

DOG VICTIM OF INHUMAN FIRE FIEND

"Rex," Purebred Bird Dog, Literally Burned to Death Here

REWARD OFFERED BY LOCAL PEOPLE

Animal, Saturated with Oil and Set Afire by Unknown Person, Endures horrible Pain.

Probably the most diabolical crime ever committed in La Grande against man or beast occurred here early Thursday evening, resulting in the death of "Rex," purebred Bird Dog, owned by Conductor Lewis Wetzel, 2122 North First street.

As The Observer goes to press a reward totaling \$125 has been offered by a number of citizens and organizations for the apprehension of the "fiend," as officers name the person who is responsible for the brutal cremation of the valuable animal.

According to reports available the dog, four years of age and of good habits and disposition, was first seen on North First street between Y and Jackson avenues running madly toward the railroad, covered by a mass of flames.

Some one had saturated the animal with oil, tied a can containing some rocks to his collar, and then ignited the oil, which blazed with fury as the frightened and bewildered dog sought relief in flight.

"Rex" ran onto the railroad tracks on the west side of the viaducts and finally stopped, burned and exhausted, near a switch crew. Harry East and Fred Ryan removed what relief they could, but knowing there was no hope, called Clint Haynes, chief of police, called the dog, ending its misery. At that time "Rex" was burned almost to a crisp although still alive. From reports the pain the dog suffered must have been almost unbearable.

The dog was first sighted about 5:20 o'clock and was mercifully killed shortly before 6.

Human Officer Notified.

At noon today a total of \$115 reward had been offered for the arrest of the criminal who set the dog afire. The police are working on the case, in common with the

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CLOSE TO BE HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. R. E. Close, superintendent and lecturer for the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon, who will conduct a campaign in Union county next week, will appear in the First Methodist church here Sunday at 7:30 p. m., when he will deliver an address in connection with a film "The Triumph of Justice," which will be shown.

"Belle of Barcelona" To Be Presented Tonight

The stage is set, songs and lines letter perfect and the youthful operatic performers all ready to put on their makeup for the Spanish opera, "The Belle of Barcelona," that will be presented in the high school auditorium tonight and Saturday evening.

Cattle Pass T.B. Tests In County

165 Herds Examined for Tuberculosis; 4 Herds Given Highest Possible Ranking.

One hundred and sixty-five herds of cattle were tested for tuberculosis in Union county this year, according to a report received from the state health officer. Of this number, 1377 passed the test, two reacted and one was listed as a suspect.

Four accredited herds were found. These herds passed the tests and were found to be absolutely free from tuberculosis for a period of three years. The owners of the herds are: Homer Carner of North Powder, Leon Levy of Union, Dr. W. F. Phyl of Hot Lake and C. P. Edvalson of Union. These herds are segregated from other cattle and can be sold and shipped out of the state at any time without having a new test made.

Less than 1000 were tested this year for several years, and less reactors were found. There were never many in this section of the state and they are almost all dead or they are almost all killed, according to Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite, government tester.

COUNTY YIELDS CAUSE PRAISE FOR NEW WHEAT

Federation wheat is recommended as a substitute for Hard Federation wheat by experiment station men in the annual report of the Union county agent, H. G. Avery. It is claimed that Federation will give a higher yield where plenty of moisture is available.

About thirty farmers of the county tried the substitute this year. Five tests produced the following results:

Table with 4 columns: Farm, Hard Fed., Fed., Bu. an a. bu. an a.

Tests of the two varieties will be continued in 1926.

COPPER SULPHATE HELD BENEFICIAL TO SHEEP

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Copper sulphate or blue vitriol, a deadly poison in moderate quantity, has been found to be good for sheep if administered once every 25 days in small doses, according to the department of agriculture.

INCREASED FEE OPPOSED

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Relying on western public land states are expected to pay the cost of conservation for the entire United States, under the existing policy of the federal government, according to Senator Stanfield, who was the principal speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Salem chamber of commerce.

Senator Stanfield said the government had estimated that the lands in the reserved area were worth \$20,000,000. He said it was his opinion that the appraisement was too low and that the lands were worth to exceed \$275,000,000.

The senator declared that the fee collected by the government for grazing was a tax and criticized the proposal to increase the amount 400 per cent.

