

Railroad Detective Smith Murdered

ELDON SMITH KILLED NEAR HILGARD, ORE.

Shot Six Times, Head
Gashed and Neck Ap-
pears to be Broken

OFFICERS BLAME GANG OF HOBOES

More Than Half a Hun-
dred Questioned in La
Grande, Baker and Pen-
dleton Today.

SEEK MAN KNOWN AS "SHORTY"

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 5
(AP)—Police here today issued
instructions for the detention
of a man wearing bibboes over-
alls, a red sweater and green
eye shade, in connection with
the slaying last night of E. L.
Smith, railroad detective near
Hilgard.

The suspect, 20 to 25 years
old, and known to companions
only as "Shorty," is said to
have had a revolver while on
the westbound freight train
out of La Grande last night
aboard which Smith was shot
to death when he attempted
to put several men from the
train.

This man, police believe,
jumped from the train while
it was being searched in Pen-
dleton.

WIVES OF ELKS IN LA GRANDE

Possibilities of a "Lady Elks" or-
ganization in connection with the
lodge were discussed last night
when the La Grande Elks met, with R. J.
Kitchen, exalted ruler, presiding. No
definite plans were drawn up for the
women's organization, but the idea
was popularly received and it was
planned to investigate the possibil-
ities more thoroughly soon. What
the name of the new organization would
be was not definitely announced, but
in many places the wives of the lodge
members are organized as "Lady
Elks."

Judge Returning Portion of Salary

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, of La
Grande, announced today that he is
returning 10 per cent of his salary to
the state treasury, beginning as of
Aug. 1.

Court Concludes August Session

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county court which adjourned yester-
day afternoon after the three
members of the body had approved the
monthly bills and passed on the
treasurer's report.

WEATHER FORECAST

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terior; not so warm on the
immediate coast; gentle to
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Smith Reynolds' Widow Fugitive; Friend In Jail

Father of Libby Holman
Calls Indictment "Frame-
Up"—Her Whereabouts
Unknown.

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., Aug. 5
(AP)—The songbird widow of young
Smith Reynolds was a technical fugi-
tive from the law today on a charge
of slaying him. His boyhood chum
was behind bars on the same charge.
These two—Libby Holman Reyn-
olds, his bride, and Albert (Ab)
Walker, his best friend—were
singled out in the sharp language of
a grand jury indictment yesterday
as the "parties unknown" whom a
coroner's jury previously had held
responsible for his death.

The whereabouts of the
widow's whereabouts remained
unknown.

Her father, speeding here from
his Cincinnati home, declined to
surrender her to the authorities.

At the right time," he said, "she
will meet these charges." He called
the indictments a "political frame-
up."

Albert (Ab) Walker, lifelong chum
of Reynolds, is held incommunicado
save for visits of his attorney and coun-
sel. He was arrested last night at
the home of his father, a retired real
estate dealer.

The degree of murder to be
charged lies in the discretion of the
prosecutor. The language of the in-
dictment is "murder in the first
degree."

Play 4 Matches In City Tennis Tourney Today

With George Anderson, Dolph Sie-
grist and Bob Osterling winning
their opening singles matches, the
annual club tournament at the La
Grande Tennis association courts was
under way this morning.

Anderson won, 6-1 and 6-0 from
Dr. W. M. Pearce in the opening
match. Dolph Siegrist went to three
sets to defeat Ben Osterling, 6-3, 6-3,
6-3. W. M. Pearce and Bob Osterling
lost to Bob Osterling, defending cham-
pion, after he had stretched the
second set into a duce match. The
score was 6-1, 7-5.

The only women's match to be
played this morning resulted in a
win for Mary Pree, one of the
youngest women's entry. She de-
feated Cecilia Reynolds, 6-3, 6-1.

Garity, Smith In Race For Legion Post Commander

John Garity and Hiram Smith
were today at a bid for 1932-33
commander of the La Grande Ameri-
can Legion post and delegates to the
national convention in Portland next
month were chosen as part of a lively
evening session Wednesday night at
the Sacajawea Inn.

Delegates to the convention will
be Roy Currey, Chet Thompson, Hiram
Smith and Frank Flannery. Alternates
named were Hugh E. Brady, W.
E. Wilk, Harley Richardson and
John Garity.

