

GEM ROBBERS MAKE RICH HAUL

DAN CASEY IS HANGED IN SALEM TODAY

Murderer of J. H. Phillips, Railroad Detective, Executed by State.

PRONOUNCED DEAD AT 8:49 O'CLOCK

Trap is Sprung at 8:34 O'clock This Morning; Died for Crime Committed in 1921.

SALEM, Ore., (AP) — Dan Casey, convicted murderer of J. H. Phillips, railroad detective, in Portland June 14, 1921, died in the gallows in the penitentiary today.

The trap was sprung at 8:34 A. M. and Casey was pronounced dead at 8:49 A. M.

Made No Comment.

SALEM, Ore., (A. P.) — Casey entered the death chamber and mounted the scaffold unopposed at 8:34 o'clock. In less than one minute he dropped through the trap.

When he entered the room he was chewing gum, but he removed it from his mouth before the black hood was adjusted. He made no comment.

Last minute efforts to save Casey's life were abandoned this morning when Governor Pierce announced his mind remained unchanged not to interfere with the court's findings.

Wanted Hanging Speeded. SALEM, (A. P.) — "Come on, make it fast," were Casey's last words before he left the death cell.

Biographical Sketch.

SALEM, (AP) — Dan Casey was sentenced at Portland to be hanged after being convicted of the murder of J. H. Phillips, a railroad detective, who was shot on the night of June 14, 1921, and died the next day from wounds.

According to evidence at Casey's trial, the shooting occurred when Phillips engaged in a gun fight with men he suspected of attempting robbery of freight cars in the railroad yards here.

Casey and John L. Barnes were arrested in a rooming house a short time after Phillips' death. Casey was suffering from a gun wound which the police charged he received in a fight with Phillips, but which Casey contended he had received in a quarrel following a drinking party at Vancouver, Wash. Barnes was freed.

Casey, whose defense was an alibi, carried his case to the state supreme court, and execution of his sentence was in consequence delayed, the death penalty finally being set for August 24.

CHAMBER TO BOOST UNION COUNTY FAIR

Many members of the Chamber of Commerce have already signified their intention of accompanying the organization on the two-day booster trip into Wallawa county Tuesday and Wednesday, according to Earl C. Reynolds, secretary. He also urges that all who wish to go make reservations before Saturday night—although it will be possible to accommodate those who are unable to ascertain whether they will go or not before that time. The reason for the early reservations is that it will be necessary to arrange for accommodations along the route at the dinner and luncheon and also to arrange for hotel accommodations for Tuesday evening at Enterprise.

Special advertising features are being prepared for the booster trip and members of the commercial organizations in Elgin, Enterprise, Joseph and Wallawa will be the guests of the Union County Chamber during the trip. One of the features will be a visit to the lettuce fields near Joseph and that vicinity.

Approximately 40 members are expected to make the trip which is solely for the purpose of "making new friends and renewing old acquaintances." A little boosting for the Union county fair at Elgin is also on the program.

On Tuesday the body will stop at Imbler, Island City, Elgin and Enterprise, having luncheon and dinner at the latter two places. The evening will be spent in Enterprise and Wednesday morning the boosters will go to Joseph where they will have lunch and then to Wallawa where they will be on the return trip and also stopping, the boosters to have dinner at Wallawa.

ELGIN, Ore.—The Union County Chamber of Commerce is preparing to help advertise the county fair, which will be held at Elgin September 25-29, inclusive, and will begin exploitation of the coming event next Tuesday when they tour the Joseph-La Grande highway. The chamber contingent from La Grande will be guests of the Elgin Ad club at noon Tuesday at which time the fair plans will be discussed.

The boosters will then go on thru Wallawa county and will "talk up" the fair wherever they go.

To Complete Highway. It now seems certain that the new highway will be available for use by fair time. District Engineer R. H. Babcock and Resident Engineer Bishop have promised to make every effort to have a thoroughfare through below the overhead crossing. The crossing and fill will be ready in ample time, but the huge rock blast for the crusher, made recently, caused a slide which blocks the roadway and will necessarily have to be moved out.

The crusher is going forward at fair speed and with reasonable luck should have this road almost complete and ready for traffic by the time the fair opens.

Weather Forecast



PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Fair tonight and Saturday.

BUSINESS MEN VISIT POWDER AND UNION

50 KILLED, 100 INJURED WHEN TRAIN RAMS DAM WARSAW, (AP) — More than fifty were killed and approximately 100 injured when a train from Vilna to Warsaw left the tracks near Lida and crashed into a dam early Thursday. The impact burst the dam, the ensuing rush of waters helping to swell the casualty list.

