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One Dead as Result of Turning Over Of Auto on Highway Last Evening

JOURNALIST CALLED TO HIS FATHERS

Henry Watterson Passed on This Morning in Jacksonville, Florida

WAS PROMINENT OVER HALF CENTURY

Man Who Set up Lincoln for Model and Fought for Allied Ideal in War Was Among Last of Old School Editors.

(By Associated Press)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—Henry Watterson, famous journalist and former owner and publisher of the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal, died at a local hotel this morning from heart failure superinduced by congestion of the lungs.

Henry Watterson was one of the last of the old time personal journalists. More than half a century his editorials, with their brilliant, original and phrase-making composition, attracted wide attention. They were commented on and copied by the press of the nation. Besides his power in molding public opinion through his editorials Watterson's influence is credited with having shaped the platform of the Democratic party in more than one presidential campaign.

It was perhaps through an accident that Henry Watterson pursued journalism. Early in life he evinced unusual musical talent and his parents encouraged it. A mishap that crushed his left thumb, leaving that member stiff, caused the musical education to be abandoned, as the piano was his favorite instrument.

A natural bent for writing developed but even in this Mr. Watterson was seriously handicapped as an illness in infancy had affected his vision. His first journalistic experience was gained on a Washington, D. C., newspaper as musical and dramatic critic. His father, Harvey M. Watterson, for twenty years preceding the outbreak of the war between the States, was a representative in Congress from Tennessee. It was during this time that Watterson laid the foundation for an elaborate knowledge of national affairs, he spending much of his time associating with party leaders of that period and in close contact with the operation of the government.

Abraham Lincoln was said to be the great passion of Watterson's life. His lecture on "Lincoln" was delivered (Continued on Page Eight)

Portland Lobbyists Lack Leader; Solons Uneasy

(Special to The Observer)

SALEM, Dec. 20.—The second day of Governor Olcott's special legislative session was without event of interest. Members milled back and forth across the state house lobby, waiting for something to happen.

Discussion of almost every subject except that which the session was called for kept up, and this was due to having nothing on the 1925 fair to discuss.

Delegation after delegation from Portland arrived in Salem, some staying a few hours, looking over the line up of "Bolsheviks," and then returning to their business duties and holiday joys, apparently through with the undertaking. Lack of leadership in the Portland lobby has caused the legislature to spend two whole days waiting patiently on procedure of the crowd from the metropolis.

The House still stands this (Tuesday) evening with 36 members at last ditched against a property tax for the fair, and the Senate stands 17 votes against any further tax on property—a clear-cut majority.

With Col. Mercer's splendid prayer the Senate adjourns for another day.

Christmas Tree of Elks For All The Kiddies in the City

Ford Cannot Cut His Rates

Commission Refuses to Allow Him to Deliver Coal Cheap

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The interstate commerce commission today refused permission to Henry Ford to cut coal rates 20 per cent along his railroad, the Detroit, Toledo & Iron- ton, on the ground that it would discriminate against other mining territory, the cold production of which is sold in cities along the Ford railroad.

SANTA CLAUS AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Presbyterian Sunday school has arranged a program for Christmas eve which will be given in the church, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The program follows: Song, "Holy Night," by school; Recitation, "A Hark! Welcome, Hubert Cavin; Christmas Story, Maurice Moore; Playlet, In Gay Japan, six girls; Playlet, Shower of Christmas Stars, primary department; Song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by the school; Playlet, A Live Holly Wreath, twelve girls; Vocal solo, Avis Maguire; Santa Claus, A. Twinn, eight girls; Duet, Isabelle Miller and Olive Dick; Recitation, Jesus' Own Star, Franklin Eberhard; Playlet, Santa Claus and the Sandman, group of junior girls and boys; Song, "The Holy Child," Intermediate Christian Endeavor; A Christmas Star, group of boys; Violin solo, Florence Lynch; Playlet, A Candy Band, group of girls and boys; Santa Claus arrives.

Indoor Meet Held By Intermediates

Last night preliminary to the City League game the intermediate class of young men held an indoor track meet with the usual events. The individual records were practically all made by Murray Kingwell, Jean Taylor winning one event. The events won by Kingwell were pull up, 17 times; fence vault, five feet six inches; running broad jump, 14 feet six inches; standing broad jump, 8 feet 31 inches. Jean Taylor won the high jump with four feet ten inches.

The squad captained by James Coker won the meet with 40 points and Kingwell's squad came next with 38 markers. Murray Kingwell was high man with 92 points.

and the morning was consumed in little things, all members expecting that at any moment the big fireworks would be started, but nothing happened, and President Ritzer swiped the desk with his backroom voice announcing "The desk is clear, gentlemen. What's your pleasure?"

