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BERNHARDT'S LIFE WAS ONE OF INTEREST

World's Greatest Actress Was Still Young at Age Of Seventy.

WAS 77 YEARS OLD AT TIME OF DEMISE

Entire World Unites Today In Mourning Her Passing On; Obituary Is Given In Detail.

The life history of Sarah Bernhardt, who died in Paris yesterday evening at 7:59 o'clock in the arms of her son, Maurice, in one replete with interest. Her obituary in detail is given below. Today the entire world is united in sorrow at the passing of one of the greatest figures of the present century.

(By Associated Press)
Madam Sarah Bernhardt, who at 70 years of age seemed still a girl, was known to every land as the world's greatest actress. What disease there might have been to this estimate, and however far her detractors ventured in their attempts to minimize her right to that distinction, the numerous admirers of the "Diving Sarah" remained convinced that never before had the stage produced an actress capable of soaring to such heights in the realm of emotional drama.

The work of Mme. Bernhardt was best where a theme afforded the greatest opportunity for display of her powerful emotions. At the height of her career this form of acting, based principally on love, hate and jealousy, held the predominant place now dedicated to character delineations, and Bernhardt never was surpassed, her critics say, in this emotional school. Hundreds of parts she either rewrote or created to suit herself, seldom being content to act them as interpreted by others.

Wonderful Art.
Three generations have praised and even worshipped the art of Bernhardt, and her influence on the minds of people around the world have thronged to see and marvel at her acting without understanding the French language, which she invariably employed upon the stage. Once in Rio de Janeiro, she was called before the curtain, and she was met by a wildly enthusiastic audience, and many times, in other parts of the world, she was obliged to answer scores of curtain calls at a single performance.

The long life-story of Bernhardt in almost legendary, closely woven with dramatic incidents, and as we saw on the stage, it was set down by herself in a lengthy volume published many years ago, and as one of her critics has said, "Through the pages of the book peers the face of a woman, a face which wears of her own reputation, and blazes with more than her share of the cauldron of the sex." As she and others have told the story, it is summed up here: The date of her birth, the record for which was destroyed in the famous fire of the Commune in Paris, was commonly accepted as October 22, 1844. Her mother was Dutch and Jewish, and her natural father a French official.

As a child Bernhardt spent much of her time with relatives in Paris, and at the age of 12 was sent to the Grand Chateau, Convent, Versailles, where she made her debut in a little miracle play given by the children. Even at this early age, the pale and sickly child is said to have displayed the fits of temper which were characteristic of her stage career.



SARAH BERNHARDT

BISHOP BURNS TO DEDICATE WALLOWA PARK

Helena Church Head Will Preside at This Prominent Methodist Event.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Camp Ground Association of Eastern Oregon, held at the Methodist church last night, it was decided to dedicate the Wallowa Park, which is now being developed by the Helena Church, to the memory of Bishop Burns, who died recently.

The Rev. Thompson W. McKinney has been definitely engaged as evangelist for the camp meeting, which will run from June 24 to June 28th. Dr. McKinney is one of the foremost evangelists in America, having served as Area Evangelist in the Philadelphia Area for several years with great success. He will be supported by Prof. T. E. Isaacs as song leader and Mrs. Thompson as pianist.

The Wallowa Lake Epworth League Institute will immediately follow the camp meeting and its management has secured Dr. W. E. J. Graiz, the official head of the institute, who is the United States, to conduct the classes in Methodist and Life Service. Dr. Graiz has no superior in America as a leader of young people, and is in great demand at the large institutes throughout the country. It was only by a rare piece of good fortune that we were able to secure this national leader for our program.

Among the important matters before the trustees last evening were plans to dispose of half-acre and quarter-acre tracts to campers for the erection of suitable summer homes of the better class, to give a greater degree of privacy to those who desire it; the reservation of two blocks of ground for the construction of a natural amphitheatre, plans for the erection of a dining hall, and the establishment of a swimming pool.

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VALLEY PIONEER DIED HERE TODAY

C. A. Myers Called Beyond This Morning at 12:30 O'clock At Age of 79 Years.

C. A. Myers, one of the pioneer residents of the Grande Ronde Valley, passed away this morning at his home on First street, at 12:30 o'clock at the close of a long illness. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced. The remains are in care of the Reynolds and Zimmerman funeral service parlors.

