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FIELD MEET HELD TODAY

High Schools of Eastern Oregon Contest for Athletic Supremacy.

DAY IDEAL AND RECORDS LIKELY TO BE BROKEN

Supporters of the Different Schools are in Evidence in City—Closeness of Preliminaries Proves that Contest Will not be Decided Until Near End of Meet—Island City and Pendleton Have no Hopes of Victory—All Other Schools are Strong—Baker City and La Grande Favorites.

- FINALS. 50 Yard Dash. Gordon, Pendleton, first; Kimball, Pendleton, second; Fisk, Ontario, third. Time, 5:2. 100 Yard Dash. Gordon, Pendleton, first; Kimball, Pendleton, second; Denham, Baker, third. Time, 10:1. Discus. Beers, Baker, first; Heidenreich, La Grande, second; Hunstock, Baker, third. Distance, 97 feet, 11 inches. 120 Yard Hurdles. Moody, Ontario, first; Roberts, Cove, second; Young, La Grande, third. Time 17 1-2.

With a clear sky and a bright sun smiling down from the heavens, the annual field meet for the high schools of eastern Oregon is being held on the Tutuilla track this afternoon. The opening of the meet is under the most auspicious circumstances and it is believed that some eastern Oregon records will be smashed before the meet is concluded.

Owing to the great distance of the track from the city the number of spectators present is not large, but those that are there make up in enthusiasm what they lack in numbers. The few supporters who are present from the different schools are all cheering their favorites with a frenzy born of the hope of success and from the results of the first few events it is evident that the meet will not be decided until the half-mile relay, the last event of the day, is run off.

Island City, with her one representative has no hopes of victory and neither does Pendleton with her crippled team. It is expected however that with Gordon and Kimball taking the points they have that Pendleton will not be the lowest, when the points are finally tallied up. Had Boylen been well enough to enter the mile and the half mile and been able to run these in his customary time, he would easily have taken both these events and the locals could have made even a stronger showing.

From present indications the race is evidently between Baker City and La Grande, with the chances about evenly divided. Some fortune or misfortune of the meet might give the victory either to Cove or Ontario, but this is not expected.

In the meet at Walla Walla, early in the season, La Grande representatives led the boys from Baker City while in the meets at O. A. C. last week, this order was reversed.

Results of Preliminary Events. Preliminary heats were run this morning in four events. In one of these, the high hurdles, it was necessary to run three preliminary heats and a semi-final. Those who qualified in the preliminaries were as follows:

- 50 Yard Dash. First heat—Gordan, Pendleton; Richards, Cove. Time, 5:3. Second heat—Kimball, Pendleton; White, Baker. Time, 5:4. Third heat—Fisk, Ontario; Denham, Baker. Time, 5:4. 100 Yard Dash. First heat—Kimball, Pendleton; Denham, Baker. Time, 11. Second heat—Fisk, Ontario; Walters, Cove. Time, 10:3.

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NEGRO LYNCHED FOR CHOKING YOUNG GIRL

Pine Bluff, Ark., May 25.—Leavitt Davis, a negro, was lynched today by a mob of three hundred. He confessed to having choked Amy Holmes, aged 15, who caught him robbing her parents' home. Davis was taken from the authorities.

LANGFORD PROVES THE BEST FIGHTER

London, May 25.—The gung generalship he had picked up in many battles enabled Langford to score a comparatively easy victory over Hague and the fourth round had been barely commenced when the burly Yorkshireman was floored by a well directed blow and counted out.

Langford was at a disadvantage as to weight, height and reach, but his superior knowledge of ring tactics and his quickness overcame this and what was expected to be a long contest but proved very brief.

Langford opened the third round with a hard left to the face and he used this blow effectively several times before the gong sounded. Hague however, partly closed the American's eye with a hard right swing.

The men came together in a fast mix up at the opening of the fourth and Langford put a terrific right on the Yorkshire man's chin, which ended the contest.

BOYS FINISH FIVE THOUSAND MILE WALK

Toledo, O., May 25.—After a trip of more than 5000 miles without a cent in their pockets, Arthur Crane, aged 7, and Joe Crosby, aged 9, both of Saginaw, Mich., arrived here last night. According to their story, the boys left Saginaw last December, going from there to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cincinnati and then here. They will return to Saginaw.

STRAUSS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

FORMER PORTLAND CASHIER HELD FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Jury Finds Him Guilty After Nine Hours of Deliberation—Hold That He Embezzled Uncle Sam's Money From Postoffice—Former Cashier Accounted for His Shortage Through Mistakes Due to His Weak Eyes.

