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## THOMAS BREAKS WORLD'S MARK IN AUTO RACES

DELAGNE CAR RUNS AWAY  
FROM OTHER ENTRIES IN  
FAMOUS CONTEST.

## SEVERAL ACCIDENTS MAR CONTEST EARLY IN RACE

Rene Thomas Smashes Records as He  
Goes Defeating Former Marks at  
Every Hundred Mile Post—Joe  
Dawson Badly Hurt When Machine  
Turtles—Chassagne Out Early.

Indianapolis, May 30.—Smashing  
records from the first hundred miles  
on, and never being headed from the  
start, Rene Thomas in a Delagne car  
won the famous Speedway 500-mile  
automobile race here today. The day  
was marked by several accidents.

At 9:55 the racers got away and  
for the rest of the day, the terrific  
contest was on.

Thomas set a mark of six hours,  
three minutes, 46 and 99-100 seconds  
for the 500 miles, an average of 43 1/2  
seconds to the mile. He was a favorite  
because of his experience in Europe  
where he is known as the Old  
field of Europe. He usually rides  
alone.

Two other cars were not far from  
the world-mark setter. Arthur Dura-  
y, in a Peugeot, who won the grand  
prix in 1912 and 1913, was second.  
Time, 6:10:23-29-100. Albert Guyot,  
in a Delagne, who was second in the  
grand prix in 1913, and was fourth in  
the Speedway race last year, pulled  
third. Time: 6:14:17-15-100.

New 100-Mile Record Set.  
A few minutes after the start of the  
race Jean Chassagne's car Sunbeam  
turned turtle. Chassagne was not in-  
jured and re-entered the race. At the  
end of the hundred miles, Thomas,  
Dura, Guyot, Christiansen, Wishart  
and Bragg were leading in the order  
named. Thomas' time was an hour  
nine minutes and thirty-five and nine-  
tenths seconds. This sets a new  
world's record.

Gilhooley's machine, entered in the  
place of Ralph De Palma, turned  
turtle at the end of the forty-first  
lap. Dawson and his mechanic up-  
set at the same time. Officials re-  
ported that Dawson was the most  
severely injured of any one, having a  
broken collar bone.

First Half a Record.  
At the end of the hundredth lap,  
Thomas was still leading. He covered  
the first 250 miles in three hours,  
58 and one-half second a new world's  
record for the distance. Boillot, Wis-  
hart, Dura, Bragg and Goux fol-  
lowed in the order named.

Two foreign drivers, at the wheels  
of foreign cars which under their  
guidance have captured every Euro-  
pean trophy of much value, were  
feared by the American contingent.  
These were Goux and Boillot, drivers  
of Peugeot cars—the flower  
of France in drivers and machines.  
Goux won the race last year, but  
shared with his racing partner the  
distinction of being today's favorite,  
for Boillot is the premier driver of  
France.

Ranking close to the two French-  
men, and far over-topping them in  
popular favor, were Bob Burman, the  
"world's speed king," holder until re-  
cently of the Speedway lap record,  
who is driving his own car; Barney  
Oldfield, the dean of the auto racing  
game and most widely known of them  
all; Spencer Wishart, New York mil-  
lionaire sportsman, who finished next  
to Goux last year; Joe Dawson,  
Speedway winner in 1912; Ray Har-  
rison, Speedway winner in 1911, Earl

## DEMURRER IS HEARD.

Case Unavoidably Held Today, Ad-  
journs for Services.

Circuit court adjourned this after-  
noon while memorial services were in  
progress. A demurrer was argued  
—today unavoidably—in the Eastern  
Oregon Telephone company case  
against the railroad commission of  
Oregon wherein the company attempts  
to establish that the commission's or-  
der asking for connections with the  
Home company at certain points in  
the valley was improper. Clyde  
Atchison, a member of the commis-  
sion is here to attend the hearing.

## Eagles Have Open House.

The fraternal order of Eagles held  
open house last night to which they  
invited their lady friends and some  
outside guests. After the business  
meeting the members and guests in-  
dulged in dancing until a late hour. A  
six-piece orchestra furnished the mu-  
sic. About 125 in all were present.

