

LOIS DAVIS TURNS GUN ON HERSELF

Daughter of Local Business Man Dies of Wound

DESPONDENCY IS BLAMED FOR ACT

Bullet Pierces Left Breast, Just Missing Heart—Coroner Holds Investigation.

Lois Davis, about 20, daughter of E. C. Davis, proprietor of the Mountain Marble & Granite company, died at the Grande Ronde hospital at 9:15 o'clock this morning of a gunshot wound in her left breast believed to have been inflicted by herself.

The bullet, from a .38 caliber revolver, entered her breast, plowing a path just below the heart and missing her ribs. X-ray pictures taken late yesterday, showing the beginning of a formation of a blood clot, led physicians to then express the opinion that recovery was unlikely. Her death this morning ended a 13-hour fight for life. She was conscious this morning and was able to talk some.

Investigator Investigates Case. Coroner F. L. Halston conducted an investigation yesterday afternoon and came to the conclusion that it was a plain case of attempted suicide, probably caused by despondency. He expressed the opinion that she may have been suffering of neurasthenia.

Mrs. Davis declared that Lois has been troubled with heart disease in the past and had been very nervous. She said her daughter seemed better yesterday morning, however, and did some ironing. She reported that she ate more at lunch than usual and seemed in better spirits.

After Lois had bathed early in the afternoon she went into the parlor to read. Her mother and younger sister Edna were in an adjoining room at the Davis home at 1742 Third street and about 2:20 o'clock heard a report. The mother said she thought something had exploded in the stove and looked in both, but nothing was disturbed. Mrs. Davis then thought that possibly a jar of fruit, kept upstairs, had exploded and started toward the stairway, when the sister's daughter was seen on the

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J. W. SILLS, COVE PIONEER, PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND

James Wessel Sills, Cove pioneer, died at his home yesterday at the age of 63 years, four days. Funeral services are awaiting the arrival of a daughter from Canada.

The decedent was a resident of this county for about 45 years, coming here in the early 80s. Shodgrass and Zimmerman have charge of the body.

Runaway Boys Demand That Father Settle in La Grande

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 21. (Special)—Boderick and Roland Snow, the

News About Autos

Motor cars provide a topic of universal interest. Whether you have just bought a car, have an old one you expect to keep until it falls apart, or plan on buying a new one this fall or next spring—you are always interested in the new things in the auto world.

Flowers To Be Judged September 3

Neighborhood Club of La Grande Sets Date of Third Annual Union County Show.

The La Grande Neighborhood club will have its third annual flower show Friday, September 3. It was decided last evening when the committee members met at the home of the chairman, Mrs. F. L. Halston.

Because of the dry summer season there was some doubt at first as to whether La Grande would have a flower show this year, but the committee reached a final decision last night, and although the flowers this year may not be as large and beautiful as in the two years past, the show will be held September 3.

A County Affair. The annual flower show is a county affair and women from all over Union county are invited to enter specimens from their gardens. Flowers have been entered from Cove, Union, Imbler, and Blain for the other shows and in many cases carried off the first prizes.

As soon as it was decided to have a show this year the committee members started working and all arrangements will be completed by the date set for the affair. A special musical program will be prepared for the evening. The flowers will be judged during the afternoon.

A special prize will be given

WATER BAN IS LIFTED TODAY

All Irrigation Restriction Off—Mt. Emily Mill Pond Supplied With Water.

The lid is off. The Mt. Emily Lumber company has enough water in the mill pond to keep the logs floating for many days and, after a thorough check of conditions, the city officials have removed all water restrictions in La Grande, effective today.

During the past week or more, when irrigation was curtailed throughout La Grande in order to prevent the shutting down of a large industry that has a \$60,000 a month payroll which is spent in La Grande, the majority of citizens cooperated with the city's rules in every detail and made possible the furnishing of surplus water to the mill pond in sufficient quantities to avert the threatened closing of the plant.

