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YOUTH MEETS TRAGIC DEATH IN ELEVATOR ACCIDENT AT LOCAL HOTEL EARLY THIS MORNING

Earl Jones, a young man 23 years of age, employed as night clerk at the Foley hotel in this city, met a terrible death this morning when his body was crushed between the floor of the elevator car and the framework of the shaft. He was on duty at the hotel and in company with two other young fellows, one of them another boy employed at the hotel and the other Frank Tuckey, employed at the Sommer hotel, had gone down into the basement in the elevator. The time was about 2:30 o'clock this morning. At the basement they all left the car, Tuckey later re-entering it and operating the starting mechanism. As the car started to move upward Jones leaped toward the open door in an effort to check its ascent. He was caugth half in and half out of the car and before Tuckey could bring it to a stop his unfortunate friend had been crushed between the floor of the car and the basement roof. As the car was lowered, releasing Jones, he fell back to the bottom of the shaft.

Horrified by the suddenness of the terrible accident, Jones' companions called for help from others about the hotel, awakening the manager, William Vogel, and the day clerk. The latter on arriving found Jones still living and conscious. Medical aid was summoned and the injured man hurriedly taken to the hospital. He lived, however, only a very short time. The remains were taken to the Bohnenkamp chapel, where an inquest was conducted this afternoon by Hal Bohnenkamp, county coroner.

The young man's awful death is a great shock to everyone around the hotel and has brought the deepest sorrow to his friends. He was a very popular lad, and though he came to the Foley from Union with Mr. Vogel only a brief time ago, he had shown a remarkable aptitude for the work and was most highly thought of by all around the institution. His parents reside in Union. Jones had come to the Foley after returning from France, where he served as a member of the La Grande hospital unit, and he was held in high esteem by all his comrades in the service. Before enlisting he had been studying dentistry at the Northwestern Dental College, Chicago.

SET PRICE OF SUGAR AT 12C

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—The federal food administration sugar bureau has set twelve cents a pound as a fair price for sugar to consumers. Any excess of this will be "outrageous profiteering." Grocers have been charging sixteen cents per pound for some time.

NEARLY HALF MILLION SENT

RELIEF COMMITTEE MAKE REMITTANCE OF LARGE SUMS TO EUROPE.

Lost Relatives Have Been Located in Many Instances By the Work.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, Aug 12.—The Transmission Bureau of the Joint Distribution Committee of Jewish Relief Funds has sent abroad this year to relatives of people in America, nearly half a million dollars in individual remittances and has located thousands from whom parents, children or brothers and sisters on this side have had no word since the beginning of the war. The semi-annual report from January 1 to June 30 places the total of remittances handled in this period at $467,877.28. The average single remittance is about $25. Poland, Lithuania, Galicia, and Czechslovakia are the chief regions to which private funds have been sent.

No charge is made for this service, the cost of operation being borne out of the relief funds of the American Jewish Relief Committee and its cooperative organizations. Receipts from abroad are returned to America though the Bureau after they have been signed by the recipients, many of whom live in districts where no mail can be sent. These signatures show that the person to whom the remittance goes is still alive.

Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, issued a statement today calling attention to the fact that this bureau, which is practically the only channel of communication between this country and many sections of Europe, is open to everyone who desires to send funds to long-lost relatives abroad. Cheques should be made out to Arthur Lehman, treasurer, and be sent to 98 Second Avenue, together with the full name and last known address of the payee.

APPEAL TO ALLIES NOT TO WITHDRAW TROOPS.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ARCHANGEL, Aug. 12.—An appeal to the Allies not to withdraw their forces from the district is being issued by the Muncipality of Archangel.

RAILWAY PICNIC TO BE AT PARK

VISIT TO WALLOWA LAKE HAS MANY DIFFICULTIES.

A decision has been reached by the O.-W. men here to hold their proposed picnic Saturday at the Riverside Park instead of going to Wallowa Lake by special train Sunday as had been announced. This followed the return of J. T. Ridenour and J. C. Murray, from Joseph.

