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64-YEAR-OLD MAN SHOTS SELF TODAY

Frank Scholstron Commits Suicide Near Ed Bartmess Home.

DESPONDENCY IS THOUGHT MOTIVE

"Plain Case of Suicide," Is Statement of County Coroner; No Inquest; Funeral Arrangements Pending

Frank Scholstron, 64 years of age, committed suicide this morning at approximately 4:15 o'clock by shooting himself in the brain with a .41 caliber rifle, near his home about 16 miles up the Grande Ronde river from La Grande. Despondency, due to ill health, is thought to be the motive.

According to Hal Bohnenkamp, county coroner, who investigated the matter, it "was a plain case of suicide." No inquest will be held.

Scholstron, who makes his home with his brother, Bill Scholstron, on the Grande Ronde river on the road to Beaver Creek, 16 miles from La Grande, had been to La Grande, according to reports received from the investigation, and while here had apparently been drinking. He returned home and, according to his brother, got up early this morning, complaining about feeling "poorly."

About four o'clock he left the house, and neighbors report that they saw him going down the road at about that time with a rifle over his shoulder, and that a few minutes later they heard a shot.

Died quickly.

Neighbors rushed to the spot, near the porch of the Ed Bartmess residence, and found Scholstron lying from his own hands. He had placed the gun in front of him, the muzzle against his throat, and tripped the trigger with a forked stick. The bullet entered his throat and plowed through his head, finally lodging in his brain. His death followed very shortly.

Coroner Bohnenkamp was called to the spot about five o'clock and following his investigation, the body was brought to the Bohnenkamp chapel, where it now lies, awaiting funeral arrangements, which are pending.

The deceased was 64 years of age, his only known survivor being his brother, Bill, who resided with him. Scholstron had made his home on the Beaver creek road for many years.

MAIER TO TALK BEFORE AD CLUB

The weekly Tuesday noon-day Union County Ad Club luncheon will be held at the K. of P. Hall with John Clifford as chairman, according to today's announcement from Ad Club headquarters. The Presbyterian ladies will serve.

Charles W. Maier, special representative of the La Grande Lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, will be the chief speaker of the meeting.

Several other matters will be attended to at the luncheon.

Reverend Quigley To Go To Boise, Idaho May 15

Reverend George H. Quigley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of La Grande, received a wife late yesterday from Bishop Charles W. Burns of Helena, Montana, appointing him pastor of the Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church of Boise, Idaho, the appointment to take effect May 15.

Reverend Quigley announced that he had accepted the appointment and that he and his family would leave La Grande, where they have made their home for about a year

Final Mascot Fight To Be Monday; Juniors Anxious to Beat Grads

The final mascot fight between the Juniors and Seniors of the La Grande high school will be staged Monday, presumably during the noon hour, and the winner of the mascot this time will be entitled to keep it and parade it at the Junior-Senior banquet, to be held May 5.

When the Seniors kept the mascot from the Juniors last Monday, they kept it for the first time that a Senior class has during the past few years. They were then given a day to hide the mascot and as yet it has been unable to locate it.

Quite a crowd was present at the first mascot battle and a larger crowd is expected tomorrow. Five minutes of real fight and no admission charges.

COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETS MAY 7

To Formulate Plans for the 1923 County Fair; Selection of New Secretary Is Necessary.

ELGIN, Apr. 28.—The election of officers and taking up of more definite plans for the 1923 Union County Fair will come up at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held Monday, May 7, at the city hall at 8:00 p. m.

The matter of selection of a secretary, made necessary by the fact that Lee Tuttle, present secretary, is moving away, will be the chief business undertaken. Lee's place will be difficult to fill for he put a great deal of time and energy into the work and was well fitted for the position.

The matter of conflicting dates will also be considered. The present fair dates, September 26-29, conflict with the state fair. The Pendleton Round-Up comes the previous week and the Wallowa county fair the week after, so it will be a difficult thing to arrange the Union county fair without more serious conflict than at present.

Committees will also be selected to get into the swing of the fair work and take steps toward getting interest aroused early in the season.

