

KING JESS IS NOT TO FIGHT WITHIN A YEAR

WILL REAP GOLDEN HARVEST BEFORE TAKING ON OTHER COMERS.

NEGRO WILL MOVE TO MARTINIQUE AT ONCE

Willard Announces That He is Going to Go on Vaudeville Stage in Florida and New Orleans Before Going to New York for Protracted Engagement with Theaters in Gotham.

Havana, April 6.—Jess Willard will leave Havana tomorrow to begin reaping his golden harvest. He is deluged with theatrical offers. Willard intimated he will not enter the ring, except in exhibitions, for at least a year. He probably will play a week's vaudeville at Jacksonville, Florida, and then go to New Orleans for a week. Thence he will go to New York for a long engagement. Johnson, the defeated negro, will leave today for Martinique, where he plans to make his future home.

ONE SUSPECT HELD.

Big Stir in Baker County Over Robbery of Stage Coach Yesterday.

Huntington, April 5.—(Special)—William Halder, better known in this section as "Sour Dough Bill," was arrested here this evening by City Marshal Ed Hannon on information from Sheriff Anderson, on suspicion that he is implicated in, or has knowledge of, the hold-up of the Rainbow mine-Durkee stage yesterday, when \$7000 in gold bullion was stolen. Halder came into Huntington this afternoon and shortly after word was received to hold him.

Durkee, April 5.—(Special)—Mr. A. H. Wright, the only passenger on the Rainbow stage when it was held up this morning and the week's haul-up of the Rainbow mine, valued at \$7000, secured by masked robbers, refused to make any statement on her arrival here, although questioned as to the details of the affair. She gave no reason for her refusal to talk, but it is believed she has been asked by some of the officers to say nothing until they learn more.

Rye Valley, April 5.—(Special)—The posse led by Sheriff Anderson and Deputy Sheriff Nelson and another posse from this place and the Rainbow mine are scouring the hills tonight in the vicinity of Pedro mountain, in the hopes of securing trace of the two masked bandits who today held up the Durkee stage about a mile north of the Rainbow mine, securing \$7000. Word was received this evening that a posse under the leadership of Sheriff Brown had started from Vale and was working toward the Baker county line toward Pedro mountain, where the fugitives are thought to be in hiding. Some here are inclined to the belief that the guilty parties are still in the basin.

The hold-up took place about 9 o'clock, two masked men halting the stage with rifles and compelling the driver, Ralph Moorehouse to dismount from the stage. They must have had accurate knowledge of the shipment of bullion and chose a good place for their effort. Moorehouse was not harmed, nor was Mrs. Freitag, the only passenger. After securing the gold, according to Moorehouse, the robbers, each of whom was mounted on a large bay horse, took flight in the direction of Pedro mountain. The driver brought the stage to this place and gave the alarm, he securing another driver to take the stage to Durkee, while he remained to lend assistance in running the road agents down.

Baker, April 6.—Up to a late hour last night, nothing more had been heard from Sheriff Anderson and Deputy Nelson, who left here about 10 o'clock, Charley Olds taking them in his auto. Instead of organizing a posse at Durkee as anticipated, they went through to Rye Valley in the machine and started their operations from there.

It was reported here that the bullion secured by the yeggmens was worth only \$4700, but Manager Howard Lee of the Rainbow mine, in a phone conversation with Deputy Sheriff Herbert, said it was worth \$7000.

FRANK ROGUE DIES

Memorhage of the Stomach Leads to Death.

Frank Hogue, an employe of the George Palmer Lumber company, died early this forenoon as the result of hemorrhage of the stomach. While

EMPLOYER AT FRONT NOT FIGHTING, BUT WRITING.



DR. SVEN HEDIN, NOTED SWEDISH EXPLORER IS NOW WITH THE GERMAN ARMY IN THE EASTERN SCENE OF WAR, WHERE HE WILL GATHER MATERIAL FOR A BOOK. THE EXPLORER-AUTHOR IS IN GERMANY AT THE KAISER'S INVITATION.

FRAUD PROVEN IN INDIANA

TWENTY-SEVEN FOUND GUILTY BY JURY.

Sentence to be Imposed on Mayor and Crowd Shortly.

Indianapolis, April 6.—Mayor Don Roberts of Terre Haute and 26 other defendants tried on a charge of election frauds and graft, in Vigo county, were found guilty by a jury. Federal Judge Anderson will sentence the 27 already convicted, as well as the 89 who have pleaded guilty previously, on April 12th.

building the kitchen fire 10 days ago in his home near the Palmer mill, he was seized with a fit of coughing and from then on he grew rapidly worse, gradually reaching the end. It was known last evening that there was little or no hope for his recovery, and death ensued this morning at 9 o'clock.

