

NEGLIGENCE
IS CHARGED
BY MOTHERMrs. Anna Bloomquist
Sues City for \$7,500
Death DamagesOFFICIALS CLAIM
NO RESPONSIBILITYTrial Is Outgrowth of the
Drowning of Three-
Year-Old Boy in La
Grande Two Years Ago

Contending that the negligence of city officials was to blame for the death of her three-year-old son, La Roy, who was drowned in an irrigation ditch near the corner of North Second and Division streets about two years ago, Mrs. Anna Bloomquist demands damages of \$7,500 in her case against the city of La Grande in circuit court today. Green and Hess and Eugene Ashwill compose her counsel.

The city, as defendant, is represented by its attorney, George T. Cochran, and his partner, C. R. Eberhard. They claim, in answer to Mrs. Bloomquist's charges, that the city had no responsibility in the matter; that the child was permitted by his parents to wander at will near the ditch; that the city had never been notified by the plaintiff or her husband, David B. Bloomquist, that the child was in danger; that no construction work was going on at the time of the tragedy; and that the street where the action is said to have taken place is not an improved one, nor one adopted by the city with attempt to bring it under control.

Case Begun This Morning.

The Bloomquist case began this morning immediately after the jury in the case of United States National bank against D. W. and J. Clay Miller had been instructed by Judge J. W. Knowles. The jurors, at lunch time, had not yet reached a decision.

A revision of the calendar for the term was completed at the court's orders today by H. H. Hanna, reporter. The state's case against Frank Dunn, on a liquor charge is set for tomorrow. Hines and Wright will represent the defendant. Carl G. Helm is prosecuting attorney.

Mrs. Mary M. Weston's suit against the Mt. Emily Lumber company is scheduled for Thursday. The plaintiff has retained Green & Hess as counsel. Cochran & Eberhard will represent the lumber company.

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TWO ADDRESS
ROTARY CLUB

Bob Robinson, president of the Rotary club at Astoria, Oregon, and Charles Sampson, a Boise, Idaho, Rotarian, were guest speakers at the second regular meeting of the La Grande club Monday noon at the hotel policy. The visiting clubmen talked on Rotary principles.

Phyllis McKenney presided over the business session.

Search For Heirs To
Estate Being Conducted200 More
Homes In
The City

The Observer is being read regularly in more than 200 more homes in the city of La Grande than a year ago. In an area already heavily covered, such a gain is especially gratifying.

The same growth has been made proportionately in the outside territory. On the rural routes out of the city, for example, nearly 90 per cent of the homes receive the paper each day. No greater proof of readership could be desired—and the cost per reader per inch of advertising is less than in 1924. Such low cost gives the advertiser an unusual return that he is using on an increased scale each year.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

May Replace
Knowles In
Bloom TrialDefendant Moves That an
Outside Judge Be Sum-
moned to Try His Case.

Clyde Bloom has moved the court for an order calling in an outside judge to try the case of Oregon against Clyde Bloom.

Bloom was arrested by prohibition officers a couple of months ago when they found him and a huge still on a hilltop farm beyond Cove. The still, in operation and surrounded by mash and finished product, was concealed in a dug-out under the barn. Bloom and his wife were having a lunch in the house, a little distance away, when the officers arrived.

Defers Plea.

Robert Bradford, through his lawyer, H. L. Hess, has entered a demurrer to the indictment of possession of mash brought against him by the grand jury on the grounds that it does not state sufficient facts to constitute a crime. The demurrer asks the plea that he was to have made before Judge J. W. Knowles at 1:30 p. m. today.

H. C. SEYMOUR TO
MEET WITH CLUB
MEMBERS HERE

H. C. Seymour, of Corvallis, state leader for the boys' and girls' clubs in Oregon, will be the speaker at the meeting in charge of the club members Saturday night, March 13, the closing day of the economic conference here. The assembly will be in the high school auditorium. Mr. Seymour will illustrate his talk with stereoscopic pictures of the achievements and activities of the clubs, prepared for him by the Southern Pacific railroad.

Other boys' and girls' club leaders will have a place on the program, announces E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, who is in charge of the affair.

Walla Walla Course
Played by Dr. Murphy

Dr. Ray C. Murphy returned last night from Walla Walla, where he and Dr. Roy Tate, of Baker, attended an orthodontic clinic. Orthodontia, the dentist explains, is the science of straightening children's teeth.

The clinic, a two-day affair, was held in the office of Dr. Hughes. Specialists from Spokane and Seattle gave the addresses and demonstrations.

