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SACKET WILL SPEAK AGAIN SUNDAY EVENING

Last Sunday evening at the Baptist church Othello Sacket, former light-weight champion pugilist of the world, spoke before a large audience of interested listeners. He is a forceful speaker and in graphic terms unfolded the story of his life and of the power of Jesus to save.



Mr. Sacket, for some time, has acted as welfare manager for the A. H. Kerr glass manufacturing company. Mr. Kerr sets aside one-tenth of his income for welfare work and Mr. Sacket has charge of its disposition. Mr. Sacket will speak again at the union service to be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening, and everyone is asked to come and hear this noted speaker.

SPRINGFIELD CREAMERY NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

J. Cyr, one of the owners of the Springfield Creamery company, has disposed of his interest in the firm to his son, Mr. T. Cyr, who will conduct the business alone, the transfer taking place Monday.

Mr. Cyr, his son, M. E. Cyr, and E. F. Herbst, bought the Springfield Creamery about four years ago, and have built up a large and profitable business. Previous to that they were engaged in a similar business in Everson, Wash.

About a year ago Mr. Herbst severed connections with the firm and, with J. Cyr purchased the Lane County Creamery at Eugene.

Mr. Cyr will take a much needed rest and later will move his family to Eugene.

SPRINGFIELD 4-L TEAM WILL PLAY DONNA NEXT SUNDAY

The Springfield Four L baseball team will play a game with Donna next Sunday on the Springfield diamond. Game called at 2:30. Everybody come and boost for the home team.

WILLAMETTE RIVER LOWEST SINCE RECORDS WERE KEPT

The mean stage of the Willamette river at Eugene during the month of July, was the lowest since a record has been kept, according to Lee Goetschius, river gauge tender there. The mean stage was 1.3 feet, compared with 1.8 feet in 1918 and 3.4 feet in 1917. The stage of the river at the present time is 9 of a foot.

35,959 AMERICANS SLAIN IN ACTION, LATEST LIST SHOWS

A revised list of American expeditionary force casualties, published by the War Department July 30, showed that 35,959 were killed in action; 14,766 dead from wounds; 23,840 died of disease; 51,213 died of other causes; 9,827 wounded severely; 80,483 wounded slightly; 34,380 wounded (degree undetermined), and 1,585 missing in action.

The Best Plaster

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound over the seat of pain is often more effectual for a lame back than a plaster and does not cost anything like as much.

HUNTER FOUND DEAD; COMPANION ARRESTED

The body of Charles L. Taylor, the McKenzie Bridge road supervisor, who mysteriously disappeared July 31, was found Saturday afternoon in an almost inaccessible spot several miles from the road camp in a deep canyon by Harry G. Hayes, guide and hunter, of McKenzie Bridge.

Examination of the body disclosed the fact that Taylor had been shot in the shoulder, the bullet passing downward and through the heart.

Marvin Clark, who was Taylor's hunting companion at the time of his disappearance, was arrested and brought to Eugene and on Wednesday was formally charged with the murder of Taylor.

Clark stoutly maintains his innocence. According to his story, he and Taylor took the trail on Thursday in quest of camp meat. They spent the night on the high reaches of the trail, then separated the next morning for the hunt, agreeing to report for work at the camp at 9:30 a. m. According to agreement, Clark reached camp, as he declares, at 9:30 o'clock, while others say he did not show up until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

As time passed and Taylor did not appear, the road crew became worried, and at last a searching party was organized. Contrary to expectations Clark did not join the searchers, but shortly left for his ranch, the Trotter place below Belknap bridge. Twelve or 14 mountaineers combed the brush in futile search for Taylor, then they began to piece together the threads of evidence. Finally they called Clark on the telephone, insisting that he join the search, as suspicion was strongly centering in his direction. Clark left and joined the search, but again returned to his ranch, where he was arrested by Sheriff Stickels, and party on Saturday night. When the posse entered the home where the family resides Clark very laconically remarked, so say those who were present, "I expected this."

Clark is a rancher at Belknap bridge, five miles below McKenzie bridge, 25 or 30 miles below the scene of the alleged crime. He has a wife and seven children. Taylor leaves a wife and two children. Clark had been working with the road crew under Taylor near the summit of the Cascade mountains near the "pole flag."

As far as can be learned there was no motive for the alleged crime, unless it was some difficulty between the two men a short time ago over work on the road.

