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ARTHUR WAITE FOUND TO BE GUILTY; HEARS THE VERDICT WITH COOLNESS

Aged Father Collapses When Jury, Out Short Time, Orders Dentist Sent to Electric Chair

New York, May 27.—Arthur Warren Waite was convicted today in the first degree murder at three this afternoon for killing his father-in-law, John Peck, with poison germs. He will be sentenced Thursday to electro-execution. He received the verdict calmly. Two bailiffs brought him to the courtroom when the jurors filed in after an hour and a half deliberation. He stood unflinchingly while the jury polled and the only sign of emotion seen came when, replying to the customary questions, he spoke low and the bailiff was forced to repeat the words.

Waite's father was overwhelmed with emotion and wept wildly, another son vainly tried to comfort him.

TOTALS AVAILABLE.

Wallowa County Has Determined Final Outcome of the Primaries.

The appended were the successful candidates at the primary nominating election held last Friday. Every candidate seeking nomination was successful within his party, says the Enterprise Chief.

In each party there was one close contest, for the nomination for district attorney, and the results were not certain until the official canvass had been made by County Clerk Zurcher and Justices A. B. Conaway and R. McCrae. Then it was found that Mr. Fairchild had 11 votes more than W. G. Trill, his nearest competitor, and Mr. Corkins was 25 ahead of W. S. Burleigh. The winner was apparent after the first precinct had been half counted out in the other contests.

Republican Nominees.

Joint Senator, Ed E. Kiddle.

Joint Representative, Fred S. Ashley.

District Attorney, Abrah Fairchild.

County Judge, J. B. Olmsted.

County Commissioner, Sam Litch.

Sheriff, F. D. Rinehart.

County Clerk, C. H. Zurcher.

Assessor, C. H. Allen.

Treasurer, G. W. Franklin.

School Superintendent, J. C. Conley.

Surveyor, A. H. Rudd.

Democratic Nominees.

District Attorney, O. M. Corkins.

County Judge, G. S. Reavis.

County Commissioner, Hugh Wilson.

Sheriff, Edgar Marvin.

Clerk, C. H. Zurcher.

Assessor, J. M. Scholl.

Treasurer, G. W. Franklin.

School Superintendent, J. C. Conley.

Surveyor, E. M. Billings.

Coroner, H. B. Haisten.

Seeks to Get Out on Habeas Corpus.

Long, Or. May 26.—Whether A. M. Long, serving a term in the penitentiary from Multnomah county, is illegally restrained of his liberty, is now for the supreme court to decide.

His attorney, Tom Garland of Portland, having filed an appeal from the decision rendered in the case by Circuit Judge Galloway.

Garland instituted the case because Warden Minto declined to give him a private interview with Long, contending that this constituted an illegal restraint of Long's liberty. He also contended that Long had not been legally committed. Circuit Judge Galloway held against both contentions.

PHOTOGRAPHER IS FINED.

Woman Accuses V. L. Northup of Misrepresentation in Business.

Portland, May 27.—V. L. Northup, photographer in the Commonwealth building, was fined \$20 in Municipal Court yesterday, charged with making misrepresentations in conducting his business. Complaint against him was made by Mrs. C. Davis, 236 Davis street.

According to Mrs. Davis and others who testified, Northup circulated printed forms, which, when presented at the studio with a dollar, entitled the holder to 13 pictures, one an enlarged one. Mrs. Davis said that in selling the coupons the grade of pictures which would be printed was misrepresented.

MOTHER'S KISS GIVEN.

Judge's Order Yesterday Against Mrs. Orpett Is Scorned Today.

Waukenagan, May 27.—Defying a court order, the mother of William Orpett, charged with the murder of Marion Lambert, kissed her son before the jury today. The judge chose to ignore her act for the present.

Entertainment Decoration Day.

An entertainment is to be given by the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges of La Grande at I. O. F. hall, June 1st at 8 o'clock p. m. The following program has been arranged for the event:

Music—Thompson's band.

Address of Welcome—Mrs. Henrie.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Butler.

Brotherly Love—Mr. Marker.

Violin Solo—Miss Bertha Young.

Song—Imbler Quartet.

Recitation—Miss Neukirchner.

Music—Band.

Talk—Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe.

Vocal Solo—Jay Shaw.