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Hungary Has Former Officials Back In Old Administrative Jobs

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BUDAPEST, Aug. 12.—Old administrative officials have resmued their function throughout the country. Archduke Joseph insists that when the assembly meets after the elections its decisions must be considered sacred.

UMATILLA COUNTY RAISES PAY OF ITS EMPLOYES

PENDLETON, Aug. 12.—Seven deputies and stenographers in various county offices Saturday got increases in salaaries amounting in most instances to $10 a month. Last month they petitioned the county court for a 15 per cent raise, which would have brought raises amounting to about $15. The court, however, declined to grant the petition in full.

Under the new schedule the tax deputy in the sheriff's offifce will receive $150 a month, two deputy sheriffs $130 each, deputy clerk $135 clerk's stenographer $135, building superintendent $100.

ARGUMENTS END IN LIBEL SUIT

FORD CASE AGAINST CHICAGO PAPER CONCLUDING.

Tribune's Attorney Declares Himself Inexpressibly Shocked by Display of Ford's Ignorance.

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., August 12—Arguments in the Ford libel suit against the Chicago Tribune for $1,000,000 were ended here today. Stevenson, the Tribune's attorney pointed out evidences of ignorance shown by Ford on the witness stand, saying to the jury, "He said he did not know what the fundamentals of government were and did not care; and they put Ford employes on the stand to prove he could not read or write. I never was so shucked in my life. It was pitiful."

PENDLETON ELKS BUILD NEW HOME

WORK TO START ON $150,000 STRUCTURE SOON.

New Building Will be Four Stories, With Full Basement and Thoroughly Equipped.

PENDLETON, Aug. 12.—The next thirty days is likely to se work started on the new Elks building, which is to be erected at the corner of Court and Garden streets, at an approximate cost of $150,000. After long discussion, the building committee has finally decided to go ahead with the plans for the new structure.

The building is to be four stories with full basement and elevator service from the main entrance on Court street. There will be a service entrance from Garden street.

The first floor will be rented for commercial purposes. The second floor will include the club rooms, reading room, lounging room billiards, committee rooms, secretary's with kitchen and pantry, the dining room being available for small dancing parties. The second floor will offer space for the Commercial Club if such is desired by the latter club.

The third floor and fourth floor will be used for lodge room which will be available for dancing and for living rooms for members, some in suites of two and three rooms and others as single rooms, each with bath.

The building is to be of pressed brick.

Wasco and Portland Men Appointed to Head 1920 Census Taking

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Among the appointments of supervisors for the 1920 census work are: For Oregon, second district, William a Terrell, of Wasco; third district, William D. Bennett, of Portland.

"Switzerland Trail of America" Discontinues Service In September

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BOULDER, Colo., Aug. 12.—The "Switzerland Trail of America" has reached its last milestone. By order of the state public utilities commission, the Denver, Boulder & Western railway company, whose tracks traverse some of the most impressive mountain districts in the United States will be premitted to discontinue service at midnight, September 15, 1919.

Despite recently increased rates the road has suffered a deficit of $8067 in 1918 and a deficit of $6667 during the first five months of the current year. Rapid development of motor truck transportation and automobile tours have worked against the success of the enterprise.

From the beginning of the history of the road and that of its predecessors, failure has hovered over the project. Cloudbursts which washed out the roadbed; misplaced calculations regarding the volume of ore shipments, and irresistible competition are factors in its doom.

The railroad has 46 miles of track and employs 35 men.

MERCHANTS GET TOGETHER AGAIN

FIGHT ENDED AFTER FIVE YEAR STRUGGLE IN STATE.

Opposition to Harmony Program Wins Former Secretary Place on the "Outside."

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—One of the big events that comes out of "Buyer's Week" is the reunion of the retail merchants of Oregon in one state organization. This "get-together" movement which was inaugurated last May, was carried to a complete and final success in the closing session of the Fifteenth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchant's Association, held in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday afternoon.

