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HIGH WATERS TAKE LIFE OF UNION BABE

Four-Year-Old Son of Lawrence Wiggans Meets A Tragic Death.

BANKS CAVE IN, BOY THROWN INTO CREEK

Efforts at Resuscitatation Prove Unsuccessful; Community Grief Stricken; Funeral Services Will Be Tomorrow.

According to the La Grande Evening Observer correspondent at Union name of the four year old boy who was drowned in Catherine creek yesterday afternoon, was Donald Wiggans. The name of the other small boy, who attempted to rescue him, was Billy Sturgill.

(Special to The Observer)

UNION, Apr. 19.—Catherine Creek at an angry stage, racing swiftly and madly towards its outlet into the Grande Ronde river, yesterday afternoon added another life to its constantly increasing toll when it swept into the Great Beyond the four-year-old son of Lawrence Wiggans, E. O. L. & P. company representative at Union, formerly of Imbler.

The little fellow, happily playing on the edge of the creek in the vicinity of the Union Flouring mill in the eastern section of the city, was hurled into the torrent when a rock bank crumbled. Another small boy, who was with the deceased at the time of the tragic accident, frantically attempted to effect a rescue, but was unable to save Master Wiggans.

Efforts to Revive Fail.

Failing in his attempts, the youngster gave an alarm and the body of the boy was taken from the creek in the vicinity of the Woolen Mill, in West Union, a distance of nearly one-half mile from where he was plunged into the water. Medical aid promptly answered the summons and a pulmotor was used in an attempt to resuscitate the boy and for a short time it appeared that the effort would meet with success as he showed signs of recovering. Shortly afterwards, however, he passed on.

In addition to asphyxiation by the water, the lad was severely bruised by being driven against sharp rocks by the swift waters.

According to reports, the little boy had left home without notifying his parents, who, at the time of the accident, were endeavoring to ascertain his whereabouts.

Community Grief Stricken.

Coming from a clear sky with the force of a thunder bold, the tragedy cast a heavy cloud of sorrow over the community. The deceased was loved by all who knew him and his passing on leaves a vacant place in his family and the city that causes intense sorrow.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock in the L. D. S. church at Union, the interment to take place in the Union cemetery.

MRS. MARGARET CAAS IS CALLED BY DEATH

Word was received here today by George H. Glass of the death of Mrs. Margaret Caas, who passed on in Portland last evening at eight o'clock, following a surgical operation.

Mrs. Caas was the mother of Roy Caas, drug salesman, who has been a resident of this city for several years.

She also made her home here for some time and has many friends here who mourn her demise.

Mrs. Caas was fifty years of age at the time of her death.

Funeral arrangements have not as yet been announced.

Masculine Sex To The Front! Cleveland Man Dances for 88 Hours

(By Associated Press)

CLEVELAND, Apr. 19. — A non-stop dancing record was added to the rapidly changing jazz marathon marks today when Arthur Howard Klein, who started hopping Sunday at two o'clock in the afternoon, finished at six o'clock this morning.

Klein started his dance as a masked man of mystery, not divulging his identity until the record was made.

COMMUNITIES TO NAME HEAD BOARD FRIDAY

Appointment of Executive Committee for Preparatory Work On Old Oregon Trail Pageant Purpose of Meeting.

The purpose of the Old Oregon Trail meeting to be held tomorrow noon at the city of Union is the appointment of a committee of five to work in preparation for the Fourth of July pageant to be held on the summit of the Blue mountains in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the crossing of the first wagon train over the mountains, under the direction of the Old Oregon Trail association, sponsoring the event.

Each city and town along the trail has named a committee of five men to handle the preparations in their respective community and tomorrow noon, each city and town will send their committee to Union for the purpose of naming the executive committee. La Grande's committee, selected by President G. L. Larison of the Union County Ad club, is as follows: A. W. Nelson, Claude Scranton, C. E. Short and H. E. Coolidge.

At the Union meeting, in addition to the appointment of the executive committee, it is expected that just what each community will contribute in the way of service toward the celebration will be determined.

Harding Reply Favorable

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—Invitations from Baker, La Grande and Pendleton, Ore., to President Harding to attend the celebration to be held at the summit of the Blue mountains about July 4 on the eightieth anniversary of the arrival of the first train into Oregon territory brought a favorable reply from the White House, according to dispatching to the Oregonian from Washington, D. C.