The nearly an inch of rain that fell here earlier in the week furnished all necessary water for irrigation purposes in the city, stopped evaporation from the mill pond, and permitted the city to furnish a much larger quantity of water to the Mt. Emily company, with the result that conditions have been righted and there

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HOOVER IN REPUBLICAN SEATTLE ON WEST TRIP IS FEARED

Columbia Basin Irrigation Project Impresses Cabinet Member

CONGRESS FICKLE, HOWEVER, HE SAYS

Secretary of Department of Commerce Predicts Strong Lumber Market for Half Year.

SEATTLE, Aug. 21 (AP).—Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, arrived in Seattle today and proceeded to Tacoma, Wash., on a private car furnished by Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railway, to address a noon luncheon.

Hoover is to return from Tacoma on a yacht of S. A. Perkins, of that city, to address the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Irrigation league, and a public meeting in the University of Washington stadium tonight.

Hoover, on his arrival in Seattle, had completed a tour of 2000 square miles of land included in the Columbia basin irrigation project, which would water one and three quarters million arid acres in central and eastern Washington.

Project One of Many. "I have been deeply impressed with the serious purpose of the Columbia Basin Irrigation league," he said. "But this project is only one of many that are being urged and no one of these can succeed standing alone. For example, it is doubtful whether in congress this Columbia basin project would have the support of any state here in Oregon. The Big Boulder canyon project would have the support only of the little group of states that are interested in the Colorado river development; all the rest would be against it."

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PLANS COMPLETE FOR RAM SALE AT UNION TUESDAY

Preparations are all completed for the first purchased ram sale in Union county, which will be held at Union Tuesday of next week. W. E. Lund, of North Powder, is a new consignee to the sale. He was in the city today and arranged to send 12 head of purebred Hampshire bucks to the sale. T. B. Johnson, auctioneer, who with H. G. Avery, county agent, attended the auction sale at Elber, Idaho this week, thinks that prospects are for a good sale here next week.

More than 1000 head of sheep were sold at the Idaho sale, the prices ranging from \$22.50 a head to \$42.50 for a single yearling lamb. Probably more than 60 head of the sheep sold were shipped to Mr. B. Harper. Stock was consigned to the Idaho sale from as far away as Anaconda, Montana. Carl Whitmore, of Joseph, who is sending 65 head of rams and ewes to the sale here, expects to have his sheep at Union sometime tomorrow. Others will take their sheep to Union Monday to be inspected Tuesday morning.

The sale will begin at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the stock show grounds and it is estimated that it will not take more than two hours to sell the entire number of sheep.

Everything will be under cover so in case of rain there will be no trouble or delay. One breeder of purebred sheep of Walla Walla, Washington, has sent a request to the members of the Oregon Ram Sale association, in charge of the sale, asking permission to send several head of purebred ewes to Union to be exhibited during the sale.

Normal School Meeting To Be Held in Baker

The first executive committee meeting of the committee appointed at the Union meeting in July for the Eastern Oregon normal school campaign organization will be held at Baker Wednesday afternoon, August 25. The meeting will begin at 1:30 o'clock, but delegates in attendance have been invited by the Baker chairman of commerce to attend the regular weekly luncheon at the Geiser Grand hotel at noon.

New York State Problem Involves Disagreement on Wet-Dry Issue

SEEK CANDIDATE WHO IS NEUTRAL

Prohibition Forces Girding for Fray at Republican Convention on Sept. 27.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (AP).—Efforts of republicans to avoid serious dissension over the liquor issue in the state elections this fall were seen by political writers here today in the withdrawal of Dr. Nicholas Butler as a republican gubernatorial possibility and Senator James W. Wadsworth's declaration that a candidate satisfactory to wets and dries would be sought.

"Our plan," said Senator Wadsworth, after a conference with President Coolidge at Paul Smiths, N. Y., yesterday, "is to select a candidate who will abide by the referendum."

