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Portland (AP)—Oregon: Cloudy, probably rain tonight and Friday.

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ATTORNEYS SPARRING FOR POINTS

Legal Talent in Gamble Trial Playing "Game of Wits"

EVELYN GAMBLE ON STAND TODAY

Wife of Murdered Man Preceded Girl; Several Other Witnesses Give Testimony.

The attorneys engaged in the trial of H. N. Gamble for first degree murder now in progress at the court house are taking advantage of every slight legal technicality in order to gain advantage for their respective sides.

Witnesses for the prosecution were on the stand all morning. Luke S. May, scientific criminal investigator who is giving expert testimony for the state, opened the morning session with a resumption of his testimony yesterday.

Relatives on Stand. Mrs. Wiggleworth, wife of the murdered man and Evelyn Gamble, daughter of the defendant, were both on the stand this morning.

Mrs. Wiggleworth's testimony was brief and had mostly to do with the identification of the prosecution's evidence. She identified the door from her home which is being held as one of the principal exhibits by the state.

Miss Gamble was giving testimony when the court adjourned for the noon recess. The state is attempting to prove through Miss Gamble that the accused entered the house after the fatal shot which killed Wiggleworth was fired. When the court adjourned at noon little progress in this direction had been made.

Brown Testifies. F. A. Brown was one of the principal witnesses this morning. Mr. Brown told of his experience with Mrs. Gamble and her daughters after the shot was heard. He was called by Mrs. Gamble and took her and the girls to the home of a relative at the edge of the city, according to his testimony this morning.

He also told of summoning Marshal Van Houten and proceeding to the scene of the murder on his way back.

The attorneys had hoped to get the case to the jury this afternoon but the testimony is not expected to be concluded now until some time tomorrow morning.

The testimony of the state's star witness, Luke S. May, Seattle criminologist occupied most of the afternoon.

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PHYMERE HERD NEAR THE TOP

A bulletin from Delevan, Wis., containing all the reported official tests of Holstein Friesians in America for the past three months shows that Phymere pure-breds from Phymere farm at Hot Lake are comparing favorably with the others of their class. Garfield, Tiffany Pobes stands high in a large class for full age animals. Among the junior two year olds Phymere King Matador, whose sire is Champion King Matador, stands ninth in rank. Phymere Luth Pontiac in the senior two year old class ranks sixth. Holsteins from all over America are ranked in their respective classes in this official bulletin issued every three months.

One of the best ways to find how any particular animal ranks when compared with the rest of the Holsteins in America is to make the official test. Thousands of Holstein breeders make these tests and their ranks accordingly in the bulletin issued at Delevan.

Boxing Board Members Are Appointed

Crews, Keeney, Ralston, Carr and Farnum Are Named on New Athletic Commission by City Dads.

The La Grande boxing commission was officially appointed by city commissioners, A. T. Hill, R. P. Landis and Charles Playle at the regular meeting last evening. The boxing commission will regulate the conditions governing staging of boxing matches and wrestling matches here. With the appointment of the commission a number of boxing bouts will undoubtedly be staged here in the near future. The La Grande Athletic club already has several matches in view to be held in about two weeks. The members of the boxing commission are, W. C. Crews, chairman; Joe Keeney, Dr. Ralston, J. J. Carr, Roy Farnum. The newly appointed commission will meet sometime in the near future to lay their general plans.

L. J. Buscy was the successful bidder and received the contract to audit the city books. Work will start at once. A committee of taxpayers was present to ask the commission to improve Y avenue between Fir and Second streets. Lars Johnson was spokesman for the committee and he told of the condition of Y avenue during the winter months. The commission took the matter under advisement, acting to be taken later.

The installation of the new water meter on the corner of Fir and Main streets, Second and Spring streets and Adams and Walnut was authorized by the commission last evening.

Sewage Disposal Up. A brief discussion of parking on Adams avenue was held but no definite action was taken.

The problem of the disposal of the city sewage was discussed by the commissioners and the city manager, Mr. Crews. A motion was passed instructing the city engineer to furnish estimates, plans and specifications of a new sewer before anything further is done on the matter by the commission.

PETELLE TELLS OF GOD'S FOUR APPOINTMENTS

In his sermon at the Christian church last evening, the evangelist, Mr. Petelle, took as his subject, "God's Four Appointments With Man." God has appointed to meet man in Conversion, as he assembles at the house of God, as he lays down in death, and at the morning of the Judgment," he said. "It is appointed unto man once to die and after death, the Judgment." "Man," he continued, "may or may not meet the appointments of Conversion, of the assembly at the church, but he cannot avoid the call of death or the Judgment at the last day. The two first are intended to help us meet in confidence and without fear the last two. Prepare to meet thy God in the time given you of God."