Objects and Aims of Odd Fellowship—H. E. Coolidge.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. T. J. Scroggin.

Recitation—Miss Evaline Smith.

Tableau, "Rock of Ages,"—Miss Bertha Young, Mrs. Stella Webb.

"Why I Am an Odd Fellow"—F. S. Ivanhoe.

Music—Band.

Boxing match by light weights.

Refreshments will be served after the program. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged to help pay the expense of the district association to be held in June.

Body Found in River.

North Yakima, Wash., May 26.—The body of Orlo W. Little, traveling salesman, for which a search was conducted for several days after his disappearance March 9 last, was found in the Yakima river Tuesday night and on Wednesday the clothing was identified by the widow. The body was not recognizable. He left a wife and five children in destitute circumstances and is believed to have thrown himself in the river while suffering from melancholia because of financial difficulties. His home was at Yakima City and he was 42 years old.

AUTOS ASKED FOR

G. A. R. Seek to Have Conveyances to Cemetery Tuesday

In order that the G. A. R., W. R. C. and Spanish American War veterans may have conveyances to the cemetery Tuesday, the veterans have asked that all who can get away for an hour or so, join in the ceremonies at the cemetery Tuesday morning when the new monument to Soldiers Dead will be dedicated. Commander Faulk has issued a call for volunteer automobiles on that occasion and has also called all three departments to meet at their hall at 10 o'clock. From there they go to the cemetery, dedicate the monument, strew the graves with flowers, return to the hall at noon, and at 2 o'clock go to the Methodist church, where the services will be held.

BABY DROWNED IN WELL.

Three Year Old Lad Loses Life at The Buttes.

Wandering away a few minutes from his grandfather with whom he had been playing, Edward, three-year-old son of Mrs. Edith R. Minton, fell into a well at The Buttes last Thursday, and was drowned, relates the Enterprise Chief.

The sadness of the accident was heightened if possible by the fact the child had been very delicate from birth, and had been under the constant care of his mother and grandparents, and it was only through their three years of devotion to him that he had survived earlier battles of life.

The funeral was held in Enterprise on Saturday and burial was in the local cemetery. Rev. A. J. Adams conducted the services.

Mrs. Minton lives at the Jackson place at The Buttes with her parents.

Thursday afternoon Edward was playing in the yard with his grandfather. Mr. Wilson's attention was taken to something else for a few minutes, and when he turned to look for the child, he had disappeared.

The well came to the grandfather's mind at once as the only possible place of danger and he went directly there.

There is a wooden curb about three feet high about the opening, and the top is covered with boards which are pushed off when water is to be drawn. This cover was shoved out of place when Mr. Wilson came up and down in the water, which is about six feet from the surface, he saw the form of the little boy. The water is about three feet deep. The grandfather called for help and in a few minutes the body was removed, but life had gone.

In the Day's News



EFFIE GORDON

Miss Gordon is one of 40 Cleveland girls who have volunteered to allow pieces of skin to be taken from their bodies and grafted to the body of Mrs. Mamie Bennett, a nurse, who was seriously burned. At first 18 nurses volunteered to help save the life of their classmate. When more skin was needed, members of the "What-so-ever club" of a church volunteered.

German-Americans Against Both T. R. and Wilson

Chicago, May 27.—German-Americans unreservedly against both Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson for president of the United States, was the slogan Illinois German-Americans expected to plant in the minds of the officials of every German-American alliance attending the meeting of the National Alliance which convenes in Chicago tomorrow.

One hundred officials of state alliances and editors of German newspapers are expected to attend.

"Opposition to Wilson and Roosevelt is an Illinois German-American idea and we expect to promulgate it throughout the United States," Dr. Herman Gerhard, chairman of the political committee declared today.

"I know the man I want to see president to vote for him," He would not say who his choice is.

"I do not believe the republicans will nominate Roosevelt and unless Wilson is nominated on the first ballot I don't believe he will be nominated."

Activities about Verdun last night and this morning centered chiefly at Cummiries, sometimes called Cumieres. The city was invaded and captured—or at least a large part of it—by the French, but at that point dispatches begin to differ. Berlin claims the French were driven back and Paris says they remained with a firm foothold. Cummiries lies well back in the nut cracker, or elbow of the German lines, the Germans being farther into France on both flanks than at Cummiries.

