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LOVE SECRETS TOLD BY MRS. OBENCHAIN

Love Came At First Sight
When She Met J. Belton Kennedy

MARRIED OBENCHAIN BUT LOVED KENNEDY

Man for Whose Slaying Woman Is Being Tried Now
Told Her of His Love On Second Meeting.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 10.—Mada-lyne Obenchain, pale and somewhat nervous, underwent a cross examination today in her trial for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy.

It was a case of love at first sight, her answers indicated. She first met Kennedy at her mother's home in 1917 when he showed the property to a relative. They met several times thereafter and the second or third time he mentioned love, she testified.

He said he cared for her but was under obligations to another girl. In 1918 he first asked her to marry him



Mada-lyne Obenchain.

and she consented. The engagement continued five months.

Ralph Obenchain, a former school chum, arrived in Los Angeles in December of that year and she broke the engagement with Kennedy because of Kennedy's home conditions, though she loved Kennedy when she married Obenchain.

Los Angeles Clocks Stopped by Quake Early This Morning

Pipe Line Broken in Four Places and
Large Section of California Badly
Shaken Up; Is Worst in Years

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 10.—An earthquake here today stopped downtown clocks. No damage has been reported yet.

(By Associated Press)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Mar. 10.—An earthquake here early this morning broke the Union Oil company's pipe line in four places.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Mar. 10.—One of the heaviest earth tremors in years was felt here at 3:25 this morning. Clocks operated by the Western Union telegraph company stopped.

Man Cooked With Canned Heat Recovering in Jail

The police yesterday afternoon picked up a man, answering to the name of John Hamilton, completely under the effects of "canned heat," which he had inhaled thinking that it would prove a good substitute for moonshine and much cheaper. He was lodged in the jail "completely cooked with canned heat," and failed to remain unconscious until early this morning. His condition is still far from normal and his case has not been definitely disposed of.

About six months ago canned heat was manufactured from grain alcohol but a government regulation changed all that and now it is prepared from denatured alcohol.

SALVI COMING HERE IN HARP CONCERT SOON

Player Known As World's
Foremost Artist On the
Harp To Be Presented In
La Grande.

Definite plans for presentation of Alberto Salvi, credited with being the world's foremost harpist, were worked out last evening at a joint meeting of the officers of the Neighborhood club and the new entertainment committee of the Ad club.

The date is March 17, and the L. D. S. tabernacle will be the scene of the presentation. The prices fixed are: Approximately 100 of the choicest seats, \$1.50 and war tax; balance of the entire platted part of the lower and upper floors, \$1.00 and war tax. There will be some general admission for 75 cents, the amount depending upon the number of chairs that can be put into the building.

It was the unanimous opinion of both committees last evening that La Grande has not yet awakened to the calibre of the artist that is coming. Nearly everyone is fond of harp music and has a general desire to hear one, played, but the public seems not to have grasped the fact that Salvi is so distinguished that he commands about \$1000.00 for each performance, and gets it. He is playing a return engagement in Salt Lake that nets him \$1200 for the one concert.

He is in Portland today, where the bulk of seats are \$2.20 and the cheapest \$1.50.

The only reason that he comes here at all is that La Grande did so well in receiving the New York Symphony Orchestra that a reputation for wanting really big things in music has been established.

"It is only by maintaining the reputation we now have with New York tour managers that La Grande can

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DR. BOUVY IS HOME AGAIN FROM EUROPE

Dr. Harry Bouvy arrived in La Grande yesterday after a six months' visit abroad. He was accompanied by his wife, who remained in Portland for a visit with her parents. Dr. Bouvy described his visit in Europe in a very interesting manner.

