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Militia of Three States Called to Border Duty

QUARREL ON STREET ENDS WITH CUTTING

C. R. HIBBERD SENT TO HOSPITAL WITH WOUND IN HIS BACK

JOHN JONES HELD ON CHARGE OF ASSAULT

Quarrel Over Money Matters on Adams Avenue Just Before Noon Turns Into Fight Followed by Brandishing Knife—Jones Well Known Starkey Man—Injuries Are Slight.

C. R. Hibberd, a La Grande real estate dealer, was stabbed in an altercation with John (Johnny) Jones, formerly of Starkey, about 10 o'clock this morning after the two had engaged in a fist fight over some money matters while standing on the sidewalk at the entrance of the La Grande National bank. Hibberd was hurried to the hospital immediately after the affair, and Jones gave himself over to the authorities pending formal charges.

How the fight started and just what developed, few spectators agree on. One man who claims to have seen it all is of the opinion that Hibberd struck the first blow while Jones' knife is not certain, and claims he couldn't well swear as to that point. The two men were discussing an item of money, Jones says, and the quarrel became heated. By bystanders say that the men came to blows soon, and one spectator declares Jones was knocked down once and pushed down once. Another man says that while Hibberd had one arm about Jones' neck, he struck him with the other, and in the course of the fighting Jones succeeded in opening his pocket knife with one hand and struck at Hibberd with it. Hibberd's coat was slit under the left shoulder, and the second blow imbedded the knife into Hibberd's back. One of the blows from Jones knocked Hibberd down and he got up and walked away.

The knife Jones used is of the ordinary pocket type.

During the time that papers were being made out, Mr. Jones remained with Chief of Police Ardrey in his office.

Late this afternoon news from the Grande Ronde hospital is to the effect that but one blow took effect—if more than one was aimed at Hibberd, a point which spectators don't agree on. There is no indication yet that the lung was punctured, and it is not expected any complications will develop, though possibility of infection is of course to be contended with.

The formal charge against Jones is that of assault with intent to kill, and no information has been given out as to when preliminary hearing will be held, but probably will be late today.

Mrs. Lilly's Father Ill.

Mrs. F. L. Lilly leaves tonight for Corvallis in answer to a message stating her father is dangerously ill.

91 LOADS HAULED

City Is Cleaner by a Considerable Extent than a Week Ago.

Nine-one loads of rubbish filth, tin cans and what-not, were hauled out of La Grande to the city dump during the week of the annual cleanup. City officials have completed the work so far as possible, and the number of loads hauled is greater than last year.

In many instances citizens did not co-operate and the cleanup was not as complete as it might have been but it is admitted that 91 loads helps some and that there must be some yards very nearly clean.

DR. HOLT GOING EAST.

La Grande Doctor to Visit Big Hospitals in the East.

For the purpose of doing some post graduate work in the New York Post-graduate hospital, Dr. R. E. L. Holt leaves for the east this evening. On his way home he expects to visit the Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minn., and will also visit other big eastern institutions while on the trip. Dr. Holt is not certain just how long he will be away but has plans made to utilize every possible minute in the famous hospital and will return at the earliest possible date.

INTERVENTION IN MEXICO SEEMS ACUTE POSSIBILITY

Washington, May 9.—President Wilson has called the militia of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico into service on the Mexican border, Secretary of War Baker announced today. The statement said:

"Outbreak in the Big Bend district has further emphasized the danger of similar occurrences and the President has called the militia of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, and ordered them to report to General Funston. They will be assigned to stations on the border.

"Besides, two regiments of regulars have been directed to proceed to the border. Such further arrangements will be made as are necessary to complete security of the people on the border against raids."

SUSPECT CRIME BY WHOLESALE

OLD FOLKS' HOME CENTER OF INVESTIGATION.

Ten Former Inmates Found in Cemetery—Proprietor Under Arrest

New Haven, May 9.—Authorities are investigating Mrs. Amy Archer Gilligan, proprietor of the Archer home for elderly people at Windsor. She has been arrested on a charge of murder.

It is announced that 10 bodies of former inmates, were found buried in New Haven county. Two of the bodies have been exhumed and examined. The authorities think they have unearthed a wholesale criminal scandal.

LODGE DELEGATES HOME.

Knights of Columbus Return From Portland Council.

J. H. Pearce, district deputy, Delegate Willie Pearce, and ex-State Treasurer M. B. Donohue, of the Oregon Knights of Columbus council, have returned from Portland where they attended the big council session just closed. The senior Pearce was elected alternate delegate to the national council which meets in Denver in July, and the complete delegates list includes W. P. O'Bryan of Astoria, W. A. Barrett of Albany, both regular delegates, and Roger Sinnott of Portland and Mr. Pearce of La Grande as alternates. The officers, all re-elected, are: W. A. Barrett, state deputy; A. A. Mickel, of Albany, secretary; Leo McCoy, of Ontario, treasurer; J. Jelly, of Portland, advocate; Hugh McLean of Marshfield, warden, and Father O'Hara, of Portland, chaplain.