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TRUCE HOPES ARE HELD IN GRAN CHACO

Bolivia and Paraguay May
Patch Up Their Quar-
rel, is Belief.

ANOTHER CLASH IN DISPUTED AREA

Paraguay Does Not In-
tend to Attempt to Re-
capture the Forts Which
Bolivia Has Taken.

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 5 (AP)—A be-
lief that a truce between Paraguay
and Bolivia in the quarrel over the
Gran Chaco is near, was expressed
semi-officially today.

The truce, it was said, would be
pending new negotiations for a com-
plete settlement of the controversy
which already has been the subject
of intervention by the League of Na-
tions and a group of 19 Western
Hemisphere nations, including the
United States.

Foreign Minister Saavedra Lamas
of Argentina said that while Argentina
was ready to proclaim neutrality if
hostilities began, he was certain it
would not be necessary.

A report to the League, however,
from its correspondent at Quilaca, a
few miles from the border, said an-
other armed clash had occurred in
the disputed area.

Dispatches from Asuncion said
Paraguay did not intend to attempt
to recapture the forts which Bolivia
has taken in the Chaco during the
last two weeks.

Disputes over the numerical
superiority of the Bolivian force
in the field.

GIRLS TO CLOSE CAMP SATURDAY

Grand Council Fire Sched-
uled For 7:15 p. m.
—to Make Awards

With a grand council fire at which
awards will be presented during an
interesting ceremony, planned for to-
morrow night at 7:15 o'clock, the
annual Camp Fire girls' outing at
Cove was nearing an end today. Par-
ents and friends are given a special
invitation to attend the final campfire
program as it will be the climax
of the entire week's competition
and study. Leaders are counting on
rides back to La Grande with parents
for all the girls. Camp will be officially
at an end following the ceremony to-
night.

Wednesday night was surprise night
at camp. A treasure hunt was laid by
the gypsy and trail makers, under
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MISS STANGE, MRS. KINZEL IN TIE WITH 918

Miss Anne Stange and Mrs. L. K.
Kinzel tied for first with 918 yester-
day when eight women qualified
for the annual La Grande country
club women's championship.

Mrs. John Ormond had the next
best score with a 94. The other five
who qualified were Mrs. Herman Sie-
grist, Mrs. Stange, Mrs. C. H.
Reynolds, Mrs. John Theisen and
Mrs. E. M. Todd. Pairings follow: Miss
Ann Stange vs. Mrs. Reynolds; Mrs.
Ormond vs. Mrs. Theisen; Miss Jane
Stange vs. Mrs. Siegrist; Mrs. Kinzel
vs. Mrs. Todd.

Pierce, Slater To Speak at Meeting

Game Warden Frank Osmond stated
this morning that he has received
information that the grouse and sage
hen seasons in this section will be
the same as last year, spiking rumors
that a change would be made.

Four Nations Share in First Places In Olympic Games; Four Records Fall

JOSEPH, Ore., Aug. 5 (Special)—
Four Joseph men, Erling Thoen, Joe
Sheets, Andy Stewart and Bogus
Coulter, this week headed the call of
that yellow metal, gold, and made
their quest in the hills above North
Powder in Union county. They left
Sunday in Mr. Thoen's car, carrying
with them a gold-panning machine
invented by Mr. Thoen, which is ex-
pected to do work equivalent to that
done by 40 men in one day.

The men headed for the Burnt river
section, where Bogue Coulter and his
brother Lee staked a claim which the
group will work on shares. They will
also work another claim in that same
vicinity belong to a Mr. Harain. A
great deal of gold has been taken
from these hills this summer and it
is rumored that about \$6000 in the
metal is being sent into Baker every
month from claims in this same sec-
tion.

Andy Stewart and Bogue Coulter
made a trip into the Burnt river
country about a week ago in one of
Roy Daggett's trucks, taking with
them a load of equipment and making
an investigation of the claims they
intended to work. They re-
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O. S. C. Student Is Dead in Hemet, Cal.

HEMET, Cal., Aug. 5 (AP)—No in-
quest will be held into the death of
Gilbert Hagen, 22, Oregon State col-
lege sophomore, who ended his life
here yesterday, by shooting himself
in the head. He was born in Pen-
dleton, Ore.

