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RACE RIOTS RESULT IN FOUR KILLED

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TOWN OF ROSEWOOD IS BURNED BY A MOB

Three Buildings Are Left Standing in Rosewood; Race Trouble Started in Otter Creek.

(By The Associated Press.)
OTTER CREEK, Fla., Jan. 5.—Two white men and two negro women are the known dead and many other casualties are reported as the result of race trouble here last night.

Early today at Rosewood, twelve miles from here, the entire village, with the exception of three buildings, was burned by the mob shortly after daylight.

STORM HITS THE PHONE COMPANY

Heavy Snow Akin to Silver Thaw and Weights Down Wires and Poles.

The heavy snow of last night and today is causing more or less damage to the E. O. L. & P. company and upon the Otter Telephone company. The latter company has over 300 cases of trouble on and their crews are working today with all the vigor possible to restore service in places where the trouble occurred. Nothing of a serious nature has developed but the numerous cases of small trouble combine to make the department handling that end of the work thoroughly busy.

A number of new phones had been ordered in the first of the year and with the company has been going arranged to make the installations. In some instances there will be delay because of the storm's effect.

HIGH SCHOOL COACH RESIGNS

Joe "Skeet" Reynolds has tendered his resignation as a member of the faculty of the La Grande high school and athletic coach, which the board accepted, is the advice that was received today. It is understood that the school board has feigned out for a new coach with "Skeet" leaving and Cecil Snow is temporarily filling the bill.

Students of La Grande high school and members of the football team expressed sincere regret at his resignation. "Skeet" always a favorite among his associates, led the Blue and White football team to the championship of Eastern Oregon and had begun the work of developing the basketball men for the coming season, which Cecil Snow has taken up.

It is understood that "Skeet" is expecting to accept a position in another city within the next few days.

HEIRS LOSE CASE

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—The circuit court decided against the Vennum heirs in a half million dollar suit against six Portland Christian Science churches.

County Records Show a Crime Increase in 1922

From the records of the county peace officials, comparisons between 1922 and 1921, it appears that the general increase in crime is noted in Union county as well as in other places. Either this or else the sheriff and his deputies are growing more efficient with each passing year. At any rate the total number of arrests in 1922 was 101, a larger number than during the preceding year and a greater number was convicted in 1922 than the year before.

Despite the fact that 35 fines are recorded on the county books of justice, the amount of money taken in on the fines is conversely proportional to the records for 1921. Fines in 1921 were 23 in number and amounted to \$350.25 while the net proceeds derived for the county coffers from the 35 arrests last year was only \$2706.20, which indicates that though greater in number, the offenses were of a more minor nature.

One Woman Arrested.
One man was arrested for causing a disturbance at a social gathering.

LEE MORRISEY HANDS SAILOR A KNOCKOUT

Boise Man Wins from Spokane Boxer in Very Fast Event; Kid Sarp Winner Over Ted McGee.

Dropping a right punch, straight from the ceiling, on Sailor Manning's neck two and one-half minutes after the eighth round commenced, Lee Morrisey won the ten round welterweight event on last night's cards. When the blow, that could be heard all over the building, smashed onto Sailor's collar support, he kissed the canvas and remained in the embrace of the mat for the regulation ten seconds and then was unable to get up for several more seconds, in fact, he was groggy for several minutes after he once more opened his eyes and gazed on the electric lighted surroundings. The sailor was at sea during the last three rounds and Morrisey landed, brandside after brandside on him, impartially hammering his body at one time and his head at another.

Although Morrisey won he knew he had been in a struggle. Sailor wasn't in the best of condition, and if he had been it is doubtful if he could hang the K. O. on the blue leather puncher, but from the fourth round, he weakened and by the end of the sixth, it appeared to be a question of time. Although knocked out, Sailor Manning will find a hearty welcome whenever he comes to La Grande again. Game to the finish, capable of taking punches as well as giving them and smiling through every round, Sailor gave a fine exhibition of courage and clean fighting.

Start of Fight Even.

Manning took the aggressive early in the first round and maintained it for the greater part of the time. Clever footwork marked his fighting and Morrisey with his snappy, fast punches kept things going merrily. Throughout the second, third and fourth rounds, both men traded punches, each getting value received, sparring considerably. Both men were driven to the ropes several times and for the first four rounds the match was evenly drawn.

