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MINISTER IS MURDERED IN BERLIN TODAY

German Foreign Minister, Dr. Rathenau, Assassinated by Two Men.

DEATH DEALERS MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

Murderers Drove up and Merely Slowed Down Their Car to Kill Their Prey; Embassy Flag at Half Mast.

BERLIN, June 24.—Dr. Walter Rathenau, German foreign minister, was assassinated today. He was shot and instantly killed as he was leaving his residence in Glienewald, a suburb of Berlin, for the foreign office in an automobile. The assassins escaped.

The murderers drove up in a motor car which slowed up as both occupants opened fire. Rathenau was a guest of American Ambassador Houghton last night. On receiving the news of the assassination the American embassy hoisted its flag at half mast.

ON THEIR WAY TO VISIT EUROPE

Arriving at La Grande's tourist camp grounds last evening in their Jewish buckboard—a tin Lizzie—Anthony Braun and his three sisters, Miss Mary Louise, Anna and Elizabeth J., of Portland, finished the first of a journey to Europe which will last until next December. The young people are from one of Portland's excellent families and decided to make this trip in a way that they could afford.

According to Miss Elizabeth, who by the way, is the efficient chief clerk of the Oregon state senate, the four children figure they can drive their "bus" to New York at an expense of about \$400 per youngster. This compared with carfare has a big item left in the Braun children's treasury, almost enough to pay for second class passage on the boat to Europe. And speaking of second class passage Elizabeth said: "Maybe I should not have mentioned that, but you see we want to go to Europe and we can only afford to go about so far on this very important financial question, so we four kids have decided on second class passage on the Atlantic after we park our Jewish buckboard in New York City. We know this is quite an undertaking but we are going through with it, and we are not writing for the newspapers or magazines and have nothing to sell on the journey. It is just a plain trip of a brother and three sisters who want to go together."

Miss Elizabeth was up town this morning with her camera, clothes and called on several people whom she knew. She complimented La Grande's hospitality in the camp grounds for tourists, criticized the road between here and Pendleton, as all tourists do, and hurriedly returned to the park where her brother and herself were doing some mechanical work on the Ford before making the start for Baker.

PROBE IS STARTED

PERRIN, Ill., June 24.—The state military investigations of the Lester mine massacre were begun today by a board headed by Major General Milton, former of the state militia under orders from Governor Small, issued because the local officials failed to take steps against the miners who captured and killed strikebreakers.

Meteor Explained by Former Astronomer

Although he did not see the meteor, from descriptions of the phenomenon Thursday night, Jno. S. Hodgins, who was a student in astronomy at Lick Observatory in California at one time, declared that he believed it fell somewhere in the Snake River region or possibly a great distance farther. It was of unusual size and first became visible over Fox Hill, describing a long arc in an easterly direction towards the north.

Mr. Hodgins said: "A meteor must be traveling at a rate of speed of 20 or 40 miles per second in order to reach a white hot heat. Although I was not privileged to witness the meteor Thursday night, I should judge, from descriptions, that it was an unusually large one and first became visible about 45 miles from the earth, where the atmosphere becomes sufficiently dense to produce friction. In all likelihood it fell in the Snake river region or possibly very far beyond it."

Many people not versed in astro-

Ordinance Book is Explored with Some Interesting Results

City Commission finds that it has been Using Dead Ordinance to fix Certain License Fees.

A new ordinance regulating licenses of moving picture houses and theaters will be drafted by City Attorney Green during the next few days and presented at the city commission meeting next Wednesday evening, according to decision reached last night at a meeting of the commission. The details will be decided by the commissioners within the next day or two.

The matter came up when it was learned that the ordinance under which the city is licensing picture houses and theaters is rather ancient. The city commission has been exercising discretionary powers in granting these licenses under an amendment to an ordinance passed in the year 1889 and amended to provide a license fee of \$5 per day or leaving the matter to the discretion in event a license is applied for for a period of six months or a year. This amendment was passed in 1894.

Later, in the year 1895, the original ordinance which was passed before such a thing as movies existed—was again amended, which amendment made the ordinance of 1889 and the 1894 amendment void, in the opinion of the city attorney.