\$6,000,000 FIRE RAGING IN CHICAGO

Sixty Companies of Fire-
men and 3 Fire Boats
Fighting Flames.

LIVESTOCK BURNS; PRODUCE IS LOST

Four Buildings of Omaha
Packing Company De-
stroyed — Dust Explo-
sion is Blamed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5 (AP)—The flames
of a \$6,000,000 fire challenged 60 com-
panies of firemen and the crews of
three fire boats early today to put
them out.

The fire, breaking out yesterday
afternoon in the Quincy grain eleva-
tor, spread to the Omaha Packing
company where it destroyed four build-
ings.

Three firemen were injured and 30
firemen and employees of the two com-
panies were overcome by smoke.

Perishing in the flames were 800
hogs, 60 head of cattle, and 200
sheep. Destroyed also were 985,000
bushels of grain, 2,600,000 pounds of
hams and bacon, 300 tons of fer-
tilizers, and 2,500 hog carcasses.

Three boats, tied up in the Chicago
river, nearby, were burned at a loss
of \$75,000.

The flames and dense clouds of
smoke attracted thousands of spec-
tators to "the yards." Police estimated
more than 30,000 persons were packed
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RATIFICATION OF LAME DUCK BILL GAINING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—If
you plan to attend the presidential
inauguration in 1937, be sure to bring
your overcoat and, perhaps, your
earmuffs.

Fourteen states have already rat-
ified the amendment to the constitu-
tion eliminating the lame duck ses-
sions of congress and advancing the
inauguration date from March 4 to
January 20. Most political observers
concede the necessary 36 will com-
plete ratification before inauguration
in 1937.

And, if this is done, the weather
bureau points out there is a much
better chance for the weather to cast
a wet blanket over the neophyte
president and spectators.

No Changes Made In Grouse Season

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Confusion In B. E. F. Camp

Babe Didrikson Expects to Carry
Three Championships Back to Texas

By Paul Zimmerman
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (AP)—For
future reference, Mildred Babe Did-
rikson intends to carry back to Texas
three Olympic championships wrapped
up in applications for world's records.

This slender slip of a girl wasn't
boasting when she made the state
record today. She was only speaking
her mind with a sincerity which can-
not be questioned.

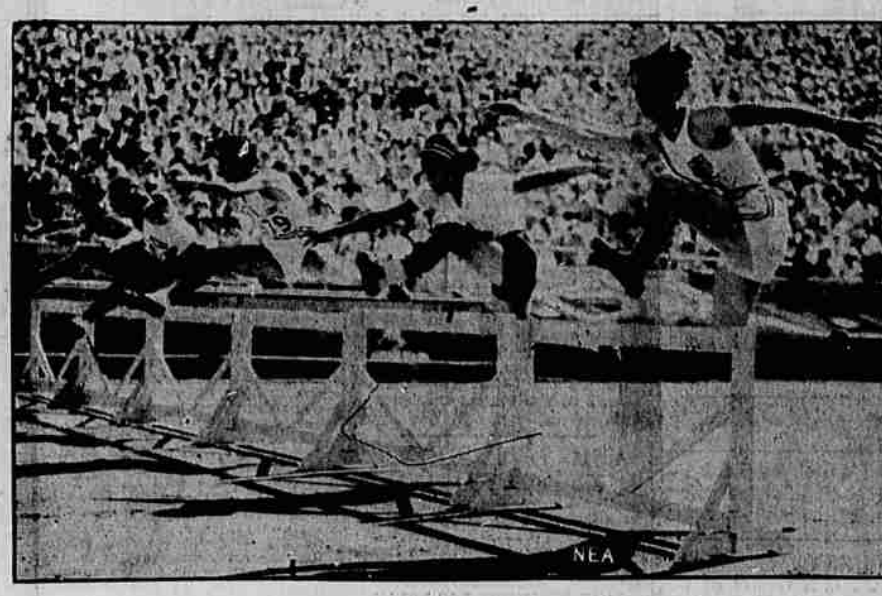
"Yep," she drawled, "I'm going to
win the high jump Sunday and set a
world's record. I don't know who my
chief opponents are and anyway, I
wouldn't make any difference. I hope
they are good."