But the pace began to tell on the Spokane man and going began to get a little bit heavy in the fifth. That round was Morrisey's by the thinness of a hair; Sailor attempted to come back in the sixth but Morrisey was that round by a greater margin. In the seventh Sailor gamely hit on and mixed with his fresher opponent, Morrisey's round. The eighth started off with both men landing strong. Morrisey one-twined to the body and head, Sailor crouched and covered up, and Morrisey's right descended on his neck with the force of a thunderbolt. Curtains for Sailor.

Sarp Wins from McGee.

Kid Sarp, La Grande lightweight, showed up his Baker opponent, Ted McGee in the six round semi-final. Incidentally it never went six rounds for in the fourth one minute after the bell, McGee's seconds hurried the towel in to save their man from further punishment. McGee broke his right hand in the third round.

Sarp, with his aggressive crouching style, was a surprise to his larger and younger opponent. The first round was about even with Sarp being rushed to the ropes and coming back landing tellingly on McGee's heart. Sarp's fighting was beginning to wear McGee down.

In the second and third Sarp kept coming stronger and stronger and was soon landing almost at will, having a fine chase to K. O. McGee in the third.

Preliminaries Good.

The two four round preliminaries were good, both ending in a draw according to the referee. In the Stilwell vs. Hart, Stilwell easily had the best of it throughout and in the Mickey Thomas-Earl Ford opener, rickshaws believed that Ford should have had a decision. Earl, yet but

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DENIAL OF DELINQUENT TAXES SMALL REPORT FROM BERLIN MADE

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The state department officials denied the Berlin report that the American government plans to call a new reparations conference. They pointed out that the government had done all it can towards the solution of the reparations crisis and that no disposition to force upon the Allies the financial commission plan which Hughes outlined in his New Haven speech was felt.

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Berlin correspondent of the Central News says that he learned "that in accordance with a request by the British Wednesday, the United States government intends to call an international conference in Washington next week to consider the reparations deadlock."

HOOP ARTISTS PREPARE FOR UNION CAGERS

Under the tutelage of Cecil Snow, the La Grande high school basketball team will open their interscholastic season against Union high school Saturday night in the high school gymnasium. La Grande is looking for a tough game as reports from Union indicate that the Maroon and White will have a team this year that will be stronger than any they have had since 1919.

The first team probable lineup will be Owen Price and Bernard Hummel at forwards; Glenn Metcalf, center and captain; and Floyd Smith and Joe Funk at guards. Price, in his first year of first team basketball is improving rapidly and Hummel, who played on the Rupert team last year who were runners-up to the state champions, is considered by many as being one of the best high school men in Union county. Metcalf, at center, is a veteran who is showing up well this year and likewise is Smith, Funk, formerly of Enterprise, is improving rapidly.

Others Close Behind.

La Grande this year is fortunate in having enough good material to make the first team men hump to hold their places. Changes are being made in the lineup weekly and not a man is sure of his place from one game until another. Five men, practically as good as the regulars, will be in uniform Saturday night ready to take up the battle at the slightest letting-up of any of the first stringers. Bob Garrity, and Ray Lynch, both lettermen, Tige Larson, center, and Clifford Blok-

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DELINQUENT TAXES SMALL

Only Six and One-Half Per Cent. of Total Taxes in Union County Remain Unpaid.

"The tax payment records in Union county for this year are equal or possibly better than in any other county in the state," was the opinion expressed by County Tax Collector Dexter Mellroy to the Observer today. "Out of a total of \$775,328.15 due in taxes for the year, only \$50,090.7 are still delinquent in the county."

A little less than six and one-half percent remains delinquent which is a much better record than at this time last year and despite the much talked about "tightness" of money, the taxes are being paid rapidly. The five percent interest penalty is in vogue and taxes are still coming in, reducing the total delinquent day by day.

RECEPTION FOR BISHOP TONIGHT

Episcopal Church People Invite Community to Meet in Hall to Meet Church Head.

This evening from 8 until 10 o'clock a reception will be held in Roman hall by the members of the Episcopal church, and the community is most cordially invited to attend.

