

BOY FIGHTS OFF ATTACK OF GUNMEN

Melvin Baxter, 16, Cove, Saves Life of Charley Ing, Chinese

TONG MEMBERS ARE HELD AT BAY

Desultory Fire Continues for Three Hours Until Help Arrives—Gunmen Escape.

A 16-year-old farm lad was the hero and near-victim of a long war that flared up on the George Conley place, in Lower Cove, Friday afternoon, when two gunning members of the Hop Sing tong mistook him for Charley Ing, long Bo Long of this section, who had taken refuge there from his suspected hunters 10 days before.

Only the Chinamen's poor marksmanship and his own quick-witted courage saved Melvin Baxter from death.

He was alone when the yellow men opened fire. Charley Ing, who had undertaken to help him with the chores while the Conleys were camping in the morning, had gone to town in a car, and the refuge—beginning to fear that his hiding place had been discovered—had gone alone.

With only one man left on the farm, the Hop Sing jumped at the conclusion it must be the Chinamen. Anyway, they were taking no chances on missing their man, so they sent him a bullet from behind a pump-house, about 50 feet from the corner of the house, where he was fixing a pump.

Boy Returns Fire. Immediately aware that they mistook him for Charley Ing, Melvin dashed into the house, grabbed a crippled .22 and ran down the cellar.

Eight of the Chinamen's bullets lodged in the boards around the window from behind, which the boy was shooting, but not one found its way through the three-foot opening.

At that point Charley Ing and young Roney drove into the yard. Baxter hid them into the kitchen, and Roney, terrified, immediately started the car and whizzed away.

Telephones Filled. Charley Ing had a six-shooter, but he was too frightened to use it. So Baxter hid him in the cellar, and after telephoning to his father, Robert Baxter, at Cove,

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WALTER HOOVER TRIUMPHANT IN SCULLING EVENT

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7. (AP)—Walter M. Hoover, of the United Boat Club, Philadelphia, repeated his 1925 triumph today when he won the championship single sculls feature event of the fifty-fourth annual regatta of the national association of amateur oars on the Schuylkill river. The time was 7:36 4-5.

J. Q. A. Richardson, Pioneer And Indian Fighter, Passes

Death has claimed another of Union county's venerable pioneers. Late yesterday John Quincy Adams Richardson, pioneer and veteran of the Indian war of 1856, passed away at his farm home east of Alsea.

The decedent was born in Adams county, Illinois, near the town of Quincy, Nov. 7, 1829. At the age of 11 years he crossed the plains with his parents and the pioneer boy drove an ox-team much of the way. His parents settled in Polk county, Oregon.

When the Indian war of 1856 broke out and the call was sent out for volunteers, young Richardson, although only 19 years of age, enlisted with the Washington column.

Mr. Richardson came to the Grande Ronde valley in 1862, taking up a homestead which he owned until death.

In 1873 he was married to Catherine Elizabeth Paul, who survives him, with six children and five grand children. The children are: Walter E., of California; Vern, of Portland; Roy, of Alsea; Mrs. J. E. Stahl, of Portland; Mrs. Alice Jones, of Portland; and Mrs. L. D. Noah, of La Grande.

Mr. Richardson was a member of the Christian church.

Mr. Richardson will be buried at Sumnerville Sunday afternoon following funeral services at the Sumnerville chapel at 2:30 o'clock.

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Wheat, Owned By Governor, Is Destroyed

Thirty Acres of Grain Burned on the Pierce Ranch Near Island City Late Yesterday.

Thirty acres of fine standing wheat and three stacks of hay on Gov. Walter M. Pierce's ranch, east of Island City, were destroyed by fire Friday afternoon.

Starting in a field where a combine was working, the flames spread rapidly through the grain, and in a short time was threatening crops for miles around. The workmen drove the combine to safety and fought like Trojans to get the fire under control. They were losing ground, however, when neighbors, warned by the smoke, came by automobile, on horseback and on foot to help them.

Neighbors Help. Snatching blankets from the horses and shira off their own backs, the men and boys beat back the licking blaze until they had it in an area where they could keep it from spreading. Although the fire was in a field between the Island City-Joseph highway and the Grande Ronde river, it was too far from the stream for them to fight with water.

The grain that burned is said to have been insured. The governor's son, Lloyd Pierce, is operator of the farm.

PRaise GIVEN TWO COUNTIES

Realtors Write to La Grande People Telling of Great Advertising Value of Convention.

Evidence that the recent convention of the Pacific Northwest Real Estate association members in La Grande was of inestimable value to both Union and Willamette counties is contained in two letters, received here this week.

One from President A. H. Barnhill to William Miller, local realtor, was as follows:

"This is my first chance to get down to my desk and I want you to have my first letter of congratulation and appreciation for... all the La Grande realtors and wonderful citizens who combined civic pride and energy and ability to act together and put your untold contribution through to so successful a finish. We hear nothing but enthusiastic comment everywhere by those who had the good sense to attend."