## ALBERT HUNTER IS CHAIRMAN

DEMOCRATS SELECT OFFICERS  
AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

D. M. Clark Secretary, and F. J.  
Holmes State Committeeman.

Albert Hunter, a veteran Demo-  
crat of Democratic Island City, has  
been named county chairman of the  
Democratic Central committee. At  
the organization meeting of the cen-  
tral committee last evening, a good  
representation of Democrats were  
present, and because in some instan-  
ces none had been written in by the  
precinct voters, appointments were  
made yesterday. The new officers are:

Chairman, Albert Hunter; secre-  
tary D. M. Clark, La Grande; state  
committeeman, F. J. Holmes, this  
city. Appointment of precinct com-  
mitteemen included: T. G. Wilson,  
Cove, No. 2; Dan Wilson, La Grande,  
No. 4; Frank Wilson, Union, No. 3;  
Sam Brooks, Imbler; Dr. Tape, Hot  
Lake; Summerville, Clyde Myers,  
Wm. Sailing, Hilgard; W. A. Huddle-  
son, North Powder, No. 1; J. T.  
Hobbs, North Powder, No. 2. In ad-  
dition to these, there are of course  
the regularly elected precinct com-  
mitteemen.

Cooper, American road-racing cham-  
pion; Gil Anderson, eastern road  
champion; Teddy Tetlaff, holder of  
the world's road record and Howard  
Wilcox, holder of the world's mile  
stock straightway; Ralph DePalma  
and Ralph Mulford, prominent Amer-  
ican drivers also were entered but De  
Palma gave way to Gilhooley at the  
start of the race.

For the first time since the Speed-  
way opened, every winner of this  
event in past years is in the race to-  
day, Ray Harroun, silent and uncom-  
municable, kept secret until the last  
moment his determination to drive  
the third Maxwell. He won the first  
500-mile Speedway race in 1911  
with the Marmon Wasp. This is his  
first Speedway race since that time.  
He had decided to retire, but remain-  
ed active as chief of the Maxwell  
squad. When one by one the big  
drivers were chosen for this race and  
none was left, for his third racer,  
Ray decided that rather than take  
one of the fifteen eliminated men he  
would drive the car himself.

Joe Dawson, winner with a National  
in 1912, is driving a Marmon to-  
day. His steady driving allowed him  
to snatch the laurels from DePalma  
when the latter's engine went bad in  
the last two laps. Dawson recently  
lowered the track record to 1:36 2-5.  
Fifty thousand dollars in cash  
prizes await the first ten to finish  
today. Of this \$20,000 will go to the  
winner, \$12,000 to the second man to  
finish and smaller sums for the rest.  
The tenth driver wins \$1,400. There  
are many trophies, valued in total at  
\$20,000, but these are not held per-  
manently. Prizes from accessory  
houses amount to \$15,000.

## GREAT STACKS OF CORPSES PILED ON PIERS AS THEY ARE BROUGHT TO SHORE

Total Death List is Now Close to One  
Thousand But Many Still Missing

## PUZZLED EXPRESSIONS MARK FACES OF THE DEAD

Inquest Will be Held Today and Captain Kendall  
Will Testify Before it Though Ill

Rimouski, May 30.—Piers along  
the water front were today filled with  
corpses from the sunken vessel Em-  
press of Ireland. Early in the day  
230 of those who perished, were  
stretched in the pier sheds here. For  
a few, there were coffins, but the ma-  
jority rested on bare boards on the  
pier. Many faces stared, open-  
eyed, and most of them were puzzled  
rather than frightened expressions.  
One mother clasped her infant to her  
breast.

## Craft Hunt for Corpses.

Quebec, May 30.—A fleet of small  
craft cruised, all last night, the  
scene of the sea disaster yesterday  
morning when the Empress of Ire-  
land went down with about 1000  
aboard. As the corpses were picked  
up, they were transferred to the gov-  
ernment boat, Lady Grey, which start-  
ed for Father Point and Rimouski  
yesterday.

## Captain Tells His Story.

Captain Kendall of the Empress of  
Ireland is still at Rimouski, where he  
is expected to testify before the in-  
quest today. He is prostrated with  
the experience and exposure, but is  
slowly recovering. Reports from  
there are to the effect that Kendall  
has made a statement of the accident  
as he remembers it. He says he saw  
the Stordstad's light just before the  
collision, and he whistled and received  
a response, stopping the Empress, but  
the Stordstad continued and tried to  
cross the Empress' bow, but failing,  
crashed into its side. For a moment,  
according to the Kendall story, the  
collier hung to the breach it had  
made in the liner's side and then  
backed out despite Kendall's pleading  
that the propellers be kept driving to  
plug up the hole. Once out, the col-  
lier let the ocean pour into the hole,  
and the liner quickly rolled over and  
sank like lead.

## Explosion Proves Disastrous.

Passengers came swarming on deck  
but the boilers exploded and the ship  
sank quickly.

