

## EX-LA GRANDER KILLED BY AUTO

KARL M. DITTEBRANDT MEETS  
INSTANT DEATH.

Another in Party of Six Dies From  
Injuries Received.

Karl M. Dittebrandt, born at Summerville, and a resident of La Grande for a number of years before he went to Spokane, met instant death Saturday night near Palouse, Washington, while driving to Colfax with a party of five others. One of the party, a woman proprietor of a Palouse hotel, died soon after as a result of a crushed skull. Dittebrandt's neck was broken when the car, with six in it, went over a 15-foot embankment.

Few details have reached here. Mrs. W. R. Hamilton received word early this morning from H. C. Rinehart, of Portland, telling briefly of the deplorable accident, and later Mrs. Jay Van Buren was telegraphed to by her sister, Mrs. Fred Dittebrandt, also of Spokane. Boise papers give slight information on the subject, and until letters are received it is not likely that all details will be known. Mr. Dittebrandt was driving the car at the time, and dispatches state he lost control of it. It appears he was taking a party of people from Spokane to Colfax, he being employed as salesman in the Olive agency there.

The funeral was held this afternoon in Portland where the mother, Mrs. Anna Smith, has resided since moving from Summerville to Portland a short time ago.

Karl was 25 years of age. After leaving Summerville, he and his brother Fred operated a garage in this city, but later sold out and moved to Portland and from there to Spokane. Many friends of the family, and near relatives, were deeply shocked at the distressing tragedy.

### Wallowa News Items.

Wallowa, Ore., March 27.—D. McLean and W. G. Curtis have begun repairing the opera house which was damaged by fire about two weeks ago. A temporary partition will be built where the big curtain hung. The scenery will not be replaced until some later date.

The Fairchild Bros. bought the J. G. Henderson homestead which is located about two miles south of town, last week. The Fairchild Bros. have been in the sheep business for several years, but last year they sold their flocks and they will now engage in farming and cattle raising.

A deal was made recently whereby W. H. McRae took John Powell's property in the south part of town, which is known as the Pratt place, and in return, Mr. Powell took McRae's farm in Lower Valley.

Quincy Trump bought a ten acre tract in Diamond Prairie from Henry Schaffer last week.

Two car loads of horses were shipped to the Omaha market last Thursday.

The athletic field near the school house was worked over Saturday and put in shape for track practice. A sprinting track was made, and the jumping pits fixed etc. Work was also commenced on two tennis courts, which will be made. These will be on the lower side of the high school next to the gym.

### Teaching Texas Farmers.

Bowie, Tex., March 27.—The first agricultural chautauqua ever held in this part of the Southwest opened here today, inaugurating a series of two-days institutes in behalf of diversified farming, better live stock, poultry raising, dairying and marketing. Three chautauquas will be held regularly once a month throughout the year.

The extension department of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, co-operating with the farmers, sent four of its experts. The program calls for speeches, lectures, demonstrations, exhibits, contests and music. Canning and home economics received a large amount of attention.

### Rose Culturists Meet Tonight

Pendleton March 27.—A meeting of all of those interested in the culture of roses and other flowers will be held this evening at 7:30 in the council chamber of the city hall. Mrs. J. L. Vaughan, temporary chairman of the Pendleton Floriculture association, called the meeting. Permanent officers will be chosen this evening and plans laid for the annual show.

### Goes to La Grande.

(Pilot Rock Record.) C. C. Henderson, who sold his property here about a year ago and moved to Riverside, about a mile above Pendleton on the Umatilla river, has recently traded his Riverside tract for a farm a few miles from La Grande. Mr. Henderson traded with T. B. Wells, who formerly was well known in this section as a sheepman. The Wells family will move to Riverside to reside.

FOR RENT—40-acre orchard. Inquire Jack Oliver. 3-29, 6t.p.

LOST—A cameo pin. Return to Williams' Abstract office and receive reward. 3-29, 1t.

## \*\*\*\*\* ADDITIONAL PERSONALS. \*\*\*\*\*

W. H. Campbell is over from Seattle on land office business.

E. E. Johnson, of Alicel, spent yesterday at the Sommer.

Walter Riddle, of Diamond, was a Sommer hotel guest yesterday.

C. A. Prall is over from Pasco on business. He is at the Foley.

Editor Maxwell of the Union Scout is a Foley hotel guest today.

Mrs. Mary A. Gilbert of Hood River is a Foley hotel guest.

Burl Conley, of Cove, registered at the Foley yesterday.

Mrs. J. S. White, of Haines, was registered at the Savoy yesterday.

C. C. Stine, a citizen of Wallowa, spent yesterday in the city.

W. E. Brownell, of Elgin, is at the Savoy.

E. H. Becker, of Summerville, was a Savoy guest yesterday.

A. R. Thompson was in from Elgin Saturday night, a Savoy hotel guest.

S. B. Wilkins, of Summerville, spent Sunday at the Savoy.

Thomas Padonius, of Joseph, is in the city. He is at the Savoy.

W. G. Cady came in from Durkee yesterday.

E. Adskin, of North Powder, was a Savoy guest over Sunday.

Mrs. A. P. Conley and Miss Effie Conley came over from Cove yesterday and were Sommer hotel guests.