He referred to forthcoming expression of opinion by the electorate as to whether each state should determine the alcoholic content of beverages. The referendum will be on the ballot at the election in November.

Dry Blame Wadsworth. The dries held that the referendum is an attempt to evade the eighteenth amendment and blame Senator Wadsworth, as state party leader for passage of the referendum act for the republican legislature. There has been talk of an independent dry candidate for governor and prohibition forces have named State Senator Franklin W. Christman as an independent republican candidate for senator.

Senator Wadsworth, a wet, said there was a possibility that republican control of the next senate might depend upon his own election and added: "Naturally the president is desirous of support from New York and every state." The senator said he would wage his campaign on national issues.

Fight in Prospect. The dry forces are demanding re-enactment of a state enforcement provision and a fight at the republican convention, September 27 over this plank is in prospect. In this connection Senator Wadsworth said the republican plank would probably contain a plank for law enforcement.

Mr. Wadsworth expressed the opinion that Governor Smith would run again and that his opponent for senator would be Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Wagner.

Dr. Butler Withdraws. Dr. Butler who has been attacked by the dries for his out-spoken conservatism.

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La Grande Drum Corps To Play at Round-Up

The drum corps of the La Grande post of the American Legion has been invited to take part in the first day of the Pendleton Round-Up, and will in all probability attend. The invitation was received this morning. The Hood River drum corps will also be in attendance on the same day.

TODAY'S GAMES

Table listing today's games: AMERICAN LEAGUE (Boston vs Chicago, Boston vs Cleveland), NATIONAL LEAGUE (Pittsburgh vs Philadelphia, Philadelphia vs Cincinnati), and other matchups.

Hopi Snake Dance Begins Today



Here is a group of pictures taken at the last Hopi snake dance. Above is a group of priests waiting to receive the live rattlesnakes in their hands. The lower group shows how the priests look in the ceremonial makeup. At the left is a typical Hopi "fopper," such as formerly was selected by the priests to marry the winner of the young men's race. Note how her hair is arranged—"squash blossoms," the Hopis call it. And she doesn't wear chignon.



Two vessels sink in Lake Erie. Steamer and freighter succumb to Erie gale—four men are reported missing.

TWO VESSELS SINK IN LAKE

CLEVELAND, Aug. 21 (AP).—The lifeboat in which four members of the crew of the steamer Howard S. Gerken, which sank off Erie, Pa., early today, were cast adrift in Lake Erie when their craft was swept from the side of the rescuing vessel, the car ferry Maitland, was found floating upside down in mid-lake this afternoon by the steamer Trans.

Four Portland Taxi Drivers Are Attacked

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP).—Four taxicab drivers were attacked early today in different parts of the city, police suspected the assailants were sympathizers with striking taxicab drivers.

Cowgirl Killed by Wild Broncho in Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 21 (AP).—Louise Hartwig, Montana rodeo equestrienne, trapped to death yesterday by a wild broncho at Soldier's field, confided to a companion shortly before, she had pronouncements of death.

\$69,000 Will Be Spent On Columbia, Willamette

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Bulletins

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 21 (AP).—Two children were killed and considerable damage was caused by a storm that swept through this city and eastward into Ohio yesterday. Bettie Mielke, 14, and her nine-year-old brother Charles were killed when lightning struck a granary on the farm of their father, Edward Mielke, near Paulding, Ohio. A heavy rain flooded streets here causing cessation for several hours of street car and automobile traffic.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP).—Winter has arrived on Mount Hood. The peak had today donned again its mantle of white.

PARIS, Aug. 21 (AP).—Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt died here today at the Hotel Ritz as the result of complications which followed an infection in her throat.

MONTREAL, Aug. 21 (AP).—Japan made its four consecutive matches over the Cuban Davis cup team when Seko Tawara took the opening singles of the final, beating Rogelio Paris, Cuban, 6-2, 6-0, 6-2.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP).—The bridge across White river on the Mount Hood loop highway, washed out by fresh waters during the rains of the first part of the week will be repaired by tonight and the loop road will be completely opened to traffic Sunday.

