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ZWEIFEL IS
BLAMELESS,
JURY FINDSBertha Pearce's Death Is
Attributed to Unavoid-
able AccidentINQUEST HELD AT
WALLOWA MONDAYFuneral Services over
Body of Child Take
Place at Lostine This
Afternoon.

Bertha Zweifel was absolved from blame in the death of little Bertha Pearce of Lostine, killed when she ran in front of his car near the fountain in the Minam canyon Sunday afternoon—by a coroner's jury that heard the evidence Monday afternoon at the Wallowa undertaking parlors.

The child's death was due to an unavoidable accident, the jurors decided, and the driver was without fault in the case. Coroner C. L. Booth, of Wallowa county, conducted the inquest. Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Pearce, parents of the little girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Zweifel, who were in the accident happened, were all present.

Bertha Pearce is said to have herself the greater share of blame for her little daughter's death.

Bertha was with her parents, her brothers and baby sister on a Sunday outing at the Minam camp. Their car, with two others, was parked on the south side of the highway. One machine, the testimony at the inquest showed, was stationed on the edge of the track, and the view from the west, on the north side of the highway, a stage was standing with its rear end on the edge of the road, while the driver, Carl Curteman, was running lines on a front wheel.

It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Pearce and one of the boys were at the fountain. Bertha, her mother and several occupants of the other cars were standing on the south side of the road and behind the car that just into the highway.

Bertha turned to her mother and asked to be taken across to her father. Mrs. Pearce looked up and down the highway, saw nothing—Zweifel's car coming from the west was so close that the mis-parked automobile hid it.

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LIQUOR OWNERS
SENT TO JAIL

A total of \$500 in fines were assessed to H. E. Anderson, of Sumnerville, and Chick Cameron, who were found guilty in municipal court here last night of possession of intoxicating liquors. Neither Anderson nor Cameron were able to pay their fines and were ordered to jail, by Judge C. M. Thompson.

C. S. Ross, charged with drunkenness, failed to appear for trial and \$25 bail money declared forfeited.

Billy Edwards, Champ,
To Wrestle Pilling HereMore
Reader
Interest

With the beginning today of leased wire news service of the Associated Press for the Observer, added reader interest will be immediately appreciated by the La Grande advertiser.

Always watched for and anticipated with pleasure by its readers, The Observer will serve them better and more completely in the future—outside news reaching them fifteen hours ahead of outside papers. Its value as an advertising medium becomes even more apparent and its constant growth of circulation more certainly assured. The low reader-cost remains unchanged.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

300 Or More
Expected At
Club DinnerChamber of Commerce
Will Celebrate Close of
Successful Year This
Evening.

Celebrating the close of a successful year under the administration of W. C. Perkins and the election of Dr. W. T. Phyl to the chair for a term that begins today, the Union county chamber of commerce will entertain 200 or more persons at a banquet and ball at the Zuber hall this evening. Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

New and old officers, and the members of the incoming and outgoing directing boards will be seated at a table at the head of the hall, the covers for the others—constituents and other county guests—will be laid at tables at right angles to the speakers.

Will install officers. The Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will officiate at the installation. There will be addresses by Mr. Perkins and Dr. Phyl, preceded by brief reports from the officers retiring.

Inducted with Dr. Phyl this evening will be J. A. Tedford, first vice president; Judge Hugh E. Brady, second vice president; H. E. Dixon, treasurer, and Earl C. Reynolds, who was re-elected to the office of executive secretary. The directorate includes J. A. Appleby, Judge Brady, H. E. Conlogue, Mr. Dixon, G. L. Larson, Mr. Perkins, Dr. Phyl, Charles H. Reynolds, J. G. Snodgrass, A. J. Stango, Elmer L. Stoddard and Mr. Tedford.

Mahm's Imperial orchestra will furnish music for the dancing, and will play the prelude for the program. The singing of "America" by the company will be followed by an invocation to be pronounced by Dr. Henry W. Parker, pastor of the First M. E. church. Elmer L. Stoddard will lead community singing. The report of the treasurer will be by Mr. Tedford; that of the secretary, by Earl C. Reynolds. The chamber of commerce quartet will sing a selected number. After Mr. Perkins has reviewed the achievements of the year closing, Mr. Ross will install the new officers and present the incoming board of directors. Dr. Phyl's address will conclude the program.