C. A. Myers was born in Scotland County, Missouri, December 23, 1843, and was 79 years, three months and four days of age at the time of his demise. With his parents, he crossed the plains in 1865, first locating at Summerville, where he made his home until five years ago when he moved to La Grande. He was married to Rachel M. Wade on August 20, 1871, and to this union five children were born. He is survived by John J. Myers, of Portland, Robert R. Myers, of Tappan, Claude Myers, and Claire Hamilton, of Summerville, and Dr. Belle Myers, of La Grande. He is also survived by one brother, Reese Myers, and a sister, Mollie Myers, of Napa, California, and a host of friends and other relatives who today sadly mourn his passing on.

Late this afternoon it was announced that the funeral services of C. A. Myers will be held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the Summerville Chapel.

SEARCH FOR DAUGHERTY'S SON MADE

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 27.—Assistant District Attorney Pecora and Police Inspector Coughlin today joined in an active search for Draper M. Daugherty, the only son of Attorney General Daugherty, of the United States, to question him concerning reports that he was a friend of Dorothy Keenan, murdered model, and that he might know of the blackmailing ring using her as a decoy.

The police today worked on two theories. One that the model was chloroformed by blackmailers endeavoring to obtain letters written by her to John Keeney Mitchell, Philadelphia from Palm Beach, and the other that the robbers chloroformed her to get her jewels and furs.

DAUGHERTY INTERVIEWED
NEW YORK, March 27.—Young Daugherty in a newspaper interview declared that his relations with the model were most casual. He said that he began to suspect blackmailing operations last Thursday when the man who had been close to Miss Keenan called him up and threatened to make public his acquaintance with Miss Keenan unless he used his influence to get the man a job in the department of justice.

BREAKS WINDOW, TAKES REVOLVER

Someone last evening, between 9:45 and 10:15 o'clock, heaved a brick through the show window of Men's Wear, 1309 Adams, and took a Colt .45 caliber revolver, owned by Mr. Gilbert, a member of the firm, making their getaway unseen. The revolver, which was given to Mr. Gilbert by his father, was not only valued intrinsically but also sentimentally, and a reward of \$25 has been offered by him for the recovery of the gun and the prosecution of the miscreant. The number of the revolver is 25149.

The matter was promptly reported to the police but no clues were found that would indicate who did the "dirty work." The window broken, one of the side windows, was repaired early today.

TO FILE INFORMATION.
(By Associated Press)
NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 27.—Attorney General Clegg announced today that he would file information in the Morehouse hooded band cases at Bastrop April 5th.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS.
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 27.—Hard White, \$1.35; Western Red, \$1.15.

NIPPONESE DIET IS PROTRACTED BY FREE FIGHT

(By Associated Press)
TOKIO, Mar. 27.—The Diet was protracted early today in the midst of a free for all fight, precipitated by a motion of the opposing faction to impeach the government. Trays and inkstands were flying through the air when the speaker declared the session closed.

SALVATION ARMY BANQUET HELD

La Grande Religious, Fraternal and Business Men Mingled With Salvation Army Last Evening.

A very enthusiastic body of La Grande citizens representing the religious, fraternal and business world gathered together with the visiting officers from Eastern Oregon at a sumptuous luncheon which was served in the Salvation Army building by Adjutant and Mrs. Peterson and company workers. Various addresses were made by the following gentlemen:

T. J. Serogin, of the U. S. National Bank; F. L. Meyers, of the La Grande National Bank; Charles Harding, American Legion; Rev. G. H. Quigley, M. E. Church; O. W. Jones, Christian Church; C. E. Eberhard, representing Elks lodge, and Sherwood Williams, representing the city. C. E. Serogin, representing the Ad Club, presided as chairman.

