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## Three Shot In Row Over Beauty



Mrs. Denise Hornsby, 25, beauty shop proprietor, over whom three men were shot in Los Angeles by her estranged husband when he sought a reconciliation. All are near death.

## THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my appreciation of your attitude toward athletics which you showed in your article in last Monday's paper when writing about the Eastern-La Grande game. The qualities which you praised in both teams are what we have been striving for in all our athletics. It is not so much who wins as it is in the way they play and how they play. No one can say that there wasn't a great deal of fight put into both sides; neither can they say there was any but the fairest of sportsmanlike play on any player and your comment on this phase of the game I think should be the part that is played up in all publicity concerning athletics.

We people who have the directing of athletics in our hands realize how hard it is to build this sentiment up in the minds of the players but with the cooperation of papers such as yours our task would be easier. Again thanking you for your splendid article I remain,

Yours very truly,  
L. LEE WILLIAMS,  
Enterprise, Ore.

## MILLIONAIRE THEATER MAN HELD GUILTY

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home suffering from shock and illness as the result of her conviction September 21 on a manslaughter charge for the death of Juro Rokumoto in an automobile accident, broke into tears when told of the verdict, she made no statement, however, and her physicians said she was in a serious condition. She is at liberty under \$25,000 bail pending a hearing on her appeal for probation.

Miss Pringle, likewise, was not in court when the verdict was read. Reached in her room in a downtown hotel where she has lived with her mother, Mrs. Louis Pringle, during the trial, the girl expressed satisfaction over the verdict and recommendations of the jury.

"I am very glad of the result, and so glad that the whole sordid thing is over," she said. "I have felt all along that only a verdict of guilty could be returned. I told

the truth on the witness stand, and feel that I did my duty."

Apparently much dejected, but never uttering a complaint, Pantages received the verdict with barely a quiver of emotion. An adopted daughter, Mrs. Dick Martin, fled from the court room to the refuge of the adjoining prisoner's room with her hands to her face.

While the theater man blanched as the verdict was read in solemn tones by the court clerk, a few moments later he walked unaided to the prisoner's room, his two sons, Rodney and Lloyd, who were in the court room to hear the verdict accompanied him. There his daughter, Carmen, who had remained in the prisoner's room, and Mrs. Martin broke into moaning and unrefrained weeping.

After the jurors were discharged, at the hotel where they had been kept behind locked doors and under guard since the start of the trial Oct. 1, they disclosed they had been unanimous for conviction from the taking of the first ballot Friday night. Mrs. Christine Gleich said that the disagreement of nine to three had been only on the degree of punishment, which they were obliged to fix at either the state's prison term or a one year county jail sentence. The first appearance of the jury in the court room came Sunday morning when they returned for the reading of the trial testimony of Elmer Pringle and three physicians who had examined her four days after the attack. Nearly all of Sunday was spent in this re-forming jurors who retired for their final and convicting ballot at eight o'clock in the evening.

Wife Ill at Home

The wealthy man's wife, Mrs. Louis Pantages was not at the hall of justice but confined to her home, suffering from shock and illness as the result of her recent manslaughter conviction, she was tried in the same court room as her convicted husband for the death of Juro Rokumoto, Japanese gardener following an automobile collision at which time she was accused of being intoxicated.

Lakewood Eunice Pringle, who had attended the trial only when required to testify, and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Pringle were not present.

Refusing to pose for news cameramen as he was booked, Pantages declined to comment other than to say, "I won't pose."

Later in his cell, he told news-papemen "I got a raw deal. I didn't have a chance with the jury. They were against me from the beginning. Looks like a man didn't have a chance when a system tries to frame him as I have been framed. But don't you think I am beaten. I have told my lawyer to take this case to the

highest court in America if necessary to get a reversal."

## BAKER GIVEN SUSPENSION FOR REST OF SEASON

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answer to a question put by La Grande.

La Grande's main charges, that the boys were ineligible "because they have not earned one semester's credits in the Baker high school," were upheld in full, and the local educators did not press some of the other points in view of this.

Contrary to the story in Sunday's Oregonian, which was se-

curved by a reporter who confused the identities of the school officials appearing before the board, no protest against Coach Scott was made by La Grande at any time, and Superintendent Longfellow made the statement before the board that it was not the desire of La Grande to cast any reflection on Mr. Scott. "In no circumstances was our protest to be construed as an arraignment of Mr. Scott," Mr. Longfellow said here today.

Scott Incorrectly Quoted

The Oregonian story also incorrectly quoted Coach Scott as saying that both Corvallis and La Grande had solicited his services as coach. What Mr. Scott actually said was that he had been approached by a board member in

Corvallis and by a citizen not connected with the schools in La Grande with the request that he apply for a coaching job in each institution.

