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No. 5 Held Up At Meacham, One of Robbers Shot

Heppner Sheriff Wounded After Killing One of Three Men Who Held up No. 5 at Meacham This Morning

Three highwaymen held up and robbed passengers on the overland passenger No. 5 at a point one and half miles east of Meacham early this morning, and before the holdup was over, one of the robbers had been slain, another is thought to have been wounded, a Heppner deputy sheriff now lies in a Pendleton hospital with a bullet wound in his right chest. The attack upon the sheriff, whose name is McDuffie, was not fatal for the reason that the bullet aimed at him was diverted by a pencil and some papers in his right coat pocket. Carttridges found on the dead man are of the 45 caliber, resembling a big Winchester bullet, but no gun to fit these shells has been found. Some of the passengers may have taken the weapon as a memento.

The robbery was enacted by three, and probably four men. The fourth man, if there was one, providing saddled horses for the fugitives. While nothing definite exists to guide to the dead man's identity his name is probably Whitney. An inscription, dated 1911 on his watch is the only known clue to his identity. McDuffie is at the Pendleton hospital this afternoon, resting easily and will recover. The corpse of the dead man is again in Pendleton this afternoon after having been at Meacham during the forenoon.

The robbers boarded the train at Kamela. After a few miles' ride down the mountain side, they entered the rear Pullman and covered the Pullman conductor with revolvers and gathered up the porters and marched them to the Pullman car ahead where Conductor W. E. Fergus, another porter and a flagman were subdued. The entire party was then taken to the baggage car and Fergus compelled to pull the signal cord. When the train stopped the fireman and engineer were taken prisoners and placed in the baggage car as well. One man stood guard over the car while the others asked the express messenger to open the safe.

The messenger told them there was nothing there, and though they threatened to dynamite it, they did not and went on and left the baggage car unopened. Brakeman Earl was the first man the robbers covered, and he was with the procession from the start to the car cell. He is authority today for the statement that the shot was fired in the third coach, and that an attempt was made to rob the express car.

Women Not Molested.

The two robbers started through the train and relieved what few passengers there were in the first two coaches of their valuables and when they reached the third, they met resistance. Deputy Sheriff McDuffie, of Heppner saw the men coming and realized their purpose but did not

dare fire because of other passengers. When they passed him he fired twice. The women were not molested at any time.

As the first shot was fired by McDuffie, one robber opened fire on McDuffie and he replied with a bullet that killed one of the men—he staggered to the vestibule and fell dead. The other is thought to have been wounded in the encounter with McDuffie. Just how bad will not be known until he is captured, if at all.

Immediately the wounded man dashed for the door and passengers heard him say to someone in the darkness, that he had been hit.

Doubt About Injuries.

Some doubt has been expressed by local men who were on the scene this morning about the extent of the injuries to the other man. There was absolutely no blood in the vicinity of the scene except between the rails

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PERMITS FOR JUNE ARE BIG

JUNE OF 1914 SHOWS WELL WITH JUNE 1913.

Grande Ronde Hospital Heads the List With New Annex.

Not so slow—for a dull season—the way the city building permits in the city offices read. The Grande Ronde hospital leads the list with its new annex which has already been begun. The O.-W. comes next with a club house \$8,500.00. Several small amounts were given over to residences in the city and a few repairs were registered. On the whole the month has been far beyond the expectations of most persons interested. The total for June 1914 was \$29,360 for June 1913, \$36,450 showing that the 1914 month is nearly up to the high standard of 1913 considering that June of 1913 was an extra good month for that season of the year. Appended is a list of the permits issued last month:

G. H. Rush, frame dwlg.	\$3,500.00
G. M. Curtis, repair dwlg.	150.00
Mrs. L. Castle, dwelling	100.00
J. D. Heidenrick, residence	1,300.00
Jas. E. Hough, repair res.	25.00
O. Ansnes, dwelling	150.00
Geo. A. Stansfield, repair dwelling	35.00
Grande Ronde Hospital	15,000.00
G. B. Fritz, barn and woodshed	200.00
W. M. Rolings, dwelling	100.00
O. W. R. & N. club house	8,500.00
H. A. Hanan, dwelling	300.00

Total\$29,360.00

BIG BUSINESS READY TO TAKE ITS MEDICINE

J. P. MORGAN OFFERS OLIVE BRANCH TO WILSON IN PERSONAL CALL.

OTHER BUSINESS MEN TO CALL UPON THE EXECUTIVE

How Shall We Proceed to Get Adjusted? Asks Morgan of President Wilson in Friendly Call to Discuss Business Conditions—Business Willing to Submit.