The bishop has met a number of La Grande people during his short stay in the diocese and his popularity is quite pronounced, but as yet no event has been planned whereby a general get-together meeting could be held where the general public could meet this gentleman who is to head the Episcopal church east of the Cascade mountains.

Music and refreshments will be served and the two hours will be spent in a most pleasant meeting of church people and townspeople with Rev. Mr. Remington.

LEGISLATORS TAKE GO TO SALEM

With the convening of the state legislature scheduled for Monday, January 8, senators and representatives from Eastern Oregon are leaving tonight for the state capitol are making preparations to leave very shortly for their "forty days and forty nights" session.

Two Union county legislators are leaving for Salem this evening, Representative and Mrs. A. R. Hunter, of Union county, and Senator Bruce Dennis, of Union and Walla Walla counties, will leave for Portland tonight, thence going on to the Capitol City.

MURDER CASE IN LOUISIANA BEGUN TODAY

(By The Associated Press.)
BASTROP, La., Jan. 5.—An investigation in open court of the masked band depredations and the kidnapping and slaying of Watt Daniel and T. Richards, Mer Rouge citizens, was started before Judge Fred L. Odum, in the district court.

The judge warned against disorder and intimidations of witnesses.

MRS. HOPKINS DIES SUDDENLY

One of La Grande's Popular Ladies Fails to Recover from Anaesthetic.

Failing to recover from an operation Mrs. Besse H. Hopkins passed on very suddenly at 11:30 o'clock today. While her relatives and friends realized that the operation was quite serious, it was never suspected that she would not rally from the anaesthetic. This she failed to do, probably because of a severe hemorrhage yesterday.

She is the wife of George Hopkins, owner of the Blue Mountain Creamery, and is one of the most beloved women of this city. Her sterling worth, known best to her close friends, causes the shock of her sudden death to be received this afternoon with the deepest sorrow throughout the city. She was 48 years of age.

The family she leaves includes the husband and children—Herbert, Julia and Elizabeth—who have the most profound sympathy of the entire community.

The remains will be forwarded to tomorrow evening to Oregon, Illinois, the former home of the Hopkins family, for burial. Mr. Hopkins will accompany them.

BISHOP PADDOCK TO WED ON JANUARY 9

Bishop Paddock, formerly bishop of the Episcopal church of Eastern Oregon, is to be married to Miss Jean Aitkin, of New York City, on Tuesday, January 9th. The ceremony will take place in one of the chapels in the Cathedral of New York.

In the latter part of January they expect to leave for the Mediterranean Sea and Southern Italy. Bishop Paddock, who has been in ill health for some time, which was responsible for his resigning as Bishop of Eastern Oregon, expects to regain his former good health while in the south.

Miss Aitkin was a Sunday school teacher in one of Bishop Paddock's parishes about twenty years ago.

EXTRA

TWELVE MEN PERISH

(By The Associated Press.)
VICTORIA, Jan. 5.—Twelve men were believed to have perished when the hundred-ton Steamer Alaska wrecked probably Tuesday night off the east coast of Vancouver Island, according to news today.

JAPANESE ARMS PLOT REVEALED IN ROSE CITY

Smuggled Weapons and Ammunition Seized in Nipponese Den; More Arrests Held Likely.

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—A store of smuggled firearms and ammunition, sent from Japan to local Japanese, was discovered yesterday afternoon by a combined posse of police and customs agents, who raided the establishment of G. Oki, 209 Second street, states the Oregonian.

More than 70 high powered automatic pistols and large caliber revolvers and several boxes of ammunition were seized. Oki was taken to jail on a charge of receiving and concealing smuggled property.

Federal officials refused to comment on the case, beyond admitting the arrest of Oki and the seizure of arms. How widespread the plot may be is left entirely to conjecture. Details of customs inspectors are now at work on the case and are attempting to discover how the arms were shipped into America. The current opinion is that the arms were smuggled for commercial purposes, probably for sale to other Japanese.

COMMERCIAL MEN MEETING

State Chamber of Commerce is Meeting in Portland Today; Land Development to Come Up.

