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ED PULLEN IN MERCER WINS IN GRAND PRIX

TREMENDOUS PACE SET IN THE EARLY PART OF CLASSIC AUTOMOBILE RACE.

ATTENDANCE PLACED AT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND

Wishart and Pullen Pull to the Lead After Tetzlaff and Cooper Had Set Tremendous Pace For 17 Laps—Oldfield Well Down In the List For First Half of the 40 Lap Race.

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Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 28.—Eddie Pullen in a Mercer and Spencer Wishart in a similar car, were leaders in much of the last half of the International Grand Prix auto race this afternoon.

Twenty racers started the contest of the international grand prix. Teddy Tetzlaff at the first boom of the gun at 10 o'clock, was off with a terrific pace for two laps exceeding 80 miles an hour. In the third he had to stop to change tires and Spencer Wishart swung into the lead and was followed by Eddie Pullen who shot by Gil Anderson early. Tetzlaff made a quick tire change and got back to fourth place.

Wishart Strong At Start. Pounding through lap after lap at a speed that exceeded 83 miles per hour, Spencer Wishart, driving a Mercer, led the grand prix at the end of the 20th of the 40 lap automobile classic. But he was overtaken by Eddie Pullen whose Mercer had averaged an even 83 from the start. Anderson in a Stutz, Oldfield (Mercer), De Palma (Mercedes), and Marquis (Sunbeam), followed in the order named.

Two of the most dangerous contestants, Cooper and Tetzlaff, after showing the craziest speed of the race, lasted until the 17th lap. It is estimated that there are 200,000 in attendance at the race.

SHIP BODY TONIGHT.

Remains of May Horn to Be Sent to Iowa City This Evening.

Final arrangements have been made for the shipping of the remains of May Horn, shot by her husband two days ago in this city, to Iowa City this evening.

Coroner Bacon and undertakers Henry & Carr have had trouble getting in touch with Horn's relations in the East, though they live near Iowa City. At noon today Mr. Carr was awaiting answer to special telegrams sent direct to the family, the first having gone in care of Mrs. Horn's relations.

M. E. South Has Pastor Sunday.

Rev. S. O. Hawkins of the Nazarene church of Walla Walla has been secured for the Sunday services, both morning and evening at the M. E. church South and members of that congregation will thus be enabled to hold services at their own church on North Fir.

Pfeiffer Case to Jury.

The Pfeiffer case is with the jury. After hours of argument this important damage case went to the jury today at 1 o'clock.

Disbarment Trial Opens

FORMER LAND ATTORNEY BEFORE LAND OFFICE.

BRICHOUX ACCUSED

Violation of Land Office Rules Charged—Trial Is On.

The case of the United States vs. D. C. Brichoux came up in the U. S. land office court for hearing this morning. The object on the part of the government is to disbar the defendant from practicing before U. S. land courts for alleged violations of departmental rules. This violation consisted in publishing relinquishment notices, which an attorney, according to the laws of the land office, is prohibited from giving to the public. Mr. Brichoux was formerly a citizen of this city, but is now located at Vale. The hearing started at 10 o'clock this morning in the land office. The government was represented by W. S. Boyer, special agent for the general land office, with headquarters at Portland, and the defendant will be represented by W. B. Sargent of this city. F. C. Bramwell, the Register, presided at the trial.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS.

La Grande school teachers are in with money today for last evening the school board met in regular session to allow salaries for all school attaches. No other business of importance was transacted.

HEART DISEASE CLAIMS WOMAN

MRS BERT STODDARD PASSES AWAY NEAR UNION.

La Grande Family In Mourning—Death Comes Unexpectedly.

At the age of 36, in the prime of life, respected and revered as a model woman and mother, Mrs. Bert Stoddard of this city, passed away at Union last night, at 7:30 of heart failure. She had gone there on Thursday to visit with her husband who is employed as sawyer at the Stoddard Mill on Catherine creek 12 miles from Union, little dreaming that this visit would be the last with her husband whom she dearly loved and to whom she was passionately devoted. On Friday morning she was suffering from a violent headache, which grew worse as the day progressed. Towards evening she lapsed into unconsciousness, from which she recovered but once, then only for a moment, during which time she spoke a few words to her devoted husband at the bedside.