Washington, July 2.—“Big business” indicated to the President today through Pierpont Morgan that it is ready to take its medicine. All the anti-trust legislation will be swallowed, he said no matter how bitter. Morgan told the President that he heads the nation's big corporations and that he is not antagonistic to his administration. He said that the big businessmen throughout the country are anxious to bring about prosperity and are willing to co-operate in every way. He only asked that they be shown how this could be accomplished. Morgan wouldn't comment regarding his visit to the White House, but it is known that he extended the olive branch to the President.

Washington, July 2.—J. Pierpont Morgan visited the White House today. He admitted that while the primary purpose of the visit was to pay his respects to the President, he might discuss business conditions.

Henry Ford, the millionaire automobile manufacturer will call next week and other big businessmen will confer with the President later, according to intimations given out. The President has been criticized on the grounds of his inaccessibility to businessmen and this is to be changed.

City Mountain Camp Opens.

Los Angeles, July 2.—For \$7.50 any boy or girl of Los Angeles can spend two weeks at the city's first municipal mountain camp, which was thrown open today at Seeley Flats, in the San Bernardino range; 40 miles from Los Angeles.

Scores of newsboys and street urchins were herded to the camp today. Others will be sent at weekly intervals. August will be given over to the girls and during September, adults will be admitted.

Sanitary, medical and commissary departments are in charge of high salaried experts. Amusements are also provided by the city playground commission which has complete charge of the camp.

Lower Rates Effective.

Denver, July 2.—Denver and a score of cities in northern Colorado yesterday began to reap the benefits of a decision delivered recently by the state railroad commission and upheld by the supreme court, reducing the rates on coal from the Colorado coal fields. The decision was the result of the agitation started by the Greeley commercial club, which took the matter before the railroad commission.

City Employee on Long Trip.

N. J. Mansager leaves tomorrow night for Bergen, Norway. He will take the trip by easy stages and visit many places on his way. Mr. Mansager has been associated with school and public life for some years before entering the city service.

Railway in Receivership.

Cincinnati, July 2.—On application of the Bankers' Trust company of New York, Federal Judge Hollister has appointed Judson Harmon and Rufus Smith, as receivers of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway.

GENERAL EVANS EXPLAINS
Washington, July 2.—In reply to a demand from Secretary Garrison for an explanation concerning a speech in which he is alleged to have attacked and criticized the administration, General Evans today said he has been misquoted. He said the speech was extemporaneous and as he remembered it there was no chance to misconstrue it to be an attack on the policies of the administration.

Autos Have Mix-up.

Union, Ore., July 2.—(Special)—Last evening W. T. Wright and family of this city were on their way to Union from North Powder and on a narrow grade out from town met Press Lewis in a car from La Grande. Mr. Wright stopped his car and Mr. Lewis tried to pass, but the grade was so narrow however that the Lewis car struck a rock in passing and the rear wheels were thrown against the Wright car. The steering gear of Mr. Wright's car was put out of order, but no injuries resulted to any of the occupants. C. E. Davis of Union came out and took the other car in.

Women Hold Boards.

Boulder, Colo., July 2.—Women held the boards today during the closing day of the second annual Colorado Sociological conference held here under the auspices of the University of Colorado. Women's work and their problems were discussed by some of the most prominent women in the state.

WANT A UNION FAIR EXHIBIT

PANAMA EXPOSITION MAN VISITS COURT.

Details Gone Into at Pendleton As Well As Here.

Geo. Hyland, director of exploitation of the Panama exposition was in La Grande today attempting to arrange an Eastern Oregon exhibit to be placed in the exposition. He met with County Judge Henry and the commissioners, who are in session today.

As a result of the conference with the county court this morning, Judge Henry named Robert Withycombe of Union, to represent this county in a conference of five Eastern Oregon counties to consider the matter. Mr. Hyland will personally attend the meeting.

Pendleton Takes Action.

Pendleton, July 2.—This afternoon the county court decided to name a representative to meet with representatives from Union and the other counties of this district to discuss the gathering of an eastern Oregon exhibit for the Panama-Pacific exposition.

In the interests of an Eastern Oregon exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held in San Francisco next year George M. Hyland, director of exploitation with the Oregon commission, is here today. He has been consulting with W. L. Thompson, local member of the commission and this afternoon will ask the county court to take steps to assist in gathering an exhibit from this county.

Under the plan proposed there will be a district exhibit from Eastern Oregon, not individual county exhibits.

It is expected to have the counties of Umatilla, Morrow, Union, Baker, Walla and possibly some other counties in the enterprise. The counties are asked to gather the exhibits and to replenish the display from time to time as becomes necessary. The commission will attend to the shipping of the products and will do all work in connection with handling the exhibits at the fair.

According to Mr. Hyland, Oregon will have the most distinctive and the

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CITY'S GAIN IN 6 MONTHS IS \$41,461.60.00

TRIAL BALANCE DISCLOSES PROFITABLE HALF-YEAR FOR THIS CITY.

