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PENDLETON IS EXCITED OVER QUEER DEATH

Woman's Handkerchief Apparently Only Clue to Dead Man's Identity.

BODY FOUND IN BUSHES ON RIVER

Man's Neck Was Broken and His Pockets Had Been Rifled; Evidently Cause of Murder Was Robbery.

PENDLETON, Aug. 24.—"092." This laundry mark is the only clue officers have by which to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of an unidentified man found this morning shortly after 9 o'clock in a clump of brush at the edge of the Umatilla river, 1 1/2 miles west of Pendleton.

The man's neck was broken, and on the top of his head were several abrasions where the skin had been scratched, but aside from these injuries, the body yielded no information whereby might be built up an idea of the circumstances under which he met his death.

The theory that the stranger was killed in an accident or of any attempt at suicide, was discarded by the fact that all his pockets had been turned out, and anything he may have had in his pockets had been taken. A woman's handkerchief with the laundry mark, "092" was found on the side of the bank over which the body evidently had either been dragged or rolled. The label on the inside of the pocket of his suit was marked "San Diego."

The stranger evidently was in his early thirties, was about five feet nine inches tall, had dark hair, and was slightly bald above the brow. His eyes were light grey. His front upper teeth consisted of bridge-work. He was dressed in a blue serge suit, had on blue socks which still showed part of the paper labels which had been torn off of them, tan shoes, a grey flannel shirt. He had on no hat and no trace of any sort of headgear has been found by the officials. All of his clothing was clean. He had a two or three day's growth of beard on his face.

Discovery of the fact that a dead man was partially concealed in the brush was made by H. C. Bogynska, 507 Clay street, Portland. The suspicion that all was not right was held by George Clark and Marvin Keen, members of a road maintenance crew, and they were standing on the road looking down the steep bank when Bogynska came into view from around the curve from the west.

Clark and Keen hailed the Portland man.

"What is that down there?" they asked him, after he had stepped from his car.

"Don't know," Bogynska replied. "I'll take a look only tell you back the body of the man, resumed his journey, and notified the sheriff's office of his discovery. He accompanied the county officials who went down about 11 o'clock to bring back the body.

The party of officials who made the trip down the highway to bring back the body included E. L. Keator, district attorney; John F. Brady, deputy coroner, and Sheriff Zoeth Houser. A thorough search of the bank up and down the river was made, but nothing was found to indicate the identity of the man's murderers, or the circumstances under which he was killed.

The death of the stranger promises to furnish Umatilla county with one of the most elusive mysteries of its criminal history. How the man's neck was broken without making any more marks on his body than were found, where he was killed, and the identity of the dead man as well as the identity of the men who caused his death are matters that apparently are well hidden.

The theory of the case held by some of the officials is that the man had just come in off of some ranch and had considerable money in his pockets, and that someone, knowing this, either drugged him and broke his neck in throwing his body down the precipice, or killed him at some other place, and tried to hide the body at the bend of the river.

EMMONS PLEAD GUILTY, FINED

County Judge U. G. Couch fined A. R. Emmons, of Union, proprietor of the Emmons Clear store, \$275 this morning when Emmons pleaded guilty to the charge of having liquor in his possession. Emmons was arrested Saturday night when his store and residence was raided, the officers discovering a quantity of liquor, and his trial was set for this morning. He paid the fine, the charge.

BAKER COMING TO BIG EVENT

LaGrande Delegation Heartily Received by Neighbors at Fine Luncheon Yesterday.

Many points in Union county and much of Baker heard the story of the Dokie convention yesterday when a group of men from this city visited Union, North Powder, Haines and Baker, the big meeting of the day being at Baker, when the Baker Chamber of Commerce entertained ten men from La Grande at the Baker Country Club. The net result of the trip is deemed to have been very satisfactory. Baker, Haines and Union people are each diligently at work building the floats for the parade to be held here a week from Saturday night. Not only did the local caravan of two cars visit Dokie headquarters on the way but Knights of Pythias stations and the public as well. At Baker during the noon hour Geo. H. Quigley and C. W. Moore made the principal talks, while every member of the visiting delegation had a say. A great deal of interest was stirred up among the business men who realized for the first time that the convention is of interest to everybody. On the return a meeting was held at Union last evening when the local Dokies met with the Union Dokies at dinner at the Union Hotel. Haines was called on during the afternoon and a successful conference held with leaders in that community.