Guy Patten is president of the association and it is probable that he will be re-elected, although he states that he wishes to hand it over to someone else. A successor, however, is not in sight so far as is known and Guy may be called upon to handle the burden again.

LECTURE GIVEN TO POULTRYMEN

Poultry raisers who gathered last evening in the city hall at eight o'clock to hear the lecture by J. E. Layton, of San Francisco, were not disappointed in the message he brought them.

Called by hen raisers as a practical countryman, Mr. Layton gave a very interesting and instructive lecture, illustrated by electric lantern poultry slides that were up-to-date and modern in every detail.

He answered several questions entered by poultrymen in regard to production, care of the flock, and of a similar nature. Quite a number were present at the lecture, which was under the auspices of the Union County Farm Bureau, headed by J. E. Reynolds, and the Union County Ad Club livestock committee, headed by Floyd McKennon.

STRIKE HITS SOME OREGON CAMPS TODAY

No Trouble Is Experienced By Union and Wallowa County Concerns

DALLAS CRIPPLED BY BIG WALKOUT

Seattle Estimates Approximately 10,000 L. W. W. Out Today; No Disorder Reported.

Reports from Bowman-Hicks lumbering company of La Grande received this afternoon stated that they had experienced no walkouts today, the opening day of the Industrial Workers of the World strike, as called a few days ago. According to their report their force is still on duty in entirety.

No reports have been received from lumbering concerns in a Wallowa county but no conclusion drawn here are that they are experiencing no difficulty due to the strike.

Some Response Made. PORTLAND, Apr. 28.—Scattering reports this morning indicated that some response to the Industrial Workers of the World's call for a strike in Oregon had been made.

Headquarters of the I. W. W. said it received reports of walkouts last night at Palmer, Dallas and Cochrane but no further reports today.

The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen headquarters learned that about 275 men quit in seven camps on the lower Umpqua river, but the camps are operating with slight interruption.

SALM, Apr. 28.—L. W. W. walkouts today paralyzed for the first time the Black Rock camps of the Willamette Valley Lumber company of Dallas. One hundred and fifty men left the woods and the company was forced to suspend operations.

Officials here hope that they will be able to start work early next week. A walkout at Silverfalls Timber company, of Silverton, which began two days ago appeared halted today. No sabotage was reported.

Little Change Noticed. SEATTLE, Apr. 28.—Little change is noticed in the L. W. W. strike in Washington logging camps today.

Estimates of various sources placed the number out at approximately 19,000. Headquarters said between 20,000 and 30,000 were out on strike.

Greater Share of 237 Passengers Rescued. CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Apr. 25.—All but two lifeboats of the Portuguese steamer Mossamedes, wrecked several days ago at Cape Frio, are reported picked up. The steamer carried 237 passengers.

Negro Gets Life Term—And Then Another Judge Hands Him 5 More Years

SALT LAKE, Utah, Apr. 28.—James Stanfield, a negro, serving a life term in the Utah state prison for murder, was brought before District Judge L. B. Wight Friday charged with assaulting another prisoner and received a sentence of five years for this offense when he pleaded guilty.

"Have you anything to say why sentence should not be passed at this time?" Judge Wight asked the prisoner. "Yes, this, your honor," Stanfield said: "Ain't serving ah' from now on 'term now. Ah' youah want to give mo' than that, go right ahead. Ah can't serve mo' than life, can I?"

Judge Wight agreed with him but imposed an indeterminate sentence just the same with a recommendation of five years.

CENSUS SHOWS 279 CHILDREN EAST DISTRICT

C. S. Shultz, spokesman of the East La Grande school district, who are asking that the school board construct a school house in their district, announced today that the census of school children taken during the week in East La Grande, is now complete and that it will be presented to the school board at a meeting, which the East La Grande committee will ask, to be held next week.

The census, which, according to the committee, includes no district but East La Grande shows that 279 children of school age reside in the district and that 192 children under school age, but who will, in the course of a few years, be eligible for school, reside there.

