

MEMEL SCENE OF FIGHTING

SENSATIONAL ROBBERY IS STAGED BY 10

Three Hundred Are Robbed in California Roadhouse By Ten Highwaymen.

\$50,000 IS AMOUNT OF LOOT SECURED

Evening Gowns Torn; Women and Escorts Beaten; Bandits Make Their Escape Quickly.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 15.—Bandits, estimated to number at least ten, held up and robbed approximately 300 patrons in the Perkoia, a fashionable roadhouse at Hayward, a suburb near here early today. The loss in jewelry, money and other valuables was estimated at \$50,000. Afterward the bandits drove rapidly in the direction of Stockton, stationing a special dispatch from the Portland press.

While the guests were dancing two men, heavily armed and masked, appeared in the front door and ordered the patrons and attendants to hold their hands.

Men and Women Separated.

Simultaneously two other bandits covered the cooks and waiters in the kitchen, forcing them into the ball room. All of the men were then lined up on one side of the room, while the women were ordered to station themselves on the opposite side.

The four bandits then proceeded from patron to patron, relieving them of their valuables. They carried two gunny sacks into which the loot was thrown. Several of the men who offered resistance were knocked down.

Bandits Warn Patrons.

After they completed robbing the patrons and attendants the bandits warned those in the roadhouse that if any alarm was sounded within ten minutes the place would be riddled with bullets. When the bandits left the orchestra began playing and the patrons danced for ten minutes, when the police were called.

The outbreak came this evening from a beautiful boulevard in the search for accepted seven beat women employees and knocked men senseless with revolver butts when the more courageous among the escorts sought to make a stand against the robbers.

The names of the guests read like pages from the social registers of the bay cities and environs.

University of California students were well represented, and some of the best known business men in San Francisco were present.

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GRANDE RONI FRUIT CO. At Bunting Wareh

Bargains I Homes

A new five-room dandy ho two 10s near the railroad sho water, electric lights, bath and

Rainbow Mines Struck By Fierce Fire; Loss

Approximately \$100,000

BAKER, Jan. 15.—Approximately \$100,000 loss was sustained by the Rainbow Mines company early yesterday morning when fire destroyed the mill and other buildings on the property, located near Rye Valley, between 3 and 5 o'clock a. m. It is believed that a short circuit is responsible for the fire, according to U. Ham, superintendent. According to a report from the property last step toward reestablishing it prior to yesterday's fire. Insurance is carried by the company, but to what amount is not known. Whether or not the property will be re-equipped is problematical until company of

The property was equipped with a

officials from Portland arrive,

HOME HOOPERS CHALK UP THIRD STRAIGHT WIN

Elgin Team is Defeated 24 to 18 on Their Home Floor—La Grande Team Going Good.

Saturday's Results.

At Elgin: La Grande 24, Elgin 18. At Baker: Union 22, Baker 12. In a slow but interesting game La Grande defeated Elgin by a score of 24 to 18 on the latter's home floor Saturday afternoon. Elgin took an early lead when Tucker began dropping in a few counters from the 15-foot line. Before La Grande could get their eye on the basket their opponents had scored five times via the foul route. When La Grande did get started Lynch dropped in three field baskets and Hummelt dropped in another one and the Blue and White went into the lead. Tucker scored again on a foul and Lynch dropped in a couple of fouls and a field basket just as the half ended. Score 12-8 in favor of La Grande.

The floor work of Hummelt and Price the guarding of Smith and Garritty and Lynch's shooting featured for La Grande while the foul shooting of Tucker for Elgin were the outstanding plays in this half. Not a field basket was scored by the Elgin in this half, while La Grande scored five times from the field and twice from the foul line.

Elgin Rallyes.

The second half opened by Metcalf dropping in one for two counts, closely followed by baskets by Hill and Gordon. A foul by Tucker and a basket by Hill and one by Tucker, which was a lucky shot over back of his head with one hand when Smith was guarding him closely, put Elgin in the lead once again. A foul by Lynch put La Grande even and then Gordon dropped one, taking the lead. Their lead was short-lived, however, as Smith came down the floor and hung up a next ringer from the field. Tucker again came in from the foul line and put Elgin one to the good, out Fank, who had replaced Lynch, dropped in a couple of fouls and after that La Grande was never headed. A couple of field baskets by Metcalf and a foul by Fank completed the scoring for both sides and when the final whistle sounded La Grande had 24 counters to Elgin's 18.

The game was very clean and while a great many fouls were called it was due to the fact that the officiating was very close with neither side having any advantage. Referee Eames handled the game in this style and both sides were well pleased with his decisions. La Grande had a little difficulty in adopting themselves to this style after having met the rough tactics of the Union team the night before.

