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GUILTY IS VERDICT IN CHILD CASE

George Wilson Convicted in Circuit Court of Stealing Girl

SENTENCE WILL BE PASSED SATURDAY

District Attorney Helm, in Address to Jurors, Pledges Action Against Bushnells.

George Wilson will appear before Judge J. W. Knowles at 10 a. m. Saturday to receive sentence for the crime of child stealing. Wilson was convicted on his own testimony by the jury that tried his case in circuit court yesterday.

Addressing the jury in a brief preliminary argument yesterday, Carl G. Helm, district attorney said: "When I was a boy I read about the kidnapping of the Stygian babies."

"It looks to me as if we had dug up a Stygian babe here that somebody ought to clean up."

"The machinery of the state will be started to move against the Bushnells, if they are doing the things testimony here indicates they have been doing, as quickly as it was started against Wilson."

"But it was not the State of Oregon which took the girl away from her home. If he or anyone else knew of conditions there that ought not to exist, there was a place and power constituted authorities to hear their story."

Lillie Bushnell, according to Judge Helm, who came from Portland to testify in Wilson's behalf, was married to James Castello at Tacoma in less than a month after she left La Grande in company with May Wilson, George Wilson's common law wife.

She married under the name of Julia Burns, and after the marriage was dissolved, she married a crosser in her mark. The girl, according to her mother's testimony, is only 15 years old.

R. J. Kibben represented Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bushnell, prosecuting witnesses, and H. L. Hess was attorney for the defense.

The H. H. and their friends, the boys of the La Grande football squad, sat down to a turkey feast last evening in the domestic science classroom that was guaranteed to make every freshman glad for the holiday days that subsisted to his capacity.

These and other high school feasts, were glorified in the decorations of the tables and room. Between the footings of snowy Christmas trees, were placed miniature turkey and cranberry, with the turkey and cranberry. And the place cards were made to follow the same decorative idea. Footballs hung from the festooned lights.

Dr. W. P. McAdams, who presided over the company of 65 seated in a roomy sports arrangement, presided in a dignified and broad-based, putting the party at immediate ease with an introduction of the new members of the host club. Instructions in the purpose of the organization were given the initiates by A. T. Hill.

G. L. Dutton, who coached the team during the winter part of the season, used to introduce the football squad, telling something

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11 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

O.-W. Facing Damage Suit Of \$40,000

John Martin Seeks to Recover Large Sum for Loss of Arm in Huntington Accident.

A suit for \$40,000 damages was filed against the O.-W. I. & N. company today by John Martin, freight brakeman, who lost his arm when he was jammed between two freight cars in the yards at Huntington last October.

Martin charges neglect, alleging that the cars were not equipped with couplings that could be operated by impact without the necessity of a man going between the ends of the cars.

His right arm was mangled and torn so that it had to be amputated about two inches above his elbow.

Grono & Hess have been retained as counsel by the plaintiff.

Term Nearly Ended.

The adjourned term of circuit court came to a close today with the continuance of the case of Bowman-Hicks. Lanier, company against C. H. Finn, which is a suit to recover \$263.79 with interest in a matter involving the manufacture of some apple boxes.

Judge J. W. Knowles was engaged today in a hearing of motions from several attorneys. The jury has been dismissed.

CHARLES A. RAMM NOW IN CHARGE OF CREAMERY CO.

Charles A. Ramm, formerly in charge of the Commercial Creamery of Spokane, Washington, has arrived in La Grande and is now manager of the Union Creamery company here, taking the place of E. E. Anderson. The local creamery is affiliated with the creamery at Spokane.

Mr. Ramm's wife and family will come to La Grande after the first of the year. They will make this city their permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are now visiting in Southern Idaho. They will return to La Grande in a few days on business, after which they expect to go to Portland to make their home.

Runaway Boys Picked Up by Baker Police

Two La Grande boys, missing from their homes here for two nights, were picked up at 2 o'clock this morning at Baker by the police, according to information received at police headquarters here this morning. The boys, one named Crumpack, 12½ years old, and one named George, 13½ years old, are being held until someone goes to Baker to return them to La Grande.

Although the boys had been gone two nights, the chief of police here was not notified by the parents and knew nothing of the case until this morning.