The committee that took the census is as follows: C. S. Shultz; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Shultz; Mrs. S. C. Shultz; Charles Edwards; Mrs. C. W. Itunyan; and Mrs. H. D. Tallman.

"We believe that the census is absolute proof that our district must have a school house," stated Mr. Shultz today.

DISORDER MARKS OPENING GAME IN ENGLISH STADIUM

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Apr. 28.—The new stadium at Whiteley Hill, capacity 120,000, was the scene of disorders today when it opened with an association final football game to decide the championship of England and Wales.

Forty casualties were reported when the doors were slammed after the stadium was full.

The game was suspended for a time when spectators swarmed on the field.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Apr. 28.—Hard White \$1.34; Western Red \$1.22.

EXTRA Bucks Ahead

PENDELTON, April 28.—The incomplete results of the La Grande-Pendleton dual track meet taken at 3:40 o'clock showed Pendleton leading 61-2 to La Grande's 25-1-2.

La Grande firsts were in the 120 high hurdles and the shot-put. The remainder came on seconds and thirds.

Larson, of La Grande, is high point man of the meet with two events yet to be run off.

PURNELLS ARE FRAUDS (By Associated Press) GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Apr. 28.—The House of David Colony and Benjamin and Mary Purnell, the leaders, were characterized as frauds in a decision filed today by Judge Sater, awarding compensation to John and Margaret Hanel, for their services while members of the colony.

SUGAR FUTURES BROKE (By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Apr. 28.—Sugar futures broke 26 to 27 points today following the publication of reports of a movement by housewives to support the buyers in the strike against the present high prices.

Some operators attributed the break partly to uncertainty over pending governmental action against the New York and Sugar Exchange here next Monday.

HOPES FOR HOUSEWIVES (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—Hope that housewives will "put these sugar speculators out of business" by refusing to purchase sugar at present prices was expressed today by Senator Brookhart, Republican, of Iowa.

CHINESE TO APOLOGIZE (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—A longstanding dispute between the United States over the Cornman case, involving the death of Charles Colman, an American, at the hands of Chinese sentries at the gates of Holgan, has been settled by an agreement by the Chinese to apologize and pay indemnity.

LEGION COUNTY COUNCIL MEETS

The American Legion County Council will meet at a dinner at the Union Hotel at seven o'clock Monday evening in their regular monthly meeting. Representatives from the La Grande, North Powder, Union, Elgin, Imbler and Cove posts are expected to be present to discuss several business matters. An invitation is also extended to Legionnaires.

The American Legion quartette, of La Grande, will render several selections and in addition to their appearance, reports are that a very pleasing program has been arranged. A very enjoyable time is anticipated.

Select Site of Old Oregon Trail Pageant Monday

Secretary Hughes Urges United States to Join In World Justice Court

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—Participation by the United States in a permanent court of international justice was advocated Friday night by Secretary Hughes, in an address before the American Society of International Law, an indispensable to any plan for the prevention of war and the promotion of peace.

"Whatever else we should have," Mr. Hughes declared, "we need at once a permanent court of international justice. No plan to promote peace can dispense with it. We shall make no progress toward the prevention of war if we adopt a perfectionist policy."

COCHRAN TO BE COUNSEL FOR WALLOWA

La Grande Lawyer Enlisted to Aid in Defense of Wallowa in \$7,500 Law Suit.

WALLOWA, Apr. 28.—George Cochrane, of the firm of Cochrane & Eberhard, of La Grande, has been employed by the City Council to work with City Attorney Cherry in defending the city.

The city council in a meeting Tuesday evening determined to fight the case energetically and thoroughly, even though the suit seems unwarranted. The case instituted by J. A. Burleigh is without precedent in the annals of the legal profession, and promises to attract a considerable amount of attention throughout the country.

The city officials are prepared to take the case to the supreme court if necessary.

The suit bases its assumptions on the presumption that the drawing of the man was through carelessness of the city officials. The suit is for the sum of \$7,500.

MAY DAY DANCE OPENS NEW HALL

Next Tuesday evening the city council of Union will officially open the new pavilion which has just been completed at a cost of several thousand dollars with a May Day dance. The entire town will be behind this social event and an invitation is extended to the general public and especially to the people of La Grande and Union county.