When the body of Taylor was found there were footprints near it which showed that the slayer had come to the place. Taylor's gun was also empty and it is thought that whoever killed him emptied it.

The party who fired the fatal shot had stood behind the branches of a tree about 90 feet from the victim, who with a deer on his back was making his way through the brush in a northwesterly direction. As the leaden pellet sped on its deadly mission from an elevation to the southeast, two twigs were clipped from the branch which concealed the man who fired the shot which killed Taylor. Receiving the mortal wound, Taylor fell upon his face, and when discovered, the carcass of the deer was still fastened to his back. Near a rock where the concealed hunter had stood was an empty shell which had been released from the branch after the shot had been fired.

There is every possibility that the fatal shot was fired at the supposed deer and not at the man, according to those who have been at the scene of the shooting. Taylor was dressed in khaki trousers and hat and grey shirt and was passing through dense brush when shot. It is not improbable, it is stated, that the man who fired the shot came to the scene suddenly, heard a noise, saw the deer's head as it was carried on Taylor's shoulder, and fired.

The man, whoever he is, evidently did not go to see what had become of his victim, it is said, as no footprints were found near the body, the theory being that on realizing his mistake the slayer left the spot fearing to report the shooting to the authorities.

At the preliminary hearing held Thursday Clark was bound over to the grand jury without bail by Judge J. G. Wells in the justice court. The grand jury meets in October.

CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the city council will be held in the city hall next Monday evening.

STATE PHONE RATE INQUIRY ORDERED BY COMMISSION

There has been no change in the local situation in connection with the unjustifiable raise in telephone rates and the toll charge now in effect between Springfield and Eugene, during the past week.

Condemnation of the high-handed methods employed by the telephone company continue generally throughout the city, and a large number of telephones have been ordered out.

Mayor Morrison, through the city attorney, has taken up the matter with the public service commission, and the city council at next Monday night's meeting will discuss the matter and make arrangements to have the city properly represented at the investigation to be held in Portland August 27, by the Public Service Commission.

Investigation of the telephone rates now in effect in Oregon, with a view of rescinding the so-called Burleson schedule and restoring the tariff effective prior to midnight, July 29, has been ordered by the Oregon Public Service Commission, to be held in the court house at Portland on Wednesday, August 27, at 10 o'clock a. m. All persons interested in the telephone controversy will be heard at that time.

The order of the commission calling a public hearing follows:

"Whereas, at 12 o'clock midnight on July 31, possession of the facilities and property of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company was assumed by the United States government pursuant to a joint resolution of congress of the 65th congress, and by proclamation, dated July 22, 1918, the president of the United States directed that the supervision, possession, control and operation of the properties should be exercised by and through the postmaster-general Albert S. Burleson and

"Whereas, by act of congress signed by the president on July 11, 1919, the possession, control and supervision of the facilities and property of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company were released from federal control and thereupon became subject to the jurisdiction of this commission under the public utility act on and after midnight of July 31, 1919, which said act further provides that existing toll and exchange telephone rates fixed by the postmaster-general on or prior to June 6, 1919, should continue in force for a period not to exceed four months from and after July 30, 1919, unless sooner modified or changed by the proper state regulatory bodies and

"Whereas, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has filed with the public service commission of Oregon a schedule of rates designated P. S. C. Cr. No. 3, covering the local telephone exchange service throughout the state of Oregon, which are attempted to be put into effect and collected, and which said rates are an increase in certain particulars and instances over the rates fixed by this commission in its order No. 499, dated May 1, 1919; and

"Whereas, this commission believes that sufficient grounds exist to warrant hearing being held as to the legality and reasonableness of the rates contained in said schedule O. S. C. No. 3;

"Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that an investigation be and hereby is instituted on the commission's own motion into the legality and reasonableness of all rates and charges, rules and regulations, of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for exchange telephone service which is rendered entirely within the state of Oregon, and that a hearing in this matter be had before the public service commission of Oregon at its offices at 252 Courthouse, Portland, on Wednesday, August 27, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m. at which time and place all interested parties may appear and be heard."

The commission made it plain that the formal order was subject to change without notice although the conference probably will be held as scheduled.

LIGHTING SYSTEM INSTALLED IN PRUNEVILLE DISTRICT

An electric lighting system with power furnished by the Montana Power company, has just been installed in the Pruneville district, from Springfield as far as Chase Gardens. Wires have been installed in the homes of 15 families, and the power in two of them was turned on Monday night. It is expected that they will all be finished in a week.

