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SUICIDES IN CEMETERY BY WIFE'S GRAVE

Body of Edgar Guy Davis, 31, Found by Sexton This Morning

FIRST CARTRIDGE DID NOT EXPLODE

Second Time Trigger Was Pulled, Bullet Pierced Head — Funeral Services to Be Friday.

Tragedy stalked into the Masonic cemetery last night and in its wake left the body of Edgar Guy Davis, 31 years old, prone beside the grave of his wife. By his side was a .25 caliber automatic pistol, a bullet from which pierced his head, entering above the left ear and coming out at the right temple.

There was no note but his friends and officers today pieced together the story of the suicide.

Mr. Davis, who was in the service during the war, contracted tuberculosis at that time and his illness, coupled with the loss of his wife, who passed away about two years ago, caused his despondency, it is believed.

Last Seen About 4 p. m.

Yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock Mr. Davis had a talk with his father down town and then took a taxi to the cemetery. The sexton noticed him go to the grave of his wife and this morning, remembering that he had not seen Mr. Davis leave, he went to that part of the burial ground where he found the body.

When Mr. Davis pulled the trigger of the automatic pistol, the hammer clicked on a cartridge that did not explode. Removing this from the gun, he raised it to his head and pulled the trigger a second time. This was indicated to officers who found the first cartridge at the scene.

Funeral Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel at 1:30 o'clock and burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery. Mr. Davis is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis, one sister Edna, two brothers, Frank and Claire, and a daughter, Edna Marie, who is eight years old.

AIRPLANE TO DROP TICKETS IN AFTERNOON

If the best laid schemes of the Blue Mountain Air Service materialize as scheduled, this afternoon as The Observer goes to press, one hundred brilliantly colored pieces of cardboard decorated, some with gold and others with silver stars, were to float down from the celestial sphere, to inaugurate the flying season of the service. And it was expected the cards would be eagerly sought as they were to be tickets for free rides in the airplanes piloted by the company.

Stunt flying by Lieutenant Leo Allen, of Walla Walla, flying instructor for the local service, was also on schedule for the afternoon. Flying is to be done from the landing field a half mile south of the government field.

At 6 o'clock this evening tickets again are to be thrown down from the Waco Ten two-passenger and pilot plane. The tickets with gold stars indicate a free ride and those with silver stars represent a down payment on the price of a ride.

Every day next week flying will take place. This evening Pilot Allen is leaving for Walla Walla but he will return for next week. The 12 students of the school who have been going to "ground" school will start taking to their wings then.

Odd Fellows To Celebrate Apr. 25

The I. O. O. F. lodge will celebrate the 111th anniversary of its founding Thursday, Apr. 25, in the lodge room in La Grande. The occasion will be in the nature of a homecoming. A potluck supper will be held at 6:30 o'clock. All I. O. O. F. members and their families are urged to be present.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—46 above.
Minimum—37 above.
Condition—Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 55, minimum 42 above.
Condition—Partly cloudy, rain .02 of inch (during night).

WEATHER APR. 24, 1928
Maximum 55, minimum 38 above.
Condition—Partly cloudy, rain .06 of inch.

Older Boys Will Open Meeting In La Grande Friday

Delegates to Be Here From All Parts of East Oregon—Banquet Will Be First Event.

A banquet with about 100 Eastern Oregon boys of high school age seated around the tables at the local Presbyterian church at 6:30 o'clock Friday night will start off the Older Boys' conference to which La Grande boys are to be hosts for the days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Plans are about completed for the annual occasion which is in charge of Charles Bingner and his committee this year.

A full program has been arranged for the conference which is sponsored by the Y. M. & A. in general and locally by the Rotary club, chamber of commerce, the schools and the churches.

Dr. Dubach Coming

F. A. Crosby, of the Northwest council of the Y. M. C. A., from Portland, will arrive in La Grande Friday morning with Dr. Dubach, dean of men at Oregon State college, to take charge and appear on the programs of the meeting.