In addition to those who spoke the following gentlemen were present: A. J. Stange, G. L. Larson, Rev. H. K. Wills, John Macpherson, Mrs. Eberhard, Rev. H. Stange, Staff Captain and Mrs. Winterbottom, Staff Captain and Mrs. Holsinger, Adjutant and Mrs. Peterson, Adjutant Peers, Lieutenant Todd, Ensign and Mrs. Stock, Baker, Captain and Mrs. Buchanan, Pendleton, Ensign Redifer, The Dalles. One or two Salvationists rendered vocal music, among them being Staff Captain and Mrs. Winterbottom and "Lieutenant" Todd.

This gathering is bound to mean much for the Salvation Army in La Grande. Adj. and Mrs. Peterson were greatly encouraged by the good wishes and promises of support made by the representative speakers to the local organization of the Salvation Army. Officers meeting will be held today at 10:30 and 11:30, with another public meeting at 7:45.

Chicken and all that goes with it, including ice cream for dessert, made up the dinner, and all who were privileged to attend were vociferous in their praise of all who had a hand in preparing the dinner.

Van Duzer Captain.
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 27.—H. B. Van Duzer, of Portland, named by Governor Pierce as highway commissioner succeeding Yeon, has not decided today whether to accept.

ELGIN SITE \$6,000 FIRE EARLY TODAY

(Special to The Observer)
ELGIN, Mar. 27.—Starting from an unknown cause, fire early this morning swept one of Elgin's business buildings to the ground, leaving where once stood a prominent portion of the business district, nothing but a heap of smoking embers and ashes. An alarm was sounded at four o'clock this morning, when the blaze was first discovered, but despite frantic efforts on the part of the fire department and the citizens of Elgin, the Julius Kroesch building, just across the main street from the Sommer hotel, was completely razed. The loss is approximated at about \$6,000, of which about \$1500 consisted of a stock of new and second-hand furniture that was stored in the building. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

HUGE SHORTAGE DISCOVERED IN MISSOURI BANK

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., March 27.—A shortage of approximately \$400,000 in the accounts of the Kirksville Trust company was revealed today.

Leonie F. Gibbs, cashier, committed suicide in the bank vault March 10. The bank is protected through Gibbs' half million dollar life insurance policy.

Highway Bids Opened
PORTLAND, Mar. 27.—The State Highway Commission opened bids for road work aggregating nearly \$750,000, but Chairman Booth said that no action on the bids would be announced until after the commission conferred with the board of the highway and tax that all new work be held back until it is learned what action will be taken by petitioners for referendum on the increased gasoline tax.

Booth said that if the referendum was invoked it would hold over Tuesday morning for the road work and that the board would act on the action on the bids until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Highway Engineer Noon commented the bids generally higher than in recent months. Commissioner Duly, of Baker, sat today for the first time. Yeon, who resigned, is sitting this session.

Bishop Tuttle Is Sinking Rapidly, Yet Conscious; May Succumb Any Time

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle, who is critically ill with grippe, Monday night was reported by physicians as gradually growing weaker. The physicians declared the aged prelate's physical condition was not strong enough for him to rally from the illness, and that he may succumb at any moment. He was still conscious and faintly recognized relatives at the bedside, it was added.

OREGON TRAIL PAGEANT TO BE HELD IN JULY

Announcement Is Made At The Noon-Day Ad Club Luncheon; All Eastern Oregon To Take Part.

"Instead of a July Fourth celebration, La Grande, Baker and Pendleton are planning on joining in a mammoth pageant, to be held at the summit of the Old Oregon Trail between Pendleton and La Grande, sometime in July," stated A. W. Nelson today at the Ad Club luncheon in introducing an action that the Ad Club endorse the movement of the Old Oregon Trail committee in going forward with their portion of the preparatory work for the celebration of the opening of the Old Oregon Trail. The Ad Club promptly, with no discussion, endorsed the matter, which had been taken up at the directors' meeting last evening before presentation.

In brief, as tentative plans are not outlined, the pageant will be somewhat on the order of the one held in Baker last July Fourth, only on a larger extent. One of the features that is being worked out will be a realistic Indian hold-up of a prairie schooner. Many distinguished personages will be invited to the pageant, among them being President Warren G. Harding, and the consensus of opinion among the three cities at present is that a crowd of approximately 15,000 will be on hand when the pageant is held. The hills by the point selected form an ideal amphitheatre, and spectators would make it a day celebration, coming in the morning and remaining throughout the day, taking their luncheon in picnic style. Of course the entire matter is yet in tentative form, but will soon begin to take definite shape with committees from three Eastern Oregon civic organizations leading in the preparatory work.

