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KILLS SELF
AFTER TWIN
BABES BORN

Nelson Crowl, Truck Gardener, Uses .22 Rifle to Commit Suicide

WIFE RECOVERING
AT HOSPITAL HERE

Mrs. Crowl, When Notified of Husband's Act, Replied That She Was Not Surprised.

Because his wife gave birth to twins, Nelson Crowl, 45, a truck gardener, put a bullet through his brain last week at his cabin about six miles east of Milwau.

Crowl's corpse, a hole in the middle of his forehead and a .22 caliber rifle lying across his chest, was found face upward on the bed at 5:30 p. m., Saturday by friends who stopped to pass the time of day. They called Coroner C. L. Booth, of Enterprise, who said the body had been dead about five days.

It was Monday—five days earlier—that Crowl was notified from the Grande Honda hospital in La Grande that his 26-year-old wife had presented him with twins. The mother and babies, a boy and girl, were doing well, the message said.

Mrs. Crowl, when her friends broke the news to her at this hospital last evening, wearily replied that she was not surprised. He had attempted to take his life before, she said. Her husband had not been fond of children, and had been angry when she told him they were to have a child. There is an older daughter, Maybelle, age three, whose existence he had always seemed to resent.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hayden chapel in Wallawa Sunday afternoon, with a large crowd of neighbors attending. Burial was in the Lower valley cemetery, near Wallawa.

No inquest was held, the coroner and sheriff A. C. Miller, after their investigation, agreeing that it was

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DANIEL BOYD TO
SPEAK AT ELKS'
SERVICE TONIGHT

Flags flung to the breeze from every downtown street remind La Grande that this is the day set apart for the reverence of Old Glory.

This evening the nation's emblem will be eulogized at the Elks' temple, where members of the lodge have summoned all citizens of patriotic bent to join them in their annual celebration of Flag day. Daniel Boyd, of Enterprise, will deliver an appropriate address; Dr. J. L. Ingle will offer the eulogy; Mrs. Plavia Ritter Sherwood, soprano, and Andrew Loney, cornetist, will furnish musical numbers.

Headed by H. L. Hess, exalted ruler, the officers of the Waterloo lodge will lead the parade, which is the part of the program, which is annually observed by the order.

Governor Pierce Will Attend
Annual Grange Picnic June 19Winning
By
Comparison

When an advertiser makes an impartial comparison of the publicity means at his disposal—the most per inch of reading matter as related to the number of readers—The Observer wins immediate approval by a wide margin. Its advertising staff advises use of varied advertising means to supplement newspaper space. Intelligent use of direct-mail publicity, for example, is of great value. But the Observer's pulling power is the foundation of successful advertising in this territory. Growing circulation, constant addition of new and increased accounts proves that fact.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Epworthians
Prepare For
Lake School

Two-Session Rally Held Sunday in Anticipation of Summer Religious Institute.

Screen pictures of the Wallawa lake country crystallized the intentions of many of the Epworth leaguers gathered at the First M. E. church for the two-session rally Sunday to attend the summer institute that will be conducted at the Methodist campgrounds there July 12-19. Another religious institute, the Episcopalian's summer school that opens at Cove this evening, occupied attention of young people and workers among them at St. Peter's Episcopal church. At the Methodist church south, where the Rev. H. S. Shangle, of Corvallis, made his regular visit as district elder, the Epworthians entertained the Christian Endeavorers of the Central Church of Christ.

Union, Elgin, La Grande, Cove and Island City young people attended the afternoon and evening services of the rally, Elgin taking first honors for representation with 17 percent.

Dr. Hamilton Speaks. Dr. H. S. Hamilton, of Boise, district superintendent, gave the inspirational address last night, his

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EAKIN ENTERS
SCHOOL RACE

Local Attorney Files Candidacy for Position on La Grande Board of Education. Robert S. Eakin, prominent attorney of this city, is a candidate for director of the La Grande board of education. It became known here today. Mr. Eakin filed his petition with H. E. Williams, clerk of the school board, declaring his candidacy, the last of the week. The three-year terms of both L. W. Weeks and Dr. H. P. Landis, present members of the board, expire this year and two members are to be elected to fill the vacancies. Mr. Weeks and Dr. Landis are both candidates for reelection, having filed their notice some time ago. The election will take place a week from today, Monday, June 21.