Saturday afternoon the meeting will be held in the high school auditorium and in the evening the program will be in charge of the boys themselves at the Presbyterian church.

About 60 boys from Pendleton, Baker, Bend, Wallowa, Enterprise, Elgin and Union will be in attendance. They will be entertained in private homes in La Grande. The program for Saturday and Sunday mornings has not yet been announced.

Annual Affair

The occasion is an annual one in Eastern Oregon and it is hoped that it will be well attended by local boys. A delegation of 30 from this city is anticipated. Several have already signed for attendance.

The conference has been announced in the high school, at civic meetings and in the churches. "It is a character building conference and has been sponsored for several years in Eastern Oregon," Mr. Bingner says.

The other men on the committee are: A. W. Nelson, E. D. Towler, J. T. Longfellow, Gene Walker, R. Clark and the Rev. J. George Walz.

Heart Attack Is Cause Of Death Of C. S. Shultz

Clinton S. Schultz, a resident of La Grande for many years, died unexpectedly last night in the downtown business section of heart disease. Mr. Schulz was driving his car at the intersection of Fir street and Adams avenue when he was stricken. He was taken from the car and a physician called, but he died just as the doctor arrived.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Iva May Shultz; five sons, Milton, Eugene, Donald, Harold and Marvin, of La Grande; and his parents, two brothers and four sisters who live in the eastern states.

Mr. Shultz was born July 19, 1873 and was 55 years, nine months and four days of age. He made his home at 1904 East N avenue.

Funeral services will be announced later. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Lift Load Limit On Highway To Wallowa County

The highway commission division headquarters here announced this morning that the load limit of 10,000 pounds would be removed from the La Grande-Wallowa lake highway, effective tomorrow. The restriction has been in effect because of the softness of roads earlier this spring and the possibility of damage to the highways if heavy loads were hauled over the stretch.

The lifting of the limit brings it up to 20,000 pounds, the legal limit in Oregon.

Association Plans Annual Meeting

Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association has issued a call for the annual meeting of the association members to be held at Hot Lake Tuesday, Apr. 30, at 2 o'clock.

All members, those who wish to become members, or anyone interested in cow-testing work are requested to be present at that time. Election of officers will be held and a program of general interest will be given.

The association is completing its first year's work and the directors feel that some good has been accomplished for the progress of the dairy industry in the county.

TWISTER HITS SLOCUM, TEX.; EIGHT DEAD

Town of 200 People Literally Blown to Pieces, Is Report

SEVERAL INJURED; DETAILS MEAGER

Storm Struck Town About Noon Today — School Houses Among Buildings Destroyed.

SALMON, Tex., Apr. 24 (AP)—A tornado swept Slocum, a town of 200 persons, near here this afternoon.

Reports from persons living near there said that the "town was blown to pieces."

All doctors in Salmon were rushed to Slocum.

R. F. Smith, merchant here, said that two customers of his store, living a few miles from Slocum, told him that the storm struck about noon.

One of them said that it blew a large tree down on his house and that a barn house a short distance from his home was blown to pieces.

EIGHT KNOWN DEAD

PALESTINE, Tex., Apr. 24 (AP)—Eight are known to be dead and many injured in a tornado which destroyed Slocum community 18 miles southeast of here at noon today. The dead:

Charles Fay, Turner, school boy.
Russell Meiver, school boy.
Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Meiver.
R. W. and Marvin Kirkwood, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kirkwood.
Two unidentified.

It was not known whether Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood were killed or injured. They were reported missing.

The known injured include the

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BAKER KIWANIS CLUB IS GUEST

Rotarians Hosts to Visitors Today at Noon—Dr. Fraser Speaker

Telling La Grande Rotarians that the way to stop the crimes of gangsters, murderers, thieves and bootleggers is to stop raising and breeding them in American homes, Dr. Fraser, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Baker, was the main event at the club luncheon this noon.

