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## DANIELS WINE ORDER NOT TO BOLSTER 'DRYS'

EFFICIENCY PROMPTED THE ORDER HE SAYS IN STATEMENT TO PRESS.

## PROHIBITION SUPPORT EMPHATICALLY DENIED

Secretary of the Navy Offsets rumors Current in Washington that Administration is Aligned with Prohibition Forces—Only Fair to Enlisted Men Says Secretary.

Washington, April 6.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels went to considerable pains today to offset rumors that the order against "wine mess" in officers' quarters on board warships or in navy yards, alligned the administration with prohibition forces.

"The order was given to promote efficiency and not for prohibition purposes" said Mr. Daniels. "Enlisted men have not been allowed to drink for some time and it is only fair that officers be treated similarly," he said.

Considerable fuss has been stirred up in Washington over the order, many believing the administration did it as a master stroke for prohibition assistance.

## RUNAWAY ACCIDENT SERIOUS.

Vance Randall Seriously Hurt When He is Thrown from Wagon.

While driving a team of horses hitched to a gravel wagon yesterday afternoon on North Fir street, Vance Randall had the misfortune to be thrown from his wagon, when his horses ran away, and sustained severe bruises.

Just what frightened the horses, could not be learned, but Mr. Randall was so severely shaken up that he had to be taken to a physician, where his wounds were dressed. The doctor stated this morning that he had suffered concussion of the brain and a badly sprained wrist and minor injuries, which will keep him from work for several weeks.

## RECALLED MAYOR POPULAR.

Fawcett is Given Support in Tacoma Elimination Contest.

Tacoma, April 8.—Although recalled three years ago, A. V. Fawcett is slated to contest the mayoralty race with Rev. C. F. Stover at the final election April 20th. Fawcett received the highest number of votes cast yesterday in the elimination election, complete returns making the total 7,500. Stover was second high. Nicholas Lawson, Charles D. Atkins, James Drake and W. A. Stewart, will fight it out for the two councilmanic vacancies. All four amendments submitted to the voters were defeated.

## KING WILL BE OPERATED ON.

Sweden's Royal Ruler Is Suffering from Tumor Think Physicians.

Stockholm, April 8.—Doctors have decided to operate on King Gustavus tomorrow. He is growing weaker and is suffering greatly. The physicians thought he had tumor of the stomach but are not sure. The incision will reveal the real nature of his ailment.

## Boy Court Has Solved Problem

CHICAGO CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS IN VENTURE.

## JURISTS ADMIT ITS UTILITY

Boys Between 17 and 21 Given Special Treatment in Courts.

Chicago, April 8.—Completing its third week of operation today, the Boys' Court, the only tribunal of its kind in America, was heartily endorsed by Jurists, police officials, and sociologists who have watched with keen interest the work of the new court. Under the direction of Municipal Judge Thomas F. Scully, the Boys' Court has taken charge of cases of all male offenders of either the state laws or city ordinances, between the ages of 17 and 21 years. The results thus far obtained, social workers believe, will lead other large cities to establish a boys' court, fashioned after the local bench.

The prime object of the new court is to save the first offender, whose age would bar him from a hearing in the juvenile court, and previously required his case to be heard in either

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## GIRL THROWN FROM HORSE

Dorothy Lindsay of this city is in bed suffering from severe injuries sustained in a fall from a horse yesterday. She had just started out on a trip to the hill with Miss Jennie Anderson when her horse slipped on the pavement at 12th and Washington and threw her violently to the pavement. In the fall her knee was torn open necessitating medical aid. A physician was hurriedly called and had to administer chloroform to dress and bandage the wound. She suffered bruises to the arms and other parts of the body and is today unable to move her knee.

## Sam Small Coming.

Sam Small well known orator, sent out by the anti-liquor forces will be in La Grande tomorrow and will lecture at the M. E. Church.

## HENRY D. FLOOD.

Congressman From Virginia Chairman Foreign Relations Committee.



Photo by American Press Association.