Paris, May 27.—After heavy fighting, French last night captured a large part of Cummiries village, it is officially announced. Germans countered desperately, but the French retained their position in the eastern part of town and several German trenches in the northwest part. East of the Meuse German attacks adjourning Douaumont were repulsed.

FRANCE NOT READY.

Other Allies Have Something to Barter—Not So With France.

Vienna, May 27.—France alone is standing in the way of early peace, it is reliably stated today. England is reported willing to end the war without attempting an offensive on the western front. France, however, strongly desires a final test of military strength because her situation is the most desperate of any principal in the entente allies. France fears Germany may refuse to relinquish rich areas in northern France. Also, the French have nothing with which to bargain for peace.

SAVIOR OF PARIS IS DEAD

Paris, May 27.—General Gallieni, savior of Paris and father of the famous taxi army that turned the Germans back at the Battle of the Marne, is dead. His death from kidney trouble, following an operation, was announced today.

Gallieni was also a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, and was considered the most brilliant member of the general staff in the present conflict. He was military governor of Paris

when the Germans menaced the capital at their beginning of the war.

General Manoury appealed to Gallieni to save the capital. Leading every recruit, including regiments of Zouaves, from Tunis, into taxicabs, hacks, automobiles and every manner of vehicle, Gallieni rushed them to the front. The "Taxicab army" saved the day. The Germans were hurled back at the battle of the Marne.

AMERICAN DIPLOMACY IS STUMPED ANEW

U. S. TREATIES WITH RUSSSIANS NOT LIKELY NOW

UNCLE SAM WAITED 6 MONTHS TOO LONG TO DICTATE TERMS NOW.

RUSSIA WILL DISPOSE OF JEWISH ISSUE ALONE

America Told Outright That She Cannot Now Dictate Jewish Problem in Russian Interior—Any Treaty That May Be Drafted Now Will Be Economical One Purely.

BY WILLIAM SIMMS. (United Press Correspondent.)

Petrograd, May 27.—The United States faces tremendous difficulties in attempting to negotiate a new commercial treaty with Russia to replace the one abrogated by the Taft administration because of the Jewish question, it is learned on the highest authority.

Allies Have New Agreements.

Negotiations were begun six months too late. The allies are now perfecting a trade agreement among themselves. Until it is concluded, Russia can make no outside arrangements. If the treaty is accomplished it must confine itself to economics, and not enter into discussion of Russia's internal affairs.

Count Kokokovostoff, former premier and minister of finance, in an exclusive interview to the United Press, made it plain Russia wouldn't consider the treaty if treatment of the Jews was made an issue.

"America ought to realize Russia cannot entertain outside suggestions regarding her internal affairs. Americans must come like any others, leaving Russia to settle interior problems."

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The noon recess the state, represented by Colonel R. Eberhard, had rested its case and R. J. Green, who with Eugene Ashwill are counsel for the defense, began exhaustive argument to have the case non-suited. When court adjourned it adjourned to meet at 3:45 p. m. today at which time argument on the non-suit motion will proceed.

The case in hand at the present stage is to determine if the episode shall be bound over to the grand jury.

The complaining witness in the case is Frances Pierson, 15 years of age this month. Her mother and other relatives, who live at First and Adams, were among those called by the state as witnesses to prove the state's contention that the three defendants conspired to entice Miss Pierson away from her home to be married to Mr. Welper either at Union or Baker, and that the four were then to proceed to Kearney, Nebraska. The arrest of the three occurred yesterday. The girl whom reports say was to have been kidnapped, was in a taxi standing at Depot and Adams at 10 a. m. when the proposed elopement had been discovered and officers put in charge.

Mr. Welper was arrested on East Adams avenue, where, rumor has it he was to be picked up by the auto party and all en-train at Hot Lake.

But for the fact that the girl is under 16, the episode would have been an ordinary elopement, or proposed elopement, but in the light of the facts the under-age issue makes what otherwise would have been an elopement, a penitentiary offense.

PROMPT REPLY EXPECTED

Demands of England and France are Drastic

Washington, May 27.—Officials expect an early and satisfactory response to the American mail seizure protest sent to England and France demanding they be stopped. Lansing indicated conversations with British Ambassador conveyed the impression England intends to comply.

