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FORMER HEAD OF VETERANS BUREAU DEAD

Charles Cramer Commits Suicide in Washington, D. C., Today.

NERVOUS STRAIN IS HELD DEATH MOTIVE

Bids Wife Good-Bye, Locks Himself in Bath Room, and Puts Bullet Through His Brain.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—Charles F. Cramer, of San Francisco, who retired last month as general counsel for the Veterans' Bureau at a time when the conduct of the bureau was under fire in Congress, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head.

The body was found in the bath room of his home where he had locked himself after saying good-bye to Mrs. Cramer when she left on the midnight train for New York.

Friends say that the nervous strain from his connection with the bureau undermined his health. On the dresser in his bedroom was a poem on death clipped from a newspaper.

COVE BOY GETS HEIFER CALF

Showing a keen interest in calf club work, Dr. W. T. Phy, proprietor of Hot Lake sanatorium, has made a present of a purebred Holstein heifer calf to one of the members of a calf club at Cove, Oregon. The fortunate boy is Marvin Daniels, states the Oregon Farmer. The heifer is by Dr. Phy's great young bull, the only son of Carnation King Sylvia, in Oregon. The club was organized and is "fathered" by H. G. Avery, county agriculturalist of Union county, with headquarters at La Grande. Mr. Avery has both a herd record club and a calf club at Cove. There are six members in the record club. Some of them were in the club last year and some are in both clubs. Each member has to do testing and to keep a record of the milk produced, the feed given and especially the percent and total pounds of fat, for the term of four months. Twelve of the boys have grade calves and, besides the purebred Holstein, Gordon Mills has purchased a purebred Jersey from Leon Levy of Union. Mr. Levy let the young man have a choice calf at a big reduction from the regular price. Mr. Levy is another man who takes a deep personal interest in the club work, and it is probable one more boy will take a calf from him.

Mr. Avery reports that club work in the county last year was very satisfactory. One girl won considerable in prize on her Shorthorn steer at different shows and there were pigs that got in the money at the Pacific International.

VETS TO CHARTER SHIP

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Mar. 14.—Disabled American Veterans of the World War here plan to charter a river steamer, with accommodations for 100, for the round trip to Sacramento, to attend the annual state convention of their organization, May 23-25.

THE WEATHER

(By The Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 14.—Tonight and Thursday fair, with continued cold.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 14.—Hard white \$1.35; Western Red \$1.17.

Dig as Deeply as You Can for Charity Drive

With bright, cheerful weather to greet the different committees this morning, Red Cross home charity undertakings are proceeding with excellent results in the city of La Grande. The initiation of C. E. Short, chairman of the solicitation committee, is to push the work to an early finish. "Everyone has the Red Cross home charity drive spirit now and it is when all unite in thought and action that big things are accomplished." It is being made plain that this is no wise a roll call, for it is far from that. The donations to this fund should be large enough to make the drive feel justified in having done its part for charity for the year. When a roll call membership amount to but one dollar, half of which was sent to national headquarters, this drive must figure in larger amounts when possible for the reason that the

Petty Thievery Continues; Ice Cream and Freezer Is Taken from L. D. S. Hall

Several reports of petty thievery have been received during the past few weeks at police headquarters and another one was added to the list when they were notified today that some persons, thought to be some of the younger boys of the city, broke into the L. D. S. amusement hall early last evening and stole a freezer of ice cream which was to have been used later in the evening at the Ladies' Relief society social.

The matter is now in the hands of the police officials and action is expected to be taken.

OREGON TRAIL CELEBRATION WILL BE LARGE

When Completed, Dedication Exercises to Be Held; To Invite Distinguished Guests.

PENDLETON, Mar. 14.—When the Oregon trail through the Blue Mountains is completed there will be a genuine celebration staged and notable from far and wide will be invited to attend and see what has happened to the old trail since the days of the covered wagon.

President Harding will be invited to attend the ceremony and also governors of many western states, including all governors of state along the highway. Secretary of the Interior Work will be in this region at that time and will be asked to take part.

