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MINE OWNERS RESPONSIBLE SAYS A JURY

Herrin Massacre Laid to Officials of Coal Company.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES IS INDICTED

Jury Asks That Blame Be Fixed on Individuals; Only Murder Accusation Is Against Mine Superintendent.

HERRIN, Ill., June 26.—We, the jury, find from the evidence that the deaths of deceased were due to acts, direct and indirect, of officials of the Southern Illinois Coal company.

"We recommend that an investigation be conducted for the purpose of fixing the blame personally on individuals responsible."

This was the verdict of the coroner's jury held here Sunday and its recommendation.

"Geordie" Henderson, one of the union men slain, was killed by C. K. McDowell, superintendent of the Southern Illinois Coal company, according to the verdict of the jury. This was the only murder verdict returned.

The coroner's investigation got underway early Sunday evening and adjourned to permit the jurors to attend funeral services for Joe Pichovich, 22-year-old Lithuanian union miner slain in the skirmish Wednesday which preceded the massacre of non-union men Thursday, June 22.

The first witness heard was William A. Thornton, a Marion, Ill., policeman.

"You don't know who did the shooting, do you?" asked Coroner William McCowan.

"No, sir," replied the witness. "I don't know anything about it."

That was the substance of his testimony and of those who followed.

Col. Samuel H. Hunter, Illinois national guard who has been here for 10 days, and who has repeatedly asked the adjutant general of the state to send troops for the protection of his own statement and that of C. R. Eddington, secretary of the Greater Marion (Illinois) association, was the next witness.

"He is true," Col. Hunter said, "but he had machine guns mounted."

"I searched the mine property three times and failed to find any," Colonel Hunter replied.

"What did they have?" Colonel Hunter was asked. "Shot guns, rifles and ammunition," Hunter replied.

J. H. Henderson said he was inside the power plant of the Coal Belt railway between the mine and Herrin when he heard shots Thursday morning, and later he heard the bodies had been found in the woods.

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FIVE DIE IN MINE

HARTFORD, Ark., June 26.—At least five members of a picnic party were suffocated Sunday in an abandoned mine near here. Three others who attempted to rescue the victims were overcome and are reported to be in a serious condition.

Grange Reaffirms Its Position on Millage

Delegates from every grange in Union county gathered at Wolf Creek Grange on Sunday, June 24th, for the largest Pomona grange meeting held this year. Walter M. Pierce, delegate for the county grange to the state grange, and W. O. Sherwood, of Blue Mountain Grange, and C. A. Gilkison, of Wolf Creek Grange, gave reports of the state meeting.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted reaffirming the previous stand of the Pomona grange in favor of retaining of the millage tax for higher education and restricting the action of the state organization in favoring its repeal.

Mrs. Walter Standler, lecturer of Wolf Creek grange, had charge of the regular literary program. Little Miss Lena Gorman, lecturer of the Grange Grange, furnished a program for the little folks' grange. The juvenile closed their part of the program with an exhibition of their drill team, which was one of the big features of the day.

Captured



Fred Brown, alias Gus Grimes, charged with chaining two women and a man in a shack at Omaha, Neb., capturing a deputy sheriff and town marshal at Sidney, Neb., and creating terror in other towns. He is in a prison ward at Rawlins, Wyo. He was shot through the chest at Medicine Bow, Wyo.

BISHOP NIBLEY WARNS AGAINST LAX MORALITY

The quarterly L. D. S. conference came to a successful close yesterday afternoon with the completion of Bishop Nibley's address on "Loyalty to Law and Order," wherein he dwelt upon the necessity of obeying the statutes of the law, as well as the moral and unwritten laws that are inculcative to the perpetuation of a peaceful community.

The conference was held in the L. D. S. Tabernacle and lasted during Saturday and Sunday. Bishop Nibley was the main speaker during the meetings held both days.

The first meeting on Sunday was held in the morning, beginning at ten o'clock. Earl Stoddard, superintendent of the Sunday schools, and Mrs. Earl Stoddard gave the first talks.

Bishop Nibley addressed the gathering the remainder of the morning.

