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## Strike May Not Come on October 30

### ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE NOT SUCCESSFUL

Dr. Brumfield Uses Bridge-work To Cut His Throat.

### CONVICTED SLAYER MAY RECOVER

Discovered Last Night With Throat Cut—Suffers from Loss of Blood.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 21.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield, convicted of first degree murder for the slaying of Dennis Russell, who was to have sentence pronounced tomorrow, attempted to commit suicide last night by cutting his throat. He used a sharp piece of gold bridge-work taken from his teeth. He is weak as the result of loss of blood this morning.

Unless complications set in he is expected to recover. He was discovered at about nine o'clock after losing much blood. Sheriff Starmer said Brumfield may be taken on a cot to court tomorrow to receive his death sentence. His throat was cut four inches on the left side. He scratched the right side. He missed the jugular vein.

### Lots of Prices Refuse To Join the Lower Trend

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Based on statistics for 32 cities, the cost of living in the United States decreased 1.7 per cent, from last May to September and 18.1 from July, 1920, to September, according to figures announced Wednesday by the bureau of labor statistics.

The figures showed the cost of living in the country in September to be 77.5 per cent higher than the average for the year 1913. The increases were itemized as follows: Food, 53.1 per cent; clothing, 92.1 per cent; housing, 60 per cent; fuel and light, 80.7 per cent; furniture, 124.7 per cent, and miscellaneous, 107.8 per cent.

### Speed Demons Meet In Race On Sunday

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Oct. 21.—Several of the nation's fastest automobile drivers meet on the Cotati Speedway near here, next Sunday in a 150-mile race which may decide the speed championship of the United States.

Two of the racers will be Tommy Milton and Roscoe Sables, who are only a few points apart in the year's battle for points which decide the possession of the American Automobile Association speed crown. If Sables places ahead of Milton Sunday he will take the lead in points.

Other drivers will be Jimmy Murphy, winner of this year's Grand Prix race in Paris; Ralph DePalma, Eddie Hearne, who on August 14 broke the 150-mile record on the Cotati track; Jerry Wunderlich, Joe Thomas, Tom Alley and others.

### Fencing Added to Athletic Contests

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 19.—The romantic art of fencing has been added to the activities of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, Arthur Remie, of Paris, a master of the rapier, foil and broadsword, will teach the thrust, the parry and other devious ways of the continental pastime of this and bygone ages of chivalry.

### Japs Want to Keep Peace Says Mining Engineer

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 21.—John goods from Japan that is purchased Hays Hammond, mining engineer, arrived here on the steamer Golden State Thursday. He continued his journey to the mainland today.

"The business men and financiers of Japan are sincere in their expressed desire to maintain peace in the Pacific was the opinion expressed by the American mining expert. He pointed out as an argument in support of this conclusion that the United States buys four times the amount of

### CLUB WILL TALK OF THE STRIKE ON TUESDAY

University Club Plans a Meeting at Which Important Questions Will be Discussed.

When the La Grande University Club meets Tuesday evening in the club rooms in the Library, the club members are going to have the privilege of hearing a well rounded out discussion of present-day topics. Judge T. H. Crawford will discuss many of the current topics of interest, among them the present contemplated railroad strike, the disarmament conference, and others of equal importance.

Not to spend the entire evening on topics of national importance a part of the evening will be given over to local civic problems, when George Garrett, city manager, will show the fifty or more slides on the present water system, and will explain the plans for an adequate water supply for the city. This topic and the slides should be of much interest, as the special election for the water system is so near at hand.

Following the talks by Judge Crawford and City Manager Garrett, a round table discussion will be held in which all members will take part.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock, and all people who have attended one or more years of a standard college or university are eligible to membership in the University Club.

### O. A. C. HOPES FOR VICTORY

Manager Thinks His Team Can Beat Any on Pacific Coast Now.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 21.—Belief that the Oregon Agricultural College 1921 football team right now can defeat any other varsity eleven on the coast on straight football has been expressed by James J. Richardson, athletic manager at the college here.

