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## AGED WOMAN INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN PASSENGER TRAIN CROSSES K STREET

HEAD BADLY MANGLED AND ARMS AND LEGS BROKEN;  
EGGS BESPATTER PILOT OF PASSENGER ENGINE

Mary Salchner, aged 70, was instantly killed at 10 o'clock this morning when the locomotive on No. 17 ran into her at the K street crossing near the Flouring Mill. Her son, Joseph with whom she was coming to the city from their acre tract home on Wall street near the city disposal tank, escaped injury while his mother, feeble and unagile, failed to clear the track for the approaching train. Mrs. Salchner carried a basket of eggs which she intended to trade for life necessities and the locomotive was spattered with broken eggs when it reached the depot. Engineer Frank Rechlin brought the train to a standstill and the badly mangled body was placed in a baggage car and brought into the yards and from there removed to the Henry & C. undertaking parlors. Her head was frightfully crushed and arms and legs broken.

**Life Was Strenuous.**  
For eight or nine years Mrs. Salchner and her son Joseph, aged about 50, have been making a living as best they could, and many German families and others have been kind and considerate to them. The family was not poverty stricken but extreme sickness and cares made their life strenuous. Shortly after Mr. Salchner died near Innsbruck, Austria, the widow took her son to Brazil and for several years they made their home there. At the instance of Mrs. E. E. Monsell of North La Grande, she came to Oregon with her son, and during the past year or so, the widow

had fond ambitions of moving to the Sound and there operating a little dairy from which she could make a living for her son and herself.

Sickness and cares made her morose and despondent at times. Her son was so feeble in health that only at times could he be of material assistance to his aged mother.

The coroner's inquest will be held some time this afternoon when the exact details of the accident so far as known will be brought to light. Mr. Salchner is badly upset by the accident and though able to tell a coherent story, more details will likely come to light at the inquest. He is at the Fred Dutli home today.

**Death Almost Averted.**  
So far as can be learned from the train crew and from Mr. Salchner, the two had seen the train approach, and hesitated. The lady started to cross, it appears, and her son held her back. Then just before the train crashed upon them, both jumped to get across, Joseph moving the faster and clearing in good shape and Mrs. Salchner falling behind. So near was she to escaping injury that the extreme left side of the locomotive struck her and knocked her to one side. She was not run over. The basket of eggs was smashed against the left side of the engine. Death was instantaneous.

To her friends she had often confided her desires to either go to the Sound country or to return to Austria where, when she was dead, her son would be in the hands of his fellow countrymen and near relatives.

## LOCAL POLITICS WARMER: PHY AND OLIVER HAVE FILED

Those who expected a campaign of lethargy preceding the primary election on May 15th may be disappointed for a sudden change has come and candidates have begun to show some speed.

On the Democratic side of the fence the county judge's office seems to be the prize worth while and two well known members of that party—namely Frank Phy and J. R. Oliver—have each filed with the clerk his willingness to accept the judgeship mantle should the people in their wisdom choose him. W. W. Randall, Republican, filed some time ago for the judgeship nomination, and now friends of J. C. Henry the present judge, are casting around for political indications in the belief that the judge should run once more. Judge Henry is non-committal on the matter and it is not known what his final decision will be.

**Democrats Argue for the Place.**  
Many local Democrats want the judgeship to fall to their party. With a president of their political color in the White House, two Democratic senators in Congress and a Democrat in the governor's chair the local followers of Thomas Jefferson believe they should make a showing in county politics and elect a judge. They openly announce they will tryout their ability as organizers and make a vigorous campaign with the fond hope of being able to carry the news to Woodrow that Union county, Oregon

so thoroughly approves of his administration that the people chose a county judge of the Wilson faith.

**Friendly Primary Contest.**  
It is understood that Mr. Oliver and Mr. Phy will contest in a friendly way for the Democratic nomination; that they will not break any ribs or resort to machine day politics in order to capture the plum. Each contends that it is up to the members of their party to decide without any interferences as to which man is the stronger. Both Well Known in Union County.

The two Democratic aspirants are well known to the people of the county, as each has held office in years gone by and each is from a pioneer family of the valley.

Frank Phy is a son of John M. Phy who came to this county in the seventies and settled on the east side of the valley at a place which has since been known as Phy's Point. Frank grew to manhood here and in 1894 was elected sheriff, serving four years in that capacity and he also served as deputy sheriff. He has been connected with public affairs more or less throughout his life and when the Scriber troubles were on he was chosen as trustee in bankruptcy and closed up the business. As receiver and trustee in bankruptcy he has had much court experience. Two years ago a movement among the farmers caused considerable expression for Mr. Phy for the nomination of sheriff again but he declined to run.

His business is that of real estate, loan and insurance.