The invitation, which came from the Baker Chamber of Commerce, the La Grande Ad club and the commercial organization of Pendleton, was presented by Senator McNary. The president's reply was, therefore, addressed to the Oregon senator. It read as follows:

"My Dear Senator McNary:

"Thank you, very much for your invitation to the celebration in July of the eightieth anniversary of the beginning of overland colonization in Oregon. The occasion will be one of peculiar interest, and I earnestly hope that arrangements for the contemplated western trip will be possible.

"At this time matters are in such a tentative state that it is not possible to make definite dates. I have, heretofore, written to a number of Oregon friends who have extended the hospitality of the state, saying that just as soon as possible they will be definitely informed as to our plans while in Oregon.

"Most sincerely yours,

"Warren G. Harding."

MAY CALL FOR BIDS

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 18.—Bids will probably be called for at the next meeting of the highway commission, May 28, at Portland, for the construction of about 8 miles of Enterprise to Flora highway in Wallowa county, the county to pay $12,500 immediately and the balance of their 50 per cent over a two year period.

INJUNCTION TO SHUT OFF SUGAR TRADE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19.—Injunction proceedings, to shut off the trading in sugar futures, was instituted in New York by the Federal government, the government's bill having been prepared under the direction of Attorney General Daugherty after consultation with President Harding. The bill asks the court to permanently prevent New York coffee and sugar exchanges from entering into or permitting transactions in sugar "unless persons purporting to make such a sale have a supply of sugar adequate to meet the requirements of such a transaction."

The government says that the action is a result of an "orgy of speculation, which has driven up the price to the consumer and during February enriched brokers by $90,000"—and a conspiracy in the restraint of trade is also charged.

DROPS 50 POINTS

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Apr. 19.—Raw sugar futures took a perpendicular drop approximately 50 points in the New York Coffee and Sugar exchange today upon the receipt of the word of the government's suit.

STOCKS HECTIC

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Apr. 19.—A check of hectic trading in sugar futures, showed a tumble that ranged from 50 to 89. The drops were followed by a rally of 21 to 57 points, bringing prices within 19 to 36 points of the day's high point. The stocks of sugar companies also dropped on the stock exchange.

TAX PAYMENTS AVERAGE SAME

Tax payments continue to come in, according to Dexter McIlroy, county tax collector. The total levy this year amounts to $690,000 and of that amount, $395,000 has been collected up to date, equalling about 45 per cent. Practically the same percentage is being paid earlier in the year this season as during the past two years.

Despite the fact that only 45 per cent of the total has yet been paid, this is explained by the fact that a great share of the farmers prefer to take the penalty on the first half of the taxes and pay in full in the fall after the expenditures necessitated in harvesting their crops are settled.

"On the whole," said Mr. McIlroy, "conditions are very encouraging"

THE MARKET

PORTLAND, Apr. 19.— Livestock steady, eggs firm, butter four cents lower with extra cubes marked at 36 cents and prints at 40 cents.

Aid Being Rushed To Starving Party

(By Associated Press)

NORTH PORT, Mich., Apr. 19.—Exhausted, half starved, three men reached the mainland here yesterday bearing news that nine men and a woman are slowly starving on Fox Island, eighteen miles from here in Lake Michigan.

As a result of their story an army airplane started from Selfridge Field, at Mount Clemens, today, with food for the marooned party.

According to the story told by the three men, the party went to the island last fall to cut timber. Three weeks ago all the food supplies became exhausted excepting some frozen potatoes.

Repeated attempts to reach the mainland failed until today.

Salt Lake City Hotel Collapses; Two Women Are Killed In Smash

SALT LAKE, Apr. 19.—Two women dead and two men seriously injured was the toll claimed in the collapse Wednesday of a two-story brick hotel and office building near the center of the down-town district.

Rescue workers, after working for hours, Wednesday night found the body of the second victim buried under tons of debris. The dead were Mrs. Lee Wilson, wife of the proprietor of the hotel, and Mrs. Henry Pearman, a negro maid. The injured are Lee Wilson and Eugene Rocco.

A brindle bulldog, called "Hootch," saved his own life by leaping from a second-story window as the building collapsed.

