

DAMAGE TO RANCHES \$1,000,000

FIGHTERS PUNISHED BY BOARD

Sunny Jim and McCarty, Boxing Heads Think, Framed Battle

MONEY WITHHELD BY COMMISSION

Drastic Step Taken by La Grande Fight Board at Session This Morning.

Once again two out-of-town fighters arrived here to stage a take-out so it appeared, take their share of the gate receipts and head back home with a little easy money picked up on the side.

Believe Fight Was Framed

This action on the part of the commission, composed of R. A. Farnam, Joe Carr, Joe Keeney, Dr. Babson and W. C. Crews, the result of a belief that the fight staged here last night by Sunny Jim and McCarty was framed before hand.

LUMBERMAN IS LAID TO REST

Funeral services this afternoon at the Presbyterian church at Union occurred over the remains of J. B. Stoddard, who was widely known as a lumberman throughout Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Stoddard came to Oregon 27 years ago, locating first in Baker county at Sumpter, where he went into the sawmill business.

Mr. Stoddard is said, built the Peley truck residence, now located behind the post office building on Fourth street.

The deceased leaves his widow and seven children: Leon B. Stoddard, Baker; Milton A. Stoddard, New York; Mrs. Frank Connor, Union; Mrs. Lee Bentwick, Albany; Mrs. George R. Vebra, Salem; Mrs. Emma Torgler, Baker; and Miss Mildred Stoddard, Union.

Lasky Representative Seeking 'Location' Here

Announcement that the Lasky Film Corporation will probably make four pictures somewhere in Eastern Oregon during the summer season was made this morning by Rex Leslie, motion picture director, who arrived here this morning.

Churchill Is Ill, Cannot Attend Meet

Principals and Superintendents of Eastern Oregon to Gather Here Tomorrow.

Superintendents and principals from eastern Oregon schools will meet here tomorrow in the annual session of the Eastern Oregon Superintendents' and Principals' association.

The program for the day will include speeches by Superintendent H. E. Inlow, A. C. Hampton, of La Grande, Elmer E. Goodwin and E. Allen of Pendleton.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, who was scheduled to make the main address of the conference will be unable to attend on account of sickness.

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY E. D. TOWLER IS PRAISEWORTHY

Announcement that a scientific treatise prepared by E. D. Towler, principal of the high school in collaboration with Professor Victor E. Shelford of the University of Illinois will be published in the near future by the Puget Sound Biological Station of the University of Washington was received here this morning.

The treatise on the subject "Animal Communities of the San Juan Channel and Adjacent Areas" is the result of four summer's research work by Professor Towler and Professor Shelford near Vancouver, B. C.

COMMANDER OF OREGON LEGION IN LA GRANDE

George Griffith, state commander of the American Legion, arrived in La Grande this morning on No. 24. He was accompanied by Kenneth Cooper, manager of the Portland district veterans bureau, and Jerry Owen, editor of the Pacific Legion.

A banquet in their honor will be given tonight at about seven o'clock in the basement of Honan Hall, lasting until eight o'clock. Dancing will occupy the remainder of the evening.

Trick Voting Checkmated. MONTEVIDEO, (AP) — Uruguay believes it has put an end to fraudulent voting for public officers, a practice that flourished extensively, and with many ingenious evasions, in previous elections.

WHEAT DROPS WINTER PLUNGED NINE AND FIVE-EIGHTHS CENTS HERE TODAY.

Wheat plunged nine and five-eighths cents here today. May wheat went to \$1.59.

REMAINS OF DR. OLSON EXHUMED

Second Autopsy and Inquest in McClintock Mysteries Set

THIRD BODY WILL BE RAISED LATER

Mother of "Millionaire Orphan" Died 16 Years Ago; Germ Poisoning Is Suspected.

CHICAGO (By Associated Press) — The second exhumation in connection with the McClintock death mysteries was made when the body of Dr. Oscar Olson, who died three years ago, was raised from his grave today for an autopsy and coroner's inquest.

