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HARRY WHITNEY THEORY IS RAPIDLY LOSING GROUND

Woods and Taylor Have Posse Far in the Blue Mountain Region With Dogs

With evidence being rapidly dug up to prove that the dead train robber at Pendleton is not Harry Whitney, the Idaho outlaw, but that he may possibly be his brother, and with bloodhounds from Walla Walla showing increased interest in their work of trailing the escaped train robbers, the situation in the man hunt in the Blue mountains is changed but little this afternoon. The latest word from the front in a direct way is brought back by Superintendent Bollons at noon, and he has had no direct word from "the front", this afternoon. That the victim was Geo. Chapman, an Eastern Oregon rancher, is becoming a more widely adopted theory every hour. Special Agent Woods of Portland and Sheriff Taylor of Pendleton are in personal charge of the hunt and are this afternoon—unless they have returned since noon—far out in the hills.

That the dead train robber now at Pendleton may be Charles Whitney, a brother of the famous Idaho outlaw, Harry Whitney, is the plausible theory advanced by T. W. Flores, 1517 Madison street. Yesterday evening Mrs. Flores, who like her husband lived in the same section of Idaho for a good many years that the Whitneys did prior to the famous Idaho Falls train robbery and murders, called the dead man Harry Whitney when she saw the photograph—without any knowledge of what the picture meant or that the Whitney rumor was afloat. This morning Mr. Flores, who knew the Whitneys better than his wife, positively asserted it was not Harry but might be a brother Charles, less famous as a bad man and the fact that traces of amateurism are shown in the robbery, leads to the conclusion that the Flores theory is not far off.

The Idaho Falls murder happened three years ago. The Whitneys have lived at Star Valley, and St. Anthony near the Wyoming line for a good many years.

The three men were in La Grande Monday and that one of them was in jail under the name of Joe Kelley, is the belief of Chief Orai. He is certain that the dead man was here Monday and two men were with him who answer the description exactly. A picture of the corps will be taken at Pendleton with his hair combed to correspond to the style used by Whitney.

Men Took to Creek.

Chas. B. Orai, chief of Police of this city, returned yesterday on the first relief train, and Sheriff Hug came in on the 8 o'clock train. A special relief was sent out last evening with a new posse. Speaking of the hunt as it was conducted yesterday Mr. Orai said:

"The men jumped down an embankment and started for the creek. I do not believe they had any horses then. The dogs followed the trail to

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PARSONS WINS TACOMA RACE

FRANTZ CAR WINS CENTURY EVENT.

Wright Car Second and Lozier Third at Tacoma Races.

Tacoma, July 3.—The Interstate Century auto race was won by Parsons in a Frantz car. He covered a 100 miles in one hour and 56 minutes, 55 2-5 seconds. Brock in a Wright was second and Latta piloting a Lozier was third. The Golden Notch race will be run this afternoon.

Huerta Has a Mother-in-Law

WHAT IS MORE, SHE LIKES HER "SON."

DAME IS VERY OLD

Children and Grandchildren Appeal Differences to Her.

