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Advertising rates on application. FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1917.

HARRY THAW. No one should feel anything but sympathy and sadness for Harry Thaw.

He knows not what he does. Back of the Thaw tragedy goes thousands of years for heredity. In the Thaw family and sins of the fathers are being visited upon the sons and the mother. Now, there is no doubt in the world that Thaw is a paranoic, an abnormal type of man. How much responsibility to place upon him is a question. Little we think. If he had been anyone's son but a millionaire's he might have lived an obscure life, worked hard, lived a fairly decent life, and never have attracted much notoriety. Thaw has a fair amount of brains, mixed in with a certain amount of shrewdness. Thaw's misfortune was to be born rich, to grow up surrounded by artificiality, to get things without work or giving value received. He lived a life of ease, and dissipation unsettled what brains he was born with. Then came his marriage, the result of infatuation and the murder of Stanford White. Thaw's defense, that his mind was inflamed against White, by the story told him by his wife that she had been wronged in her early career by

White, may have been a true and bona fide defense. But no true man would have used it, nor forced his wife to tell her story as she did upon the witness stand. Harry Thaw should have gone to the electric chair and paid his penalty like a gentleman. Medical testimony connected with recent events has strengthened the theory and proved beyond any question of a doubt that Thaw is unbalanced and a dangerous man. He should be adjudged insane again, if he recovers, and kept in confinement.

THE CITY'S FLAG. The city's new flag now rises with the birds in the morning and is taken down with care at night, according to the regulations made and prescribed by the army. That is right. The flag cannot be treated with too much reverence and respect, and the city should set a good example in patriotism to its citizens, as well as in economy and thrift, in progressiveness and enterprise.

LLOYD GEORGE. Lloyd George stands right up in meeting and tells what he thinks straight from the shoulder. We admire a man who is a doer, a thinker and a fighter. If there's anything worth having it's worth fighting for. And if you start in fighting, don't forget that the other fellow is likely to strike a few blows, too.

WHEAT. If we had a few bushels of \$1.50 wheat, we wouldn't know what to do. One minute we'd want to sell, and the other hold on. We guess every time we went to town though to buy a few things for "mother" we'd cash in and sell a few bushels just to jingle the money in our jeans.

WORK. These bright sunny days should make us all feel like working and singing at our work.

TODAY. Tomorrow never comes. Let's do some of the things we are always talking about today.

Triangle Basketball League Organized

The intermediate class of the Y. M. C. A. organized the Triangle basketball league yesterday afternoon. The league will be composed of three teams: The Washingtons, Lloyd Chandler, captain; the Oregons, Elwood Lyman, captain; and the O. A. C's, Howard Stoddard, captain. The teams are very evenly matched and many interesting contests are promised. Besides Chandler the Washington team will be composed of Charles Ash, Howard Ball, "Bud" Theisen, Theodore Heinderich and Fred Kivette. The Oregons will have Lyman, Park Taylor, Harry Proctor, Claude Haisten, and Thomas Hill. The O. A. C's will have Stoddard, Audmer Playle, Theodore George, Reed Taylor and Kenneth Kency.

British Cruiser Sunk. Constantinople, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—It is announced that a British cruiser was sunk.

Germans Repulse Two British Attacks

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—Germans repulsed two British attacks at North Ancre early this morning. A strong German counter north of Beaufort ousted the British from the Teuton trenches. Fifty prisoners and two machine guns were taken. Statement said that minor infantrying was proceeding near Beaumont. Germans raided trenches at Combres Heights, capturing sixteen Frenchmen.

Austria Sends a Note. Amsterdam, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—Austria addressed a note to all neutrals following the same general terms of the German note sent yesterday.

Greece Must Answer Allies. London, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—It is authoritatively reported that the Allies demanded Greece make more definite answer to their ultimatum. They cabled the demand to Athens. Acquiescence is necessary before the Allies' blockade is raised. The Greek reply failed to specify when Venizelist prisoners would be released.

Grain Handling in Bulk Is Considered Very Favorably—State and National Rural Credits Laws Discussed.

Lyceum Course to Be Given This Year

Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau Will Supply Y. M. C. A.-High School Course—Russell Conwell, Hampton Courts, Robert Bauman and Others Booked.

The Y. M. C. A.-High School lyceum course for the year 1917-1918 will be furnished this year by the Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau. This is the same company which supplies the attractions for the successful La Grande Chautauqua. The numbers selected are: Mr. Russell Conwell with his famous lecture "Aires of Diamonds"; The Hampton Courts, a highly successful musical attraction; Robert Faum, lecturer; The Berkely Sextette, a troupe of young women; and the committee will have their choice to select a number from the following three musicals, The Russian Trio, The Venetians and The Musical Artists. The course tickets will be sold at a very low cost. The purpose of the committee is to give La Grande people a course at a low cost and sell as many as possible. The numbers will be given at the High School building. The last number of the 1916-1917 course will be held on Thursday evening, January 18, with Judge W. W. Cotton, of Portland, as the lecturer. His lecture will be on his travels through Egypt.