Real Texan



Amasa Clark of Bandera county, Texas, has just passed his 100th birthday, and has spent all of his 100 years in Texas—except for the Mexican and Civil wars when he went soldiering. He is shown here in the uniform he wore in the Mexican war. The Veterans of Foreign Wars recently made him a life member.

TAX PAYMENTS LEAD DISTRICT

Union county tax collections have reached an exceptionally high mark this year, one that will compare favorably with collections in any of the neighboring counties.

In the opinion of Amos Helm, who has charge of the tax department in the sheriff's office, "Only about five and a half per cent of all the taxes assessed on the 1924 tax roll in Union county remain delinquent and uncollected. The total amount assessed equaled \$779,777.04. Collections have amounted to \$729,505.16, leaving \$147,188, or approximately five and a half per cent, still outstanding."

In 1926 counties where the collections this year have been unusual enough to elicit the notice of state papers, the percentage of delinquency is more than twice that of Union county, Helm remarks.

Total assessments levied in Baker county for 1924 totaled \$896,728.64. Of that amount, \$806,925.25 was paid up to November 14, when the last turnover was made, leaving unpaid \$89,733.39, or a little more than 12 per cent.

Six Speakers Address Men's Club Members

Because the scheduled speaker was out of town last evening, when the Men's club of the Presbyterian church met at the home of High and Chicago, talks were given by several members of the organization. The talks were spontaneous and interesting. The speakers were: J. T. Longfellow, C. J. MacPherson, Bliss Lewis, William Miller, The Rev. William Crosby Ross and C. M. Humphries.

Twenty-five men were present and the program refreshments were served by Mrs. Claycomb. A radio concert was also a feature of the evening.

Rudyard Kipling Gains Some Ground in Fight

BURWASH, England (By the Associated Press)—Rudyard Kipling's slight improvement in his fight against pneumonia was maintained today. He passed a fair night. His condition, however, continues to be serious.

FEMES OVERCOME 1 MEN

SEASIDE, Ore.—Overcome by smoke fumes while fighting fire in the Hotel Rollins, Chief Henry and three other firemen were carried from the building in a semi-conscious condition.

Fire started at night and was extinguished, but broke out again in a fireplace chimney after smoldering several hours.

Wet sponges procured from local drug stores enabled the firemen to cope with the fumes. The loss is estimated at \$2500.

SALEM, Ore.—This state supreme court, in an opinion written by Justice Bean and handed down here, held an appeal assessment of 5 cents an acre levied against all lands in the Oregon irrigation district in Crook county. The assessment was levied by the board of directors of the district to take care of delinquencies.

SENATE AND DAWES WILL CLASH SOON

Vice President's Crusading Role Expected to Cause Conflict

GULF WIDENS IN INACTIVE MONTHS

Campaign Against Senate Rules During Summer Not Taken Kindly by Several Solons.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—In the role of crusader for reform of the rules of the senate, Vice President Charles G. Dawes will occupy at the approaching session of congress a position unique in the history of his high office.

Most Vice Presidents of the past have been content to merely preside over the Senate without undertaking to influence the affairs of that august body, but Mr. Dawes with characteristic vigor threw down the gauntlet in his inaugural address last March 4, and since has taken his fight to the country.

Since he has neither voice nor vote in senate affairs—except in the event of a tie ballot—there is no small amount of speculation as to how he will proceed further with his campaign. His idea has been that if the people could get the facts about the rule permitting a one man filibuster they would bring sufficient pressure to bear to have that rule changed.

Little Change Seen. As the congress assemblies there is no indication, however, that there has been any material change in the senate sentiment on this point and leaders on both sides say frankly there is little likelihood that any effort at modification will make headway during this session.

Opponents of any change in the rules, Republicans as well as Democrats, have not forgotten the lecture which the vice president read to the senate in the presence of the president, the supreme court, the house and the diplomatic corps and the abrupt manner in which he swept aside the time.

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UNION BUDGET IS APPROVED

No one appearing before the county court this morning to make remonstrance on any part of all of the proposed budget of expenses for 1925, the commissioners and the members of the jury committee, that first drew up the budget, passed it then by them and finally approved the entire list as it stood.