"If it hadn't been for Evelyn Hall
out there in front in the 80-meter
hurdles yesterday after my slow start
I probably wouldn't have broken the
record. I wasn't afraid of her beating
me. I just dug in my spikes and ran."

Limited to Three Events
She had as simple a solution to the
question of how she threw the javelin
143 feet 4 inches earlier in the games
to shatter the world's best accepted
mark. The only reason she can see
for not taking five titles, with all the
Olympic and world record trimmings,
back to Dallas, is that she wasn't
permitted to compete in the discus
throw and 100-meter dash.

She is the world's greatest woman
track and field star, knows it and
sees no reason for beating around the
bush on the matter.

SEVEN RECORDS MADE BY THESE TWO AMERICANS



Above — the exciting girls' 80-meter hurdle trial in the Olympics, in which Babe Didrikson, Texas, set a world record of 11.8 seconds, after her recent world javelin mark. Then she came back yesterday to win the finals in 11.7, a third world record for her this week.

Above, left to right, Margorie Clark, South Africa, 3rd; Betty Taylor, Canada; Simone Schaller, U. S., second; Michi Nakashini, Japan; Babe Didrikson, Lower—John Anderson, ex-Cornell platterman, not only won the discus event at the Los Angeles Olympics Wednesday, but he set four Olympic records in so doing. His winning throw measured 162 feet 4 7-8 inches.

HOAX HEARING IS NEARING END

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5 (AP)—In-
volved tales of intrigue and attempted
bartering, of alleged double-crossing
and hints of bribery continued in dis-
trict court here today as the prelimi-
nary hearing for Cyril G. Brownell
nears its conclusion. Brownell is ac-
cused of larceny in connection with
the disappearance last July 4 of peti-
tions bearing 20,600 signatures for
the consolidation of University of
Oregon with Oregon State college.

The hearing opened Wednesday and
it was possible it would be concluded
today. Brownell, prominent insur-
ance man and former state legislator,
has not yet taken the witness stand.

Witnesses yesterday testified to
three reputed attempts to halt the
circulation of petitions for the Zorn-
MacPherson school consolidation bill.
E. L. Getz, Corvallis business man,
declared that Brownell, or a man who
identified himself as Brownell, tele-
phoned him from Portland July 2
and discussed "trades" at great
length. Getz testified the caller told
him arrangements could be made, if
the petition movement was stopped,
whereby Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of
Oregon State college, would be ap-
pointed chancellor of the higher educa-
tional setup, and that the school of
commerce would be returned to Cor-
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Reconstruction Corporation Is No Santa Claus

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—The
Reconstruction corporation is show-
ing nothing but Santa Claus free-
dom in administering the \$300,000,000
loan act passed by congress for
direct relief in the states.

It sticks to the position that the
federal fund should be used only to
supplement all possible state and
local aid. On that premise, it turned
down Governor Pinchot's request for
\$10,000,000 for Pennsylvania.

But the corporation has granted
three loans, and likely will approve
more.

Three Loans Listed
It allowed Illinois \$3,000,000 on a
showing that \$17,750,000 of relief
bonds had been sold and spent and
that relief agencies in the state soon
would have to close without federal
aid. Ohio got \$852,662 for use in
four counties, and yesterday \$1,800,-
000 was advanced to Detroit for
emergency needs pending further de-
velopment. On local projects, it al-
lowed \$1,000,000 for relief work.

In each instance the money was
made available "immediately," mean-
ing that the borrowers could get it
within two or three days.

The corporation outlined its an-
nounced policy when it said, agent
of the Pennsylvania application, that
the "legislature of Pennsylvania and
its several subdivisions have not done
their full duty with respect to the
furnishing of funds for relief pur-
poses."

The corporation has not yet made
known the procedure under which
other than the destination relief
loans are to be made. This still is
being worked on. The law requires
that all destination loans must be
made to the governors of the states.

Women Serving In Harvest Fields In Umatilla District

By Alan Gould
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (AP)—Pin-
land's last-ditch fight to save at
least one bright jewel out of the
wreckage of its Olympic foot-racing
crown today shared the spotlight with
the third episode of the rivalry be-
tween Bill Carr and Ben Eastman,
American 400-meter ace, with no
slackening of the track and field re-
cord-breaking carnival in sight.

