

Personal Mention

John Heath and wife of Kamela, spent yesterday in La Grande visiting.

Roy Phorman of Perry, spent yesterday in La Grande on business.

Mrs. Eddie Johnson of Kamela, was a visitor in La Grande Tuesday.

Gerard Spencer of La Grande, left last evening for Union, where he spent the evening visiting, returning home this morning.

Mrs. Kate Smith of Perry, returned to her home last evening after a short visit in La Grande.

Mrs. P. J. Murray of Enterprise, passed through La Grande last evening on her way to Portland.

E. E. Hosh of Kamela, was a business visitor in La Grande Tuesday.

Mrs. C. W. Hines of Boise, Idaho, was registered at the Foley last evening.

Elfin was represented among the guests at the Savoy last evening by A. J. Tucker.

W. M. Harrison of Idaho, is among the business visitors in this city today. He is stopping at the Foley.

Karl J. Blackman is over from Cove today transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Newport and R. M. Newport are among the business visitors in this city who are stopping at the Foley.

G. L. Wade was registered at the Savoy last evening. He hails from Illinois.

E. E. Harris is in the city today from Klam on business and pleasure and is at the Savoy.

Charlie Swafford was among the Maxville guests at the Foley last evening.

Mrs. C. E. Head returned to Pleasant Valley this morning, after spending a short time in La Grande shopping.

Forest Day returned to Huntington this morning, where he is employed after spending a short time here visiting.

E. C. Herveaux left this morning for branch line points on business.

Mrs. Oscar Lund of Cove, returned this morning from Kansas City, where she has been visiting relatives.

Criticisms Brings Frank Retort.

ROENIGBERG (AP)—Katherine Van Orsdel, who is more discussed, perhaps, than any other woman member of the Reichstag, was recently attacked by the leading national organ in East Prussia for her liberal tendencies; her activities were denounced as a bit of "political politics."

Mrs. Van Orsdel, who is young and attractive and wears a uniformly powdered, replied to the attack by saying: "I beg to inform you herewith that I, according to the new mode, do not wear a political."

Mrs. Van Orsdel maintains a large salon in Berlin, where she entertains politicians of all parties. Many important political decisions are made at her dinners. Her great influence in political circles has been described as the mainstay to her courage and integrity.

Net Income on Office Buildings Averages Over Eight Percent

CHICAGO, (AP)—The average office building in the United States has a population of 1,054 and is a little more than 17 stories high, according to a survey made by the accounting and exchange committee of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers.

Office buildings in themselves were shown to be little cities with fire departments, police forces, transportation systems, cleaning departments, lighting systems, sewerage and water departments and other facilities similar to those of modern cities.

The average taxable valuation is \$9.94 a square foot of floor space, which means a valuation on the building averaging more than \$1,000,000. The average net return to the owner is a little under 8.5 per cent a year.

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HAPPENINGS AT CLOVER CREEK

CLOVER CREEK (Special)—A local incident, who has been at the St. Elizabeth hospital, in Baker, for over six weeks with a broken leg, is at home and able, with the aid of crutches, to walk around a little even though the injured leg is still in a cast.

John Brown, who broke his leg while tagging at the Jacobs and Hess Saw Mill, in this vicinity, is at the Lake Sanatorium and improving rapidly.

Mrs. Eddie Dahlstrom was a visitor in Baker Sunday.

John Dahlstrom and Henry Hermon have taken advantage of the wintered shooting and are utilizing their winter supply of wood this week.

Visitors of the hydrophobia cases at North Powder the presence of three stray dogs running at large near the water has caused no little concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hays and Ruby Dahlstrom made a trip Sunday over the hills to the timber camp of Mrs. Hays' brothers, Joe and Leo Harbeck, down on Mad Creek. They reported having encountered some pretty deep snow drifts.

Mrs. Stanley Shure is rapidly regaining the use of her hand, that she injured last fall, by cutting two fingers so badly that the ligaments had to be tied. It is even thought the fingers will not be stiff, which the doctor considers will be a miracle.

Soap Box Atheist Routed by Pastor

COLUMBUS, Ohio, (INS)—A soapbox orator, addressing a street-corner crowd here, argued that religion has no place in America. Rev. Dr. C. Jefferson McCombe, pastor of Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church, passing along, heard the speaker assert that "the founding fathers were opposed to any recognition of God, or religion. George Washington recognized no church or religion" and that "Abraham Lincoln was too wise a man to believe in any God or religion."