It is a building 60x120 feet laid with special hardwood floors for dancing and will be the pavilion used for the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association meetings in June when that organization holds its annual convention preceding the Union stock show.

Loney's orchestra of La Grande has been employed for the opening and there will doubtless be a very large turnout from Baker, La Grande, Elgin, Cove, Imbler, Island City.

Pageant Plans Progressing

Publicity Committee to Lay Pre-Pageant Campaign Sunday.

WALTER E. MEACHAM SPEAKS SUNDAY EVE

To Deliver His Famous "Old Oregon Trail" Address at the Methodist Church.

Sunday and Monday will see many developments in the preliminary preparations for the staging of the Old Oregon Trail Pageant to be held tentatively July 4, on the summit of the Blue Mountains, in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the crossing of the mountains by the first wagon train.

The publicity committee, consisting of Bruce Dennis, editor of the La Grande Evening Observer, E. B. Aldrich, of the Pendleton East Oregonian, of Pendleton, and I. B. Bowen, of the Baker Democrat, will meet here Sunday and lay out a campaign for the pre-pageant period.

Meacham to Speak. Sunday evening Walter E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail Association, will deliver his famous "Old Oregon Trail" address in the Methodist church, to which the public is cordially invited.

Mr. Meacham has delivered his address to practically every civic club in Portland and in all of the leading cities of Oregon and in many points in Washington. His address deals with every earliest settling of the old Oregon country, now the Northwest, touching upon early exploration, telling something about the immigrant period, from 1842 to 1850, compares transportation facilities of the earlier days with present conditions, and in general, tells the story of the old Oregon country in a complete, and highly interesting way.

Mr. Meacham has spoken before the Ad Club but the people of La Grande in general have had no opportunity to hear his address until tomorrow evening.

Speech Widely Known. Proof of the excellence of his address lies in the fact that last year 25,000 copies of his speech was distributed in the Northwest and incessant demand has resulted in plans to distribute 25,000 copies this year to eastern points.

To Select Site. Monday morning at eight o'clock W. C. Calver, of Baker, M. S. Levy, of Union, Walter E. Meacham, of Baker, E. B. Hayes, city manager, of La Grande, Claude Seranton, head of the Ad Club entertainment committee, George Birnie, a member of the same committee, Sam Thompson, of Pendleton, L. C. Scharpf, of Pendleton, Dr. W. T. Ploy, of Hot Lake, Dr. Verne Johnson, of La Grande, and C. L. Caldwell, of Union, will meet at Meacham's home to select a site for the pageant.

Plans, in a general way, are progressing nicely as indicated by reports received from communities in Eastern Oregon. Widespread attention is being given to the coming event throughout the Northwest and even in many far away districts throughout the nation and all that is needed to make the event completely satisfactory in the eyes of those in charge will be the consent of President Warren Harding to deliver his Oregon address at the pageant, instead of in Portland.

THE MARKET. (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Apr. 28.—Livestock steady; eggs firm, buying prices 22 to 27 cents, selling 22 to 27 cents; butter firm, extra extra 37 1/2 cents.

Business Still Expanding Says The Reserve Board

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—Continued increase in industrial production, further expansion in building operations and freight movements heavier each week than in any corresponding week in four years were reported among the outstanding features in a statement issued Friday by the federal reserve board. General profit, the statement announced, was 8 per cent higher on the board's index ratio than the big peak of 19 and 67 per cent above the low point of 1921.

While the board's statement does largely with expansion, it was devoid of comment as to the length to which the expansion may go. It was assumed, however, that in some quarters the belief is held that by minding of orders is developing some alarm was expressed as to the significance of this condition.

There has as yet been no reflection in the discounts by the federal reserve banks of the heavy borrowings from member banks of the reserve

system. The banks, it was said, have been able thus far to take care of the calls for funds which have become increasingly great as the index ratio has risen.

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Weather Forecast

PORTLAND, April 28.—Fair tonight and Sunday, light to heavy frost tonight excepting near the coast.