City Well-Advertised. "I hope you are all getting back to business after this storm and intensive convention preparation. It means a great deal of goodwill by members of the board and all who took part, but the advertising..."

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Elmer Stoddard Wins Golf Cup in Tacoma

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ACCIDENTS COST LIVES OF 3 MEN

Man Killed in Idaho as Auto Plunges 150 Feet into River

BRIDE OF MONTH SERIOUSLY HURT

Washington Shipping Clerk Drowns—Two Brothers Almost Die in Rescue Attempt.

LEWISTON, Ida., Aug. 7. (AP)—Chester Helmork, of Welpet, Ida., was killed and his wife who he married a month ago, was injured when their automobile left a horseshoe curve on the long winding highway up the Clearwater river bluffs near here today and dropped 150 feet to the highway below. Gilbert Wayne of Grangeville, was declared to have driven a car which sought to pass the Helmork car on the inside of the highway.

WASHINGTON MAN DROWNS

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7. (AP)—Joe Wilson, 23, Isleton, Wash., shipping clerk of the Whitcomb county dairy association, was...

INDIAN LEOPARD AT LARGE NEAR RED BANK, N. J.

RED BANK, N. J., Aug. 7. (AP)—Although an Indian leopard, which escaped from a private zoo at Middletown was still at large today, fears of nearby residents were somewhat allayed by the reassuring statements of experts that the animal would hunt no one unless cornered and by the fact that it has bothered no persons since it gained liberty last Thursday.

ELDERLY FOLK MEET AT COVE

Seven Persons in Attendance Who Are More Than Four Score Years of Age.

COVE, Aug. 7. (Special)—The "Old Folks" party at the Ascension grove Wednesday was very successful. The visitors began to arrive at about 11 o'clock and by noon 47 guests were present for the picnic luncheon, which was spread on a long table arranged under the trees and decorated with many bouquets of the season's flowers.

MARSHALL DANA THREATENED BY LOSS OF SIGHT

Alerted when a dust speck entered his eye, Marshall Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, rode for seven hours on horseback and by automobile, yesterday, to reach La Grande from Moccasin lake, where he had been camping. Mrs. Dana and Ross Lewis, also of the camping party, accompanied him.

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Gignoux and Everly To Address Dairymen

R. E. Everly, northwest representative of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, and C. E. Gignoux, assistant supervisor of agriculture for the Union Pacific system, will be the speakers tonight at a meeting of Grande Ronde valley dairymen at the office of the Union county chamber of commerce. Everybody interested in dairying is invited to attend.

HOOPER WINS RACE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7. (AP)—Walter M. Hoover, widely known amateur oarsman, won a member of the Union Harcourts club, Philadelphia, today won the national quarter-mile dash in the final day's program of the annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen.

DESTRUCTION THREATENING TWO VILLAGES

Ashford and National, South of Seattle, Endangered by Nearby Forest Fires.

SEATTLE, Aug. 7. (AP)—A logged-off land fire which yesterday threatened to destroy Ashford, 55 south of Seattle and National, two miles from Ashford, passed those places in the night, but they were still in peril today, the Washington Forest Fire association reported here.

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Tells of Threat. Bryant Brady yesterday said he saw a man kneeling near a lake path, who watched him as he walked along. Brady said that when he stopped walking the man "ran out of the path and told him to keep moving, called a vile name and added, 'rot, or I'll kill you.'"

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Did She Kiss Red Grange?



This is Mrs. Charles A. Taylor of Los Angeles, whose husband has sued her for divorce, charging, among other things, that she perched in the lap of Red Grange and kissed him. Taylor added that he blamed Grange not at all, as the famous football star didn't have a chance to dodge. Mrs. Taylor denies the charges.

GOLDEN SPIKE JOINS CITIES

Eugene and Klamath Falls Linked by Rail with Completion of the Natron Cut-Off Line.

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MURPHY NEW COMMANDER OF LEGION

State Convention Tables Paris Resolution After Heated Debate

MRS. HERSHNER TO HEAD AUXILIARY

La Grande Drum and Bugle Corps Fails to Win Place in Contest in Which Salem Led Field

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 7. (AP)—Arthur A. Murphy, of Portland, was unanimously elected commander of the Oregon Legion here today. Opponents in the race for commander withdrew.

The resolutions drafted by Hood River chapter, protesting against an American Legion convention in Paris next year, owing to the recent attitude of France toward America, were tabled at the American Legion convention here today after a heated debate. The vote was 114 against and 39 for the resolution.

Mrs. Harold Hershner, of Hood River, was elected president of the Oregon auxiliary of the American Legion in convention here today.

Paul H. McDonald, of Medford, was elected grand chief de guerre of the grand vultures of the "49 and '50 in Oregon at the fifth annual promenade held here yesterday.

The charter of Klamath Falls, No. 222, was revoked because of the non-payment of dues.

DAVID STEWART NOMINATED FOR IOWA SHORT TERM

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 7. (AP)—David W. Stewart, Sioux City attorney, today was appointed by Governor Hammill as U. S. senator, to serve from now until the November general election in the place of the late Senator A. V. Cummins.

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