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SENT BODY TO WRONG PLACE

MISTAKE IN IDENTIFICATION MADE IN PORTLAND

Supposed Corpse of William Hogan, of Union Proves To Be that of Man From Seattle.

UNION, March 29.—(Special)—Word was received by Pat Sullivan this week from Portland that his grandson, Willie Hogan, had committed suicide by taking arsenic.

The body was shipped here for burial Friday, but proved to be the remains of some one else. The body had on a sailor suit supposed to belong to young Hogan and a suit case was sent and some of his articles arrived also. A note was left in a hotel in Portland stating that a woman had "loved with his heart" and as she was the only one he loved that was the way out of it and to notify Pat Sullivan, of Union, Oregon.

Willie Hogan was about 19 years old and was well liked by all. He had been in the service but was discharged some time ago on account of poor health.

The Mystery Explained.

The Journal of Friday evening contains the following which explains the matter more fully:

"The body of J. C. Overture, which was sent to Union by the coroner when it was supposedly identified as that of William Hogan, will be sent to Seattle, where a brother and mother of Overture live.

"Several days ago a discharged sailor, thought to have been William Hogan, killed himself in the Leroy hotel in Portland by drinking poison.

"After the body was on its way to Union, the home of Hogan, Earl G. Overture, of Seattle, who is seeking his brother, identified the clothing of the dead man."

The remains have been sent from Union back to Seattle.

AROUND THE EDGES

The Ad. club will be winner—John it now.

Spring is with us—George Ball has begun his annual habit of planting trees.

Every grand jurymen will look over the valley and wish he was plowing.

Chief Christianson got \$2.87 for a couple of chickens this week they were Partridge Plymouth Rock he's some that he raised himself and this is the net price for which they were sold, live weight.

Joe Keeney is probably the greatest lover of clams in La Grande. At a recent business men's luncheon clams were served and the lady who seated table admitted, Joe's plate looked like Salsola after a tide had subsided because of so many shells.

One man who had been living comfortably in a rented home in La Grande for several years received notice that the house had been sold and possession was desired. He immediately sought another home and was about ready to move when that was sold. He scoured another and the same thing happened. Then he went out with blood in his eye and bought a home and defied the world to move him out of it.

A copy of the old La Grande Gazette was unearthed recently. Among other things it told of Jack Peare and Jay Van Buren contesting in the field sports at Portland for high honors with the lads of the lower country. Jack and Jay are still pretty husky and few grey hairs surround their domes, all of which is evidence they could do a little sprinting yet if conditions were just right.

Andrew Blokland showed up with a very smiling face yesterday and having dropped the remark to the effect that there had been an "increase" an Observer reporter led him to him at once for the date, sex and other particulars. "Yes, we have had an increase in the family," Andrew admitted. "It is six of the finest young hereford calves a man ever laid eyes on." And that was why Andrew was pleased and it is no wonder.

Right now is the time when someone probably can get the job of county assessor very cheap, for Mr. Couch is confrontal with that expression, "Will you call again, I am not quite ready to give in my property." His "call-backs" are so many that it is a wonder he does not lose his temper and dive into the sea of strong profanity. But he does not, even though he would be happy if people would only get ready and transfer their business thus getting it over and saving time for both the assessor and the taxpayer.

The hardship of being a host to La Grande business men was exemplified a few nights ago when a committee met with Larry Larison at his office. He was kind enough to furnish the cigars which were of the medium priced variety—not his best. After the meeting had lasted for some time some one called his attention to another brand the busse carried and asked if that was not a more popular smoke. Larry took the bunch, produced the high priced goods, charged up a little more to profit and loss and smiled through the remainder of the session.

"Jim" Corbett is in doubt whether he has become affiliated with the B. P. O. E. or whether the Elk joined him. He was with a chase of about thirty which was initiated this week. He knew before hand that it would be a miracle if any of the brethren who had charge of the floor work had not at some time or other been at the short end of one kind of a "job" or other that had been put up by himself. He was fully prepared for anything that might happen and, being prepared, they admitted him. The other twenty-nine are very well satisfied that they joined the same time that J. P. Corbett did.

Here is a booster story from the heart of a man who asks nothing in return: D. V. Stevens, of the O. W., upon his return a few days ago from a trip to Joplin, Mo., Kansas City, Phoenix, Arizona and other points, said: "I have worked in fifty-eight cities in the nation and traveled many miles, but I have never lived in a town which I liked as well and felt so thoroughly much at home as in La Grande." Mr. Stevens was in several wet states during his absence but positively brought nothing back with him so his statement is from his inner most belief and judgment.

It may be unwise to bet but just the same Dr. Dyer and Joe Carr have wagered fifty dollars on the question of whether crops can be raised around Hot Lake. Joe takes the negative, of course, and the Doctor the affirmative, of course, for there is anyone thing Doctor Dyer is long on it's optimism. So interested are these gentlemen in the proposition that they argue it often. Recently when the subject came up Mr. Carr derided the idea of raising anything of value on a bed of alkali to which the doctor responded, "Joe, I have a sure thing bet with you, for haven't I won a few years ago stole tomatoes from around the lake?" And Mr.

