

Fall From Narrow River Trail Ends In Drowning

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TAX BILL GOES TO THE PRESIDENT

BODY TAKEN FROM RIVER NEAR PERRY

Martin Borine, Lumber Grader, Is Victim of Fatal Fall.

MISSTEP IN DARK LEADS TO DEATH

Companions Tell Story to Investigating Officers; Funeral Plans Not Announced.

A misstep in the dark on a narrow trail along the river at Perry last night is given as the cause that brought death to Martin Borine, 47, a lumber grader. The body was recovered from the river at daylight this morning by Coroner George Walker and police officers.

Frank Bonney and Lizzie Johanson, companions of Borine at the time of his fatal fall, were questioned this morning by District Attorney Carl Helm and Coroner Walker. Whether or not an inquest will be held has not as yet been decided by the officials.

According to the story so far in hands of the investigating officers, Borine and his two companions left La Grande last evening around 10 o'clock for the Elkhorn Tavern, a resort at Perry. They were guided to the old mill site by Hazel Watkins. Instead of going around by the second bridge, the driver says they asked to be taken direct to Perry and that they would take a "short cut" trail to the tavern.

Knowing the trail to be narrow and dark, Hazel Watkins told officers she offered to shine the lights of her car as far along the trail as possible.

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City Water Here In "A" Condition Says State Board

La Grande's city water is in "A" condition, according to a report just received by City Manager Angus McAllister from the state board of health. Engineer Green paid a visit here last week and inspected the water and sewer plants, sending in samples of the water to be tested. Returns from the tests have just been received, and Mr. McAllister reported on them to the city commission at its meeting last night.

The manager's financial report for the week showed \$2,280.00 in general warrants retired, and a tax turnover from the county of \$13,034.30. Cash on hand at the end of the week amounted to \$17,389.67, divided as follows: La Grande bank \$13,131.87, Portland bank \$2,472.77, cash \$907.80. The commission authorized payment of the April salary list of \$4,320.41 by warrants.

POPULATION OF CITY AIDED BY STANDARD OIL

Standard Oil company increases the population of La Grande this week by six, according to announcement of staff additions made by Bert Clubb, territory manager. G. A. Winship, formerly of Boise, comes to La Grande as auto station salesman, and will take up residence here with his wife and daughter. H. A. Day, also from Boise, and with his wife and daughter, comes here as area salesman.

TWO TRACK RECORDS STAND SINCE 1910

In a track meet held at La Grande in 1910, every existing track and field record on Eastern Oregon high school books was surpassed. Yet today, just 24 years later, only one of the 2-02 half mile records remain unequalled—the 2-02 half mile run by Willie Pearce, now Dr. William Pearce, of this city. One other record still stands on the books but it was tied about 10 years ago—the 1-35 relay mark chalked up by a La Grande team in 1910 and since then tied by a Pendleton quartet.

Some of the records have been broken several times, and last spring was the first time in years in which no record-breaking performances resulted.

This year's test of the records will

Some Talk of Russia Paying



Now the whole constitution, by-laws and secret ritual of that orchid club is to "keep the government out of business." Well, that's all right, for every organization must have a purpose, but here was the joke. They introduced all the big financiers, the head of this, that and the other. As each stood up Jesse would write on the back of the menu card, just what he had loaned him from the RFC (I got that menu card yet), yet they said "keep the government out of business." Yours,

Will Rogers.
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C. C. C. CAMP AT EMIGRANT PARK OPENS

Crew of 25 Establishing Camp Now — 220 Men to be Quartered There.

A CCC camp of 200 men is now being established 300 yards west of Emigrant Park, on the Old Oregon Trail and will be in operation from now until October 1, the men being employed in park improvement work, says W. W. Saffier, maintenance engineer on Division 4, state highway department.

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THREE CONCERTS SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MUSIC

Three concerts have been definitely scheduled for Music week in La Grande, beginning next Monday night, it was announced today by Andrew Loney Jr., chairman of the Neighborhood club committee in charge of the event.

There are prospects also for a fourth program, which if held will be early next week.

Monday night the Eastern Oregon

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MISSION INDIANS HERE ON FRIDAY

The Eastern Oregon Normal school baseball nine, victorious in four out of seven games played so far this season, will meet the Mission Indians of the Umatilla County Baseball league at the Normal school field tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Mountaineers broke even in two double headers with College of

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'50-FOOT' LAW REPEALED; NEW ONE ADOPTED

Ordinance Gives City Right to Make Owners of Unsanitary Barns Clean Them Up.