30 United, 8 Untied, Month

Who says the lil' ole sun-of-a-gun commonly slammed as Mr. Divorce, nicknamed Domestic Grief and Martial Strife, is taking all the joy out of life? Point out the statistician who figures out (probably under the intoxication of "moon") that divorces are wiping marriages off the slate. Point out the heard-hearted knocking know-it-all personage who insists that marriage is a failure. Point him out—and let the records prove that he's all wrong, that marriage still remains one of the greatest of national institutions, and that alimony is not taking the place of the wedding march.

An inquiring reporter yesterday, after deciding that there was a nigger in the wood pile somewhere, scanned the records at the court house for a four weeks' peroid. The facts that were found fully proved Dan Cupid's shafts are as telling as ever before and indicated that the divorce lawyers aren't nearly so prosperous as they used to be.

Since March 15, exactly fifteen marriage licenses have been granted. And of course that fully means that 15 couples were united in holy (not holey) wedlock.

Since March 15, exactly four divorce decrees were granted.

So, during a period of four weeks, just about the average usually noted, 30 people were united and only 8 untied.

GO TO CONFERENCE

IMBLER, Apr. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hershey, who fill the pulpits at Alicel and Imbler, left today for a period of two weeks at Gooding, Idaho. After their return they will make Imbler their future home. Mrs. Hershey is leader of the girl scout and campfire organizations, in addition to carrying on her evangelistic work in this community. Willam Westenskow, instructor in the local schools, has been re-elected with an increase in salary. Professor Westenskow is city recorder and magistrate. After the close of the 1923-24 term he will move to his new farm.

PREVENTION OF FIRE WAS TOPIC

Great Interest Manifested In Work Done to Preserve the Forests of Oregon.

Forty-six timber owners, representing 102,069 acres of timber and 42,201 acres of cut-over lands met yesterday in the city hall as members of the Union County Fire association and heard reports of the year's work.

L. H. Russell, secretary and treasurer of the association and also district fire warden for the state, called attention to nine miles of new telephone constructed during the past year connected La Grande with the Mt. Emily lookout station. He also reported a permanent lookout man in the person of Harvey Carter, assistant secretary of the La Grande Y. M. C. A., who had been employed for the station.

In the past year eighteen fires have been discovered and extinguished by the association's department. Seven convictions were obtained in the courts of people who set fires without permits and also who set out grass fires and let them get away.

In Mr. Russell's report he laid stress on the remarkable co-operation that is now being given the work by people in all walks of life.

Election of George T. Cochran, August J. Stange, N. M. Ashby, Elmer Stoddard and W. E. Moore as the new board of directors followed the first session of the association yesterday. The new officers chosen are George T. Cochran, president; Elmer Stoddard, vice president, and L. H. Russell, secretary and treasurer.

Among the timbermen from out of the county who were present to enter the discussion of subjects important to the industry were F. A. Elliott, state forester; C. S. Chapman of Portland, forester for the Western Forestry and Conservation association; John S. Kuhns, supervisor of the Umatilla forest from Pendleton; W. F. Ramsdell, supervisor of the Whitman forest from Baker; Morris Shelton, secretary of Baker County Fire association, and J. L. Carter, formerly county school superintendent of Union county, but now a timberman of Hood River.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND, Apr. 19.—Hard White $1.35; Western Red $1.19.

May Obtain Loans Now On Canned Goods, Says Judge Lobbell By Wire

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 19.—Farmers may obtain loans on canned and dried fruit, canned vegetables, nuts and beans, although those commodities are not directly specified in the rural credits bill permitting farm loans on personal property, United States Senator Shortridge was advised today in a telegram from Judge Lobbel, chairman of the farm loan board in Washington.

CITY MANAGER ASKS REPAIR OF RESERVOIR

Declares That Work Should Be Done Immediately; Matter Laid Over for Consideration.

City Manager F. B. Hayes, in an address to the city commission last evening, stressed the fact that it was absolutely necessary to improve the local reservoir and that the improvement should be made at the earliest date possible. He stated that the approximate cost of the improvements would be about $5,000 and further stated that he had received a communication, containing a favorable bid on the project which included reenforcing, from Lanning and Hoggan.

Commissioners C. J. Black and Dr. H. S. Brownton, in the absence of President Sherwood Williams, took no action upon the matter, it being laid over for a later meeting.

Mr. Hayes also reported that a complaint had been received that the sewer in the alley in Block 108, Chaplin's addition, was out of repair and suggested that the sewer be renovated before pavement be laid through the alley. He was given authority to take whatever action on the matter he saw fit.

