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## PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

WELL KNOWN AND POPULAR MINISTER DIES WHILE APPROACHING PULPIT.

CITY SHOCKED BY THE DEMISE OF DR. A. G. LANE

Death Comes Suddenly—Ill About 20 Minutes—Morning Sermon, "Waiting on God" Undelivered—Funeral Will Be Held Probably Next Sunday—Death Is a Severe Blow.

Rev. A. G. Lane, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, died very suddenly Sunday morning of apoplexy. He was taken violently ill 10 minutes after 8 a. m., just as he was about to step from the Manse to the church to conduct the usual Sunday services. From that moment until just before his death, he was in great pain but was conscious and conversed with his wife, directing her in her attempts to assist him. Mrs. Lane was called to the study when the attack came on, and she hurriedly called a physician and assisted Dr. Lane to undress and lie down on a study couch. During these few minutes, great beads of perspiration stood out on his body, indicating the severity of the pain he was undergoing. As he lay on the couch Mrs. Lane remarked to the attending physician in his hearing that he had been unusually tired the evening before and had retired early.

"I am always tired, Margaret," he murmured and dropped into unconsciousness, dying a few moments later.

La Grande was benumbed with the shock. Throughout the city, ministers announced the sad and sudden demise with tear-dimmed eyes and audiences sat unbelieving, at first, for church lines were not lines of demarcation of close, warm friendship between Dr. Lane and citizens of La Grande.

**Sermon Lies Unpreached.**  
Peculiarly, Dr. Lane had chosen and prepared a stirring sermon on the subject, "Waiting for God" using Psalms 27:14 as his text. The finishing touches had been put on it—as on every other sermon he ever delivered—with extreme care and with the best effectiveness that was in him. Since his ordination in 1879—35 years ago—he has never been without a pulpit. Those who knew him are aware that every sermon was prepared with great, painstaking care, and he preached each day as though that sermon were to be his greatest and best. Only a week ago he summarized the number of sermons preached in his pulpit career and it ran into the thousands.

Dr. Lane was born in Fairview, Ohio, 1850. His education was obtained and perfected in Western Reserve, Ohio, Marietta, Ohio and in Princeton Theological seminary. This schooline coupled with a life time study of the deepest sort, made of him one of the most intellectual men of the city. With his education went broadness, and he was well versed in affairs of the day, both in and out of the church.

In 1879 he was ordained to the ministry. The year following he was united in marriage to Margaret Nelson, at Bellaire, Ohio. In August 1912 he came to La Grande from Alton, Ill., and since his installation in the local pulpit has been unostentatiously preaching the gospel, helping humanity and living himself a life spotless and exemplary. One of his several ex-

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HARNEY KING ASPIRES.



WILLIAM HANLEY

Well known cattle king who has definitely announced his candidacy for the senate on the Progressive ticket. Mr. Hanley was in La Grande a few days ago but at that time would not commit himself on his political aspirations. Since then he has made definite announcement.

## BOY KILLED BY KICK OF HORSE

NO APPARENT INJURY FELT AT THE TIME.

Young Man Eats Supper at Home of Employer, Then Death Comes.

Kicked in the stomach by a horse on the Lloyd Carter ranch near Cove yesterday evening, and dead today is the fate of William Millman, aged 17, of Cove. The young man went to his supper after he had been kicked by a vicious horse, but felt no serious effects. He ate his supper in good health but soon after was taken ill and was rushed to La Grande. Death came soon however. The body was at the Henry & Carr parlors today but will be shipped to Cove for burial from the home of his parents tomorrow.

**Monte Carlo to Bring Out Airmen.**

Paris, March 30.—The Monte Carlo Aerial Rally, when aeroplanes from most of the capitals of Europe will converge by aerial routes with the gambling resort as their goal, commences next Wednesday, the new style meet lasting from April 1 to April 15.