## RUSSIAN YOUTHS MALTREAT THEN CRUCIFY JEWISH GIRL

Berlin, April 8.—It is stated at St. Petersburg that three young Russians mistreated and then crucified a young Jewish girl the daughter of a Stavropol fisherman. After inflicting all kinds of indignities upon the girl, and making her an object of mockery on account of her religion, the fiends crucified her over a grave in the local graveyard by driving nails through her hands and feet and through her eyes. The trio were arrested but escaped with the aid of friends.

In spite of the fact of her nationality the entire fishervillage is up in arms and much excitement prevails.

On account of the strictures which exist against the Jewish race in Russia and the result of the recent trial of Belies accused of ritual murder, authorities have taken some pains to apprehend the murderers. The act is considered so diabolical that even the most embittered Jew haters in Russia have shuddered at the mention of the crime.

## EXPLOSION AT THE DALLES SAID TO HAVE KILLED 7

The Dalles, Ore., April 8.—Seven men are reported killed and six others very seriously injured when a steam shovel this afternoon struck a mine charge of dynamite and caused it to

explode on The Dalles-Celilo canal a mile above the bid eddy. Ed Kendler, the steam shovel engineer is the only one of the dead thus far identified. Kendler was blown from his seat and ground to pieces. Details are meagre.

## Two Baby Elk Born On Elk Range

Two baby elk graze on Billie Meadows according to word sent to Game Warden W. E. Leffel, the babies having been born about the first of April. They have become so tame as to follow the wagon that comes through the pasture. There was no loss this winter as the snow was never more than three feet deep and the elk were amply able to care for themselves. But 15 bales of hay were used in feeding all winter. The elk are reported to be fat and doing splendidly.

Deputy Game Warden Leffel went

to Union this noon to form a sportsman's organization similar to the one which exists in this city. On Thursday he will go to Cove for a like purpose.

Elgin formed such an organization last Monday and now counts 54 members. It will be the object of this organization to do all it can to promote the game laws of the state and help protect birds during the closed season and in such other ways help foster the right sportsman spirit in hunters that all classes of game birds will have ample protection during the closed season.

## DRISCOLL STRUCK BENNETT FIRST AVERS MR. BENNETT

B. A. Bennett, former policeman and city employe answers an article in yesterday's Observer today, by an affidavit alleging that he is not actuated by spiteful motives in circulating a petition for the removal of City Manager Lafky. He also states that Tom Driscoll, with whom he was fighting, and with whom he was arrested, struck first. The affidavit follows:

## Notice to the Public.

State of Oregon, County of Union, S. S. I, B. A. Bennett being first duly sworn, depose and say:

In answer to an article published in yesterday's Observer, I will say that while I had in my possession and was circulating the petition asking for the removal of City Manager Lafky, I had not drafted it and had no selfish or spiteful motive in circulating it, but was doing it for what I deemed to be the welfare of the citizens at large. Monday night, prior to the arrest of Tom Driscoll and myself for fighting, Chief of Police Avant and Mr. Driscoll approached me near the M. M. building, where I was conversing with a friend, asked to see the petition and called me vile names, threatening to lick me and issued other threats. After taking all

the abuse I could stand, Driscoll and I came together after Driscoll had struck me, and after getting me down threatened to kick my head in, kick my ribs in and words of like effect. Then Avant after using more abusive language with the assistance of Driscoll, arrested me and conducted me to the station using vile and abusive language, unfit to be printed. After putting me in a cell, Avant did not lock up Driscoll. Driscoll was not an officer at the time and while we were both arrested for fighting, Driscoll was assisting Avant, after the fight. When I paid my fine of \$5.00 Avant said: "Bennett we are ready to have another hitch. Driscoll is a friend of mine and I am going to stand by him."

B. A. BENNETT.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of April, 1914.  
(Seal) H. E. DIXON.  
Notary Public for Oregon.

## ASQUITH IS RE-ELECTED.

No One Opposed the Premier and he Returns to Resume Fight.

Cupar, East Fife, April 8.—No candidate opposing him, Premier Asquith returned to parliament automatically.