He was a young man, just in the prime of life, and is survived by the distracted widow and two children. His many friends were deeply shocked at the sad incident.

In addition to the hemorrhages, there were other serious complications, which were material in the cause of death.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon from the Lutheran church at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Modern Woodmen of America will have charge of the funeral arrangements it is announced.

He was a member of the Modern Woodman of America, the Knights & Ladies of Security and the Loyal Order of Moose.

JOSEPH HOTEL SOLD

A. A. Gust, of Seattle, Buys the Mitchell Hostelry.

The Mitchell Hotel in Joseph, a landmark to every pioneer and a home for the wayfaring stranger for the past quarter century, has been purchased by A. A. Gust, a wealthy real estate man of Seattle. Mr. Gust has not divulged his intentions regarding the hotel, but the many people attracted to Joseph during the summer months, it is believed will insure a good business for the place and it will probably continue to run as a first class stopping place for the tourists.

Watch Services Enjoyed.

Nearly 40 young people enjoyed the morning watch service at the Methodist church Sunday at 6:00 a. m. The service opened with the singing of selected songs in keeping with the Easter day. Rev. I. V. Maxey, of Alice, who so ably led similar services at the Epworth league convention last year, had charge of the service. After a short but inspiring address, he called for all to consecrate or reconsecrate themselves to Christian work in the church. This final appeal was responded to by nearly all present. After the meeting was finished, the young people adjourned to the basement, where eggs, toast, coffee and fruit were served to all. This meeting proved a fitting opening for the Easter day.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 60; Minimum, 40
Temperature at 12:30 today, 73.

SIX ROADS IN OREGON TO BE AMALGAMATED

"PURCHASE" BY SOUTHERN PACIFIC NOT REAL BUT FOLLOWS NEW LAW.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO OPENLY ADMIT OWNERSHIP

Law Passed by Recent Legislature Makes it Lawful for Southern Pacific to Buy and Operate Roads it Has Already Owned Before Law Went into Effect—Deal Closed Tomorrow.

Louisville, April 5.—Purchase by the Southern Pacific of six Oregon railroads and steamship companies will be completed tomorrow at Anchorage, Kentucky, when A. V. Vandeventer and A. P. Humphrey, representing the stockholders, meet to conclude negotiations.

The concerns to be taken over are now operated by the Southern Pacific. They are the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company, Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern, Pacific Railway & Navigation company, Portland, Eugene & Eastern, Willamette Pacific company and the Salem, Falls City & Western line.

The negotiations are mere technicality, according to local attorneys who have studied the laws under which the deal is made. The Southern Pacific has already owned and operated these railroads it is said and at the last session of the legislature, a law was passed, with emergency clause attached, whereby competing lines in this instance could be openly owned by a road outside the state. The purchase will be a public announcement of ownership that has existed prior to this date, but which it has been policy to not publicly announce.

MINSTREL DATE CHANGES

Y. M. C. A. Attraction to Be Given Thursday Evening, April 8.

To accommodate the Elks dramatic production Friday night, the Y. M. C. A. minstrels will be held Thursday evening, instead of Friday, as originally announced. The earlier date has caused the principals to apply greater rush to their rehearsals for the evening's production.

Resort Prospects Bright.

"Better than ever" is the way John F. Egensperger described the entertainment at Wallowa Lake this coming summer. He was in La Grande recently on his way home from Portland where he had been arranging for some new equipment with which to enlarge the Head-of-the-Lake and prepare for a greater number of guests than have ever before visited that popular resort.