Tucker Is Elgin Star.

For Elgin Tucker was their outstanding star by his wonderful foul shooting, but he fell down when it came to hitting the old hoop from the floor, mainly because of the close guarding of Smith. For La Grande Price played a good floor game, but failed to break into the scoring column. Hummelt played his usual steady game, breaking up many of the Elgin plays in their infancy. Lynch seemed to be able to hit the basket in fair shape, but his floor work was very ragged.

The line-ups and summary: La Grande (24) Elgin (18) Lynch (11) Tucker (10) Price (12) Miller (Capt) Smith (2) Stoop Garritty (4) Gordon (4) Substitutions: La Grande, Captain Metcalf (4) for Hummelt; Fank (3) for Lynch; Elgin: Hill (4) for Wy-cliff.

Referee: Eames of Lostine. Timekeepers: Ghent of Elgin and Reynolds of La Grande. Scorekeepers: Cyrus of Elgin and Snow of La Grande.

PIGEON HONORS WON BY STANGE

Trapshooting Event at the Country Club Yesterday Won By August Stange With Percentage of .950.

The first trap shoot at the Country club was held yesterday afternoon and 14 shooters were on hand to try their marksmanship. Several good scores were made, but owing to lack of practice and poor trap location the results were not as good as they might be. At the present time the trap is located near the club house and the background is such that it is hard to see the target. The trap is to be changed before the next shoot which is to be held next Sunday, so that targets will be thrown against the skyline.

Stange's Score Good.

First honors went to August Stange with a score of 25 birds out of 40. Considering the conditions existing, this score is very good. Second honors went to Dr. Landis with a score of 42 out of 50 and third to Frank Lilly who broke 38 out of 50. Lester Stoddard succeeded in taking fourth place with 13 birds broken out of 20. This was Stoddard's first experience at trapshooting and with a little more practice it is more than possible that he will be crowding for higher honors. The list of shooters, together with their averages, are given as follows:

	Targets	Score	Percentage
1. August Stange	40	25	.950
2. Dr. Landis	50	42	.840
3. Frank Lilly	50	38	.760
4. Lester Stoddard	20	13	.650
5. Chase Bohonkamp	25	14	.560
6. Claude Seranton	10	6	.600
7. D. D. Putman	10	6	.600
8. A. V. Andrews	25	17	.680
9. Earl Stoddard	20	9	.450
10. Chas. Reynolds	20	3	.150
11. W. H. Leishman	20	7	.350
12. Dr. Murphy	20	16	.800
13. Howard O'Brien	20	15	.750
14. Dr. Harry Boony	10	2	.200

The next shoot will start at 1 o'clock sharp next Sunday afternoon if the weather permits. Howard O'Brien will be in charge.

PIERCE NAMES MEDFORD MAN

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 15.—W. E. Crews of Medford, was today appointed by Governor Pierce as state corporation commissioner succeeding T. E. Handley, resigned. He will take the office on Wednesday of next week.

THE WEATHER PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—Tonight fair; Tuesday probably rain in the west and fair in the east portion.

PENDLETON MAN MAY BE CITY HEAD

F. B. Hayes, of Pendleton, Will Probably Receive the Appointment Wednesday Evening.

F. B. Hayes, present water superintendent and city engineer, of Pendleton, will probably be La Grande's next city manager, according to reports coming from the city officials. The city commissioners of La Grande met Saturday evening informally to discuss the matter of selecting a permanent city manager to succeed J. E. Stearns, temporarily holding the position since O. A. Kratz's resignation went into effect, and of the list of applicants. Sherwood Williams, president of the commission, states that "Mr. Hayes appears to be the best man for the position. His recommendations, not only coming from him but from Pendleton business men of prominence, and his past record, indicates that he is a thoroughly capable man. He will very likely receive the official appointment Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the commission."

"I hate to leave Pendleton in many ways, but the offer was not one to be refused," Mr. Hayes said. "I will be glad to go to La Grande and for the rooms in your hotel."

THE L. D. GARAGE FIRE IN PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 15.—Fire, which broke out in Tommy Bond's garage on Garden street about five o'clock yesterday evening, totally destroyed four cars and damaged seven other automobiles in addition to smoke and water damage to a house adjoining and to the Panatorium Cleaning works and the American Tire shop.

The garage, cleaning works, and the tire shop are the property of Joe Hanscom and are housed in a brick building adjacent to the Elks' temple. The temple was not damaged.

