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DOROTHY ARNOLD BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN PITTSBURG

POLICE RAID ON MATERNITY HOME IS CLEW

CRIMINAL OPERATIONS WHICH WERE FATAL LEAD TO CREMATIONS.

LEADING PHYSICIANS INVOLVED SAY POLICE

Assistant Physician at Bellevue Hospital Confesses to Having Burned Bodies of Unfortunate Patients—Criminal Practices Have Been Many—Francis Arnold Skeptic.

Pittsburgh, April 10.—More arrests are in prospect as a sequel to last night's raid on a maternity hospital in a suburb, Bellevue, where illegal operations, according to detectives, were performed as a regular business. Dr. C. C. Meredith the institution's head, Dr. H. E. Lutz, his assistant, Nurses Lucy Orr and Mary Snyder were sweated until Lutz, the police say, made confessions which it is believed would involve several Pittsburgh physicians who have acted as feeders for the hospital.

"There are naturally many cases," Lutz is said to have told his questioners, "where patients succumb under the unlawful operations and the corpses were invariably cremated in a furnace in the basement."

The police believe that 20 or more bodies were disposed of in this way. Arnold Mystery Cleared?

That the disappearance so mysteriously of Dorothy Arnold a few years ago from her New York home, is cleared, the police believe. They are reasonably sure that the New York heiress is among the victims of the institution, and before the scandal has been sifted down, police expect to find definite assurance of her cremation in this way.

Father Scouts Theory. New York, April 10.—Francis Arnold, Dorothy's father, expressed disbelief today in the story that his daughter had died in Dr. Meredith's maternity hospital. "We never could find a clue leading to Pittsburgh," he said.

REALTY DEALS SHOW A SPURT

CONSIDERABLE BIG DEALS CLOSED RECENTLY.

Farms, City Homes and Farm Homes Change Hands This Week.

Activity in La Grande and Grande Ronde real estate is shown by the McKennon deals of the last few days. W. C. Ryder yesterday purchased from J. D. McKennon the Rodgers home of ten acres near La Grande at a consideration of \$5,000.

A few days ago Mr. McKennon

Fern Hobbs Gun Club Is Created

COVE SPORTSMEN ADOPTED UNIQUE TITLE.

MEMBERSHIP IS EXTENSIVE

Fry for Mill and Warm Creeks Will Be Secured at Once.

Cove, April 10.—Miss Fern Hobbs, Governor West's private secretary, leader of militia against alleged bootleggers in Cove and in Copperfield, was last night honored or at least distinguished by the sportsmen of Cove when the Fern Hobbs Rod & Gun club was formed here. The membership was brought to 45 and officers were elected as follows: President, Logan Anderson; vice-president, Frank Busick; secretary, Hugh McCall; Directors, Frank Smith, Herbert Van Gordon, Ray Lay and John Bean. The first purpose of the club is to obtain fry for Mill and Warm creeks, in this vicinity.

Some opposition developed against calling a gun club after a lady, but the motion prevailed and Fern Hobbs Rod & Gun club is the official title.

closed a deal with Mrs. Alden for his Mt. Glenn farm of 113 1-2 acres. The Ed. Brown ranch of 160 acres has just been purchased by Mr. McKennon. It is one of the good ranches of the valley. These deals, along with the sale of residence on the North Side yesterday by Mr. McKennon for \$2,000 cash, would indicate that things are moving at a rapid pace in real estate circles here.

BOWLERS ARE RETURNING.

Two Home and Others to Follow Shortly—Scores Fair.

Two of La Grande's bowling team which went to Portland to compete in the Pacific Northwest tournament, returned last evening and others are to follow in a few days. The two have returned are Wallace Black and Don Scott. Dee Farrar will not be home until next week likely, while Fred Williams is expected home tomorrow. Washburn will not return at present.

Washburn was the high man in the five-team contest for La Grande, rolling a very desirable score. Faster alleys, new pins, shorter runways, were all items that went against the La Grande team. Farrar and Williams participated in the singles, both doing fairly well. Of the 45 teams entered the La Grande five-man team was within the first dozen.

WIFE MURDERER IS HANGED.

Killed Spouse Because She Refused to Leave House of Prostitution.

