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## LOU HODGEN DIES OF HEART TROUBLE AT WALLA WALLA

Community Stunned When Announcement of the Sudden Death is Made.

Louis Hodgen, prominent pioneer of Umatilla county, dropped dead from heart failure, Wednesday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock in Walla Walla. News of Mr. Hodgen's sudden death was received here soon after, causing deep grief to his family, and the entire community, every member of whom he could claim as his friend.

Mr. Hodgen went over to Walla Walla Wednesday morning in apparently the best of health, driving his car alone. He transacted business there, and was seen by various Athena people who happened to be in that city. About half past 3 o'clock, he had been talking to Mr. St. Dennis, who left him and crossed the street, hardly reaching the opposite side before he heard a cry, and looking back, saw a group gathering about Mr. Hodgen. A physician was summoned, but Mr. Hodgen expired within five minutes, without speaking.

Yesterday the body was brought home and the funeral is being conducted this afternoon at the Christian church, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, of which deceased was an active member of 24 years standing.

The funeral sermon will be preached by Rev. Holmes, pastor of the Congregationalist church of Walla Walla.

Pall bearers consist of the following:

Active pall bearers: M. W. Hansell, F. S. LeGrow, O. O. Stephens, M. L. Watts, Richard Thompson, E. C. Rogers.

Honorary pall bearers: J. W. Maloney, J. H. Gwinn, C. H. Marsh, Roy Raley, Al King, A. H. McIntyre, Rose Beauchamp, Ed Hoon, J. H. Raley, B. B. Richards.

Louis W. Hodgen was born near State Line, Oregon, on the Tumalum, on August 12, 1870, his parents being James C. and Rebecca Hodgen. He received his education in the country schools, and later at the Advent college in Milton. In 1892, with his uncle, the late Charles Brown, he began farming operations on the reservation, which he continued for sixteen years.

On December 20, 1899, he was united in marriage with Julia Lee, foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and they farmed in the Walla Walla valley and on the reservation until 1919, when they moved to Athena, where they have since resided, to school their children. Mr. Hodgen at the time of his death was farming the Forrest land near Thorn Hollow, where his brother Fred is living.

Besides his bereaved wife, he leaves five children: Miss Ethel, who is teaching at Duncan, Umatilla county; James and Elton in the Athena high school, and Helen and Phyllis in the grades. Also two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Free of Waitsburg, Wash., and Mrs. N. B. Atkinson, of Olympia, Wash., and three brothers: William and Orlando Hodgen of Milton, and Fred of Thorn Hollow, survive him.

Mr. Hodgen has been prominently connected with the democratic party in this county and served a term in the Oregon Legislature as representative.

## COUNTY TREASURER RESIGNS

Miss Grace Gilliam, who has been county treasurer for five years has resigned to accept a position in Pasadena, California. She has recommended that C. K. Cranston, of Pendleton, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by her resignation. As the resignation takes effect at once, it will up to the county court to make the appointment.

## BASKETBALL TEAM PRACTICING

The Athena High School basketball team is practicing for the tournament to be held at Pendleton, on March 10th and 11th. With the cancellation of the Milton and Hermiston games, practice is found opposing a team of players picked up about town. Coach Basler hopes to keep the school team in good form for the tournament meet.

## HARDING DISCLOSES PLAN TO AID SHIPS

Program Contemplates Return to Private Initiative and Enterprise.

Washington, D. C.—The administration plan for government aid for the American merchant marine was presented to congress Tuesday by President Harding with the declaration that the influence of the United States in world councils is "sure to be measured by that unfailing standard which is found in a nation's merchant marine."

The president detailed to the two houses assembled in joint session the war-time creation of America's great tonnage—an experimental venture as he described it—and then he added:

"Having failed at such enormous cost, I bring you the proposal which contemplates the return to private initiative and private enterprise, aided to a conservative success, wherein we are safeguarded against the promotion of private greed and do not discourage the hope of profitable investment, which underlies all successful endeavor."

A ship subsidy estimated at approximately \$32,000,000 annually, to be provided for principally by the diversion of 10 per cent of the nation's customs receipts would be paid to the owners of American ships engaged in foreign trade under a bill introduced in the senate and house. The measure incorporates a subsidy plan proposed by the shipping board and endorsed by President Harding in his message read to a joint session.