Mr. Eakin has lived in La Grande for a number of years. At present he has two boys in the Central school here and is greatly interested in school affairs.

Nearly 100,000 Trout
Planted During Week

UNION, Ore., June 14 (Special)—Sup. H. H. Bonney, of the state fish hatchery, distributed nearly 100,000 eastern brook trout in North Powder river, Little creek and in Wallawa lake during the past week. A second pond has been built in Catherine creek to care for the little fish that were too crowded in the hatchery. These two ponds along the creek are stocked with steelheads, which it is probable will be released again as trout next year and will be ready for the angler before long.

Four counties will be represented—Union, Wallawa, Baker and Malheur. The latter county has not sent delegates before this year. Governor Walter M. Pierce has been secured as chief speaker of the day. A number of others, including W. B. Wagner, who will tell of cooperation in Idaho, are listed for addresses.

The morning will be taken up with an inspection tour of the station and will be followed by a banquet luncheon at noon. Speeches and musical numbers will be included in the afternoon program. Robert Withycombe, director of the station, will be host and have as his assistants members of the Union Grange. County Agent H. G. Avery, County Lecturer W. H. Gekeler, and lecturers of subordinate granges of this district, with the cooperation of lecturers of the Baker and Wallawa county pomona granges, will have charge of the

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GUARDSMEN
ARE ON WAY
TO MEDFORD

Company E, 186th Infantry, Entrain at 6:30 This Morning

FIVE UNITS MAKE
UP SPECIAL TRAIN

Final Preparations Made at Camp for Arrival Tomorrow of 2,800 Officers and Men.

The special train, formed at Baker, to conduct the Eastern Oregon national guard troops to Camp Jackson at Medford, arrived in La Grande shortly after 5:30 o'clock this morning and left fifteen minutes later with the fifty-seven members of the La Grande unit—Company E, 186th Infantry—on board. Captain G. L. Dalton is in command of the local company. Baker's Company B in charge of Captain W. N. Goodough, and the Union headquarters company of twenty-one men made up the train when it arrived here. The train stopped at Pendleton at 9:15 o'clock long enough for Company L, composed of 21 men under the command of Captain Frank Allen, to entrain. The only other stop before reaching Portland at about 9 o'clock this evening will be at The Dalles, when the national guard company there will be added to the train. The guard companies will stop in Portland long enough for the evening meal and will arrive at Medford about 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. Major R. R. Huron is in charge of the train.

According to the Associated Press final arrangements were completed this morning for the coming of the Oregon guardsmen to Camp Jackson. Two thousand eight hundred men and officers will be established there during the next two weeks. Ideal summer weather prevails, with cool nights and mornings, the dispatch states. Officials of the Medford chamber of commerce are preparing a program of amusement and entertainment for the visiting guardsmen. The social program will include dances, receptions, balls, socials and other entertainments. At least two smokers will be staged at the Medford armory and there will be an extra presentation of "Blazing the Trail," by the Southern Oregon pagant company to which all men in uniform will be admitted free.

Farewell Held Saturday. A farewell dance was given for

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RAIN BENEFICIAL
TO VALLEY CROPS;
HAY MOSTLY UP

A thunderstorm, accompanied by .32 inches of rain, struck La Grande and vicinity late yesterday afternoon, the first rain that has visited the Grande Honda valley in nearly a month. The storm was spotty, striking here and there, but farmers in its path report much benefit derived from the moisture to growing crops. Most of the hay is up which prevented any damage to the newly-cut crop.

The Rev. W. C. Ross
Addresses Rotarians

Education in Rotary principles was administered by the Rev. W. C. Ross when 14 members of the La Grande club met for luncheon at the Foley hotel this noon. C. J. B. Malarkey, head of Portland Fish company, and Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite were guests, each addressing the club in a short talk.