San Quentin, April 10.—Jerry Allen, aged forty, was hanged this morning for the murder of his wife. He killed Mrs. Allen because she refused to leave a house of prostitution at Williams. He walked to the death room with head erect, and firm step and then ascended the scaffold without assistance. He died gamely.

Wilson on Vacation.

White Sulphur Springs, April 10.—President Wilson and several members of his family arrived here for the Easter holidays.

Fish Line Saves Two Joseph Boys

FISHERMAN SKILLED WITH LASSO SO RESCUES THEM.

SMALL ROWBOAT TIPS OVER

Louis Stevenson and Kester Gaylord of Joseph in Accident.

If Kester Gaylord and Louis Stevenson live a million years they will never forget their thrilling (as well as chilling) adventure in Wallowa Lake Saturday, says the Joseph Herald.

The boys were in a small row boat fishing near the head of the lake when they tried to pass each other, which upset the boat in water perhaps 50 feet deep. The ice cold water almost paralyzed them instantly, and they made frantic efforts to keep their heads above water by holding onto the upturned boat, which was rapidly drifting further from shore.

The boys can thank their lucky stars that their cries were heard by Johnathon Haas of Alder Slope, who was fishing from the shore near them. He rushed to the assistance of the drowning boys and wading in as fast as he could he threw a trolling line with a weight on one end a distance of nearly 100 feet—thanks to his former expertness with the lasso rope. By a miracle it lit across Stevenson's shoulder and both boys got hold of it. Mr. Haas had great trouble in getting the boys to not pull too hard on the line, for fear of breaking it, and miraculous as it sounds he actually pulled them and the boat to shore with the fishing line. The boys were about "all in" and perhaps could not have held out another half minute.

Mr. Haas quickly built a fire and after thawing them out he hurried them home to town in his auto.

HILL CHOOSES TERMINAL SITE.

Flavel in Port of Astoria Is Chosen Because of Convenience.

Astoria, April 10.—President Hill of the Great Northern, announced that the proposed yards and docks will be built at Flavel, or "Tanzey Point." He said the decision had been made because of economy and permanence. The site is desirable on account of the convenience for despatching trains and steamships. Flavel is within the port of Astoria.

BIG BATCH OF PETITIONS.

Republicans File Total of 200, Democrats 45 and Progressives 15.

Salem, April 10.—A total of 260 candidates for state and district offices have filed their declarations. At noon all but forty had complied with the filing of nominating petitions. Two hundred were Republicans, forty-five Democrats and fifteen Progressives. The time for filing petitions closes at five this afternoon.

DEPUTY SHERIFF, SPORTSMAN, KILLS HOUSEKEEPER AND SELF

Los Angeles, April 10.—Claude Mathewson, deputy sheriff, sporting man and former proprietor of the Rathskeller cafe, shot and killed Miss Nellie Murdock early this morning and then turned the weapon on himself and took his own life. The cause of the double tragedy is a mystery.

RESOLUTION FAVORABLE TO IMPEACHMENT

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHARGED MISCONDUCT.

HOUSE COMMITTEE FAVORS IMPEACHMENT

Justice Daniel T. Wright of Supreme Bench Will Have to Submit to Investigation of Charges That He Abused Office—Important Nominations Go to Senate.

Washington, April 10.—A favorable report on the resolution providing for the impeachment on charges of misconduct of Justice Daniel T. Wright of the District of Columbia Supreme Court were given by the house judiciary committee. The charges will be investigated without delay. The charge followed recent labor decisions.

Important Nominations Made. The following nominations were sent to the senate: Charles Harris of Montpelier to be receiver of public money at Blackfoot, Idaho, William Hews to be receiver of public moneys at Hailey, Idaho, and Henry Heitfield to be receiver of public moneys at Lewiston, Idaho.

Lostine Reporter Office Burns.

Tuesday night about 12 o'clock the big two-story Hamilton building and the Reporter printing office adjoining, in Lostine, were destroyed by fire.

An entertainment and supper was given in the hall or opera house in the second story, which lasted until about 11 o'clock, and where the fire originated.

The fire was not discovered until about 12 o'clock and had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the buildings. A large quantity of grain stored on the first floor, belonging to Crow brothers, owners of the two buildings, was also destroyed.