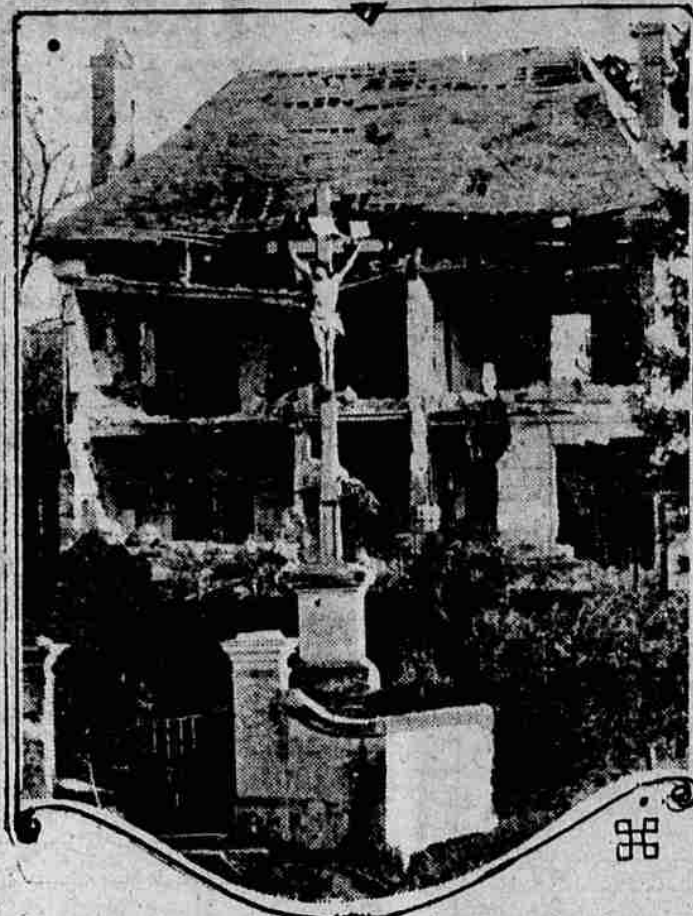
A story has been circulated that Mr. Egensperger had leased his holdings to other parties for this season. This is not true, and when told of the rumor Mr. Egensperger said there was no truth whatever in the statement. He states that he will have better service than ever this summer and that the moral tone of the Lake will be carefully guarded as it always has been so that ladies and children will be well entertained and carefully looked after. In fact, it is Mr. Egensperger's intention to urge men to send their families to the lake for an outing and special attention will be given them.

CITIZENS URGE WHOLE COUNTY UNITE IN FIGHTING COYOTES

When the county court meets tomorrow it will be asked to co-operate with the various cities and towns of the county to stamp out danger of rabid dogs and coyotes. The city of La Grande has taken steps to prevent danger, by ordering all dogs muzzled next Saturday, 30 days ahead of the customary time to apply muzzles. That there is need of all towns muzzling their dogs at once, and that the county's aid is needed in the campaign, is the opinion of many. The appearance in Fruitland eat the very back doorstep, of a coyote evidently rabid, yesterday morning, has spurred many to action. With predatory animals driven to the city's very door, on two different occasions lately, and the likelihood of many dogs having been bitten, the need of the most drastic muzzle laws and the very strictest enforcement of such measures, is admitted by everyone. The police department will spare no dog found without a muzzle after Saturday, for such action will take time by the forelock and largely reduce the dangers.

Terrific Fighting Launched In France and In East

BURSTING SHELLS WRECK ALL BUT CRUCIFIX.



THE WONDERFUL EFFECT OF A BOMBARDMENT IN POMMEREH, FRANCE, IS SHOWN IN THIS PICTURE. THE BUILDING WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED, BUT THE BURSTING SHELLS DID NOT HARM THE CRUCIFIX NEAR THE HOUSE.

FRENCH OPEN CAMPAIGN IN LARGE AREAS

TWENTY-MILE FRONT SCENE OF BITTER FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

BAYONET CHARGES IN HUNGARIAN DRIFTS BAD

What is Said to be Bloodiest Combat in History is Being Staged Between Austrians and Russians—Two Passes Claimed by Russians Already—Progress Slow—More Ships Sunk During Day.

With the French waging a terrific offensive, that Berlin admits is the worst in six weeks, and thereby opening the Spring campaign with great vigor in the west, Russians and Austrians fighting hand to hand with bayonets in the snow of the Carpathian mountains, and Germany conducting an unrelenting attack on English shipping, the war today assumes proportions not reached for weeks. The promised Spring campaign is admittedly on.

London, April 6.—Dashing through a heavy sea with incredible speed, a giant German submarine torpedoed and sank the British steamer Northlands off Beachy Head, Monday. The crew was landed at Deal today by a Belgian steamer and the 24 members expressed the belief that the submarine was the famous U-12. Others are of the conviction the undersea raider is of a new and more powerful type.

On the heels of the news of the sinking of the Northlands, came word from Blythe that members of a crew of a trawler in the Atlantic landed there and told of the sinking of their vessel which had made a brave attempt to escape, but Germans ran her down and sent her to the bottom. The Northlands also tried to escape but was overhauled and torpedoed.