Publication Features Article by Cochran

In the December issue of The Masonic Analyst, printed at Portland, an article entitled "The Spirit of Christmas," by George T. Cochran, grand commander of the Oregon Knights Templar, of La Grande, is given a prominent space, accompanied by a cut of Mr. Cochran.

"Christmas is always the embodiment of a certain spirit of holiness which words cannot explain. It is distinctly Christian," he writes. "Christmas is an inspiration of the soul. Indeed the Spirit of Christmas is the chief characteristic of true greatness. The Spirit of Christ is the power directing the moral forces of our civilization. It is the power which empowers purity and goodness. At Christmas time we know that God is approaching and ever near."

"The most precious gift Christmas brings to us is its spirit."

Delegates Here Today Vote Against Exhibit

Shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon delegates assembled here voted to decline to enter an exhibit in the Northwest Industrial and Commercial exposition to be held in New York, because they believed that, although Eastern Oregon needed advertising, the proposed display would not be feasible or apt to secure the best results. The meeting went on record in favor of a permanent agricultural and industrial exhibit to be located on the Old Oregon Trail and representing Baker, Union, Wallowa and Umatilla counties.

Representatives from commercial clubs and other organizations in Eastern Oregon are meeting with a committee from the Union county chamber of commerce today in reference to the placing of

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WAY CLEAR FOR DISARM CONFERENCE

League of Nations Prepares for Early International Parley

DRAFT INVITATION TO UNITED STATES

Great Care Is Taken in Drawing Up Communication That Will Make Best Impression.

GENEVA, (By the Associated Press).—The way was cleared today for a league of nations international disarmament conference with the settlement of all difficulties in connection with the formation of a preparatory committee.

An invitation for the United States to participate in the conference will probably be dispatched to Washington as soon as it is signed by Signor Salandra, president of the league's council.

The council has spent considerable time drafting up the invitation, eager to frame a communication which will be most likely to obtain collaboration from the United States government.

POSSESSOR OF WINE IS FINED

W. T. Miles, of Union, pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor in Judge Hugh E. Brady's court at 10 a. m. Thursday, and paid a fine of \$150 and costs.

Miles was arrested by George M. Pierce who found him in possession of 23 gallons of wine.

CONCERT GIVEN BY LUTHERANS

Although several of the scheduled musicians were unable to be present the concert given last evening under the auspices of the Lutheran league in the high school auditorium was a success. Virgil Casanovich opened the program with a piano recital. Miss Myers well received by the enthusiastic audience which had gathered to hear the concert. Mr. Gava, organist, played two more numbers during the evening.

Misses Anna and Lina Lott were an excellent duet number. "Snowden," accompanied by R. J. Hammer at the piano. They gave an encore number in response to the hearty applause. The Messes Lott, accompanied by Mrs. J. G. Stutzinger, sang a grand number, "The Moonlight Trail," later in the evening. Nephil Combs, who is well known in La Grande for his singing selections, gave two numbers, "Fifth Nocturne" and "Moonlight and Roses." He was accompanied by Miss M. Crawford at the piano. Richard Taylor, tenor, sang "The Prisoner."

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National Guard Dance Will Be Held Monday

Monday night after the regular drill period, the La Grande National Guard will give a dance at Zoller hall. The proceeds from the dance will be used to entertain the members of the guard some time during the Christmas holidays. G. L. Dutton, captain, announced this morning. The nature or the time of the entertainment has not yet been announced.

A good orchestra has been obtained for the dance and a good time is anticipated, according to those in charge. The public is invited to attend.

Directors for Union County Fair Selected

ELGIN, Ore. (Special).—E. G. Gilling, F. E. Hess and C. E. Hilliard have been elected new directors of the Union County Fair association. These three, with Matt Boussett, Gay Dutton, Andrew Tucker and Henry Parsons, compose the board that will have charge of the 1926 fair to be held at Elgin.

A secretary and president will be elected shortly.

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On Way To Death and Burial In China



Two Chinese, who came to America more than 40 years ago to dig gold and who have given their lives in the upbuilding of Western America, are on their way to their reward—death and burial in China. Their ages total 88 years. Most of their time has been spent in the United States near Rock Spring, Wyoming. The company took them to San Francisco, placed them on a boat and has granted them annuities for the remainder of their lives. None has visited China since he left and each has a wife waiting for him there.