The pleasure was to adjourn until 2:30 o'clock, when the governor's vetoes on bills of last session were taken up and ground through the hopper.

Members from Eastern Oregon began receiving messages telling of zero weather, which added to the discontent. One member received the following telegram: "Zero weather snowing heavily, plumbing frozen up and no plumber. Please come home. —Wife."

The reader can guess how many profane words followed.

Late today the proposition of putting another cent of tax on gasoline to finance the fair was made. While it is more or less complicated, it meets with more favor among legislators than a direct property tax.

Plans Being Matured by Committee of Local Bills to Make Santa's Visit at Elk Home Enjoyable for all Youngsters.

Christmas afternoon at 2:30 all of La Grande's boys and girls under 12 years of age will have an opportunity of meeting Santa Claus in person in front of the Elks' home at the corner of Depot and Washington. A large tree has already been set up at the corner and a large number of colored lights at night can be seen aglow as a forerunner of the celebration Sunday.

There will be gifts for all the boys and girls, each boy and girl receiving sacks of candy, nuts, fruit and a suitable gift. The word received from the children's old friend by the Elks' committee, which is in charge of the details that Santa himself is too busy to look after, is to the effect that all the boys and girls of La Grande under 12 years of age, regardless of nationality, rich or poor, be on hand. He is provided with plenty of gifts for all and expects to distribute them to every child in the city.

The Elks will also, according to their custom of long standing, see to it that there is no one in the city who goes without a Christmas dinner, unless by some unhappy chance they can't locate some of those whom Santa Claus in his hurry missed. It is the day of the year that the bills open their hearts to the boys and girls of the city and see that they all know that there is peace and good will on earth.

The committee that is in charge of the arrangements is headed by J. C. Hughes as chairman and C. O. Murchison is his main assistant.

Masons Elect Their Officers For 1922

On last Friday evening the La Grande Lodge No. 41 A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Charles W. Blaguer, W. M.; Lot L. Snodgrass, S. W.; Frederick J. Kiddle, J. W.; Charles H. Conkey, treasurer and Ernest R. Ringo, secretary. The installation of officers will occur some time after the holidays.

The tea tree is an evergreen plant.

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN AUDIT PASSED

Senate Favors Probing Spending of Money by State Institutions

EFFORT TO RUSH TAX BILL BLOCKED

Senate's Consideration of House Measure Held up on a Point of Order by Upton.

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Dec. 22.—The senate today passed the Dennis concurrent resolution requiring an audit of all state's accounts, including all departments, institutions and schools. It provides for an auditing commission of two members of the senate, two of the house and one member from the state at large. The commission is required to report to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house at the earliest possible date and have all data prepared for the session of 1923.

Farrell, Jones, Moser, Porter, Staples and Thomas voted against it. Banks and Haro were absent. An accompanying bill by Senator Dennis appropriates \$10,000 as a working fund. The bill has not yet been acted upon.

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Dec. 22.—The highway commission was summoned before the senate roads committee this afternoon to tell the effect of the exposition gasoline tax on the highway program. The house as a committee of the whole has approved a measure placing the highway traffic under control of the public service commission.

SALEM, Dec. 22.—When Moser moved that the senate consider in committee of the whole this morning (Continued on Page Eight.)

HARVEY ASKED TO BE MEMBER ON COMMITTEE

Allied Supreme Council Names Body to Plan European Rehabilitation During January.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The allied supreme council at a meeting to be held soon at Cannes will be asked by the interested powers to appoint a commission to elaborate on a comprehensive scheme for the rehabilitation of central Europe and Russia.

This was decided at a conference of the French and British premiers here. The United States and Germany would be invited to have membership on this commission. The question of Russian membership was held in abeyance.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Dec. 22.—American Ambassador Harvey at London was invited to attend the meeting of the supreme council at Cannes on January 4.

Seniors Win Game From Fresh In The Interclass Series

The third basketball game of the La Grande high school interclass series was played between the freshmen and seniors with the latter emerging on the long end of a 25 to 3 score. The freshmen were at all times completely outplayed, outguessed and in fact were not in the seniors' class at all. As in the two former games, football tactics were occasionally brought to light. This game leaves the championship to be decided between the specialists who defeated the juniors, and the seniors, who won from the freshmen and sophomores. Little is known as to the comparative strength of the two teams as neither has played the same teams that the other have met. The game was to have been played Wednesday night but owing to the absence of some of the specialists, had to be postponed until after the holidays. Whenever it will be played the public can look for a fast, exciting game.

