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AUTO PLUNGE FATAL TO ONE

MRS. HOLMES
DEAD; THREE
BADLY HURTCar Forced Down 75-Foot
Embankment Near
Perry YesterdayTWO BOYS ESCAPE
SERIOUS INJURIESInquest to Be Held Late
Today—Dayton Stod-
dard, Nampa, to Give
Testimony.

Explains Pageant
dead, her 16-year-old daughter,
Adella, is seriously injured, and her
brother, Hullo B. Heath, and another
daughter, Mrs. K. Ford, are suf-
fering from severe cuts and frac-
tures, the result of a highway ac-
cident that tumbled their car over
a 75-foot embankment into the
Grande Ronde river west of
Perry Monday at 4 p. m.

Heath and his two nieces are in
the hospital here, from where it
was reported today that they are
in favorable condition for recovery.
Hullo B. Heath Jr., nine years old, and
Tommy Holmes, 11, who is a son of the
woman killed, were in the car,
but received only minor injuries.

Nampa Car Hits Machine
The death car was crowded
from the highway when Dayton
Stoddard, Nampa high school boy,
struck their left front wheel as he
attempted to pass them, officers
say. He and Miss Hilma Shern,
Nampa school teacher bound for
her home in Nampa and the owner
of the second machine, were unin-
jured.

Miss Shern and young Stoddard
stopped immediately and gave
every assistance they could to the
victims of the accident. They re-
ported immediately to the sheriff
on their return to La Grande, and
are in town waiting returns from
the coroner's inquest, which was to
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FROST DAMAGES
GRANDE RONDE
VALLEY CROPS

Garden truck and alfalfa, wheat
and fruit over the Grande Ronde
valley was damaged to some ex-
tent this morning by probably the
most severe frost here this spring.
During the night the mercury fell
to 31 degrees above in La Grande,
the first below-freezing weather in
more than two months.
Fruit in some parts of the val-
ley was nipped and alfalfa and
what showed touches, especially
the latter. The full extent of the
damage has not been ascertained
as yet.

Bathing Beauty Contest Here
Gets Under Way; Three EntriesTomorrow Is
Community
Sales Day

The La Grande business man
seeks to keep the consumers of
union and Wallawa counties
informed as to the interesting
and valuable news of his shop
or store and tries to present
that message in the most at-
tractive way possible. Accord-
ingly the business men, through
the Chamber of Commerce,
have chosen The Observer as the
best medium through which to
advertise the first monthly
La Grande Community Sales
Day, which is tomorrow.

The green section which
was sent in yesterday's Ob-
server is replete with bargains
of every description with "no
two alike" as a slogan. The
farmer and the city resident
can stock up on the various
articles and get a bargain on
each one. Read these ads in
The Observer carefully. It
will pay you dividends.
"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

"ELGIN'S YESTERDAYS"

Mildred Reed, a senior at the
Elgin high school, writes in a
lighter vein than most of her
contemporaries in the local his-
tory essay contest. Mildred's
essay on "Elgin's Yesterdays"
won second place in the eleventh
and twelfth grade division.

During the early eighties, the
territory surrounding Elgin was in-
habited by Indians. These were
mostly Umatilla Indians and ac-
cording to be of a peaceable na-
ture. They erected a fish trap in the
Grande Ronde river, opposite the
Elgin city park. These Indians
had their camps across the river
on that little flat in the hill across
from the fish trap, and they pas-
sured their ponies on the hill.
These fish traps led to the name

that the hill is still called, "Fish
Trap Hill."
And later on the first fort
built for protection against the
various tribes was near where
Frank Graham's barn now stands
just across Dry creek. But after
some time the white people found
that the Indians could slip up on
them through the trees without be-
ing seen, so they moved the fort
up where J. C. Rice now lives.
Frank Graham helped move the
timber to rebuild the fort and got
his leg broken while helping.

A little later a man from Elgin
was down on the Looking Glass be-
low Elgin and came back to town
and reported that the Indians were
on the war path. Every able bodied
man made ready to go down there
to fight. There was a great deal
of weeping and wailing when these
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GIVE PROGRAM
FOR CONCERT

Sigurd Nilssen, American
Basso, to Sing at L. D.
S. Tabernacle Tomor-
row Evening.

Some numbers in Norwegian and
a composition written especially
for the singer lend color to the
program that Sigurd Nilssen an-
nounces for his concert appear-
ance here Wednesday evening at
the L. D. S. tabernacle. The pro-
gram is to start at 8:15 o'clock.
Miss Margaret Notz will accompany
the American basso in his selec-
tions.