A new ordinance repealing an ordinance passed two weeks ago making it unlawful to keep livestock or fowls within 50 feet of another person's house, was passed by the city commission last night and became effective immediately. Besides repealing the "50-foot" ordinance, which was objected too strenuously by a large delegation of citizens last week, the new ordinance provided measures for controlling objectionable barns, etc.

Some members of the delegation who visited the commission a week ago also attended last night's meeting and most of them expressed the opinion the new ordinance was very fair, although some objections were voiced by W. T. Grider and Mr. Nesley.

The ordinance provides for declaring any barn, shed, or similar building a nuisance if used to house livestock or fowls within the city limits, and if proven to be unclean and unsanitary. The nuisance clause also extends to animals or fowls when

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Christians Will Open Convention At Meet Tonight

A large attendance is expected this evening at the opening session of the Eastern Oregon convention of Christian churches which will begin at 8 o'clock at the local church. Members of the churches of numerous Eastern Oregon towns were arriving this afternoon.

The opening service this evening, presided over by A. F. Van Slyke, of Pendleton, will begin at 8 o'clock with special music presented by the La Grande church orchestra. The address of the evening will be given by Dr. S. Earl Childers, guest speaker. Dr. Childers is president of the Eugene Bible college and pastor of the First Christian church at Eugene.

Sessions tomorrow morning will begin at 9 o'clock with a conference for ministers led by C. F. Swander, the afternoon service to begin at 2 o'clock and the evening program and banquet for young people at 6:30. Many young people from nearby towns are expected for this special service.

HOW ABOUT SEGREGATING THE POOR SUFFERERS?



Rewarded For Heroism in Action 30 Years Ago



That the government doesn't forget a deed of valor — even though it happened 30 years ago — was proved in a colorful White House ceremony when President Roosevelt presented Congressional Medals of Honor to two Marine Corps officers who, as young captains during the Philippine Insurrection in 1901, "made a surprise attack of the fortified city and completely routed the enemy, killing 30". The heroes, Colonel David Dixon Porter (left) and Colonel Hiram Bearss (right) are shown receiving the President's congratulations in the presence of Henry L. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy, standing directly behind the President.

SHOOTING IN OBSERVER AMATEUR HANDICAP EVENT TO BEGIN AT 10 SUNDAY

Shooting at Lone Tree in the Observer first annual amateur handicap event Sunday will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning. It was announced today by officers of the La Grande Gun club, under whose supervision the shoot will be held. All gunners in the county who shoot less than 80 per cent are eligible to compete if amateurs.

Fifty birds will be shot, 25 from the 10-yard line and 25 from handicap, based on the first 25. The winner will receive possession of the Evening Observer trophy cup, now on display at Guthrie's jewelry store, for a year and his name will be engraved on the cup, also.

Entries are expected from all over the county and much enthusiasm has been shown in the event for the last three weeks since first announcement. Scores of trapshooters who hesitate at entering regular gun club shoots because of inexperience were delighted at this opportunity to compete, since everyone will be in the same class.

SCIENTISTS CLAIM SPRING FEVER IS A DISEASE — NEWS ITEM.

KEEP OUT! VERY BAD CASE OF SPRING FEVER

BRITISH WILL PAY ON DEBT WITH SILVER

England Prepared to Make Silver Token Payment to U. S. in June.

LONDON, May 3 (AP) — Great Britain is prepared to make a silver token debt payment to the United States in June, it was reported in financial circles today, as a result of the recent drop in silver prices.

While official confirmation was lacking, it is believed probable the British government took advantage of the low price.

Although the day of reckoning is only a little more than a month away, there is still no official indication that Britain is making any kind of a payment on her debts to the United States, but it is believed it will be another token payment.

Well informed financial quarters said today there has been no evidence of purchases of silver on the open market by the British government.

But one prominent broker said: "Silver was brought privately from the Indian government to make last December's payment and the British government probably is doing the same thing again."

President Roosevelt's announced

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ASTORIA SALMON STRIKE SETTLED

ASTORIA, Ore., May 3 (AP) — Salmon packing operations commenced here today with the strike affecting some 2500 fishermen and 400 cannery workers amicably settled.

Agreement was reached late last night that piece work will be abolished in canneries for a month. A hearing will be held to determine if the hourly wage system shall continue. Workers will receive 55 cents an hour, but piece work may be resorted to in emergencies. Agreement also was reached between packers and labelers and can factory employees.

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 47½ cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Export bid 71½ cents, Portland cash 67½ cents.

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP) — Showery conditions southwest, west and north-west tended to diminish uneasiness today regarding drought menace to crops. Largely as a result wheat prices dragged lower.