Baseball Brought Up.
C. E. Short, earlier during the luncheon, asked the Ad Club, on behalf of the La Grande baseball fans and supporters, that W. C. Crews, manager of the Pirates, be permitted to solicit the business men of La Grande for enough funds to purchase new uniforms and necessary supplies to start off the 1923 diamond season. The matter was spoken favorably of by the members but it was necessary to refer it to the Better Business Bureau, according to the by-laws of the organization, before properly presented for action by the whole membership of the club.

During the preceding session the La Grande team was entirely self-supporting and was also a credit to the city, topping the league during the greater part of the season and losing the championship only in a final titular game to Baker. The fans have high hopes for the team this season and pre-season reports seem to bear out their expectations in every way. Many commendable words were spoken in behalf of the Pirates by the Ad Club members during the discussion held today.

To Plant Trees.
Charles Harding, in behalf of the American Legion, asked that the Ad

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FARM LABOR PARTY CALLS A CONVENTION

Will Be Held in Chicago On July Third; Mail Vote Is Taken.

PARTIES TO COMBINE FOR 1924 CAMPAIGN

Labor, Farmer, Socialist As Well As All Other Independent Parties Will Link Together.

CHICAGO, March 27.—The National committee of the Farmer Labor Party, by a mail vote completed today, authorized the calling of a national convention in Chicago July 3, when efforts will be made to organize a coalition of all labor, farmer, socialist and other independent political groups for the 1924 presidential campaign.

DIRECTORS OF AD CLUB MEET

First Annual Meeting of the Directorate and Committeemen Held Last Night; Optimism Prevailed.

Meeting in their first annual meeting, the directors of the Union County Ad Club and their committeemen gathered last evening at six o'clock at the Methodist Church basement, to lay plans for the coming year. Optimism was expressed throughout the meeting during the reports and conversation that arose and all the committees are confident that they will be able to take a prominent part in the various civic and district projects during the coming year.

G. L. Larson, president of the Ad Club, presided over the meeting. Forty directors were present and during a delicious dinner served by the ladies of the Methodist church, discussed the plans for the coming season. The meeting lasted about three hours.

Possibly the most interesting discussion of the evening was in connection with the work of the agricultural committee. The general opinion advanced was that if the farmers and agriculturists of the county follow lines of diversified farming more so than in the past, the profit on their farms would amount to considerable more.

Dr. P. H. Speaks.
Dr. W. T. P. of the Phymere Farm, at Hot Lake, addressed the gathering, speaking upon the necessity of adding more dairy cattle on the farms in the valley and also told several interesting facts connected with agricultural work. He believes that the Holstein-Friesian type of dairy cattle are more adaptable to conditions in the Grande Ronde Valley than other breeds of dairy cattle.

T. J. Serogin, of the United States National Bank, gave a short talk on the financial end of farm life, mentioning several facts that had been brought to his attention by farmers of the valley. The general opinion expressed by a number of farmers, as explained by Mr. Serogin, was that a few dairy cattle, not a large herd, would pay the farmers a nice profit and at the same time would give material aid to the farmer in other respects. A

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La Grande People Hoaxed By "Huge Engine" Report

The fellow who sprung the monster locomotive rumor this morning is in fine for promotion to the Ammannia engine. The engine drew up parallel with the depot, most of the crowd having edged down toward the water tank, still there was no other thought than that the king of locomotives had pulled into La Grande. But the engine reached the water tank and was halted. The silence that ensued for five or ten seconds was appalling. The stillness was broken by some one bursting out, "Oh, ho!" That expressed the feeling that immediately permeated the entire throng, even though some of the ladies did not say as much.

The engine that caused the sensation was none other than one of the same type that has been in use on the O. R. & N. for the past two or three years, and is far from being of the proportions of the halcyons that have been in use here for some time. The new visitor is known as the Decapod 2182 type, and while it is one of the biggest of that type it looks like a colt compared with the monster maulers.