Challenging the speaker's assertions, Rev. Dr. McCombe addressed the crowd. He told how the Pilgrim Fathers came to America that they might worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Quoting George Washington, when he told of the "Christianity and of its importance to the state," Dr. McCombe next referred to the statement made by Abraham Lincoln: "I expect you to pray for me as I will continue to pray for you"—uttered as Lincoln was leaving Springfield for Washington to assume the Presidency.

Before ending his talk, Dr. McCombe recalled the following statement made by the late President Harding to Bishop William P. Anderson (Cincinnati, Ohio, of the Methodist Episcopal Church), before taking the oath of office as President: "My prime motive in going to the White House is to bring America back to God."

When the soapbox orator resumed his address, after Dr. McCombe was through, virtually the entire audience walked away.

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TRICKY WORDS DOOMED YOUTH

Arnold Anderson Awaits Execution — Father's Words Helped to Convict Him.

(By Alexander Herman)

TRICKING N. J. CNEA Staff Writer Service)—The trick of words—they made a father's testimony unwittingly convict his son of murder.

They made a jury sentence him to death, when it wanted to give him a more merciful punishment. And now Arnold Anderson, 26, sits stoically in his cell in the Death House of the New Jersey State Prison wondering what further trick words selected words will play him.

For the Board of Pardons has his case under consideration. His recommendation can save him from death in February. But the young prisoner is not hopeful.

There has been too many a slip for him twice the thought and the word.

Not only does he have to bear the anguish of knowing that it is his boy who may go to the chair, but he has to bear the torments of the thought that his testimony helped convict him.

A Drug Addict at Twelve

At the trial he was asked if his boy had told him that he had shot the victim, with whom murder he had been charged. The father thought that he had been asked if young Anderson had told him that he had told the police that he had done it.

And he answered—"Yes!" For he was ready to go on and explain that his son had a weakness for assuming the guilt of

others. He was ready to tell how his boy had confessed to a crime which he hadn't committed, the conviction of which would have meant eight or more years in Sing Sing. The authorities that had discovered the deed, however, had saved him.

But this time, in the courtroom in Jersey City, the father never got the chance to explain. His answer had already convinced the jury, for young Anderson's record was bad.

According to his father, young Anderson became a drug addict when he was 12 years old. Four months who piled their trail among school children started him on the habit.

"But I found out about this only since the last trial began," his father said sorrowfully.

It was the beginning of a long line of transgressions of the law that culminated in the conviction for shooting Harry C. Moore, a Jersey City real estate operator, who interrupted Anderson, while he was leaving Moore's home on August 4 last.

In 1909," says Will Weiss, who together with George P. Culney, defended Anderson in his last case "the boy was sent to a transient school; 1910-1915, he was in 3 Juvenile Asylum; 1913-1914 he did time in the House of Detention for unlawful entry; 1917-1918, he was sent to Sing Sing for grand larceny; 1919-1923, he did another term for burglary.

The parents say the boy is mentally deficient. They even had a commission inquire into his sanity.

Meanwhile his father, a tailor in Brooklyn, N. Y., tries to keep him at his work. He has become deathly quiet. He no longer speaks much to his workers. He just works on, and on—to keep busy. His heart is heavy, and his soul is seared.

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but nothing was done with its findings. (Continued Father and Mother)

In appearance and bearing Anderson resembles one of a dignified professional student. With his fine nose glasses he looks like a high-brow intellectual.

When the newspapers printed stories about his father's testimony convicting him, he comforted his father and told him that he admired him for living up to his oath.

And the jury said: "Mercy," but "life imprisonment."

So the judge sentenced him to die in the electric chair the week of Feb. 17.

"A fine Valentine for me," Anderson said smiling—as he tried to comfort his mother.

But there was no comforting his mother, a gray-haired, feeble, little body, who is growing feebler each day, worrying, not only about the fate of her boy, but the effect on her husband.

Botanist Crop Interest Grows

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis—Interest in rotation systems of cropping is growing rapidly in eastern Oregon because of the low price of wheat, said David E. Stephens, superintendent of the Sherman county branch experiment station at Moro.

Mr. Stephens is on the campus collecting data on experiments for bulletin publication. The possibilities of growing crops other than wheat in the Columbia basin are being investigated by Mr. Stephens. He will publish this material in a bulletin.

Tax Status Unchanged.

ST. HELENS, Or.—The ruling of the Oregon supreme court that

the tax conservation commission act was void had little effect in Columbia county except to make it necessary to call a meeting of the county court and the budget advisory committee, which was held

The county tax commission had lopped off some \$40,000 from the budget as prepared by the county court and the advisory committee. Its recommendation was adopted and the county assessor proceeded to extend the tax roll on this basis.

At the meeting the only business transacted was another adoption of

the budget and without any change. The city council will meet and again prepare its budget and set a date for the budget meeting.

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