Competitors will start from Paris, London, St. Petersburg, Vienna, Brussels, Rome, Madrid, etc., and, officially timed, each will try to make certain detours so that the total flight will be as long as that by a St. Petersburg airman, for instance. Distances from all the cities will thus be equalized. There are numerous handsome prizes.

## OFFICERS CONFISCATE TWO SACKS OF WHISKEY IN NORTHSIDE SHED

Alleged illicit sale of liquor from a North Side woodshed was nipped in the bud when Mose Thompson, a pioneer settler of La Grande was caught last night in the act of selling liquor, the police say, and a quantity of whiskey amounting to a score or so of bottle goods, and some beer, confiscated in the raid. The police dropped in on Mr. Thompson about midnight after having watched the place for many hours. Chief of Police Avant made the arrest and called Officer Driscoll to the place by firing a shot as a signal.

Mr. Thompson lives at 1705 X Ave-

## ASQUITH TAKES WAR MINISTRY DUTIES HIMSELF

IS PRACTICALLY CERTAIN OF VICTORY, WHICH MEANS POLICY ENDORSEMENT.

PREMIER WILL RESIGN SEAT IN PARLIAMENT

Will Win Point Through By-elections, Which Means Confirmation of Policy and Will do Away With Necessity of Dissolving Parliament—Conservatives Might Win General Election.

London, March 30.—According to Belfast dispatches, Nationalists attacked three Uniformed Ulsterites in the street. The police interfered before anyone was injured.

**Asquith for War Ministry.**

Lord Asquith assumed the war ministry portfolio himself saying he would resign his seat in Parliament as representative of East Fife and go before the people at the by-election for return to office as premier and war minister. As he is practically certain of victory, he would thus regularize the position as holder of the war portfolio and the liberals would consider this an electoral endorsement of his policy without the dissolution of parliament and the calling of a general election, which the conservatives might carry. The move is regarded as one of the most adroit in the history of British politics.

**Commercial Club Meets.**

There is going to be a special meeting of the commercial club tonight in the rooms of the club in the Foley building. Among the interesting things that are up for discussion is the exemption clause in the canal bill.

## TAX QUANDRY LEAVES LOCAL TAXPAYERS IN MUCH DOUBT

With but one more day after today to pay taxes—assuming the present law prevails, taxpayers of Union county are in a deep quandary. None wish to pay all their taxes now if they can get off by paying half and some deep thinking is going on. The uncertainties are all consequent to the Judge Cleeton decision in Portland.

The effect has been immediate. This morning's mail brought a large number of half payments, and others who come to the office are following suit. That the decision will have the same effect all over the state is the opinion of the tax department of the county, and will cause some readjustments all over the state.

In some instances where the tax is heavy this is quite a relief and the taxpayers are taking advantage of the situation unburden themselves for the present.

The decision of Judge Cleeton of Multnomah circuit bench in regard to the half payment has greatly affected the payment here as a large number of Union county property holders are banking on his decision being sustained by the supreme court and only paying half at this time.

According to Judge Cleeton's decision there are three courses now open to the taxpayer: They may pay one-half of the taxes charged against them before April 1, and take the chance on the final determination by the courts as to whether or not the penalties specified in the law will be collected on the second half to be paid prior to September 1.

They can pay all of their taxes prior to April 1 and remove all chance of penalties being charged. They can defer the payment of all their taxes, with the certainty of having to pay an additional 1 per cent for each month or part of a month that payment is deferred after April 1 and up to September 1.

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## Popular Pedagogue Re-elected To Head La Grande Schools For Another Year



John Girdler, school superintendent who was Saturday night re-elected for another year.

La Grande schools will be governed for another year by John Girdler, present superintendent. Saturday night the school board re-elected the popular chieftain and in addition raised the salary of the office to \$2,400, an increase of 400 for the year. Teachers of the school force will be elected at a near-by meeting, it is planned.

The election of Mr. Girdler to the office for a second year, meets with

genuine approval the board has found, both in the ranks of pupils and in the parent circles. He came here a year ago from Colorado, and in less than nine months has put the schools here on a well-organized basis, perfect harmony has prevailed, teachers and pupils have co-operated, and the school board has been immensely well pleased with its selection a year ago of Mr. Girdler from among a big batch of applicants.