Anti-Liquor Ad Bill Passed. Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—(United Press)—The Bankhead anti-liquor ad-

vertising bill, forbidding use of the mails to newspapers or other publications containing liquor advertising in states whose laws forbid such advertising, was passed by the senate late today.

Bartholomew In Pen. Salem, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—Edward Bartholomew arrived at the penitentiary and began serving his life term for the murder of John Lind, in the "Green trunk" mystery.

La Grande Convention Attracting Notice

In a letter to Fred Kiddle, Frank Standish, livestock commission man of Kansas City, says that he may come to La Grande for the Cattle and Horse Raisers' convention, April 24 and 25. "What will this meeting amount to?" Mr. Standish asks. "Will there be a good many cow men present? I do not know for sure," he continues, but adds that he would like to come if he thought there would be a chance for him to do any business here.

Mrs. Stanfield Proud of Son's Position

Attends Opening Session of Legislature and Sees Robert Made Speaker of House.

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special)—"I am proud to be here and see Robert made speaker of the house," said Mrs. R. N. Stanfield, of Stanfield, Umatilla county. Mrs. Stanfield spent much of the day in a chair beside her son's desk in the house and was an interested spectator of the work of getting the twenty-ninth assembly under way. Mrs. Stanfield is just old enough to have a motherly air, but at that she doesn't look old enough to be the mother of the speaker, as many remarked who saw her. Mrs. Stanfield recalled the time when her husband died, and she leased the farm to her son—the Stanfields have a fair sized farm in Umatilla county, and had always raised stock. "Robert made good, and I leased the place to him again, and he has continued to make good as a stockman. And I feel sure he will make good as speaker of the house."

House Will Stand by National Militia

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—(United Press)—The house military affairs committee will stand pat on the national defense act passed last June regardless of any senate action. The chairman made this announcement following the committee's decision to hold no further hearings lest the militia be further criticized.

SPORTSMEN'S BANQUET (Continued From Page One) crows, \$5 hat, Hill's Department

Store; T. L. Fisher, third, 69 magpies and 106 crows, 20-pound Mt. Emily ham, Grande Ronde Meat Company; Nate Zweifel, fourth, 131 magpies and 15 crows, 10 pounds of Chase & Sanborn coffee, J. G. Snodgrass Grocery; Ben Beusing, fifth, 95 magpies and 20 crows, \$5 pair of automobile gloves; women's prize, Mrs. Walt Zweifel, 42 magpies, \$2.50 box of candy, presented by George Young Confectionery; special prize for destruction of English sparrows—C. Becker, 24 sparrows, \$5 cash, Pat Foley. The total number of magpies, crows and English sparrows destroyed in the competition and reported to the club's secretary, Al Andrews, was 1053.

The president urged the members to consider themselves a committee of one to bring the club membership from 240 to 350. Toastmaster Hoyt said that the La Grande men had always been considered "live" and that he wanted the state officials to realize that the club was growing. The president announced that the officers hoped to provide a fish supper and a hasenpfeffer again this coming fall.

Clark Leiter was called upon for a speech and told the club banqueters that the impression among a number of taxpayers of the state was that the state fish and game commission was expending money from funds other than the funds contributed directly by the sportsmen of the state and the commercial fishermen. Mr. Leiter pointed to the fact that the commission receives no money from taxation.

"The sportsmen provide the money that is spent by the state fish and game commission," said Mr. Leiter, "and the sportsmen should have the 'say' as to how the money is spent. It is no one else's affair."

Among those seated around the tables were: Dr. Ray Murphy, A. C. Hampton, E. F. Andrews, Roy A. Creek, J. V. McCullough, Lexington, Ill.; L. McCullough, A. V. Andrews, R. Zweifel, Al Daniel, D. Taylor, C. D. Emahiser, F. L. Lilly, Geo. Noble, Goose Allstott, Frank Culton, Clarke Leiter, B. W. Hughes, Geo. Young, E. L. Windom, F. G. Henning, R. M. Baker, D. J. Kimmel, J. G. Kimmel, J. A. McCarthy, S. D. Crowe, L. M. Hoyt, Pat Foley, Chase Bohnenkamp, A. W. Nelson, Ray A. Cook, Oscar Berger, J. G. Holm, J. H. Keiney, Frank Bay, W. A. Zweifel, T. L. Fisher, Nate Zweifel, Chas. Murchison, G. C. Hopkins, Harry G. Becker, Ed. Meyersick, Clarence Becker, Benj. Buesing, Clarence Carter, Lawrence Dinneen.

BARTLETT PLANS POLAR TRIP (Continued From Page One)

purposes from the base of operations, always the ship and might prove invaluable in returning to civilization should the expedition meet with disaster.

