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ROY GARDNER ESCAPES AGAIN

NORTHWEST WILL FIGHT RATE RELIEF

BRUCE COX AMONG DELEGATES TO ATTEND IMPORTANT MEETING

RAIL OFFICIALS SAID TO HAVE VERIFIED REPORTS

Return to Discrimination Against Interior Towns Is Expected to be Asked by Transcontinental Roads—Wholesale Houses in La Grande and Other Cities Would be Ruined

Bruce Cox this morning joined a group of representatives from Spokane who are on their way to Salt Lake to attend a meeting to be held in the Utah city Monday to organize the northwest against a reported attempt of the transcontinental railroads to file a petition and obtain favorable action thereon which would give the roads relief from certain provisions of the interstate commerce act which would mean a return to the discrimination against interior towns in favor of the coast towns.

Before leaving Mr. Cox said: "If the change that is talked of is made it will mean the ruin of wholesale houses which have been established in La Grande and other interior points in the northwest since the famous Spokane rate case was decided. Freight would be prohibitive under the old system as the rate from eastern points would be the carload rate per hundred pounds plus the rate from the coast to the interior."

J. A. Ford, managing secretary of the Spokane chamber of commerce, who was one of the Spokane delegation, said: "The entire northwest will be represented at the Salt Lake conference. Representatives will be from Spokane, Walla Walla, Lewiston, Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, Boise, Pocatello and many other points. Helena, Montana, is sending three men and many other towns in that section of the northwest are sending men. If the reported plans of the railroads are not frustrated all of the interior towns of the northwest will suffer."

Shortly before leaving here Mr. Cox received a telegram from W. H. McCarthy, secretary of the Interstate Rate Association of Salt Lake City, in which Mr. McCarthy stated that traffic officials of the transcontinental lines were authority for statements to the effect that the railroads planned asking for this relief. This telegram was sent to Mr. Cox in reply to a telegram from him stating that a wire had been received from a high official of the Union Pacific in Omaha stating that no action had been taken so far by the railroads.

Mr. Cox is being sent to Salt Lake by the Union county ad club.

MANY TEACHERS TAKE EXAMS

A number of teachers have been in La Grande taking the teachers' examinations that were held here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Some of the teachers are already certificated but are taking the examinations for exemptions; one is writing for special; two for five years primary paper; one for a five years paper and the rest for one year state papers.

Those taking the examinations are: Alice—Pansy L. Van Housen, Ruth M. Johnson, Cove—Tina DeBorde, Francis Ida Roberts, Grace E. Pease, Mrs. Henry C. Muir, Vera Pease, Elgin—Mrs. Jessie Reiber, Gertrude Paxton, Flora M. Cruikshank, Lora Schore, Mildred Schore, Ida Stevens (Mason), Imbler—William Westinshaw, Iona—Mrs. Frank Keithley, La Grande—Mrs. Lula Kennard, J. R. Stuber, Miriam Wheatley, Mable Chapman, Bernice Thompson, Zilpha Allen, Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, Myrtle Harland, Eva Briggs, Dora Pearce, Coton, Grace Yeck, Eva Perry, Van—Briggs, Imogene Russell, North Power—Olive McWilliam, Mrs. Blanche Perryman, Evans—Richard—Mrs. Marie Hall, Union—Mrs. B. Wilson.

OFFICIAL COUNT SHOWS SOLDIER AID PASSED BIG

FLOYD ROMAINE IS CONVICTED OF MURDER

ROSEBURG, June 11.—Floyd Romaine was today convicted of first degree murder by the jury trying him on a charge of killing Abe Givens, homesteader at Peel. The jury recommended life imprisonment. Romaine is 18 years of age.

Union County Voters Reject All Measures But One—Few Favor Higher Salaries for Officials—Bonus Bill Is Given Largest Vote.

The official count of the vote in Union county was announced today. The only measure that carried was the soldier aid bill which carried by a vote of nearly two to one. The most unpopular measure on the ballot was the Union county salaries bill. This was snuffed under by nearly four to one.

The official vote is as follows: Legislative regulation, yes 613, no 1886; soldiers aid, yes 1771, no 911; emergency veto, yes 1074, no 1229; marriage examination, yes 1174, no 1423; women jurors, yes 919, no 1596; Union county salaries bill, yes 506, no 1987.

WOMAN NOMINEE HAS ACCEPTED

MRS. FRED SCHILKE MAKES SCHOOL RACE

Petition Signed by Voters Wanting Woman on School Board Presented Today.

A petition signed by over 100 voters was presented to Mrs. Fred Schilke today nominating her as a candidate for one of the places on the board of education of La Grande, the election for which is to be held Monday, June 20. Mrs. Schilke has accepted the nomination.

In discussing her candidacy Mrs. Schilke stated: "In accepting the nomination I am making the race because I feel that a woman is needed on the school board. If elected I will devote my time and energy to the best interests of the schools. I have long believed that a woman can do a distinct service on a school board, especially in relation to the woman teachers."

"Of the teachers in our grade schools 100 per cent are women and two-thirds of the principals are women. A woman can act in an advisory capacity to these teachers where a man cannot."

"I have the utmost respect for all the members of the school board, including the incumbent directors who are running for re-election and my race is being made solely because I believe the large number of signers to the petition nominating me feel that a woman will fill a place on the board that cannot be filled by a man. I feel it is my duty to accept."

Mrs. Schilke taught in the La Grande schools for sixteen years. When she first accepted a position as teacher she was added to a faculty of two teachers. Mrs. Schilke also was substitute for many years after retiring from active school work.

During the war she accepted a position as special agent of the child welfare division of the national council of defense. This has kept her in close touch with the educational progress in the state as well as in the nation.

