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FIRING KEPT DUBLIN AWAKE

ROBBED HOME OF OVER \$100 IN DAYLIGHT

Epling Residence Entered Last Evening Before Dark.

NO CLUES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED

Family Was Away for But a Short Time; Money and Jewelry Taken.

Although the house was deserted for a period of only about 20 minutes, robbers early yesterday evening entered the home of F. A. Epling, at Fourth and C, and took \$50 in cash and a pearl necklace and other jewelry, the total loss being over \$100.

At the time of the robbery the Epling family was at the Wm. Miller home, nearby, for dinner. Some members of the family were, however, at the house at all times excepting for about 20 minutes.

No clues whatever were found of the robbers and it is not known how they entered and left the house. The robbery was committed just before dark. The family returned home at 7:15 and found the money and jewelry missing.

The stolen articles were in a butler's pantry between the dining room and kitchen, on a shelf.

Officers who are reported investigating have been unable to make any headway in solving the mystery.

Thousands Buried When Ammunition Depot Blows Up

Children in Church and Soldiers in Barracks Suffer; Shells Thrown Long Distance in Greece.

(By Associated Press) ATHENS, Apr. 20.—A great loss by fire from an explosion of war materials stored 200 meters from Monastir railway station is reported from Monastir. Hundreds of children are buried in the ruins of a church on which shells fell and 1,800 soldiers are believed to be buried in a demolished barracks.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, April 20.—The allied government has been advised that the American debt refunding commission is prepared to negotiate for the conversion of various loans amounting to eleven billions into long term securities.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 20.—The senate began consideration of the tariff bill with an address by Senator McCumber, chairman of the finance committee, who declared that a protective tariff is necessary.

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Second Man Taken Into Custody In Bowker Murder Case

Memorial To Be Erected

Tablet Received To Be Placed in Catholic Church Here.

A specially designed bronze tablet has been received and is on exhibition at the home of F. A. Epling, at Fourth and C, and took \$50 in cash and a pearl necklace and other jewelry, the total loss being over \$100.

WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Short and Mr. Baker to Spend Two Weeks at J. C. Penney Mangers' Convention.

This evening C. E. Short, of the J. C. Penney company in La Grande and C. F. Baker, of the same company in Enterprise, will leave for Portland to spend two weeks attending the convention of the heads of the different company stores of the northwest.

National gatherings of the company's managers grew to such a size that it was found necessary to zone the nation and this meeting at Portland includes the northwest zone.

HUNDREDS OF MEN AT WORK

The second division of the O-W will represent a busy scene this spring and summer. One million and one half dollars will be expended on ballasting and re-railing and part of the work has already been begun.

A force of about 225 men are working on the stretch from Crooks to La Grande on ballasting and as soon as this is finished will begin work on the Durkee to Baker section. A large force of men are already at work on that section widening banks, sloping cuts and otherwise making arrangements for the ballasting.

The first re-railing will probably be done on the Telocast Hill, where four miles of track will be re-laid. Other re-railing will be done along the entire division, wherever needed, during the summer and fall.

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Barber of Albany Who Said Accused Man Repaid Loan During Night Has Given Himself Up.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Apr. 20.—I. M. Coleman, Albany barber, is held today as a witness in the Bowker murder case after having surrendered to Detective Mallett. He had on him \$634 in a package in currency in addition to \$65 which he said had been given him by Russell Becker at 2:30 Monday morning in repayment of a loan.

Goldberg, a Portland second-hand dealer, told the police he sold a hop sack Saturday to a youth resembling Becker.

Dragging the Calapooia river near Albany was resumed today though Grappler Brady of the Portland police force expressed doubts whether the body was in the river.

YELLOWSTONE PARK LECTURE

"A Scenic Masterpiece," one of the finest lectures ever heard in La Grande was given last evening at the Christian Church by A. McKenzie Meldrum, president of Spokane University. Professor Meldrum talked on Yellowstone National Park and stated that, although he had traveled throughout forty different countries, never had he seen such marvelous showings of God's handiwork as can be seen in this, our home park. Although a Scotchman by birth, Professor Meldrum is an American by adoption and a firm believer in America first. He paid a glowing tribute to the sturdy pioneers of this country—their energy, grit and determination to win in spite of all obstacles and greatly condemned the modern flapper and cigarette smoker, fearing they would come up sadly lacking if placed in similar surroundings.