The Stordstad arrived here today  
proceeding to Montreal. She had no  
survivors on board. She had a hole  
15 feet wide in her bow and the an-  
chors were driven completely through  
the hull. She listed heavily to port.  
Members of the crew said the collier  
picked up 340 survivors afterward  
transferring them to the Lady Evelyn.

Nine hundred and thirty-four are  
the official figures given out as those  
who perished in the wreck of the Em-  
press of Ireland. The figures are  
furnished by the Canadian Pacific  
Headquarters with offices in Mon-  
treal. They did not agree with the  
number supplied by the company at  
Quebec, where 1032 are said to have  
perished. "Most of the victims were  
drowned.

Some were unquestionably killed in  
the collision with the Stordstad. Twen-  
ty-two died of injuries after being  
picked up. Shock and exposure like-

wise contributed to this last death  
roll. Most of the survivors are at  
Quebec. They were taken there from  
Rimouski where the rescuing boats  
Lady Evelyn and Eureka had landed  
them. All of them were in a sorry  
plight. Some are suffering from  
painful hurts, some from broken  
bones.

## Bodies Are Rescued.

Quebec, May 30.—Of the 934 who  
perished 250 bodies have been rescued.

## Mrs. Trotter Returns.

Mrs. John Trotter of Baker, who  
has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs.  
J. C. Henry of this city for several  
days returned this morning. Mrs.  
Trotter is the daughter of Geo. Small,  
editor of the Baker Democrat. She  
took with her a neat young rabbit  
which is to become a pet of a junior  
member of the family.

## Death Claims Citizen.

A. S. Hedgespeth who came to the  
city some two weeks ago suffering  
from pulmonary tuberculosis, died this  
morning at the home of his cousin on  
T. and Fir streets. Funeral arrange-  
ments have not been announced.

## Visitors Go to Weiser.

Mrs. H. J. Elam and sister, Miss  
Martha McKenjie left this morning  
for Weiser, where they will be the  
guests of relatives for two weeks or  
more.

## Cashier Returns.

Fred L. Meyers cashier of the La  
Grande National bank, returned this  
morning from Portland where he has  
been on business for a day.

## Mrs. Cromwell Arrives.

Mrs. Josie Cromwell arrived this  
noon from Portland to visit with her  
brother John Fellows, for a week or  
ten days.

## Mrs. Marker Returns.

Mrs. A. Marker and baby arrived  
this morning from Hilgard, where  
they visited with Mrs. Lewis, sister  
to Mrs. Marker.

## Visitors to Be Entertained.

Mrs. Bonham and Josie Northcott  
arrived this morning on No 6 to be  
the guests of Mrs. Northcott of this  
city for several days.

## Indiana Man in City.

John Penrose of Millersburg, Ind.,  
arrived today to spend a few days  
at the Herman home. He is a bro-  
ther-in-law of Mrs. Maggie Herman.

## Mrs. Ladiger Dead.

Mrs. Ladiger who has been ill for  
several weeks, died at 3:30 p. m. to-  
day. Funeral at Christian church at  
2 p. m. Sunday.

## FOLEY TO BE ADMIRAL.

Astoria Regatta Officials "Annoint"  
P. A. Foley With Insignia.

P. A. Foley of this city is to be a  
vice-admiral at the Astoria regatta.  
He has received the appointment and  
expects to participate in the big fes-  
tivities at the seaport town early in  
June.

## Roosevelt Sails for Spain.

New York, May 30.—Roosevelt sail-  
ed this morning on the Olympic for  
Southampton, whence he will go to  
Madrid to attend the wedding of his  
son Kermit to Miss Belle Willard,  
daughter of Ambassador Willard. He  
was accompanied by his daughter,  
Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and his  
nephew, Philip Roosevelt.

## Examinations June 2-3.

Examinations for such pupils as  
failed in some studies in the recent  
tests, will be held at the high school  
June 2-3. Mrs. Ivanhoe has set these  
dates so as to not conflict with the  
Union Horse Show.

## LA GRANDE IS SPEECH THEME

POST-DINNER TOASTS RECITE  
CITY'S ATTRIBUTES.

Is Record for Dispatch, the Guests Be-  
ing Dismissed at 7:45.

"La Grande" was the keynote of  
speeches heard at the monthly Com-  
mercial club luncheon, attended by  
an even hundred people last evening.  
As usual, the lunch was served at the  
M. E. church basement, but a new  
record for alacrity was established,  
when the guests were dismissed at  
7:45. The service was first class, the  
music was better than ever and the  
speeches were short but snappy and  
to the point.

E. E. Bragg, postmaster, was the  
first speaker and pointed out the  
features of the present year's chau-  
taqua, naming it as one of the  
city's big attributes.