FIRST AIR MAIL LETTER ARRIVES

George T. Cochran, Grand Master Masonic Lodge, Gets Letter from Cheyenne.

Bearing the postmark of Cheyenne, Washington George T. Cochran, grand master of the Masonic lodge for the state of Oregon, today received a letter by air mail, the first that has arrived in La Grande since the new coast-to-coast service was inaugurated.

Just where it made connection with the railroad the letter does not indicate but it is a certainty that a portion of the distance to La Grande was covered in the air for the postmark and the government inscriptions so indicate.

WATERSPOUT HITS ITALIAN COAST

GENOVA, Italy, (AP) — A huge waterspout burst upon the coast of Genoa Thursday, injuring many persons and doing much damage.

Several Hurt in Train Wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP) — An engine, two baggage cars and a coach of the Southern Pacific-Los Angeles express "Tehachapi" were derailed and overturned at Roche, Cal., today. Several were slightly hurt but none seriously.

To Try to Reach Settlement.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Efforts to find a basis for the settlement of the anthracite wage controversy will be made immediately by Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, it became known today after a conference of Pinchot, Coolidge and Chairman Hammond, of the coal commission.

Premier Kato Dead in Tokio

TOKIO, (AP) — Premier Kato died today from a complication of maladies. Baron Tomosaburo Kato had been previously ill according to announcements.

Chamber of Commerce, Fifty Strong, Invades Neighboring Cities; Given Fine Reception.

Nearly fifty strong La Grande business men enjoyed yesterday on a trip to North Powder and Union where they met the business men of those two towns and enjoyed the hospitality of the communities.

It was a Chamber of Commerce day—one of those perfect days of sunshine which Eastern Oregon can beat the entire world in producing.

At 10:30 o'clock the delegation gathered at the Security Land and Savings Co. offices and a dozen automobiles were filled with congenial passengers. They hopped off on the highway but made a stop at the White Pine Box and Lumber company where for half an hour the workings of the plant were explained, each piece of machinery being handled for a time by special order so that the visitors could better understand its workings. On to North Powder without a stop was the order and when that city was reached a delegation met the party at the city limits ushering them to the dining room of the Methodist Ladies Aid society on Main street where a very fine lunch had been prepared.

Speeches followed and Toastmaster, Chris Johnson, Jr., of North Powder, spared no one as he whipped the old and young into line for talks. G. L. Larison, Sherwood Williams, Earl Stoddard, Rev. Sifton, Rev. Keith, C. J. Black and Earl Reynolds were among those who spoke for La Grande, and Herman Rothchild, Chris Johnson, Frank Bidwell represented North Powder in the exchange of kind words and felicitations.

Visit Ice Plant.

The ice plant of the Pacific Fruit company, which is the old Andy Lund farm, is one of the liveliest places visited on the whole route. Its location is just south of North Powder and a force of men are busy day and night leasing cars for the Pacific Fruit company. This ice will be consigned to the natural product and H. M. White, the manager, sees that large storage houses are filled in the winter months, while in the summer he supervises its distribution to the refrigerator cars in transit. In a few days a number of cars will be lessened and sent into Wallawa county to care for the head lettuce which is about ready for the market.

Dinner at Union.

In the evening the entire party pulled into Union and spent an hour on the State Experimental station with Robert Withycombe as guide and lecturer. They heard the story of grain and livestock development, of which have meant much to the farmers and saw with their own eyes demonstrations of plant growth that are remarkable.

An interesting section was the dairy herd of the station where fifteen cows are cared for and the showing they make is indicative of Dr. Phillips' claims that this valley must have more milk cows. It would prove to the fullest, the Kentucky bred saddle mares belonging to the late Governor Withycombe, was exhibited along with one of her colts and the fine Kentucky mare seemed to appreciate the attention being paid to her for she had a world of style all of her own to exhibit.

At the Union hotel dinner was served to many Union people and the entire La Grande crowd, after which speeches and stories occupied the evening until time to return to La Grande.

MISSIE AINSWORTH AND ZABEL IN TIE

With both contestants, Miss Ione Zabel and Miss Effie Ainsworth, in the American Legion bathing suit contest, running neck and neck, no attempt will be made until Monday to ascertain the number of votes that each girl has. Indications are today, that for first place. Both girls have several tickets out and for that reason it is difficult to make an exact check. Possibly due to the fact that several additional second place prizes had been announced yesterday, many citizens believe that the race is practically decided—but such is not the case. Neither girl is sure of first place until the contest opens on August 21, 6:00 P. M., it is still anybody's race.