LINE BREAKS; OROWA ADRIFT

SEATTLE, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—Radio dispatches received here today disclosed that the steamer West Orowa, which had been adrift several days on the Pacific without radio, which the steamer Dewey took in tow yesterday, was adrift again today with 75 fathoms of her anchor chain from the Holbrook.

Yesterday afternoon the Holbrook passed a line to the end of her anchor chain. Then, with the steamer Dewey dragging astern of the Orowa as a rudder, the Holbrook lightened up the tow line but the Orowa sheered, breaking the chain.

The steamers West Nounatum and Cadron are expected to arrive at the scene shortly, which is 2,200 miles west from Portland.

Logger's Leg Broken When Struck by Jammer

Albert Johnson, a logger in the employ of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, sustained a compound fracture of his left leg while working at camp No. 3 Thursday afternoon.

Johnson was loading logs, and was struck by the jammer. His leg was broken just above the ankle, the bones jarring their way through the skin. Snodgrass & Zimmerman carried him to the hospital in their ambulances.

Western Students Are Superior, Dobbs Says

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special).—College and university students of the west are superior to those in the east.

Dr. John E. Dobbs, new president of Pacific university, says: "Those with whom I have come in contact during my long work here, have met some coming to the coast."

McGrath Denies He Is Choice for Archbishop

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—Not a word is to be heard in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Athletic conference, meeting here, concerning the charges by President Wilbur of Stanford university that the University of Washington played illegally rough football against Stanford and California. It was said today.

COYOTE SLAIN WITH ROCK

ASHLAND, Ore. — Using the primitive weapon, a stone, R. E. Detrick, local city official, this week killed a coyote in Rogue river.

Detrick and others were fishing along the stream when a coyote, which was chased by several dogs, ran into the river and squatted, ready to battle the dogs if they followed him into the water. Before the dogs could follow the animal into the water Detrick hurled a large stone at the coyote, hitting him in the head, killing him, when the dogs dragged the animal from the water.

STATEMENTS MADE

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Statements relative to the administration of Frank C. Brangwell, state superintendent of banks, were made to the state banking board today by representatives of the Portland National bank, formerly the Broadway bank. The bank accused Brangwell of arbitrarily refusing to grant it a charter as a reserve depositary for state banks, thereby discriminating against it in an unfair manner.

Foreigners Secure Air Concessions

European Nations Gain a Foothold in South and Central America, Court Martial Learns.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Foreign interests have secured exclusive concessions for air operations in South America, Major George V. Strong, of the army general staff, told the Mitchell court martial today.

He testified that concessions had also been granted in Central America but that they had not been exclusively.

Defense counsel told the court these concessions had been reported to the war department by Major Walsh, of the air service, who held them to be a serious menace to the defense of the Panama canal.

BANDITS LOSE IN DAMASCUS

BEIRUT, Syria (By the Associated Press).—News came today that bandits have been repelled in two invasions at Damascus, Syria, of the 21 in the night at the time of the city yesterday, was driven out by the police with motorcycle machine guns and artillery. Seven bandits were killed.

Later another party entered the city but was speedily put to rout.

Berlenbach Faces His Greatest Test

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Paul Berlenbach, light heavyweight champion of the world, faces the greatest test he has ever known when he meets Jack Delaney, of Bridgeport, Conn., tonight in Madison Square gardens, the first championship bout in the new sport arena.

Delaney knocked out Berlenbach in four rounds in March, 1924. Tonight's battle will be 15 rounds to a decision.

Grange, "Feeling Fine," May Play at Detroit

PITTSBURG (By the Associated Press).—Refreshed by a night's rest, Red Grange, injured in a football game yesterday, in "feeling fine" today and will accompany the Chicago Bears to Detroit, it was announced this morning.

Whether Grange will play Saturday will depend on his physician's advice.

DEBATE DEVELOPS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Debate on the tax reduction bill in the house today again was developed by partisan support for it, increasing the hopes of leaders for its passage next week. Representative Garner, Texas, ranking Democrat on the ways and means committee, told the house he expected it to pass the measure by Dec. 15. The general debate will continue under the rules until tomorrow night and the bill will be taken up for amendment Monday.

Treadway, Republican, of Massachusetts, lauded the general provisions of the measure.