Sunday Dr. Murphy joined a golf party at the Walla Walla links, which he says are in fine condition. The golfers claim they haven't missed a day on the course all winter. In fact, Walla Walla has hardly had any winter, the lowest temperature being 28 above zero, and then only for a night. Gardens are looking ahead of La Grande. Spinach and other leafy vegetables are about ready for table, and flowers are blooming all over the city.

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SPOKANE MAN SLAIN
AT PIERCE CITY, IDAHO

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Harry Wells of Spokane was shot and killed at Pierce City, Idaho, Monday, as a consequence of a dispute over a mining claim.

Dominic Devanovich, with whom Wells was quarreling, had been arrested later, and is held in connection with the slaying.

Search For Heirs To
Estate Being Conducted

Search for possible heirs to the estate of Mrs. O. G. Hamilton is being conducted in the vicinity of her childhood home at Breckenridge, Missouri, according to Hal Bohnenkamp, administrator. The decedent's father, it appears, was a hardware dealer at Breckenridge. He died there in 1918. Her mother is supposed to have been an orphan. Every effort will be made to discover the existence of some distant relative entitled to inherit the estate. Mr. Bohnenkamp says Mrs. Hamilton, who succumbed to injuries received in a highway accident in November within a brief time after her husband's death from the same cause, left an estate valued at about \$15,000. Unless heirs can be located, the property will be forfeited to the state in about five months. Claims to inheritance rights may be proved against it any time within 10 years after the decedent, the state's agent, H. E. Dixon, states.

BUTTERPAT

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butterfat—49 1/2¢ here today.

Barred



Vera, countess of Cathcart, was sent to Ellis Island when she attempted to enter the United States and subsequently barred because of "moral turpitude" incurred, officials say, when she eloped with the earl of Craven, now at Montreal. A warrant for his arrest was issued yesterday by the labor department.

LOCAL HORSE'S
RECORD GIVEN

Editors' Note—Oswald West, former governor of Oregon and a great lover of horses, has recently been compiling figures on outstanding Oregon horses. During his search of the records he unearthed facts pertaining to Blondie, a horse that hailed from La Grande, and which literally burned up the tracks in Western Oregon. Mr. West's story of Blondie follows:

(By Oswald West)

Blondie, a chestnut horse, was foaled in 1886. He was bred by Bud McAllister of La Grande, Oregon. His sire was Leonard 12718 and his dam Molly by Frank Chapman.

He was raised as a two-year-old and proved a nonstop trotter for his age. In 1887, when coming three years old, he was sold by McAllister to Van R. DeLashmuth, of Portland, Oregon. At the city view park race meet he won the three-year-old trot in 2:37, 2:38 1/2 and 2:36 1/2.

Directly following this meet he raced at the Salem Fair. The event was a special trot in which he and Atlas were the contestants. Atlas was a few days previous had won the three-year-old trot in 2:31, which was a new best track record for three-year-olds.

The race was hotly contested from start to finish. Atlas won the first heat in 2:34. Blondie won the second heat in 2:31 and the third heat in 2:27 1/2 which gave him the track record for three-year-olds.

In 1892 Blondie won the 2:22 trot at Salem but lost to Atlas in the stallion race. He won the first heat in 2:26 1/2. Atlas won the next heats in 2:25 and 2:27 1/2. Blondie this same year won a race at Kent, Washington in which he trotted a mile in 2:24 1/2.

In 1892 he was converted from a trotter into a pacer and the opening day of the city view park he won two heats of a seven-foot pace. His time was 2:24 and 2:22. Two days later he won the 2:25 pace in 2:29, 2:24 and 2:26.

The following week at Salem he won the 2:25 pace in three straight heats, his best time being 2:17. Two days later he lost to Atlas, whose best time in the race was 2:17 1/2.

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Memorial Stamps Are
Received in La Grande

Ten thousand 15-cent Woodrow Wilson memorial stamps were received at the post office here yesterday. The stamps are to be placed with a white background and bear a favorable picture of the war president. They will be used in connection with regular 4-cent stamps.

Already enthusiastic stamp collectors have called at the post office and purchased one of these stamps to add to their collection. Others have declared that they are giving seven-cent stamps to buy one. Mrs. Ruth Jackson, employed in the registration and mail order department of the postoffice, said this morning.

BOARD OF
HEALTH IN
CITY TODAYMembers Lunch with the
Chamber of Commerce
During Noon HourINSPECT SEWAGE
DISPOSAL PLANTHigh Schools of County
Will Hear Addresses
This Afternoon—Even-
ing Meeting Here.