MARKET PROBE IS HEARING PURPOSE

State Market Agent C. E. Spence has called a public hearing at school house, Wednesday, September 5, at 10 a. m., at which time an investigation of markets and prices of grain and grain products will be taken up. The hearing is called in reply to resolutions of the Merchants Exchange of Portland, in which they state that millers' prices and profits as given out by the market agent "are false, misleading and not in accordance with true facts." These will no doubt be a large attendance of millers and wheat growers at the meeting as the matter of middle prices and profits is of annual interest at this time.

NEW YORK TO FRISCO MAIL IS ASSURED

CHICAGO (AP) — The last transcontinental air mail flight in test periods began this morning when planes left San Francisco for old New York. A regular transcontinental air mail service, operated both day and night, is assured as the results of the tests, the postmaster general stated today.

Cross Country Flight Record Broken.

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., (AP) — All records for flights across the continent were broken today when Pilot Wesley L. Smith, of the air mail service, landed here, completing a relay flight from San Francisco in 26 hours and 14 minutes.

CHICAGO, (AP) — Running ahead of schedule, mail planes landed in New York and San Francisco Thursday, completing the second transcontinental test flight, while two other mail planes were speeding across the continent ahead of their schedules in the third test flight.

The plane carrying mail that left the Golden Gate Wednesday morning in the second flight landed in New York at 12:22 p. m., spanning the continent in 27 hours and 56 minutes, four minutes under the estimated 28 hours.

The westbound plane, with its burden of letters from the continent, completed its trip across the country when it landed at San Francisco at 1:45 o'clock, two and one-half hours ahead of its estimated (Continued on page 5)

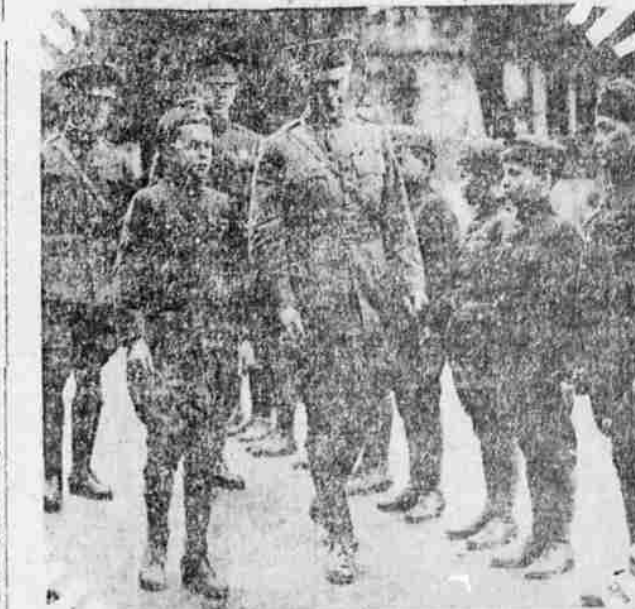
Recognition Of Mexico Is Now Certain

WASHINGTON, — Resumption of friendly relations with Mexico is regarded here as virtually a certainty, and it is expected that official announcement of such a step will be made shortly by the Washington government.

The attitude of the administration on the question, it became known Thursday, has been revealed to representatives here of several foreign governments, which, it is believed, will extend recognition to Mexico once the United States has done so.

Announcement was made Thursday that Charles B. Warren, one of the American commissioners to the recent Mexico City conference, had concluded his work for the time being at least. Mr. Warren said he was fully confident as to the results of the negotiations, and this admission was taken as an additional indication that a recognition announcement was not far off.

Air Service Head In Oregon



GENERAL MASON PATRICK AND SOME HILL CADETS. Kendrick Siegfert of La Grande, was among the young Hill cadets who recently had the opportunity to meet General Mason Patrick, a distinguished officer who is at the head of the air service of the United States Army. The general was on a tour of the west and stopped to inspect the academy and review the boys. He gave them an inspiring talk telling them to be prepared to fight, not merely battles of the land, sea and air, but the battles of life for which a military training is especially fitting. The general was on a tour of the west and stopped to inspect the academy and review the boys. He gave them an inspiring talk telling them to be prepared to fight, not merely battles of the land, sea and air, but the battles of life for which a military training is especially fitting. The general was on a tour of the west and stopped to inspect the academy and review the boys. He gave them an inspiring talk telling them to be prepared to fight, not merely battles of the land, sea and air, but the battles of life for which a military training is especially fitting.