## Cupid Arranges Marriage Coup

POPULAR ELGIN GIRL MARRIED ROMANTICALLY.

## NOTIFIES MAMMA BY 'PHONE

Hortense Smith and Haskell Andrews United in Marriage.

Cupid "put one over" yesterday afternoon when Miss Hortense Smith, charming daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Frank Smith of Elgin, was married to Haskell Andrews of Imbler. Cupid never staged a more successful elopement. Miss Smith and Mr. Andrews were taken to La Grande by Mr. and Mrs. Cap Tuttle and were married by Rev. R. E. Close of the Baptist church. After the knots were securely tied Miss Smith called her mother on the telephone and advised her of the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews had no fear of returning to the roof of their parents however. The party spent yesterday afternoon in the city, happy as newly weds can be, and not concerned over what awaited them at Elgin. It is said the little god of love has smoothed parental feelings ere this. Both are well known throughout the county and in La Grande as well, Miss Smith especially, has many dear friends who wish them well. Don Sargent acted as witness at the wedding.

## ADDED TRACTS ARE POPULAR

"Doing a land office business" is not only an idiom of ordinary parlance, it is still a reality and stands just as much for a phenomenal rush to obtain free land as ever before. Yesterday and the day before were such days in the local land office, and the counter was lined with eager men and women all day going through the necessary processes of filing and locating claims. Yesterday alone as many as 18 claims were filed at this office and all of them with but one or two exceptions, filed on enlarged tracts, which mean that 320 acres times 18, or 6,840 acres of government owned land has gone out of the possession of the United States and become private property. Some of this land may be relinquished, but the majority of the filers will cling to their strip with religious tenacity, converting semiarid tracts into grain-bearing and fruit-yielding fields.

## R. E. THORNTON.

Virginia State Senator Seeks Return of Martha Washington Will.



## POLITE NOTE AGAIN FAILS TO CURB VILLA

ORDER AGAINST SPANIARDS CAN'T BE COUNTERMANDED BY CARRANZA.

## REFUSAL TO ACT IS MADE TO WASHINGTON

Spaniards in Mexico Will Not Be Protected Unless Further Developments Take Place—Request for Protection Made by Jaurez Is Ignored—Made Appeal to Villa.

Washington, April 8.—State department officials announce that General Carranza, one of the chieftains of the Rebel forces, has refused to comply with an unofficial request made by the department representative at Jaurez, for protection to Spaniards in Mexico City. The request also called for cancellation of Villa's order deporting the Spaniards, against whom he has a deep hatred. Carranza said he could not interfere with Villa's order which was issued last Sunday.

The state department did not intimate whether it was going to put the request up to Villa or not.

## NEW POST OFFICE CERTAIN.

Palmer Junction to Have Postoffice and Also Postmaster.

Palmer Junction is to have a postoffice. True, there is but a lone shack at the point where the Palmer company timber road branches off at the mouth of Looking Glass, but nevertheless there is to be a postoffice there—employees of the company up the branch line are to be served from there. Mr. Baker has built for himself a little home and will operate a store at that point, and will probably be the only applicant for the job when the civil service examination is held here May 9th. The store will be much enjoyed by parties who camp on the Looking Glass during the Summer season.

## WILL WRIGHT IN CITY.

Former Bank Examiner Makes Tour of This Section.

Will Wright, former state bank commissioner, spent last evening in La Grande with Ed Wright, county clerk. Will had been making a tour of the eastern part of the state on purely a business mission. He said politics were not in any way connected with his visit that he had settled down to hard, straight, everyday business and while he intended to try and pick the best men and vote for them he was not boosting anyone for any office this year.

## WOMEN'S DEFEAT STINGS.

Supremacy of "Bath House John" Over Women Bemoaned in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., April 8.—Except the winning candidates and their friends all Chicago is groaning over the results of Tuesday's election. All of the nine women candidates for Alderwomen were defeated. "Bathhouse" John had an easy victory. In the state outside of Chicago a thousand saloons went out of existence. Sixteen counties have been added to the dry list.