LEASED WIRE
SERVICE GIVEN
GLAD HAND HERE

That La Grande readers as a whole and cities throughout the northwest are pleased with the taking over of the Associated Press leased wire by The Observer was made plain following Monday's announcement and inauguration of the service with an influx of congratulatory messages.

Legion Meet Will End
Before Match Begins

The regular monthly meeting of the local American Legion post, to be held Wednesday night beginning at 8 o'clock, will be short and snappy, according to announcement today.

Several business matters will come up, including discussion of compensation, etc., but handling of these will be expedited in order that members may attend the Edwards-Pilling wrestling match to start at 8:30 o'clock that evening.

Billy Edwards, Champ,
To Wrestle Pilling Here

Billy Edwards, present possessor of the world's light heavyweight wrestling belt and championship, will defend his title here Wednesday night against the aggressive Frank Pilling, of Bendleton, who has been making quite a name for himself in mat circles of the northwest during the last two seasons. Edwards, whose main asset is his chiropractic headlock is probably one of the most colorful grapplers in the game today. Cordially hated by the crowds, nevertheless, he draws a heavy gate wherever he goes. Incidentally, his crowds are usually far larger on a second appearance than in his debut in some city.

Pilling Always Dangerous. The champion, who took the title from Billy Meeseke, Australian wrestler, is expected to find Pilling a tough opponent. Pilling, aggressive and quick, is always dangerous and has been in the game long enough to know most of the twists and turns. He is quite a foxy coddler himself and local fans are anticipating an evening of solid thrills and entertainment.

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PRESIDENT
O.K. PUT ON
SUPPLY BILLLargest Peace Time Appropria-
tion Measure
Receives SignatureFARM HEARINGS
FAIL TO COME UPRelief Legislation Post-
poned Until Later This
Week Because of Shift
of Plans.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2. (AP)—President Coolidge today signed the largest peace time appropriation bill in history—the annual supply measure for the treasury and post office departments, carrying \$808,281,501.

The bill was the first of the year's appropriation measures to reach the White House. Of its total \$738,853,502 is to meet post office department expenses during the fiscal year beginning July 1. This is more than \$100,000,000 in excess of the amount appropriated a year ago for the two departments.

HEARINGS POSTPONED. The long anticipated opening of hearings on farm relief legislation before the house agricultural committee failed to materialize today. A last minute shift of plans by farm organization leaders led to a postponement until tomorrow or possibly Thursday.

The committee will use the interval to dispose of several minor bills and thereby clear its legislative slate of all matters except farm relief.

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MANY ATTEND
COVE BANQUET

With so many people present that it was necessary to serve them in two separate groups, the annual banquet of the Cove Commercial club was held last evening in the Odd Fellows' hall at Cove. Four long tables were arranged in the hall, but there were not sufficient to seat all those present at one time. The dinner was served by the Women's Civic club.

After dinner talks were made by Floyd McKennon, G. L. Larson and A. R. Hunter of La Grande, Dr. W. T. Phyl of Hot Lake, and C. L. Caldwell and the Rev. C. A. Quinn of Union. Mr. Larson talked about community spirit. Mr. Caldwell spoke concerning the schools of the community and Dr. Phyl gave an address concerning the consolidation of Cove schools. The Rev. Mr. Quinn talked about public gymnasiums in the schools and its relation to the church. A. R. Hunter had as his subject "An Eastern Oregon Normal School."

Other La Grande people in attendance besides the speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Reynolds, Alton Barnes, H. G. Avery and Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite.

Auditor Finds City's
Accounts All Correct

L. I. Husey, auditor, late yesterday completed his auditing of the city books and filed his report to the city commissioners. "The accounts of the city are found to be in excellent shape in the office of the city recorder, city treasurer, and chief of police," he declared. His report showed that the city spent \$12,246.82 less than provided for in the budget for 1925.

Altar Society to Give
Old-Time Dance April 5

The Altar Society today announced that an old-time dance and entertainment will be given at Zuber hall Monday, April 5. A feature of the evening will be the presentation of a patch-work quilt and the teaching of Henry Ford's badger gait by Pat Powers, who has consented to act as floor manager. This will be the first time the dance has ever been given in La Grande. It is said.