License Refused.

Application for a license to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Beckwith to maintain a rooming house at the corner of Jefferson and Fir streets was refused by the unanimous vote of the two commissioners present.

Chief of Police Clint Haynes explained to the commissioners the reasons for issuing John Doe warrants and the practice of receiving bail and discharging cases where bail is forfeited instead of compelling appearance in the court. The commissioners voiced their opinion that the practice was justifiable with discretionary measures. Chief Haynes was also instructed to place "no parking" signs on the west side of Fourth street in the high school block. The no parking ruling applies only during the daytime.

Improvement District.

A resolution, No. 550, series 1922, was adopted creating an improvement district, number 123 and two further resolutions were adopted, the first accepting the plans and specifications for the district and appointing a committee on estimates, and the second providing for the acceptance of the committee's report, and for the hearing of objections, remonstrances and claims of grievances on the district on the evening of May 16, in the commissioners' room in the city hall.

Several other minor matters were attended to at this time, among the being authorization to the city manager to repair pavement at the corner of Fourth and N avenue, the city manager's weekly report, and the street and water superintendent.

Four Martin Bombers Hop Off For Extended Flight

(Special to Observer)

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Apr. 19.—Four big Martin airplanes, manned by eight officers, five enlisted men, of the United States Marine Corps aviation service, hopped off today for a cross continent flight to Quantico, Va.

British Delay Act In

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19.—Despite renewed assurances of prompt action members of the American debt funding commission still are at a loss to understand the delay in effecting final consummation of the war debt settlement agreed on here early in February.

It was said at the British embassy Wednesday that various factors had been responsible for the failure of the British government thus far to authorize final signature of the agreement and that one of the contributing causes had been the failure of Elliot Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury, to go to London for conferences with British officials. Mr. Wadworth is secretary of the American commission, but is detained in Paris by the negotiations over repayment of the costs of the American army on the Rhine.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, a member of the American commisson, said Wednesday that, in his opinion, no blame for the delay could be attached to any American official.

UNION HOST TO BACKERS OF ANNUAL EVENT

Stock Show Legislative Appropriation Deeply Appreciated.

STATE LEGISLATORS GUESTS AT BANQUET

Banquet Served at Union Hotel and Evening Spent in Speeches of Praise for Coming Show.

Each time Union entertains she seems to add a few more degrees of hospitality to her already remarkable record.

Last evening a banquet was served in the Union hotel to about fifty guests who had been invited from La Grande, Baker and Pendleton, the occasion being an appreciation meeting to impress legislators and other citizens of Eastern Oregon the gratitude held by Union for the annual stock show appropriation made by the last session of the state legislature for the premiums to be given at the big show.

Following the banquet, which was served with the usual Patsy Clark efficiency, the parlors of the hotel were occupied by the guests with Robert Withycombe as presiding officer. He presided with ease and kept the speakers running along in a snappy, entertaining manner.

After explaining why Union had sent out her invitation to those present, Mr. Withycombe reviewed briefly the stock show and its early struggle for existence, calling attention to the faithful men both in Union and elsewhere who had never let their courage waver but carried on in the face of discouragement at times. He spoke for the community in his words of thanks to legislators present who pressed the appropriation and succeeded in getting it passed at the last session.

Representative Hunter Responds.

The senior member of the legislature from this district, A. E. Hunter, responded to Mr. Withycombe's words of thanks telling the assembly of the work done to bring about the appropriation and reviewing many interesting features of last session. Senator Taylor of Union-Umatilla and Morrow counties, also responded telling of the "hard boiled" ways and means committee which with all its

Ye Social Editor Talks About Man vs. Cool Togs

(By Society Editor)

La Grande men are funny. They're as shy as lambs when it comes to stepping out in some new style of dress.

It'll take some of them weeks to get down town in the morning in a full palm beach or tweed outfit, white suit, white socks and shoes, panama and everything.

First they'll sneak in to work with a light coat, and the straw hat, and glare at everybody who notices it. Finally they'll gather up courage to wear the trousers, but still slip along in their old brown or black shoes.

After weeks of dickering they'll step out and get on all the things that go with it.

But a woman! She'll jump from one extreme clear to the other end and dash off to church or anywhere to show her new duds.

