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WILL THROW RING AROUND ARCH BANDIT

COMBINED FORCES ENTER NEW
PHASE OF MAN HUNT
IN MEXICO

SHRINKING RING WILL FORCE A FINISH FIGHT

Dodd, Cloaked With Full Authority,
Asks No Questions But News From
the Front Indicate He Is Encircling
District Where Villa Is Supposed-
ly in Hiding.

El Paso, March 29.—Dodd's cavalry
is reported to be at Medera today
developing a new phase of the man hunt.
It is understood that headquarters
have been shifted from El Paso. Co-
operating with Carranzistas, Dodd will
throw out detachments to form a
ring around the territory where Villa
is supposedly hiding. The ring will
gradually be shortened until the band-
it is forced to fight—if he is there.
Cloaked with full authority, General
Pershing is acting without consult-
ing headquarters.

Better Tone Is Felt
San Antonio, March 29.—Peaceful
solution of relations with Mexico
seemed nearer today than any time
since the Columbus raid. Failure of
attempts on both sides to make the
expedition appear like intervention
pleases officials. There is no doubt
but that rumor factories started
stories about threatened uprisings,
and racial antagonisms.

Villa's inflammatory speeches, and
articles published in Mexican news-
papers near the border have alike
been unsuccessful.

Will Exterminate Villistas
Monterrey, March 29.—A campaign
to exterminate Villistas at Torreón
has been ordered. They will be ex-
ecuted as fast as caught.

Carranza generals, Lou Luis Elson-
do, Egnacia Ramos and Matias Ramos
are now active. Trevino is directing
the campaign from Monterrey.

Soldier Dies in Mexico
Washington, March 29.—George
Hudnell, a saddler of Troop B, 10th
cavalry died March 24th of injuries
sustained in the recent railroad wreck
in Mexico when a number of soldiers
were hurt. His home is in Fort Hu-
achuca, Arizona.

POWDER RIVER HIGH

Streams Wash Away Bridges in Vicin-
ity of North Powder

North Powder, March 24.—(Special).—The streams in this section have
been the highest the past ten days
that has ever been known in many
years. The bridges on the main Pow-
der have been washed out and their
approaches made so dangerous by
high water that they are impassible.
The small bridge in the Kooster lane
is gone and the approaches to the big
steel bridge are washed out so no
one can cross. The McCarty bridge
is dangerous to cross owing to the
approaches being gone. Dr. Law's pri-
vate bridge is the only one safe to use
and all the travel from Riverdale
neighborhood comes by his bridge now.
The water has not damaged his bridge
but one of the approaches is a little
soft.

REGISTER TODAY

Only three weeks is left in
which to register for the Pri-
mary Election. The registra-
tion books will close April 18th.
Every voter must register.
This means those who registered
at the last election, as well as
all others. If you have not
registered with the County
Clerk or one of his duly author-
ized Registrars since the first of
the year, you are not register-
ed for the coming primaries. Do
not confuse city elections and
Registrations with those of the
county and state. They have
no connection.
Registration has been very
slow. Unless voters attend to
the matter at once a rush is
promised for the last few days
before the books close.
Register at County Clerk's
office at any time during of-
fice hours. Any afternoon from
1:30 until 6:00 o'clock and Wed-
nesday, Thursday, Friday and
Saturday evenings from 7 to 9
o'clock, you may register at
Judge Phyl's office at Security
Land and Savings Co.

NEWEST U. S. SENATOR



Two Views of Tom Taggart

Tom Taggart is the newest mem-
ber of the United States Senate. He
has just been appointed by the gov-
ernor of Indiana to take the place of
the late Senator Benjamin F. Shively.
He is one of the best known poli-
ticians in the country.

4 OF 100 DIE; 99 LEFT

Walter Pierce Ranch Has Peculiar
Record Among Cattle

Ninety-nine calves from 100 cows,
in spite of the fact four calves were
lost out of the total number born, is
the record set on the Walter M. Pierce
farm the past few days. Three sets
of twin calves were saved, but in four
other instances, the calves died.

During the time this addition to his
flock was taking place, the backwater
from the high river was edging up
close to the feed yards, but fortun-
ately didn't molest the stock. Over 600
head have now been sent to the hills
to graze for the summer.

Mr. Pierce, who was in town today,
deemed this record exceptionally good
and predicts a good year for stock.

FUNERAL HELD TODAY

Large Concourse of People Gather at
Funeral of Murder Victim

This afternoon from the Methodist
church, Rev. Chas. A. Edwards of-
ficiating, the funeral services over the
remains of the late Wilbur Brecken-
ridge, were held under auspices of the
church, the I. O. O. F. and Loyal Order
of Moose lodges. The remains ar-
rived this morning from Idaho Falls,
and were escorted to the church by
representatives of the different lodges
to which he belonged.