In the afternoon W. D. Hanks, president of the Union Stake, took the floor and spoke of "The Law of Tithing." Tithing is being generally introduced into the various religions, and the L. D. S. church had an important part in bringing it to the front.

C. J. Black, first counselor to the president of the Union Stake, spoke on "The Shepherd and His Flock," likening the shepherd to the head of the family or the officers of the church and showing how necessary it was for these shepherds to lead their flocks in the path of righteousness.

Elmer Stoddard, second counselor to the president of the Union Stake, delivered an address following Mr. Black's talk.

The conference was very well attended from both La Grande and surrounding country. David I. Stoddard, a local contractor and chorister, and Earl Stoddard was released as superintendent of Sunday schools to take his brother's place. Robert Baxter, of Cove, became superintendent of Sunday school. Mrs. Aurelia Nibley, one of the presidents of the primary association, was released on account of ill health and Mrs. Emma Walsh took her place.

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SEE NO THIRD MAN IN RACE

E. C. Fields, of La Grande, who is in close touch with the Patriotic Societies of Portland, which organization took such a prominent part in the late state campaign, stated today that he could not see a third man in the gubernatorial race. While he said he was not speaking officially he believed that neither Mr. Gates nor Mr. Hall would run for governor on an independent ticket. This would leave the race for governor between Ben W. Olcott, Republican nominee, and Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, the Democratic nominee.

COVE PITCHER ON UNION TEAM IS PROTESTED

Union Team Defeats La Grande But Had to Cull in Outside Help to Put Feet Over.

The Union team, reinforced by a portion of the Cove team, outscored the Pirates yesterday on the local diamond 5 to 3. The game was tense with interest throughout and was anybody's game until the final out was made. On account of Union's playing the members of the Farmers, the game was played under protest to Judge T. H. Crawford, president of the Intermountain League.

Union took an early lead when Hess, who had singled and been advanced by Mires' single, came in when Theison muffed a fly ball by Reed. The Pirates scored twice in the next inning when a two-bagger by Knight and errors by the Unionists let Knight and Theison cross the plate. Another run was credited to the Pirates in the third when Workman, who had gone to first on Hetrick's error, was brought in by Knight's three-bagger.

No more scores were made by either team until the sixth, when Union brought in Hetrick, who had singled, when Jewell socked out a triple. Again in the eighth, a series of singles and errors by Hickey resulted in three runs crossing the plate. La Grande attempted a rally in the last of the ninth but a double play, Mires to Hess, checked the fireworks.

Alexander, the Cove pitcher Union used, pitched a bang-up game, allowing only one earned run and five hits. He was credited with thirteen strikeouts. On the other hand, McInnis allowed thirteen hits, although only one of them was for extra bases. Thirteen appeared to be an unlucky number for the locals yesterday.

Knight's work at third and at the plate was a feature of the game. Out of seven chances every one was accepted. And at the plate he got two hits, a double and a triple, in three times at bat.

If the Pirates' protest is granted the league standing for the Farmers and Pirates will remain the same, and La Grande will be credited with a 9 to 0 victory. Haines telephoned to Cove Saturday that they would be unable to play and forfeited the game to Cove.

Score By Innings. R H E Union—1 0 0 0 1 0 3 0—5 13 4 La G.—0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0—3 5 4

Errors—Mires, McCann, Workman, Hickey. Two base hits—Knight. Three base hits—Knight, Jewell. Double plays—Mires to Hess, Crews to Hickey to Garritty, Crews to Hickey to Garritty. Strike outs—McInnis 3, Alexander 15. Stolen bases—Knight, McInnis, Mires, Reed, Hetrick. Earned runs—Off McInnis 1, off Alexander 1. Charge defeat to McInnis, victory to Alexander. Time of game, 2 hours. Umpires, Pickock of La Grande and Childers of Cove.

GIN POLE KILLS MAN LEWISTON, Ind., June 25.—O. E. Whitcomb, aged 60, local contractor, was almost instantly killed here Saturday when a "gin" pole fell upon him, crushing his skull. He ran in the direction of the pole's fall in his attempt to escape.