When the fire bell sounded smoke, from the burning gasoline was pouring from the garage and nearby buildings and by the time the firemen arrived at the scene, the flames had burned into the automobiles. The loss, which is believed to be covered by insurance, with the exception of two cars, was estimated to be at about \$10,000.

Reverent Joseph Chesser, of Baker, will deliver an address at the meeting of the Ad club tomorrow noon in the Methodist church and J. J. Handsaker will also speak on "Oregonians I met in the Near East."

Both men are excellent speakers and their subjects promise to be very interesting.

The meeting will be held at 12 o'clock sharp, presided over by Hugh Brady with the Methodist ladies catering. One of the features of the luncheon will be a violin solo by Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller, one of La Grande's premier musical artists.

German Commission Stops Coal Deliveries to Both The French and Belgium

LEGISLATORS OF 3 STATES WILL GATHER

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Jan. 15.—California, Idaho and Washington legislatures will be asked to send committees to Salem to confer with a committee from the Oregon legislature regarding the uniform legislation on the income tax and gasoline tax, if concurrent resolutions introduced by Senators Eddy and Flisk is adopted. Another measure providing for the consolidation of the state departments is to be considered by the legislature along with the Hall measure being prepared by Senator Johnson and Representative Carlin.

CONFECTIONERY CHANGES HANDS

J. C. Macpherson, J. G. Snodgrass and Harry Snodgrass Purchase The Palace Today.

Announcement was made today that the Palace Confectionery owned by J. T. Richardson, was sold to J. C. Macpherson, J. G. Snodgrass and Harry Snodgrass this morning, the new owners taking immediate possession. The Palace Confectionery is one of the finest establishments of its kind in La Grande and it is understood that the deal has been underway for several days, the final closing coming early today.

Harry Snodgrass will be manager of the front end and of the confectionery, and the present force of employees will remain the same. The former owner, Mr. Richardson, has not yet announced his future plans.

LONG STANDING CASE SETTLED

Boundary Dispute in Red River Case is Settled By Supreme Court Today.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The south cut of the Red river was made the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma by the supreme court decision today in the famous Red river case. The decision is a compromise conflicting with the contention of the United States and Texas.

The Red river case was brought to the supreme court in the boundary dispute between Oklahoma and Texas, which grew acute in 1918, when oil was discovered in the Big bend of that river between Tillman and Cotton counties, Oklahoma and Wichita county, Texas.

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MINT BANDIT FOUND DEAD

(By Associated Press) DENVER, Jan. 15.—A bandit found slain in a private garage last night was shot and instantly killed by one of the guards of the Denver mint who fired at the fleeing bandit gang which robbed the Federal Reserve truck of \$200,000, it was established by an autopsy held here today.

The bandit, who, according to the police was the band's leader and who was shot as he arose on the running board of the fleeing automobile to take a final shot at his pursuers, died of a bullet wound in the heart.

La Grande Elks Plan Homecoming and Dance

Plans have been perfected for what is intended to be the banner social event in the history of the La Grande lodge of Elks. It is to be in the nature of a homecoming, centering in a special program of high class music and stunts, to be followed by dancing.

The local lodge has determined to try out a new experiment in its annual ball program. Heretofore the annual event has been in the nature of a formal or quasi-formal affair, resting both members and lodge for considerable times. This year the event is to be free to all Elks, their wives and their sweethearts.

A committee has been appointed to take charge, and that committee has now met and organized, and drafted a plan for the first dance and program of this sort.

Included in the program will be a

der has ever permitted such a venture. The wives and sweethearts of local members will get a thrillsome view of what their husbands and sweethearts have undergone when they became Elks. To Elks this may seem strange, but the committee announces that it has gone about it in the proper way and has accomplished something that even the most sanguine have never dreamed of doing—namely, to exemplify a public institution. That every Elks' wife and sweetheart will want to see this event extraordinary goes without saying.

The musical part of the program will be of the very highest type. In view of all the special features it is anticipated that the Elks' home will be the scene of at least one people on that occasion. The date will be definitely announced shortly but will be either the night before Ash Wednesday or the second night before.

FRANCE NOW TIGHTENING ESSEN RING

Change in Front by the Coal Magnates Is Responsible for New Movement

FRENCH FORCES OCCUPY BOCHUM

Memel Report Says Insurgent Commander Declares Action Directed Against German Government.

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BULLETINS

MEXICO EXPELS ROMAN MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—The executive order issued Saturday night directing the expulsion from Mexico within three days of Monsignor Ernesto Fillippi, the apostolic delegate to Mexico, for participating in religious ceremonies contrary to federal law, was interpreted in many quarters here Sunday as President Obregon's first important move against alleged Catholic aggressiveness.

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