Portland, Ore., May 25.—The jury in the case of Charles A. Strauss returned a verdict of guilty last night after deliberating for nine hours. Strauss was charged with violating section 175 of the postal laws and regulations which declares to be embezzlement failure to turn over government funds to the treasurer of the United States to a federal depository or to a properly accredited person when required to do so by an official authorized to make such demand. The amount involved according to the authorities, was \$4090. It is stated that the defendant will appeal. The case has been on trial in the United States district court for several days.

WIRELESS TO WARN OF OCEAN STORMS

Washington, May 25.—Flashing around the world by wireless telegraphy warnings of approaching storms and other disturbances of the elements is one of the latest international projects, according to an announcement made here today. Still another of perhaps little less importance is the proposition to equip the vessels of all nations with uniform storm signals.

These are the leading problems to be threshed out at the conference of distinguished meteorologists of the principal nations, to be held in London on June 21.

A concerted movement will be inaugurated to induce the principal governments to adopt a uniform system of wireless marine weather reports.

TAFT WILL WORK FOR NEGROES OF SOUTH

Hampton, Va., May 25.—At the commencement exercises at the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute today, a letter was read from President Taft, in which he announced his acceptance of a place on the board of trustees, of that great school for the education of the negro. The letter said:

"I have your note announcing my election as a member of the Board of Hampton Trustees. I consider it an honor to be one of them and shall be very glad to contribute what little I can to continue the success of the school."

ROGERS LEAVES ESTATE OF A HUNDRED MILLIONS

New York, May 25.—From sources close to the family of the late H. H. Rogers it was learned today that his estate was valued at nearly a hundred million dollars when invested. Besides a bequest to Mark Twain it is understood the whole estate is left to the family.

LOCAL OPTION IS UPHELD

Supreme Court Denies Contention of Vale Men Who Would Sidestep Law.

WERE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT MEDFORD DECISION

Vale Contenders Held that City Still Had Power to License, Tax and Regulate Saloons Regardless of Local Option—Supreme Court Decides That the Contention is Without Legal Basis—Decision Written by Judge McBride—Vale Men Encouraged to Sulk by Medford Case.

Salem, May 25.—The contention that the city of Vale in Malheur county be given full power to license, tax and regulate the sale of liquor in Vale notwithstanding the subsequent adoption of local option laws, is held to be without legal grounds by the supreme court in a decision, rendered today, written by Justice McBride, in the case of James Harvey and a number of others, against the county court of Malheur county. The litigants were encouraged by the decision in the Medford case recently remanded, although the provisions of the Medford charter are different from the legal standpoint from the provisions of the Vale charter and other charters of Oregon cities.

SLUGGED IN PORTLAND AWAKES IN SACRAMENTO

Portland, May 25.—Drugged in Portland in the middle of January and recovering several months later in Sacramento hospital where he told he had been found cut up and beaten in a box car, and tied hand and foot, and robbed of \$250, is the strange story surrounding the disappearance of F. D. Oubert Tualatin, a farmer who has just returned from Sacramento to his family. He tells of a remarkable chain of circumstances which prevented his communicating with his family until now. He came to Portland in January and sold a team of horses for \$250. He went to a restaurant where two strangers were seated at the same table. He engaged in conversation. One of the strangers ordered wine. Oubert took a drink and walked to the door, and that is the last he remembered until the first of April when he regained consciousness in a Sacramento hospital where for the first time he knew that he was drugged and beaten and gagged and thrown into a freight car bound for Sacramento.

PRESIDENT TAFT IS CAUGHT PLUCKING FLOWERS

Washington, May 25.—President Taft had a narrow escape from arrest Saturday night, when with two friends he stopped to pick flowers on the capitol grounds, a watchman ran up and threatening to arrest the party. The president, concealing the bunch of flowers behind him, jokingly tried to throw the blame on Archibald and Butt, who were ready to go to jail to save the president from embarrassment. Suddenly the watchman recognized Taft and apologized profusely.

Company Buys Water Front

Portland, Ore., May 25.—What constitutes the most important transaction in Portland water front property since the Hill interests secured a large amount of frontage about a year ago became public last night by the announcement that the Alberts Brothers Milling company which operates mills in Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, had bought 555 feet known as Greenwich docks numbers 1 and 2.

BAKER BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOTS COMPANION WHILE BOTH ARE IN BED

Baker City, May 25.—Lying in the hospital with a bullet hole from his right cheek to his left temple Bert McMurren is resting reasonably well today and there is every reason to believe that he will recover.

The accident happened yesterday morning when the two boys were lying in bed in the west part of Baker City. A .39-caliber revolver was under the pillow of one of the boys and each supposed it was not loaded. Eastman pulled the gun from its hiding place and the two began to scuffle over the weapon. It was all in a gossamer way and McMurren told Eastman to "blow away" as it was understood that there was no load in the

TAFT LAUDED BY BEVERIDGE

Indiana Senator Calls Him Most Conservative Exponent of Republican Party.