Word from Idaho Falls is to the ef-
fect that the New Sweden Irrigation
company and the county commission-
ers have each offered rewards of \$1000
and the Moose and Odd Fellows \$500
for the apprehension of the murders.

AGED LADY TRAVELS

With Broken Hip Mrs. J. A. Robbins
Comes From The Dalles

Last evening Mrs. J. Whitty ar-
rived from The Dalles where she had
gone to fetch her mother, Mrs. J. A.
Robbins, aged 94 next May. A year
ago Mrs. Robbins fell and suffered
a broken hip, which is slow in healing
and she is practically helpless. She
has been in a The Dalles hospital but
was brought to La Grande by her
daughter yesterday. Her condition is
such that she had to be taken out of
a pullman window last evening when
her train arrived here.

Arrived in Harney

A report from Burns says that W.
E. Taylor, Wm. Henry, Frank Blanch-
ard, Frank Perry and Harry Berry
and their families have arrived in
Harney county and will locate on the
Weittenhiller place about eight miles
from Burns. They are all from Imb-
ler and are very well satisfied with
the look of Harney county so far.

Railroad Supplies Seed Corn

A number of farmers of this lo-
cality are receiving packages of seed
corn from the railroad company. This
distribution is made gratuitously by
the railroad company under certain
conditions. This seed may be secured
by request of the railroad company at
Portland, care of "Farmer" Smith,
and full instructions, etc., may also
be had on application to the company's
farm expert.

Parish Society to Meet

The ladies of the Lutheran church
will assemble at the Church parson-
age tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon
at 2 o'clock for a meeting of the Pa-
rish Society. The ladies are invited to
bring their friends.

CHAMBERLAIN MILITARY BILL DEBATE OPENED

OREGON SENATOR FIRES OPEN-
ING GUN IN EFFORT TO
PASS HIS MEASURE

HISTORICAL INEFFICIENCY OF ARMY FREELY CITED

"Army That Won't Have To Delay
Five Days Before Undertaking a
Little Trouble," Is Kind Described
as Desired and Promised in New
Chamberlain Army Bill Before the
Senate.

Washington, March 29.—"We are
trying to organize an army that won't
have to delay four or five days be-
fore tackling a little trouble," de-
clared George E. Chamberlain, chair-
man of the military affairs committee to-
day in opening debate on his army bill.
"We should not criticize the officers
and men for not capturing Villa more
quickly. The nation wasn't ready. Our
army is historically inefficient. Even
Washington had to spend hours
writing to the continental congress
complaining about conditions.

"Our troops have always had more
spirit than skill. Sometimes their
patriotism hasn't blazed any too
brightly. The present bill has the
approval of every expert who has
examined it. It contains the best
parts of a number of plans. The bill
was inadequate—we need a new one."

Profitable Year for Presbyterians

Pendleton, March 28.—The annual
business meeting of the Presbyterian
congregation held last evening closed
a profitable year for that denomina-
tion in the city. Reports read from
officers representing the different de-
partments and clubs in the church
showed splendid accomplishment,
and finances on hand for the begin-
ning of the new year, the only
deficit being in the "Manse fund,"
which will soon be cleared of debt.

Particular credit was given the
trustees for their management of the
business and building, the heavy ex-
pense of reconstruction and interior
finishing after damage by fire being
paid for out of church funds without
special subscription. Report of the
clerk of the sessions showed a total
attendance at all church services for
the year, approximately 25,000 or 500
persons a Sabbath; the membership
of the church nearly doubled since
March 1915, and total amount con-
tributed more than tripled.

In appreciation of the splendid ef-
forts of the pastor and results obtain-
ed the new budget of \$4500 proposed
and accepted for the coming year in-
cludes a \$300 raise of salary.

MONTENEGRIN WOMEN DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES.



Here are types of Montenegrin women driven from their homes by the
invasion of Austrian troops, last winter. These women are dressed in
their Sunday best, waiting at a depot where free food is given to keep
them from starvation.

27-KILLED IN R. R. WRECK

Cleveland, March 29.—Twenty-seven were killed and more than 30 injured
early today when an eastbound Lakeshore train, No. 86, was struck by its
second section in a dense fog. Both trains were derailed.
A moment later the Twentieth Century train plunged through the wreck-
age at Amhurst, Ohio. The noise was heard for two miles.
It was so dark the engineer of the second section did not see the brake-
man's lantern, and rushed passed.
Ambulances from Lorain, Amhurst and Elyria were summoned, but mired
in the mud en route, and the injured lay for two hours on the wet ground
without aid. It was 6:30 before they were rushed to Elyria in a special train.
Twenty-three bodies have been taken to Amhurst, two removed to Lorain and
two to Elyria.