MEDFORD MAN MEETS DEATH IN CHICAGO

Fell From Hotel Window Just Before Leaving for Home.

STUMBLED AGAINST SCREEN IS BELIEF

Lumber Dealer Was in Chicago With Several Members of His Firm When Accident Happened.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, June 26.—F. G. Owen, lumber dealer of Medford, Oregon, plunged to death from the sixth floor of a Michigan boulevard hotel early today. With his uncle, F. Owen of Portland, he had been a guest at the hotel two days and had planned to start home today.

The police were unable to determine whether death was accidental or suicidal. G. E. Anderson, secretary of the John S. Owen Lumber company, who accompanied Owen and hotel investigators said that Owen stumbled against a window screen, forcing it out.

Strain of Trial Was Too Much for Wife of Governor Small

While People of Home Town are Celebrating Governor's Acquittal, Mrs. Small is Stricken with Apoplexy.

KANKAKEE, Ill., June 26.—Mrs. Len Small, wife of Governor Small, died this morning following a stroke of apoplexy Saturday night during the excitement incident to the celebration by friends and fellow townspeople of the governor's acquittal Saturday on charges of conspiracy to defraud the state of interest during his term as state treasurer. The long trial had been a great strain on his wife.

Odd Fellows Meet in Cove

The Union county district association of I. O. O. F. held its annual meeting in Cove Saturday, June 24. The Crystal Rebekah lodge of La Grande made a clean sweep for honors in the drill and giving the charges, Elgin being the competing team.

The I. O. O. F. lodge of Cove won the banner in the drill competition, La Grande being the opposing team.

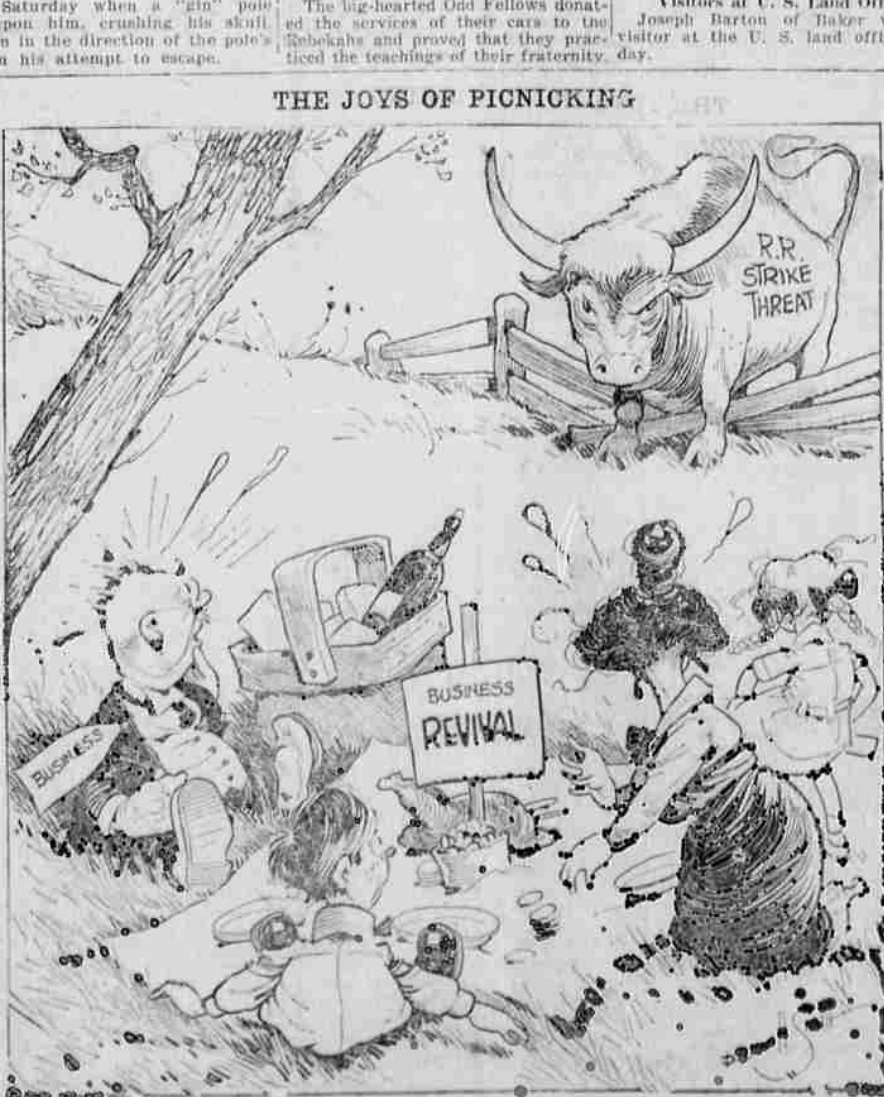
Cove's hospitality was ample in every way. The banquet and courtesy shown the visitors were of the brand the Cove people are noted for.

