

W. B. Gilkison Passes Away At Union April 29

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)
UNION (Special)—William B. Gilkison, born in Ohio Oct. 22, 1847, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Jones, Wednesday morning. He came to Union to make his home with his daughter about a year and a half ago. He leaves numerous relatives in and about Baker and the funeral services will be conducted from the Presbyterian church of that city at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

A clipping from a Lewiston paper tells of the marriage recently of Mrs. Alma Spain, of Union, and Gus Hagenah, of Lewiston, the ceremony being performed by Judge James E. Ferris of that city. Mrs. Hagenah has been here this week packing her household effects preparatory to moving to Lewiston.

Steve Hutchinson left this week for his annual expedition to the away lands. He returned recently from a short visit in Spokane and left immediately for Seattle where he took the boat on Wednesday for Alaska for an indefinite stay. Last year he spent several months along the Mackenzie river.

George Winship, of La Grande, was a business visitor in Union Wednesday and attended the commercial club luncheon at noon.

Cyrus Williams left Hot Lake Tuesday and made a trip to his ranch at Hamo Flat on Wednesday. The cast on his ankle will be removed in about three weeks.

J. F. Hutchinson, J. E. Allen and G. I. Hess enjoyed a day of fishing in the Wallowa river Tuesday.

Low Bidler left this morning for Elgin where he will spend several days.

The Biblical three-act drama, "The Feast of Belshazzar" is to be presented Saturday evening at the local gymnasium under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church.

The Wright California players, who present the play, consists of professionalists who come highly recommended. Gorgeous costumes and beautiful stage settings take the audience into a colorful scene of oriental splendor.

The Pythian Sisters are planning a big day tomorrow when their state officer pays her official visit.

An article in the Willamette Collegian sent to Mrs. John Chadwick of Union Junction by her daughter, Mrs. William Hall, gives an account of a new international club recently organized at the college to promote better cooperation between American and foreign students. The group meets regularly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall.

Housewives found spring cleaning and dish washing more than usually

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By Laufer Ted Thye Awarded Odd Fall, Match

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 1 (AP)—Ted Thye, 192, Portland, was awarded the odd fall on a foil and defeated Stanley Pinta, 206, Ravenna, Neb., in an exhibition wrestling bout here last night.

Pinta took the first fall in the second round and Thye evened the match in the fourth, using a series of shoulder jolts to practically knock Pinta out. Pinta used his fists in the fifth, with Thye collapsing after being struck in the groin, and the referee pulled Pinta off from Thye, calling a foul.

New Baseball Aid To The Pitchers

ST. LOUIS, May 1 (AP)—President Joe Bender of the National League is convinced the league's new baseball with its raised seams is making the pitchers more effective.

"I have noticed," he said, "that the seams are closer. That I believe, is due to the new baseball with its raised seams. I believe it is true the new one will travel just as far as the old one when the batter meets it squarely, but apparently they are not hitting it as squarely as in the past."

By O. B. Keeler
You can't tell by a frog how far he can jump nor always which way. This is a somewhat disrespectful way of leading up to the suggestion that when Bobby Jones, who would never even swing a steel-shafted golf club while he remained in competitive golf, finally tried out the metal shafted club in iron clubs, but not so much for the driver, brassie and spoon.

This of course is exactly the reverse of the experience of most expert golfers who have adopted the steel shafts. Almost invariably, except for some ulterior and definite motives as a connection with a concern manufacturing steel-shafted clubs—the leading players tried out the steel shafts in the wood clubs, tentatively. I think most of them liked this combination. The large majority, however, certainly did not take so readily to the steel-shafted irons.

Not until non-jar couplings and

(perhaps) a modicum of torsion came into use, lately. One certainly sees many more sets with steel-shafted wood clubs and hickory-shafted irons than either all-steel shafts or hickory-shafted woods and steel-shafted irons.

REVERSES CUSTOM

In fact, Bobby's bag at Agua Caliente is the only one, so far as memory serves, of expert or duffer, containing the last-named assortment. In the match with Leo Diegel against George Von Elm and Mortie Dutra, for our old friend Sweet Charity, Mobby used his regular putter, Calamity Jane Jr., with a wood shaft, and the rest of his irons were steel-shafted.

Bobby and Leo lost the match, 1 up, and Mortie Dutra had the best round of the quartet—a very fine 70—playing so well and showing such beautiful form that his absence (thus far) from the American Ryder Cup team appears to me puzzling.

Bobby did well enough, with the new irons. He brought in a card of

72, and he was putting badly, for anything down. Up to the greens he was his usual exemplary self. "I like the steel-shafted irons very much," he said. "I wouldn't say they are better for me or for anybody else, than the hickory, on so brief an experiment with them. I like them better in iron than in woods—thus far. And the change—well, it's interesting."

STEEL SHAFTS UNIFORM
A further interesting point might be brought out here, suggested by the experience of Bobby and others. The experts always were able to get the best hickory shafts, for all clubs, so there was no reason for them to join in the plaint of the less eminent players, that hickory shafts were not uniform, or of the best grade.

So, I presume a change from hickory to steel means less to the expert than to the duffer. It is true that anybody who can afford to get first class golf clubs can be certain of getting as good a quality in

steel as anyone else can get. Uniformity is assured in standard grades of steel shafts, and of course there was not, and could not be, anything like uniformity with the hickory, where each individual shaft was a personal equation unto itself—just like the player.

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Man Shoots Wife; Commits Suicide

YAKIMA, Wash., May 1 (AP)—Physician said Mrs. William Bauer died yesterday as a result of wounds inflicted by Bauer on himself and his wife in what police believe was a fit of jealous anger.

Awakened at 3:30 a. m. by her mother's screams, Florence Bauer, daughter of the couple tried to grapple with her father who had a gun and a hammer but he threw her off, fired three shots into his wife's body and then turned the gun on himself. Neighbors reported Bauer had been unemployed for some time and had appeared to be in a nervous condition.

Revoke Permits to Preserve Scenery

PORTLAND, May 1 (AP)—Frank Grant, city attorney, was yesterday preparing ordinances revoking permits for construction of a power line along the Columbia river highway, and for the air beacon at Shepperd's Dell. This action followed an appeal to the council by Samuel Lancaster, co-builder of the highway, E. P. Irvine, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, and the Portland Garden club.

Lancaster declared the lines of the West Coast Power company would mar the beauty of the highway, and said the government beacon already detracts from the scenic perfection of Shepperd's Dell.

The government will be asked to move the beacon to a point 85 feet from its present location where it will not be conspicuous from the highway.

Elgin Plans New Nine-Hole Course

ELGIN, Ore., May 1—Golf enthusiasts of Elgin are planning a nine-hole golf course to be laid out about one fourth mile southwest of town. The plans have gone so far that they have the ground staked and plans are going forward to complete work on the first tee soon.

Walter Stringham, Dick Osborne and Paul Sadler worked on the new course last Sunday and were enthusiastic about it. La Grande golfers have offered valuable suggestions some of which will be carried out.

Athlete May Never Outgrow Injuries

MARYSVILLE, Cal., May 1 (AP)—Dr. Harold W. Fleming, San Francisco nerve specialist, said yesterday it will not be known for about 10 days whether or not Alvin Melvin, 22-year-old Yuba county junior college athlete, will recover from injuries sustained three days ago while high jumping. Dr. Fleming and two local physicians made a thorough examination of the injured youth yesterday.

Contrary to earlier reports, the examination disclosed no definite fracture of the neck, but showed severe spinal injuries and torn nerves. The physicians said if Melvin lives

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