AIR MAIL TO
BE USHERED
IN APRIL 6Pacific Northwest Will
Be Linked with Rest
of CountryELKO-PASCO ROUTE
IMPROVES SERVICEOregon, Washington, Ida-
ho Will Have 30-Hour
Connection with the
East.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2. (AP)—Operation of the Elko-Pasco air mail route will begin April 6. Mail between New York and the far northwestern cities and also between San Francisco and the northwestern cities and also between San Francisco and the northwest will be greatly expedited by the new service.

Mail between cities at the east and the Pacific northwest will be handled in approximately thirty hours transmission time and between San Francisco and the Northern Pacific coast cities in approximately twenty-four hours, through use of the transcontinental and the Elko-Pasco services.

Northwest Benefited. The greatest effect of the opening of the new Elko-Pasco air mail route, postal officials said, will be to place the great northwest in the same category as regards time that San Francisco is in now, by rushing mail from New York and other eastern cities into the Pacific northwest cities in approximately thirty hours.

Mail by train leaving New York at 10:10 p. m. Monday is due at Seattle at 3:30 p. m. Friday, whereas transcontinental air mail leaving at 6:25 p. m. Wednesday and placed in the business mail's desk in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, etc., at 7 a. m. Thursday.

Far Cry From Pioneer Days. "It is a far cry from the trekking of Lewis and Clark into the"

XTRA

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2. (AP)—Secretary Kellogg delivered late today to Manuel C. Tellez, Mexican ambassador, the American reply to the latest Mexican note regarding enactment by Mexico of the anti-alien land and petroleum laws.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2. (AP)—The Van Sweringen Nickel Plate railroad consolidation was disproved today by the I. C. C.

PARIS, Mar. 2. (AP)—The French chamber of deputies today ratified the Locarno security pact. The debate on ratification became heated this afternoon when the communist deputy, Hubert, Alace, speaking in the Abbaton district, attacked France, "Alace" declared. He refused to leave the speakers' stand, causing suspension of the session.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 2. (AP)—Application of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company for a booming franchise on the Klamath river was today denied by the public service commission, in session here.

Seniors Preparing For
Presentation of Play

"The Irresistible March of the Doughboys" is the title of the play which the high school stage tomorrow evening, Friday and Saturday nights, it will be presented to the public.

The seniors expect the production to rank creditably with graduation class performances of the past. In the first place, they have a royalty play; one with a living plot, delicious strains of comedy and character roles that have been a joy to create. And in the second place, the class this year is more commonly endowed with dramatic talent. Miss Mabel A. Bennett, head of the English department, put her approval upon "The Irresistible March of the Doughboys" as a vehicle that would develop the possibilities of her proteges along historical lines.

An experiment in the impressionistic school of dramatics is effected with the use of the cyclorama, a curtain background such as the Moroni Olsen players employed in their production of "Friend Hamish" here last week.

Omaha Sniper, His Weapon, And Man He Shot



Omaha breathed easier when Frank Carter, its mysterious "sniper," who took potshots at citizens through the windows of their homes at night, was finally captured. Here is his story, equipped with a sniper. In the center is Ross Johnson, railway detective at Council Bluffs, Ia., whom Carter shot five times, but who lived and furnished officials with a description of the sniper who took potshots at citizens through the windows of their homes at night, was finally captured. Here is his story, equipped with a sniper.

KING WILL FLY
TO ARGENTINA

PARIS, Mar. 2. (AP)—The Journal says it learns from the Paris correspondent of the Diario Universal of Madrid that King Alfonso of Spain plans to fly to Argentina for his contemplated visit to South America, piloted by Commander Franco of the seaplane Plus-Ultra. He will be accompanied by Queen Victoria, Premier Primo Rivera and a brilliant suite. Ten seaplanes will comprise the royal fleet and they will follow exactly the same route that Franco took across the ocean and down to Buenos Aires but the jump will be shorter.

Alfonso, the correspondent told the Journal, he conceived the idea of the flight when the news of Franco's safe arrival in Buenos Aires reached Spain, the King broached the subject in a cabrio conversation with Franco.

"Would you dare take me to Argentina by air," the king is said to have asked.

"Your majesty, it would be a most glorious feat for me," replied Franco. "Are you sure you can do it?" "Your majesty, most certainly and with absolute safety."