Business Men to Meet
At Luncheon Tuesday

Musical numbers with which Lois Nelson and Bertha Bantz pleased their radio audience from the station at Walla Walla a couple of weeks ago will be repeated for the benefit of the Union county chamber of commerce at its meeting Tuesday noon at the Foley hotel. Miss Nelson will play "Rondo Capriccioso" (Mendelssohn) on the piano and Miss Bantz, violinist, will present "Adagio" (Franz Ries) and "Lonesome, That's All" (Roberta). Talks for the meeting will be by Raymond O. Williams, who will sketch the program for the really board's convention here in July, and Superintendent J. T. Longfellow, who is scheduled to explain the playgrounds movement.

Geneva Gets
Resignation
From Brazil

South American Power Files Formal Statement with League of Nations Today.

GENEVA, June 14. (AP)—Brazil has resigned from the league of nations. Notification of the step received by cable today from Foreign Minister Pacheco at Rio de Janeiro, created consternation in league circles. The withdrawal follows Brazil's earlier act in resigning from the league council because of the refusal of the powers to grant her a permanent seat simultaneously with Germany, who was promised one at the Locarno conference. League officials, basing their opinion on Ambassador Mello Franco's speech in which he said he would await the final report of the council reorganization committee had been confident that the Rio government would not take the final step until the European chancelleries had the opportunity to try diplomatic negotiations.

STOCK SHOW
AWARDS GIVEN

Complete List of Premiums Presented by Union Livestock Show Association Out.

UNION, Ore., June 14.—The complete list of the entries and premiums awarded at the Union Livestock show, held at Union last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, has been completed. The list follows: Class 1—Thoroughbreds, Lot 1—Stallion four years old and over. Meteorite, owned by American Remount association and shown by H. Bidwell. Duke of Lancaster, owned by American Remount association and shown by H. Bidwell. Rightful Heir, H. W. B. Smith, Baker, Oregon. Lot 2—Stallion 2 years and under three. Kingsman—E. Thomas, Hot Lake, Ore. Capt. Byers—Wm. Byers, Union, Ore. Lot 3—Stallion under one year. J. A. Byers—Wm. Byers, Union, Ore. Lot 4—Mare four years and over. Edna Brown—Frank Bidwell, North Powder, Ore. Miss Hulsey—Geo. Reddell, Ontario, Ore. Miss Gruber—Dick Benson, Union, Ore. (Continued on Page Two.)

Fred Spain on Trial
Today for Third Time

Fred Spain, on whose guilt as a liquor violator two previous juries have failed to agree, is having a retrial in the circuit court here today. Testimony of George Pierce, special deputy occupied the remainder of the morning session after a motion for the suppression of evidence in the form of two gallons of liquor found in the car had been denied by Judge J. W. Knowlton.

The case probably will not be finished today. Col. F. S. Ivins appears for the defense. Carl G. Helm, district attorney, is representing the state.

Traffic Officer on
Duty on Oiled Stretch

Traffic Officer Bert started on the Old Oregon Trail between here and Glover overhead crossing, where oiling operations are now under way, this morning. He will be stationed on the mountain road until the oiling is completed, which will be within the next week if weather conditions permit. However if the rain continues it may be longer. The road will be oiled only as far as the Glover overhead at present.

Silk Sox Bootleggers
Clean Up in Rumania

BUCHAREST, June 14. (AP)—Bootleggers in silk stockings are reaping fortunes in Rumania. There is a prohibitive duty on silks, lingerie, perfume and articles de luxe generally. But the Rumanian woman who is the best dressed in the Balkans demands these articles at any cost. The result that bootleggers, many of them women, bring in clandestinely thousands of pairs of Parisian silk hosiery and sell them to the retail stores or direct to us. Their profits are enormous.

WISCONSIN
INSURGENT
PARTY OUT

Followers of La Follette Make Public Seventeen Planks

OPOSED TO U. S.
IN WORLD COURT

Five Candidates for State Offices Sign Declaration Filed in Washington Today.