The program was furnished by the Kiwanis club of Baker and the La Grande Rotary club will provide a return program in Baker next month.

Dr. Fraser's address dealt with the importance of the home in national life and he said that the standards of the nation, of the state and of the community would never rise above the standards of the home. He emphasized the fact that negligence on the part of parents is directly responsible for the transgressions of the young people of today. He was a forceful and magnetic speaker and held the attention of the club throughout his excellent talk.

As added features of the program Mrs. Finch and Mr. Denham sang a group of songs and were heartily applauded. A comedy stunt was also provided by Leo Bartholomew.

Dr. Ray Murphy and F. L. Meyers were elected delegates to the district conference at Vancouver in May.

Aimee Called For Appearance In Sacramento Case

Assembly Board of Managers Change Plans in Hardy Trial—Judge Denies Other Testimony

SACRAMENTO, April 24 (AP)—Developments in the Hardy impeachment case caused the assembly board of managers to order Aimee Semple McPherson today to appear at the capitol as quickly as possible.

The managers, who had announced they would not use Mrs. McPherson in the case, changed their minds after hearing testimony of Judge Hardy today. They would not reveal just what issue brought out caused them to change their decision.

Joseph Nolan, sergeant-at-arms of the senate was ordered to immediately make contact with Mrs. McPherson or her attorney, Cromwell Ormsby, in Los Angeles, and instruct the evangelist to be at the capitol "as quickly as possible."

Notifies Attorney

Nolan conveyed this message to Ormsby by long distance telephone.

Nolan said that Ormsby told him he did not know where Mrs. McPherson was but that he, Nolan,

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WAR VETERANS, AUXILIARY IN JOINT MEETING

On the occasion of the visit of Mrs. Anna H. Kay, of The Dalles, department president, the Spanish American War Veterans and the auxiliary held special call meetings last night in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Mrs. Kay is on an inspection tour. Following the separate meetings of the organizations they combined and enjoyed a banquet at which Mrs. Kay told of the trip which she made to Cuba last year to attend the national convention of the organization. H. E. Coolidge, and T. G. Bantz, of La Grande also spoke. Mrs. Bynum, manager of La Grande Business college, gave vocal numbers.

Mrs. Charles Gump was in charge of the banquet. The tables were decorated with baskets of daffodils.

The benefit dance of the organization to be given May 1 at Zuber hall was announced. Wesley Hale is chairman.

Pendleton Plans Grain Rate Action

PENDLETON, Ore., Apr. 24 (AP)—Plans were laid at a conference here today for a meeting to be held next Saturday at which a protest will be made against possible increase in grain rates by the interstate commerce commission. Invitations are being sent to officials of grangee, farm bureaus, the Eastern Oregon Wheat league and the farmers union. Representatives are expected to attend from Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho.

Much resentment has been expressed by grain men over the proposed increase. The meeting will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. in rooms of the Pendleton Commercial association.

Three Mexicans Executed Today

NOGALES, Sonora, Mexico, Apr. 24 (AP)—Three Mexicans charged with being federal spies, today had met death from rebel bullets. Two whose names had not been revealed, died here before a rebel firing squad, while a third, Justa Aviala, a taxi driver of Mexicali, was executed at Hermosillo, according to reports at rebel headquarters. No details could be learned.

Proposal To Prohibit Bombing Of Cities Rejected At Geneva Today

GENEVA, Apr. 24 (AP)—Germany's proposal for prohibition of aircraft bombing in war time was rejected today by the preparatory commission on disarmament of the league of nations. Out of 25 national delegations at the conference only five countries supported the project.

However, in refusing to insert the bomb prohibition clause in the draft treaty which the commission is formulating, the delegations voting against the proposal accepted a subsequent resolution offered by Nicolas Politis, of Greece, affirming that they had no intention of authorizing the dropping of bombs on civilian populations.