This ends a fight that has lasted for four and a half years and which resulted in the existence of two state organizations of retail merchants, both nominally serving the same ends and actually in competition with each other in seeking the interest and support of the retailers of the state and their local organizations.

"This is the brightest day for the retail merchants of Oregon that we have had in five years," said G. Clifford Barlow, of Warrenton, who is president of the Oregon Retail Merchant's Association. "With our forces divided into two camps and each doing its best to surpass the other, too much energy was lost in competitive effort and too little was directed toward serving the real interests of the merchants of the state.

"Now that it is all over, we need make no bones about it, for from now on the forces of the two organizations united into one will be able to work with new spirit and double

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LEAGUE IS A DEFORMED EXPERIMENT

IS THUS DESCRIBED BY SENATOR LODGE IN SENATE ADDRESS TODAY.

CREATES AN ALLIANCE INSTEAD OF LEAGUE

Republican Leader Declares He Can Not, As An American, Accept Many of the Features of the League of Nations Covenant—Would Embroil United States Everywhere.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Describing the league of nations as a "deformed experiment upon a noble purpose," Senator Lodge, Republican leader, declared in the senate today that there were features of the covenant which as an American he could never accept. He declared that the covenant creates not a league but an alliance, embracing many provisions for war; that it would kill the Monroe doctrine, nullify the possibility of withdrawal from membership and "plunge the United States into every controversy and conflict upon the face of the globe."

When Senator Williams, of Mississippi, Democrat, replying to Lodge said Lodge "always made a show of himself," he was hissed from the gallery. Lodge had been applauded for a full minute.

NO SEPARATAE DRAFT USED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—David Hunter Miller, legal advisor to the

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OPENING GREAT TIMBER AREA

PORTLAND, Aug. 12—The marketing of 27,000 acres of fir owned by the Oregon-American Lumber company, controlled by David C. Eccles and Utah associates, is to be undertaken at a cost of two million dollars, it is announced. The holdings were formerly known as the Dullois holdings and cover adjacent corners of Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook and Washington counties. Two large sawmills are to be built, one on the river below Portland and the other in the interior.

A contract has been let to the Utah Construction Company for the building of thirty-one miles of railroad, starting at Wilkesboro, to Vermonia and up Rock creek. The road will be standard guage and will be used as a common carrier, with connections into Portland over united railways.

APRICOTS BRING RECORD PRICE OF $100.00 THIS YEAR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12—One hundred dollars a ton—five cents a pound. That is the price to which apricots in Southern California have climbed this season. As a result, the crop in this section of the state will return to growers more than $75,000,000. Never before in the history of the industry has the fruit reached these prices.

Buyers of fruits for canning from practically every large country in the world, are here offering almost any price for the fruit on the trees and the demand exceeds the supply to such an extent that unless housewives here buy at once there will be no fruit left for home canning purposes.

The rapid increase in the market value of the fruit is due to the post war demand of foreign nations, according to the growers. Prior to the war apricots sold in the Los Angeles market at approximately $20 a ton for the highest grade fruit. Hundreds of tons of fruit were unsalable and growers suffered heavy losses.

STANDARDS ARE SET TOO HIGH

DEMAND CHANGE UNDER PRICE GUARANTEE ACT.

Danger Seen By Agricultural Committee That Growers of Wheat May Be Penalized.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Demands that changes be made in the government wheat standards under the price guarantee act, "so as not to penalize every grower of wheat," were made today in a statement prepared by Chairman Gronna and representatives of farm organizations and approved by the senate agricultural committee.

FOREST FIRE DESTROYS LARGE BAND OF SHEEP IN IDAHO

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 12.—A loss of 2000 sheep in the forest fires along the Salmon river has been reported here by the keeper of the fire station in the Adams section. The sheep, which were ranging in a district menaced by the forest fires, are reported to have been completely surrounded by the fire before the herders could save the band, and the men were forced to flee for their lives.

The band was the property of Chas Dunham, of Salmon river, and the loss will be at least $16,000.