Introduced in the senate by Chairman Jones of the commerce committee and in the house by Chairman Greene of the merchant marine committee, the bill sets forth that the purpose of the direct subsidy provision is to "aid the development and maintenance of the American merchant marine, to promote the growth of the foreign commerce of the United States and to contribute to the national defense."

## BONUS PAYMENTS STARTED YESTERDAY

The first bonus money—\$3210 state warrants representing bonus payments aggregating \$819,870—were released yesterday morning, according to a statement by Captain Harry Brumbaugh, secretary to the bonus commission. An additional 1500 warrants, bringing the aggregate of cash bonus payments to well above \$1,000,000, will be ready for distribution to ex-service men within the week.

This announcement indicates that the bonus department has been losing no time while awaiting the unwinding of red tape surrounding sale and delivery of the first \$10,000,000 block of bonds on which \$3,000,000 in cash will be collected upon the delivery of an equivalent block of bonds in Portland.

Bonus applications now on file with the commission aggregate 20,150, of which 11,622 call for the cash bonus and 8556 seek loans aggregating \$25,087,872.

While loan machinery is now in motion and real estate offered as security on bonus loans is being appraised, no loans will actually be made for several weeks yet, it was announced.

It is expected that the \$10,000,000 to be received from the sale of the first block of bonds will carry the work up to September, at which time another block of bonds will be offered for sale.

More than one third of the entire state quota originates in Multnomah county.

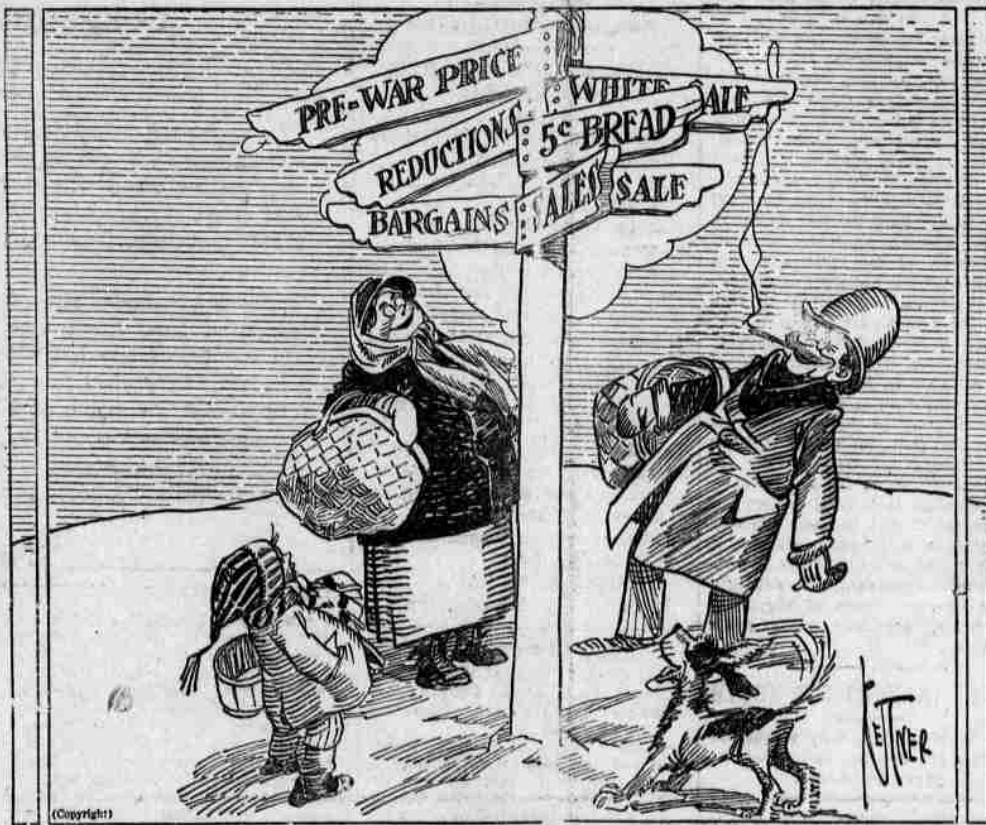
## KILLED 90 PERCENT SQUIRRELS

The war on ground squirrels in Pend Oreille county, Washington, has been so successful that after three years the county appropriation for this purpose is only one-third of the original sum. In 1921 a total of 81,000 acres was covered with poison and it is estimated that the squirrel population was reduced 90 percent.