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Carr stoutly claimed that the alkali had increased in quality since Dr. Phy was a boy. This year's crop will decide the bet.

You may be surprised to know that O. E. Silverthorn once drove a fine black stallion which was the pride of his Iowa neighborhood. He had a doped up sulkey and on Sunday morning he would take out that high stepper and make all the boys envious. So interested did he become in horsemanship that he entered his nag at the county fairs and as a driver of some renown he attracted quite an applause from the ladies in the grand stand. His father observed the race horse proclivities growing in his son and one day issued a manifesto which caused the stallion to be sold at once and put O. E. to work at good hard toil. "I believe," admits Mr. Silverthorn "that my father called the turn in my life by this noble act for I was just about due to follow the circuit and you know what that would have meant."

Billy Vogel is a sermonizer. In 1912 he preached a sermon on wheat and automobiles that would cause Walter Pierce to scratch his head in order to compete. Billy said then without fear or reservation that it took a dollar and a half wheat for a farmer to operate now that automobiles have come in. Yesterday he was in La Grande and maintained the same attitude, but he is more cheerful. "Why, there is nothing to it any more. Wheat will not drop to a dollar and farmers are going to

be the chosen ones for years to come. We have to have roads for these automobiles now and I am spreading the gospel to bond Union county for a complete highway system at the earliest possible moment. There is no use to wall about extravagance, for good roads are not extravagant, they are an economy." Besides, have you thought that every man in Union is living better than his father lived, and the coming generation will live just as much better than we are now living. Don't worry about prosperity, they will ride in airships, but we want roads while we are here."

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THE WEATHER
(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 29.—For Idaho: Sunday cloudy, Oregon: Sunday, rain, with southeasterly winds.

Allies' Rifle Strength Greatest When Needed

Washington.—Figures showing the rifle strength of the allied and enemy force on the western front during the last eight months of the war were received by the war department. They show that up to July 1 the allies were outnumbered from 200,000 to 300,000, but that they reached their peak on September 1, when they had 1,082,000 opposed to the Germans' 1,230,000.

Rifle strength is the number of "men in the trenches ready to go over the top with the bayonet." The rifle strength of an American division of 27,000 combat troops is 12,250. This shows that the actual rifles on the western front totaled more than twice as many as the rifle strength figures.

During the hard fighting from September 1, the Germans' losses were appalling, the figures showing a drop in their strength from 1,350,000 to 805,000 on November 1. During the same period the strength of the allied forces dropped only from 1,082,000 to 1,485,000.

FACTORS OF SOIL FERTILITY

Plant Feeding is Not Simple Problem of Supplying Manure and Commercial Fertilizers.

The expression, "soil fertility" is used to include the factors which make a soil productive. Plant feeding is not a simple problem of supplying manure and commercial fertilizers. An abundance of available plant food is an essential factor of soil fertility, but there are other important factors.

Take your bicycles to KELLY'S, 109 Fir street. 3-30-19

HUN FARMS READY FOR WORK

Factory Districts in Germany Still Complaining About Terms of Armistice.

Coblenz.—The farmers are preparing for their spring work throughout the occupied area. Restocking of farms is progressing rapidly. A canvass within the area of the Thirty-second division shows that the farmers now have 754 horses as against 283 on November 11. Inducement by the allies upon the prompt compliance with the armistice terms has brought continued complaint from German factory bosses.

Essen complains, for example, in the last few weeks, 24,000 tons and 5,000 locomotives have been sent out of that district and that as a result traffic has been greatly reduced. It is asserted that the food and fuel shortage has been made serious by the inability to move supplies.

The food shortage in the Coblenz area is considerable, but perhaps not so serious as at Cologne, a much larger city, where there has been a greater influx of discharged soldiers. The population is returning to work as rapidly as possible, but the inability to procure fuel supplies on account of the German miners' strike has delayed the reopening of many work shops.

CANADA GAVE 8,000 AVIATORS

4,280 Men of British Royal Air Service Were Recruited in the Dominion.

London.—Canada sent 8,000 aviation officers overseas to join the royal air service during the war, according to a statement made at London by Sir Edward W. Kemp, Canadian minister of overseas service.

Of these, he said, 4,280 were directly recruited in Canada and the most of the rest were transferred from the Canadian service to the royal air service after their arrival in Europe.

Sir Edward's statement was made in the course of an address in which he accepted, in the name of Canada, 15 airplanes which had been presented to the dominion by Canadian and British residents of London.

FLYERS FIND DAD IS ALSO UP—IN CONGRESS



While his two sons were being around in Uncle Sam's airplane and helping whip the Kaiser, Carl W. Riddick of Montana, did a little climbing himself.—Riddick is a pilot in the next congress on a Republican ticket. And now—Riddick says he is going to form a "Service Sons" League of congressmen when the next congress convenes.

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Do the girls remember the first soldier they saw and how their heart jumped? In this sparkling new Arceffe Picture, Mary Pickford plays just such a part—the little girl who never had a beau and is dying for one.

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