The body of Mrs. Emma McClintock, who died sixteen years ago, will be exhumed later.

Mrs. McClintock was the mother of "Billy," who died last December of typhoid fever which the state charges was caused by germs fed him by William D. Shepherd, his foster father.

Doctor Olson, brother of the chief justice of the Chicago municipal court, was the McClintock family physician and also died under mysterious circumstances, according to his brother.

Shepherd, who was refused release on bail Wednesday by Chief Justice Hopkins of the criminal court, was paroled in the pen of murderers row Thursday and a man who looked at the eight prisoners in the pen said he believed Shepherd "looked like the man who purchased a microscope from his firm."

'CINDERELLA' TO BE STAGED

An opera "Cinderella in Flowerland," by Marion Loder will be presented at the high school auditorium Saturday evening, April 4, under the auspices of the La Grande Neighborhood club. Thirty-one children have been chosen to take part and rehearsals have been taking place each day.

Princess Little Miss Evelyn Mays will appear as Cinderella of "Cinderella in Flowerland." The fair Godmother and Jacqueline O'Brien and Ruth Black will take the part of the proud sisters. Max Stoddard will be Roldin Red.

"Cinderella in Flowerland" is a modernization of the fairy tale of Cinderella. In the opera she is in Flowerland, however, and the various children take the parts of flowers.

Mrs. Elmer McManus is chairman of the committee in charge of the presentation. The other members of the committee are Mrs. Verne Amosworth, Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. David L. Stoddard, Mrs. Ethel Grandy, Mrs. G. L. Biggers, Mrs. Ray Williams, and Mrs. C. E. Mays. Mrs. E. L. Holmes is piano accompanist and Mrs. Dallas Glenn is directing the music.

Civil Suit in Circuit Court Ready for Jury

At the time of going to press Judge J. W. Knowles was instructing the circuit court jury on the case of Stringfield vs. Bennett. Mr. Stringfield is suing for \$2,522.77 for damages and misrepresentation in a land deal.

LA GRANDE MAN DIES IN BAKER THIS MORNING

J. W. Hedhead, formerly of La Grande, died in Baker this morning at 2 o'clock, according to word received here today. Mr. Hedhead lived here for several years, moving to Baker last October.

Shoals Quiz Board Named By Coolidge

Commission Authorized to Determine Practical Utilization of Facilities

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — A commission to study the Muscle Shoals problem, consisting of former Representative McKeezie, of Illinois, former Senator Dial, of South Carolina, Professor Harry A. Curtis, Yale University, William McCleannan, New York, and Russell F. Bower, of the American Farm Bureau Federation, was named today by President Coolidge.

Contrary to expectations, no cabinet member was selected for the commission, which will be authorized to determine the most practical methods of utilizing available facilities at Muscle Shoals.

BLAST WRECKS SCHOOL HOUSE

PITTSBURGH (By the Associated Press) — An explosion today wrecked the public school building at Swisville, a suburb.

Jacob Jacobs, janitor, is reported missing. The fire chief blames escaping gas for the blast.

CAPPER SEES FARM RETURN

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press) — Senator Capper, of Kansas, here on route to his home from Washington, sees prospects of a prosperous year for agriculture, a business revival when the farmers harvest their next crop and a comeback for the cattle industry.

"If we have a fair crop and good prices, the farmers will be in fine shape this year. Economists, who studied the situation, agree that the cattle industry will be on a prosperous footing within the next year or so," he said.

Back-to-the-Farm Move On

CHICAGO (Special) — A back-to-the-farm movement, resulting in a 42 per cent increase in farm buying in 1924 and insuring a 49 to 59 per cent increase in such transactions this year, is under way throughout the United States, according to Dr. Herman Jansse, director of the farm lands division of the National Association of Real Estate boards here today.

Dr. Jansse declared this steadily increasing trend of people to agricultural districts is due to a stabilization of higher prices for farm products, laws passed by nearly half the states inspiring confidence in farm buying by protecting the purchasers from irresponsible real estate dealers and "a general realization of advantages by farm life."