The budget includes some slight increases in office allowances to provide for increasing business in various departments, but for the most part exceeds that of last year principally in the increased amount of high school tuition funds that will be levied in the non-high school districts.

Testimony Completed In Liquor Possession Trial

Her left foot stiff with bandages for an infection, pretty little Lena Tucker limped into the justice court room on crutches this morning to testify in behalf of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker, who is on trial by jury for illegal possession of intoxicating liquors.

Mrs. Tucker was arrested at Boise about two weeks ago and brought back to La Grande on a charge filed against her after a raid of her cellar by prohibition agents yielded against 29 quart bottles of beer.

The raid took place the evening of September 3. Rather than commit the defendant to jail, the officers had declined to put Mrs. Tucker under arrest, on her word to appear in court on the second day following the raid. When she failed to show herself at the appointed hour, the deputies went to her home for her, and learned that she had taken her daughter and escaped to Boise.

George M. Pierce and William A. McKenna, special deputies out of the office of Carl G. Helm, district attorney, testified on the witness stand this morning that they had found the bottles of beer cached behind the walls of the defendant's

CASE GIVEN TO JURY AT 11:27 TODAY

Rhineland Annulment Suit Closes with the Judge's Instructions

JURY TO ANSWER SEVEN QUESTIONS

Justice Morschauer Will Give His Decision; Supreme Court to Review Case.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Justice Morschauer completed his charges to the jury trying the Rhineland annulment suit at 11:45 a. m. today and the case was given to the jury at 11:27 a. m.

The jury itself will not pass upon the validity of the marriage, but will simply answer seven or no to seven questions covering the principal points of the case.

The judge will then base his decision upon the jury's findings. The supreme court later will review the case and decide whether Leonard Kip Rhineland, plaintiff, shall be freed from his wife, Alice Jones, daughter of a plutocrat.

WOMEN TEACHERS HERE GET LEAST PAY IN OREGON

SALEM, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Union county pays the lowest monthly salary to woman school teachers in Oregon, according to a survey just completed by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

Good River county pays the highest salaries to its men teachers with an average of \$208.24 a month and Klamath county pays the highest for women—\$144.30 a month. Washington county pays the lowest for men—\$112.77 a month—and Union county pays the lowest for women—\$106.65 a month.

The average salaries paid in the Eastern Oregon counties, together with the rank of each county, is shown in the following table: Union male—\$153.50, rank 25; Female—\$106.55, rank 34; Baker; Male—\$174.66, rank 14; Female—\$121.33, rank 9; Wallowa; Male—\$160.25, rank 23; Female—\$115, rank 19; Umatilla; Male—\$189.52, rank 5; Female—\$121.27, rank 3.

Milady's Stockings to Match Her Complexion

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Stockings which covered and hid the complexion of a woman, which has been eliminated the shimmier.

Shimmerless in shades exactly matching the wearer's complexion is the latest craze.

Million Visitors Expected at Ecumenical Congress

CHICAGO, (AP)—Chicago faces the problem of caring for more than a million visitors next June 26-24 during the Catholic Ecumenical Congress, meeting for the first time in the United States. Leaders expect it to be one of the most notable gatherings in the history of the church.

A "Find" Of The Century



Twelve years ago Luella Mellus left her home town of Appleton, Wis., for Europe to develop her voice. Now she has made her debut with the Chicago Opera company and is hailed as one of the great "finds" of the century. She is a coloratura soprano.

LANGLEY MUST GO TO PRISON

CINCINNATI (By the Associated Press)—Application for a rehearing in the case of Congressman John W. Langley, of Kentucky, convicted on charges of conspiracy to violate the Volstead law, was denied by the United States circuit court of appeals here today.

Langley is under sentence of two years in a federal prison. The conspiracy involved alleged removal of whiskey from a Kentucky distillery. Langley's conviction was affirmed by a federal circuit recently and Langley filed a motion for a rehearing, which was denied today.

FRENCH TAKE UP OFFENSIVE

BEIRUT, Syria (By the Associated Press)—Almost simultaneously with the arrival of France's new high commissioner, the French have begun an offensive against the rebel Druse tribes in Southern Lebanon.

The French forces yesterday began a bombardment of various points occupied by the Druses, preparatory to a maneuver by which they hope to surround and capture 5000 tribesmen who are still in the field.