G. H. Rollins and William Kirk, of Union, are over today reporting for jury duty.

W. E. Brandon, of Joseph, was here yesterday and registered at the Sommer.

F. H. Brownlee was over from Wallowa yesterday and stopped at the Sommer.

E. G. Seaman and wife, of Lostine, spent yesterday in La Grande. While here they were Sommer hotel guests.

L. R. Bessler was down from Baker yesterday and was quartered at the Sommer.

Misses Blanche Rierdan and Dolly Carson, of Baker, were Sommer hotel guests yesterday.

Mrs. J. M. Eubanks, of Walla Walla was a Foley guest yesterday and today left for Elgin to visit relatives.

Glenn D. Hart, of Deadwood, S. D., is at the Foley while spreading the merits of the Elsidelo cigar.

Miss Gertrude Gray of Pendleton, was in the city Saturday evening and was a Foley hotel guest.

W. E. Jones was over from Milton yesterday. He stopped at the Foley hotel.

George Leadworth and J. E. Troxland, of Pendleton, were Foley hotel guests yesterday.

Mrs. L. Mitchellod, of Walla Walla, was in La Grande yesterday on her way to Joseph.

Miss Nellie Kennedy has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Foley hotel.

Mrs. W. H. Stickney, of Joseph, was a Sunday visitor in La Grande and stopped at the Savoy.

George and Dick Benson are over from Union today on business. They report everything looking fine on their side of the valley.

W. F. Grubb and J. D. Campbell, of Sparta, are at the Sommer hotel today. They are here to interview the land office on public lands.

Mrs. A. J. Woods, who has been in Portland for some time passed through La Grande yesterday on her way to Elgin to be at the bedside of her father.

Mrs. W. R. Holmes, wife of a prominent Enterprise banker, and Mrs. J. S. Wagner, also of Enterprise, are guests with Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent.

Hon. W. A. Jones, of Joseph, was a visitor in the city Sunday en route to Salem where, as a member of the state fair board, he will be present when the election of a secretary is held, he being a candidate for the job. N. K. West, another member of the board, left last evening for Salem to attend the meeting.

All members of the Y. M. C. A. ministers are urged to be present tonight at 7:30 when rehearsal is again held.

LOST—Ladies' size 6 Waltham watch. Return to Observer and receive reward. 3-29-4tp.

FOR RENT—Two or three furnished rooms after April 1st, 904 Penn avenue, or phone Main 715. 3-29-3t

## BIG SING IS ENJOYABLE

Y. M. C. A. AFTERNOON MEETING ATTRACTIVE

Phonograph Concert to be Given a Week Hence

One of the most interesting meetings yet held in the Y. M. C. A. for Sunday afternoon was held yesterday at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. Lester C. Rhodes of the Christian church presided. Many men took advantage of the opportunity to attend and called for their favorite songs from the old rather time worn songbooks which have been the property of the Y. M. C. A. since Dr. J. D. Gillilan presented them to the association two or three years ago. But while the covers were loose and some leaves were missing from many of them the old songs were there. The first number called for was, "Heavenly Sunlight" and was most appropriate on account of the cloudy day. There was no gloominess in the meeting however as man after man called for some song that meant something to him at some stage of his Christian life. With Prof. Armstrong at the piano and W. F. Landrum leading the singing each song went off in good shape. It was interesting to note the birthplaces of some of the men, New York, Oregon, South Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Idaho, Arkansas, and Missouri were some of the states so represented. Songs were called for because they had been instrumental in leading to the Christian life because they had been used in college days and because they helped now. Take it all in all the meeting was most enjoyable.

Next Sunday the men who attended the meeting will have the pleasure of hearing some of the sweetest singers in the world today thru the phonograph in a sacred concert. Two years ago in the old Y. M. C. A. quarters in the Oregon building seventy-five men listened to a concert of this kind, from one of the Newlin instruments and now thru the kindness of Lynne Bohnenkamp another treat is to be given. All men of the city are invited to be present and enjoy Easter afternoon at the Y. M. C. A.

When in need of a sweeper vacuum cedar polish mop, or high class sanitary brush for any purpose, see Mrs. E. S. Norris, 1303 9th street or phone Red 1031. Local agent for Pacific Coast Sales Co. 3-29-tf.

### Pengra Head of Sumpter Valley

Baker March 27.—E. B. Pengra, for the past two years one of the active heads of the Sumpter Valley railway management and for some months superintendent, has been made general manager of the road by President D. C. Eccles, filling the position held formerly by Guy L. Anderson, whose duties devolved for a time on Mr. Eccles.

The new general manager has demonstrated his ability as an executive and before coming to the S. V. from the Southern Pacific, was a railroad man of marked prominence in the state. He returned yesterday from a trip through the middle west, including Colorado and Utah, where he made a study of railroading.

He announces that two new Baldwin locomotives have been purchased by the company and are expected to arrive soon from Philadelphia.