German's Arguments

Count von Vernstorff, in arguing for his proposal, said that in a few hours bombing airplanes flying over Paris, Berlin and London could take a toll of half a million victims. The Germans insisted that if this method of warfare was permitted war would become not only more horrible but more cowardly.

"The combattants themselves, protected by defensive appliances would be in the safest position, while the real victims would be old people, women and children who hitherto have been protected by all possible means which civilization affords," he said.

Time Not Ripe for Move

Francois Sojal, of Poland, said that no one would deny the horrors of such warfare as Count von Bernstorff had described, but said the conference had not reached that point and under the Kellogg pact was not likely to reach it. When war had been outlawed, he said, it was illogical under those circumstances to begin codifying rules of war.

Maxim Litvinoff, soviet spokesman, immediately jumped to his feet and asserted that Poland had been among those who had rejected the soviet proposals last year for complete abolition of armaments. They retained their armaments of warfare, he said, and it therefore was possible for war to develop and hence necessary to limit the forms of warfare. He added the soviet delegation was prepared to support the German proposal.

AND SHE TOOK THE PRIZE

Patricia Foley is a brunet, a Gamma Phi member, and a coed at the University of Utah. Also she's the prettiest coed in the institution, a jury of movie stars and producers and theatrical men has decided, in a contest conducted by the university's student newspaper.

Scout Council At Dinner Meet Tuesday Evening

The Eastern Oregon executive council of the Boy Scouts met last night for dinner at Hot Lake as guests of Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the council.

Charles Bingner, of La Grande, was elected a member of the executive board of the council. A report was given by E. Russell Scott, scout executive, of the patrol leaders' conference held in Pendleton last week. Elmer Waugh, of Wallowa, also reported briefly on the conference telling of the importance of it to his scout son, Carleton, who attended.

It was decided that a change be made in the awarding of the Eagle rank to scouts who have fulfilled the merit badge requirements. A letter will be sent to persons knowing the scout. The form letter will be strictly confidential and will ask for information regarding the character of the boy and the quality of his everyday life. Applicants for the Eagle award will be asked to furnish a group of adults as references to whom the letter will be sent.

The annual summer scout camp on Catherine Creek was discussed. W. C. Perkins is chairman of the camp committee and John Allen, of Eugene, will be swimming instructor.

Those attending the meeting last night were: Dr. W. T. Phy, Jay Billings, Elmer Waugh, both of Wallowa; Fred Furst, Fred Kerr, Frank Hunt, of Baker; A. W. Nelson, F. L. Meyers, George Birnie, E. Russell Scott, Charles Reynolds and Dr. Ray Murphy, all of La Grande.

SNOW STORMS SLOW UP WIRE COMMUNICATION

By The Associated Press

Snow storms in Eastern Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, accompanied in some places by wind and rain, interrupted transmission of press despatches over leased wires from Kansas City into San Francisco today.

The telephone company was reestablishing communication lines as rapidly as possible with the hope that service would be normal later in the day.

Stock and market reports as well as news were considerably delayed and curtailed by the wire trouble.

British And U. S. In Accord, Report

LONDON, Apr. 24—(AP)—Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, told the house of Commons today that the British government shared fully the hopes and wishes of the United States government on disarmament as set forth in Ambassador Gibson's speech at Geneva on Monday.

GAS DEALERS IN GENERAL REVOLT

Two Hundred in Portland Agree to Disregard Contracts

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 24 (AP)—Standing before 200 fellow garage owners and service station operators, a Portland filling station proprietor last night held aloft a paper. "Here is a perfectly good contract with an oil company," he declared. "This is what I am going to do with it!"

He tore the paper into shreds. One hundred men arose in assent.

It was the first move of a revolt staged by gasoline dealers in Portland.

A meeting of the Portland Retail Gasoline Dealers' Protective association had been called for the purpose of discussing contracts with the major oil companies. The retail dealers told each other of "commercial accounts" the oil companies handled, whereby a commercial user could obtain gasoline at as low as 10½ cents a gallon guaranteed top price.