Professor Meldrum is a man of pleasing personality; a forceful speaker and one who has the courage of his own convictions and is not afraid of the truth.

HOOT MARRIES VAUDEVILLEAN.

(By Associated Press) RIVERSIDE, Calif., Apr. 20.—Edmund "Hoot" Gibson, motion picture actor, and Helen Johnson, vaudeville actress, were married here today.

TAX INCREASE PREDICTED BY THE TREASURY

Deficit of Hundreds of Millions May Make Burden Heavier, is Statement.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20.—Levy of additional taxes will probably be necessary to meet the deficit of over \$350,000,000 forecast for the fiscal year 1923 by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, according to treasury officials. No consideration has yet been given the means of meeting the lack of funds, officials said today, but it is apparent that the deficit would have to be raised by taxation as the government "has nothing to sell."

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHTENING

The baseball future keeps brightening with every week. Since last week's practice several new men have come to light that will make the old regulars hump to hold their positions. A new third baseman and a new outfielder have been out to practice and will bolster the team quite a bit.

Beginning with last night the squad is working out every evening at the fair grounds at 5:30 o'clock. The practices are producing results rapidly and the men are showing lots of pep and fight, which looks well for a winning team. The boys are beginning to get their batting eye and are letting very little through them on the field. A large number of men are turning out nightly but the manager would like to see a larger turnout in the future. With only one week and a few days remaining to practice before the opening game with Cove, the more men out the better results will be.

Next Sunday afternoon the regulars will clash with the high school team in a practice game. Indications are that the men will all be given a chance to show their wares at this time and their showing in this game will mean a lot towards their being on the opening line-up April 30.

O. K. EXPECTED

(By Associated Press) TOKYO, Apr. 20.—A meeting of the committee appointed to consider the agreements reached at the Washington armaments conference held here Monday, is looked upon by the local press as preliminary to the ratification of the pact.

French Take Treaty Stand

Premier Instructs Ambassadors to Aid in Penalizing Germany.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Apr. 20.—Premier Poincaré's German treaty is not abrogated in allied capitals to insist that penalties be applied to Germany if the Russo-German treaty is not abrogated, regardless of what the Geneva conference may decide.

(By Associated Press) GENOA, Apr. 20.—Lloyd George today said that the German delegation to the economic conference agreed to accept the condition of the allies regarding further participation in discussions of Russian affairs as the result of having signed the Russian-German treaty. The Russians said the treaty must stand. Lloyd George predicted success for the conference.

Wood Contract Is Let at Saving Over Last Year's Figure

The school board has let a contract for school wood to be used during the year 1922-23 to James Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald bid \$6.22 a cord, delivered, against a contract price of \$6.90 a year ago. The contract calls for the delivery of 580 cords of wood and the saving will be considerable on that amount.

A large number of bids were submitted, all being comparatively close to the figure of the successful bidder, whose bid was the lowest. The difference in cost of wood for the coming year over the wood bought a year ago is largely due to lower labor and hauling costs, stumpage being practically the same.

High School Girls To Give Program Friday Afternoon

The La Grande high school girls' symposium class will give a program demonstrating their year's work at the high school gymnasium Friday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. Miss Genevieve Jones, physical instructor, will be in charge of the affair.

The program has been arranged as follows: Three Swedish dances, Regular Day's Order, Sailors' Hornpipe, Dance, Minuet, Marching, Dutch Dance, Allegretto (Modern Aesthetic), Tarantella (Spanish Dance) and May Pole.

All of the girls in the physical education classes will take part and the parents and friends are all cordially invited to be present.

PEACE CONFERENCE IS UNABLE TO AGREE AND IT ADJOURNED TODAY

ACTING CITY JUDGE NAMED BY COMMISSION

Sewer Improvement District Created and Petition for Paving S Avenue Is Received.

A resolution was passed at last evening's meeting of the city commission appointing Robert Eakin acting municipal judge to serve at times when the municipal judge is absent from the city. Mr. Eakin was municipal judge for several years.