Russian Bureau Keeps Clear of Propaganda

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON, (G.E.A. Special).—The Russian information bureau in Washington is as little like a den of "reds" as any place it's possible to imagine.

It's the soviet union's nearest approach to diplomatic representation in the United States. Of course, really it isn't diplomatic at all, official Washington not being on speaking terms with Moscow.

But, the bureau does issue Russian business information through various American trade papers and a pamphlet—the "Russian Review"—which it publishes semi-monthly. It answers American business men's questions, and I've no doubt it kept Moscow posted concerning American commercial conditions.

One or two attempts have been made to picture the bureau as political—a medium of soviet propaganda. This is emphatically and I believe, truthfully, denied. The bureau's mission unquestionably is Russo-American trade development, an interest which would very badly served if the organization's personnel were to dabble, on the side, in communist agitation. Besides, if anything of the kind were going on the secret service

48 BODIES RECOVERED FROM MINE

Rescue Workers Encounter Gas But Carry On Heroically

BLAST CAUSE MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

Striking of Match or "Windy" Shot May Have Caused Explosion Fatal to More Than 50.

BIRMINGHAM, (AP Press Time Flash).—Two more bodies were removed later. Of the bodies already removed 43 are negroes and seven white.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (By the Associated Press).—Twenty-six bodies were brought to the surface from the Overton mine this morning, bringing the total removed to 48. Mine officials believe that bodies still remain in the mine, but have abandoned hope that the men may be found alive.

The cause of the explosion will probably never be learned positively. Some believe it was caused by a mine striking a match or by a "windy" shot.

The explosion took place a short time after the day shift had started work at 8 o'clock Thursday. According to the mine superintendent 108 men checked in. At the time of the accident 47 were beyond the range of the explosion. Of the 41 in the mine at the time of the blast, 15 came forth uninjured and five were injured.

Rescue workers who have returned to the surface, many of them exhausted and struggling for breath, declare they hold no hope for any man still in the mine. Wilford Powell and Charles Edith, members of one of the rescue squads, returned to the mine mouth early last night, toppling over upon reaching fresh air. Hot

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MELLON SEES STABILIZATION

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Early accomplishment of a complete worldwide economic stabilization is foreseen by Secretary Mellon.

Both at home and abroad, the secretary declared in his annual report to congress, developments of the last year have been so satisfactory that "the way is now clear for a more complete world recovery." Mr. Mellon believed the underlying factors of the business situation here were fundamentally sound and warrant optimism for future.

Reviewing the events which had influenced conditions for the better, he mentioned, with respect to the United States, restoration of confidence, tax reduction and reform, removal of various factors of uncertainty and instability, steady employment in farm and factory, and a generally augmented purchasing power.

MAY FIGHT IN JULY

KANSAS CITY (AP)—The proposed heavyweight championship match between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills, negro, will in "all likelihood" be held near Chicago some time in July, Ray Cannon, Dempsey's attorney, told the Associated Press today. Cannon said the promoter probably would be Floyd Fitzsimmons, who, he said, had a tentative contract prepared by a Chicago syndicate, with financial terms substantially the same as the South Bend contract with Fitzsimmons which has been invalidated because the South Bend syndicate could not post the required forfeit.

TAXABLE PROPERTY LARGE

SALEM (By the Associated Press).—The taxable property of the state of Oregon amounts to \$1,984,557,618.91, according to the assessors' roll summary for the year 1925, compiled by the state tax commission. This sum includes property equalized by the county boards of equalization.

Short Course Opens January 1

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis.—The annual short course in dairy manufacturing conducted by the dairy department of the college will be given January 4 to 26. The course will consist of practical work in butter, ice cream and cheese making, with three lectures a week devoted to each subject.

Dolls Are In Demand

The wonderful offer of a patented "Elastic Girl" rolling-eyed, walking, talking doll for anyone who secures two new subscribers to The Observer is attracting much attention and enlisting many workers who want this beautiful doll for Christmas.

It's easy to win! Get two people who do not read The Observer regularly now and collect the regular subscription price—and the doll is yours! Parents can secure them as well as children. No more attractive Christmas gift for a little lady can be imagined—and no easier way to secure it. The offer is open until the last day of December—get started today!

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