The Druse tribesmen are declared to have suffered serious losses when they attempted to bar the route to the French column proceeding to the village of Medjelcham.

Movement Under Way to Recall Seattle Mayor

SEATTLE, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Andrew M. Bailey, Baptist minister, who recently told his congregation what he saw while touring Seattle disguised as a logger, today announced that before night he would circulate a petition to the city council to impeach Mayor Brown.

A grand jury last night recommended the mayor's impeachment by the council or his recall by the people.

Urges Shull or Dana For Shipping Board

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Frank L. Shull, Republican, and Marshall N. Dana, Democrat, were recommended today by the Portland chamber of commerce to Senator McNary for nomination to President Coolidge who is considering selection of a successor for Bert Haney as a member of the United States shipping board.

FIRE CUTS OFF ESCAPE OF WORKERS

Big Shift of Miners Imprisoned in Tunnel in Colorado

SMOKE PREVENTS RELIEF, RESCUE

Officials of the Company Fear That Men Are Unconscious; 25 to 45 Believed Trapped.

BOULDER, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—Between 25 and 45 men were imprisoned in Cardinal tunnel, a property worked by the Fairview Mining company, by a fire which broke out early today. The mine is 30 miles west of here.

Mine officials feared that the imprisoned men were unconscious from the heavy smoke which is pouring from the mouth of the tunnel.

Smoke is preventing the workers not equipped with masks from entering the workings.

WOULD EXPAND AIR SERVICES

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—Legislation to carry out recommendations of the president's air board for the expansion of the army and navy air services is already being prepared by Republican leaders for early introduction in congress.

Chairman Wadsworth, of the military committee, will sponsor the provision dealing with the army, and Chairman Hale, of the naval committee, will draft those dealing with the navy.

STORM SWEEPS MISSOURI CITY

JACKSON, Miss. (By the Associated Press)—Two persons were killed and more than a score injured, and from 50 to 100 families were made homeless by a tornado at Yazoo City today, according to a message received here.

The storm swept into the city from the northwest, blowing down houses and buildings.

Hunters Bag Four Bears

MARSHFIELD, Or.—There are good hunting grounds in Curry county for other things than cougar, wildcats and deer, so the routine trip to Lobster creek by members of the Miller family, Grant, Bob and Oscar and Jesse proved. This quartet went out for bear, were gone a week and brought in four hides. Their hunting dogs which sniffed out the bear fared well, as only two of the animals were clawed during all the exciting skirmishes and treeing ordeals.

Health Rules Given To Life Insurance Chief

NEW YORK, (By the Associated Press)—"Treat yourself as you would your bank account," do not follow new fads and take plenty of exercise in the open air, are some of the ways to lessen the twentieth century strain upon the middle-aged, Dr. Edwin W. Dwight of Boston, today told the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

Eighty percent of the declarations of almost any life insurance company are due to circulatory diseases, the physician said, pointing out that at the age of thirty, just when a man is becoming a real value to his family, community and nation, these diseases begin to appear.

After a long survey, Dr. Dwight concluded that the incidence of circulatory disease is in inverse relation to the amount of physical exercise which is taken in open air, and other things being equal, it is in direct relation to the amount of nervous and mental strain.

His rules of health follow: "Do not follow ideas because they are new. Consider the laws of Moses which have stood the test of more than thirty centuries. Do not follow fads, or become extremists in your habit of life. If

the Lord has intended you to be herbivorous he would not have given you teeth in the upper jaw. If carnivorous, you would have had canine teeth and claws with which to tear your meat. You were created to be omnivorous—therefore, eat plainly—of a mixed diet. First is necessary for the creation of energy, and oxygen for the combustion of fuel. As much energy is needed for mental effort as for physical. The working horse needs more grain than the one which stands in the stall. "Treat yourself as you would your bank account. Make more deposits than you draw checks and you will create a reserve which will be valuable in those physical and mental emergencies which come to us all. Many of the symptoms which we have and the conditions which are demonstrated on examination are simply notices from the bank that our account is overdrawn. "Circulatory disease is largely a personal affair and its prevalence is in inverse relation to the amount of physical work done in the fresh air. The more confining your occupation the more important it is for you to keep this in mind. "This above all to thine own self be true."

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