What Phrase Means

"And by commercial users," one dealer said, "they mean farmers, doctors, dentists, policemen or clergymen—anybody who has a tank that will hold gasoline."

R. R. White was the leading spirit of last night's meeting. "How many of you dealers, beginning tomorrow morning, will tear up your contracts to sell one brand of gasoline exclusively, paint the name of that brand off your pumps and bargain with all the companies for gasoline," he asked.

About one hundred men stood up.

Again it was asked: "How many of you will disregard your contracts, beginning tomorrow morning, and bargain for gasoline from all companies?" This time 200 men arose.

The dealers were urged to adopt a price of 20 cents a gallon and to maintain it.

Bill's Preliminary Filing Completed

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 24—(AP)—Preliminary filing for an initiative bill, striking, it is said, at certain fraternal insurance societies that are increasing rates was filed with the secretary of state today. According to the regular procedure it will be referred to the attorney general for ballot title, and then circulation of petitions to place it on the ballot in November, 1930, will proceed.

The proposed act provides the conditions under which life insurance companies and fraternal organizations may not be licensed or permitted to do business in Oregon after they have increased insurance rates more than 10 per cent in one year without the written consent of two-thirds of the Oregon policy or certificate holders or their representatives or assigns.

Henry Fletcher To Retire From Diplomatic Corps

Ambassador to Rome Will End Quarter Century of Service — May Seek Senatorial Toga.

By James L. West
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24—(AP)—Henry P. Fletcher, after more than a quarter of a century of diplomatic service, is to retire as ambassador to Rome.

Upon the appointment of his successor he will return to the United States. While he has communicated no final decision to his friends as to his future, there are suggestions that he may enter the race for the United States senator from Pennsylvania and that he may also be considered for appointment as governor general of the Philippines.

Since he has spent so many years abroad, some friends of the ambassador doubt that he would take the post at Manila, which would require his absence from the country for four years. They are more inclined to the belief that he will seek a seat in the senate as he long has had a desire to round out his career in "the world's greatest legislative body."

Many Candidates

Many candidates are being urged for the post of governor general of the Philippines, the list including besides Mr. Fletcher, Silas Strawn, of Chicago; Brig. Gen. Frank McCoy, U. S. A., and Major General Douglas MacArthur, U. S. A.

President Hoover for the present, at least, is giving little consideration to filling this post to which he sought to appoint William J. Donovan, of New York, former assistant attorney general. Eugene A. Gilmore, acting governor, apparently is functioning to the satisfaction of the chief executive and his friends believe he will be given serious consideration when Mr. Hoover decides to name a governor general.

The president is not committed

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Army Pilot Is Held Negligent In Plane Wreck

SAN DIEGO, Apr. 24—(AP)—Lieutenant Howard W. Keefer, pilot of the army pursuit plane which struck the giant Maddux trimotored air liner over San Diego Sunday, the tragic accident resulting in his own death and that of five persons in the passenger plane, today was found to have been criminally negligent in following and approaching the latter and was held responsible for the death of all concerned, by a coroner's jury at an inquest held in Bonham Brothers mortuary.

Keefer violated the rules of aviation when his plane "rammed" the Maddux air liner, the jury found.

German Change Of Front Only Hope Remaining

PARIS, Apr. 24—(AP)—There were few indications today that the door to further negotiations left open yesterday by the conference of experts on reparations would provide a way to prevent disbandment a few days hence.

Preparation of a report to the governments concerned occupied a sub-committee composed of the chiefs of the national delegations. Although technically this subcommittee might find the means necessary to a compromise in the courag of its labors few held it possible and the tendency was to conclude the work in best possible shape with the least possible delay.

One of the delegations even—the Japanese—had, it was understood, arranged passage for home.