DEBT REDUCED ABOUT SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND

City is Worth Over \$41,000.00 More Today Than it Was a Half-year Ago Shows Trial Balance Sheet Being Drafted Today by Treasurer Manager—Expenses Light.

Forty-one thousand four hundred sixty-one dollars and sixty cents have been gained by the city of La Grande in the six months just past, according to the trial balance sheet prepared by City Manager today before his departure for Norway tomorrow. The city is worth just that much more than it was six months ago. The trial balance deals with more than a million dollars on each side of the dividing line as a result of the big gain shown.

Transactions for the past six months are big. General warrants outstanding, contracted in 1912, were redeemed up to a total of \$48,777.09; \$14,057.47 in water warrants were redeemed and \$1,342.40 in road warrants were taken up making a total of about \$64,000 in warrants that have been redeemed, reducing the city's warranted indebtedness that much.

The amount of money spent during the past six months is about \$15,000. The trial balance is made up of about 160 open accounts, and indicates to what extent the city's affairs have grown.

Great Spectacle At Tacoma.

Tacoma, July 2.—Tacoma plunged into three days of celebration today with the opening of the Montanara Feste, during which there will be a carnival riot of street shows, day and night fireworks and automobile races. The big street show, which will be a daily feature, was thrown open to the public this afternoon with elaborate ceremonies. This was followed by the firing of daylight bombs containing flags of various nationalities, to each of which was attached a certificate worth \$5.00 to the finder.

Tonight the “Stromboli” will be presented at the great concrete High School stadium, which seats nearly 40,000 persons. This spectacle represents the ancient city of Palermo, with its quaint medley of buildings, consisting of Greek, Oriental and Mediaeval architecture and concludes with the bursting into activity of the volcano and the destruction of the city.

CLIMATIC STATISTICS.

(Readings taken from Government instruments by Observer Benham, and cover the 24 hours ending at 12:30 p. m. today.
Maximum 89; minimum 53.

IOWA MANUFACTURERS WILL SUPPORT COMPENSATION ACT

Des Moines, Ia., July 2.—Iowa's workmen's compensation law went into effect today and the state is prepared for it as few states which have taken this step have been. The Iowa Manufacturers' association has perfected its organization so that the association stands behind the law and the manufacturers do not have to pa-

CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN WITH NG POON CHEW

CAMPERS RUSHING TO THEIR TENTS TODAY WITH A VIM UNPRECEDENTED.

ALL DETAILS LOOKED AFTER, ALL FINISHED

Good Program for Opening Night Friday Evening — Campers on Grounds Early and List is Larger Than Ever Before—Children to Get Special Attention This Year.

Introducing Ng Poon Chew as the chief speaker for the evening, the fifth annual chautauqua opens tomorrow night at Riverside park. A great many went into camp this morning, another delegation goes out tonight, and tomorrow morning all the drays in town will be busy moving provisions and equipment for a 10-day stay to the park for a far greater number of families than have even been on the grounds before. With good weather forecasted the outlook is elegant for a big attendance this year. The best camping places have been taken long since, and two dozen tent provisions for rent have been all taken up, but a few who ordered them have withdrawn their orders.

The first night's program is to be of much interest for the noted Chinaman is popular in La Grande and will no doubt draw a packed auditorium the first night.

The park booth is up, the creche and W. C. T. U. headquarters are ready for occupancy, and a thousand little details are looked after.

Miss Zoe Bragg a graduate of the Monmouth normal and Miss Imogene Russell who has conducted a private kindergarten in this city the past year, have taken charge of the children's story-telling hour. All the equipment needed for a kindergarten in the park is provided and little tots have a great time in store for them. There will be a series of story-telling and kindergarten in general—at no time in the past have the children of campers had the attention given them that is outlined for this year.

Creche Chieftain Competent. Miss Winters, a Willamette University student, has been given charge of the creche. The story-telling hour is slated for the time that the domestic science courses are under way, and during night attractions the creche will be ready for infants and children in general.

Miss Hunt, instructor in domestic science, will arrive Sunday and domestic science classes will start Monday morning to continue for the week. One of the features of this department will be a demonstration of cutting up a beef, if arrangements can be made to get the class to a packing house in the city some time during the week.

Milk, ice and grocery wagons will commence delivering goods to the ground Friday morning, as a considerable number of campers will be located by tonight.

ANARCHISTIC PLOT PROMPTS EMPEROR TO STAY AT HOME

Berlin, July 2.—Rumors of the discovery of an anarchistic plot, has caused Emperor William to abandon his plan to attend the funeral of Archduke Ferdinand and his wife, who were assassinated Monday. He didn't go to Vienna as he announced he would and Prince Henry was designated to represent him.

Bodies on the Way.

Trieste, July 2.—The Austrian battleship Verpus Unitis arrived here today bearing the bodies of the archduke and his wife. From the ship they were taken to the railroad station to be shipped to Vienna.