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IMBLER WINS OVER VISITING CONTENDERS

HUGE CROWD NEGLECTS BUSINESS TO SEE LITTLE TOTS WIN IN TENTH.

HOME RUN BREAKS UP SIZZLING GAME

One of the Best Games from Any Viewpoint Seen in Union County in Years Occurs at Imbler—"Volley" Squires is Grand and Great Hero of the Hour—Minister Worshipped.

Imagine scores of harvesting crews pulled out of the ripened grain on a sunshiny day, hundred of business men and women gathered on a week day to see two "kid" ball teams play. Imagine full grown and mature farmers, professional and business men gone completely loco—imagine all this and you have a fairly clear picture of the setting yesterday afternoon when the little tots of the Imbler juvenile baseball team won from the Walla Walla near-juveniles in a 10-inning game, 14-15. The Observer is, by no means, "kidding" the kiddies when it avers that no game in Union county in many years has been quite as exciting. Dignified traveling salesmen, bankers, doctors and lawyers, not to mention the good matrons of Imbler, danced a frenzied jubilee when it was all over, for it was a dramatic finale to a dramatic contest.

Imbler ran and batted herself onto the athletic map of the northwest. It would, indeed, have been a commendable victory had the two teams been evenly matched as to weight, size and age, but no matter how prejudiced one might be at the outset, the stunt becomes doubly remarkable in remembering that not an Imbler child is over 15 and several are 11 and 12, and with two exceptions the biggest boy on the Imbler team was smaller than the smallest on the Walla Walla nine. The average age of the Imblerites is about 13, while that of the visitors would be about 18. It was little bits of fellows against well-rounded-out boys, and, in one instance at least, the visiting "boy" was so old that he had an hirsute adornment that would do credit to a man of 30. Unhaply, he had forgotten to shave. It was against such a man that little Russell McKennon, weight 95, age 11 years, was pitted—and got by with it.

The contest presented hit and run plays, bunts, home-runs, squeeze plays, and all the rest that a well-coached team should do.

Little Ray Keown, about as big as a Kansas grasshopper, walked out to the rubber for Imbler and went against the gun. The big crowd unnerved all the lads a bit at first and Walla Walla put over two runs, but Imbler came back with three. Keown has a real baseball head and form. He fields his position perfectly and is awfully sweet on the rubber, but the big lads from over the hill wore him out and in the fourth inning the little hero withdrew in favor of "Volley" Squires.

Walla Walla scored nine runs that inning, and just imagine little tots like the Imblerites bracing up against a lead of that sort and wearing it down. Squires has a stronger and a bigger arm. He shoots 'em over with oceans of speed. By the last of the ninth inning Imbler had managed to overtake the visitors by wearing down a lead that would discourage any mature team. Little Keefer fired the first gun of the winning rally when he drove a sizzling grounder into the ou field with one on, and tied the score. In the last four innings Imbler was playing just as fine ball as any team could—errorless, brainy and fast. After the sensational catch up, the crowd was hysterical, but that

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WOMAN TAKEN IN MURDER CASE

ASTORIA, July 28.—Dolly Adean, alleged drug addict, is in the county jail, the third suspect in the mystery surrounding the murder of Murphy Chung, aged Chinese dope peddler. Deputy Sheriff Vince Bakotich believes she will be implicated in the plot to lure the Celestial to the basement of a barber shop and kill him for his store of narcotics.

Interest in the mysterious murder is running high again as a result of the arrest in Portland of Fred Taylor, alleged drug addict. Taylor is known to have had dealings with Chung, and was seen with him on the day the Chinaman was beaten to death. As a result of the arrest of Taylor the hearing of Douglas Roberts, negro bootblack, who directed Chung to the basement, where he was slain, has been postponed.

BLOOD FOUND ON RAZOR IS EVIDENCE IN THE TRIAL

Doctor Tells of Testing Spots on Weapon and Physicians Testify That Husband Was Beyond Speech.