Amhurst, March 29.—The engineer
on the second section said his train
was going 50 miles an hour at the
time of the collision. He declared two
block signals which flashed just be-
fore the crash, indicated a clear track.

While 27 are known to be dead to-
night, others of the injured may suc-
cumb, so serious are their hurts.
The superintendent has said a
sleeping towerman was responsible
for the accident.

QUARREL ENDS IN DISASTER

SEATTLE MEN QUARREL, 1 SHOT,
1 DROWNED

Dead Man Leaves Family of Wife and
Six Children

Seattle, March 29.—Cornered after
probably fatally shooting John
Holmes, John Ross jumped into the
bay deliberately, today, and was
drowned. He had previously been
shot in the hip by Police Sergeant
Donlan.

He leaves a widow and six children.
The two men had quarreled.

Grand Parents Given Custody

Judge Anderson of the Circuit Court
for Baker County yesterday signed a
decree of divorce in favor of Fred
Cavin, granting him separation from
his wife, Hazel Cavin. Under the
stipulation agreed to by the parties
to the suit, the custody of their son
Hubert, is awarded to the grandpar-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCrary,
of La Grande.

SIX MORE DAYS FOR TAXES

Reports From Sheriff That Large
Sums Are Being Paid

There remains six more days after
today in which payment of one-half
the taxes charged against the prop-
erty owner may be paid. If the one-
half is not paid by that time there is
a charge of one per cent a month on
the whole amount of taxes. If the
half is paid within the required time
then payment of the remaining half
is not required until six months, or
in October.

Reports from the sheriff's office are
to the effect that tax money is still
coming in steadily and in large sums.
The office force has been too busy
the past day or two to make a state-
ment of the exact amount received,
but the total receipts have been large.

Church Meeting Tomorrow

Tomorrow evening the Presbyterian
annual church meeting will be held at
the church. Reports will be read from
all departments.

MACHINERY TO ARRIVE SOON

IMPLEMENTS FOR ROAD WORK
DUE APRIL 1

Policy of Dollar Value for Dollar
Spent Is the Plan

The machinery required for the
making of roads in Union county is
due to arrive on or about April 1st.
This is the first important step to-
ward putting into effect the plans of
the county court for road improve-
ment in Union county as recently out-
lined in an interview with Judge Phyl
in the Observer.

The main features of that policy, as
has been announced, is to be sure of a
dollar in value for every dollar ex-
pended. The plan will be fully and
fairly tried out—to begin with the
machinery equipment is bought on
condition that it is not to be paid
for until it has proven itself to do
what is claimed for it. The intent
of this arrangement is to start right
in the direction of guarding the outgo
of the tax money which the property
owners put into the public treasury
for road purposes.

Another matter of equal impor-
tance is to place this work in charge
of a man who knows what should be
done and how to do it. That man has
not been secured, but soon will be and
it will be up to him to make good or
quit the job.

With these preliminaries arranged
there will be inaugurated the plan of
construction of dirt and gravel roads
over the main thoroughfares of Union
county. It is the policy of the county
court to not only have the roads con-
structed in the right manner as initial
step but also to have the up-keep of
the roads always in hand, so that any
breaks or needed repairs in the roads
may have immediate attention and
that as little time and money as con-
sistent will be required in maintaining
the roads in good condition.

CAN REGISTER EVENINGS

From Wednesday to Saturday Nights,
Voters To Have Facilities

To speed up registration which con-
tinues woefully slow, County Clerk
Ed. Wright has arranged to have the
registration books open at the Secu-
rity Land & Savings company offices
beginning Wednesday evenings and
continuing for the balance of each
week until the books are closed.

Rev. Geo. T. Ellis Very Ill

Word is received from Baker that
Rev. George T. Ellis, for many years
pastor of the Baptist church of La
Grande, is very sick at his home in
Baker. The report which came this
morning stated that there was a turn
for the worse yesterday evening and
his condition is considered very grave.

Parents Will Meet

The Parent-Teacher association of
the Central school will meet Friday
afternoon of this week. John Girdler,
superintendent of public schools, will
discuss the influence of moving pic-
tures upon school children, and Mrs.
J. D. Lynch will read a paper. All
parents and teachers are urged to be
present.

Arlie Bay Ill

Since his arrival in the city Satur-
day to visit relatives, Arlie Bay has
been confined to bed at the home of
his brother Frank, with a combina-
tion of pneumonia after-effects and
copper poisoning suffered while in the
mining district at Anaconda.