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The following clipping taken from the Oregonian of Wednesday would indicate the telephone company has no authority whatever to raise rates above those ordered by the Oregon Public Service Commission last May, in which event patrons would be legally justified in refusing to pay the increased rates and also the toll charge between Springfield and Eugene:

Schedules of the increased rates effected by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in the city of Portland on July 29 were received late yesterday (Tuesday) by Mayor Baker from Senators Chamberlain and McNary. Copies of the orders issued by the postmaster-general, if any were issued, were not included and it is probable that another message will be sent today requesting that copies of orders or authorization of the schedule be sent to the city officials.

The copy of schedule rates received yesterday bears no indication of the time when it was authorized by the postmaster-general, other than the following notation at the top of the schedule sheet, "station development as of June 30, 1918." The schedule also refers to the rates as "proposed rates applicable to all exchanges listed hereunder."

The schedule also cites the rates which were in effect prior to May 1, 1919, when the public service commission increased rates following a hearing.

The information which was received yesterday did not satisfy City Attorney LaRoche or Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson, who are handling the telephone situation for the city. Both officials said that in their opinion the schedule submitted by the postmaster-general's office had no meaning and could not in any way be construed as a copy of an order or authorization by the postmaster-general.

Unless officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company produce authority for the recent advance in telephone rates within the state of Oregon, telephone users are justified in refusing to pay the additional charges, according to Attorney Tomlinson in an interview yesterday.

"The telephone company," said Mr. Tomlinson, "should either produce the postmaster-general's order authorizing it to make its announced radical increases or should frankly admit there is no such order. There is but one source from which the company could have obtained lawful authority for advancing rates and that is from the postmaster-general prior to June 6, 1919. It would be a very simple matter to produce the order if there is any such order in existence."

"It cannot be questioned that the people have a right to know the authority upon which this utility attempts to make this increase and in view of the persistent disinclination on the part of the company to be frank and fair with the public, it would seem that the telephone users are amply justified in refusing to pay the proposed new rates until their lawfulness has been established."

Following announcement of the increase in telephone rates in Oregon effective July 29, the city council requested local officials of the company to furnish a copy of the order from the postmaster-general authorizing the increase. W. J. Phillips, division superintendent of the company, replied to this request by saying that the local officials did not have copies of the order and that the request had been forwarded to the telephone administration through regular channels.

Should the commission find itself clothed with jurisdiction to rescind the so-called Burleson schedule of rates, the tariff in effect prior to July 29 probably will be restored. This schedule was granted by the commission last May, and authorizes an increase not to exceed 25 per cent of that granted by the postmaster-general.

BEATING BOARD BILL RESULTS IN HEAVY FINE

Leaving Springfield without notice and leaving behind a board bill of \$11 due Mrs. Belle Spong, Dalton Saunders went to Portland, where he is alleged to have stolen a motorcycle belonging to a party in Eugene. He was arrested and brock back to Eugene, tried and found not guilty.

However, he couldn't produce an alibi on the board bill, and was fined \$20, which he will earn in jail.

WINIFRED L. MAY ARRIVES IN U. S. ENROUTE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence May received a telegram yesterday announcing the arrival of their son, Winifred, at Newport News, Va.

Mr. May is a graduate of Springfield High school and was later employed in the First National Bank. He enlisted at the time of the declaration of war and went to France in July, 1917, as a member of battery B of the sixth field artillery. Since the signing of the armistice he has been stationed at a number of points in Germany, most recently at Coblenz and Baumbach. He expects to arrive home very shortly.

\$1,000 WILL BE PAID FOR A SINGLE WORD

World Trade Club Offers Prize for Best Name for "Brit-Am."

Can you create the one word which will best denote the United States and all parts of Britannia? If so, you will be paid at the rate of \$1,000 a word. The World Trade Club of San Francisco has offered \$1,000 to the person who suggests the word which, in the judgment of the club's Metric Campaign Committee, is best adapted to world-wide use.

The competition is open to all humankind. The money will be paid to the winner at noon on May 16, 1920, by a committee appointed by President W. H. Hammer, of the World Trade Club.

"Brit-Am," "Ambria," "Ambrittica," "Br-Am," "Sam-Bull" are some words thus far suggested. New names are constantly coming. The World Trade Club is offering this award because in carrying on its present campaign for the adoption of metric units by all English-speaking people—the United States, the British Isles, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania United South Africa and so on—it was hampered by the lack of a single short word which would express all these.