This situation might be altered instantly by a change in the attitude of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, German spokesman. His position, however, remained as it was yesterday, a reiteration of last week's stand, that Germany's capacity to pay was less than the allied demands.

Here's A Town That Loans Money To Its People

HOOPESTON, Ill., Apr. 24 (AP)—Let the big towns have their city hall scandals if they will; in any chronicle of Hoopeston's municipal affairs there is no place for the headline: "City Broke, Aid Sought."

Hoopeston is run by 25 cent aldermen and four-bit mayor, and brags about it. It has $29,000 in the treasury and lends it to citizens at six per cent interest. It hasn't a saloon since 1877, which is something for even a camel to ponder.

Down here the people have an idea that bigger, boasting brothers among cities mighty study to advantage the way Hoopeston operates.

FARM RELIEF RIGHT O' WAY CLEAR TODAY

Immigration, Prohibition and Other Legislation Pushed Back

HOUSE MEASURE AT AMENDMENT STAGE

In Senate, Copeland Proposes to Drop Debenture Plan and Reinstate Equalization Fee.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—Adoption of the export debenture plan, opposed by President Hoover, was recommended in the senate today by Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa, in the event a large direct subsidy was not provided to help control surpluses.

By Francis M. Stephenson
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—Immigration, prohibition, flood relief and the host of other proposals pushed before the senate in the early days of the extra session have settled behind the administration's restricted program now underway and face a doubtful future.

Senator Heflin of Alabama, however, showed the senate yesterday that the plan for a restricted session may be applicable to legislation but not to debate. He held the floor two hours appealing for adoption of a resolution condemning the treatment accorded him at Brockton, Massachusetts, where he made a Ku Klux Klan speech Mar. 18, but the farm relief bill got a start and the resolution was put aside.

Farm Bill Has Right of Way

Farm relief, which reached the amendment stage in the house today, has first place on the administration program in the senate. How long this debate will run is problematical. After it ends, the administration bills for the 1930 census and reapportionment of the house will be awaiting next attention.

Defeated in their first test, President Hoover's supporters in opposition to the national origins provision of the immigration law were looking ahead today to the conclusion of the farm debate before renewing in earnest their battle for repeal. The senate immigration committee yesterday voted 4 to 2 to postpone indefinitely the bills for repeal. A motion is pending in the senate to discharge the committee and get the bills before the

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TODAY'S BASEBALL

YANKEES WIN TODAY

BOSTON, April 24 (AP) — The Yankees won the second game of their series against the Boston Red Sox here today 9 to 3, evening the count at one game each. Waite Hoyt was in the box for the world champions, who backed him up with 16 hits, their smartest slugging of the year.

	R.	H.	E.
New York	9	16	2
Boston	3	6	1

Batteries: Hoyt and Grabowski; Ruffing and Berry.

GAMES POSTPONED

St. Louis at Chicago, in American league, and Cincinnati and St. Louis, in National league, postponed because of rain.

ROBINS TAKE SECOND STRAIGHT

BROOKLYN, April 24 (AP)—The Robins made it two straight over the Braves by winning here today, 5 to 3. Jim Elliott and Lou Koupal pitched for the home team.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	3	7	
Brooklyn	5	10	

Batteries: Brandt, Hearn and Spohrer, A. Gaston; Elliot, Koupal and Henline.

TIGERS WIN

DETROIT, Apr. 24—(AP)—The Detroit Tigers defeated the Cleveland Indians in the 1929 opening baseball game on Navin field 7 to 6 today.

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	6	14	2
Detroit	7	13	1

Batteries: Miljus, Harder, Holloway and La Sewell; Sorrell, Stoner and Phillips.

National League:

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	2	8	1
New York	9	13	1

Batteries: Sweetland, Elliot, Collins and Lerian; Hubbell and O'Farrell.

American League:

	R.	H.	E.
Washington	4	11	0
Philadelphia	3	11	0

Batteries: Marberry, Brown, Hopkins and Tate; Earnshaw and Cochrane.