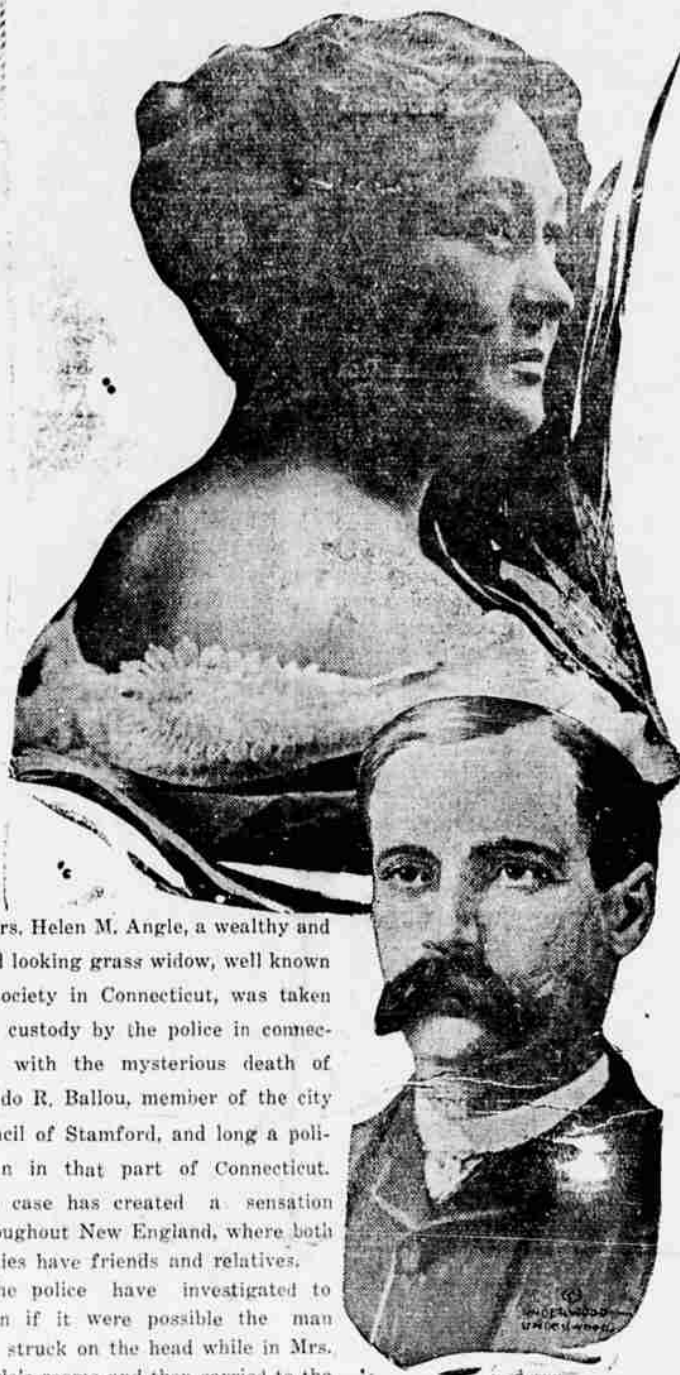
By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD.
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Vera Cruz, June 24.—(By mail to New York.)—One of the most interesting facts about Victoriano Huerta is that he has a mother-in-law, and that, contrary to the usual run of such affairs, she is thoroughly in sympathy with him. In a rather plain house at 581 Avenida Chapultepec, Senora Aguila, who is now 98 years old, holds forth for all her children and her children's husbands and wives. Scarcely a day goes by that she does not chat with at least 20 of her children or grandchildren, holding family court in Mexican fashion, listening to stories of troubles of joys and giving such advice as she sees fit. Not infrequently the great dictator of Mexico himself, breezes into her quiet room with a joke and a laugh. "You rascal," is his mother-in-law's name for him, and he is always sure of a welcome. There was a time, it is said, during the old days at Monterey, Mexico, when Huerta was only a sewer building contractor and money was scarce and Huerta's habits none too steady, when Senora Aguila held forth kindly greeting for her daughter's husband. The children were coming into the Huerta home rapidly, and such debts were piling up on the Huerta household that it is only since he has been "president" that Huerta has wiped off the score with the bright-minded old day and she takes great delight in seeing her daughter, Mary, the "first lady of the land."

As for the daughter, herself, being "the first lady of the land" is not so much pleasure. Mrs. Huerta is a bright spot in the Huerta family; though she is 48 years old—being 16 years older than her eldest child, she is every inch, a mother. The society folks of Mexico say of her that she does not scintillate in society because she tries to brood. To be a mother has been her life training; to be a society woman is a thing she has never learned, because her husband is a soldier and, by the strange rule of things in Mexico, a soldier has no social standing whatever. At the brilliant social reception which "President" Huerta has always insisted shall be given monthly at Chapultepec, Mrs. Huerta is never at ease and Mexican society folks laugh in their sleeves at her habit of herding in a corner with her immediate relatives, while her husband, disregarding all the finesses of a society man, flits about the rooms from group to group, coaxing men to the sideboard or punchbowl and making stinging jokes. Mexican society never took up Madeiro, after he became president, because, society folks said, he was a "peon's president."