J. R. Oliver, better known as "Jack" Oliver comes from a family who also have been connected with public matters in Union county for many years and are well known. Jack started his public life by holding a position in the land office after which he was deputy county clerk under his brother, Turner Oliver. Following this Jack was elected county clerk and served two terms with his brother, Charley Oliver as his deputy. Eight years ago Jack Oliver was a candidate for county judge against Judge Henry and lost the election by a small majority. Jack has now decided to make the race again for judge.

The name of Oliver is almost a household word in Union county. It is doubtful if any other family is better known and this is partially due to the public service of ex-Senator Turner Oliver. He was a candidate for representative in the early days and later was elected county clerk, serving two terms. Mr. Oliver was a candidate for appointment as district attorney when Clarence Crawford was named. Following this he was a candidate against Judge Crawford for the bench of Union county.

Mr. Oliver was elected state senator six years ago. He was later a candidate before the Democratic primaries for secretary of state. Receiving the nomination Mr. Oliver made the campaign but was defeated at the polls by Frank Benson. After Mr. Benson's death Mr. Oliver was a candidate for appointment to the office by the governor when the present secretary, Mr. Olcott, was named. When Judge Bean was elevated to the supreme bench Mr. Oliver was a candidate for the place. The campaign for state senator followed later and Mr. Oliver was a candidate for renomination but was defeated by Jno. S. Hodgins, present city attorney of La Grande. When the appointment of district attorney for this federal district was to be made under the present Democratic national administration Mr. Oliver aspired to that place but the honor fell to United States District Attorney Reames who now holds the position.

With two such well known candidates as Mr. Oliver and Mr. Phy, both coming from pioneer stock and each having a wide acquaintance the Democratic party admits its hope to land the winner of the primary nomination in the judge's chair.

Republicans are inclined this year to be rather scattering in their movements and thus far there has been little concerted action shown toward any candidate for any office, except a few of the present officials who are admitted to be practically the unanimous choice of the whole county regardless of political affiliation.

## INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY ENTERTAINED IN LA GRANDE

Arthur N. Cotton, international secretary for the Y. M. C. A., with headquarters in New York, is in La Grande today making an exhaustive canvass and survey, calling on a wide range of interests and resting not for a moment from early forenoon until late tonight. His visit was extraordinarily busy. Representing the boys' department of the international Y. M. C. A., and more especially the high school section of that department, he centered most of his attention while here on high school boys.

It is only on rare occasions that men of Mr. Cotton's Y. M. C. A. prominence visit small cities and local Y. M. C. A. boosters and members have made the best of the occasion. Following is the schedule of Mr. Cotton's work while in La Grande:

10 to 12—Conference with local Secretary John H. Rudd.  
12:05 to 1—Dinner and conference

## SOCIALISTS IN PRIMARY WIN BY BIG ODDS

EMIL SEIDEL, FORMER MAYOR  
HAS LEAD OF 21,000 OVER BADING, PRESENT MAYOR.

ELECTION BUT A FEW  
DAYS AWAY IMPORTANT

Congressman Burke Leads in North Dakota Over Present Owner of Senator's Toga—Byrne, Present Holder of Gubernatorial Honors Is Renominated for Same Office.

Milwaukee, March 25.—Practically complete returns yesterday in the city primaries show that all of the socialist candidates have been named for places on the ballot. Emil Seidel is the leading mayoralty candidate with about 21,000 votes. Mayor Bading is second. Bading will fight it out with Seidel in the municipal election on April 7, for the office of mayor.

**Burke Leads in South Dakota.**  
Pierre, S. D., March 25.—Incomplete returns in yesterday's primary show that Congressman Burke is leading Senator Crawford for the senatorial nomination. Burke received the largest majorities in Sioux Falls, and Aberdeen. Governor Byrne was renominated.

### TRAVELER RETURNS.

Cove Man Back from Extended Trip Through California.

W. Fisher of Cove is back from a trip to California where he visited his brother Christopher Columbus Fisher, who is in the real estate business in the city of Turlock near Oakland. Mr. Fisher also traveled through Arizona New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho and Utah and has many interesting things to relate of the country. He states that things in Oakland are about as far advanced as they are here in the valley.

He was not marooned on account of high water in Los Angeles but said that he had not seen so much rain in any part of the northwest as he did in the country that was supposed to be dry as bone.

### Register Downtown.

You can register tonight in the office of Jack Oliver, next door to the La Grande National Bank building. County Clerk Ed Wright will be there at 7 p. m. You will answer the questions in the following order: Name in full—occupation—age—Bring naturalization papers, if born outside of the United States—Street and house number—If post office box, give the number—and party affiliation. Save time by writing this information on paper and handing to the clerk. Consult last Saturday's Observer for precinct boundaries. Registration down town every Wednesday and Saturday at 7 p. m., as a matter of accommodation. At other hours in the county clerk's office.