CONCEALED TREATY ON SHANTUNG

SECRETARY LANSING CHARGES JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WITH DUPLICITY.

JAPAN AND GREAT BRITAIN HAD AN UNDERSTANDING

United States Entered War Not Knowing of Hidden Understandings Which Mr. Lansing States He Did Not Learn Until February, This Year, at Versailles Conference.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Existence of the secret treaty between Japan and Great Britain regarding the Shantung (China) peninsula, was "concealed" from Secretary Lansing by Viscount Ishii, Japanese ambassador to the United States, Mr. Lansing testified Monday before the senate foreign relations committee.

On September 6, 1917, Mr. Lansing said, during the negotiations leading up to the Lansing-Ishii agreement, Viscount Ishii told him that he had assured Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, that Japan would return Kiao Chow to China, "but would have to retain the German Pacific islands because no Japanese government could stand without retaining them."

"Did Viscount Ishii make any further statement regarding the disposition of German claims in China?" asked Senator Borah.

"No," replied Secretary Lansing.

"But you know now that at that time Japan had an understanding with Great Britain for Japanese control of Kaio Chow and that Ishii concealed that from the secretary of state."

"That's the truth." Secretary Lansing said he first heard of the secret treaties on the subject between Japan and Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy in February of this year at Versailles. He said he had investigated "very thoroughly" and that these secret treaties never were published in Russia.

Secretary Lansing said neither former Premier Viviani of France nor Foreign Minister Balfour of Great Britain had mentioned any secret territorial agreements when they visited the United States just after this country went to war. He did not consider the agreement binding on the United States.

Secretary Lansing said it was he who suggested the reaffirmation of the open-door policy in China.

COL. KING STANLEY VISITS OLD STAMPING GROUNDS IN WEST

Driving from Baker in his Maxwell "Desert Rat" last night, Colonel King Stanley arrived in La Grande at a late hour, knocking a few more miles off what is about the last leg of his long journey in the "peppy" little Maxwell from Los Angeles across the continent and back home again. He will stop over here for three or four days resting up and repairing the car, which was somewhat damaged last night when another car smashed into it at Baker.

Colonel Stanley is one of the old scouts of the early frontier days and the whole west was his stamping ground. He covered the Oregon trail in the late seventies—and he is still in the service. His trip is being made as the result of a $5000 wager that he could not cross the country and return in the car, earning his way as he went. He has found it an easy job and an enjoyable one, and home and the $5000 are now practically in sight. After a brief stop here the Colonel will go on to Portland, taking the north bank of the Columbia, and will there turn south for home. He may possibly take a little jaunt up to Seattle on the side, however.

He carries with him interesting picture albums, showing scenes taken along the way. Other books with dozens of such views were lost when he met with an accident in a mudhole in North Dakota, but he still has the negatives and will be able to replace them.

Concerning the colonel's visit to North Dakota, the Bismark Tribune printed the following article:

King Stanley, old-time scout, prospector, guide and desert rat, yesterday revisited the little cottonwood cabin in which almost forty years ago, he first met the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt, and that visit opened a whole string of reminiscences of the early days when Bismarck was principally a collection of dance-halls saloons and gambling houses, lining the river bank, and when the Missouri was the jumping-off place of civilization.

Col. Stanley, who bears his title by courtesy of congress, which informally conferred the honor upon him, the late Col. William A. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and "White Hawk," now better known in his Wisconsin home as "Doc" Powell, arrived in Bismarck, after a ten-thousand-mile journey by Maxwell from Los Angeles. And he was rather fussed when he reached the capital city, for between Cleveland and Medina, passing through the Miller slough on the Red Trail, he encountered his first accident since leaving Los Angeles, about three months ago.

"Twasn't the car's fault, and 'twasn't Jimmy's fault," (referring to the driver and mechanician of the party and the owner of the car, James M. Drake of Los Angeles garage proprietor.

"We were bowling along, about 25 miles an hour, when less than fifty feet ahead of us two youngsters

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Negligent Neighbors