BISHOP IS CONSECRATED

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Right Rev. Monsignor E. F. Hoban today was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Chicago with impressive ceremonies at the Cathedral of the Holy Name. Archbishop G. W. Mundelein was the consecrator.

H. C. L. Probe Is Ordered

Attorney General Determined to Deal Death Blow to Profiteers

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Declaring that prices are too high in many localities and that retailers' profits are unconscionable, Attorney General Daugherty today ordered a nation-wide investigation of retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing in an effort to put retail prices on a proper level.

PEACE OUTLOOK BRIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—The outlook in Pacific regions is for "indefinite peace," said Viscount Ellice Shibusawa, financier and statesman, here Monday. The Viscount, who is on his way home to Japan, has been attending the armament conference in Washington as an unofficial observer. He declared the conference had been a success thus far.

"Settlement of the Chinese question, problems of the Pacific and the four great nations alliance point toward peace indefinitely," he declared. "The only question between the United States and Japan is in California."

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

CENTRALIA, Dec. 22.—Ruth Dawson, three, and Donald Dawson, two, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home near Kopiah early today. J. E. Dawson, the father, was badly burned. Mrs. Dawson was slightly burned in rescuing three other children. An overheated stove caused the fire. The family is left destitute.

(By Associated Press)

ALBANY, Dec. 22.—The actual trial of Pete Beebe started today. The prosecution announced that Dr. Griffith, of the state hospital, would examine Beebe and testify regarding his sanity.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A bill appropriating twenty million dollars for the purchase of grain for Russian famine relief, was finally passed today. It now goes to the president.

(By Associated Press)

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MACHINE WAS GOING AT A HIGH SPEED

Connie Johnson, of Union, Failed to Rally From His Injuries

CAR ZIG-ZAGGED FOR SOME DISTANCE

Accident Occurred Near Gekeler's Lane Last Evening and Occupants Were Pinned Under Machine

Shortly after six o'clock last night a car driven by Butch Gambill of Union overturned near Gekeler's lane on the highway between Hot Lake and this city and as a result of the injuries received Connie Johnson, also of Union, who was in the car with Gambill, died at two o'clock this morning, his neck having been broken. He did not recover consciousness after the accident, life ebbing out gradually during the eight hours he lived.

Gambill is a son of H. N. Gambill of Union. He was driving a cut down Buick Six bug and was accompanied by Connie Johnson, who was working in what was formerly Turner's pool hall at Union and was well known in Union. They were driving over from La Grande to Union and from all indications were speeding. The car left the highway, struck a ditch, reared up and turned completely over backwards, righted itself and finally ended up pointing back to La Grande. Shortly after the accident John and Lester Stoddard, driving by from La Grande, discovered the wreck and extricated both men from underneath the car where they had been pinned. Gambill was, except for a few minor bruises, uninjured.

Coroner Hal Bohnenkamp and Sheriff Lee Warnick made an investigation of the accident immediately after the report was received by them. The driver had evidently lost control of his car, according to the investigation, as it had been zig-zagging along the highway for some distance. Gambill declared that the car was being driven at the rate of about 30 miles per hour. The pavement was slippery at the place where the accident occurred.

A brother of Johnson's is living in Idaho and he is expected to arrive here shortly.

LINEMAN DIES IN BLIZZARD

RENO, Nev., Dec. 22.—Alexander Stewart, a lineman employed by the Truckee River General Electric company, was frozen to death last night in a blizzard near Virginia City, where he was patrolling one of the power lines.

His body was found this morning.

Stoddard Brothers Win Another Game in League

Last night at the "Y" the second game of the City League series was played. The contestants were the Stoddard Brothers and the Lingering Five. From the results the Lingering Five lived up to their name.

During the first fifteen minutes of playing the Stoddards practically played rings around their opponents, making some splendid long shots and exhibited some fine team work. In the last half the Lingering Five came to life and for the first five minutes outplayed their opponents and ran the score up to 22 to 17 but from then on they failed to do much. The final score was 33 to 19. John Stoddard was the outstanding star on the Stoddards and Proctor for the losers made the highest number of points for his team. Some splendid guarding was brought to light in this game. This game was won by the Stoddards with two

game won and more lost, with the Cougars and Lingering Five with none won and one lost and the Hall Room Boys have as yet played no league games.

The line-ups for the game were: Stoddard Bros.—Dave Stoddard, c; Waldo and John Stoddard, forwards; with Earl and Lester Stoddard as guards. The Lingering Five's line-up was: J. R. H. Brown, c; Harry Proctor and W. Christian, forwards; and Bud Thiesen and Bud Lynch as guards. C. C. Snow refereed the contest.



Weather
Tonight, rain or snow.