BEVERIDGE ADVOCATES A REVISION DOWNWARD

Says the President Originated a Sentiment for Revision Two Years Ago—Another Indiana Senator Attacks Aldrich Bill—Says it Will Make Every Schedule Higher Than at Present—Says President Has Been Given Impossible Task in Maximum and Minimum Clauses of Payne Bill

Washington, May 25.—Lauding President Taft as the broadest, and most conservative exponent of the republican party, senator Beveridge in the senate today advocated revision of the tariff downward along protective lines.

He said President Taft originated a sentiment favoring the revision two years ago. Senator Schively, also of Indiana, attacked the Aldrich bill, saying that it would make the general tariff of the United States higher in every schedule than it is now. He argued that President Taft was given a task impossible of realization in the duty imposed upon him by the maximum and minimum provisions.

The senate finance committee reported that it had postponed further consideration of the lumber schedule until after the sugar rates had been settled. The committee will recommend a rate of a dollar and a half a thousand feet on sawed lumber.

FILE SUIT SOON RESTRAINING CRATER ROAD

Salem, May 25.—L. H. McMahan, will file a suit to restrain the state treasurer from setting aside a hundred thousand dollars for construction of Crater Lake road this week, and have his papers ready within a couple of days.

The attorney will also bring similar action to enjoin the state from paying over the ten thousand dollars to aid Malheur county in building a bridge over the Snake river into Idaho. McMahan contends that both acts are unconstitutional because they are local and special acts and that neither project is important enough to make a demand upon the tax payers of the whole state.

SHOT BY ENEMY WHILE KNEELING AT PRAYER

Kennett, Mo., May 25.—While kneeling in prayer at church services at Europa school house, 15 miles southwest of here, Henry Culp was shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Charles Champ, 18 years old.

Champ fired three bullets into Culp's body and fled. A posse of citizens headed by the sheriff is searching for him. Culp killed Harry Champ, a brother of the slayer, last August after having been driven from home by the Champ brothers. He was acquitted, the jury deciding his act was justifiable.

HANLEY PROSECUTIONS CONTINUED IN PORTLAND

Portland, May 25.—The government "fanning" case against William Hanley, rancher and manager of the Harney county development company, was begun in the federal court here today. It is alleged that Hanley holds between eighty-two and eighty-three thousand acres of land legally owned by the company, which makes the total amount of land involved more than 147,000 acres in Harney county.

E. E. CRAWFORD OF HERMISTON DIES

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston, Ore., May 25.—E. E. Crawford, brother of A. C. Crawford and one of the leading citizens of Hermiston, died at his home here yesterday morning after a brief illness of tuberculosis. The deceased was in Pendleton Thursday and was apparently enjoying his usual health up until Friday.

Mr. Crawford was born at Prince Edward, Canada, 36 years ago. He came across the line to the United States in early youth and was graduated from Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, in 1896. Soon after graduation he was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Gittens, by whom he is survived.

For many years the deceased was a minister in the Christian church and as such he occupied some of the leading pulpits in Illinois and some of the middle western states. His last charge was at Albuquerque, New Mexico. When he left that city to come to Hermiston he severed his relations with the ministry.

The remains are to be cremated, having been taken to Portland for that purpose this morning.

MAN AND THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Oskaloosa, Ia., May 25.—James Carter and three grand children were burned to death in a fire at their home at Eldon this morning. Foul play by robbers is suspected.

TEN INDICTMENTS FROM GRAND JURY

NINE AGAINST THE THREE WESTON SAFE CRACKERS

Each of Trio Indicted on Three Counts—Murder Case Will be Taken up Tomorrow—Mike Ryan will be Examined for Killing of H. E. Dickson—Jacob Schubert Has Been Summoned to Appear as Witness—Schubert Will Come Tomorrow.

Ten indictments were returned by the Umatilla grand jury yesterday, one true bill being returned in the morning and the other nine last evening. The nine were all against J. A. Crossley, David Clark and Michael Burke, the three men accused of the Weston safe cracking and store burning. Each of the trio were indicted on three counts, that of burglary, and larceny from a store and arson.

Murder Case Tomorrow. Today the grand jury is investigating some of the minor cases and tomorrow it will take up the investigation of the case of Mike Ryan, the slayer of H. E. Dixon. Though still suffering from the wound which killed Dixon, Jacob Schubert has been summoned to appear as a witness before the grand jury and will come down from Walla Walla on the morning train tomorrow.