The Journal says that Alfonso immediately directed to make the trip. That was why Franco and his companions were ordered back to Spain by ship.

As soon as they arrive work will be begun in building 10 specially constructed planes.

Hermiston Bootlegger
Admits Crime, Jailed

BENDLETON, Mar. 2. (AP)—Only nominal punishment was meted out in justice court here today when Orville McKenzie of Hermiston pleaded guilty to a charge of possession and selling liquor. Just as officers were conducting a search of the Ray McKenzie place with little success, Orville McKenzie drove up with seven gallons in his car. With perfect candor he told the court he made it himself and was trying to sell it when arrested. He was given a 30-day sentence without fine.

SEVEN FINED

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2. (AP)—Seven of 15 automobile drivers arrested by the state traffic squad last night were fined by District Judge Hawkins today for failing to comply with the state light law. The other 12 drivers went free.

England's Position on
League Seats Is Given

LONDON, Mar. 2. (AP)—The British government has already determined its attitude against increasing the number of permanent seats in the league of nations council. It is stated in well informed circles. It opposes granting Poland, Spain or any other countries other than Germany a permanent seat at present, leaving the question of a possible increase for future discussion.

NET LOSSES HIGH. NEW YORK, Mar. 2. (AP)—Prices of speculative securities on the New York stock exchange and the New York curb markets broke wide open again this afternoon when liquidation of the motor and public utilities shares reached gigantic proportions, net losses, in scores of issues running from 5 to 35 points. So great was the volume of selling that the stock exchange ticker was fourteen minutes behind the market in recording the quotations.

DR. H. CHASE
TURNS DOWN
U. OF O. OFFERDeclines the Presidency
of University of
Oregon TodayOREGON OFFICIALS
ARE DISAPPOINTEDBoard of Regents Will Be
Called into Session Im-
mediately to Select An-
other.

RALEIGH, N. C., Mar. 2. (AP).—Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, today declined an invitation to become president of the University of Oregon.

At a called meeting of the trustees of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Chase informed them that he had decided to decline the Oregon offer and remain at North Carolina. It had been known for some little time that the North Carolina president had been considering an offer from the University of Oregon and he had recently visited the Pacific coast where he conferred with officials of that institution.

OFFICIALS DISAPPOINTED. EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 2. (AP).—University of Oregon officials are disappointed over Dr. Chase's decision, but there is nothing to do but wait for the board of regents to turn to other prospects. Karl Anthak, executive secretary of the university said today when he received a telegram from Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, declining the offer.

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DETECTIVES ON
NEW LEAD NOW

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 2. (AP)—A report published here today that District Attorney Am Keyes had gone east to investigate a new clue in the killing of Desmond Taylor, screen director, who was shot here several years ago, was denied by Byron Pitts, deputy district attorney. Pitts admitted however, that Keyes had left the city and "might go to Detroit," in which city the newspaper report said new evidence in the Taylor case has been uncovered.

The Los Angeles Examiner says it has learned that Keyes secretly left here several days ago for the east to investigate recently unearthed clues in the case.

A mystery witness who had been missing since Taylor was found slain in his home here some four years ago, is understood by the newspaper to have been located in Detroit and the district attorney and his assistant are declared to have proceeded to that city.

From Detroit the officers were to go to New York and there interview two well known motion picture stars, the examiner says.

Instructor Quits U. of O.
Following "Noisy" Party

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 2. (AP).—J. E. Alsworth Johnston, assistant professor of Greek and Latin at the University of Oregon, has severed his connection with the university as the result of "indecent behavior." It has been announced by officials of the institution. Frank Miller, Chapman and Herbert McIntyre, students of the university's law school, have also withdrawn.

The resignation of Johnston and the withdrawal of the two students resulted from an early morning gathering at Villard Hall on February 29. The resignation of Johnston has been accepted by the university, and while two students have not come before the student disciplinary committee, it is understood that they have left the campus.

The trio applied to the night watchman of Villard Hall on the night in question, according to the university officials, but were denied admission to the building. They returned later with a key and let themselves in. The party, it is said, was too noisy and was featured by an impromptu concert. The men were requested to leave the building at 6 o'clock in the morning. Professor Johnston took his de-