Chairman H. E. Dixon next intro-  
duced George T. Cochran, substitut-  
ing for Chas. E. Cochran. Mr. Coch-  
ran struck a balance sheet of the  
city's business assets today, com-  
pared to that of 8 years ago, re-  
calling the great development work  
done, the buildings, the added popu-  
lation and in a brief way pictured  
some of the tributes which La  
Grande now boasts of that five years  
ago were not realized.

Claude C. Cate, county farm ex-  
pert, spoke about weeds in La  
Grande, pointing the audience to the  
necessity for planting flowers and  
roses where noxious weeds now  
abound, and reminding them that  
work, and work chiefly, was the best  
medicine for eradication of weeds if  
La Grande should be made the most  
beautiful city in Oregon.

John S. Hodgins was the last  
speaker introduced by the toast-  
master. Mr. Hodgins closed his brief  
and pointed remarks by setting forth  
the defects in the present city  
charter that should be amended by  
action of the commission. Initiative  
petitions were on hand and were  
freely signed, asking the commission  
to do this. If the commission  
amends the charter the action will lie  
over 30 days during which referen-  
dum petitions may be circulated  
against them if desired. Mr. Hodg-  
ins called attention to the fact  
that big magazines throughout the  
country are commenting extensively  
on the La Grande form of govern-  
ment.

The banquet, speeches and music,  
were "done up" with a great deal of  
satisfaction and indicated, as has  
been done before, that the longer  
these monthly spreads and shoulder-  
rubs progress, the more popular they  
become.

## SOLDIERS PUT FLOWERS UPON PALS' GRAVES

VETERANS RIDE TO CEMETER-  
IES DURING THE MORN-  
ING HOURS.

## NOON HOUR IS SOCIAL RECREATION FOR VETS

Rapidly Diminishing Squad of Boys  
in Blue Follow the Colors to the  
Grave Yard and There Pay Tributes  
to the Dead Soldiers—Afternoon  
Program at Church.

A mere handful of Civil War vet-  
erans—representing largely the re-  
maining squads of rebellion fighters  
who found homes in La Grande and  
vicinity after the civil conflict of the  
60s—this morning paid their an-  
nual tribute to comrades who died on  
battlefields, and who have since those  
bloody days heard taps. Yearly, the  
group of "old boys" in blue who meet  
at the I. O. O. F. hall and go to the  
cemetaries—they ride now for the  
march is too severe a strain—dwin-  
dles down until some day, perhaps  
not many years hence—this annual  
scene will be stricken from view en-  
tirely. The attendance today was less  
than last year by quite a few, some  
surviving veterans being physically  
unable to be present. At noon the  
boys, back from their trip to the  
cemetaries where flowers were strewn  
upon the graves of known and un-  
known dead, were guests of the W.  
R. C., at a very pleasant luncheon.  
This afternoon the men and women  
were again assembled, and at the  
Methodist church the following pro-  
gram was arranged:

A pipe organ solo; Star Spangled  
Banner, by the audience; opening  
prayer by J. W. Oliver, post adjutant;  
Lincoln's Gettysburg address read by  
Harold Nutter; solo by Mrs. J. F.  
Corbet; address by Rev. I. B. Self  
of Wallawa; solo by Miss Eileen  
Pearce; recitation, a tribute to the un-  
known dead, Miss Mildred Bush;  
song, America, by the congregation.  
Individuals observed decoration  
day, too. Beautiful weather permit-  
ted women and children going to the  
graves of relations and dear friends,  
and the various grave yards were  
made as beautiful as possible.

Public offices, the railroad shops,  
barber shops and many other lines of  
industry rested for the day. Public  
buildings floated the colors.

## Nation Honors Its Dead.

Washington, May 30.—Arlington  
National Cemetery was the official  
shrine today in observance of Memo-  
rial day. Tiny flags waving over each  
of the thousands of graves and gar-  
lands of flowers testified a nation's  
remembrance of its dead. All de-  
partments were closed and business  
shut down today. A brief parade up  
Pennsylvania avenue and memorial  
services at Arlington, with similar  
ceremonies at other smaller ceme-  
teries nearby, was today's program.

President Wilson who had at first  
announced that he would not partic-  
ipate in the ceremonies in Arlington  
cemetery, reconsidered his first on-  
nouncement and stated that he would  
be present this afternoon. The first  
announcement not to take part was  
followed by a widespread criticism by  
G. A. R. posts.

## Panama Graves Decorated.

Panama, May 30.—The last resting  
places of canal workers, representing  
more than a score of nationalities  
were decorated today in the first big  
Memorial day ceremonies to be held  
under the Canal zone's new form of  
government.