On the contrary, after Huerta took the presidential power, society folk who had belonged to the aristocratic Diaz regime, found it necessary to take in Huerta and his family, because Huerta was "putting the peons where they belonged"—into the army. All of this is a joke to Huerta, who sees

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CONNECTICUT SOCIETY WOMAN HELD IN CONNECTION WITH MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A POLITICIAN.



Mrs. Helen M. Angle, a wealthy and good looking grass widow, well known to society in Connecticut, was taken into custody by the police in connection with the mysterious death of Waldo R. Ballou, member of the city council of Stamford, and long a politician in that part of Connecticut. The case has created a sensation throughout New England, where both parties have friends and relatives. The police have investigated to learn if it were possible the man was struck on the head while in Mrs. Angle's rooms and then carried to the street.

CHERRY FAIR DATE IS SET

JULY 15 SELECTED AS SHOW DATES THIS YEAR.

Growers Extending Every Effort to Make the Event Excellent.

Cove, July 3.—(Special)—Cove's annual cherry fair has been set for July 15. By that time cherries will be in their greatest glory it is believed, judging by the rapidity with which they are maturing.

With the date definitely set, Cove cherry growers are rounding out their affairs to make of the show one of the biggest yet. The crop is excellent, bear stories early in the year notwithstanding. The program is to be as good as it can be possibly made, and the cherry growers look for a tremendous display of the fruit which has made the town famous.

Arkansas Murderer Doomed Today.

Little Rock, July 3.—Clarence Lee Dewein, 20, formerly of Belleville, Ill., was today doomed to die in the electric chair at the penitentiary here for the murder of L. H. Thompson.

WILSON RUNS AFTER MEDIATORS TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION

Washington, July 3.—"Just a moment, just a moment," shouted President Wilson today rushing into the corridor of the executive office. "I want to see you," he said to Justice Lamar and Frederick Lehman, the American envoys at the mediation negotiations, just back from Niagara. They turned and shook hands with the

VEHRS WINNER OF ROAD RACE

ONLY ONE OF THREE RIDERS TO FINISH RACE.

Hallgarth Reaches La Grande but Fails on the Return Trip.

The last lap of his race punctuated with blowouts and punctures, Earnest Vehrs of La Grande, on an Excelsior, won the Elgin-La Grande motorcycle race this forenoon in the good time of one hour and 27 minutes. The distance covered was about 50 miles. Two other entries were hopelessly outclassed; one, Barnes, failing to reach La Grande at all, and Hallgarth went into the ditch on the return trip and was hopelessly out of the race.

Vehrs left Elgin on his Excelsior at 10:16 and reached La Grande at 10:52 1-2, remarkably fast time. He came in on a flat tire, but put in more air and left the tack in the tubing which had caused the slow leak. He took on gas and equipped himself with a new inner tube and

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TENTED CITY AT PARK IS A BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY

Opening Numbers Tonight Initiate Ten Days of High Grade Amusement

Frank Earls is Holdup Figure

BRAKEMAN SEES HUMOR IN SOBER MOMENTS.

FERGUS GRABS GAS JET

Negro Holds Lady's Shoes in the Air While Parading Train Length.

Frank Earls, a La Grande-grown young man, and a high school product who until recently lived here, was the brakeman who figured so conspicuously in the holdup yesterday.

Mr. Earls declares that even with the muzzle of a black sixshooter looking him in the eye he could hardly keep from laughing.

Negro Badly Scared.

