

# WILL RECORD BRITISH FACES

### England Determined to Keep Photographs of Her Prominent Sons.

LONDON (AP)—The National Portrait Gallery is compiling photographs of distinguished men and women in all fields of British life. Already 2000 of the great and near-great have passed for this national collection, which is to go into the gallery's archives.

Very few of the faces in the collection are feminine. This is not entirely due to the fact that women of prominence outside the domestic sphere are rarer than men; it is partly because—well, one knows how women are about their photographs. It is an exceptional person, man or woman, who becomes distinguished before the age of forty. Some of the beauty of women often fades before then, so that the trustees of the National Portrait Gallery have not been greatly surprised, when, in several instances, after inviting a distinguished woman to have her picture made for their collection, the lady visited a photographer but refused to approve the result.

Photographs of more than 150 of the distinguished contemporaries, as the trustees of the gallery call those whom they invite to sit for their collection, have recently been placed on public exhibition. Most of the faces are old, but some of them, notably John Drinkwater, the dramatist, are on the sunny side of middle-age. Only one man in the collection wears a monocle—Austin Chamberlain, the foreign secretary. And even more strange, since there are Britons, is the absence of a pipe.

The procession of prominent men who have passed before the camera for the National Portrait Gallery collection include besides statesmen, politicians, generals, admirals and divines, leaders in other activities—almost all of them, in fact. There are grizzled old ship-building magnates, authors, musicians, doctors of medicine and surgeons, railroad officials. There is the rugged face of Thomas Hardy, the smiling countenance of T. P. O'Connor, father of the House of Commons, an earnest-looking as though, instead of half a dozen jobs he had not a worry in the world; Winston Churchill, with his florid face and a studiously careless bow; the Archbishop of Canterbury, with a shaggy brooding brow almost hiding one of his eyes; the Lord Chancellor with long wig and class-enclosed mustache; Mr. Asquith looking well the part of a right-homage gentleman, his parliamentary designation and scores of other nobilities and titled nobilities.

One of these days, it is hoped, the national gallery will set aside a room in which to hang photographic enlargements of prominent people after their death, of course. No carvings can now be hung in the gallery until the subject has been dead ten years or more. Sometimes when a distinguished man of prominence is honored by selection for the gallery, no adequate photograph from which to make a painting can be found. Under the new system of compiling photographs of all distinguished people, this will never happen again. The compilation was begun in 1915; it will probably go on forever.

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# "Another Date" With Hangman



Bernard Grant, 23-year-old Chicago "luck o' the yards" youth, has another "date" with the hangman. He's scheduled to die Jan. 16, unless a commutation of sentence or further reprieve is forthcoming. His life was spared temporarily by Governor Len Small last fall following a flood of letters and messages pleading with Small to remember the Leis-Leopold decision. Grant is accused of the murder of a policeman two years ago.

# Move Launched at Elgin For New Water System

### Ex-City Manager F. B. Hayes of La Grande, Tenders Report to Nearby City Regarding Cost of Proposed Improvements.

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—A fairly good representative meeting of the citizens of Elgin gathered at the city hall recently to listen to a report of ex-city manager F. B. Hayes of La Grande on Elgin's present water system and the cost of making repairs that will put it in first-class shape with sufficient force and water to efficiently supply the city, states a local newspaper.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Dean with Attorney Crum as secretary. In his report to the meeting, Mr. Hayes stated the estimate of the present system at a little less than \$10,000. This estimate included a new pump house from the city to an intersection with the main at Galloway's place, leading from the intake. The new main would cross through the town of Hill, Joe Halgarth, Bommer and Galloway, crossing the river below the highway bridge, then following the country hill. Mr. Hayes estimated that the cost of the proposed improvements, including the capacity would be practically doubled with an increased pressure.

Instead of placing the work on contract, Mr. Hayes favored having the work done by the city with home people, under the supervision of an engineer. He made a proposition to handle the work of installation of the new system and promised the city a real water system when it was completed. Mr. Hayes has had wide experience in this line of work. He was for many years at the head of Pendleton's water system and has been active in the past two years in installing a part of La Grande's water system.

A general discussion followed Mr. Hayes' remarks and the meeting was unanimous in the belief that the city's water system had reached a point where some action was necessary if the people were to continue to have the use of water from that source, instead of having sooner or later to resort to the antiquated pump for their water supply. Mr. Weatherpoon spoke at length on the subject and brought it forcibly home to those present of the danger that lies in the probability of the present system being put out of commission entirely through the inclement weather of the pipe line now crossing the river, in which event the cost of repairs would reach a considerable sum and the city will be left with an inadequate supply of water. With the proposed repairs, said Mr. Weatherpoon, the city would have a system that would meet all requirements of the city for many years to come in both a plentiful supply of water and adequate pressure.