One official said "England's intentions are good but the administrative system is faulty. Seizures were conducted despite pledges to refrain."

America will enter claims for damages incurred by the seizures. Even American official mails were outraged, it is charged. The note doesn't cite a time of discontinuance of the seizures, hence there will be clash by ultimatum.

CANTALOUPES APPEAR

Further Evidence of Summer Shown in Local Markets

Along with a burst of sunshine this morning came goodly quantities of cantaloupes, harkening of real summer. The fruit of the family melon is selling at 15 cents, and the size is fairly good.

RIGGS BANK OFFICIALS FREE IN 9 MINUTES

Washington, May 27.—Chas. Gloyer, Henry Fletcher and William Fletcher, officials in the Riggs National Bank who were attacked and prosecuted at the instance of the administration and who have been subjected to bitter attacks, were acquitted of perjury charges today. The jury deliberated nine minutes.

Important in connection with the defense of the three men was the testimony of Colonel Roosevelt, who, opposed by them politically, pronounced them "the fittest financiers in Washington" during his testimony a few days ago.

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HEARING ON BEFORE JUDGE

HALT TAKEN WHILE NON-SUIT IS STUDIED

Two Men and One Lady Charged With Kidnapping 15-Year-Old Girl

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LA GRANDE IS COMING BACK TO OLD STRIDE

BUILDING OPERATIONS THIS SUMMER WILL BE LIKE AS OF YORE.

PLANS FOR NEW GARAGE ON ADAMS UNDER WAY

Julius Roesch to Construct Handsome Building—Sommer Building Repairs Will Total More than \$20,000

Railroad Building Amounts to Over \$40,000—Other News.

In the matter of building improvements, La Grande is coming back. While sharing with nearly all other localities the common fate of slow times and stagnant business there was a corresponding slackening of building activity. Under normal conditions La Grande has for many years kept up an average of about a quarter of a million dollars annually in buildings and similar improvements. La Grande will this year get back very close to the old record.

The latest is a new garage building on Julius Roesch's property at the corner of Fir and Adams to cost \$15,000.

In size the building will be 90x110 feet and plans for it are now being drawn under the general direction of Mr. Roesch. The contract will be let soon. Mr. Roesch is already completing a substantial brick building on Depot and it is likely that by the time that structure is ready all details will be completed for the big garage building. The site is desirable, and will take up the last vacant corner within the business section of the city.

The largest project in the way of money involved is the addition to the railroad roundhouse. This is work that would have been done sooner and was halted solely on account of dull times. Work has commenced and there will be big disbursements for labor. Aside from this stimulation in industrial activity the railroad improvements mean advantages to La Grande that are not accurately measurable in money.

Another project that is big within itself and big in its influence and suggestiveness of La Grande's importance is the new building for the La Grande Grocery company, a wholesale concern that does a large business. The new building will be of fire proof construction and will occupy a ground space of little more than one hundred feet square. The cost will be about \$20,000.

In keeping with the general reconstruction of the Sommer store and office building, involving an expenditure of close to \$20,000, one of the occupants, the Silverthorn drug store will make complete revision of the interior arrangement plans for which will be ready for the builders' estimate within a few days.

J. J. Carr is having a basement constructed under his residence at Fourth and Main.

There are also several building projects in the residence districts, among the more pretentious of which is Walter Reuter's new home to cost \$5000, and new roofs and frameworks are noticeable in many parts of town.

Altogether, and after the lapse of quite a period of dullness it is very evident that La Grande, in a physical way, is "coming back."

Graduating Class Largest in History.

Pendleton, May 26.—With 55 young men and women in the finishing class the Pendleton high school will graduate the largest class in its history this evening and probably the largest high school graduating class in eastern Oregon. The class is almost evenly divided between the sexes, there being 29 girls and 26 boys.

The program tonight is to commence at 8:15 sharp and there are indications the high school auditorium will be crowded to capacity for the occasion. Dr. S. B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman College, is to deliver the commencement address, and the diploma will be presented by J. V. Tailman, chairman of the school board.

The salutatory is by Marguerite Straughan and the valedictory by Emil Seibert. An excellent musical program will be given during the exercises.

Pupil Makes Excellent Record.

Monmouth, Or., May 26.—Bertha Criegee, a student in the Farm country school, near here, has not been absent a day from school in the last four years.