In discussing his visit he said: "We landed at Glasgow at the close of a rather thrilling voyage over the Atlantic on the Cunard liner Cameronia. Incidentally, the Cameronia was commenced in the Clyde shipyards preliminary to the strike and had to be completed in France, and while it presents a very finished appearance, it proved very defective at sea. During a storm we experienced in mid-ocean a propeller was broken and the ship very nearly tipped over. We were on deck and on the listing side at the time and it looked for a minute as if we were due to take a bath. When the liner listed all the movable furniture and cargo shifted and considerable damage was done, not only to the cargo, but to the passengers, one man suffering the misfortune to fracture his leg. A man was let down over the stern of the ship, the stern having been raised by letting out the water that was serving as ballast, and repaired her propeller. While this

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MODERN HOTEL FOR LA GRANDE

CLARENCE TO BE PRESENTED THIS EVENING

Senior Class of High School
Gives First of Two Per-
formances Today.

Tonight at 8:15 o'clock sharp the curtain will roll up on the master-piece of Booth Tarkington, "Clarence", in the high school auditorium before a packed house.

Clarence has no medals, no shoulder bars, no great accomplishment. One of the "five million," he served where he was sent—though it was no further than Texas. As an entomologist he found—on this side of the ocean—no field for his specialty in the great war. So they set him to driving mules.

Now, reduced to civil life and seeking a job, he finds a position in the home of one Wheeler, a wealthy Englewood man with a family. And, because he's been in the army, he becomes guide, philosopher and friend to the members of that same agitated and distracted family group. Clarence's position is an anomalous one. He mends the bathroom plumbing, tunes the piano, types, and plays the saxophone. But enough—only around him revolves such a group of characters as only Booth Tarkington could offer.

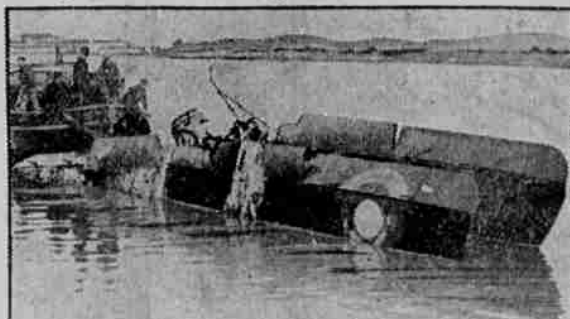
And last night at the final dress re-

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TROUBLE WITH ELECTRIC POWER

The Observer was greatly handicapped in publishing today because of trouble with electric power, the E. O. L. and P. company making some changes in their wire installations that affected the Observer plant. Considerable news matter could not be used on that account.

Army Fliers Escape Death by Inches



Lieutenant Harold Beaton and Private Sheridan Cook, of Bolling Field, District of Columbia, are alive today by inches. That is the distance they missed the sea wall of the Anacostia River when their DeHavilland plane fell.

Head of Farm Bloc Tells of Conditions

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—The farm bloc has only begun to fight. That is the message of Senator Capper of Kansas, new leader of the agricultural bloc in the United States Senate, who inherited leadership when Senator Kenyon resigned to go on the federal bench.

"The legislation in which the bloc has been most active to date," Capper explains in discussing his plans for the future of this bi-partisan agricultural group, "has been in the main emergency measures."

"We are now facing, however, the task of getting into law matters that must form a great, constructive, national agricultural policy."

Cur Rates Urged.

"Of first importance to agriculture are lower freight rates. We cannot get back anywhere near to normal until these rates are lowered. Although it is doubtful that there is a great deal that Congress can do in this line, the matter of rates being in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission, there are two or three things which would help. Among these are:

"First: Repeal the guarantee clause of the Esch-Cummings Act.

"Second: Restore to state railway commissions power to correct abuses and discriminations in local rates.

"Third: Enact the bill, already passed by the Senate, revising the valuation powers of the I. C. C., reducing by about three billions the present recognized valuation of the railways. There is no doubt but the value now recognized is far in excess of real values.

Credit Needed.

"Next to the matter of transportation, is the question of agricultural



SENATOR CAPPER

credits. We are just now getting shaped up a new credit bill, based on the findings of the Joint Agricultural Commission, which would set up new machinery for more adequate credit facilities through the Federal Farm Loan Board.