"In playing the Multnomah Club to a tie recently, I believe we took on the strongest eleven we will meet this year," Richardson said. On the Multnomah team were several former University of Oregon stars, including Bill Steers, noted backfield man.

The Aggies tomorrow open their Pacific Coast Conference season in a game here against the University of Washington, the "dark horse" of the coast race. Last year O. A. C. defeated Washington 3-0. Other games booked for the local team are against Stanford University, Washington State College, University of Oregon and University of Southern California.

### FATTY FINDS HOTEL THAT WILL TAKE HIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 21.—The charge of violating the Volstead act against Roscoe Arbuckle growing out of the fatal Labor Day party was again continued before United States Commissioner Hayden today.

Assistant Attorney General McCormick announced that he had agreed not to try Arbuckle at this time and that the defendant need not even appear.

The comedian, his wife, mother-in-law and his manager, Lou Anzer, arrived from Los Angeles today and will make their residence at the Plaza hotel until after the manslaughter trial November 7.

When Arbuckle was first arrested several hotels said they would not receive him, but the Plaza management did not quibble when reservations were sought.

### RAILROAD BUSINESS IS HEAVIER THAN EVER IN HISTORY, SAYS OFFICIAL

Appeal Is Made for Horsemen by the '49' Committee of Elks

With Claude Scranton, chairman of the parade committee, out after horsemen for tomorrow night's wind-up program of the 1921 Days of '49 show and a capacity audience on hand last evening, Elks and the public are public are looking forward to a record compilation of simultaneous for the Christmas relief fund.

The show at Rex Hall last evening was staged with the typical "vim and vigor" zest and zeal. The people thoroughly enjoy the spirit of the thing.

There is a particular appeal out from Elks' circle for horsemen for tomorrow evening's preliminary show "It being Saturday night many Elks from the farming districts can bring in their mounts and get into the parade at 7:30," declared Chairman Scranton today. "Not only that but any body who has the mount and can ride it, is urged to participate. We want 100 horses Saturday night—sure enough."

### MAY HAVE SHIP

PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—The old battleship Oregon will be turned over to the citizens of Oregon if \$15,000 is raised annually for upkeep and a suitable moorage is located, Representative McArthur told Mayor Baker in a conference Tuesday.

McArthur advised Mayor Baker of a telegram he had received to that effect from Theodore Roosevelt, a distant secretary of the navy. McArthur promised that he would do all possible to secure the old fighting craft.

Mayor Baker stated this morning that he would gladly co-operate with Governor Olesett in securing the Oregon. The funds would have to be raised by private subscription, pending action of the legislature, he said.

### OFFICER'S DEATH TO BE INVESTIGATED BY ARMY

TACOMA, Oct. 21.—A board of Camp Lewis officers is to investigate the death of Major Francis J. Dunigan, shot by mistake for a deer in the forest 70 miles from here. His companions reported that Peter Zabritski, a guide, fired the fatal shot.

Commercial Business of the Road so Heavy That All Gravel Train Equipment Is Pressed into Service

The O. W. R. R. & N. is doing a tremendous business now, according to W. Hollons, superintendent of the second division. Never in its history has there been such a heavy movement of all classes of traffic. The movement of wheat, fruit and other products has increased to such an extent that it has been found necessary to discontinue the work of ballasting the road between La Grande and Baker. Already about 150 men have been laid off and the remaining 300 men are being laid off now. The reason for this movement is that all the motive power that has been used for gravel trains since last spring is necessary now to move the huge shipments of freight that are passing through here every day.

Somewhere in the east the people are eating Oregon fruit for here never have been such freight shipments since the Union Pacific was completed. Every day several fruit trains go through La Grande and yesterday one hundred and sixty-eight railroad passes through the yards here eastward.

Even carloads of lumber can now be seen very often dotting a long freight train, and there is every indication that the business of the railroads is greater by far than it has been since the war period.

The ballasting that remains to be done will not be completed until next spring. All but 16 miles of the 50-mile stretch between here and Baker has been completed.