WASHINGTON, June 14. (AP)—Selecting the anniversary of the birth of their late leader to announce their program, five candidates on the La Follette progressive republican ticket, which will oppose the regular republican state in Wisconsin this fall today made public a platform of 17 planks. This declaration of principles was signed by Herman L. Herman, L. Ekern, candidate for governor; Henry A. Huber, for lieutenant governor; Theodore Daumann, for secretary of state; Solomon Lewit, for state treasurer; John W. Reynolds, for attorney general and John J. Blaine, for U. S. senator. Platform synopsis: The officials synopsis of the platform listed the following: "Promises to the people." "Progressive leadership: Carry on that record of constructive achievements begun by Senator La Follette 30 years ago which has made Wisconsin known throughout the world as a model commonwealth." "Opposes World Court." "Foreign policy: Oppose furtherance into the league of nations and denounce administration and senators who voted the United States into the league's world court as a betrayal of sacred public trust; withdraw United States from world court; condemn dollar diplomacy; denounce foreign debts settlement which shifts burden to American taxpayers." "Asserts constitutional rights of congress to voice in foreign affairs; favors outlawry of war; abolition of conscription and referendum on peace or war; condemn of armed forces as collection agency for international bankers; demands reduction of national war expenditures; opposition to universal military training." "Economy is Plank." "Economy and taxation: National retrenchment and economy imperative; commends Wisconsin for economy which made unnecessary for the first time in 20 years any state taxes on real or personal property; urges local economy with readjustment in assessments, ex-

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MAN SENDS BOMB
TO WOMAN AFTER
LOVER'S QUARREL

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 14 (AP)—Mrs. Arlene Curtis, critically injured last night when a bomb sent her by some unidentified person, died today. SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 14 (AP)—Named by Mrs. Arlene Curtis as the man who sent her a bomb which exploded when she opened it last night, Ralph Souger, 37, of Homer, N. Y., was arrested today and held on an open charge. Mrs. Curtis, still alive although seriously injured, regained consciousness long enough to accuse Souger of sending the explosive which outwardly bore the appearance of a box of candy. Returning from church, Mrs. Curtis found the package waiting for her and carried it to her room to open it. A few minutes later there was an explosion which was heard for blocks. The woman was found beneath a mass of debris. Persons living in the house said Souger was a frequent caller until a few weeks ago when the couple is said to have quarreled.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BOSTON (AP) R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 2 6 3
Boston 5 9 8
Batteries—Yde and Goetz; Denton, Mogridge and J. Taylor.BROOKLYN (AP) R. H. E.
2 1 1
Brooklyn 8 12 1
Batteries—H. Bell, Reinhardt, Johnson and O'Farrell; McGraw and Hargreaves.French Franc Tumbles
To New Low Today

PARIS, June 14. (AP)—The French franc today tumbled to a new low record for all time, reaching \$4.67 to the dollar and 173.25 to the pound sterling. At the close of the bourse the franc had reacted a little and was quoted at 35.49 to the dollar. The opinion is growing more and more that the franc can never be stabilized until the entire situation political as well as financial is thrashed out.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO (AP)—Washington-Chicago postponed, rain.

Four Great Grandmothers



When Florence Bright of Chicago goes to Des Moines, she has four great-grandmothers to welcome her. They are, back row, Mrs. Rachel Netherbar (left) and Mrs. L. S. Patterson; front row, Mrs. J. E. Gibson (left) and Mrs. Anna Bright, who is holding Florence.

EXPLOSION IN
GARY KILLS 7

Coke Oven Blast Injured More Than Three Score—Rescuers Overcome Obstacles.

Gary, Ind.—Coke oven blast kills seven, injures scores. Martinez, Cal.—Four drowned when auto plunges into river. Klamath Falls—One killed in auto accident. Index, Wash.—Seattle high school girl killed. Portland—Airplane accident fatal to two. Spokane, Wash.—Woman killed, two hurt in auto collision.

GARY, Ind., June 14. (AP)—Seven men were known to be killed, ten others probably fatally injured, and 60 to 75 seriously hurt when a coke oven blew up early today at the by-products plant of the Illinois Steel company here. The explosion was believed to have been caused by gas. The dead were: L. R. RICHARDSON, a foreman and six negroes, two of whom died in the hospital.