## CATERPILLAR SNOWPLOW

An armored Holt caterpillar tractor was delivered recently at Moscow, Idaho, to be used in opening the snowdrifts which had blocked the road between that point and Lewiston.

## All Indications Point to Normal



## Will Organize a Boy Scout Troop In Athena

Interest is being taken in the organization of a troop of Boy Scouts in Athena. Omer Stephens has consented to serve as scoutmaster, and this insures that the scout movement here will be a success.

There are a large number of boys in Athena who are just the right age for eligibility to membership in the troop, and when uniformed and drilled, numerous hikes and camping trips will be enjoyed by the scouts.

The matter of organization will be taken up soon, with the idea of having the troop equipped in time to take advantage of the summer outings.

At the present time, Pendleton, Pilot Rock and Helix have Boy Scout troops with large membership enrollments. Last summer the troops were encamped on the Umatilla river and at Emigrant Springs in the Blue Mountains. One troop also spent several days at Bingham Springs.

Teh Boy Scout movement is one of national scope, and provides for its members clean outdoor life and wholesome sports, in addition to encouraging manliness and discipline.

## TIME SET FOR TAX PAYMENT

Taxpayers are reminded that income tax returns for the year 1921 must reach the office of Clyde G. Huntly, Collector of Internal Revenue, not later than midnight, March 15 in order to escape severe penalties. This does not mean that it will be sufficient for the taxpayer to mail his return on March 15. The return must be mailed at a time that will insure its delivery in the office of the collector at Portland not later than midnight, March 15. Furthermore, the receiving stamp on the envelope will be accepted by the collector as the actual time of delivery. Taxpayers are especially urged to bear in mind this fact: It is not sufficient that their returns be mailed on March 15.

## GIRLS RETURNED TO PEN

Tillie Pence and Dorothy Duke, escaped girl prisoners from the Penitentiary at Walla Walla, were captured at LaGrande Monday, after one night and day of liberty. The girls escaped from the prison Sunday night by sawing a bar in their cell, and scaling the wall. They made their way to Pendleton in a taxi, and without money to pay their fare, boarded an eastbound train.

## OPPOSITION TO TOLL GATE

The East Oregonian reports that the County Court is considering opposition filed with it, relative to payment of tolls at the Woodward gate, at the summit of the Blue Mountains on the Weston-Elgin road. Investigation will be made into the rights of the Woodward gate to collect toll, inasmuch as the court has been informed by the secretary of state that the records contain nothing that would indicate the gate is being operated under permission of the state.

## Judge Decides In the Carmichael Divorce

Judge H. H. Belt of Dallas, sitting at Pendleton, denied last Friday a decree of divorce to George B. Carmichael from Mabel Carmichael, after voluminous evidence taken by a referee had been read to the court.

Over a year ago George Carmichael was granted a decree of divorce from Mabel Carmichael on the ground of impotency, when the case went by default. He then married wife No. 2, and to the parties a child has since been born. Early last year Mabel Carmichael, wife No. 1, appeared in court and asked for a vacating of the original divorce decree, on the grounds of duress and that the original ground for divorce was not proven. She alleged that she was railroaded out of Pendleton by her husband.

Judge Phelps, who granted the original default decree, later ordered it set aside on the showing made by wife No. 1. He caused Judge Belt to preside over the second litigation instituted by the husband, and the decision of Judge Belts now sustains him.

Briefly narrated, these are the salient facts in a case which has been marked by a number of sensational developments and which has occasioned widespread interest throughout the Inland Empire. It is said to have had no parallel in the annals of the Oregon courts. As it stands now, the result leaves Carmichael with two wives. It is reported that his lawyers will file an appeal to the supreme court.

## SCHOOL WILL FURNISH EDUCATIONAL PICTURES

The Senior class of Athena High school have made arrangements with the University of Oregon for films of three educational pictures, which will be shown at the Standard Theatre, in the near future.

The first picture will be "The Merchant of Venice," in three reels. This feature will be screened at the Standard on Wednesday evening, March 8th. To make a full evening's program, in addition to the picture, a program of songs, readings, instrumental music, etc., will be given.

Following "The Merchant of Venice" two big six reel spectacular, historical productions will be offered. They comprise "Julius Caesar" and "The Last Days of Pompeii." The series of three pictures will be on Wednesday night of the week in which they are scheduled.

