

# La Grande Evening Observer

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER -- PRINTS THE NEWS THE DAY IT HAPPENS

VOLUME XIII.

LA GRANDE, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1914.

NUMBER 285

## PRIVATE PARKS SAID TO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED

ADMINISTRATION SEEKS ACCURATE INFORMATION FROM FUNSTON AND HUERTA.

## DRASTIC MEASURES TO BE INAUGURATED

In Case Parks Has Been Tortured, as Reports Have It, the Administration Will Be Forced to Adopt Strenuous Measures—Funston Believes He Was Killed.

Washington, May 13.—Reports that Private Parks, who had strayed from Vera Cruz, fell into the hands of federal troops and was not only executed but brutally tortured, promise to stir the Washington administration to drastically retaliatory measures. Secretary Garrison sent instructions to Funston at Vera Cruz to put forth every effort to ascertain the exact facts concerning the fate of Private Parks.

Bryan asked the Brazilian minister to bring pressure to bear on Huerta for the same purpose. Funston has already expressed the opinion that Parks has been executed, but the administration proposed to give the Mexicans the benefit of the doubt, until the proof is secured.

Should the sinister reports prove true, Garrison intimated plainly that the most drastic measures will be employed. "If polite and decent methods fail," said he, "we will then take our next step. If Parks was tortured, it is an act of barbarism, whether the Mexicans considered themselves at war with us or not."

## Royal Spendthrift Settles.

Brussels, May 13.—The last of Princess Luise's horde of creditors, who together turned in claims to the Belgian government for approximately \$4,000,000, debts incurred by the late King Leopold's daughter, has finally agreed to take his proportion of \$1,000,000 offered by the government. All claims are to be settled on this basis later in May.

Princess Luise, who has been called the greatest spendthrift in Europe and renewed for the fact that she had more personal debts than any individual known, will have approximately \$500,000 left out of her share of her royal father's estate. She hopes to get something like \$2,000,000 more when Charlotte, the aged Ex-Empress of Mexico dies.

## Drug Company Changes Hands.

The Newlin Drug company has changed hands. Adolph Newlin who formerly owned the stock has bought out his brother Robert, giving in exchange a 400 acre ranch on the south of La Grande. Robert has not announced his plans for the future, but will likely continue to convert the standing timber on the ranch into cord wood.

## Minors Not Allowed.

Salem, Ore., May 13.—Minors can't play cards in poolrooms, even for fun, under the Oregon statutes, according to an opinion by Attorney General Crawford.

## Mystic Shriners Elect.

Atlanta, May 13.—Frederick Smith of Rochester, New York, was today elected imperial potentate of the mystic Shriners, who are in session here.

## Two Members of Currency Board



W. G. P. Harding of Birmingham, Ala., and Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, to whom President Wilson has offered places on the Federal Currency Reserve Board.

Since Mr. Olney was to have been chairman, that place may now fall to W. G. P. Harding of Birmingham. He is the president of a Birmingham bank—the largest bank between Washington and New Orleans.

Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago is president of the National Chamber of Commerce.

## TEMPORARY MEN NAMED

POLICE FORCE AGAIN UP TO NORMAL SIZE.

Permanent Selections Will Be Made in a Day or Two.

Temporary patrolmen have been put on the police force following the resignations Monday night by the former police force, and by tomorrow permanent men will be put into uniforms. E. M. (Steve) Billings was switched from the engineering office to act as temporary patrolman, and Art Weagle was temporarily put on the night shift.

The past night was quiet, for which the new men were duly thankful. Two D. & D. patients, found on the streets were arrested because of their liquor condition, but were turned out this morning. Chief Orsi was on the street until nearly midnight assisting Officer Weagle, and came back to the job by 6 this morning to relieve the night man.

## The Police Resignation.

La Grande, May 13.—(To the Editor of Observer):—In the last issue of the Observer, in your report of the wholesale resignation of the police force of the city, and their refusal to serve with the present police magistrate, your informant, evidently through misinformation, was in error, in part; and as the people are much worked up over this, and are demanding to know the facts, I will make a brief statement. The state-

## M'REYNOLDS IN OPEN WRANGLE WITH JOE FOLK

NEW HAVEN SCANDAL CAUSE OF BREACH BETWEEN MEN OF CABINET.

## FOLK TOLD TO LEAVE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

McReynolds Says That Affair Has Little Importance—Folk Charges Secretary With Unseemly Attitude—Promises to Dig Scandal to the Very Bottom.

## FIGHT IN BRYAN'S OFFICE

Washington, May 13.—Angered because he was unable to see Secretary of State Bryan immediately, Jacob O'Connors, dismissed recently as the United States consul at St. Petersburg, engaged in a fist fight with Bauskett, Bryan's private secretary, in the ante room of Bryan's office today. The combatants were separated before serious "bloodshed" resulted.