Hugh Coleman, superintendent of schools at Baker, who attended the meeting with Mr. Scott and A. S. Grant, an attorney, attempted to refute the charges and to prove that the players were rightful residents of Baker because of guardianship papers which had been obtained through court procedure. The La Grande educators protested that these papers had been secured just before an important Baker game and that they were merely an attempt on the part of Baker to cover over with legitimacy what really was a moral violation of the rules. Mr. Cole-

man also made an attempt to introduce Attorney Grant in behalf of Baker. This resulted in a sharp debate and a ruling by the board that testimony and remarks before the board be confined to school officials.

As a result of the board's ruling all games in which Baker was to take part have been cancelled, including the La Grande-Baker and Pendleton-Baker games. It is also understood that all games Baker has played so far this year are automatically forfeited.

La Grande's next scheduled game will be at North Powder on Saturday, November 2.

Whoops! \$50,000 of the navy's funds missing and the navy's at sea.

A hundred million dollars for the use of grain market stabilization sounds good to the wheat grower. But what he wants most is some fast action in getting the benefit of that money. The wheat market is too easily influenced at present by the stock market, by general speculation. A cure cannot be effected overnight but it should be hurried as much as possible.

That \$600,000 worth of food stuffs in competition with local products are purchased outside of the home market is not surprising. It is folly to expect that people in this territory will refuse to eat raspberries, for example, until the locally grown raspberries come on the market. So it is with other products. But there are two glaring examples of loss that can and should be corrected. In explaining the home market survey at the Tuesday chamber of commerce meeting Mr. Breithaupt, of O. S. C., said that half of the locally consumed meat products were purchased outside and that \$70,000 a year is spent for outside flour. These are not seasonal products. Livestock to provide meat is produced the year 'round in the Grande Ronde valley. Flour is produced here and year 'round stocks are available. These items are not like fresh fruits and vegetables that are on the market a limited time. And they offer, therefore, an attractive starting point for the committees seeking to adjust home market conditions.

## LA GRANDE PROTEST JUSTIFIED

The state board in session Saturday in Portland not only justified the protest of La Grande against several football players on the Baker high school squad but it went further and suspended the Baker school from the association for the balance of the season. That there was an abundance of evidence against Baker is indicated by the plain terms of the board's decision.

The Observer regrets that the board deemed it necessary to be so severe in its ruling, though we realize such a course was probably required under the rules of the association. We would much prefer, from our own standpoint, the elimination of ineligible players and let it go at that, particularly since we think the laxity that brought on the protest can be blamed on a very few Baker men while the stigma of punishment must be borne by the entire school community.

Usually in a case of this kind any tendency to be lax on eligibility and to violate the spirit of the rules can be traced to a few over-zealous fans outside the school's official circle. We are inclined to think that this may have happened at Baker and we are quite confident that the athletic policy indicated by evidence in the case is not one that has received the support of Supt. Coleman of Baker or of a great majority of its citizens.

The whole situation developed because of thoughtlessness and unguarded enthusiasm on the part of a few who wished to see Baker have a strong team. Baker people are, as a whole we are sure, good sports and as observant of both the spirit and the letter of the law as can be found in any community. They have merely suffered the misfortune of a few leaders making a mistake that could and should have been avoided.

For other Oregon schools the Baker case should serve as a lesson that will long be remembered. Interscholastic athletics are of great value in our educational system when they promote good health, keen competition and clean sportsmanship. Any policy that will tend to destroy any of these advantages cannot be fostered and the Saturday ruling of the state board will help emphasize that fact in every school belonging to the association.

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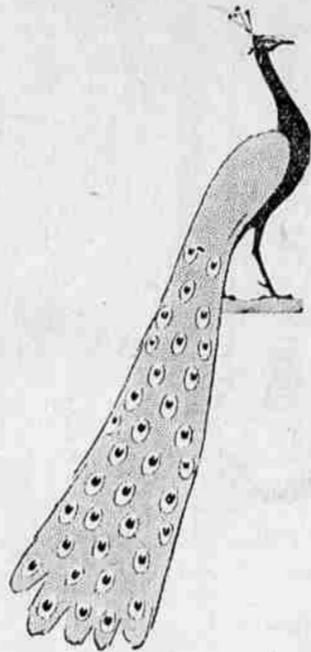
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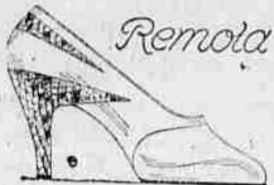
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by  
W. C. Beckett

For the benefit of our many friends and patrons in the La Grande community I wish to announce the purchase of the interest of Mr. W. O. Clinger in the La Grande Hotel and that its operation is now being taken over under my direction.

I feel that my present investment plus the advantages of the operating end of the business well justified my further investment to this extent, and I want to extend a hearty invitation to the citizens of La Grande and the traveling public to continue to make use of the facilities we have here for their comfort.

I expect to be here a great deal myself but it will take me a few months, possibly as long as a year, to liquidate my other interests, and as soon as this can be done I am moving to La Grande to live and give the La Grande Hotel my entire attention.

I am contemplating some improvements in the building and will make a further announcement a little later as to these, as well as to the personnel of the hotel. We again invite your continued patronage and pledge you unexcelled hotel service.

# La Grande Hotel

La Grande, Ore.