Mc. Hollons would not make any predictions as to how long the extremely heavy traffic on the road would last but the fact that all motive power is being taken off the construction work would indicate that the railroad officials would not be surprised if the rush of business continued into winter.

### LONG DISTANCE SHARE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Proposed earthquake shocks, beginning at 11:13 a. m. and continuing until 3 o'clock, were recorded today at the Georgetown university seismographic observatory. The center of the disturbance was estimated at about 440 miles from Washington.

### THE UNMASKING



### Two La Grande Boys Receive Honors At Universities

A. T. Owsley of O. A. C. Elected to Honorary Society; Pryor Smith of Whitman Rhodes Candidate

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 21.—Miss Lily Nordgren of Aberdeen, Wash., received the 1920-21 \$20 prize, awarded for the highest scholarship among commerce women by Phi Theta Kappa women's commercial fraternity, and Miss Edith Wilkinson of Portland was awarded second at the Commercial club meeting Wednesday. The attendance—650—was the largest in the history of the club.

Dean J. A. Bexell announced pledges to Phi Theta Kappa, woman's honorary commercial fraternity, as follows: Hortense Van Hollebeck, Walla Walla; Neta McKillop, Portland; Susan Hale, New York; Jennie Norene, Bond; Helen Snyder, Corvallis.

Pledges to Alpha Kappa Psi, men's honorary commercial fraternity, announced by Professor E. B. Lemon of the department of business administration, are John Richardson, Portland; G. Allen Brown, Corvallis; Wayne K. Davis, Pomeroy, Wash.; Grant Hylander, Portland; Edward Kimball, Fall Creek; Dan Ashton, Tangent; Herbert Davis, Portland; A. T. Owsley, La Grande; A. L. Peterson, Gilbertson, Mont., and Elmer Colwell, Portland.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Oct. 21.—Mobyra Tate, Portland; Pryor Smith, La Grande; Clement Penrose, Walla Walla; and Walter Bellows, College Place, Wash., have been chosen by the faculty of Whitman college to go to Seattle December 2 to attend the tryouts for the Washington Rhodes scholarship, which will be awarded at that time.

### SOMETHING CHEERFUL

PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—Extension of the emergency tariff bill to February 1, thus protecting the sheep and mohair industry until the passage of permanent tariff legislation, seems assured, according to a message received today by A. C. Gage of the Angora and Milk Goat journal, from United States Senator Charles L. McNary.

The emergency measure has already passed the house and according to Senator McNary, it will probably pass the senate promptly after the tax bill is disposed of. Senator McNary predicts that the above measure will dispose of it by November 1 or 10.

Gage has also been assured that permanent bill will be passed before February 1, but is urging wool and mohair growers to impress upon congress the necessity for action.

### LOBSTER SEASON OPENS

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 21.—A fleet composed of more than 100 boats operated by lobster fishermen of Los Angeles and San Diego sails for Mexican waters for the opening of the Lower California lobster season this month.

### CAMPAIGN FOR 'NEW MEMBERS' HAS STARTED

Y. M. C. A. Workers Have Luncheon at Which Organization Plans Are Talked Over.

The Y. M. C. A. membership campaign is under way now, a luncheon at the Foley hotel last night having been followed by a discussion of the plans for putting the campaign over. The luncheon was attended by the leaders of the various teams that have undertaken to bring in the new members between now and tomorrow night.

The spirit at the meeting showed that there was lots of pep and jazz in the men and women who have charge of the affair and that if it fails to materially increase the membership it will be no fault of those who are giving of their time and energy to the work.

A. J. Robinson of Portland was among the speakers at the luncheon and he told how the Y. M. C. A. is functioning for the benefit of thousands of young men especially in its work in physical training.

Dr. Ray Murphy and H. E. Dixon are the two generals who will have charge of the work of signing up the new members. Dr. Murphy's team is known as the "Blues" and Dixon's team is known as the "Reds." Each of these generals has appointed four team captains who will in turn appoint the members of their individual teams.