APPRECIATION FUND CLIMBS TO \$266.00; CONCERT IS TONIGHT

At one o'clock this afternoon the La Grande Municipal Band appreciation fund, inaugurated by the Evening Observer to assist the band to meet their contract regarding their appearance at the Salem State Fair, had swelled to a total of \$266.00, now but \$34 short of the \$300 needed for the completion of the fund.

Donations continued to come into the Evening Observer office after one o'clock today and these will be printed in the newspaper tomorrow. With the second day of the appreciation fund passed, the amount raised is nearly one half of the amount needed, probably will reach the \$300 mark before nightfall at the present rate of donations.

The purpose of the donations is a worthy one—one that will reflect to the honor of La Grande in more ways than one. The La Grande band will be the chief band at the state fair and will naturally boost La Grande as the best city in Eastern Oregon. In order to get the job the local band was forced to compete with Portland musicians prices which naturally left several expenses unprotected. Every person in La Grande who feels that they wish to support the band may do so by telephoning Main 37 and announcing the amount they will give or by presenting their check to the Evening Observer either personally or by mail. The list of honors is printed in the newspaper each day.

Band Concert Tonight. The La Grande Band will again appear in concert this evening at the pavilion at the corner of Third and Washington streets, the program to begin at eight o'clock. Citizens of this city know full well the high quality of the program presented last Friday evening and the arrangements of selections this week will have a greater appeal than those at the concert last week. The program in full was printed in Thursday's issue of the Evening Observer.

List of Donations. Personal donations received for the band appreciation fund prior to one o'clock today are as follows: John Neiderer \$2; Floyd McKennon \$2; Miss Newlin \$1; E. Marks \$2.

Donations received from business concerns in La Grande prior to one o'clock today are as follows: French & Greene \$5; Sawyer-Holmes \$5; Crescent Meat company \$5; Nelson Printing company \$2.50; Hooversized Grocery \$5; Dr. A. L. Richardson \$10; Smith's Garage \$5; J. G. Snodgrass (Palace Confectionery and Snodgrass Grocery) \$5; Blue Mountain Creamery \$5; N. K. West Co., Inc. \$10; Home Independent Telephone Co. \$10; Shannon Harness Shop \$10; Silver Grill \$5; United States National Bank \$10; La Grande National Bank \$10; Oregon Hardware and Implement Co. \$10; Macpherson Bakery \$10; La Grande Grocery company \$10; Red Cross drug store \$5; Putnam's Ready To Wear \$5; La Grande Electric Company \$5; Hill's Department Store \$10; H. & S. Electric company \$5; Holm's Grocery \$5; Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co. \$10; Grande Round Meat Co. \$10; Glan Drugs \$10; Eastern Oregon Music Co. \$5; Newlin Drug Store \$2; Curry Bros \$2.50; Anthony's Restaurant \$2; Cherry's Dry Goods \$10; Southard & Shinn \$10; Dr. H. R. Braverton \$5; W. H. Bolmshamp Co. \$10; Art's Plumbing Shop \$1.

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New Turkish Assembly. CONSTANTINOPLE, — Trade men predominate in the new Turkish Assembly. It is composed of 216 members of which 28 are army officers, three naval officers, 46 tradesmen, 33 civil servants, 28 lawyers, 12 scientists, 13 doctors, 10 government officials, eight public education officials, seven writers, four sociologists, three foreign officials, two finance officials, three engineers and one economist.

DEATH CALLS KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN

HARROW, Eng., (AP) — Kate Douglas Wiggin, American author, died here last night, as the result of an illness with which she was stricken on her voyage from America.

Biographical Sketch. Kate Douglas Wiggin, often called the "princess of literature," was one of the most accomplished women engaged in literary and philanthropic work in the United States. It was back in 1876 that Mrs. Wiggin, then Kate Douglas Smith, left her home in Maine and journeyed to California for the purpose of studying kindergarten methods. She taught for a year in Santa Barbara College, and was then called upon to organize the Silver Street Kindergarten in San Francisco, the first free school of the kind west of the Rocky Mountains.

Little was known of kindergarten work at the time, but the ideas of Mrs. Wiggin soon began to attract wide attention, and it was not long before she was joined by Mrs. Sarah E. Cooper, the noted educator, who assisted Mrs. Wiggin in forming the California Kindergarten Training School, which established more than 60 schools for poor children.

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