Germ Poison Case Not First One; 3 Recalled

CHICAGO, (NEA Special) — Germ! Terrible, subtle, cowardly weapon of murders are rare. Yet germ murders are rare. Three proven cases are of record.

"These will be closely investigated by state and defense attorneys in the death of William McClintock, 'millionaire orphan,' for whose death William Shepherd and Dr. C. C. Fairman have been indicted.

Of all possible methods of transmitting bacteria, the administration of disease germs is most apt to excite the imagination.

Aginal no other attack in the unwarmed victim so defensible. Some of the most intricate trials in history have occurred in connection with poison cases.

VILE BOOZE TAKES TOLL; BOY PASSES

Eighteen-Year-Old Pilot Rock Youth Killed by Poison Liquor

\$11-PER-GALLON, WHISKY FATAL

Pendleton and Pilot Rock Physicians Concur in Findings Before Coroner's Jury.

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special to the Observer) — Add one more young fellow to the toll that poison moonshine exacts. Eighteen year old William Sprague, of Pilot Rock, is the latest Oregon victim of the vile, poisonous stuff that heartless bootleg liquor vendors place upon the market.

Sprague was called by death Monday night and at that time suspicion that his demise was not from natural causes led the coroner to prepare for an inquest.

Yesterday the coroner's jury was impeached and an inquest proceeded. Two physicians, Dr. W. G. Oliver, of Pilot Rock, who attended the lad during two attacks of illness preceding his death, and Dr. E. O. Parker, of Pendleton, who conducted an autopsy on the body, both concurred in their belief that poison liquor was the cause of death.

Stomach "Eaten Up." The necrotic membranes of the stomach of the lad was literally eaten up and the condition of the organ indicated that sufficient poison had been taken into the system to cause death, Dr. Parker said.

The liquor of which the deceased died was analyzed.

ELGIN'S COUNTY FAIR DIRECTORS FACING PROBLEM

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer) — A new board of directors of the Elgin County Fair association was elected at a recent meeting of the stockholders.

The new directorate is as follows: Galt Dutton, Andrew Tucker, Matt Boswell, Otto Klinghammer, Paul Sadler, Ed Mason and F. W. Keller. Mr. Dutton was selected as temporary chairman of the board pending the election of permanent officers.

The opinion is quite general that another fair will be held next fall but the question of finances appears as a major problem.

Bridge Will Be Built 340 Feet Above Water

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press) — The state highway commission, meeting here yesterday, awarded a contract for the highway bridge across Crooked river in Jefferson county. The bridge will be the highest in America. It is said, for it will be 340 feet above the river.

All Over 2 Counties

Practically every place in both Union and Wallawa counties. The Observer has representatives who are on the job to cover the news. Their regular correspondence or special dispatches are always of great interest if you wish to keep contact with these various communities. It is a popular feature—and it is another reason why The Observer is read so generally over both counties.

Teachers Win School Honors



Cartoonists who picture school teachers with a roll of hair high on their head and an elongated nose adorned with glasses must never have seen Miss Ruby Freeman Sturtart, left, and Miss Helen Howard, of the Arkansas State Teachers' School. Miss Freeman was chosen the most popular and athletic girl in school, while Miss Howard was chosen the cutest and prettiest.

FIRES RACE ON PRAIRIES IN 3 STATES

Crookton, Nebr. Teacher and 2 Children Said Burned to Death

LOSS OF LIFE NOT CONFIRMED

Nebraska, North and South Dakotas Swept by Fires, Whipped by Brisk Winds.

VALENTINE (by the Associated Press) — After causing estimated loss of one million dollars to hay lands and ranchers' property, virtually all of the fires which raged north central Nebraska and southern sections of South Dakota, were extinguished today, according to a survey made at noon. No loss of life was sustained as far as is known.

Teachers reported today that the fire burned over an area two hundred miles in some places, eight miles wide. Damage to hay land is estimated a dollar an acre. A verified report told of the destruction of the William Yancey ranch, north of Cody, Nebr. This ranch, one of the largest in the state, burned completely.