Mr. Petelle announced as his topic for this evening, "The Church in the Ark," and special male quartet and violin numbers were promised. At this evening's service Mr. Fairbanks will sing "The Holy City."

PUZZLE ANSWER

BEG SPA VOW DOE ELAN OLDER TEAK TUMOR EON ERASE DENOTE TENANT HE EIVE K GEM SO A P ENIVENOM G W SWEAR AGO YEARN SPAR ON ME EMU PELTIS ERA ALLINE B B ADSTIDES NA NO OVA G ALIMAT PARENT ARDORS ELASTS ARM ELIATE ELASTS FLEET TIREY ASS SAIC NOD ERE

Baby Cried



He built his house at the bottom of a hill; and he didn't build it strong enough to withstand attacks of rolling stones. Now you see what happened when a six-ton boulder set out to roll, and rolled right through the house of Steve Masters, Klamath Falls, Ore. The baby cried when his crib was upset.

JUDGE FINDS TWO GUILTY

Two cases came before the municipal judge, yesterday afternoon and last evening, with the result that two offenders were found guilty and sentenced.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Judge J. D. Slater presided at the trial of Frank Thomas, charged by the police with having either sold or given intoxicating liquor to minors. Thomas was found guilty, fined \$150 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail. He may appeal the case to the circuit court. H. E. Dixon was attorney for the defense and George T. Cochran conducted the prosecution.

George Carlson, who was arrested charged with possession of liquor, was released on that charge, owing to an inadequate supply of moonshine to make a successful test, but he was, however, found guilty of drunkenness and fined \$25. This trial took place in the evening.

MASONS MEET HERE FRIDAY

The first of a series of Masonic meetings in Union county will be held here Friday evening at eight o'clock. It was announced this morning by J. L. Tagle, Worshipful Master of the local lodge.

The meetings are to be held at approximately six week intervals during the year and are somewhat of an innovation in Masonic practice. Meetings will be held at Elgin, Union, Summerville, La Grande and Cove which will be attended by all the other lodges in the county. On each occasion a visiting lodge will do the initiatory work at the particular place in which the meeting is held.

Friday evening the La Grande lodge will be host to all the other lodges in the county. The Union degree team will stage a third degree here. The next meeting will be held at Summerville six weeks from Friday.

Cove Orchestra Will Appear at Hot Lake

HOT LAKE (Special)—Sunday evening, February 22, the Cove high school orchestra which is composed of thirty-five members will come to Hot Lake and give a concert. The regular high school concert will be held at Cove previous to this date and the program will be repeated at Hot Lake, J. H. Price, the high school principal, was at the Lake making arrangements for the concert. Although it is being given particularly for the patients and staff of the Sanatorium, the general public is invited to attend.

SICKNESS IN WALLOWA. WALLOWA, Ore. (Special).—A number of cases of pneumonia are reported in this section, resulting from the severe colds and "flu" which has been prevalent for the past several weeks.

MAIO GARCIA SENTENCED TO PRISON

Mexican, Arrested in La Grande, Must Serve Two-Year Term

FOUND GUILTY OF MANN VIOLATION

Woman in the Case, Mariana Asuna, May Be Deported; Officers Are Conducting Investigation.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—Maid Garcia, Mexican, who was arrested in La Grande by the police several weeks ago, was yesterday sentenced to two years at McNeil Island prison by Federal Judge Wolverton. Garcia was convicted by a jury Tuesday night on a charge of violating the Mann act.

Following Garcia's arrest here, Police Chief Clint Haynes turned the case over to the government. During the past week Mr. Haynes has been in Portland with testimony regarding Garcia, who was charged with having traveled with Mariana Asuna, 26, a Mexican, from place to place in Idaho and Wyoming, finally coming to La Grande where the two ran afoul of the law.

According to announcements, R. E. Bonham, immigration commissioner, has started deportation proceedings against the woman and is carrying on an investigation into Garcia's claim to American citizenship at the same time.

DOKIES PLAN CEREMONIAL

The local order of D. O. K. K. met last evening at the K. of L. hall for a meeting and banquet. Fifty members were present and plans were made for a ceremonial to be held here sometime the latter part of April when the Imperial Prince of the order for the United States and Canada, of Birmingham, Ala., will be here.

It was also planned to attend the Knights of Pythias district convention to be held at Union Wednesday, February 25, in a body.