It is now definitely determined that every K. of P. lodge in Union, Baker, and Walla Walla counties will have a creditable float in the parade. Those who made the trip yesterday included C. W. Moore, Delia Green, Wm. Miller and Giles Harnden, from the Dokie lodge; George H. Quigley, Earl Stoddard, Sam Clinton, and A. W. Nelson, from the Ad Club. The La Grander report that the Baker Chamber of Commerce extended itself to entertain the visitors.

CONTEST IS ON FOR LABOR QUEEN

Labor Day will be celebrated in Pendleton this year, announced the Labor Council of La Grande to the Observer today. The plan is to hold a big Eastern Oregon celebration with each town and the labor council there, in backing the preparations to the utmost.

The Goddess of Labor contest started at noon on Wednesday, August 23, and will be a hummer from the start, according to the local council. "If the machinists' strike has been settled, the boys will go to Pendleton to celebrate their victory, and if not, they will go anyway, and protest against the unjust decision," states J. C. Murphy.

Last year the Labor Day celebration was held at La Grande and in 1920 Baker observed the day. This year Pendleton is the selected site and the various towns are all going to pull for a gala time, one of the first workers, that will assure everyone of a first class time.

Program Adopted.

At a special meeting of the Labor Day Committee held at the Eagles Hall the fore part of the week, the following program was adopted:

1. Since the United States emerged from the power of Kings and Queens, our wise forefathers saw fit to erect the Goddess of Liberty to greet the world in our principal harbor. Therefore, we the members of Organized Labor of La Grande, also wish to forget the kings and queens of old and wish to call our leading lady the Goddess of Labor.

2. That we select first, second and third prize for the Goddess of Labor that will represent us in Pendleton on Labor Day and that the contestants shall be working and earning their own living or else be the wives, daughters, mothers or sisters of workmen, a woman of La Grande or vicinity.

3. That the contestants to enter the race shall be allowed one thousand votes for the first dollar entered in her behalf to show good faith on her part, also the name to be written on the envelope plainly so that no error be made. All succeeding votes shall be on the basis of one vote for each cent.

4. All votes to be tabulated each day. Each contestant shall appoint a judge to look after her interests in the contest.

5. Contest closes at eight o'clock p. m. Saturday, September 2.

6. First, second or third contestants will get transportation and expenses to Pendleton, the first being Goddess of Labor and the other her maids.

7. Prizes will be on exhibition at Pearce's, Siegrists, and Birnie's jewelry stores on Tuesday, August 22. The prizes will be a Santour White Gold Watch, valued at \$75; good luck bracelet, valued at \$35; and sterling silver purse, valued at \$25.

The boxes in which each one may place their votes will be at the following establishments: Palace Confectionery, La Grande News Stand, Club Cigar Store, Glass Drug Company, Imperial Billiard Parlor and Herman's.

Lane's Second Hand Hand Store Damaged

Nothing but smoking ruins are left of the rear of the Harris building today as a result of a fire that broke out in the rear of the building in W. L. Lane's Second Hand Store a little before one o'clock this morning. The fire alarm was turned in at 1:05 and a quick run resulted in checking the fire, which would otherwise have probably swept the entire block clean. The Harris building is situated between Monroe and Madison on Fir street.

Two other concerns were also damaged to some extent due to smoke and heat. Weigle's plumbing shop and a shoe repairing shop, both in the same building, suffered to some extent. The Lane Second Hand Store was practically a total loss, the exact damage not having been ascertained but will probably amount to a considerable figure.

When the fire department reached the scene the flames had made considerable headway and through efficient work, the progress of the fire was checked, although the back part of the building could not be saved. The smoke handicapped the firemen to a large extent as it was hanging low, due to the wind. They were unable to effect an entrance through the front part of the store.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Whether it was incendiary, due to carelessness or accidental is a matter of conjecture as when the blaze was discovered the fire had gained enough headway to obliterate any traces that might have been left. W. L. Lane, proprietor of the store, was out of town on a hunting trip.