Here are given the numbers as
the artist has listed them:

PART ONE
Invocation Di Oreo... Peril (1560)
Vittoria mol Core... Carlissini (1800)
Qui Sdegno non S'acende...
Mozart (1791)

PART TWO
Paul pua Hungen...
Norwegian Folk Song
Tys Nal... E. Grieg
Jaegerang... E. Grieg
Traum (Swedish)... Sjöberg
Traum Durch Die Dämmerung...
Strauss
Weigentlich... Max Herzberg
(Written for Sigurd Nilssen)
M. M. S.
Aufenthalt... Schubert

PART THREE
Vols Nocturnes... Gretchenanow
Romance Orientale... Glazounow
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Improved Service to
Subscribers at Cove

Beginning the later part of last
week it became possible for read-
ers of The Observer at Cove to ob-
tain their evening papers at the
Cove postoffice the same afternoon
they were printed. The Observer
is sent to Cove each afternoon,
now, so that it may be taken from
the postoffice three between about
5:20 and 6 o'clock.

MERCHANTS ARE
READY FOR FIRST
COMMUNITY SALE

La Grande merchants are all
ready to serve the shoppers who
will flock to the city tomorrow to
take advantage of the first of a se-
ries of monthly community sales
days. Practically every store in
town is participating in the af-
fair.

Considerable interest attends
preparations for the first auction
sale that will be conducted from
the platform of the Oregon Hard-
ware company's implement house,
at Depot street and Jefferson av-
enue. To the growing list of stuff
to be sold have been added horses,
a corn planter and a fanning mill.
Tom Johnson will be auctioneer; J.
E. Reynolds, clerk. No commis-
sion will be charged, either to the
buyer or to the seller of any article
put up for sale.

Oregonian Track Meet
Film to Show Here

Meyers and Bowen, of the Ar-
cade and Star theaters, announced
today that they will show Oregon
pictures of the La Grande grade
school track meet held here last
Saturday, tomorrow and Thursday.
This will be the first showing of
the films in Oregon. Nearly 200
graduated school boys and girls took
part in the meet and will appear
in the pictures.

Farmers Near Union
Are Cutting First Hay

UNION, May 25 (Special).—
Fully 10 days to two weeks earlier
than usual a number of farmers
hereabouts are mowing their first
1926 hay crop, this holding good
both north and south of the city.
The stand of hay is excellent, the
ranchers say, and add that it is
an fine an initial crop of the season
as they have ever cut.

Ross Delivers Address
At Rotary Club Lunch

Education, in Rotary procedure,
by-laws and duties of officers and
committees were afforded the
members of the La Grande club
at their Monday luncheon meet-
ing at the Foley hotel. The Rev.
W. C. Ross, pastor of the First
Presbyterian church, was the
scheduled speaker.

McLaughlin Is Ahead
Of Turner, of Dallas

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25 (AP).—
J. O. McLaughlin, of Corvallis,
former ahead of R. R. Turner, of
Dallas, today for the democratic
nomination for superintendent of
public instruction on receipt of
further returns from Friday's pri-
mary election. With 1810 pre-
cincts out of 1847 in the state
counted McLaughlin had 14,641;
Turner 14,623, giving a lead for
McLaughlin of 18 and reversing a
lead of 18 which Turner had last
night. The missing precincts are
scattered among seven counties,
Columbia, Curry, Deschutes, Grant,
Klamath, Lincoln and Union, which
have not yet reported complete
returns on the democratic ticket.

Turner has 127 precincts gave
the democratic nomination for U.
S. senator Bert E. Haney 17,545;
Elton Watkins 15,365.

ENTRIES RECEIVED

EUGENE, Ore., May 25 (AP).—
Entries for the first sectional ju-
nior tennis tournament to be held at
the university of Oregon May 27-
29, are coming in with regularity.

CLUB VOTES
TO ASSIST
O.N.G. UNIT

Committee to Interview
Those Employing
Guardsmen

SCHOOL STUDENTS
ON THE PROGRAM

Addresses and Musical
Selections Made by the
Members of La Grande
High School.

A program, including addresses
and musical selections by members
of the La Grande high school
student body, and a plea to the
chamber of commerce to support
the local company of the national
guard, featured today's forum
luncheon at the Foley grill.