### Farmers' Union Will Consider Fair.

Baker, March 27.—To consider the advisability of supporting a county fair in Baker this year, the Baker County Farmers' union, composed of the various locals in the county will meet Saturday afternoon in the Modern Woodmen hall in this city. Because of the rush from now on in the farming line, this will probably be the last meeting of the county union for about six months.

As an added inducement for the members of the union to be on hand, plans are being made for the production of a moving picture film showing the state meeting of the Farmers' Union held last December at The Dalles.

Notice to the Public.  
The business of the La Grande Meat Company ceased in La Grande on March 20th, due to a sale of business and fixtures to the La Grande Meat Co., incorporated. All bills contracted after March 20th, 1915, are payable by the La Grande Meat Co., incorporated.  
LA GRANDE MEAT CO.  
By Fred Bock, Manager.

Adv. 3-29-5t.

WANTED—A middle-aged woman for house work. Inquire Bugg's paint store, or phone black 1581. 3-29, 1t

## \*\*\*\*\* ARTICLES MUST BE SIGNED \*\*\*\*\*

The Observer wishes once more to call attention to the fact that all articles contributed must be signed by parties sending in same. While the names need not be printed, yet we must have the names in order to insure the reliability of the article. This policy to society news as well as other news items, and this notice is prompted by an article which found its way into this office Saturday and the authenticity of which cannot now be traced. The rule is imperative and must be closely followed in the future.

## And Easter is Just Six Days Away

Now is the time to get those new Easter togs—Easter togs and Spring time go together. Why delay when you can buy your entire outfit at The United Store for less than your neighbor paid for her suit elsewhere—You get the best of quality and have money left.

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| Girls' Coats .....                | \$3.98                      | English Gaberdines ..... | \$9.90 \$12.50                     |
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| Ladies' Suits .....               | \$9.90 \$12.50 \$14.75      | Boys' Raincoats .....    | \$2.98                             |
| New Silk Dresses .....            | \$4.98 \$5.90 \$6.90 \$9.90 | Boys' Suits .....        | \$2.98 \$3.98 \$4.98               |
| Crepe de Chine Silk Dresses ..... | \$12.50                     | Boys' Shoes .....        | \$1.49 \$1.69 \$1.79 \$1.89 \$1.98 |
| Dress skirts .....                | \$2.98 \$3.98 \$4.98 \$5.90 | Boys' Shirts .....       | 25c 49c 89c 98c                    |
| Waists, lawn or voile .....       | 98c                         | Men's Dress Shirts ..... | 49c 98c \$1.49                     |
| Waists, silk .....                | \$1.98 \$2.98               | Men's Easter Ties .....  | 25c 45c                            |
| Girls' Easter Hats .....          | 15c 25c 49c 69c 98c         | Men's Easter Hats .....  | 98c \$1.49 \$1.98 \$2.49           |

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Adv. 3-27-2t.

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CLIMATIC DATA.  
Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:  
Maximum, 40; Minimum, 39  
Temperature at 12:30 today, 62.  
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## Are You Going To Build?

Two great questions to the prospective home-builders are "How much is your home going to cost," and "what will be the cost for repairs in the future." There are two ways to build, the cheap and inexperienced way, and the good and substantial way which means good workmanship and good material.

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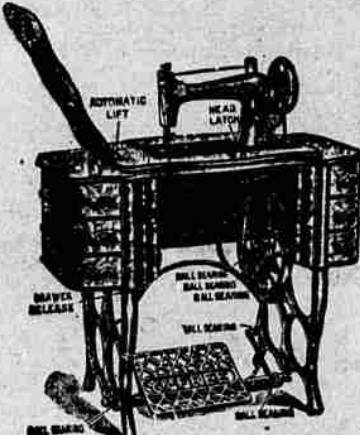
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## Palmer Lands



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PRICE—Only \$15.00 per acre.  
TERMS—One-tenth down and one-tenth each year, interest 6 per cent.  
LOCATION—In Union County, 10 miles from Elgin, 30 miles from La Grande, 1 to 4 miles from Palmer Junction where there is a general merchandise store, postoffice, railway station on the O.-W. R. & N. with daily mail, passenger and freight service.

ALTITUDE—2600 feet. (Lower than La Grande.)  
CLIMATE—Mild, no wind, 30 inches rainfall, no late frosts.  
SOIL—A mixture of volcanic and pine ash varying from 2 to 5 feet deep, with a clay sub soil that holds the moisture and keeps the soil damp all summer.

CLEARING—Palmer lands were cut over several years ago; and the white pine stumps, having no tap root and being filled with pitch are easily burned or pulled.

WATER—These lands are well watered from springs and living creeks, while good well water is found within a few feet of the surface. This is a dry farming country with plenty of rainfall.

CROPS AND STOCK—A natural hay, grain, stock and dairy country. Cattle, sheep, hogs, horses and poultry have been raised with fine success. Vegetables, potatoes, berries and fruit are also grown with excellent results.

WOOD—There is plenty of timber for building houses and barns on nearly every place and to furnish wood for many years. Some places have enough wood to pay for the land.

SCHOOLS—There is a good school in the center of these lands which is to be increased to a nine months school.

SETTLERS—About 2500 acres of these lands have already been sold and at least 20 families are now or will be living on their places this spring.

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