The building that was razed last night had been erected many years ago and was, to a certain extent, almost a landmark.

GERMAN MARK DROPS AGAIN

Failure of Reparations Committee to Agree Sends Mark Rattling Down the Scale Again.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The reported failure of the reparations committee to reach an agreement with Germany combined with the disquieting dispatches regarding the political and economic conditions in Germany today caused another sharp drop in German exchange.

Mark were quoted at five and one-eighth cents a hundred or approximately twenty for a cent.

TOOZE VISITS HERE SATURDAY

State Chairman of Republican Committee Wishes to Meet Republicans who Believe in the Party.

Walter L. Tooze, Jr., chairman of the Republican state central committee, will be in La Grande Saturday afternoon and would like to meet all Republicans who are interested in the welfare of the party at the city hall at 3 o'clock.

In the districts which he has already visited reports of interesting meetings have been made and he will doubtless have something to tell Republicans of Union county about conditions in the state when he arrives Saturday.

TRIBUTE PAID COLLINS.

(By Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Aug. 24.—A great multitude paid impressive tribute today to Michael Collins, the Irish leader who was shot by an assassin from ambush, as his body was borne through the streets.

UNCLE SAM TO SELL TIMBER

Largest Body of Timber He Owns Soon to be Opened Up; Located in Malheur Forest Reserve.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The largest body of compact yellow pine owned by the federal government, consisting of 550,000 acres in the Silver River watershed in Malheur national forest reserve of Oregon, is soon to be opened for sale and development, the forest service announced today.

The land is to be sold under government regulations insuring continuous production for all time of fifty to sixty million feet annually until timber is exhausted.

SOME ROADS MAY SETTLE INDIVIDUALLY

While Nothing is Positive About Conference Such Plan May be Possible.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—"It's now up to the shophmen," said the spokesman for the Big Five Brotherhood chiefs today after conferring with the committee representing about twenty railroads on the question of a separate settlement between individual roads and the striking shophmen.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Big Five Brotherhood chiefs and representatives of a score of railroads today prepared to thresh out the possibility of individual railroad lines settling with their striking shophmen.

OLD QUESTION DISCUSSED BY CITY FATHERS

Bonding House Plan of Building System and Getting its Pay from Water Revenue Gets No Place.

When the routine business of passing ordinances and attending to city details had been finished last evening at the city commission meeting, a discussion of the water question waxed quite warm for some little time, causing commissioners to speak their minds, each giving his views on what might or might not be done to acquire for La Grande a permanent water supply.

While nothing tangible or official was before the meeting, the debate hinged on a proposition recently made by a bonding house of Portland to build a water system for La Grande and accept payment in bonds against the water department revenues. According to such a plan the general property of the city would not stand behind the bonds and the holders of the system would have to look entirely to water revenues to retire the bonds.

It is understood that all commissioners were inclined to this proposition favorably, but when the matter was brought up last evening the question of falling back on the general fund for any deficits arose with as much might as has the seniority question in the railroad strike, causing Commissioners Stoddard and Williams to back off from the proposition.

President Grandy of the commission said he had got to the point where he did not let things scare him for he was so deeply in earnest about getting a permanent water supply for La Grande that he was willing to open negotiations with the bonding house in an endeavor to work their proposition down so that it could be put up to the people for adoption or rejection.

The longer Mr. Grandy talked on the water subject the more earnest he became until finally he appealed to his fellow commissioners, saying:

"Do you want water, or do you not? That is the question. If we want water for the city let us set it at it and get it, instead of winding wild tape as we have been doing on this subject and on other different improvement districts that have been petitioned for."