Mrs. Stoddard was the mother of four children, all of whom survive her. The eldest, Miss Elva, attends the local high school and is considered one of the brightest pupils in school. The youngest child is six and just at the age in life when the mothering care of a loving hand will be missed most. Mrs. Stoddard was a beautiful woman, in her prime, and showed unmistakable signs of it even though feeling the malady for some time prior to her untimely demise. She was a devout member of the L. D. S. Faith, ready and willing to aid the poor and downcast, sacrificing in her duties of motherhood, and in all respects a model for the younger generations.

Miss Elva was called to Union by the sad news and will join the family on the journey to Rexburg, Idaho, where the remains will find their last resting place, in the city in which she saw the light of day, the city of her early love and marriage, the home of her parents and childhood friends, and Mr. Stoddard's parents, she will sleep until the day of judgment and

IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT ASKED BY PAGE

GOTHAM MERCHANT RECENTLY CONVICTED OF LIBEL PREFERS CHARGES.

FLEES TO CANADA AFTER MAKING PLEA

Man Who Was Arrested and Convicted of Libeling Congressmen Over Divorce Judge, Demands of Diplomats That President Wilson Be Impeached at Once.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Vociferous appeal for the impeachment of President Wilson and the arrest of "Hired assassins" in the department of justice, are contained in letters received from H. W. A. Page, a former Gotham linen merchant.

The letter was mailed in Seattle but it is believed that Page hurried to Vancouver, B. C., immediately after writing the letter, as he could not be located by press agents today at Seattle.

Page was and is, a fugitive from justice, having been sentenced to prison for alleged libel of congressmen. Sentence was suspended. In addition to writing the president Page sent his letters, of similar tone, to scores of diplomats and congressmen. He said he was being persecuted and denied he had been calling congressmen liars and crooks because of a refusal of his demand to impeach the judge who granted an alimony to Page's wife.

then rise to the trumpet peals of the angel of resurrection; while her memory will be kept fresh in the minds of her devoted children and husband who will perpetuate her life in good deeds.

A short service will be held at the L. D. S. church in Union, whence the body will be conveyed to Idaho for burial.

REBELS OFFER INDEMNITY FOR BENTON AFFAIR

WOULD PAY WIDOW WELL IF WASHINGTON DROPS ITS PROCEEDINGS.

COURT MARTIAL MUST BE PROVEN BY VILLA

Danger of Outbreak Between Texas Rangers and Patrol Troops Looms Seriously—Believed Texas Governor Will Further Harass the Government and Crisis May Come Shortly.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Anxious to dispense with the serious Benton accident at Jaurez, it is said that General Carranza, chief over Villa, who ordered the Englishman shot, is willing to indemnify the widow financially if Washington will drop the affair. It is stated that unless Villa could prove the story of court martial showing the case was not one of plain murder, no money proposition could be considered.

Outbreaks on Border Likely. It is admitted that the attitude of Governor Colquit of Texas, has menaced the situation and the activity of angry Texas rangers might precipitate a crisis. Fears are also entertained that a clash between the rangers and the government army patrol is in store.

Enterprise Church Bid Accepted.

Enterprise, Feb. 28.—The Federated church of Enterprise which has been without a regular minister since the first of the month, has extended a call to Rev. A. J. Adams of La Grande to become pastor of the church for a year commencing March first. Rev. Adams has accepted and will assume his duties at once, and will have charge of the services next Sunday.

Fire Laddies On Fun Lark

THEATRE PARTY AND SPREAD MAKE PROGRAM.

DRINK FROM HOSE

Unique Table Loaded With Delicacies Lone Member Eats Alone.

Members of Rescue Hose company No. 1, the paid fire department, City Manager F. J. Lafky, and Commissioner J. A. Russell, other commissioners being ill and out of town—had a social night of it last evening that had on its itinerary a visit en masse to both theatres and a banquet at the Foley grill. The members were in dress parade uniforms. Turnout suits, uniforms of various description, and helmets galore, made up the garb. At the theatres, the firemen took possession, marching up and down the aisles and being seated in a group.