The explosion started a fire in nearby buildings of the plant and all available apparatus at Gary, nearby towns and manufacturing plants was summoned as well as all available ambulances and doctors. The injured were being brought in to the Illinois Steel company hospital. More than one hour after the blast occurred the work of rescuing the victims was still going on. The coke oven department, a two-story brick structure, was virtually wrecked. Bodies of the dead and injured were removed with difficulty. With a roar that was heard two miles away, the blast hurled the roof of the plant high in the air and heaved out the walls in a shower of bricks. Workmen nearby were unable

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Portland Rose Show
Will Open Tomorrow

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14 (AP)—The municipal auditorium was being prepared today for the annual Portland rose show, which will be held there Tuesday and Wednesday. The Portland Rose society, the Royal Rosearians and the Portland Rose festival association, Inc., are joint sponsors for the event. There will be fifteen sections, each having several classes.

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TEN DEATHS
ATTRIBUTED
TO STORMS

Wind, Lightning, Whirl Middle West Floods Come in Waik

ROCKFORD, ILL.,
ARE UNFURNISHED

Worst Inundation in 20 Years—Grain, Lumber City—Fuel Supplies Scarce.

CHICAGO, June 14. (AP)—Hundreds of flooded homes, broken highways, high water, washed out, damaged telephone service, disrupted and scores of fires were in the wake today of wind, electrical and torrential rain storms that swept the middle west, causing thousands of dollars in property damage as well as bringing relief to drought-stricken areas.

One man was killed by lightning and another who touched a broken wire was electrocuted.

Rockford, Ill., experienced its worst flood in 20 years. Hundreds were forced to flee from their homes while others took refuge on the roofs and in upstairs rooms. A number of bridges in the vicinity were washed away, one of them carrying a U. S. automobile and seven passengers. The cars were washed away, but the passengers were rescued. Basements were flooded in Chicago and water in the streets interrupted auto traffic and flooded. Two men were killed.

CORDOVA, Alaska, June 14 (AP)—Naval radio stations in Alaska and the North Atlantic ocean reported to the navy station here last night that efforts to identify or establish communication with a Japanese vessel reported in distress and burning at sea had been unavailing.

SALEM, Ore., June 14 (AP)—A new appraisal of all state property subject to insurance has been ordered by the state board of control, under a law of the 1925 legislative session. The inventory is to be as of June 1.

NELSON, B. C., June 14 (AP)—Jacob Hansen, 40, a miner, was reported killed today. He was buried in loose rock when the roof of a mine fell at Sandon, near Nelson, collapsed.

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERSHIRE, Eng., June 14 (AP)—Lord Oxford and Asquith (formerly H. H. Asquith) the liberal leader, is suffering from a mild attack of angina pectoris, it was made known today.

WEED, Cal., June 14 (AP)—Salvatore Navado, section hand, was killed here last night when he fell from a freight car and was crushed to death. The train was under way when Navado attempted to board it.

PARIS, June 14. (AP)—Suzanne Leclerc, paired with Jacques Brugnon, captured the international hard court tennis championship in their doubles today, defeating Mme. Teichner and Jean Borotra, 6-4, 6-3.

FIRST WHITE GIRL
BORN IN OREGON
IS DEAD TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14 (AP)—Mrs. P. M. Edwards said to be the first white girl born in Oregon territory, was dead here today. She was born at Marine Island, October 8, 1840. Her parents, Mrs. and Mr. Sander, came to America from England in 1854 to work for the Hudson Bay company and soon afterwards came to Oregon. Interment will be at Ellensburg.

Seek Details of Financing Of
G.O.P. Citizens Committee

WASHINGTON, June 14. (AP)—The senate campaign funds committee ran into a blind trail today when it tried to discover who was expected ultimately to pay the bills incurred by the "republican citizens committee" in its support of the Pepper-Fisher ticket this year in Pennsylvania. William H. Folwell, of Philadelphia, treasurer of the committee who finally joined the Pepper-Fisher campaign, produced various records including notes the citizens committee gave Grundy to "secure" the \$200,000 he advanced. Folwell said he was vice president of the Pennsylvania manufacturers association of which Grundy is president. He assumed that the steel companies of Pennsylvania and other big manufacturing concerns were members. Describing how he became interested late in March in Senator Pepper's campaign for re-election, the witness told of a meeting held in Philadelphia to line up