerly lived in Marysville, Mo.

MAY CLOSE THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Day to Be Observed on Extensive Scale

Movement to close all stores, especially the merchandise, grocery and meat establishments, has been started by local business men. The plan is meeting with favor everywhere and within a few days it is probable that final action will be taken. The football game in the afternoon will draw many and it is believed that this order will be eventually adopted.

second division of the O-W, vacated by H. Connell, who has moved to Spokane and contemplates going into business for himself, will now be filled by O. G. Olson of this city.

Dan Sommer Pioneer Now

COMPLETES FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

IN GRANDE RONDE VALLEY

ISTHMUS ROUTE USED

Elgin Resident Is Today Celebrating Long Residence in This Section

Elgin, Nov. 21.—The Recorder said last evening that on Friday Dan Sommer will celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of his arrival in the Grande Ronde valley.

Forty-five years! Little more than half of a man's allotted three score and ten, and yet the changes that it has wrought are little short of marvelous. Mr. Sommer came from New York city by boat to the Isthmus of Panama, crossed the isthmus and went from there by boat to San Francisco, again changing there for Portland. From Portland it was no short trip to this country. He went by boat to The Dalles and from there to Celilo, and on up to Umatilla. From Umatilla it was a case going overland and he settled first in what is now La Grande, though at that time there were but a few houses in what is now commonly called old town.

Without a doubt the next forty-five years will see even greater things brought about and greater advancement made in this still comparatively undeveloped region.

IMPERIAL TRAIN DITCHED

Fast Limited on Canadian Pacific in Accident, Killing Fireman

Winnipeg, Nov. 21.—Advices say the Imperial limited, Canadian Pacific, was ditched at Caldwell, Ontario, early today. Fireman P. O'Connor was drowned. The engine plunged into Lake Superior and O'Connor was caught beneath the wreckage.

Buys and Steals at Once

To steal an expensive pair of trousers from the tables of the U. S. loan office and put them on under a cheap pair which he had purchased and had been allowed to wear from the place, was the trick turned by a transient last evening. Soon after his departure, the theft was discovered and the proprietor Sherlocked the thief to a local hotel, where he got his trousers back, but did not prosecute the thief.

George Coin in City

George Coin, traveling solicitor for the Pacific Coast Biscuit company, arrived in La Grande this morning and will be here for a number of days. George belongs to the sunshine club and sells biscuits as a sideline.

MORE APPLES SHIPPED OUT

SIX CARS OF LOCAL FRUIT GOES EASTWARD TODAY

North Pacific Distributors Buy Up Considerable Quantities

J. D. McKennon today shipped six cars of Grande Ronde valley apples to Kansas City and Joplin, Missouri, where they will be put into cold storage to await the spring market. Mr. McKennon has averaged more than a car a day for the last four weeks and most of the apples have gone to the points mentioned and are held in storage. Much of the Imbler product of this year has been shipped out by way of Spokane through the North Pacific Fruit distributors.

APPLE BUYER HERE

Thirty Carloads of Apples Taken Out By North Pacific Agent

L. G. Seaton, who has been in the city and surrounding country for the last three weeks in the interest of the Northern Pacific Fruit distributors of Spokane, left for his home in Free-water this morning. He states that he bought in the neighborhood of 40 cars of apples in this valley and expects to get some 30 cars of potatoes.

STORE REDUCES COST

Mining Camp Store Voluntarily Cuts Prices on Goods

Christion, W. Va., Nov. 21.—A company store which supplies two mining camps a mile apart in territory tributary to the Virginia metropolis today enjoys the distinction of being the first mercantile establishment on record to voluntarily make a flat reduction of eight per cent on everything upon its shelves "because it was earning too much money." And now sirloin steak at 25 cents per pound is a regular piece de resistance (that doesn't mean it isn't tender); rib roasts at 15 cents makes them frequent on any table in the region, and the best quality of goods—by package and by the pound—are displayed at prices which carry the uninitiated back about twelve years when the high cost of living bugaboo was not so rampant on the horizon.