There is much speculation relative to the outcome of this case. The general opinion prevails that Ryan cannot be convicted of murder in the first degree and many are wondering with what crime he will be charged in the indictment which is sure to be returned against him.

The fact that he will be indicted at this time does not mean for a certainty that he will be tried at this time of court and in fact it is not regarded as probable. If he or his attorneys demand the trial, however, it will be granted. He is being represented by Attorneys Lowell & Winter.

Weston Case, Interesting. The case against the Weston men promises to be an interesting one. The sensational pursuit and capture of the three men accused by Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Wilson lends to the interest which naturally attaches to a case of this kind. The fact that two of the three men are regarded as hardened and desperate criminals also adds to the interest.

The case of the state against Charles Grand is up for trial this afternoon. A jury has not been secured as yet however, and it is not believed that the trial proper can be taken up before tomorrow morning. Grand is a member of the Athega firm of Grant and Redfield, indicted by the grand jury when first called, on a charge of selling liquor contrary to the prohibition law. Redfield succeeded in getting across the line into Canada and has not yet been taken.

Nevada to Have Pheasants

Reno, Nev., May 25.—One hundred thousand golden pheasants are to be distributed through the state of Nevada during the next three months, according to the announcement made here today by the state fish and game commission.

BAKER CITY ORATOR WINS

George Jett's Oration on "The Worship of Gold" Wins Eastern Oregon Contest.

PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL ORATOR RANKED SECOND

Miss Agness Milne of Elgin is a Close Third in the Final Markings of the Judges—Highest Marking in Thought and Composition is Given to Miss Hill of Union—Nine High Schools of Eastern Oregon are Represented in the Contest—Judge Lowell Presents Medal to Winner.

George Jett of Baker City high school, is the champion orator of eastern Oregon. With his oration, "The Worship of Gold," he last night won the annual oratorical contest in which were representatives from nine of the high schools of eastern Oregon.

While Jett was declared the winner by the judges, it was not a "walk-away." Each of the other four boys and four girls did well and so close was the ranking of the three highest that had the prize been awarded on delivery alone, it might easily have been given to Roy Rowland of Pendleton or Miss Agness Milne of Elgin, who ranked second and third, respectively. Miss Madeleine Hill of Union was given the highest ranking by the judges on composition, but otherwise the standing on composition was practically the same throughout as the final results.

How They Ranked.

- The following is the order in which the different schools finished with the representative and the subject of each oration: 1.—Baker City, George Jett, "The Worship of Gold." 2.—Pendleton, Roy Rowland, "Capital and Labor." 3.—Elgin, Miss Agness Milne, "The Spirit of Reform." 4.—The Dalles, Marion Driver, "The Negro and the South." 5.—Prineville, Randolph Ketchum, "The Initiative and Referendum." 6.—Cove, Glen Roberts, "The Unfinished Work." 7.—Union, Madeleine Hill, "The Passing of a Race." 8.—Ontario, Miss Wilmath Curry, "Lincoln, the Master of Men." 9.—Wasco, Miss Mae Smith, "The Child Slave."

Small Crowd Present. Although the contestants were compelled to draw their inspiration largely from empty benches, the most of them succeeded in putting sufficient spirit into their delivery to command the attention of their handful of appreciative hearers. Each of the speakers was cheered at the conclusion of his address, the applause for Miss Milne and Roy Rowland being especially energetic and prolonged. Rowland was also greeted with cheers by the Pendleton supporters when he was first called to the front.

Musical numbers were interspersed throughout the program which served to break the monotony. The program was opened by an organ selection by Miss Sadie Evelyn Ford, while Miss Ruppe sang a solo and Mrs. Landers sang a double number. At the conclusion of the program, Frank D. Carruth rendered a violin solo and was compelled to respond to an encore.

Lowell Presents Medal.

As the judges had not yet arrived at their decision, Judge Stephen A. Lowell, who was president of the evening, made a brief speech for the consolation of the eight orators who could not win. When the decision was announced he presented the medal to the winner with a few appropriate remarks.

The announcement of the decision of the judges was greeted with enthusiastic cheering from the section of the church occupied by the handful of Baker City supporters.

Last year the contest was held at Baker city and was won by Harold Warner of Pendleton. Next year it will be held at La Grande.

C. A. Barrett, foreman of the grand jury, has been in Pendleton since Sunday evening and will remain until that body completes its deliberations.

THINK LANGFORD BETTER FIGHTER THAN JOHNSON

London, May 25.—Fight fans here today declare that Sam Langford, who last night knocked out Ian Hara in the fourth round in a scheduled 20 rounds fight, is a better man than Johnson. Langford won a purse of nine thousand dollars.