Headed by Dr. W. T. Phyl, president, members of the state board of health arrived in La Grande just before noon and attended the chamber of commerce luncheon, which was held in the Eagles hall. Among those present were: Dr. C. J. Smith, Dr. Morse and Dr. Rosenburg. Dr. Pickle, of Medford, was unable to attend and Dr. McHenry, of the state hospital, took his place. Dr. Frederick Stricker, secretary of the board, accompanied the group.

During the luncheon, presided over by Dr. Phyl, and following the chairman's introductory address, each member of the board spoke briefly of some subject. Dr. Rosenburg presented a strong plea for the full time county health units. Following work of the board of health was the subject. Dr. Stricker spoke on and Dr. Smith and Dr. Morse explained the work of the state board of health and the State Medical society, respectively.

During the luncheon the Neighborhood club sextet sang. Other speakers included J. T. Long, H. W. superintendent of schools, and K. A. Sayre, county superintendent, who told of the

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FRISCO COPS
NAB BURGLAR

SAN FRANCISCO (By The Associated Press)—Lawrence Hawthorne, said by detectives to be wanted for burglaries at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, New York, the Willard hotel, Washington, and the Billmore hotel, Los Angeles, was captured here today after he made a spectacular dash through a closed window and dropped from a fire escape to the street. He was found hiding in a garage.

Police said Hawthorne admitted he escaped from New York while serving a 40-year sentence for robbing the Waldorf Astoria.

Found



Audrey Chevier, 12, who was "kidnaped" from her mother's home in San Francisco, was found "right and happy" in her father's home in Lexington, Idaho, after police had searched for "mysterious kidnapers." The father and mother are divorced.

NAVAL AIR
BILL GETS
BOARD O.K.House Committee Virtu-
ally Agreed Upon a
Five-Year Program\$100,000,000 WOULD
BE SPENT IN WORKWar Department Approp-
riation Bill Passes the
House and Is Sent to
the Senate Today.

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—The house naval committee has virtually agreed upon a five-year building program for the naval air service to cost \$100,000,000.

The amount is about two-thirds of that recommended by Rear Admiral Moffett, naval air chief, as necessary to provide adequate air service for an emergency.

WAR BILL IN SENATE

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—The war department appropriation bill, carrying \$329,500,000 was passed today by the house, and sent to the senate.

BILL IS APPROVED.

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—The senate today approved an appropriation of \$13,500,000 for naval aircraft, increasing the house total in the annual navy department appropriation bill by approximately five million dollars.

PHYSICIANS SAY
EX-POLICE CHIEF
PHYSICALLY O. K.

TIA JUANA (By The Associated Press)—Reports of Edgar C. Lee and E. E. Chamberlain, American physicians, were received by Mexican officials today, and did not support the defense plea of insanity set forth by Zenaldo Llanos, ex-chief of police of Tia Juana, charged with attacking Audrey and Clyde Petet, and causing the suicide of the girls and their parents.

American physicians examined Llanos at the request of Mexican authorities.

Llanos' personal physician expressed the belief that Llanos is in sane.

The round-up of undesirable characters was continued today, when 20 men were gathered awaiting deportation.

Astoria Minister And
Wife Leave La Grande

The Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Trojan returned to their home at Astoria, Oregon, yesterday after spending the week end in La Grande. They came to La Grande to look over the city with the idea of possibly locating here. He is pastor of the Lutheran church of Astoria and a prominent man of that city. Should he come to La Grande he would occupy the pulpit left vacant recently by the Rev. William F. Hoff, who has gone to Bellingham, Washington. The invitation was extended to the Rev. Mr. Trojan when the former pastor resigned.

The Astoria pastor preached to a large congregation Sunday morning. He is a clear, concise speaker. His subject for the morning was "Faith to Faith." He stated that people were divided into two groups, Marys and Marthas. The Marthas those that served with hands and lips and the Marys, those that served with their hearts. He said that many people come to church to worship and let their hearts be at home.

In the evening he gave a short talk before the Luther league. Besides being an excellent speaker he possesses a fine baritone voice.

At the morning service he sang "Consider and Fear Me" and in the evening he rendered "Open the gates" and "My Task." Mrs. Trojan accompanied him at the piano.

While in La Grande the Trojans were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson.

Ash Wednesday Will
Usher in Lent Period

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, ushering in the period of Lent, which is universally observed by the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches, and to some extent by the reformed churches.

At Peter's church tomorrow will observe the day with two services at 9 a. m. The penitential service will be followed by the celebration of holy communion.

At Our Lady of the Valley church the observance will be both morning and evening. Holy communion is to be administered at 9 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. in the evening, there will be the service of the stations of the cross.

Queen of Mardi Gras



Miss Katherine Williams, 18-year-old New Orleans society girl, has been given the highest honor New Orleans society can bestow—she has been elected queen of the 1926 Mardi Gras carnival, and will reign over the city during the famous winter festival.