### Sumpter Map Filed.

The approved survey map of the Sumpter Valley extension from Austin to Prairie has been received by the local land office from the general land office at Washington, D. C.

The extension covers a distance of 24 miles and has already been completed. This map is the last thing in the construction of the road and forms part of the legal requirements for its construction. David Eccles is president of the road.

## BLIZZARD HITS BELLINGHAM

THERMOMETER IS REGISTERED  
LOWER, FRUIT MAY SUFFER.

But Storm Is Only Local and Seattle and Vicinity Will Not Suffer.

Bellingham, March 25.—This section has had the first touch of real winter. A small blizzard is blowing from the northeast and three inches of snow had fallen by ten o'clock and was still falling. The thermometer is constantly registering lower and there is danger that the fruit crop will suffer severe damage.

**Seattle Will Not Be Affected.**  
Seattle, March 25.—The local weather bureau says Seattle and vicinity will not be visited by the snow storm traversing the section in and around Bellingham, but that the temperature would remain constant. The weather is warm and rain is predicted.

La Grande's first snow storm of any consequence since early in February raged for a few hours this morning. By noon the snow had melted, the weather moderated and the even Spring temperature that has prevailed for six weeks past, was again the order.

### BOYS ARE FINED.

Three Who Faced Charge of Annoying Girl, Found Guilty.

The three local boys boys who were yesterday evening tried before Judge Eakin in municipal court on a charge of annoying a girl on North Side street Monday night, were found guilty and fined \$5.00 each. They stoutly denied any intentions to insult the girl when given opportunity to explain their side of the case. Two policemen lay hidden nearby while the alleged acts were going on.

### MORE SPEEDERS FINED.

Rube Zwiefel Pays \$10 for Speeding His Motorcycle on Street.

Rube Zwiefel contributed \$10 towards the running expenses of the city today when he was fined \$10 for speeding his motor cycle. O. D. Keefe of the Keefe taxi company was last night fined \$5.00 for speeding his taxi.

## WAR MINISTER RESIGNS POST; ULSTER CAUSE

COLONEL SEELEY ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY AND THEN TENDERS RESIGNATION.

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT  
SAID TO BE CAUSE

Lloyd George, Dissatisfied With the Run of Things Has Intimated That He Would Resign, Other Ministers May Follow Suit—Asquith May Have to Form New Cabinet Soon.

London, March 25.—That the Asquith cabinet would survive the home rule crisis seemed unlikely. The prime minister blamed the war minister, Seeley, for the administration's surrender to the army officers who resigned rather than fight the anti-home rulers of Ulster. Seeley accepted the responsibility for the affair and tendered his resignation. But the premier refused to accept and it is taken for granted that the ministry is to stand or fall together.

Dissatisfied with the cabinet's handling of the home rule situation, Chancellor of the Exchange Lloyd George contemplated retiring. It is assumed the prime minister refused the resignation. It is predicted that all the ministers will speedily quit the house. Colonel Seeley has resigned as minister of war. It is generally understood this is the result of the government's defeat in the Ulster affair. Whether the entire ministry will resign has not been indicated although such is likely.

**Pythian Sister Chief Here.**  
Mabel Roberts, grand chief of Oregon Pythian Sisters, is in the city the guest of Mrs. Pete Beiver. Tomorrow night she will inspect the local lodge.

**Will Equip Two Flats.**  
Geo. Gilbert, manager of the Cherry's New Laundry, has traded some Baker property for the Martha Geddes property on M street. Mr. Gilbert expects to rearrange the new house so that it will become a two-commodious and modern flats.

**Baby Girl Arrives.**  
Born March 25, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. De Long, a 10 pound daughter. Mr. and Mrs. De Long have been residing in Southwestern Oregon but Mrs. De Long spent the winter at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Fritts. Mr. De Long arrived yesterday to join his family here.

### VILLA'S DEFEAT IS RUMORED.

Carranza Has Been called on for Help and Is Rushing to Battle Scene.

El Paso, March 25.—Reports are current that Villa has been repulsed by the federals under Velasco Current. It is learned on good authority that Carranza is not on his way to Juarez, but is hurrying toward Torreon, to help Villa. Villa is said to have sent an urgent appeal for help to Carranza. Villa is silent and this is translated to mean that the situation is ominous for the rebels.

**Mortgage Representatives Here.**  
C. Dimeyer, Western manager of the Netherlands-American Mortgage bank of Seattle and G. R. Atkins representative in Pendleton are visitors here today, looking over the Grande Ronde with a view to investing in mortgage loans here. Tomorrow they will leave for Wallowa county.