18 Cities to Be Hooked Up for Broadcasting

NEW YORK (AP)—An eventual linking into a permanent hookup, by telephone and stations in 18 eastern and middle-west cities for simultaneous radio casting of programs furnished by station WEAP, New York, is contained in a plan for a super system of radio broadcasting by the American Telephone & Telegraph company. The new project provides that the connection be available every night from 8 to 11 o'clock.

Long distance telephone lines will be used for the transmission of the programs, John A. Holman, radio casting manager of the telephone company said Tuesday. "When this project is completed," he said, "a speaker can project his personality in one breath to the freeways and into the hearts of 12,000,000 people."

He added that the radio fans are turning from jazz to better music as the most popular feature of radio programs.

Not A Part Of The Community

Anyone who is interested in the progress and development of the community in which he lives is naturally a regular reader of his community duty paper.

It's the only way he can keep posted on East progress and development. That's one of the reasons why The Observer is read by 90% of the people in La Grande and 50% of the people in the entire county. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

PRESIDENT CUTS NAVY PROGRAM

Coolidge Scales Down Plans from 80 to 30 Million Dollars

BATTLESHIP HELD IN FIRST PLACE

Brig. Gen. Mitchell May Lose Position; May Be Called to White House for Rebuke.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Instead of going to the White House for his much advertised "reprimand" from President Coolidge, Brigadier General Mitchell appeared again before the house aircraft committee and reaffirmed his opposition to the administration's aircraft policies. He disclaimed all connection with the report of the White House summons which broke up yesterday's committee meeting.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge added a new chapter late Wednesday to the air service controversy by making public the report of a special navy board which found that the battleship remained "vital armor in sea warfare" and airplanes would never "assume paramount importance."

The president also issued a formal statement in explanation of the \$30,000,000 supplemental naval estimate recently submitted to congress by the chief bureau which were founded on recommendations of the naval board but simply modified. The complete building program submitted by the board involved expenditures of \$50,000,000 a year for three years.

The president makes no reference to the board's findings as to the relative military value of aircraft, battleships and submarines, the problem he assigned it to study when he directed it be convened last September.

Coolidge Cuts. He adopts the board's view, however, that modernization of old battleships (not including the education of gun) is the first requirement, completion of aircraft carriers and their planes second, and construction of two 19,000 ton cruisers third. The board's building program was called down by the president all along the line, however, to reduce the immediate cost from \$80,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

The memorandum described the president as "finding that an expenditure of that magnitude (\$80,000,000) was not warranted at the present time."

Including in the board's report is a detailed statement of the bombing experiments recently made on the hull of the unfinished battleship Washington, made public for the first time. It shows that three 500 pound bombs were exploded under water near the ship and two "torpedo explosions" of largest size (400 pounds of explosives) set off in contact with the under water hull the ship remaining afloat four days thereafter and riding out a storm.

Secure Against Air Attack. "The results of the tests demonstrate," the board found, "that the hull of the largest type of battleship is capable of withstanding to a remarkable degree the attacks of aerial bombs and that with a crew on board to make necessary repairs, run the pumps and man the anti-aircraft guns, ships such as the Washington would be secure against air attack."

CLEMENTEL PLAN CALLS FOR HUGE LOANS BY U. S.

P. A. R. I. S. (By the Associated Press)—A promise of a 10 billion dollar loan for improvement of French finances and another thirty-five million dollar loan for the devastated regions to be floated in the United States as soon as the budget is definitely balanced on and voted, was one of the main points of France's troubled financial and economic situation announced by Finance Minister Clementel in an address before the chamber of deputies today.

MEEKER SIGNS WITH WILD WEST SHOW FOR TOUR

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—Ezra Meeker, 54, announced last night he has signed a contract to join a wild west show for a tour of the United States and Canada. Meeker said he intended, before starting the tour, to campaign for photographing of the route of the Old Oregon Trail from the air by the army air service.

Alice Longworth



Alice Longworth, wife of Representative Nicholas Longworth, who recently gave birth to a daughter. The baby is an addition to the grandchildren of the late President Theodore Roosevelt.

Federal Inheritance Tax Severely Scored

Coolidge Attacks Method, Comparing It with Socialism, in Speech Today.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Gradual withdrawal of the federal government from the inheritance tax field and greater economy in tax collections were recommended for public consideration by President Coolidge before the National Tax Association's national inheritance and estate tax conference today.

The president condemned the present federal inheritance tax, declaring in some instances it, with state levies, "closely approaches, if it is not actually, confiscation."

"If we are to adopt socialism, it should be presented to the people of the country as socialism, not under the guise of a law to collect revenue," the president said.