The banquet was served from a unique table. Icy water was served through a fire hose, and fire department lanterns were used to diffuse light and add tone to decorations. A near catastrophe broke loose when a waitress opened the fire hose and couldn't close it, the subsequent flood being considerable.

After the dinner, of course, there were speeches and reticent post-prandial gushers were given touches of high life from the hose on refusal to "spooch." All told, it was a fine night, and fate was kind enough to keep fires off the program.

"Bud" Garity was the only member of the department of 20 that did not dip in the festivities. He remained on guard at the station, and tonight he will feast and make merry all to his lonesome at the Foley grill, at the expense of the volunteers, who were hosts last night.

MOTHER AND 2 GIRLS BURNED

HILLYARD HOME WRECKED BY LAMP FIRE.

Mother Rushed to Rescue of Little Ones, But Dies In the Effort.

Spokane, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Stella Marries and daughters, aged six and four, were burned to death this morning at Hillyard, Wn., near here. Two boys escaped by jumping from a second story window.

J. W. Dechene made two fruitless efforts to rescue the victims but was driven back by rush of flames each time. A lamp exploded when the mother arose to get breakfast, and though she rushed to the bedrooms to save the children she was overcome by smoke and perished.

SLAVER STILL HELD.

Federal Official Coming Monday Morning is Advice Received.

Nick Polumas and the Utah girl held in the city jail since last Sunday on white slavery charges, will be taken in charge by federal authorities Monday. Word to that effect has reached Police Chief Avant.

The federal government was very prompt in forwarding a warrant at the request of City Attorney Hodgkin, but have been smothered up in work with their deputies so that none could come after the Greek.

Penddel Can't Come.

Dr. Penddel, who was to speak in local churches tomorrow will not be here until Monday when he will conduct two services at the M. E. church afternoon and evening.

PARENTS WILL NOW GIVE AID TO PRECEPTORS

ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN PERFECTED IN ALL OF THE LA GRANDE SCHOOLS.

ENTHUSIASM SHOWN AT ALL THREE MEETINGS

Many Years of Agitation For the Effective Co-operation of Parent and Teachers Finally Bears Fruit, and Men and Women Will Espouse the Cause of the Young.

After many years of proclaiming that parents' and teachers' efforts are necessary for the advancement of the child, that both of them must operate together to accomplish the most good, La Grande now boasts three local branches of the national Parent-Teachers' association, all enthusiastic for the work and awake to the possibilities that can be accomplished by this final organization. The meeting at the central school was perfected on Thursday night and those for the Rivera and the North side schools came to life yesterday afternoon and evening, respectively.

Nearly a hundred parents attended the meeting at the Rivera school late yesterday afternoon called for the purpose of perfecting a permanent parent teachers organization. It was in all respects an enthusiastic gathering and without doubt this body of teachers and parents got off on the right foot. Mrs. Fred Schilke offered a prize for the room that would get out the largest gathering of parents and this went to the third grade, in charge of Miss Holman. The prize consisted of a representation of Columbus pleading his cause before Queen Isabella of Spain and is in colors. The contest was close for nearly all of the rooms, but all the children will benefit by reason of passing through this grade.

Mrs. Clare Scriber contributed a beautiful and appropriate reading styled "The Child." Washington's birthday exercises by the pupils of Miss Holman's room likewise added charm to the meeting. Superintendent Jno. Girdler explained the purpose of the movement for child betterment and J. C. Kilpack of the boys and girls Aid Society of Portland made an impressive address on the environment of children and other problems that are in the sphere of his particular work. Mrs. Clyde Metcalf gave a beautiful and finished reading entitled "Bobby Shastoe." After the exercises the teachers served refreshments in a very pleasing way and helped cement the good feeling that has been engendered for one of the most laudable purposes for which parents and teachers could meet. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. E. Buchanan; vice-president, Clint Ball; Secretary, Miss Holman; treasurer, Mrs. Jno. Shaw. The enrollment is 69, the best so far for any of the schools. Parents can enroll at any time by application to the secretary who is one of the teachers and parents are urged to enroll so that nothing will be lacking to make the organization in all respects perfect.

North Side School Organized. The meeting of the parents and teachers of the North Side school was more enthusiastic and more successful than any person could hope for. Over a hundred were present and the

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—Carter in New York Evening Sun.