The Red team captains are T. K. Bellamy, Cecil Bolton, Charles Harding and Viola Benham. The Blue team captains are Lynn Bohnenkamp, Claude Cooper, Dr. Verne Johnson and Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp.

A. W. Nelson was chairman of the meeting. The details of the campaign were outlined by A. Edwin Pryor. A luncheon will be served tomorrow at which the teams will report and at this time Three-Fingered Jack Godwin will talk to the workers.

### DEATH PACT OF CHINESE PROBED

Honolulu Chinaman Shoots Wife and then Self Because of Affinity

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 21.—A tragedy of the East was enacted here when Mr. and Mrs. Ah Sing Apo, young Chinese, paid for their honor with their lives in a suicide pact in which Apo shot his wife twice and then killed himself at their home, police investigation of the matter revealed.

A letter written by Mrs. Apo just before the murder and suicide furnished the police with the clue to the tragedy.

The letter, written to Mrs. Apo's sister, was introduced at the coroner's inquest. It revealed the attachment of Mrs. Apo for another man, the authorities stated. Apo discovered this and was about to separate from his wife, according to the letter. They met to seek a better way out of the trouble.

The letter explained that husband and wife had agreed upon death as the best solution. Their preparations were made calmly and without hurry, the letter said. Apo obtained a permit to purchase a pistol, explaining that he needed it to protect his home. His wife wrote the letter, explaining the motive for the tragedy that was about to transpire.

The two shut themselves up in the house. The next day the bodies were discovered.

### GOVERNMENT STEPS IN AND AVERTS TIEUP

Union Leaders Accept the Government's Proposal To Mediate

### UNIONS AND ROADS CITED TO APPEAR

Meeting Next Wednesday Called by Labor Board Means Strike Impossible Without Open Defiance to U. S.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The United States railroad labor board backed by all authority the government can place at its disposal today called the railroads of the country and five big unions to appear here next Wednesday and solemnly warned the union not to strike until the board had heard their grievances and rendered a decision.

It announced that it assumed authority in the dispute on "statutory grounds that it is likely to substantially interrupt commerce." The board's action practically means there will be no strike October 30 unless the unions openly defy the government, for it is hardly probable that a decision will be rendered by the board before that date.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—The Big Four leaders here said that they would obey the order to be present before the railroad labor board Wednesday.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—Upon return from Chicago of the "Big Five" brotherhood executives who conferred without result with the railroad labor board yesterday, W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen's organization, announced that the strike situation was absolutely unchanged.

Hope Not Gone. WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Government officials expressed the opinion that the strike situation was far from hopeless.

Labor Prepares for Strike. CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The labor chiefs are pushing their plans for a strike October 30 and the railroad officials are moving doubtfully and in the meantime preparing to combat the strike. The conference yesterday failed because the labor leaders were unable to postpone the strike pending the rate reduction proposed by the labor board. The next step from the government must come from the White House.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The packers today began stacking meat at strategic points in anticipation of the strike.

BYRON TRANSFERRED. PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—Russell Byron, special agent of the federal department of justice, has received notice that he is to be transferred to Butte, Mont., as head of the office there. F. A. Watt, special agent at Spokane will take charge of the Portland office.

HOGS SLOW. PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—Cattle were steady today, hogs slow and sheep steady. Eggs were firm and butter steady.

### School Census to be Taken Here Next Week

The annual school census of La Grande will be taken next week, beginning Monday. According to the state school laws it is necessary that the names and ages of all persons over four years and under 25 years of age are listed at this time.

The law also requires that all questions relating to residence, number of such minors, and age asked by the enumerator, be answered truthfully.

In announcing the taking of the school census this morning, Chas. E. Reynolds, clerk of the school board, pointed out that it is compulsory for all to answer these questions. Mr. Reynolds also asks that the enumerators be given all possible co-operation in order that the census of the schools be taken as efficiently as possible. Considerable trouble was encountered last year by people mistaking the board's enumerator for a book agent. This resulted in his having to go back to many places two and three times before gaining entrance, apologies for the mistake having been forthcoming in most instances.

### Weather

Tonight and Saturday fair.