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ARMY PLANES TO GIRDL S.A.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP).—A flight by five army airplanes around South America is being planned by the state and war departments.

Formal announcement that the air project was actually in the process of arrangement between the state department and the various southern and central American governments concerned was made today in a joint statement issued by the two departments.

"The war department contemplates a flight around South America by five army airplanes," the announcement said. "The state department has requested the various countries on the route of the proposed flight for permission to fly over their territories."

"Favorable replies have been received from some of them. "Dutiful replies shall have been received from all of the countries concerned the war and state department deem it courteous not to discuss the route or detailed plans for the flight."

The starting point of the flight presumably will be at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., army air corps training center.

Says Correct Mating Would Make Man Immune to Cancer

ITHACA, N. Y., Aug. 21 (AP).—Man can become immune to cancer, but probably never will, because society cannot direct the mating of men and women resistant to the disease, as is done with animals, in the opinion of Dr. Edwin F. Smith, of Washington, D. C., who is attending the international congress of plant sciences at Cornell university.

NICARAGUA REBELLION IS CRUSHED

Government Officials Announce Ending of Revolutionary War

TAMARINDO SCENE OF FINAL BATTLE

Army of Rebels Routed by 1500 Soldiers—Guerilla Warfare Still Raging.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP).—The Nicaraguan legation announced today that it had been advised officially that revolutionary outbreaks in Nicaragua ended yesterday "when all attempts of uprisings were crushed."

"The government today stands stronger," said the legation's announcement, "having increased its prestige and sympathy with the people, as the rebels have fallen in complete discredit through their vile excesses, such as murders, pillaging and burning of properties."

"All wire lines and routes of communication with Leon, Chinandega and Cornito have been re-established."

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Aug. 21. (AP).—The government reports that it has the rebellion suppressed and telegraph and railway communication restored throughout the country. The rebel forces have been broken up into small bands and are resorting to guerrilla warfare.

Government troops to the number of 1500 yesterday routed 800 rebels at Tamarindo, Chichigalpa. The reported losses were two-on-the-government side and 15 rebels. The revolutionists were badly defeated at Tamarindo, a village on the Pacific side of the republic. It is asserted that many of them were killed or wounded and that the others in their flight left behind ten machine guns, 700 rifles and a half million rounds of ammunition, in addition to other supplies.

TWO-RING WAR NOW UNDER WAY IN THE ORIENT

PEKING, Aug. 21 (AP).—Marshal Wu Pei-fu, North Chinese war lord who with Marshal Chang Tso-Lin at present dominates affairs of the region of the Yangtze river, his ultimate destination being Yenchow. Here he is to assume command of the forces opposed to the Hunanese troops.

The Hunanese troops are supporting Canton, or South Chinese government and have begun a general attack on the northern invaders which Chang Kai-Shek, Cantonese generalissimo is reported to be directing from Changsha.

Dispatches from Hankow say the southern forces have broken through the allied flank at Hunan. The forces of Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-Lin have a two ring war on their hands. Their troops are pursuing the retreating nationalist armies or Kouminchun west from Kalgan in the north. Another army is opposing the Canton forces in the south. Both the Cantonese and the Kouminchun are regarded as aided and inspired by soviet Russia.

Operations Successful. Superficial cancers and those on the skin and easily reached may be overcome by proper and skillful use of radium and the X-ray. In this connection, however, he pointed out that many supposed "cures" cannot be called such definitely until the lapse of time has brought no recurrence of the malignant growth.

Repeated contact with soot, coal tar, paraffin and anilines are believed to be among the common causes of cancer, with possible exception, in Dr. Smith's opinion, of the arsenic brought into contact with the organs through the use of tobacco. Dr. Smith pointed out that cancers most common in men were those of the mouth, throat and stomach, caused possibly by contact with the arsenic sprayed on tobacco as it grows in the field and used again as a preservative in the storage sheds.