How the natural forces operate at the Pole; whether the perpetually moving icefloes of the Arctic swirl in a continuous circle about the Pole; whether their movement is directed by a constant east wind—so frequently noted in former expeditions or whether by ocean currents, just what atmospheric conditions prevail—these are some of the questions we hope to be able to answer before the trip is concluded. A careful study of the fauna life

or the ocean-floor of the Arctic, with comparisons with the animalculae existence of other waters, will also form a part of the research work. Charting of new lands—if such exist and soundings of the Arctic ocean in various latitudes are further objectives. Admiral Peary, making deep soundings at the Pole, probed for 9,600 feet—nearly two miles—without finding a bottom.

Our ship, which we hope soon to have under construction, will be built of toughest live-oak, with special constructive features to resist the terrific impact with icefloes naturally to be expected on such a trip. It will be small, to permit of quick moving, which is often imperative to escape being caught and crushed like an egg-shell between rapidly approaching ice fields. If caught in such a cul-de-sac, the only recourse is blasting out a "berth" with dynamite, or abandoning the vessel to her fate.

The ability to sense danger from approaching ice, and to act swiftly and decisively, is one of the most necessary requirements of arctic explorers. The ship will carry a most complete equipment of scientific instruments—many probably supplied by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Tinned foods of all kinds, tea, coffee and chocolate, will be carried to provide a varied diet for the long period in which we shall be distinctly out of the pale of the menu card and the warm bath. Our principal food, however, will consist of seal, walrus and polar-bear steaks. We can, at some convenient place in the arctic, kill several thousand of these and pile them on the ice, covered with snow, as our food reserve. They will keep, of course, indefinitely.

The average winter temperature we will encounter will be 35 or 40 degrees below zero, this slightly moderating in the brief summer.

Starting out from some port on the Pacific, probably Seattle, in July, we will pass through Bering Strait and proceed north around Alaska. Arriving at some point off the American coast in September, we will "set" the ship in the rapidly forming icefields, and resign ourselves to a continuous drift with the ice, wherever it may lead us.

We expect to come out at some point between Spitsbergen and Greenland. In thus drifting with the ice, we will be able to note its trend and just what forces are operating in its directions. Whether it is moved principally by the water currents beneath, or is driven by a constant wind, is yet to be determined. Numbers of important scientific theories may be either blasted or substantiated through these observations.

Frequent, hourly if possible, soundings will be taken of the sea bottom and specimens of the fauna from the sea-floor collected. The theory that at some former age, the earth's equator was located at what is now the Pole and changed to its present position by "flip-flop" of the earth, may be somewhat cleared up by a study of dead fauna life of the Arctic ocean, if any can be obtained.

The expedition will include some distinguished meteorologist, in order that an intensive study of the atmospheric laws obtaining at the Pole, may be made in the interests of science, and navigation.

The La Grande National Bank Issues Booklet "BANKING MADE PLAIN" Educating the public in a practical knowledge of the simple methods of banking is a mission to which enterprising banks all over the country are more and more devoting themselves, and as a means of service to the community, one of the latest booklets along this line entitled "Banking Made Plain" is now being distributed by the La Grande National Bank. The booklet is noteworthy because of condensing into a small space a really remarkable amount of practical information, concisely yet readably stated, and typographically attractive. The forepart of this booklet gives in a concise manner the preliminary requirements of banking in relation to deposits, checks, and accounts. There are fifteen sub-heads under the heading "Accounts", thirty sub-heads under the heading of "Checks", fifteen sub-heads under the heading of "Deposits" and other main headings followed by various sub-titles are "Identification", "Overdrafts", "Banking by Mail" and how a "Clearing House" operates. A few of the Sub-heads will serve to indicate the nature and scope of the booklet, as follows: "How to Open an Account", "Forms of Accounts which can be Opened", "How to Balance Your Account", "Bank Statement", "Deposits for Collection", "Deposits by Mail", "Deposits of Husband and Wife", "Death of Depositor", etc. We find more good information under "Checks" such as "How to Draw a Check", "Altered Check", "Lost Check", "Undated", "Post Dated", "To Stop Payment", etc. The latter part of the booklet deals with what every borrower should know and gives a similar wealth of information and includes brief and adequate treatment of such subjects as "Notes", "Collateral", "Discounts", "Note Made by Minor", "Note Made by Married Woman", "Negotiability" and many others. Under the head of "Drafts" and "Bills of Exchange" are "Acceptance", "Acceptance for Honor", "Due Date", "Joint Drawee", "Notice", etc. Then follows "Indorsements", giving an explanation of many kinds and liability of indorsers, following this up with the important subjects of "Protest", "Collections", "Lost Paper", and some very useful "Bank Don'ts". Any one who wishes a copy need only apply at the bank where they will be distributed free.