The next meeting place of the state council is Marshfield.

State Wants Papers.

Salem, Ore., May 8.—Save your old papers and rags. Bale them up and sell them.

This is the advice today of the State Department of Public Instruction to school children. After Governor Withycombe had received a letter from Secretary of Commerce Redfield in Washington telling of the serious shortage of paper-making material, School Superintendent Churchill sent circulars to all schools urging the children to help.

I. O. O. F. DATES CHANGE.

District Convention To Be Held Here in Middle of July.

To avoid a conflict with the Union Stock show, the I. O. O. F. convention of the Odd Fellows' District convention of Union county will be held here July 14-15. The new dates bring the delegates here at a time when there will be no conflict with any prominent event.

Committees working on the proposition have practically arranged for a big parade on that occasion and it is also provided that drill teams from various Union county subordinate lodges shall compete for the district banner. Some splendid drill work is anticipated for that occasion.

TWO PAY FINES

Traffic Ordinance Brigade Seizes Two in Its Law Net.

The campaign against speeding and other violations of the traffic ordinance, which the city has been conducting of late has resulted in two men paying fines. On a certain street in this city there is a stretch of pavement clearly marked off. The test is 220 paces long and to be within the law, vehicles can traverse this stretch at the rate of 220 feet in 10 seconds. One of the men nabbed for speeding covered the 700 feet in the territory in less than six seconds which is about five times too fast. Jimmie Rosenbaum and "Fat" Paynter were the first to fall within the grip of the law and each paid \$5.00 fine.

El Paso, May 9.—Chief of Staff Scott has sent Colonel Brown to arrange for a conference with Oregon this afternoon. It is learned definitely Oregon didn't present an ultimatum last night but refused to sign the pact unless the withdrawal clause was incorporated.

Interventionists are jubilant. Major Lea of El Paso said he was delighted over the new developments.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Regular infantry from Plattsburg, Oswego, New York, Vancouver and Fort Lawton, Wash., have been ordered to the border.

The militia in the three states totals about 4,000. Secretary Baker said the orders were result of recommendations from Chief of Staff General Scott and General Funston. He would not deny or affirm the report that Oregon has demanded withdrawal of Americans on penalty of a clash with Carranzistas.

Conference Is Over.

Washington, May 9.—The raid on Glenn Springs was organized in the United States, Radondo, a Mexican, told Secretary of State Lansing today. He charged that I. Villaral was probably responsible. General Scott's message this morning indicated the conference with Oregon has ended and efforts to secure a peace pact is shattered. He intimated Oregon hadn't threatened to use force but "the situation is not good and we had better prepare for trouble."

Oregon demanded a time limit on the expedition remaining in Mexico but the cabinet today decided to refuse this positively. It is learned the department of justice is extensively investigating the Mexican raids, believing they were organized here.

Seven Americans Escape.

Marathon, May 9.—Seven Americans whom Mexican raids captured, overpowered their guards and escaped across the border bringing their three guards as prisoners, dispatches have stated. American troops and a posse of cowboys have crossed the border below Glenn Springs and are riding at breakneck speed.

M. Mathews, bringing three wounded from the scene of the raid, declared Carranzistas found the body of Captain Rodriguez, one of the raiders. Another dead Mexican was found nearby.

Blossom Day Observed.

Hood River, Ore., May 8.—Despite the inclemency of the weather, the official Blossom day was celebrated with fair success yesterday. About 40 Portland people came here by automobiles over the Columbia river highway, and as many more had journeyed to the valley by rail. Many families entertained friends and relatives from neighboring towns. Alarm was felt by the people of the city yesterday morning when they arose and saw the hills of White Salmon and Underwood, Wash., just across the Columbia, covered with snow. Snow also fell in the Upper Hood River valley, but orchardists report that no damage was done to the fruit crop. After a sunshiny, warm day, rain again prevailed here last night.

Montana Meet Today.

Missoula, Mont., May 9.—Representatives from 52 accredited high schools of Montana are here today to participate in the thirteenth annual interscholastic meet to be held under the auspices of the University of Montana. The list of contestants includes 303 entries in the track and field events, 39 girls and 10 boys in the declamatory contests and eight speakers in the final debate to determine the interscholastic championship of the state. Including high school teachers and visitors, more than 500 persons have come from all parts of the state to attend the meet.