Owing to the short program of "The Merchant of Venice," the admission prices for this production will be 15c and 25c.

## EXPECT 2500 TEACHERS

The 24th annual convention of teachers will be held in Spokane April 5-6-7. It is believed 2500 teachers will be in attendance. The Davenport hotel has been secured again as headquarters.

## Senator Capper Will Lead the Farm Bloc

Senator Capper of Kansas, the new chairman of the bloc says the bloc's next task is to put through congress a "great national permanent program on farm welfare."

"The bloc, formed as a temporary organization to meet an emergency, now enters the second phase of its life," said Capper. "Its work from now on will be to build permanently. Our program of emergency legislation is about completed."

"Statesmen and economists have come to realize that it is not enough to pull the farmer out of the hole; he must be set on firm ground and helped to go forward. That is the bloc's job now. It is not a selfish job, for what benefits agriculture benefits the whole country."

The bloc's program of permanent agriculture legislation has not been worked out fully. The program, as it stands, is:

One—A rural credits bill, setting up additional machinery for "personal" credit for farmers. This is to bridge the gap between 60 and 90 day paper and long term farm mortgage loans.

Two—Enlargement of farm bank system to make it of greater aid to farmers in the acquiring and improvement of land.

Three—Transportation. This involves wrestling with the great railroad problem, the increasing of transportation facilities where possible through inland waterways.

Four—The truth in fabrics bill. This is to force shoddy to be spelled "shoddy" and wool as "wool," so that both the producer and the consumer may be protected.

There are other measures and many details to be worked out, Capper said.

The rural credits bill is already in congress. The bloc shortly will formally get behind the Lenroot-Anderson bill, worked out by the joint house and senate agricultural committee. Governor Harding of the federal reserve board has given this measure his approval.

"The farmer and the stockman," said Capper, "has to deal with a banking system devised primarily to meet the needs of commerce. These usually can be satisfied with short time paper. The farmer has one turn over a year at most, whereas the business has many. The stockman may have one in only two or three years. They need a system that will help them. That is what we will try to work out."

"The question of credits is a fundamental of any big national farm policy such as the bloc hopes to put through."

## ESKIMO PIE

A Pendleton creamery has contracted for the exclusive privilege of manufacturing "Eskimo Pie" a confection combination of ice cream with a chocolate covering. The process is said to be patented.

## WAY IS CLEARED FOR TREATY DISCUSSIONS

Pacific Treaty Is Favorably Reported By Foreign Relations Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Finally accepting a compromise reservation programme, the foreign relations committee cleared the way for transfer of the arms conference treaty debate to the open senate.

The four-power Pacific treaty, which has proved the most troublesome of the arms conference agreements in committee discussions, was ordered favorably reported with a blanket reservation drawn by committee members after consultation with President Harding.

At the same time, the committee acted favorably on the naval limitation and submarine treaties, voting virtually without debate and with the understanding that members could further present their views on the senate floor.

In reporting favorably the four-power Pacific treaty the foreign relations committee divided, 10 to 3, with Senators Borah, republican, Idaho; Johnson, republican, California, and Shields, democrat, Tennessee, voting in the negative. All the other eight republican members supported the motion and were joined by two democrats, Williams, Mississippi, and Pomerene, Ohio.

By the same vote, 10 to 3, but with Senators Williams, Pomerene and Kellogg, republican, Minnesota, casting the negative votes, the committee previously had accepted the compromise reservation said to have been accepted by President Harding and providing that the treaty contemplates "no commitment to armed force, no alliance, no obligation to join in any defense." Several proposed substitutes and amendments were voted down.

In the senate the four-power treaty alone apparently faces a prolonged debate. Several proposed reservations not considered by the committee are to be offered and Senators Borah and Johnson, among others, are attempting to organize an "irreconcilable" bloc against ratification. Whether this element becomes numerically strong is conceded to rest principally with the democrats, who are followers of former President Wilson.

## SUFFRAGE IS UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C.—The woman's suffrage, or nineteenth amendment, was declared constitutional by the supreme court Monday.

The supreme court dismissed for want of jurisdiction the suit brought by Charles S. Fairchild of New York, who sought to challenge the constitutionality of the amendment.

The opinion of the court was delivered by Justice Brandeis.