Major Ralph Huron reminded
the chamber of commerce and its
members of their pledge to sup-
port the O. N. G. unit here, mak-
ing some two or more years ago, an-
kling that employers withdraw re-
quests that employees in the com-
pany be excused from attending
the summer camp at Medford. He
explained that it is necessary to
have a certain camp attendance
each year to insure continuance
of the company. He said that
probably half of the men trying
to be excused from camp are
backed up by their employers.

J. E. Williams also spoke on
this question, concurring with Ma-
jor Huron.

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JULY PAGEANT
IS DISCUSSED

James W. Evans, Direc-
tor, Meets with Mem-
bers of the American
Legion.

James W. Evans, who will direct
the pageant "Spirit of America,"
made his second visit to La Grande
yesterday and addressed the high
school students during the after-
noon. In the meeting, at 7:30
o'clock, a meeting was called for
the perfection of the organization
of participants.

Hugh E. Brady, general chair-
man of the pageant committee,
opened the meeting with a short
talk about the purpose of the pa-
geant, pointing out the fact that it
is not only an American Legion
show, but a community affair. He
said that it will not only be given
this year but will become an an-
nual event and will be enlarged up-
on from year to year until it will
be one of the greatest shows in
the northwest. After this explana-
tion Mr. Brady introduced Mr.
Evans to the committee members
present.

Explains Pageant
Mr. Evans explained the various
episodes of the pageant in detail
and told about the characters who
will take part.

Representatives were present
from sixteen organizations and ex-
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Frank Garcia on Way
To Recovery Today

Frank Garcia, who lost a great
deal of blood Monday in an at-
tempt to commit suicide by sit-
ting on a artery in his left foot,
is still weak, but has responded
to treatment and is expected to
be well soon.

No explanation has been found
for his act. Garcia, a Mexican,
pretends not to understand En-
glish when he is questioned. He
spoke the language well enough
to ask for lodging, according to
Mrs. Jean Bernard, proprietress
of the Arlington rooms, where he
tried to take his life early yester-
day morning. According to a
warrant officers found in his
pocket, the Mexican has been a
section laborer. No relatives or
friends have visited him at the
hospital, attendants stated today.

MAY RAISE
PROPERTY
VACATION

Move Under Way to Re-
vise Methods of Assess-
ment in Oregon

LARGE INDUSTRIAL
CONCERNS TARGET

Opinion Held that Many
Big Plants Are Not
Paying Just Share of
Taxes.

SALEM, Ore., May 25 (AP).—
With the cooperation of county as-
sessors and of the state legisla-
ture the state tax commission
hopes by a revision of the meth-
ods of assessment in Oregon to
increase property valuations from
\$100,000,000 to \$300,000,000 more
than at present. Consequently it
will be necessary to place a limit
on the amount of money allowed
higher learning under the millage
taxes to prevent their receiving
more than their just portion of
funds compared with other
branches of the state government.

This was brought out at a meet-
ing of the state tax investigating
committee here yesterday and it is
probable that when the commit-
tee's legislative program is pre-
pared it will include a provision
that the millage levies for the Uni-
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WILL ADVERTISE
ROAD PROJECTS
FOR THIS FALL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25 (AP).—
Two important state highway
projects will be advertised for this
fall, the state highway commission
decided today.

The first will be surfacing 14
miles of the Klamath Falls-Lake-
view highway just west of Lake-
view. Lake county has graded the
section. It will cost \$75,000 to sur-
face.

Highway Commissioner H. B.
Van Duzer told County Judge H. E.
Kotly and County Commissioner W.
G. Lane of Lakeview that the com-
mission would take care of the
worst parts before winter sets in.

Judge Kotly also was told that
the state will aid in work on 16
miles of the Prineville-Lakeview
highway near Summer Lake. The
county has graded it.

The second project will be the
grading and surfacing of some 11
miles of the McKenzie highway.
This will complete the gaps on this
road between Lebanon and the sum-
mit.

No bids were received for the
right to operate a concession at
Emigrant park on the Old Oregon
Trail in Umatilla county.

Five bids were opened to recon-
struct the road near the John
B. Yeon bridge at Harrisburg.

TODAY'S GAMES

National League
NEW YORK (AP)—First game:
Brooklyn... R. H. E.
New York... 5 0 0
Batteries—Barnes and O'Neill;
Greenfield and Snyder.
Second game—
Brooklyn... R. H. E.
New York... 5 12 2
Batteries—Grimes, McWeney
and Hargrave; Scott and Florence;
Snyder, McMullen.