For five days the "build-up" for
today's two track climaxes has sound-
ed just like the old family phono-
graph.

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 5 (AP)—Buoyant
as a result of eager purchasing
largely by the general public, wheat
mounted today to the highest prices
reached this week.

The rise was in spite of heavy sell-
ing from houses with eastern connec-
tions. Indications pointed to a good
export business including some United
States hard winter wheat.

HEAT BEATS DOWN TODAY OVER OREGON

Temperature in La Grande
94 Above — Warmer
Weather Likely Today

WESTERN OREGON CITIES SWELTER

Forest Fire Breaks Out
Near Portland But is
Controlled — Hazard is
Increasing.

Wednesday's maximum of 94 above
in La Grande was duplicated yester-
day afternoon, when the mercury
showed a range of 42 degrees. Weather
forecast for this weekend indi-
cated continuing high temperatures
in Eastern Oregon, at least through
Saturday and Sunday.

Street thermometers at 10 o'clock
this morning registered 82 above, in-
dicating that the high mark for today
would be as high or higher than
Wednesday and Thursday.

ROSEBURG HIGH 102
ROSEBURG, Aug. 5 (AP)—The maxi-
mum temperature of 102 degrees
reached here yesterday, has been ex-
ceeded only once in the month of
August during the 25 years for which
records have been maintained by the
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RICHFIELD OIL CO. NAMED IN FEDERAL SUIT

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5 (AP)—The
Fletcher Oil company of Boise, Idaho,
operator of more than 300 service sta-
tions in Oregon, Washington and
Idaho today filed suit in federal
court here charging the Richfield Oil
company through William O. McFar-
lane, receiver, has refused to deliver
gasoline which had been contracted for.

The complaint, filed by Carey R.
Nixon, Boise attorney, and Theodore
W. Veness, declares the Richfield
company contracted with the Fletcher
stations on March 1, this year, for
the delivery of three million gallons
of gasoline, f. o. b. Portland for 8 1/2
cents a gallon, exclusive of tax.

On July 1, it is alleged, the de-
fendant failed to deliver the gaso-
line, although there still remained 2,487,-
000 gallons due on the contract.

The Richfield company, the com-
plaint stated, demands a higher price
for the rest of the gasoline.

Kid McCoy Now On Ford Co. Payroll

DETROIT, Aug. 5 (AP)—One of
Henry Ford's payrolls includes that
of Norman Selby, age 59, farmland.

And that tells the story that Kid
McCoy, ex-champion pugilist, ex-
millionaire, ex-convict, has become a
man with a hoe.

When McCoy became eligible for
parole from San Quentin some weeks
ago after serving nearly eight years
for killing his sweetheart, the parole
authorities required that he have a
job.

Expect Big Crowd At Band Concert

When the La Grande band begins
its concert tonight at 8:15 o'clock
at the Triangle, indications are that
one of the largest crowds to attend
such an event this summer will be
on hand. Warm weather, absence
of wind and the fact that the band
will play a large number of favorite
numbers are expected to join to-
gether in attracting many hundreds of
listeners.

This "Old Favorite" concert is an
annual event and always proves one
of the most popular concerts of the
year.

Avilla, Ind., Has Treasury Surplus

AVILLA, Ind., Aug. 5 (AP)—Avilla
is a good place in which to live.
The tax rate for next year will be
zero.

The town has a surplus of \$13,000
more than needed for necessary
appropriations.

Business Outlook Brighter to Smoot

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Two
congressional economic authorities—
Senators Smoot (R, Utah) and Wag-
ner (D, N. Y.)—see business and em-
ployment on a slow but sure up-
grade.

Smoot, chairman of the finance
committee and dean of the senate in
service, says the necessary restoration
of public confidence is certain when
people realize the bottom has been
reached and the tide has turned.

Wagner, sponsor of the gigantic
construction and relief bill in the
senate, reports satisfaction with the
manner in which the administration
of the law are taking hold of their
task and opening new avenues of em-
ployment.

NO SERIAL TODAY
Because of lack of space to-
day it was necessary to hold
out today's installment of the
serial "Gambler's Throw."

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