"If we make too much money we's quit," declared the president of the company. And then he warned the store manager that only very nominal returns on the investment would be acceptable to him. But in spite of the general cut in prices, a larger and more centrally located store is being planned. "You see, our reduced prices," said the manager, "have so increased the volume of our cash sales, that the reductions are almost made up. Some-

SIXTY-FIVE IS BASIS ADOPTED FOR UTILITIES

STATE TAX COMMISSION RAISES RATE FROM 53 TO 65 ON SHOWING MADE

FINAL ORDERS RECEIVED

State Tax Commission Has Compromised by Placing Assessment Basis in This County on Public Utilities at 65 Per Cent Following Showing by Assessors at Salem

Public utilities of Union county will be assessed on a valuation of 65 per cent of full value, instead of 53 per cent as was contemplated by the state tax board, which has the assessment of such companies in hand. Information to this effect was received by County Assessor Couch this morning from the commission.

While before the commission at Salem he presented facts and figures to show that the rest of the county was assessed by him on a valuation much greater than 53 per cent, though the commission at first named that figure as the equitable one for the utilities in this county.

Last year public utilities paid in taxes \$3,438,000 on a basis of 54 per cent taxation. If the state has raised the taxation on the basis that the county has been raised and in equal ratio, the utilities will this year pay in \$4,540,000.

Waterways to Benefit

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 21.—Satisfied that the coming year will mark the greatest improvement and progress in the work of bettering this country's rivers and harbors, since the organization of their association, members of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways convention left for their homes today. A steamship trip on the St. John's river was on the informal program today. The trip was taken mainly that the delegates could see the improvements along the city's water front.

times," he said, almost mournfully, "I'm downright discouraged because the increased volume in trade comes so close to giving us the profits we used to make when we sold in smaller quantities and charged higher prices." The new store will handle a stock of \$50,000 and a small army of clerks will be necessary.

Portlander Here on Visit

Mrs. A. Perrecault of Portland arrived in the city this morning on No. 10 to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White for an indefinite time.

Miss Walker Returns

Miss Walker, head of the nurse force at the Grande Ronde hospital, returned this morning from Pendleton, where she visited with her mother a number of days.

MEGAPHONE BRIGADE WILL BE GUIDE TO VISITING FORCES

Superintendent Girdler gives out the information that boys will be stationed at the depot on Monday and the days following, who with large megaphones will direct the incoming teachers to the commercial club rooms from where they will be taken to the homes and rooming places. So far fairly adequate facilities have been provided for

FUEL FAMINE AND SHORTAGE OF FOOD FELT

MEXICO CITY IN GRIP OF SERIOUS DILEMMA; BUSINESS MEN FAIL

CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION

Bryan Laughs at Rumors Afloat in London—No Opportunity to Obtain Fuel and Mexico's Capital Is in Serious Straits—Action That Congress Will Take of No Consequence

Mexico City, Nov. 21.—There is a serious fuel famine in the capital. Less than a thousand tons of coal remain in the city and it is impossible to get more. Only 24,000 barrels of oil remain and business is practically suspended. Hundreds of business men are bankrupt and thousands are starving.

New Congress Convenes

Congress is scheduled to convene this afternoon, to act on the election and that the body will declare it invalid as to the ballot on the president, vice president and perhaps as to its own body is generally admitted to be a certainty. It is hard to see how this will improve the situation inasmuch as the entire city is convinced that Huerta will cling to the office until his acts as dictator have been approved by some recognized legal legislative organization, if he possibly can.

Rumors Emphatically Denied

Washington, Nov. 21.—Secretary of State Bryan today ridiculed the report circulated in London that President Wilson had recognized Huerta's government. "The report is too absurd to warrant further comment," Bryan said.

Protection for Maderos

Following a conference between the president and Secretary Bryan, the secretary wired to Consul Canada at Vera Cruz to give protection to Evaristo and Daniel Madero and their friends, who have sought refuge in the American consulate, fearing death at the hands of Huerta.

Fire Adjuster Here

Fire Adjuster W. G. Lloyd of the Firemen's and the Providence insurance companies was in the city yesterday adjusting the loss sustained at the Blue Mountain hotel. As most of the valuable furniture in the hotel was burned or otherwise ruined by the water and smoke, the adjustment would need come near the amount for which the equipment of the hotel had been insured. Mr. Wilson has been allowed \$18,143.2. The furnishing carried \$2000.

Harney Out on Bail

E. A. Harney, who has been in the county jail for some time awaiting trial for alleged polygamy, was this morning released on indemnity bail will not be at large until the trial comes up at the special session. This leaves but two to keep the silent watches of the night in the county bastille.

but a few desirable rooms are still wanted. The superintendent is desirous of having a line on any rooms that are available for this week as soon as possible because his attention and that of Secretary Williamson will be engaged with numberless tasks when Mrs. Ingles, president of the association, presses the button on Monday at 9 o'clock.