PORTLAND, July 28—The state today rested the Agee murder trial and the defense began offering testimony without asking a verdict directing acquittal, as is customary. The defense virtually accused J. H. Kiecker, the star witness for the state, of being the man in the black overcoat whom Mrs. Agee claims fled from the room after the throat of her husband was slashed.

Dim stains on a black-handled razor picked up near the Agee home the night of the murder of Harry Agee gave a "brilliant" blood reaction when the metal was touched at any point with the chemical formula of Dr. George A. Cathey, testified that physician on the witness stand yesterday afternoon in the trial of Mrs. Louise Agee on a charge of murder. These same spots tested as blood under the examination of James Hunter, Bertillion expert, it was testified.

The state alleged that this is the weapon which slashed the throat of Agee as he lay sleeping early on the morning of June 11. Further, the prosecution contended that the razor was the property of Agee, although no evidence to substantiate the contention has been introduced.

Razor Wet When Found

Persons who found the razor testified yesterday that the instrument was wet with dew when found, and that it was spotted with what they thought was blood.

Though physicians have testified that it would have been physically impossible for Agee to have uttered a word after his throat had been cut, M. W. Gallagher, patrolman, declared on the witness stand that Mrs. Agee told him the night of the murder that she was awakened by her husband calling "Help! help!"

The officer further asserted that the widow told him that night as he was investigating the case that as she jumped from bed and started to run toward the front door of the house a man proceeded her out of the door.

During his investigation and when Agee was removed to the hospital, Mrs. Agee remained in the kitchen of their home, testified Gallaher. He told of finding the bracelet, which Mrs. Agee was supposed to have worn to bed, on the lawn, outside of a closed window on the south side of the house.

The razor with which the state claims Mrs. Ann Louise Agee killed her husband, the jewelry and silverware which she is alleged to have planted under the south window of the dining room of the Agee home on Bruid avenue, were introduced in evidence.

COLONEL GOFF IS THE NEW HEAD

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Colonel Guy D. Goff, assistant to the Attorney General, will be assigned as the head of the department of justice, a special bureau for the investigation of the government war-time contracts, Attorney General Daugherty has announced.

Dame Rumor Says Dempsey Married After Recent Bout

NEW YORK, July 28.—Jack Dempsey was recently married in an unnamed place in the West to Miss Sylvia Jocelyn, the film star, according to an unconfirmed rumor circulating in sporting circles here.

The report says the couple met in Hartford shortly before the championship contest in Jersey City and planned to marry in the West two weeks after the fight.

During their visit in Hartford they were guests of Mrs. Robert B. Allyn, a friend of Miss Jocelyn. Miss Jocelyn formerly lived in the Connecticut capital.

RIGHT OF WAY NOT SETTLED

The city commission took no action on right of way offers for the Oro Dell scenic highway at its meeting last night. It was decided that it would be best to defer action on all offers until negotiations with one of the owners affected were completed. In this case, according to a report made by Commissioner J. D. McKennon, a settlement is practically agreed upon already and negotiations proceeded in an entirely friendly manner.

Final action will probably be taken at next week's meeting.

TAXPAYERS REMONSTRATE

OBJECT TO THE ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING SYSTEM

Believe Further Taxes Inadvisable As Present Taxes Are Declared Burdensome

A remonstrance signed by many taxpayers in the downtown district, especially along Adams avenue and Depot street, was presented to the city commission last evening, in protest against the proposed ornamental lighting system for Adams avenue and Depot street.

The taxpayers object to the expenditure of money for this purpose because their taxes are already burdensome and the expenditure necessitated by the ornamental lights proposed would increase this burden.

At the suggestion of Commissioner David I. Stoddard action on the matter was deferred another week. A letter was also read from J. P. Lottridge, manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, calling attention of the commission to the necessity of the company's knowing within several weeks whether or not the system is to be installed this fall or not as his company must know definitely very soon whether or not they can rebuild the installation along Adams avenue or build a new installation in the alleys.