The development of lands now unused in Oregon, land settlement problems that await for a solution, discussions of co-operative marketing and other questions are on the program for consideration at the fourth annual meeting of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce which will be held in Portland today. A program of the meeting has been received by the Pendleton Commercial Association but no one has yet been designated to attend as a delegate from here.

The meeting will require the entire day. A speech of welcome and a response in the morning session will be followed by election of new directors and by the report of J. W. Brewer, executive secretary of the organization.

At the forum luncheon at noon tendered the meeting by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, H. H. Corcy, public service commissioner, will speak on the subject "Railroad Development in Central Oregon, and Elton Watkins, congressman-elect from the third congressional district, will speak on "What Congress Can Do For Oregon." Officers will be elected at noon.

Four problems will be discussed in the afternoon session. W. D. B. Dodson, secretary of the Oregon Development board will talk on "The State Development Program." A discussion on land settlement will be led by C. S. Hudson, president of the First National bank of Bend. "Co-operative Marketing" will be discussed by J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, and "Publicity" is the subject which C. E. Inaals, editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, will introduce.

Considerable interest in the proposal of Portland to get behind a movement to assist farmers in their marketing problems has been expressed in Pendleton, and men who are students of the problem are awaiting the results of the meeting with some anticipation, states a Pendleton paper.

OFFICIALS WILL PROBE KELSOCRASH

Coroner - Elect Announces That An Investigation Will Be Made.

TWO DEAD AND 20 MISSING IS REPORT

Plans for Construction of Permanent Bridge Are Being Made; Will Take Two Months to Complete.

(By The Associated Press.)
KELSO, Wash., Jan. 5.—Four of the missing in the bridge disaster were located today and one unidentified man was added to the list, making a total missing of twenty, in addition to two known dead. Those located were: Chas. Soudquist, mill employe, and the three children of Emil Johnson, California contractor.

Grapplers today pulled up a coat which they thought was pulled off of a body.

(By The Associated Press.)
KELSO, Washington, Jan. 5.—An investigation to fix the responsibility for the death of two unknown victims of the crashing Wednesday of the old Cowitz River bridge will be held, according to an announcement today by acting Coroner Van Note, who will assume the office of Coroner January 8.

Meantime the river is being dragged by Portland police grapplers and crews of local men for the recovery of the 24 missing.

Construction of a temporary trestle to connect the ends of the new bridge is being planned. The completion of the remaining span of the permanent new structure will take two months, according to the state bridge engineer.

A diver stated that he saw a crumpled body pinned in a machine under the surface of the Cowitz river yesterday. This was the basis of the report that an unidentified body had been found.

WINTER PLAYS TRICK ON CITY

Short Circuit Puts Fire Alarm System Out of Order; Snow Falls to Depth of Six Inches.

Falling in flakes the size of big buttons, snow covered the city of La Grande this morning to a measured depth of six inches, the storm beginning about midnight and continuing without abatement until about eight o'clock, with intermittent flurries of that hour. The thermometer hovered about freezing point and during the day, the snow melted at times nearly as fast as it accumulated.

The fire department, usually non-committal about the doings of the weather, are cursing the snow in a gentlemanly manner this morning for its coming, grief was showered on them in great portions. About three o'clock this morning, snow covered wires became crossed and short circuited, that resulted in the breaking-up of the fire warning system, took the joy out of life.

Fire Chief Marchison mounted his trusty flier and started out searching for the trouble site about four o'clock. All went well for awhile and then, in endeavoring to maneuver a corner, the car swerved slightly in the slippery snow and the rear wheel collided with a tree. The only damages that resulted was the scratching of the bark on the tree and a bent axle.

The trouble was not found until the day well on its course and the incessant ringing of the vibrators in the fire-alarm boxes were a source of excitement and amusement to residents of the city for some time.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—Wheat was \$1.15 to \$1.14 today.

Jess Willard Returns To Eastern Country

Looking just as big as ever and he had very little to say regarding his former profession.

Jess Willard, one-time heavyweight pugilistic champion of the world, passed through La Grande last evening on his way east after a sojourn in Tacoma, where he appeared in some exhibition matches. Jess refused to make any comments upon whether he would challenge the present champion, Jess is no pigmy.