The metric units of weight and measure are now used by all the world except "Brit-Am" or "Ambrittica" or "Sam-Bull."

CHEAP DRESSES UNLIKELY FOR SOME TIME YET

New York.—The prices of dresses are as firm today as they ever were in the history of the industry, and there is no possibility of any drop on account of existing conditions in the trade.

A statement to this effect was made Monday by Executive Director David N. Mosessohn, of the Associated Dress Industries of America, the national organization of dress manufacturers. Mr. Mosessohn pointed out that while manufacturers generally are doing everything within their power to keep prices down to a minimum, they are confronted with many serious problems and are shaving their profits in order to quote prices on their merchandise which will attract the buyer and the ultimate consumer.

Mr. Mosessohn said that if the manufacturers of dresses were to operate on a basis of profit equal to the figure in other industries, the cost of dresses would be much higher than they are today and would shock the average woman who wants to buy one. "The raw material situation is growing worse each week," said Mr. Mosessohn, "and the labor situation is not showing any signs of improvement. Not only is there a scarcity of labor, but production is at the low end. Some stocks of raw materials are in the hands of jobbers and speculators who are charging abnormal prices for merchandise, creating an unprecedented condition in the industry and inflicting hardships on manufacturers throughout the country."

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The Library board held its regular meeting Tuesday night, all members being present.

Mrs. Herbert Walker was elected a member of the board.

Several new books have arrived and new shelving is being installed to take care of them.

No further business coming before the meeting adjournment was taken.

DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. KIZER BADLY BURNED

Florence, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Kizer, was painfully burned early this morning on the right side of her body from the knee to the arm, and Mrs. Kizer received a badly burned hand in extinguishing the fire.

A leaky gas meter was the direct cause of the accident. Mrs. Kizer had detected the odor of gas and applied a match to the meter connections to ascertain where the leak was located, which she soon found. Thinking she had extinguished the small flame she went about her housework.

The meter is located on the floor, and in passing it the clothes of her daughter evidently brushed against it, for in a moment her dress was a mass of flames. She screamed and Mrs. Kizer ran to her assistance and managed to extinguish the flames, but before the child was badly burned, and her own hands painfully injured.

Dr. Martensen was immediately called and dressed the injuries, and while no serious results are anticipated, it will be some time before the child is able to be up and around.

THE COMING OF THE FLEET TO THE PACIFIC

The coming of the fleet to the Pacific tells its own story.

The change that has grown out of the defeat of Germany in the great war has allowed America's naval forces to be divided. Not while the powerful German fleet existed nor while the German eyes were leveled greedily at the rich and undeveloped resources of South and Central America could we establish a permanent Pacific fleet.

Not since President Roosevelt sent the Atlantic fleet to girdle the globe have the people of Oregon, California and Washington seen in their harbors a more powerful and modern fighting craft than the old hero ship Oregon, long out of date and holding her place on the navy list only because of her valiant record. Beside the 30,000-ton flagship of the Pacific fleet the Oregon will be almost a pigmy.

Leading the fleet is the New Mexico, in some respects surpassing any fighting ship ever built, for she is electrically driven, the only battleship in active commission thus equipped. The only vessel of considerable size previously launched carrying this wholly American innovation is the collier Jupiter, built at the Mare Island navy yard.

The armada consists of six super-dreadnaughts and 30 destroyers and tenders, which are leading the way for the 200 naval craft assigned to Pacific waters.

H. T. Shea, the genial local manager for the Mountain States Power company, accompanied by Mrs. Shea, left Wednesday for McCredie Springs, where they will spend a two weeks' vacation. L. E. Cornell, of the Eugene office, will have charge of the office during Mr. Shea's absence.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard left Thursday evening for Portland, where they will spend two or three days transacting business.

SIMPLE COMBINATION HELPS WEAK EYES

Springfield people are astonished at the quick results produced by simple witchhazel, camphor, hydrastis, etc., as mixed in Lavoptik eye wash. In one case of weak and near-sighted eyes a few days' use brought great improvement. In another case it stopped eye pains and inflammation. We guarantee a small bottle of Lavoptik to help ANY CASE weak, strained or inflamed eyes. Aluminum eye cap FREE. M. M. Peery Drug Co.

TO THE DAIRYMEN OF SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT

Have you all the cows you should keep or have you feed going to waste? In any event if you need a few more cows and conditions justify the expense, we will be glad to aid you financially.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST NATIONAL BANK