HANGING IS TO BE REAL AFFAIR SAYS SHERIFF

CHICAGO, July 28.—Plans to make a "pink tea" affair out of a hanging bee were thwarted by Sheriff Peters yesterday.

The sheriff stated he had turned down many society women and other prominent Chicagoans who asked him for an invitation to witness the hanging of Carl O. Wanderer who killed his girl wife and a ragged stranger he hired to stage a fake holdup.

"Only the usual number of invitations will be issued," said the sheriff.

LINEMAN HURT WHILE ERECTING PHONE POLE

Cornelius DeGrieve, a lineman for the Home Telephone company, injured his back yesterday at Cove while erecting a pole. He was taken to the hospital here late in the afternoon and it is believed that he will be confined there for several weeks before he will be able to be around again.

PROMOTER RICKARD FINED

NEW YORK, July 28—"Tex" Rickard, promoter of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight, was fined $1000 yesterday by Federal Judge Sheppard for bringing films of the fight from New Jersey to New York in violation of the federal statute which prohibits interstate traffic in prize-fight films. F. C. Quimby, a picture producer, was similarly fined. Both pleaded guilty.

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD DELIVERS ULTIMATUM TO BRITISH LINES

Contracts For Transportation of Cotton From Alexandria to Briasin is Under Discussion

LONDON, July 28 — The United States shipping board has delivered an ultimatum to the British shipping lines that unless it's ships are accorded fair treatment in the contracts for the transportation of cotton from Alexandria, Egypt, to Braitain and the United States the board will declare an open market and haul anything anywhere at any thime.

The board also threatened to invoke the provisions of the Jones shipping bill prohibiting the vessels owned by the unfair competitors from entering the United States ports.

LONG ILLNESS ENDS IN DEATH

MRS. MARTHA SMITH PASSES TO BEYOND

Had Been Long Ill; Lived Here With Her Son Since 1903; Was a Native of Iowa

Mrs. Martha A. Smith died at her home, 1702 Second street, yesterday afternoon at the age of 65 years after a long illness. Mrs. Smith is survived by a son and daughter, L. C. Smith, proprietor of Smith's garage, and Mrs. G. J. Price. Both reside in La Grande.

Martha A. Johnson was born in Wapkon, Iowa, on March 28, 1856, and was married to Samuel Smith at Postville, Iowa, on October 27, 1873. In 1903 Mrs. Smith came to La Grande to live and has made her home here since that time.

Since coming to La Grande Mrs. Smith has made her home with her son. At all times he has been a most devoted son to his mother and especially during the long illness to which she succumbed yesterday.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at two o'clock at the home. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Friday, fair. Moderate westerly winds.

CANADA WILL GET PRELIMINARY MEET

LONDON, July 28.—The high officials today stated that a meeting preliminary to the Washington disarmament conference to be held within six weeks, at some Canadian city or city in the United States other than Washington, was virtually certain although Washington's attitude on such an arrangement was not known.

The premiers discussed the situation arising out of President Harding's invitation to the double conference practically during the entire session Tuesday.

IDAHO GOV. AND AIDE SAVE FISH WARDEN'S LIFE

Accident Occurred While Boat Load of Fish Were Being Taken to Inlet Waters; Storm Arose and Boat Was Swamped.

BOISE, Idaho, July 28.—How Governor Davis of Idaho, stripped to his under-garments, and J. N. Apgar, deputy game warden of Stanley Basin, saved Otto M. Jones, Idaho state game warden, from drowning in Red Fish lake is graphically described in a mail story to the Statesman Wednesday from Stanley, a mountain village 200 miles from Boise.

The near tragedy occurred Saturday, after the governor and his two sons had driven to the game warden's camp to inspect fish planting operations at the lake.