"There is now a gap between the short-term 60-day and 90-day paper, and the long-term mortgage loan on land, which must be filled.

"There is a need for credits running from six months to three years, to farmers and stock raisers, to enable them to make the necessary turn-over in their products.

"The result of the present finan-

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THE SPHINX AWAKES



Foley is to Be Rebuilt in Spring

Modernizing Corner of Adams and Chestnut Street with
Enlarging Structure, Complete First Floor Re-Ar-
rangement and One Hundred First Class
Bedrooms, Constitute Plans

The old Foley House, later called the Foley hotel, is to undergo modernizing, according to a statement made by W. D. Grandy and J. E. Phay, the present owners, today.

For some time the plans have been prepared and were being reviewed which prompted a few changes. Now the plans are as the owners wish them and the financing of the building has been completed. Work on construction will start within a month or as much sooner as the weather conditions will permit.

The plans indicate a new hotel of a hundred rooms on the corner property. The structure will extend to the alley on Chestnut street, the entire interior of the present corner section of the building being torn out and rebuilt. The twenty-five rooms which the extension to the alley will give and the rooms in the present corner structure will make a total of one hundred first-class rooms, all to be refurbished as soon as the building is completed.

The ground floor of the hotel will consist of lobby and dining room, both being modern. The present stairway will, when the remodeling takes place, be done away with and a stairway erected around the elevator shaft. Modern plate glass windows for Adams avenue and Chestnut street will be installed.

"We have contemplated this for some time," said W. D. Grandy, "but as everyone knows building any kind of a structure has been discouraging for some time. That we have needed this done long ago all will admit and now the present owners have taken the bit in their teeth and decided to give La Grande the kind of a hotel she is entitled to have."

Charles B. Miller, architect, who will be finished with decorated panels and ornamental caps and high marble bases. Ornamental ceiling beams will extend across the entire lobby with the panels finished in low relief ornamental designs.

The mezzanine floor runs across the entire length of the lobby and is entered from the main stairway leading up from the east side and center of the lobby entrance to the ladies mezzanine and retiring room is also by the main stairs. The

clerk's offices are on the east side and to the front of the lobby and directly under the mezzanine floor, and is so arranged that the clerk or manager has entire supervision over the entire lobby, main stairs, elevator, dining room, and street entrances. These offices are of marble that fully corresponds with the rest of the lobby.

The old building will be entirely changed on the inside, and the main floor will contain a large lobby, coffee room and large dining room, kitchen, one story room and a barber shop.

The new lobby will be lengthened on Chestnut street and will have a floor space of 20x64 and full story height, and will be directly connected to the coffee shop and dining room with large French door openings. The lobby will be finished with brown mahogany wood wainscot with black marble base. The floor to be of Tennessee marble with black mosaic panel borders. The lobby will have two large street entrances from Chestnut, street and Adams avenue, and will be covered with large hanging marquees extending the full width of the sidewalks.

The lobby pillars and columns will be finished with decorated panels and ornamental caps and high marble bases. Ornamental ceiling beams will extend across the entire lobby with the panels finished in low relief ornamental designs.

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Wheat Assessment to be Lower Than a Year ago

The general assessment on stock is somewhat higher this year than last, while this year's assessment of wheat is less than last year, according to County Assessor D. E. Proctor.

The assessments made upon grains and livestock for this year are: Wheat, 34 per bushel; corn and barley, one-half cent per bushel; stock cattle, \$20 per head; milk cows, \$50 per head; horses assessed at 15 per cent of their actual worth. The reason for the drop in the assessment of wheat is attributed to the fluctuations of the market and to the general drop in market prices as compared with last year. Wheat last year was assessed at 40 cents per bushel.

Stock hogs this year are 6 cents per pound and fat hogs 8 cents. This is a slight raise over last year's assessment.

Stock has increased materially. Milk cows last year were at \$20 and now at \$25, or one-fifth less than at present.

All personal and real property will be assessed at about 80 per cent of its actual value.



Tonight and Saturday occasional rains.