"I believe we should either do something or get out and let men here who will," Mr. Grandy continued. For several years I have been sitting on this commission hearing La Grande as a community cry for better water and we have been able to do nothing. I think, gentlemen, it is time to act and try and give the present generation water before they die of old age. At present we are drinking water that is being treated with vitriol and it is unfit to drink. Dead fish float on top of the reserve lake where we store the water, when we have plenty of fresh mountain water obtainable if we would but get busy and bring it in. A plan has been offered. Maybe it is not just what we want, but at any rate let us make a start and work one out."

Williams Answers.

"I wish to say, Mr. Grandy, that I am thoroughly sincere in wanting a permanent water supply for La Grande, but I am also sincere in wanting to protect the taxpayers on construction and sale of bonds for a water plant. That is why I do not favor this bonding plan with the provision in it that any deficit will be met from the general fund."

Mr. Grandy then stated that La Grande would have to pay for any water system it would build, that there was no chance to get it any other way and therefore he could not agree that the clause was any great barrier.

Stoddard Stands with Williams.

Commissioner David I. Stoddard practically stood with Mr. Williams on the matter, assuring the president that if he were personally going to undertake the building of a water plant he would first want competitive bids and then he would proceed with every safeguard possible. The claim was made that the company offering to take bonds against the water department revenue for constructing the plant insisted upon the contract for construction being let to a contractor satisfactory to the bonding company.

SET FREE ON HIS LEGAL RIGHTS

Ab Lee, the Chinaman who was jailed following the raid on the old "4-44" place last Friday evening when a considerable quantity of opium was discovered, was turned loose yesterday afternoon on account of no warrant having been served. The police held him as long as possible and were then forced to give him his freedom.

According to reports, the federal agent had not had a warrant served on Lee and the police were unable to hold him, as they had no legal right. Lee left La Grande last evening on No. 23 for Pendleton, where he is reported to be under surveillance.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—Friday fair, warmer tonight, near the coast. Continued warm weather in interior.

PORTLAND'S LABOR HITS EXECUTIVE

Drastic Omaha Resolution Which Was Sent Over Nation is Passed.

CLAIM SLAVERY IS IMPOSED

Appeal Made to American Federation of Labor to Call Nation-Wide Strike in Protest.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—Portland's Labor Council has adopted the same resolution passed by the Omaha labor organizations recently which was sent all over the nation to union labor, asking the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to call a national strike in protest against the "slavery conditions imposed upon us," according to a statement made today by W. E. Kimsey, secretary of the Portland council.

The Omaha resolution declared against President Harding's "purpose to use full power of the government to intimidate and oppress a free people and to bend them to his will, that American standards of living must be reduced."

The executive council of the Federation has no power to call a strike but it can propose to individual unions whether they wish to join a national strike.

If Oregon labor votes such a strike one hundred and twenty-five thousand workers would be affected.

MINES RAISE COAL PRICES

Mine Workers Term the Increase Put on Today by Illinois Mines as "Legalized Robbery."

(By Associated Press.)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 24.—The Central Illinois coal mines increased the price of coal \$1.25 per ton today and mine workers and officials of the mine workers termed the increase "legalized robbery."

WOULD BREAK THE DEADLOCK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—President Harding today directed Budget Director Lord to break the deadlock between Secretary Fall and the Shipping Board over the renewal of the Shipping Board's contract with the interior department for naval royalty oils.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

(By Associated Press.)

SIOT'S CITY, Iowa, Aug. 24.—The Sioux City Trades and Labor assembly passed the Omaha resolution here today.

INSPECT PLAN IN METROPOLIS

La Grande Men Give Good Report on Tire Factory Being Erected in Portland

Returning home from Portland where they had been marketing Grande Road rubber cattle, Charles Playe and Tom Johnson are not over enthusiastic about the present status of the cattle game.

While in Portland the two men inspected the factory of the Columbia Tire Company which is making progress. They report that the new tire company, which is organized to serve the western country with a standard automobile tire, is putting in a substantial steel and concrete factory building which apparently will be completed about November 1, this. It is being built on a very large scale and according to these gentlemen, it should be one of Oregon's leading industries when once operating.

Harris French of La Grande has taken over the eastern Oregon jobbing business for the Columbia tire and will have his headquarters with warehouses in La Grande which will add to the numerous other industries, which now use this city as a distribution point.