Under this later amendment the discretionary power of the council was "killed" and the license fees fixed at \$3 per show or \$10 per week. No provisions were made for reduced rates for longer periods. However, none of the commissioners can remember when this rate was charged and the discretionary powers of the commission under the dead ordinance have been exercised, the license fee collected from picture houses being \$150 per year instead of \$50 per year as provided for in the ordinance which from a purely legal point of view governs this.

No intimation was made of what the license fee would be in the ordinance that is to be drafted. The only suggestion made was from a visitor who suggested that a basis of the existing capacity be used, for instance \$50 per year for 500 seats or less and \$75 per year for more than 500 seating capacity. This, it was said, would be an equitable manner of determining the proper tax. The commissioners did not comment on this proposal.

DROPS DEAD AT HIS MACHINE

BAKER, June 24.—John Andrews, aged 42, linotype operator, dropped dead of heart disease while working at a machine in the office of the Morning Democrat early this morning.

John Andrews was well known in La Grande and throughout printing circles in Eastern Oregon and Western Washington. He was for many years a resident of Walla Walla before he located in Baker, where he remained with the Baker Herald a long time. Of late he transferred to the position of operator for the Morning Democrat. He is a brother to Wesley Andrews of Baker and was a man who stood high in the community.

BLACK NAMED AS CHAIRMAN

The La Grande school board has elected Chas. J. Black chairman for the coming year. J. A. Russell, re-elected commissioner at the annual school election Monday, was formally installed at the meeting.

The next meeting of the board will be held some time in July, the exact date not having been fixed yet.

INSTALLATION OF POWER IS NEARLY DONE

Box Factory to be Served in a few Days; Much Other Construction Work being Done by Power Company.

On an inspection trip over the entire territory served by the E. O. L. and P. company, J. P. Lottridge, manager of the company, and J. H. King, general superintendent of the company, were in La Grande today.

Mr. Lottridge said that the substation being installed at Lone Tree for use of the White Pine Box and Lumber company is rapidly nearing completion and that within a few days service will be given to the company. The box factory's need for power was such as to necessitate building several miles of power line and a new substation, the power company spending about \$15,000 on the project.

The company is also doing much other work, Mr. Lottridge said. Reconstruction of the Rock creek flume is one of the other larger projects. This will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

J. P. Pulliam, president of the company, will be in La Grande next month on an inspection trip. His home is in Milwaukee.

THINNING FRUIT IS TO BE SHOWN

County Agent H. G. Avery announces that C. L. Long, extension horticulturist of the O. A. C., will hold apple thinning demonstrations at Imbler, under the auspices of the far bureau and fruitgrowers, on June 26, and at Cove under the auspices of the farm bureau, on the following day, the demonstrations beginning at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thinning was practiced in the Freewater district last season on the farm of J. F. Slover, of Freewater, Oregon, and results were very good. Unthinned trees returned apples valued at \$5.87 and thinned trees here much heavier, with much larger fruit, valued at \$15.82 per tree. The increased value per acre on Winesap trees, twelve years of age, amounted to \$597. It is expected that the demonstrations to be given here will be of much value to fruitgrowers. Some of the local fruitgrowers have been practicing thinning with good results.

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE



HARVEY WARNER IS SAFE NOW IN CALIFORNIA

Newspaper Story Brings Information Regarding Man whose Effects were Found at Bottom of River.

Harvey Warner, who was thought may possibly have drowned in the Granda River, following the finding of a tool chest and other effects belonging to him, is safe and alive in California, according to a letter received from the U. S. recruiting office by Sheriff Lee Warnick. Following the receipt of the letter Warnick sent the papers and other articles of value to Warner at the address the recruiting office had. The letter was as follows:

"An item on the front page of today's paper says that you are investigating the supposed drowning of Harvey Warner, whose effects were discovered in a raft. I thought you would be interested to know that Warner applied here for enlistment on May 21st, and said at the time that his rifle, vest, papers and other property were lost on a raft. This would indicate that these things were lost before he came here."

"Warner did not enlist, but left for California on May 23rd. His present address is Downey, California, care George Warner, Box 195."

The sheriff's office has sent the papers and other articles of value to Harvey Warner.

NEW TYPE OF ENGINE COMING

Tomorrow morning train No. 17 will be pulled into the station by a new type of engine never before seen this far west. The engine is of the 7,000 type and is supposed to be the largest engine of its kind built.