"People are quite able to determine the desirability of a particular public policy and do not have to have such policies forced upon them by indirection."

"HONOR BRIGHT" TO BE GIVEN BY M. I. A. SHORTLY

The first Ward of the M. I. A. of the L. D. S. church will present a drama in the very near future entitled "Honor Bright." Several people here have been confusing this play with "Star Bright," given here some time ago, but "Honor Bright" has never been presented here and promises to be a play well worth seeing.

An able cast of fifteen people are already busy preparing the drama, under the direction of Miss Gladys Metcalf. Jeff Bean is business manager, Floyd Waich, stage manager and Pearl Webb has charge of the costuming.

The cast includes Honor Bright, Mrs. Elmer McManis, Mrs. Harrington, Hilda Williams, Bishop Carlton, Grant Boat, Mrs. Carlton, Mabel Larson, Hop Marvell, Wilma Lyman, Maggie, Georgia Smith, Annie, Pearl Webb, Richard Harrington, Edward Gwilliams, Bill Frank, Elmo Clear, Bishop Schoney, Clark Webb, Mrs. George Turner, Foster, Marion Stoddard, Michael, Emmet Smith, Jones, Earl Wilson and Simpson, Clifford Wheeler.

MAD DOG BITES THREE.

CAMBRIDGE, Ida. (Special).—Hydrophobia, the extent of which is unknown, has been reported for residence section of the city. All sorts of wild stories were started as to the origin and use of the virus because of their heavy clothing.

EDDY BILL POSTPONED BY SOLONS

Action Upon Measure Is Shunted Indefinitely in House Today

UNPAID INCOME TAX BILL PASSED

Will Go to Senate Where Immediate Action Will Be Sought at This Session.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Eddy bill calling for a change in the course of study in high schools of Oregon and specifying certain required subjects, was indefinitely postponed by the house of representatives today.

The house bill providing for the collection of unpaid 1923 income taxes was passed unanimously by the house today. The measure virtually re-enacts the repealed state income tax law but will apply only to unpaid 1923 taxes and then go out of existence.

Quick senate action is to be sought on the bill.

RIVER BRIDGE IS APPROVED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Construction of a bridge over the Columbia river between Longview and Rainier was approved last night by the senate.

INCREASE IN PAY VOTED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—With its legislative calendar jammed and cries of "fill-buster" resounding through the clock rooms, the senate Wednesday devoted almost an entire session to discussion of the advisability of a negro swimming hole in Washington.

Objection was made to establishing a negro bathing beach in the tidal basin between the Washington monument and the Lincoln memorial and opposite a beach for white persons. After four hours of debate involving a series of votes, it was decided to withhold funds for both the negro and white beach.

The senators pined in their heated debate only long enough to reaffirm their previous action in authorizing increases in their own salaries and to give a few minutes' attention to the pending conference report on the Underwood Muscle Shoals leasing bill.

Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, sought to have the bill carrying the salary increases recalled from the house and reconsidered, but his effort was defeated on an oral vote and he was unable to obtain sufficient seconds for a roll call.

The measure would increase the salaries of members of congress from \$7500 to \$10,000 a year and the vice president, cabinet members and speaker of the house from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Marshfield Sued by State.

MARSHFIELD, Ore.—The city of Marshfield, owning 1400 acres of land held as a watershed in the forest and district, will answer a suit brought by the state of Oregon, the result of a fire in the summer of 1923, when the state warden, J. A. Walsh, had a big force of men fighting to stay the flames. One or two miles of trenching was done. The state asked the city to co-operate, it alleged, and was refused and now brings suit for pay for protecting the city's property and that adjoining.

"Digger" Has 'em Puzzled; Rich Apartment Bought

(By Harry B. Hunt) which had clothed them with the romance of mystery and mystery. WASHINGTON (SPEA. Special).—Wild tales of local treasure of international conspiracy involving former diplomats, of vast fortune in high society and of a vast subterranean labyrinth leading to a hoard of gold, have held Washington breathless for three days last fall following the discovery of an elaborate maze of underground passages in the heart of the city, for residence section of the city. All sorts of wild stories were started as to the origin and use of the tunnels. Then the bubble of speculation, which had clothed them with the romance of mystery and mystery, was burst by an announcement by Harrison Gray Dyer, custodian of legation in the National Museum that he had built the tunnel by way of getting exercise. Now, however, folks are wondering whether perhaps there wasn't something to the "buried treasure" story after all. For Dr. Dyer appears as purchaser for a price of \$23,000, one of the largest and most elaborate apartment properties in the city. (Continued on Page 5.)