The woman suffrage or nineteenth amendment to the constitution was challenged in the supreme court in proceedings instituted by Charles S. Fairchild of New York, for himself and in behalf of the American Constitutional league, to enjoin the secretary of state from issuing and the attorney general from enforcing a proclamation declaring the ratification of the amendment, and by Oscar Leser and other citizens of Maryland, constituting an organization known as the "Maryland League for State Defense." The former proceedings were based on the ground that the amendment had not been validly adopted, and the latter that the amendment was unconstitutional.

L. O. O. F. CONVENTION Between 350 and 400 Odd Fellows attended the recent district convention of the order at Hermiston, where an address by Grand Master Biggs was one of the noteworthy features. A banquet was served at six o'clock, and the "three-linkers" refreshed themselves again after the ceremony of conferring the third degree. The work was put on in competition by the Pendleton, Hermiston and Freewater lodges, the latter winning. The next convention will be held at Pilot Rock. Mr. Chittenden of Pilot Rock was elected president of this event, and J. A. King of Weston vice president.

Philadelphia's elite are paying dearly for those Stagge parties.

## LAND EXCHANGE AND STANFIELD RAPPED AT BOISE, IDAHO

Resolutions Passed At a Mass Meeting Asking President to Veto Bill As Passed.

A Boise, Idaho dispatch states that after an acrimonious debate of four and a half solid hours in a mass meeting that jammed the hall of the house of representatives, a set of resolutions was adopted which condemned the bill now in the hands of President Harding, providing for an exchange of 250,000 acres of Northern Pacific lands in North Idaho for range lands in South Idaho and called upon the Idaho delegation in Congress to do all in its power to induce the president to veto the measure.

The measure provides for the exchange of a strip of cutover timber land, six miles wide and extending from the Salmon river to the city of Wallace, along the eastern border of the Nez Perce, Clearwater and Selway forest reserves—260,000 acres, for a like number of acres of grazing lands in Southern Idaho.

Miles Cannon, Idaho state commissioner of agriculture, asserts that the proposed land exchange was promoted on behalf of a small group of private interests. Through this exchange it is charged that big sheep corporations are aiming to control practically all the grazing land in Southern Idaho outside of the forest reserves. This was to be done, it is alleged, by selecting alternate sections, and land around watering places in a way to shut out all other sheep and cattle men.

Commissioner Cannon also has launched an assault against Senator R. N. Stanfield of Oregon and the sheep companies in which he is interested and other sheep companies. The specific charge made by Commissioner Cannon is that these concerns are far in arrears in payment to farmers throughout this section for the purchase of quantities of grain and hay.

"I have on file in my office," Commissioner Cannon said, "claims against the R. N. Stanfield company alone aggregating thousands of dollars. These claims are for hay and grain furnished to this corporation in the spring of 1921 and for which the hard-pressed farmers and settlers have been unable to pay."

Commissioner Cannon said he had taken the matter up with Attorney General Roy L. Black and that he would be guided by the advice of that official. Some of the claims have been paid as a result of publicity already given the matter by the commissioner, he asserted.

According to Commissioner Cannon Senator Stanfield controls six corporations organized and doing business in Idaho in addition to his operations in Oregon.

The Idaho commissioner has been criticized for the actions he has taken in this matter. After his first attack Charles E. Folsom, a certified public accountant of Weiser demanded to know "when the commissioner of agriculture was given authority to become the financial publicity agent and debt collector of the Idaho farmers."

Commissioner Cannon rests on his authorization to investigate all cases of this nature having to do with the handling and marketing of farm products.

## STANDARD THEATRE PICTURES

"Idols of Clay," one of Paramounts best pictures will be screened tomorrow night at the Standard Theatre at regular admission prices. The picture is one of the very finest outdoor feats of photography and the story will be found interesting from start to finish. "The Scoffer," featuring James Kirkwood, who had the lead in "Bob Hampton of Placer," will be shown Sunday night. International News, Pathe Review, a two reel Western and Aesop's Fables, augment the two-programs.

## GRAND LARCENY CHARGED

Percy Kelly was arrested Wednesday night at the home of his mother north of Helix, by Deputy Sheriff Jake Marin, on a charge of grand larceny preferred by Colfax, Wash., authorities. He has since been conveyed to Colfax by Deputy Sheriff Dave Lavender.