CHICAGO (AP) R. H. E.
Pittsburgh... 5 8 1
Chicago... 2 7 1
Batteries—Morrison and Gooch;
Root and Gonzales.

American League
BOSTON (AP)—First game:
New York... R. H. E.
Boston... 5 14 7
Batteries—Thomas and Collins;
Zahniser and Gaston.
Second game—
New York... R. H. E.
Boston... 5 10 9
Batteries—Pennock and Collins;
Elimeke, Huffing and Blachoff.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—First
game:
Washington... R. H. E.
Philadelphia... 12 17 5
Batteries—Merrill, Marberry and
Ruel; Grove, Gray, Baumgartner
and Cochrane, Fox.

Tinker Signs New Contract



Joe Tinker, member of the "Tinker to Evers to Chance" com-
bination of the famous old Chicago Cubs baseball team of two
decades ago, has taken a bride. He and Mrs. Tinker posed for
the photographer after their wedding in Cincinnati. She was
Mrs. Mary Ellinger of Orlando, Fla.

MAN'S INSULT
FATAL TO HIM

Idaho Woman, Resenting
Approach of Ex-Con-
vict, Shoots Him to
Death at Wallace.

WALLACE, Ida., May 25 (AP).—
E. J. Hicks, 48, paroled mail
robber, convict, was shot and kil-
led in a hotel room here last night
by Mrs. Florence Jordan, 17-year-
old wife of H. C. Jordan, Kellogg
mining man. Mrs. Jordan admitted
shooting Hicks, saying he had
insulted her.

Seven shots were fired two going
through Mr. Hicks' abdomen and a
third striking a finger. Hicks was
dead when a hotel clerk reached
the room after hearing the shoot-
ing.

"Had To Shoot Him"

"Yes, I shot him," Mrs. Jordan
declared. "He insulted me and I
emptied the gun into him. I guess
he came up to my room to insult
me. I had warned him time after
time to leave me alone and I had
to shoot him."

Mrs. Jordan was calm and show-
ed no emotion when taken to the
county jail. Her young woman
shouted for help after the shooting
and when W. J. Lee, hotel clerk,
and W. H. Standford, owner of a
cleaning establishment, rushed in
to the room the young woman was
collected and Hicks' body was in
the doorway. Hicks was senten-
ced to serve three years in the fed-
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Fire Fighters Give
Chief Big Charivari

MEDFORD, Ore., May 25 (AP).—
Hundreds of excited citizens leaped
from their beds at 1:30 this
morning and scanned the dark sky
for the glow of a "big fire" after
repeated soundings of the siren at
the city hall.

No blaze was visible and the
mystery deepened when the thun-
dering fire equipment could be
heard first in one part of town
and then in another. Many per-
sons hastily donned a few clothes
and set out in automobiles to find
the conflagration.

Inquiry at the first station later,
disclosed the marriage last evening
of Fire Chief Roy Elliott and Miss
Clarebelle Bachmann, and subse-
quent kidnapping of the bride party
by the fire fighters for a wild ride
about the city on a fire truck.

President Willing to
Back Up on 'Dry' Order

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP).—
Coincident with a new outburst in
congress against the preliminary
order authorizing federal employ-
ment of state officers in prohibi-
tion enforcement the white house
today said the president was ready
to modify the proposal if it proved
oppressive.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP).—
Allocations of federal highway
funds from an apportionment of
\$4,500,000 for the fiscal year be-
ginning July 1 have been announ-
ced. Oregon's quota is given as fol-
lows: Oregon—Roosevelt Coast
highway \$45,000; Canyon City-
Burns \$25,000; Pendleton-John
Day \$20,000; Sand Creek \$20,000;
Mt. Hood-Wapinitia \$15,000;
Flora-Enterprise \$15,000; El-
math Falls-La Grange \$15,000;
Central Lake \$50,000; Maintenance
\$54,000.

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP).—
The house public land commission
today reported a bill to authorize
an advance from the treasury of
approximately \$5,000,000 for tax
payments to Washington and Ore-
gon and California railroad com-
pany land grants.

PARIS, May 25 (AP).—Gen-
eral Simon Petliura, former anti-
bolshevik military leader in the
Ukraine, was shot by a Russian
Jew here today, and died shortly
afterward in a hospital.

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP).—
A group of stockholders of the
former Houston and Texas Central
railroad company, headed by Mary
J. Young, executrix of the estate
of David G. Leggett, filed suit in
supreme court today against the
Southern Pacific company for a
division of \$10,000,000 in stock of
the railway company acquired by
the Southern Pacific.