Charged With Larceny

On complaint of J. H. Millerling ar-
rests have been made of "John Doe"
Ryneason and "John Doe," two boys
who are charged with having stolen
some castings from the complaining
witness. The complaint alleges the
loss of a steel cog-wheel of the value
of \$28 and some other articles of ma-
chinery.

The preliminary examination before
Justice of the Peace Williams was set
down for this afternoon.

Divorce Granted

Judge Knowles has granted a de-
cree of divorce in the case of Chas. W.
Drumm against Willa Drumm.

EXCHANGE IN TRENCHES IS 'NIGHT'S TOLL

GERMANS GAIN AT ONE POINT
WHILE FRENCH WIN AT
ANOTHER

LONG STRETCH OF THE FRENCH FRONT SMASHED

At Southern End of Avocourt French
Score Wins and Take Prisoners,
While at Malancourt Germans
Smash Long Trench Front and Sev-
eral Lines Surrender to French.

Paris, March 29.—French took 300
yards of trenches at the Southern end
of Avocourt, it is officially announced.
They also seized some fortified works,
while a German counter attack was
repulsed with heavy losses. Fifty
surrendered.

German shells rained on Bethin-
court, Deadman's Hill and Cumeries
Forest during the night. East of the
Meuse artillery duels occurred near
Vaux, Doumont and Molanville.

Berlin Too Makes Claims

Berlin, March 29.—Several lines of
trenches north of Malancourt were
captured by Germans, it has been an-
nounced. Nearly 500 prisoners were
taken and the French front was
smashed for a distance of 2000 yards.

Shells Fired By U-Boat

Washington, March 29.—The Eng-
lishman was shelled in a torpedo boat
after attempting to escape, say
Americans who survived, in state-
ments to the state department.

Shipment On Strike

Liverpool, March 29.—Ten thousand
dockmen have struck in a dispute over
extra time pay. Transportation of the
Atlantic is threatened.

London, March 29.—In July the Al-
lies will strike simultaneously every-
where in an attempt to force the
Kaiser to his knees by Christmas, it
is reported the Paris war council de-
termined. Germans may anticipate
them. They are reported to be tak-
ing advantage of the lull at Verdun
to shift their forces elsewhere.

MARKING OLD ROUTE

Geographic Board To Designate Pio-
neer Highways in State

The Oregon Geographic Board has
undertaken to assist the Daughters of
the American Revolution to locate and
mark the early routes of general travel
in Oregon, and wants Eastern Ore-
gon pioneers to assist in the work.
The board took this action at a meet-
ing held at the rooms of the Oregon
Historical Society in Portland, Satur-
day. All persons who have accurate
information as to these routes, par-
ticularly through the Willamette Val-
ley, are requested to communicate
with the board.

Will G. Steel, superintendent of
Greater Lake National Park, has ten-
dered his resignation as a member of
the board, which necessitated an elec-
tion of new officers. Those elected at
Saturday's meeting were: George H.
Himes, of Portland, president; Turner
Oliver, of La Grande, vice-president,
and Lewis A. McArthur, of Portland,
secretary. The board has undertaken
the work of ascertaining the origin of
as many Oregon place names as pos-
sible. While it has a great deal of
data, the work is in its infancy, and
persons who have accurate informa-
tion as to the origin of place names
are requested to communicate with
the secretary, 1217 Spalding build-
ing, Portland.

The board tendered a vote of thanks
to Mr. Steel for his long work as pre-
sident and for the interest he has tak-
en in the advertising of Oregon's
scenic resources.

The board now comprises the fol-
lowing members, appointed by the
Governor: George H. Himes and
Lewis A. McArthur, of Portland; Tur-
ner Oliver, of La Grande; Lee Moore-
house, of Pendleton; J. Q. Bowly, of
Astoria; E. J. Kaiser, of Ashland and
J. B. Horner of Corvallis.

Home Built in 1845 Destroyed by Fire

Chemawa, Or., March 28.—The
Silas Pugh house, built in 1845, was
destroyed by fire Saturday, the in-
mates, the George Beatty family,
having a narrow escape, owing to
the illness of Mrs. Beatty and her
father, Mr. Buck. Silas Pugh, who
died here seven years ago, lived there
for more than half a century. His
wife followed shortly, and while she
was upon her death-bed, their only
son, Lyn Pugh, was shot at the
house by a cousin. At the death of
Mrs. Pugh, a relative showed a deed
to a portion of the place and a lease
on all of it, and litigation among the
heirs followed, lasting for several
years. The house was insured.