Mrs. Ingle of La Grande won the prize for the Noble Grande charge, and Miss Emily Snook took first in the Past Grand's charge.

The big-hearted Odd Fellows donated the services of their cars to the Rebekahs and proved that they practiced the teachings of their fraternity.

Visitors at U. S. Land Office Joseph Barton of Baker was a visitor at the U. S. land office today.

THE JOYS OF PICNICKING



EZRA MEEKER WILL SPEAK IN THIS CITY

Famous Pioneer Who Crossed the Plain 70 Years Ago on His Way to La Grande.

Ezra Meeker is coming to La Grande next Wednesday morning to remain a couple of days. This interesting news was received by the Union County Ad Club and arrangements are being made in conjunction with the Pioneer Association to have Mr. Meeker speak in this city while he is here. Definite announcements will be made tomorrow. Mr. Meeker is on his way to Baker, where he will participate in the picnic there on Tuesday, July 4th, but La Grande people are to have him at close range in advance. Mr. Meeker is on his way to New York by easy stages to consult with moving picture companies over the making of a picture called "The Winning of the Farthest West." It will be along these lines that he will speak if arrangements can be made for a hall for him.

Mr. Meeker is the pioneer who has done so much to mark the Old Oregon Trail and who placed a marker in south La Grande some several years ago at the exact point where the Oregon trail crossed the valley of the Blue Mountains. His present trip is not to solicit funds, but to advise younger generations something about the trail as he saw it 70 years ago.

REPUBLICANS IN STATE ORGANIZE

Walter L. Tooze Jr. Is Elected Head of Central Committee in Portland.

What promised to be a lively skirmish in the organization of the Republican State Central committee in Portland Saturday turned out to be quite a harmonious meeting and Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of McMinnville, was elected chairman of the organization, over A. H. Lea of Portland, by a vote of thirty to six. The only discord appearing was A. A. Bailey, committee man from Multnomah county, who left the meeting, his actions indicating that he will not be bound by the committee's work.

The committee empowered the new chairman to select a committee of twenty, composed of men and women in party, to conduct the present campaign and the chairman stated he would announce the personnel of that committee within ten days.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Harding administration and the work of the congressional delegation. There was a resolution adopted requesting the executive committee to investigate criticisms of the Oregon direct primary law as it now stands, with a view to its slow and steady judgment in any findings that might be made.

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Gland Doctor



Dr. Victor Leppinasso, gland expert, who performed an operation on Harold F. McCormick, harvester millionaire. The doctor smiles broadly. His fee was big.

Large Crowd Sees Pageant at Tabernacle

"Strange Visitors," the pageant presented at the L. D. S. Tabernacle under the auspices of the Union Stake Primary Board Saturday evening was a pronounced success. A large number were in attendance, among them being Bishop and Mrs. Nibley, of Salt Lake City.

About two hundred little children took part in the program and those who were fortunate enough to witness the entertainment state that it was very good.

The cantata "Strange Visitors" was last on the program before the final prayer by Stanley Zundell. The cantata was very beautiful and interesting and was a credit to those who took part.

The entertainers in the cantata were Misses Lucile Metcalf, Grace Laub, Evelyn Metcalf, Vince Bloomquist, Bessie Allen and Nellie Luton.