FRENCH CLAIM GAINS AT FRONT

Paris, May 9.—Violent German attack on Hill 304 this morning were repulsed, a communique claimed. The slaughter was terrific. East of the Meuse the French last night drove Germans from points taken Sunday.

Germans Take Trenches.

Berlin, May 8.—The Germans stormed and captured several trenches south of Haucourt, it is officially announced. Counter attacks failed.

"ROAD HOG" CHARGE FILED

IDAHO MAN FACES ACCUSATION IN JUSTICE COURT

State Contends He Didn't Give Half the Road

Late this afternoon the Oregon road law will be applied by the state to two men accused of "road hogging." The driver, who is the one technically under arrest, gives his name as W. F. Rusk from Idaho points and the complaining witness is P. A. Charlton. The state, represented by District Attorney Eberhard, contends that Rusk didn't give the half of the road to Mr. Charlton, forcing the La Grande man into the side of the road and, in the lexicon of the street, hogged more than his half of the road.

A large number of automobile men were out ready to hear the case tried before Justice Williams but delay in obtaining a jury postponed the case until a late hour.

Ontario Candidate In City

J. W. McCulloch, candidate for Republican nomination for the office of public service commissioner, is in La Grande today. After transacting business here he will go to points farther west in the district he seeks to represent.

Irish Revolt Expensive

London, May 9.—A hundred and twenty-four British soldiers were killed and 388 wounded in the Irish rebellion, Premier Asquith has announced. Nine are missing.

Explosion in Powder Works

Trenton, May 9.—At least four were killed and 30 seriously injured in an explosion in the Atlas Powder works at Hopatcong this afternoon. Fire followed the blast.

WILL GIVE SPECIAL EXAMS

Applicants for Physical Culture Teaching Will Have Chance

School Superintendent Ivanhoe has received word from State Superintendent Churchill that all applicants for examination for physical culture teaching will be permitted to enter for special certificates in this branch at the regular teachers examinations to be held in June. Examinations for such applicants will be held on the following subjects: Physical culture, American literature, English composition, theory and practice and arithmetic. Those who pass the required standard in these branches will be given special certificates as teachers of physical culture.

Advertisers Will Meet.

Spokane, Wash., May 8.—Active plans were under way here today for the annual convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's association, to be held June 15, 16 and 17. As a feature of the first day's session, President Fred H. Lloyd has arranged for an address entitled "Watching a City Grow," by James N. Glover, 78 years old, the founder of Spokane. Glover settled here in 1872 and saw the settlement grow to a city of 125,000. He is an honorary life member of the Spokane Ad club.

Stage Employees Organize.

Salem, Ore., May 8.—With a membership of 20, a local chapter of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada is organized here. S. B. Colard is the president; Paul O'Neil, recording secretary, and Elmer C. Giles, financial secretary and treasurer.

CYMBRIC SINKS BEFORE REACHING IRISH PORT

Submarine Question Again Brought Up—Loopholes for Germans Exist However

London, May 9.—The 1000 ton liner Cymbric, submerged at 4 o'clock Monday, sank at 3 o'clock this morning while attempting to reach an Irish port. Lloyd's announced that the entire crew of 110 was saved. The liner has been trying to reach port ever since she was struck, and it was believed for a time she would accomplish the purpose, but failed in the end. She carried munitions for the allies.

Others Attempt Rescue.

The Dutch steamer Cronina wireless that the boat sank. Earlier messages said several steamers were proceeding to the rescue.

White Star offices at Liverpool confirmed rescue of the crew. American consuls have been directed to obtain details of the torpedoing but it is not

believed there were any Americans on board.

New Tangles Possible.

Washington, May 9.—The American consul at Liverpool has wired the crew of the Cymbric landed at Bantry. Despite the statement of Consul Frost, at Queenstown that some sailors were lost, Liverpool has insisted all were saved. The report the Cymbric was in service of the British Admiralty has complicated the situation. White Star officers denied this. If true, the steamer is classed as a warship, and America is unconcerned in the attack. Consul Frost left Queenstown for Bantry to learn whether the Cymbric was warned and will interview the officers. The fact the Cymbric was allowed to leave New York indicated she wasn't engaged in unneutral business and therefore not a warship.

It is believed Germany's new submarine policy will be tested in the Cymbric case.

If there was no warning the attack apparently violates the orders. The fact there are no Americans aboard doesn't alter the case. America made continuance of friendly relations with Germany contingent upon the abandonment of submarine warfare against merchantment. It is possible the Cymbric was a victim of a submarine whose crew had not received its instructions.

EARLY PIONEER DEAD

Lemuel Rynearson Passes Away at Home in Edmonds, Washington.