SIOUX FALLS, S. Dak. (By Associated Press) — Prairie fires in north central South Dakota were extinguished today after sweeping approximately 150,000 acres. No fatalities were reported.

VALENTINE, Nebr. (By the Associated Press) — Unconfirmed reports here today stated that a school teacher and two children were burned to death several miles west of Lincoln.

JARDINE TALKS OF FARM HELP

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — Warning that confusion results from discussion of too many ways of helping the farmer, Secretary Jardine late yesterday outlined a few simple "principles" that all can talk about.

"I have no panacea for agricultural relief," he emphasized, "and I don't believe that anybody has. The most painful period of readjustment is now over and prospects look much brighter for the farmer," he declared.

There is real encouragement in the progress that has been made during the past two or three years. We can look to the future with confidence, but we must recognize that there are many phases of the agricultural situation that still challenge the best thought of the nation.

Outlines Points. Cooperative marketing and standardization of agricultural production, he said, are necessary to eliminate waste which regards as partly responsible for the spread of prices between producers and consumers.

Balanced production also is essential, he said, and he advised farmers in the northwestern states.

I.C.C. HEARING. OREGON'S PLEA XTRA

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — Arguments on the state of Oregon's contention that the railroads serving it should be required to build extensive railroads through central and eastern Oregon portions were presented today before the interstate commerce commission.

W. P. Ellis, attorney for the Oregon public service commission, explained the state's demand stating that a new road running east and west with northern and southern extensions should be built. He declared the interstate commerce commission has the power to enforce such a requirement.

The Southern Pacific controls transportation in half of Oregon and the Union Pacific controls the other half," Ellis declared. "It is this situation we seek to have met by this application."

He argued that military interests required north and south construction through the state east of the Cascades.

Commissioner Esch asked if there were not Indian reservations under federal control which might need transportation. Ellis named several.

Large Fund Is Raised For Tornado Victims

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press) — Nine days of ceaseless effort on the part of a multitude of agencies had raised by last night a total of funds for the relief of the tornado stricken states of the middle west amounting to more than \$1,250,000, according to new figures available here.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt Hunts for Intruder

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press) — Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, with half a dozen policemen, conducted a search of her five-story residence here today after she reported seeing a reflection of an intruder in her dining room mirror. The search failed to reveal anyone or any tampering with the doors or windows.

DEPARTMENT DECIDES IMPORTANT QUESTION

WASHINGTON (AP) — Department of agriculture scientists, after a long study of the question, have determined that the way to eliminate the odor of garlic from the breath is to refrain from eating garlic.

Dairy interests appealed to the department for solution of the problem of a garlicy taste in milk from a cow which had eaten garlic. The experts have determined that the only way is to keep the cows from the weed in which they feed.

ALLES TO REPLY

PARIS (AP) — The allies have decided to reply separately to the German memorandum suggesting a security pact. It was discovered the preparation of a collective note raised immense difficulties because each nation regards the security pact from a different angle. It was also discovered that the verbal notes left by German ambassadors in the different capitals were not identical.

DENNISTOUN NOW FACING BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT

PARIS (By the Associated Press) — A suit for breach of promise and defamation of character against Colonel Dennistoun, defendant in the sensational London trial, will be filed in London soon by an American woman who is now in the United States. It was announced today by Dudley Field Malone, representing the plaintiff.

Partisanship Not Main Issue in Warren Case

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA special) — Much has been said and will be said as to the influence of "partisanship" in the action by the Senate in twice rejecting the nomination of Charles Beecher Warren to the United States attorney general.

The cry of "partisanship" is easily raised. It is difficult to refute. It is a charge that easily catches the public attention, and in the absence of a full understanding of a given situation is likely to be accepted by the public as the chief basis on which opposition is founded.

It is most probable that the country now believes and will continue to believe that partisanship was the controlling factor in the struggle over the Warren appointment.

That it was a factor, no one who knows politics and human nature will doubt.

But that it was the controlling factor, anyone who followed the development of the fight will privately if not publicly deny.