In closing his remarks Mr. Weatherpoon offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved that this meeting go on record as favoring the improvement of the Elgin city water system by relaying a portion of the main line down Indian creek valley, connecting the same with the main from the south in accordance with the estimate of Engineer Hayes of approximately \$10,000. That we recommend to the city council that they take the necessary action for the fixing of city bonds to cover the cost of such improvements in the city mains.

The city council, all of whom were present at the meeting, Mr. Weatherpoon, authorized Mr. Hayes to proceed with the preliminary survey and to have ready ready on this portion of the work. Before any other work is commenced it will be necessary to first call a special election to vote bonds to provide

# PROMISE NEWS OF THE WEEK

**PROMISE (Special)**—Mr. and Mrs. Paulson and family have moved back to Promise and are living in the W. H. Roseck home. Mrs. Paulson has been at Wallawa for the past two months and Mr. Paulson has been working near Maxville.

Mr. Newby and Bill Carper went to Conger creek the first of the week where they expect to have wood for Chester Gorbett, who has a contract with the Bowman-Hicks company.

William Roseck and Ivan Garrett were gathering up some stock in the canyon the first of the week. They took them to Maxville.

Marshall and Andrew Fishman are hauling wood to Maxville.

Howard Carper returned to Promise recently after spending a month in La Grande.

Ula Paulson and T. Carper returned to Promise a few days ago from Maxville where they have been working.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Garrett of Maxville attended church here Sunday.

Two evangelists, Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Hartland are holding meetings at the Promise school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Ula Paulson went to Wallawa Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates Newby visited last Sunday at Chas. P. Carver's.

Mrs. Bertha Carper and son, Robert, visited last Thursday at the L. S. McDonald home.

John Carper and wife visited here recently with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Carper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Carper went to Enterprise Saturday. Miss Alice and Doris Carper returned to school with them.

Walter Tell of Eden is at Promise taking the farm census.

Will Reed took a load of wood to Wallawa recently.

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# TEACH ESKIMO ARTS OF LIFE

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—While public schools, universities and colleges in the United States are forging ahead into the winter term's work, a widely scattered band of homecoming educators in isolated sections of Alaska is laying the groundwork for the home education of Eskimoes.

Scarcity of manual training material has resulted in the introduction of the teaching of hair cutting, ivory carving, and iron work such as the making of dog chains, skates from old sled shoes, and knives from old files.

Under a plan worked out by J. H. Wagner, chief of the Alaska Bureau of the United States Bureau of Education, with headquarters at Seattle, and approved by Dr. J. T. Scott, commissioner of education, industrial schools are to be established at Kaniakumai, Heistat Bay, White Mountain, Stewart Peninsula, and Klutina, 25 miles north or here. Classes to be taught include:

Animal husbandry—Study of reindeer problems, with special attention devoted to methods of slaughter and preparation of meat for cold storage and market.

Fishing—Operation of a small cannery, curing, smoking, salting and drying of fish.

Ivory industry—Making buttons, beads, and carvings such as butter knives and napkin rings.

Tannery—Curing of skins and manufacture of leather.

Boat building—Construction of boats and operation of gasoline engines.

Tailoring—Particular attention to fur garments.

Commercial—Training of typists, stenographers and managers and clerks for native co-operative stores.

Carpentry, nursing and sanitation, household management and home making and music and folk dancing, with special attention to tribal dancing.

# Haitian Corporal Shows Excellent Marksmanship

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—The participation of a Haitian Gendarmerie rifle team in international and Olympic matches in Europe this summer, and their successes, particularly in the Olympics, where they tied France for second place, resulted in keen competition in the recent local annual matches.

For the first time native officials handled the contests, the statistical work being done by the marine officers. The chief range officer was a marine, but his final decision in the three days' shoot was called for only once.

The individual championships match, which carries the grand prize and an autographed letter from the President of Haiti, was won by Corporal L'Héritier, a member of the Central department, with a score of 49 out of a possible 50.

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# SWEDE RELICS KEPT IN 'PEN'

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Once a jail for living skeletons, now a shrine for dead heroes, such as the change that has come to Oesterholm prison, one of the oldest prisons in Stockholm, recently abandoned for purposes of criminal confinement and now being turned into a historical museum and depository for the royal archives.

Precious documents are now filed on shelves in the former cells; relics of the stone age of Sweden are set up in the courtyard where the prisoners once were given their exercise, and fine specimens of church furniture and decoration, together with historical treasures from all ages and from nearly every country in Europe, are on display in the larger halls.

The most interesting part of the collection in the Oesterholm building is an exhibit of skeletons of some of the 1500 Swedes who fell in the defense of Visby against the ruler Valdemar Atterdag nearly 600 years ago. Many of the skulls and bones are still encased in chain mail, which is remarkably well preserved, and archaeologists are showing keen interest in these skeletons in armor.

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