The engine will be accompanied by F. A. Leavitt, master mechanic of this division, C. F. Roberts, assistant superintendent, and John Daniels, traveling engineer, who left for Huntington to join Mr. Jackson who is in charge of the engine. The object of the engine's trip is to see the advantages of this type of engine on the grades here over the present type of engines now used.

BULLETINS

WAUKESHA, Ill., June 24.—Governor Lucius Small was acquitted today by a jury on a charge of conspiracy to embezzle interest of public moneys while state treasurer.

PORTLAND, June 24.—The Republican state central committee organized this morning in a session marked by oratory. Officers are to be elected this afternoon.

OIL MAGNATE DIED TODAY AT HIS HOME

Brother of John D. Rockefeller left a Huge Estate.

WEALTH ESTIMATED AT QUARTER BILLION

Had been in Ill Health for many Years, but Death Came Suddenly from Pneumonia.

(Special to The Observer) TALLAHASSEE, N. Y., June 24.—William Rockefeller, oil magnate and brother of John D. Rockefeller, died this morning from pneumonia. He had been ill at his home, Rockwood Hall, since Sunday, but word of his condition was not made public.

His wealth has been estimated at between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000. William Rockefeller had been in ill health for many years. The state of his health, in fact, and his various ailments, became a matter of intense public curiosity in 1912-13 when the congressional committee investigating the "money trust" desired him as a witness. He could not be found. For months the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives led a search which was fruitless. The financier's Fifth Avenue home in New York was besieged by subpoena servers, detectives, reporters and an idle throng for days; his residence at Tarrytown, N. Y., the Standard Oil offices on Broadway and his clubs, were watched without avail.

They were both born at Richford, Tioga Co., New York, on their father's farm; William on May 31, 1841. Two years after the birth of John, in Cleveland, O., to which the family removed while the brothers were boys, William began his mercantile career in the produce business, as did his brother, and joined the latter soon after he became interested in oil, about 1862.

In almost every respect his success as an oil magnate, William Rockefeller differed from his brother. He was a club man; his brother belonged to none. He was interested but slightly in philanthropic work of any kind, of religious activity. Alongside the blocks of millions his brother gave away William Rockefeller's largest gift was \$100,000 to Wesleyan College. He was an enthusiastic motorist, and was nothing in golf, of which his brother was such a devotee. He did not enjoy the latter's rugged health. Although there was no known extravagance and they both had summer residences at Tarrytown, New York, the brothers were seldom seen together.

MANY NAMED IN INJUNCTION

(By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, June 24.—The United Mine Workers of America and all officers and members of the union were made defendants in a suit for an injunction filed in the U. S. district court here today by Clara Mason, owner of the Peacock coal mine in Knox county.

WARNS FARMERS OF DANGER OF POWER LINES

Following Fatal Accident, Due to Carelessness, Manager of Power Company Issues Warning.

J. P. Lottridge, vice-president and general manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, who is in La Grande on an inspection trip, in discussing the accident which resulted in the death of Thos. Cristenson of Haines yesterday declared that the light company exercises every possible precaution in order to prevent such accidents.

"The trouble with many farmers is that they do not lower the booms on their hay derricks while moving them," he said. "This was the cause in the unfortunate occurrence of yesterday. At every permanent gate the E. O. L. and P. company erects high poles on each side so as to give all possible protection to farmers going in with loads or on machinery."

"The booms on hay derricks are so high, however, that they must be lowered to assure passing through under the wires with safety. The protection this practice gives farmers and their employees more than compensates them for the necessary labor. It is regrettable that such accidents should occur and our company is doing everything possible to educate the people to the extreme danger in passing under high tension wires without lowering the booms on hay derricks. Warning notices are posted on the poles at each gateway as another measure of precaution."

BAKER, June 24.—While trying to move a derrick out of the yard in back of his home Tom Cristenson, well known and prominent Haines rancher, was killed instantly on his farm about 4 miles north of Haines.