In taking the crew forward, the robbers picked up all the Pullman porters in sight too, and Earls declares some of them wore the most sickly pallor he ever saw. One was shining the shoes of the sleeping passengers at the time and when ordered to put up his hands, held on to one shoe. All during the trip forward, he held that shoe aloft and even after reaching the express car, kept his hands and the shoe in the air. One of the robbers noticed this and even he chuckled. "Better drop that shoe, you'll get tired enough holding up your hands," he said. The porter pulled down his hand and looked at the shoe in utter amazement, having evidently been unaware of his burden.

Fergus Grabs Gas Jet.

Another humorous incident was afforded by Conductor Fergus who frankly admits he was excited. When ordered to stop the train, he clutched wildly for a bellcord and finding none, grabbed the gas jet instead of the air switch.

Chas Stacy's Charm Saved.

That the leader of the railroad bandits who held up No. 5 Thursday and who paid for his boldness with his life was not without some sentiment is indicated by a conversation he had with Charles Stacey, conductor of the Pendleton-Umatilla motor car who was on the smoker of No. 5 enroute back from his home in La Grande. He saw the robbers as they took the train crew forward and taking out his purse, took out a dollar and then hid it under the cushions. As the duo of bandits reached him, the man with the guns provided him in the ribs and told him to "cash in." Stacey threw in the dollar.

"You blankety, blankety — of a h—," he roared. "You've got more than that. Come through with it or I'll blow your head off," and each word was emphasized with a jab in the ribs with the gun. Stacey protested that was all he had. "Then gimme that," he said, pointing to a jeweled watchfob on the conductor. "Oh, you don't want that," answered the other, "that's only a dollar and a half charm that belongs to my little girl." "Keep it then," said the robber. "I got a little girl of my own," and he passed on to the next. Stacey came back to La Grande last night and his chest is still sore from the prodding received.

Fire Chief Returns.

Fire Chief Benham has returned from an extended trip east where he visited points in Iowa and Missouri. The chief reports a fine trip but says that the weather is very hot, farther east.

TICKET SALE AT GATE.

Those who have not obtained their season and membership tickets can procure them at the box office at the city park.

With Riverside park already crowded with campers, and those who are to participate already in the city, the fifth annual chautauqua opens tonight at Riverside park. Dr. Ng Poon Che, the famous Chinese orator and statesman arrived today from the West and will lecture this evening, and those who heard him last season will not miss it by coming again for he has a new theme.

The shower this afternoon will mark the night program.

Colored Singers Come.

Tomorrow and Sunday the Dixie Jubilee singers will appear on the program and a patriotic program will be carried out tomorrow, varied with band concerts. The detail program for tomorrow will be announced in the morning edition of The Observer. Tomorrow. The ideal camping facilities are augmented this year by the L. D. S. restaurant on the grounds. Patrons can learn the menu for the next day by reading each day's paper. Chicken dinner served cafeteria style is on the boards for tomorrow.

Campers Out Early.

Fifty-four camps were in place last evening, 24 hours before chautauqua opened. Customarily the tented city is not in working order until the night of the first number, yet everyone is anxious to get an early start. The first night on the grounds was especially enjoyable—a full moon and a clear sky made the camping lark doubly interesting. Before 7 o'clock this morning campers began arriving and a steady stream kept pouring into grounds all day.

Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller the Portland contralto, will open the festivities tonight as a prelude to the Ng Poon Che lecture.

CLIMATIC STATISTICS.

(Readings taken from Government instruments by Observer Benham, cover the 24 hours ending at 1 o'clock p. m. today.)
Maximum 93; minimum 55.

Rabbies Symptoms Shown.

Last evening the officers shot a dog which showed symptoms of being rabid. The dog belonged in the vicinity of the local Chinese quarters and was unmuzzled.

ADJOURN IN NEAR FUTURE

EARLY AUGUST TO SEE SESSION CLOSE.

President Wilson Indicates Cooperation is Certain.

Washington, July 3.—The President today indicated that Congress would possibly adjourn early in August as the result of the change in government taken by the big business toward administration in the anti-trust program. He made it plain that he expected co-operation from heads of the big business corporations.