Washington, May 13.—An open break has occurred between Attorney General McReynolds and Solicitor Joseph Folk of the interstate commerce commission and Commissioner McChord, following a visit to Folk by McChord and Senators Kerns and Norris. The meeting was held in McReynolds' office, and was called to discuss the commission's investigation of the New Haven railroad scandal, but the session ended in discord.

Norris later stated that McChord and Folk left McReynolds' office "because the attorney general practically requested them to get out." In discussing the affair Folk said: "McReynolds' conduct was such that we didn't care to remain. In my judgment he advanced no reason for us to stop the investigation. We want the whole truth of this New Haven affair, regardless of whom it hits."

ment: "That it is not a crime to resist an officer if the citizen has done no harm or the officer has no warrant," has no relevancy or connection with the facts in the attempt of the police court to set aside its judgment that had already been appealed.

Last Saturday one Charles McCorkle was tried and convicted for assaulting the chief of police and resisting arrest, the charge being for resisting an officer in making an arrest. The arrest was attempted for disorderly conduct, consisting of profane and indecent language and an assault on the officer before he ordered the defendant under arrest, and the resistance afterwards constituted the offense with which I charged him. The court found that he did resist arrest, and that was the end of it so far as the police court was concerned. The question of tearing down the city pound and taking out an animal without paying the fees, to which the defendant and one Bird Bennett confessed in the trial for that cause on Monday, in no way and in no degree entered into the charge against McCorkle on Saturday, and

Chicago, May 13.—Eight women and girls were all but killed today—and some may die—as an aftermath to the arrival here of the body of Samuel Meisenberg the Chicago victim of the Vera Cruz massacre. The women were trampled under foot when an excessive explosion for a flashlight which a photographer was using to take pictures of the lying-in-state of Meisenberg, started a stampede among 10,000 gathered to pay tribute.

The accident occurred in La Salle street where the body was received. All heads were bared as the flag-draped coffin, buried in flowers, was lifted from the special car. In the city hall the body was guarded by marines. All flags in the city were at half mast.

## Nonagenarian Dead.

Mrs. C. P. Duryea of this city has received the sad news today of the death of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Brandt, at Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 10th. She was 93 years of age. Mrs. Brandt lived in La Grande for a time but at the death of her husband, took the remains to Brooklyn and continued to live there. She leaves four daughters and three sons to mourn her death.

## Repairs Shop Opened.

Wm. M. Shipp has opened a novel repair shop at 108 Elm street. He will do light machine work, electrical motor and fan repairing, saw filing, key fitting and bicycle repairs.

## Idaho Is Warm.

Miss Nellie Fee has returned from Buhl, Idaho, where she has been visiting relatives. She reports Idaho unusually warm for this season of the year.

## Mrs. Seigrist Improves.

Mrs. Herman Seigrist is improving today from a serious attack of quinsy. The crisis is believed to have been reached last night.

## CORTEGE PUT INTO STAMPEDE BY FLASHLIGHT

EIGHT WOMEN TRAMPLED IN CHICAGO RIOT OVER FLASHLIGHT.

## VERA CRUZ VICTIM IS HONORED BY THOUSANDS

Excessive Powder Used in Flashlight Picture precipitates Stampede in Chicago Funeral—Feared some of the Injured May Die from the Injuries Sustained.

## Chicago, May 13.—Eight women

and girls were all but killed today—and some may die—as an aftermath to the arrival here of the body of Samuel Meisenberg the Chicago victim of the Vera Cruz massacre. The women were trampled under foot when an excessive explosion for a flashlight which a photographer was using to take pictures of the lying-in-state of Meisenberg, started a stampede among 10,000 gathered to pay tribute.

The accident occurred in La Salle street where the body was received. All heads were bared as the flag-draped coffin, buried in flowers, was lifted from the special car. In the city hall the body was guarded by marines. All flags in the city were at half mast.

## Nonagenarian Dead.

Mrs. C. P. Duryea of this city has received the sad news today of the death of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Brandt, at Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 10th. She was 93 years of age. Mrs. Brandt lived in La Grande for a time but at the death of her husband, took the remains to Brooklyn and continued to live there. She leaves four daughters and three sons to mourn her death.

## Buys 120 Acre Tract.

J. Niclot who worked several months for the George Palmer Lumber company and was thoroughly conversant with the good qualities of the logged-over lands of the company purchased 120 acre tract yesterday through Geo. H. Curry. Mr. Niclot expects to move on the place immediately and plans to send for his family, now in Oklahoma.