INTEREST HIGH
IN OLD TRAIL

BAKER, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Revival of the Old Oregon Trail association is manifest in the annual meeting here today at which are present representatives and proxies from Seaside, Portland, The Dalles, Arlington, Bend, Pendleton, Alacham, La Grande, Hot Lake, Baker, Huntington, Ontario, Weiser, Twin Falls and Boise.

The meeting was called to order this morning by the president and committees on nominations met immediately, submitting the following names to the membership for ratification later this afternoon: W. C. Perkins, La Grande; R. C. Feible, Baker; W. E. Meacham, Baker, for two-year directorate; and the following for one year: C. E. Land, Twin Falls; Otto Melker, Portland; D. M. Kerr, Pendleton; George H. Curry, Arlington; H. W. Gregory, Boise, and L. L. Paret, Seaside. It is not likely that election of officers will be accomplished because quorum of new directorate is not present.

Friends of Meacham are staunchly standing behind him for president even though he is leaving Baker. The gist of the steering committee report is to the effect that the association restrict their year to publishing Oregon Trail booklets and this policy no doubt will be adopted this afternoon.

La Grande is represented by A. W. Nelson, R. W. Leighton, G. Earl Stoddard and Holzer M. Larson.

CHIEF HOLDS
TO M'CAMANT

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—President Coolidge will stand by his nomination of Wallace McCamant, of Oregon, to be circuit judge, despite advice from senate leaders that confirmation is impossible.

Leon Trotsky Lectures
On "American Menace"

MOSSLOW (By The Associated Press)—That Leon Trotsky has lost none of his old-time popularity was strikingly shown last night when frantic thousands of his admirers fought for admission to a theater where the former red army chief delivered a three-hour oration on "America's Menace to the World." Seven thousand gained admission by paying from \$5 to \$15.

SUZANNE IS
VICTOR IN
NET CLASHHelen Wills, American
Champion, Loses He-
roic Struggle TodayLENGLEN FORCED
TO GIVE HER BESTFrenchwoman, Winning
First Set 6-3, About to
Lose Second When Hel-
en Faltered.

CANNES, France (By the Associated Press)—Helen Wills' quest for world tennis supremacy has failed, but it failed gloriously. She went down today before the racket wizardry of Suzanne Lenglen, hailed by many as the greatest woman tennis player who ever stepped onto a court.

Suffering from a gash in her knee, suffered in a fall yesterday, Helen extended the redoubtable Suzanne as she never has been extended since her memorable defeat to Molla Mallory at Forest Hills in 1921.

The score of today's match, the final one in the Carlton tournament, was 6-3, 8-6.

The match was played before packed stands, with hundreds clamoring at the gates. Some stood in line all night to be sure of witnessing the game.

Miss Wills staged one of the most dramatic tennis struggles in the history of the game, and the result was in doubt until the last point. The American girl was within one point of winning the second set when the ball from Lenglen's racket, which appeared to many to be outside, was allowed by the linesman.

Then for the first time in her career Helen faltered. She appeared physically tired and from then on

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FIREMEN SAVE
SKYSCRAPER

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press)—Forty stories above Broadway, firemen today waged a successful fight against a fire in the 30-million-dollar Equitable building, one of the largest office structures in the world.

The most damage, estimated at \$50,000, was in the 24th and 25th floors.

The blaze originated in the basement and leaped through a shaft containing steam pipes to the 11th, 16th, 24th and 34th floors, skipping intervening floors.

Four men were trapped on a narrow ledge 43 stories above the street. The only ladder available was a short one, which was placed upon the shoulders of the tallest fireman to reach the entrapped men. Five firemen are suffering from smoke suffocation.

YOKEL BEATS NOREGAARD

WALLOWA, Ore.—Mike Yokel, Wyoming, has won a victory over Jim Noregaard here Saturday night, when Noregaard was unable to return after having a rib broken by an airplane spin in the second fall. Noregaard took the first fall in 18 minutes with an arm bar and Yokel the second in eight minutes.

Young People Upheld By
Professor of University

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—With the breaking of home restrictions, loosening of religious controls, freedom of conduct, lack of supervision and the present age of sophistication, the younger generation is certainly "doing as well as could be expected," according to Professor Philip A. Parsons, professor of sociology.

"The youngsters two generations ago did not have the outside interests of those of today," he said. "They had a definite home life. Their parents' interests were in them, but now adults are so busy with other things that children are secondary. I do not believe that it is entirely the fault of the parents. Children of today are independent of their elders and the latter have to compete for their interest. They feed and dress them, influencing them to a great extent only when they are young."

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