Petrograd, April 5.—The most furious bayonet fighting in the history of the world is marking the battle between Russians and Austrians in the Lupkow Pass region of the Carpathians. Through snow-choked gulches the Russians are pressing forward, hacking their way into Hungary. Dispatches indicate the Russians are slowly advancing. They are now on the Hungarian side of both Lupkow and Dukla Passes. Austrians are abandoning stores of guns and ammunition.

Berlin, April 6.—The French have launched the most vigorous offensive of any move in six weeks along a 20-mile stretch of woods between the Meuse and the Moselle, the war office has admitted. Desperate fighting is in progress.

Danish Lose Boat. London, April 6.—A Danish steamer was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea, according to an unconfirmed dispatch.

German Lose Earthworks. London, April 6.—Destruction of a hundred yards of earthworks and development of marked superiority of the British troops over the enemy in the vicinity of Labasse, is reported by Field Marshall French.

FREE BIBLE LECTURE.

Dr. E. C. Heard to Lecture Wednesday, April 7th.

"Is the Gospel a Failure," will be the subject of Dr. E. C. Heard in his lecture Wednesday, April 7th at 8 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle in La Grande. One billion, two hundred thousand are still heathens and the "Christians" are all at war is a part of the Doctor's announcement. No collection and seats free.—Adv. 4-6-2tp.

BLAME IS FIXED

Germans Accuse England of Real Cause for Sinking American Boat. Washington, April 6.—The German embassy has issued a statement placing the blame for destruction of the Falaba upon England. The decision of England to encourage merchant ships to attack submarines by offering prizes for the sinking of German vessels, forced submarines to attack quickly, and loss of life is sometimes unavoidable, it is stated.

PENDLETON HOUSE MYSTERY CENETR

UNCANNY THROWING OF STONES UNEXPLAINED.

Boulders, Pebbles, Chips, Roll from Roof, from Whence No One Knows—Heavy but Don't Injure.

Pendleton, April 5.—A mystery worthy of the genius of Sherlock Holmes surrounds a little house at 1802 West Railroad street. It has baffled the occupants, it has baffled the neighbors and it has baffled the police.

The house is occupied by Mrs. Henderson Crowner, Miss Helen Crowner and Eldon Hutchinson, the latter a 16 year old boy and a cousin of Mrs. Crowner. Mr. Crowner is away from home at the present time. On Friday

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FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT

Fire in Unoccupied House on Seventh Street Controlled.

A furnished but unoccupied home, owned by Mrs. Zuber, at 1604 Seventh street, called out the fire department this morning. Mrs. Zuber had lighted the fire in the cook stove preliminary to repapering and painting, while she returned to her own residence for a moment, and the fire caught in the roof. The department was able to extinguish it with the use of chemicals.

CLUB WOMEN HEAR SPEECH

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION IS HOST.

State President of Mothers' Congress Addresses Mothers.

Three vital phases of the Parent-Teacher association endeavors in this state, nation and world, were vividly painted by word of mouth this afternoon, when Mrs. Arstine Felts, president of the Oregon State Congress of Mothers' and Parent-Teacher associations, addressed mothers and teachers at the Central school building. The coming of the state president will be signified by a social function later in the afternoon.

Mrs. Felts had three issues which she dealt upon in her address, and incidentally, other important questions to discuss. Among the messages she brought is a rehearsal of the international conference of mothers at Washington, and an invitation to La Grande to come to the national conference at Portland, May 12-16. A large attendance is desired from Eastern Oregon points.

"Some phases of the 20th century education," is the theme of Mrs. Felts' address this afternoon, and in it she discussed many points of supreme importance touching upon the education of parents as well as children.

She dwelt upon the need of improvement of conditions in the buildings, the roads to the schools, the apparatus and the condition inside the buildings.

Another vital argument she presents is the social service, to get the parents and neighbors about any school to attend the meetings of the parents and teachers and to get the parents in touch with and interested in the school.

Study clubs within the association, is another endeavor of the purposes of the associations. This angle of the work pertains to a study of child life.

Above all, however, she urged that the various associations work toward the end that public opinion be trained and put in tune with the policy to maintain manual training schools, domestic science schools and, above all, industrial classes and home gardens for the children.

Mrs. Felts, while here, was a guest with Mrs. H. S. Brown, a prominent club woman and Parent-Teacher association officer of this city.

SOCIAL IS POSTPONED

Death of Frank Hogue Causes Suspension of Social Tonight.

Because of the death of Frank Hogue, the social contemplated by the Moose members for this evening has been postponed and a business meeting will be held instead.