A portion of the Reporter plant, owned by Mrs. Van Pelt, was saved but in a badly wrecked condition. Howard Shutt, the publisher, says that he will resume publication as soon as the necessary printing material can be obtained, which will likely be in a couple of weeks.

All of the property was partially insured.

Water Superintendent Home. Geo. T. Cochran, water superintendent for the second district, is home from a business trip to Portland.

Dr. Kirby in Town.

Dr. Kirby of Elgin is in the city this afternoon transacting business matters and calling on friends.

KILLIFER.

Phillies' Player Figures in Suit Brought by Federals.



Photo by American Press Association.

Cove Lady Goes to Portland.

Mrs. Emma Lund, of Cove left this morning for Portland, where she will meet her daughter, Dina, who will come up from Monmouth to spend the Easter vacation. Mrs. Lund will be gone about a week.

TIM DONOVAN DIES FROM FALL

WAS FOR MANY YEARS LINE-MAN FOR THE O.-W. HERE.

Death Comes at Portland After Fall Yesterday.

Reports reached La Grande last night that Tim Donovan for many years lineman for the O.-W. in this city had met with his death while in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company at Portland. Just how the accident occurred is not known definitely, but meager reports have it that he fell from a telegraph pole on which he was working and died between four and five o'clock yesterday afternoon.

W. H. Bohnenkam, brother-in-law of the deceased was notified last night and Mrs. Bohnenkam left on No. 9 for Portland to be with the sorrowing relatives. He leaves a widow and six children, all of whom are very well known in La Grande.

REGENT ATTENDS MEETING.

Walter Pierce Much Pleased With Inspection at Corvallis.

Walter Pierce returned last night from Corvallis, where he attended the meeting of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Pierce is enthusiastic about the work of the school and states that the enrollment of regular students is now 1,600, the largest it has ever been in the history of the school.

One of the principal pieces of business transacted by the board was the election of Dean Corderly to fill both the position of dean of the experiment stations and dean of the agricultural station proper. Heretofore these positions have been held by separate individuals. Other routine business was transacted.

The cadet corps passed in review before the regents of the school and Mr. Pierce thought this a grand spectacle. Many Union county boys are in the corps and hold commissions. He is elated over the proficiency of the corps. The miniature army is composed of 802 men and could in the event of war take to the

TAMPICO SAID TO HAVE BECOME REBEL'S BOOTY

FEDERAL GARRISON IS HEMMED IN AND REBELS MAKE CITY THEIR OWN.

WOMEN TAKEN ABOARD AMERICAN WARSHIPS

Admiral Mayo Is Said to Have Landed Force of Marines for Protection of American Citizens—Tampico Is Strategic Point on Coast and May Have Much to Do.

Vera Cruz, April 10.—Tampico is believed to be in the hands of the Rebels. This belief is based on a dispatch to the United States counsel, Canada, from Consul Tuxpan, who states that the city had apparently fallen. Earlier reports were to the effect that the Rebels were closing in on the Federal garrison. There is likewise an unconfirmed report that Admiral Mayo landed a force of American marines for the protection of Americans. Sixty American women were taken aboard warships for safety.

Tampico is a coast city, southeast of Torreon and may have much value as a point of attack and as a base of supplies.

field on short notice. Many of the volunteer officers would be recruited from these cadet corps, and would be instantly ready for duty.

Mr. Pierce states that this was the first time all regular members of the board of regents had attended the meeting. There are ten of these and three ex-officio members.

Utah Citizen Visiting Here.

Mrs. W. A. Lindsey of Lewiston, Utah, is in the city visiting at the home of W. K. Lindsey and will also visit with her mother, Mrs. Ward of Enterprise.

Hygiene Meetings Tonight.

There will be two social hygiene meetings tonight, one at the Greenwood school at which Dr. Richardson and Geo. Soddard will speak and one at the high school at which Geo. Cochran and Dr. Underwood will address the citizens.

RESERVE LAW IS WORTHLESS

JUDICIAL DECISION CRUMBLES RESERVE CLAUSE.

Killifer Belongs to Phillies but Reserve Is Attacked.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 10.—Catcher Killifer is the property of Philadelphia Nationals, but the reserve clause in organized baseball contracts isn't worth the paper it is written on. This is the opinion of Federal Judge Sessions in the suit filed by the Federal league to prevent Killifer from playing with Philadelphia.