At the first meeting of the new board of managers of the Commercial association last evening the executive committee members were placed in charge of the celebration with instructions to ask co-operation of other organizations. It is the intention to make the celebration a big affair.

"STAR BRIGHT" IS ON TONIGHT

"Star Bright" to be presented in the high school auditorium this evening by the M. I. A. players, under the auspices of the La Grande Boy Scouts. The play has been presented to the La Grande public and in several Union county towns during the past and is hailed everywhere as being a drama that has a much higher class of entertainment value than does the usual amateur production. Those who have witnessed "Star Bright" before are unanimous in acclaiming the play as being one of the best ever produced by the M. I. A. players and that itself is mute evidence of its popularity and merits.

The three act comedy drama is being presented due to many requests. The advance ticket sale is on at the Glass Drug store. Several interesting and amusing specialties will be given by the Boy Scouts.

REYNOLDS BUYS NEW INTERESTS

J. E. Reynolds, a well known farmer of the valley, and also president of the Union County Farm Bureau, has purchased the interest of L. D. Reynolds in the Snowdrift and Zimmerman Undertaking Parlor on Fourth street. The firm will now be known as Reynolds and Zimmerman Undertaking Parlor.

Mr. Zimmerman stated today that the same efficient and careful service that the parlor have been noted for in the past will be continued and increased under the new management.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 14.—Livestock, eggs and butter steady.

CHINA WOULD REPEAL 1915 "21" TREATY

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—China's latest move to abrogate the famous "twenty-one demands" treaty of 1915, has led Japan to inform the Japanese embassy here that such a proposal is contrary to accepted international practices and will "fail to contribute to the advancement of friendship between our two countries."

STATE HEADS LOPPED OFF

SALEM, Or., Mar. 14.—Will Moore, newly appointed state insurance commissioner, recently applied the pruning knife in his department, with the result that two members of the state fire marshal's staff have been eliminated from the payroll.

Employees affected by the order include John Collier of Portland and Horace Sykes of Salem. Letters were sent to these deputy fire marshals yesterday notifying them that their services would not be required after April 1. Elimination of these employees will save the state approximately \$3000 a month, it was estimated by Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore has not yet decided who he will appoint to the office of state real estate commissioner. This position carries a salary of \$250 a month.

TO DIVERT AUTOS TO NEW ROADS NOW

(By Associated Press)
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Mar. 14.—As a forerunner of the approaching tourist season, local professional and business men have formed the "Rocky Mountain Motors, Inc.," the purpose of which is to divert coast country motorists from the main east and west highways to those of less prominence, leading to points of interest north and south of the trans-continental routes. The organization plans to erect signs at the points from which side trips may be taken.

Tourists are unaware of many points of interest not touched by the main arteries of travel and, therefore, miss the opportunity of viewing some really accessible but little known scenery, the leaders of the movement state. Other western states will follow the example of the local organization, according to the members of the R. M. M., Inc.

Two La Grande Girls Run Away From Home; Caught At The Dalles

Edna Mulholland, 16, and Bonnie Buchanan, 14, both of La Grande, who ran away from home last evening, leaving here on No. 19, bound for Portland, were apprehended by officers at The Dalles and are being held awaiting further instructions. Reports were received that Clint Haynes, chief of police, left this morning on No. 17 to bring the girls back to their parents. No motive for their departure is known.

POWER RELIEF IS IN SIGHT

J. P. Lottridge Hopes for Relief in Light and Power Shortage Within 12 Days.

When will the power shortage be over? The answer all depends upon the weather. Each day, of course, brings the time that much nearer. In the meantime, J. P. Lottridge, manager of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, states the situation is more serious each day. However, he holds out the hope there is good reason to expect the worst will be over within the next 10 or 12 days.

Each day of warm weather in the lower mountains shows an improvement in the situation for the Rock Creek and Cove plants. These plants get their power from the natural flow of streams. Warmer weather is to be expected from this time on and naturally an increased flow of stream water. This is the first relief that can be expected from the shortage. In the meantime the water in Morgan lake reservoir has been completely exhausted from that source until water melting in the higher altitudes.