DEFENDANT WINS IN AUTOMOBILE CASE

A jury in the case of the Western Bond and Mortgage company vs. E. E. Carpenter rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant this noon. The case involved possession of an automobile bill. The money for the automobiles in question was paid to an altered agent of the mortgage company named Anderson.

Carpenter claimed and the jury found that Anderson was the agent for the mortgage company and that the automobiles could not be taken from defendant because the money had been paid Anderson, their agent. Crawford and Eakin were plaintiffs' attorneys and Cochran and Edwards attorneys for the defendant.

BABE RUTH ON EIGHTEENTH

NEW YORK, June 11.—Babe Ruth made his eighteenth home run in the seventh inning of the game today with Detroit.

Weather
Forecast: fair in the west, probable showers in the east portion. Sunday: fair and warmer.

Kidnapped—For What?



Kidnapers made a mistake when they took Giuseppe Varotta, five, of New York, and asked for \$2500. Salvatore Varotta, the boy's father is a truck driver and supports a family of six. He says he hasn't a dollar to give.

DEATH OF AGEE IS INVESTIGATED

PORTLAND, June 11.—The police investigating the death of Harry Agee, stabbed in the neck early today, said that the indications pointed to an attack by a burglar, whom Agee surprised ransacking a bedroom bureau.

NELSON JOINS OBSERVER.

A. W. Nelson, for many years associated with this newspaper but who has of late been in the job printing business has aligned himself again with the news and editorial end of the Observer and will assist in developing the field for news, special features, paying special attention to the outside territory in Union county.

Mr. Nelson is an able writer and one whose heart beats with and for Eastern Oregon. His addition to the Observer is announced by this paper with considerable pleasure.

All the old staff remains the same and the Observer is now in better shape to serve the people of Union and Walla counties than ever before.

HERE, CHICK, CHICK, CHICK!



CASHIER IS HELD PRISONER

BANDITS WAITED FOR TIME LOCK TO GIVE WAY.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostrum Were Taken Prisoners While They Were Putting Car Away.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 11.—After holding Clarence Ostrum, cashier of the Addy State bank, at Addy, Wash., and Mrs. Ostrum under guard from 12:30 this morning until 7:30, three gunmen robbed the vault of the bank of \$4500 and escaped in an automobile with Mr. and Mrs. Ostrum, who were liberated four miles from Valley, Wash.

The Ostrums were captured as they were putting their auto in the garage, and were held captive until the time lock on the bank vault had released the bolts.

KARAMURSAL IS BOMBARDED

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 11.—The Greek destroyers have bombarded Karamursal, on the southern shore of the Gulf of Ismid, and there have been several skirmishes along the Turkish front in Asia Minor.

WAS ON WAY TO M'NEIL'S ISLAND TO SERVE SENTENCE FOR MAIL TRAIN ROBBERY

VERSIONS DIFFER AS TO METHOD WHICH GARDNER EMPLOYED TO MAKE GET-AWAY—ONE REPORT SAYS HE WAS HANDED REVOLVER.

Gardner Was Aided by Fellow Prisoner, Frank Pyron, Also Enroute to McNeil's Island—Battle Between Escaped Men and Posse is Expected Momentarily—Camp Lewis Airplanes Are Authorized to Aid in Search by Washington Air Service—Two Strangers Reported Seen.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., June 11.—Roy Gardner, sentenced to McNeil's Island for mail robbery, made his second escape this morning as the train pulled into the station here. He took with him \$200 in cash, which he stole from the two deputy marshals, after taking their guns, and left the officials wearing their own handcuffs.

Gardner was aided by Frank Pyron, who was being taken from Dunsuir, Calif., to McNeil's Island by the same officers. Pyron also escaped.

One account said that Gardner requested to be permitted to go to the lavatory, and returning, caught the officers off their guard, and whipping out a revolver, ordered hands up.

Giving the gun to Pyron, Gardner went through the pockets of the officers, taking their money and guns, and putting the handcuffs on them.

The five posesses out hunting Gardner and Pyron were working in the hilly country east of here. Before noon, the officers received a report that two strange men had been seen at Ostrander, Wash., six miles south of Castle Rock.

Generous to Officers.

TACOMA, June 11.—A battle is momentarily expected between Gardner and Pyron and the posse, says a Castle Rock report, which gave the version of the escape that Gardner and Pyron had asked for exercise when the train stopped at a water tank. It is said that while off walking, a confederate in waiting slipped Gardner a gun, who then covered the deputies. Gardner handed the officers \$5, saying, "You'll need this for breakfast, boys."

May Use Airplanes.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—The air service at Washington, D. C., has authorized the use of airplanes from Camp Lewis to aid in the search for Gardner, the train bandit.

Story Verified.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., June 11.—Deputy Sheriff G. H. Hoggett has verified the story that the hold-up occurred on the train at Kelso, and that the convicts jumped from the lavatory window at Castle Rock. Gardner held the gun while Pyron put the Oregon boots and handcuffs on the deputy marshals.

The footprints which were found were leading south.

Gardner escaped at Portland a year ago while en route to McNeil's Island, and was caught recently in California after robbing a mail car. Pyron was convicted as a counterfeiter, and had been at large in northern California for three years, since escaping from a train window at Kennel.

GALBRAITH IS BURIED TODAY

CINCINNATI, June 11.—An impressive military funeral for Col. F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, was held this afternoon.

STATIONARY STAGE IN SIGHT

PORTLAND, June 11.—Practically a stationary stage in the Willamette after a slight rise Sunday, the forecast. The Columbia is slightly higher today, and the Snake is falling.