Governor Davis and his sons started with Jones and Apgar in a small motor boat to take fish to the head of the lake. After the party had traveled about two miles a storm swept the water. Considering the boat unsafe with the load it was carrying the party put ashore. The governor and his sons remained there while the game warden and his deputy swung out into the lake again. Before the motor could begin to function sufficiently to head into the waves the boat was swamped about 50 yards from the shore.

As the boat settled Jones took the water. Jones, who is only a fair swimmer, found it impossible to make much headway as his heavy boots dragged him down. He returned to the boat with the assistance of his deputy but the boat, filled with water, would not hold them both. Upgar, a strong swimmer, started for shore. The boat continued to settle leaving Jones head barely above water. A huge swell from the lake carried him off, just as the governor wrenched loose a drifted tree near shore and started it toward the drowning man, shouting for him to seize it.

It went ten feet out of line to reach Jones, who was going down for the second time after a warning cry, "Boys, I'm all in——" and waving them good-bye. The governor, shouting "for God's sake stay up," threw his weight against the submerged log and was gratified to feel Jones tugging at it some distance under the surface. Fearful lest he be too weak to hold on Governor Davis and Apgar proceeded slowly toward shore giving encouragement to Jones as each paddled with one hand and towed the log with the other.

COURT UPHOLDS PITTOCK WILL

SALEM, July 28—The will of Henry L. Pittock, late publisher of the Oregonian, was upheld by the supreme court, the opinion being unanimous.

The decree affirms Judge Tazwell of the Multnomah county circuit court. The opinion was written by Chief Justice Burnett.

The proceedings to set aside the will was instituted by Caroline P. Leadbetter, one of Mr. Pittock's daughters. In her contest Mrs. Leadbetter contended that the will was the product and result of undue influence exercised over the testator by the men appointed as trustees, so that in fact it was their will instead of Mr. Pittock's. Disposing of this contention as without any support in the evidence the opinion declares that "it is apparent that he (Pittock) had very much more influence over the defendants than they had over him and that it was theirs to obey and not to influence or dictate."

May Appeal Case

Possibility of an appeal for a rehearing of the Pittock will case before the Oregon supreme court at Salem was announced by Cake & Cake, attorneys for Fred Leadbetter and other heirs of Henry L. Pittock, who contested his disposition of an $8,000,000 estate.

H. M. Cake stated today that the attitude of the attorneys for the contestants toward an appeal for a rehearing would depend upon the result of a close study of the opinion of the supreme court. Twenty days is allowed in which to file a petition for a rehearing.

No appeal may be had to the supreme court of the United States in a case of this character, Cake said, and if the 20 days is allowed to pass without petitioning for a rehearing the opinion of the supreme court of Oregon becomes final.

WHITE'S WILL ONLY 57 WORDS, CONTAINS EVERYTHING VITAL

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The will of Edward Douglass White, former chief justice of the United States, filed for probate, was executed June 26, 1915, and is contained in two sentences, 51 words in all. It reads: "This is my last will. I give, bequeath and devise to my wife, Leita M. White, in complete and perfect ownership, all my rights and property of every kind and nature, whether real, personal or mixed, wherever situated, appointing her executrix of my estate without bond and giving her seizin thereof."

UNION MUSICIANS ARE DISCHARGED

NEW YORK, July 28—Musicians of every leading vaudeville house and movie theatre here have been given two weeks notice of discharge, because the directors of the musician's union refused to discuss the proposal for a twenty per cent wage reduction.

HOUSE VOTES IN FAVOR OF 1925 FAIR IN PORTLAND

WASHINGTON, July 28. — The house yesterday passed a senate resolution authorizing President Harding to invite foreign governments to participate in an exposition to be held at Portland, Ore., in 1925

BUYER'S WEEK.

PORTLAND, July 28.—Two thousand persons will be called to Portland next week because of Buyers' Week. Portland was the pioneer in this endeavor. During the week of business, the evolution of dress will be illustrated in a fashion show, while many forms of entertainment have been planned.