## FIRST MID-DAY SERVICE HELD

UPTON H. GIBBS OPENS INITIAL SERVICE.

Greatest Reward for Man Who Suffers First, Avers Speaker.

That to realize the greatest out of the rewards for christianity, man must first suffer the pangs of sorrow and tribulations, was the crux of the 20-minute address by Rev. Upton H. Gibbs today noon at Honan hall, initiating two weeks of noon-day services for men. The attendance was not large, but wholesome lessons were taught, two songs sung heartily, and promptly on the minute the services closed at 12:25. They open at 12:05 and various ministers will preach each day through Passion and Holy weeks. Tomorrow Rev. W. C. Drahn will speak. The noon day meetings promise to become of immense value. The themes for the balance of the services follow:

**Passion Week.**  
Monday, March 30.—"For us men and our salvation."

Tuesday, March 31.—He endured the agony and bloody sweat.

Wednesday, April 1.—He was betrayed.

Thursday, April 2.—He was denied, Friday, April 3.—He was mocked, Saturday, April 4.—He drank the cup of sorrow.

**Holy Week.**  
Monday, April 6.—The Cross, the revelation of man's sin.

Tuesday, April 7.—The Cross the

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## TORREON STILL HANGS OUT BUT REBELS GAINING

EARLY MESSAGE FROM BATTLE-SCENE TELLS OF BATTLE.

FEDERAL FORCE REDUCED TO ABOUT 3000 FIGHTERS

With Great Losses on Both Sides, Fighting is Under Way at Torreon Still—General Velasco Holds City Longer Than Expected, Though Rebel Forces Are Pressing Hard.

El Paso, March 30.—With a force of able-bodied men reduced to what the rebels believe is not more than 3000, General Velasco, the Federal commander at Torreon is still resisting the rebel attack. The latest message received from the battle scene came early in the forenoon. It is stated the rebels are slowly gaining ground and it is estimated that fully 2,500 Federals have been killed and as many more wounded. The rebel loss will be very heavy but no figures have been given out.

**Billy Sunday to Invade.**

Philadelphia, March 30.—Whether such a novel sight as a whole University "hitting the sawdust trail" for Billy Sunday will be witnessed here is the question running broadcast in the anticipation of the visit of the state's most famous evangelist to the University of Pennsylvania today. Clerks, miners, farmers and men of all other walks of life have hit the trail through the rest of the state during the meteoric career of the picturesque former baseball player but never before has he thrown himself on the tender mercies of a college organization. People are wondering if he will meet the same fate as a famous preacher at Princeton who about a month ago saw his worshippers get up and walk out the door because his sermon went a little over time.

**Chicago Is Called Most Impatient City.**

London, March 30.—Chicago is the most impatient city in the world, according to Postmaster-General Samuel. In an official statement issued today comparing the efficiency of the telephone services in a number of the larger cities, he says that carefully compiled statistics show that the proportion of calls on which no replies are received or which are abandoned by the callers before connection can be established are three in New York to four in London, to nine in Chicago.

**Millions of Balkan Bullets.**

Paris, March 30.—Millions of bullets fired during the Balkan war have just arrived at Marseilles and are to be manufactured into bottle tops and lead pipes. The bullets, picked up on battlefields, were in 2,095 sacks of 100 pounds each and were sold to dealers in scrap metals. Something like 70 tons of cartridge shells arrived with the bullets.

**Maxim Gorky Is in Poor Health.**

Moscow, March 30.—Maxim Gorky who is visiting his publisher M. Sytin, near here, today was said to be in very poor health, and is understood to be suffering from tuberculosis. The political police have thus far interfered in no way with the popular Russian author, although he was proscribed as a revolutionary refugee when he left Russia in 1906. Gorky has just sold to his publisher the copyright of all his works for \$100,000.