Mrs. Kate Hanley has received word of the death of her uncle, Lemuel Rynearson, who passed away at his home in Edmonds, Washington, on May 4th at the age of 88 years.

The deceased was the oldest brother of A. W. John and William Rynearson, all respected pioneers of this valley who have passed beyond. Lemuel was one of the first residents of La Grande where he had a blacksmithing business. He was an Oregon pioneer of 1852 and was a former owner of the homestead now the property of Mrs. Ella Rynearson. The surviving members of the family are three sons, Winfield, who lives in the state of Washington; Charles, a resident of Texas, and Frank, who lives in La Grande.

WARNING ISSUED.

Grange Passes Resolution Urging Publicity to Bond Election.

Blue Mountain Grange has passed a resolution calling the attention of voters to the finality of the bond election May 19th. The resolution says:

"Whereas, the impression prevails in some sections, that the final settlement of the hard surfaced roads in Union county, will not come until fall elections.

"Blue Mountain grange takes liberty to warn voters, that the final vote will be cast at the coming election on May 19.

"Furthermore, all persons who have not registered, can vote at the primary election, by filling out the registration card; signed by two free holders and sworn in, by the judge of the election board."

FINE CLYDES SOLD.

Idaho Man Acquires Possession of Splendid Horseflesh.

Union county has again been called upon to supply highly bred horseflesh. A man named Fuher of Gooding, Idaho, has purchased two Clyde mares and a Clyde stallion from Leadbetter & McKennon. All three of these horses were of the prize-winning lot owned by that firm.

Several such animals have been disposed of during the winter and spring by Leadbetter & McKennon, and Union county's reputation as a fancy horse producer is augmented. Their big string of Clydes is pretty well sold out, though not entirely so.

DELEGATES SELECTED.

Odd Fellows Will Send Delegation to Roseburg This Month.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows will be held in Roseburg later this month and the La Grande Odd Fellows will be represented by James Moss, Mose Elledge and W. A. Worstell. A movement is on foot to have all subordinate lodges in Union county send their delegates in one delegation, and at the same time.

IMPRESSIVE DRILL SET.

Floral Degree To Be Exemplified with Chants Tomorrow Evening.

Hope Chapter No. 13 will tomorrow evening present the famous Floral degree ceremonial upon a class of initiates. Morthy Matron Mrs. Kiddle announces that the degree work will be exemplified in conjunction with music, and has urged all members to be present if possible.

This drill has long since been pronounced one of the most effective features of Eastern Stardom and has been generously sought after by other chapters, it having been originated in this chapter.

PENNIES MAKE DOLLARS.

Uncle Sam Sets Precedent for Economy in Small Things.

Postmaster E. E. Bragg's crew is saving pennies for Uncle Sam. In the course of a quarter, great quantities of jute and cotton twine are used in all postoffices. Because jute is hard to get, and twine therefore high, spare moments at the La Grande postoffice are utilized in tying together string once used, and the conservation is therefore useful. The twine is tied together and rolled into balls for use on outgoing mail. The saving in one postoffice is really considerable but when multiplied by all the offices in the United States quickly runs into enormous sums.

But all postoffices are not as economical as La Grande's. The department has recommended, but not required, a bit of economy from all offices.

REV. GEO. T. ELLIS DEAD.

Former La Grande Pastor Dies at His Home in Baker.

After a long illness Rev. George T. Ellis, formerly pastor of the Baptist church of La Grande, died at his home in Baker Sunday morning. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ellis, who were pioneer residents of this valley, and from this fact coupled with six years of service as a resident minister from 1884 to 1890, he was quite well known by many people of Union county.

Deceased was born in Walden, Vt., February 10, 1850. He removed to New Jersey with his parents when a young boy and joined the Baptist church at Vineland, that state. He studied for the ministry at Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pa., and was licensed to preach in 1868. He was married in 1872 to Clara Dutton who survives him. In 1873 at Kensington, Mich., Rev. Ellis was ordained and served seven years as pastor there and later for three years was in charge of the parish at Midland, Mich.

In 1884 he accepted the call as pastor of the church of La Grande and went from here to Baker, where he has made his home all the time since with the exception of four years when he had charge of the Baptist church at Athens.

During his career as a minister Rev. Ellis officiated at 471 baptisms, 482 marriages and 499 funerals.

Besides his wife, Rev. Ellis is survived by one son, William H. Ellis, and two grandchildren, Harry and Clara Ellis, two sisters, Mrs. Martha Randall of Baker and Mrs. Mary J. Cumming of Bennington, Vt.

Will Build Two Bridges.

Kelso, Wash., May 8.—At a meeting of the county commissioners last week it was decided to build two combination wood and steel bridges across the Toutle river the coming summer; one near the Toutle postoffice and the other at Coal Bank rapids.