Wheat closed unstable, 1½¢ @ 1½¢ under yesterday's finish, July 76½¢ @ 76¢, corn 1½¢ @ 1½¢ off, oats 1½¢ @ 1½¢ down, and provisions varying from 5¢ decline to an equal gain.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

REJECT SALARY INCREASES

BISHOP CANNON RETAINED

POSTPONE SILVER ACTION

PEARS, APPLES EXCLUDED

SALEM, May 3 (AP) — The state board of control today emphatically rejected salary raises for nine employees of the state liquor control commission and went unanimously on record against any further raises at this time in any department of state government.

JACKSON, Miss., May 3 (AP) — With a great show of strength, Bishop James Cannon Jr., the militant dry crusader, today won victory over efforts to superannuate him and was retained for four more years as an active bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP) — The senate today postponed until Monday debate on silver legislation, pending a conference between President Roosevelt and the silver bloc leaders on Saturday.

Portland, May 3 (AP) — Pears and apples have been excluded from the provisions of the French government requiring that on imported fresh fruit, the country of origin be stamped on each individual fruit wrapper.

IMPORTATION OF JAPANESE GOODS WORRIES ENGLAND

FRANCE TAKES FIRM STAND

PARIS, May 3 (AP) — The French government today called upon Japan to observe the anti-power treaty in the letter in a straightforward reply to Tokyo's note explaining Japan's "Asia" for Asiatic doctrine.

LONDON, May 3 (AP) — Restrictions which Great Britain contemplates placing upon the importation of Japanese goods to crown colonies and to the British Isles were given to the Japanese ambassador, Tsumoto Matsumura, today by Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade.

The restrictions are intended to prevent underselling of British manufactured goods by Japanese imports.

The ambassador was understood to have said that no immediate reply to the proposal could be given.

In many areas, Japanese goods are under selling the British and others considerably and Japan has made rapid strides forward in the textile business, long a mainstay of England.

GENEVA, May 3 (AP) — Threats to bolt the international labor conference resounded in Japanese quarters today because of resentment of a report on Japan's labor and monetary conditions.

The report, drawn by Harold P. Butler, American director of the con-

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SCHOOL YEAR TO END ON JUNE 1

The city schools of La Grande will conclude the 1933-34 year on Friday, June 1, and each of the grade school buildings are making plans for graduation programs. It was announced today by Supt. Herbert Evans. Diplomas also will be given to eighth grade graduates this year, the first time in recent years.

Plans for commencement exercises at the La Grande High school will be announced later.

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland at Washington, postponed, wet grounds.

St. Louis at Boston, postponed, rain.

Detroit at New York, postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York 5 12 2

Pittsburgh 3 9 2

Clark, Bell and Richards; French, Smith, Hoyt, and Padden.

Boston R. H. E.

Chicago 6 9 0

Batteries: Brandt and Spohrer; Malone, Lee, Ward and Hartnett.

Brooklyn R. H. E.

Cincinnati 3 9 0

Batteries: Bengie and Lopez; Kolp, Shaute and O'Farrell.

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10 PER CENT SUPER TAXES ELIMINATED

Senate Concurs With House in Added Levy On Income Taxes.

NO RECORD VOTE IN ACCEPTANCE

Most of \$417,000,000 Revenue to Be Raised By Measure Will Be Collected in 1935.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP) — The senate today completed congressional action on the \$417,000,000 tax bill by eliminating the 10 per cent emergency super-income tax for next year proposed by Senator Couzens (R., Mich.).

The conference report was adopted without a record vote and then also without a roll call the senate rejected on the proposed 10 per cent levy on income taxes which the house had turned down by a big majority.

The measure sent to the White House, goes a long way toward bolstering the budget and helping to pay the cost of the recovery program, but most of the new revenue will not start coming in until 1935 when a majority of the new taxes are effective.

The legislation makes scores of changes in administrative provisions of existing law to tighten them against tax avoidance, levies higher taxes on the transfer of estates, gifts and large individual incomes and imposes a capital stock and excess profits tax against corporations estimated to raise \$55,000,000 a year.

Personal holding companies are taxed a high rate of surtax on their undistributed adjusted net income and corporations, except railroads, may no longer enjoy the privilege of filing consolidated returns for themselves and subsidiaries.

The conference report was accepted without a record vote.

Leslie M. Scott To Visit Masons At May 16 Meet

Leslie M. Scott, grand master of Masons of Oregon, has notified J. H. Diehl, master of La Grande lodge No. 41, that he will pay an official visit to the local lodge at the regular meeting May 16. Other Union county lodges have been invited to attend the meeting on that evening.

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