The men who sell clothes claim that at least 50 per cent of the men who are buying suits now want palm beach ones, linen or silk mixtures. "Any color, linen or silk mixtures, be cool."

At that they're looking a little ahead and palm beach suits are being worn only by the hardier specimens of the male sex.

Weather Forecast

PORTLAND, Apr. 19—Fair tonight and Friday; a light to heavy frost tonight.

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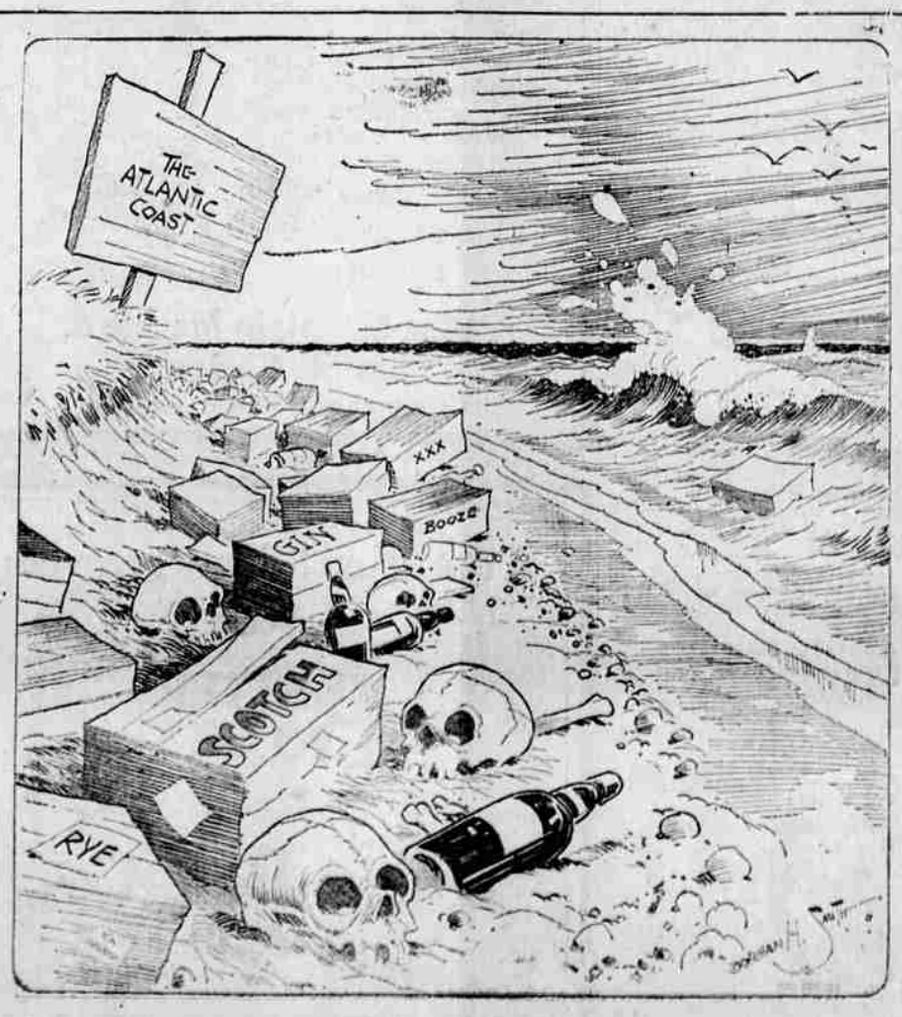

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Sift 2 cups Olympic Flour, 1 salt, 4 teaspoons baking powder in 2 tablespoons shortening ger tips; gradually add ⅔ cup equal parts of milk and water, it with knife to a soft dough. Toss board, roll lightly to ½ inch ness, cut with biscuit cutter, place brush top with melted shortening. Bake in hot oven 12 to 15 minutes.

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were approved by congress which provided for a bond Great Britain must give, binding it in carrying out the deferred payments, covering a period of 62 years.

"This government has fully communicated to Great Britain the agreement between the two countries as this country understands it. Now it remains for Great Britain to prepare the bond prescribed by congress and sign and deliver the document. Should it be that Great Britain does not approve the form of agreement which this country has submitted, it would, I should think, communicate any modifications it desired to have made.

"It certainly is true that Assistant Secretary Wadsworth has no official relation whatever to the cancellation of the debt settlement."