LOVEJOY DIVORCE WAS GRANTED IN BAKER LAST YEAR

BAKER, July 28—Down in Portland, according to the Journal, they have rumors that Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy, widely known physician and political writer of Portland, had divorced her husband, George Lovejoy, insurance man in New York. Baker county records show that the divorce was granted in Baker county December 10, 1920, and that her attorney was H. A. Green of Portland. Dr. Lovejoy was a candidate for congress at Portland last fall and was defeated by Representative C. N. McArthur.

CAMP LEWIS TO BE ABANDONED

WASHINGTON, July 28—Reduction of the United States army to a peace time strength of 150,000 men will be accomplished by July 31, in accordance with the decision of congress when it refused to appropriate funds for pay of a greater force after October 1. With the reduction Secretary Weeks announced there will be a general redistribution of troops, practical abandonment of seven great wartime army cantonments, placement of many organizations on the inactive list and the skeletonization of others. Among cantonments to be abandoned is Camp Lewis, Wash.

U. S. TREASURY MAY REFUND ALLIED DEBTS

FAVORABLE REPORT MADE ON ADMINISTRATION BILL GIVING AUTHORITY

AMENDMENT RECRUITS WORK WITHIN 5 YEARS

Secretary of Treasury Tells Senate Finance Committee That the Wilson Administration Had Committed the Government to the Postponement of Interest

WASHINGTON, July 28—A favorable report on the administration bill giving the treasury blanket authority to conduct the negotiations for the refunding of the Allied debts was ordered by the senate finance committee, with amendments recrulling a complete refunding within five years. Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, told the committee that the Wilson administration had committed the government to the postponement of interest for two or three years and a subsequent spreading out of the postponed payments, provided the Allied governments carried out a satisfactory refunding.

The debt with interest, totalled over nine billion dollars. The government has no intention of accepting bonds other than those of the debtor countries.

Will Discuss Program.

About a dozen Republican house leaders will dine at the White House this evening to discuss the legislative program which is understood to have been agreed upon by the senate leaders.

RICH WOMAN WILL SHOW AMERICANS HOW TO SPEND

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 28—Mrs. Edward Henry Smith-Wilkinson has announced her intention of educating the United States.

"When I get there," she said to the land of the almighty dollar, I'll show them what dollars were made for."

With that warning New Yorkers should not be surprised to see a neat yacht steam up New York bay some time soon, throwing off a rich gilden aura.

It will be merely Mrs. Smith-Wilkinson and her: $3,400,000 worth of jewelry, $128,000 worth of gowns, $61,000 worth of hats, $60,000 sable coat—and her husband, who may be exercising his acknowledged talent in embroidering a Dorothy bag.

Mrs. Edward Henry Smith-Wilkinson has had other husbands. With their help and a number of coast resorts under her control she accumulated a neat fortune which was helped by judicious wartime investments.

LANDLORDS ASK $2.00 FOR SHOWING TENANTS ROOMS

TORONTO, July 28.—Some landlords here are asking prospective tenants $2 for the privilege of looking at apartments.

Complaining to the newspapers today about it, one house hunter said a landlord told him the $2 would not apply on the rent if he should accept the apartment.

"I charge you $2 to look at the place," said the landlord. "It has nothing to do with the rent."

THREAT WITH KNIFE IS CAUSE OF ARREST

BAKER, Oregon, July 28—Harry Ward, a colored man farming near North Powder, has filed an information in Judge G. E. Allen's court against Guy Trotter, colored, also farming in that locality, charging the latter with threatening him with a knife, and also threatening a young colored man with him in the same manner. The information also alleges that Trotter has been engaged in the moonshine game.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Trotter and Deputies R. P. Anderson and M. B. Patterson of the sheriff's office went out to arrest the man.

Ward and Trotter were partners in the farming of land leased near North Powder.

DOG DAY DONT'S