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UNION SERVICES BEGIN TOMORROW

The opening service of the summer schedule of church services to be conducted every Sunday evening in the various churches under the leadership of the ministerial association will be held tomorrow evening in the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock. All of the churches will co-operate and meet at that place and hour. The Presbyterian quartette, consisting of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, leader; Mrs. Hal Bohlenkamp, C. F. Anderson and W. S. Bennett, will furnish special music for the service. Two anthems, "O How Amiable are Thy Tabernacles, O Lord," by Rogers, and "Peace, O Lord, With You," by Roberts, will be sung by the quartette, while Mrs. Richardson will have a solo, "O, Eyes That Are Weary," by Brackett. The Rev. T. T. Quigley will have charge of the service while the Rev. W. C. Ross will bring the message: "God's Spokesmen to Men." A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service.

WEEKS MOVES HIS OFFICES

L. W. Weeks, who has been located out here for the last few days, has moved his offices into Hart's former home. Mr. Weeks is much pleased with his new location where he will remain permanently.

The new offices give much more floor space and a private office has been installed. The other offices were not large enough for his business.

Epworth League to Hold Institute at the Lake

Everything is all ready for the beginning of the Wallawa Lake Epworth League institute to be held at Wallawa lake next week, beginning on June 25 and lasting until July 2. A large number of members of the Epworth League are expected to attend from all over eastern Oregon. About 25 are going from La Grande and more are contemplating the trip.

The institute about Wallawa lake is especially ideal for such an institute. As Dr. Louis Albert Banks, who has traveled extensively, stated while in Joseph recently, "I have traveled extensively in America; I have been twice abroad, but I never saw more picturesque mountains."

The life service will be handled by President Charles W. Tennant.

FIGHT OVER THIRTY CENTS ENDS FATALY

Piano Finisher Dies as Result of Being Hit by Bookkeeper.

FRACTURED SKULL CAUSED BY BLOW

Was Hit Monday Night, Death Coming this Morning; Youth Dealt Fatal Blow.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 24.—Edward Cushman, 64, piano finisher, died at a hospital here this morning of a fractured skull, the result of being knocked down by George Kern, 22-year-old bookkeeper at Elmer Music house Monday in a fight starting from an argument over 30 cents difference in his paycheck, according to the police.

PAGEANT WILL BE TONIGHT

The Union Stake Primary board of the L. D. S. church will present a pageant this evening at the church at 8 o'clock. An interesting program of musical numbers, tableaux and recitations has been arranged for the opening of the evening's entertainment.

Following this part of the program the pageant proper, "Strange Visitors," will be presented. A number of girls will be presented as the "entertainers" and the guests will be from many lands.

Those taking the parts of the guests will be elaborately dressed in costumes such as are worn in the countries they wish to represent. The evening's entertainment promises to be one of the best of the kind ever staged by the local church.

MAKES TRIP IN WITH MUCH EASE

In a trip from Spokane to La Grande the new Maxwell made another record this week, according to C. W. Bunt, local sales agent. Roy and O. D. Scott, of the local agency, left for Spokane Monday evening to make back two new machines to supply unfilled orders. The gasoline consumption on the trip was 20.7 miles per gallon or one of the cars and 21.1 per gallon on the other.

No oil was added nor was any needed in the crankcases of either machine upon their arrival here. Both cars made the trip from Pendleton to La Grande without shifting from high gear.

Mr. Bunt considers, however, that the significant thing about the performance is that both cars were new, neither having been operated before the start from Spokane. In spite of this the water in the radiators in both cars at no time reached the boiling point. "I have been an enthusiastic booster for the New Maxwell car since I drove it for the first time," he said, "and if anyone had told me that I could come from Pendleton to La Grande in high gear I would not have believed it. The Maxwell made this high gear trip with ease and without any apparent strain, just as they do many things that I have never seen any other car do."

Gooding, Idaho; the social service, by Joseph Chester, Baker, Ore., the rural church methods and home missions will be explained by Professor Hester, of the Kimball School of Theology, Grant Elmer Keith, of Emmett, Idaho, will speak of the Epworth League methods and Miss Hazel Richardson, of La Grande, will talk of the Junior League methods. The recreational activities will be handled by Clyde R. Walker, of Payette, Idaho, while Rev. G. H. Quigley, of La Grande, will be in charge of the bible study. Rev. Fred Aldrich, of La Grande, will take the morning watch. Miss Ruth Quigley, of La Grande, will be in charge of the instrumental music.

Tonight and Sunday fair and continued warmer.