The guests were as follows: Dorothy Laub and Wallace Allen, England; Nellie Georison and Othello Richens, Scotland; Larva Lyman and Carl Stoddard, Ireland; Virginia Bramwell and Lowell Stoddard, France; Ho Hanks and Evelyn Bruce, Germany; Leah Bramwell and Hampton Trotter, Italy; Margaret Goides and Ronald Metcalf, Spain; Ruth Black and Robert Stoddard, Holland; Katherine Metcalf and Richard Keaton, Switzerland; Barbara Pickock and Leland Allen, Norway; Stanley Zundell, China, and Creta Baum, Japan.

The evening's program began with "Children's Day," a song by the primary children followed by a prayer by Margaret Goides. The primary officers then sang "A Prayer" and "Life's Mirror," was rendered by the Union Ward. The La Grande Ward furnished Lullaby and a tableau "The Sleeping Beauty," by the Imbler Ward drew much applause. The La Grande Ward again furnished a song "The Forest Day," which was followed by "Ritold Story and Song, On Pledge," by Mary Tanner and Sea Gull Ground, and the Mount Glenn Ward sang "Mother, I Love You." The chorus, "Praise Ye the Father" was sung by the Union Ward, which was followed by a recitation by Mildred Allen. A delightful duet was furnished by Wallace and Leland Allen. Primarily to the cantata "Strange Visitors."

Following the finishing of the Cantata Stanley Zundell led the congregation in prayer.

The proceeds of the entertainment went towards the financing of the L. D. S. missionaries.

CHURCHILL LAYS BLAME FOR HORRORS

Tells House of Commons What He Thinks is Wrong in Ireland.

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY RESPONSIBLE

Efforts to Break Down Ulster Government and Force Ulster Under Dublin Rule Also Mentioned.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, June 26.—Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies. In a statement in the house of commons today declared that the recent horrors in Belfast were due to the organization in that territory of two divisions of the Irish Republican and continuous efforts of the south to break down the Ulster government and force Ulster to come under Dublin rule. He declared that the imperial government had supplied the northern Irish government with 50,000 troops for defense and that the northern government would be supported at all costs. He asked for full debate on the Irish situation to be terminated by a division.

MRS. EAKIN DIED AT SALEM HOME

Robert Eakin of this city was called to Salem Saturday by a death message stating that his mother, Mrs. Robert Eakin, Sr., had passed away that afternoon. She was ill but a few weeks.

The remains will be shipped to Union and the funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian church of that city tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Mary Walker Eakin was born in the state of Missouri, April 20, 1864, and crossed the plains with her parents when but two years of age. Her family located at Eugene, Oregon, where she grew to womanhood. In early life she identified herself with the Presbyterian church and lived a consistent Christian life.

On June 21, 1876, she was married to Judge Robert Eakin and for nearly thirty years they lived in Union. Five children were born to them, two daughters having died several years ago. The judge also passed on a few years ago. The children living are Robert Eakin, of La Grande, and Harold Eakin and Miss Gertrude Eakin of Salem.

In 1906 Judge Eakin was made a member of the Supreme court of the state of Oregon and it was then that the family left Union and removed to Salem, where the Eakin home has been established ever since.

The people of Union county will receive the news of Mrs. Eakin's demise with much sorrow for she was a lady greatly beloved by everyone who knew her.

TEACHER SUICIDES (By Associated Press.) LEWISTON, Mont., June 26.—Della N. Michelson, 26 years of age, supposed to be originally from Detroit, Mich., but who has lately been teaching school at Livingston, Maebach county, committed suicide by taking poison at a rooming house Saturday night, her body being found Sunday morning.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, June 26.—Answering a question by Lord Robert Cecil in the house of commons Lloyd George said that Great Britain would support the proposal for Germany's admission to the league of nations.

CHICAGO, June 26.—A strike vote is being taken by the railroad signalmen on approximately one-third of the railroads, according to union announcement today.

Democrats of County Organize Committee

The last Democratic Central Committee meeting ever held in Union county since 1890 was held here today. Judge Thomas H. Goides, of Union, presided over the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a committee to run for the county seat in the fall.

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Weather
Tonight and Tuesday fair and cool, with light breeze.