It will probably be about 50 days before the company will get back to where it can care for the full capacity of the normal load, according to Mr. Lottridge. He states the plants located in the lower altitudes will be the first to feel the effect of the breaking up of winter, and that the plants have been forced to draw so heavily on stored water there is practically none left.

The conditions being about the shortage have been such as could not have been foreseen. It has been a hard blow to the business of the power company as well as to the business of many of the patrons of the company. However, the patrons have accepted it as a condition that could hardly be avoided, realizing every effort is being made to render adequate service and that it is something that will probably never occur again.

The company is now making plans for increasing its capacity. The plans will be announced later, and will be one of the largest developments of this part of Oregon during the coming season, states the Baker Herald.

IN THE RUHR RESTAURANT



VILNA GIVEN TO POLAND BY ALLIES

PARIS, Mar. 14.—Allied council of ambassadors today fixed the frontier between Poland and Russia, giving the Vilna district to Poland. The decision comes as a culmination of a long dispute between Poland and Lithuania. Besides the Vilna, Poland gets Eastern Galicia, which practically satisfied all her remaining territorial aspirations.

4 MORE DIE SHAMROCK LAND

(By The Associated Press)
LONDON, Mar. 14.—Four men were executed today at Drumsnoor Castle at Stranorlar, County Donegal, says a Dublin dispatch.

BULLETINS

HARDING IN MIAMI

(By Associated Press)
MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 14.—Leaving the houseboat to make the best of a tortuous course along the sandbars of the Lower Indian River, President Harding climbed into a speed boat today and came to Miami for lunch and a game of golf.

BOOTLEGGER HIT HARD

(By Associated Press)
EUGENE, Mar. 14.—The first conviction under the drastic prohibition law occurred in the justice court today. Bill Kilanski was fined \$2,000 and sentenced to six months in the county jail by Judge Wells. Kilanski pleaded guilty of operating a still.

STARTLING TESTIMONY

(By Associated Press)
MEDFORD, Mar. 14.—Before a jury including five women, three of whom had served on the Hale case last week, the second night rider trial opened in Jacksonville today with Henry Johnson, of Jacksonville, aged 22, as the chief state witness. He said that he positively identified County Judge George Gardner and Ex-County Judge F. L. Touvelle, recent democratic candidate for state treasurer, as members of the masked band which placed a rope about his neck. He also said that he identified Bert Moser, former county jailer, as the third member of the party.

Marriage Ends Romance of 60 Years' Standing; Man Is 73, Woman Is 72

SHERIDAN, Ore., Mar. 14.—George Marvel, 73, and Mrs. Nancy Shipley, 72, were married here recently as the culmination of a romance of nearly 60 years ago when they were child sweethearts in their old homes in Illinois. Their youthful romances became blighted and each married a chum of the other. They lost track of each other after that and finally came separately to Oregon. Eight years ago Marvel lost his wife by death, and at about the same time Mrs. Shipley's husband died. Through a mutual friend Marvel recently learned that Mrs. Shipley lived in Oregon. From his home in Eastern Oregon he wrote her. Correspondence ensued between them.

The couple have 40 grand children and seven great grandchildren, many of who attended the wedding.

ASSASSINATION PLOT IS BARED BY NEWSPAPER

Daily Sketch Prints Sensational Story of the Plot to Murder British Cabinet Ministers.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Mar. 14.—A sensational story of a plot by Irish Republican organizations to murder the British cabinet ministers and commit other outrages, was printed today by the Daily Sketch.

The newspaper connects the alleged scheme with activities of the Irishmen recently arrested in Great Britain. It declared that women members of the organization obtained employment in official homes to give information of the movements.

HOLM'S GROCERY NOW RE-OPENED

J. G. Holm has re-opened the J. G. Holm Grocery at 207 Depot street with a newer and larger stock of groceries than will more efficiently handle the demands of his patrons than in the past.