Umatilla Indian Woman
To Fight for Daughter

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25 (AP).—
Attorney for Stella Williams
Fryer, Umatilla Indian woman,
have filed petition for a writ of
habeas corpus in federal court
seeking to obtain the release of
her daughter, Nora Williams, aged
six months, from a local nursery
home.

"Bath Tub Girl" Admits She
Was Drunk at Carroll Party

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP).—
Joyce Hawley testified today in
the perjury trial of Earl Carroll,
theatrical producer, that she not
only occupied a bath tub on the
stage of the Earl Carroll theater,
but that she was drunk when she
got into it from liquor served her
in the theater. She also testified
that she had been offered \$250,
by an associate of Carroll if she
would appear before the grand
jury and say there was no cham-
pagne or wine served at the
party.

Herbert C. Smyth, the theatrical
producer's attorney, yesterday
asked that testimony of Miss Dor-
othy Gordon be stricken from the
record as immaterial. Miss Gor-
don was a member of the Earl
Carroll Vanity chorus at the time
of the party, February 22. She
testified that she loaned Carroll
a green cloak behind which Miss
Hawley disrobed before getting
into the tub.
"She stayed in the tub about
two minutes," said Miss Gordon.

ERUPTION
OF VOLCANO
KILLS MANY

Hokkaido Mountain
Belches Lava Over
Yezo Island, Japan

FIFTY BODIES
NOW RECOVERED

Newspaper Dispatches
Place Death List at
High as 100—Property
Damage Great.

TOKYO, May 25 (AP).—Over
hundred dead and more than 100
injured have been removed from
the mass of mud, lava and rocks
precipitated by yesterday's erup-
tion of a volcano in Tokachi pro-
vince, Hokkaido island, the govern-
ment of the island announced in a
telegram today. How many of the
one thousand farmers missing
were buried alive in the lake of
mud which covered the district
could not be ascertained.

Two hundred doctors and nurses
are attending the unfortunate peo-
ple aided by the 500 relief work-
ers of the young men's association.

The lake in the crater of Mount
Tokachi, released by the eruption,
poured through the sides of the
mountain, inundating several vil-
lages. Many were drowned and
waters mingling with lava and
earth loosened by the eruption
covered rice fields and houses with
mud. Lashed by rain and the
steep slopes.

The volcano, supposed to be ac-
tively, began belching May 4. Many
inhabitants were killed by the
eruption, catastrophes had from the district.

TOKYO, May 25 (AP).—A dis-
patch to Nichi Nichi says that 30
bodies have been recovered from
the mud and sand near the Tok-
kaido volcano which has been in
eruption. It seems that most of
the casualties resulted from land-
slides and floods of mud caused by
the eruption. It is now believed
that there were few casualties
from the lava.

A Nichi Nichi dispatch from
Asahikawa says 50 army engineers
have been sent to the scene. Also
500 relief workers from the young
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DEATH RATE OF
OREGON INFANTS
51.2 EACH 1,000

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP).—
Oregon had the lowest infant mor-
tality rate in 1925 out of 30 states,
according to figures given out by
the commerce department. The in-
fant death rate in Oregon was 51.2
for each 1,000 births. Maryland
had the highest rate of 90.4.

Birth rates of 1925 were lower
in 26 of 30 states and death rates
were higher in 14 states.

On the whole, however, the
death rate declined very slightly.
The highest birth rate for 1925
was 28.5 per 1,000 population in
North Carolina. The lowest was
15.1 in Montana. Vermont had
the highest death rate 14.6 per 1,
000 while Montana and North Da-
kota had the lowest 7.7.

"Bath Tub Girl" Admits She
Was Drunk at Carroll Party

"I could just see her head and
shoulders."
District Attorney Upshold
Buckner argued that this testi-
mony might be irrelevant as to
violation of the prohibition law,
but that Carroll was charged with
having perjured himself by tell-
ing a federal grand jury there
had been no nudity and no alco-
holic liquor at the party. Judge
Goddard upheld him.

Carroll told the grand jury that
the champagne was ginger ale,
and his counsel have indicated it
might have been a dry law brand
of champagne containing less than
one-half of one per cent.
Cobb testified that as he was
about to leave the Earl Carroll
theater early in the morning of
last February 23, Carroll urged
him to remain, as he was "going
to put on a stunt of a girl in a
tub." On cross examination by
counsel for Carroll, who is
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