## Office Closed Friday.

Holiday schedules will prevail in the postoffice Friday. General delivery and carrier windows will be open from 9 until 10 a. m., and rural carriers will go out but the city carriers will not make any deliveries that day.

## Repair Shop Opened.

Wm. M. Shipp has opened a novel repair shop at 108 Elm street. He will do light machine work, electrical motor and fan repairing, saw filing, key fitting and bicycle repairs.

## Idaho Is Warm.

Miss Nellie Fee has returned from Buhl, Idaho, where she has been visiting relatives. She reports Idaho unusually warm for this season of the year.

## Mrs. Seigrist Improves.

Mrs. Herman Seigrist is improving today from a serious attack of quinsy. The crisis is believed to have been reached last night.

## Miss Converse to Wed Morgan Jr.



Miss Louise Converse, daughter of Frederick S. Converse of Boston, the well-known composer, is to wed young J. P. Morgan, the grandson of J. Pierpont Morgan, and heir apparent to the house of Morgan. If this young man's father, who is now head of the Morgan house, piles up money and power as did the great J. P. Morgan, and if the young man about to be married does the same, the Morgan firm will become an institution as powerful as some governments. The bridegroom to be is now in Harvard, from which he will graduate this summer.

Miss Converse's father, Frederick S. Converse, is well known as a composer from his operas, "The Pipe of Desire," presented at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City several years ago, and "Sacrifice"; also by his romances for the orchestra, "The Festival of Pan" and "Endymion's Narrative," both founded on Keats's poem, "Endymion." He is a Director of the Boston Opera Company and is a member of the Harvard Club of New York.

## CASTING FOR A CANDIDATE

DEMOCRATS OF SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LATE

Turner Oliver of La Grande and Harvey Graham of Baker.

While Democrats in the second district have no hope of electing a congressman over N. J. Sinnott, yet many of them feel they should have a candidate for Congress on the ticket. The time has elapsed for any name to appear on the ballot hence it is a case of writing in names. Hon. Turner Oliver, of La Grande, has been favorably mentioned for the honor. To a reporter for the Observer he said today many letters had been written him from different parts of the district urging him to accept. James Harvey Graham, of Baker, is also being mentioned. And there are quite a few Democrats in this part of the district who state openly they are Sinnott men because there is no hope of Democratic success on this office and Sinnott is acceptable to them from the standpoint of service.

Mr. Oliver, although admitting the

(Continued on page 8.)

## DETROIT HIT BY FLOOD AND LOSS IS HEAVY

HUNDREDS HOMELESS AND OTHERS MAROONED BY INUNDATIONS.

## FORD PLANT FLOODED AND BUSINESS HALTED

Two Days of Rain Swells Rivers in Michigan—Crop Losses Reach a Million in That Section—Electrical Storm Converted Into Heavy Rain and Windstorm.

Detroit, May 13.—Two are known to be dead and a million dollars lost to farmers and property owners, as the result of the two days' storm that had been running hand in hand with a prolonged rainfall. The electrical storm which struck farther south was converted into a rainstorm in this section of Michigan.

Hundreds Are Homeless. In Detroit alone, hundreds of families are homeless, but the flood waters have not raised much havoc with the buildings in the inundated district. This is principally in the suburban section. Fully a thousand are marooned in their homes but can be saved should further dangers arise.

Ford Plant Flooded. The water has reached such a height that the Ford auto plant is flooded. Parks and manufacturing plants between the Ford factory and the river are in more serious condition.

## BURL SICKLE DEAD.

Son of Prominent Union Rancher Dies of Spinal Troubles.

Union, May 13.—(Special)—Burl Sickle, aged 12, died here of spinal troubles yesterday. He was the son of a prominent rancher living near here. Burl had been ill since the first of the year, and suffered much pain. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence about one mile from Union. Besides the parents, he leaves one sister, younger than he.

## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Banquet Follows Turning Over of Moose Reins.

New officers were installed into offices of the local Moose lodge last evening. Following the installation a banquet of more than ordinary scope was served the large membership present. The elective officers to take their places last evening were: past dictator, P. A. Foley; dictator, Angus Stewart; vice dictator, Abe Harris; prelate, Jap H. Stevens; treasurer, Tom Hughey; secretary, F. A. Epling; inner guard, Clint Ball; outer guard.

## Colorado Party Locates.

Mrs. Mabel Oatman, a recent arrival from Colorado, leaves in the morning to spend several weeks on 120 acres of the Geo. Palmer Lumber Co's logged-over lands, purchased through the Geo. H. Curry real estate agency. Mr. Oatman after attending the head camp of the M. W. A., as a state delegate and deputy from Colorado, will join her.

(Continued on Page 4.)

(Continued on page 8.)