Speaking to a reporter for the Observer today, Mr. Holm said, "I certainly appreciate the return of my former patrons and the addition of many new patrons and am especially pleased to hear that those that I am now, better than ever before, ready to give them the best service obtainable. I have had a fine rest and feel ready to give my best to my business." Mr. Holm's grocery store, situated on Depot street, is one of the most modern and complete concerns of its kind in the city.

STATE ISSUES HUNTER NOTICE

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 14.—Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian and secretary of the state livestock sanitary board, today sent letters to all county courts in the state, calling their attention to a law enacted at the recent session of the legislature providing for the employment of expert predatory animal hunters. The law will become effective March 30.

The state veterinarian has estimated that 20 hunters should be employed in the state during the spring months.

The members of the sanitary board have completed arrangements to hold a meeting at Pendleton next week, when applications of counties which desire to take advantage of the law will be considered.

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Navy Will Test Canal Link In Defense Chain

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—Modification of the national defense plans resulting from agreements reached by the army conference are to receive their first practical tryout in the fleet maneuvers now in progress in the Panama area. Carefully analyzed in theory by the navy and army war colleges, the operations are expected to develop the enhanced importance of the canal as a prime link in the defense chain, which includes the army, navy, merchant marine and the national industrial machine. The primary purpose of the canal, to insure rapid passage from ocean to ocean, is deemed to be unchanged in the new war plans, but its "probability of service" is considered to have been potentially weakened by the limitation on capital ship strength of the major nations, with accompanying unlimited development of submarines and aircraft.

STORM TOLL PLACED AT FORTY-FOUR

Property Loss Expected To Run Into Millions of Dollars.

NEARLY 200 WERE REPORTED INJURED

Tennessee Received Full Blow of Storm; Seventeen Were Killed and 50 to 75 Are Injured.

(By The Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 14.—Ired Cross representatives, public officials and citizens are at work relieving the salvage, human and otherwise, from the wreckage in several storm swept states. Reports at noon Tuesday, apparently nearly complete, placed the life loss at 44. Nearly 200 were reported injured.

The worst effects of the storm, a heavy downpour of snow or rain, accompanied by a high wind that reached the proportions of a cyclone in some localities, were felt at Pinson, Tenn., and Deaneburg, Tenn., where the death toll was 17 and the injured totaled between 50 and 75 persons. Towns little known virtually were destroyed, and Tuesday a contingent of Ired Cross workers was on the way there to relieve the sufferings of the injured and homeless.

Gale Hits Kentucky. Central Kentucky felt the brunt of the force of the gale storm, and its effects, being chief, Tuesday, counted its dead at nine, the injured approximately 30, and property damage close to a million dollars.

In Ohio two persons were reported killed, one at Massillon and one at Steubenville. Scores were injured. Practically the whole state of Wisconsin was recovering Tuesday from the effects of a heavy snow.

The storm brought out a howl was for radio when "lost" trains were located by broadcasting from Chicago. Train service throughout the storm areas was materially delayed, and in some sections schedules had not yet been restored.

Numerous towns Tuesday were still without adequate wire facilities to place them in continued and constant communication with other towns. In Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Indiana, work was under way to restore communication and transportation facilities.

PIONEER LADY OF UNION DIES

(Special to The Observer)
UNION, Mar. 14.—Mrs. Martha Griffin died at her home in North Union, March 9. At the time of her death, Mrs. Griffin was 77 years and four months old. She was born in New York November 9, 1846. During her childhood the family emigrated to Illinois. In 1861 she was married to Charles Stevens who resided in the United States army soon after his marriage. He later gave his life to his country's cause.

In 1870 she was married to Terrence Griffin. To this union two sons were born, both long deceased. Mr. Griffin died in 1902. In 1914 Mrs. Griffin came to Union where she resided with her brother until his death about a year ago. Since that time she has lived with her niece, Mrs. William Kiehlblock, until her death. Death came as the result of a fall which later developed into paralysis.

Mrs. Griffin was a member of the United Brethren church and also of the Woman's Relief Corps. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in the M. E. church, Rev. Quinn officiating. Interment was in the Union cemetery in charge of Cook Brothers.

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