Considerable time was taken up at last night's meeting with discussion of the use of corrugated iron as roofing material on sheds and platforms in the fire limits. A ruling by a former city attorney resulted in refusal to grant permits for its use but at last night's meeting City Attorney R. J. Green read the ordinance and failed to find a clause relating to corrugated iron for such uses, the clause relating to this matter specifying tin or other incombustible material. The matter was laid over until the next meeting, a restaurant on Depot street having petitioned for permission to erect a corrugated iron roof on a shed.

A petition for a sewer in the southeast part of town was received. It was signed by a minority of the property owners and the commission was agreed that a sewer district should be created so as to more equitably distribute the cost, a resolution being passed creating the district. The property affected is mostly vacant although some building is going on in that section now and others are waiting for sewer disposal facilities.

J. D. Lynch was granted permission to erect an oil pump and tank, the latter underground, at the foot of Elm street.

The firm of Stiles and Ellis, who asked the commission to build a sidewalk along Greenwood street from Jefferson avenue, across the track where their place of business is located. This would necessitate the removal of the loading platform of the Sawyer-Holmes company. The recorder was asked to search the records for an ordinance said to have been passed years ago creating a warehouse district and allowing Sawyer-Holmes to build the platform where the sidewalk is usually. The matter was laid over pending a report on whether such an ordinance exists or not.

John L. Mars, who has built many concrete sidewalks in La Grande, petitioned the commission to build a 40-foot pavement on S avenue from Fir street to the fair grounds. He asked for either bituminous or asphalt pavement, stating that he is against concrete pavement as the concrete men are "hold-up men." He declared he is willing to get along without curbing and that he would buy certain

Machine Gun Fire Keeps Up All Night; City Hall and Free State Headquarters are Attacked.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Apr. 20.—The peace conference adjourned until Wednesday. No agreement has been reached.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Apr. 20.—Rifle and machine gun fire and noise of military lorries rushing to the relief of places attacked kept residents awake last night. Headquarters of the free state government were attacked but despite the terrific firing entry was not effected. The city hall and the telephone exchange were also assaulted.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Apr. 20.—Little hope of peace was expressed on the resumption today of the peace conference between the free state and the republicans.

Cheap License On Truck Gets Two Men Into Trouble

Using a Ford license on a five-ton Mack truck is quite economical—unless detected. But when J. E. Larch and R. A. Alexander, each driving a truck of the above type, tried to get away with it in La Grande they failed. They drove into La Grande yesterday evening and got by until this morning when the local police arrested them.

Their trial will be held tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock in the police court. Both men stated that they merely put the license on to run into La Grande so that they could obtain regular licenses. They operated their trucks between Elgin and the Wallawa Hill.

The truck license costs about \$150 while a Ford permit costs \$15.

CENTENARY TO BE OBSERVED

The hundredth anniversary of Ulysses S. Grant's birth, which falls on April 27, will be fittingly observed in the public schools of La Grande. The state superintendent urges every school to remember the Soldier President at this time and the W. R. C. and G. A. R. are behind him in this request.

In the high school an assembly will be held in the afternoon, under the supervision of the local G. A. R. and W. R. C., and a program will be rendered. School will not be dismissed until the usual time.

In the three grammar schools plans are being made to have similar exercises. Some will hold joint assemblies while others will observe the day in their room.

Roads Are in Better Condition; Work Begins

"With the drying up of mud-holes and the coming of spring weather, the county is beginning work on the roads full blast," states Judge U. G. Couch.

Work is already being done on the Island City road, near Conley siding, at Rinehart and in the canyon section on the east side of the Grande Ronde river.

Practically all of the roads in the county are now passable to cars, only two being blocked due to auto traffic. These are the Hilgard-Kameia and the Hilgard-Starkey roads. Wagons can traverse these roads without much difficulty but a car cannot yet make it through. About eight teams and ten men are working on the Island City road doing grading work.

Conley's siding, Rinehart road and the canyon section are all sub-contractors and large forces are at work on each of these sections.

The county caterpillar and road grading machinery is being kept busy in the north and east of Island City. This work will be done as far the Summerville and Imbler district.

