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IN THE WENATCHEE VALLEY—HOME OF THE BIG RED APPLE—WHERE DOLLARS GROW ON TREES

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YOUNG MAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT PESHASTIN

ROBERT WILSON, SEATTLE BOY, SLEEPING BESIDE THE TRACK STUMBLES AGAINST SPEEDING TRAIN.

Robert R. W. Wilson, ex-service man, aged 19, of Seattle, was instantly killed Wednesday morning near the east crossing of the Great Northern tracks at Peshastin. He and two companions, out of money, were spending the night beside the track at a fire left by railroad repairmen and when No. 3, the west-bound night passenger, came along he was aroused and stumbled against the train as it rushed by. He evidently never knew what hit him, for his head was crushed and he died almost instantly.

The three boys—Wilson and Martin Weinrick and George Dawson, all of Seattle, left that city some days before and went to Wenatchee expecting to get work picking apples. They were unable to get work at once and being short of money, set out and came up the valley as far as Peshastin, which place was reached Tuesday evening. There they were informed that perhaps they could get work in the morning as many of the boys were quitting their jobs at the box factory to start to school. They had only a dollar or so and decided to sleep out and save the money with which to buy some breakfast, and at a late hour lay down beside the fire within a few feet of the main track. They all fell asleep and when No. 3 whistled in Martin Weinrick awoke immediately. Just as the train was passing he saw Wilson arouse and partly raise up and stumble up the bank, then fall back near where he had lain asleep. Weinrick immediately awoke Dawson and they together examined Wilson. They found that his heart was still beating and a match was lit and they discovered that his head had been crushed by being hit by some part of the train. His heart beats were only felt for a moment and realizing that he was dead the boys went to the home of C. J. Coons and aroused him and phoned for the coroner. They then returned with Mr. Coons and remained with the body.

Coroner Templeton was out of town and his associates phoned to the Leavenworth Undertaking Co. to get Justice Day to officiate as coroner, which Mr. Hennessey did. He and Justice Day went down early and examined into the story told by Weinrick and Dawson, which was born out by appearances, there being no signs of a scuffle or evidence of foul play. The body was brought to Leavenworth and Justice Day took the story of the boys and decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Dawson gave his home address as 86th St. and Woodland Park, Seattle, and said he was the son of C. A. Dawson, real estate dealer with an office at 8302 Greenwood Ave., Seattle.

Weinrick said that he lived at 2025 W. 63rd, Seattle, and that he was a marine fireman and had but recently returned from a trip to Alaska.

Neither Dawson or Weinrick knew Wilson's name, excepting that he was called Bob, but it happened that Undertaker Hennessey was acquainted in the neighborhood in which their homes are, and as Mrs. Town was in Seattle she had no trouble, when phoned, in discovering Wilson's name and finding his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rowley. The grandparents wired Wilson's mother, Mrs. Eliza Kolkman, who resides at Uniontown, near Spokane.

The grandfather arrived here Thursday morning and the body was shipped last evening to Seattle where the funeral will be held.

JURORS MAY VOTE BEFORE REPORTING FOR DUTY.

September, 8th, 1920.
Leavenworth Echo,
Leavenworth, Wash.,
Gentlemen:

Please say through your news columns that Jurors summoned for Sept. 13th who are so situated that to report for duty on that day will prevent voting at the primary may remain to vote and report on the fourteenth as soon as possible after voting. Jurors who are so located as to be able to report on the thirteenth must do so unless such reporting will prevent voting at the primary.

Very truly,
WM. A. GRIMSHAW.

M. E. FIELD, CANDIDATE FOR JOINT SENATOR.

Presents Forceful Reasons Why Chelan County Man Should be Nominated and Elected to Represent Chelan and Kittitas Counties in the State Senate.

"The legislative districts of the state of Washington have not been rearranged for twenty years. During that period the population of Chelan county has increased nearly twenty thousand. Our representation in the state legislature is the same now that it was twenty years ago, viz.: one member of the house and joint representation with Kittitas county in the senate.

"Kittitas county has two representatives in the house and the same representation in the senate Chelan county has, with population approximating about three-fourths the population of Chelan county.

"During past legislative sessions, efforts to redistrict the state have been defeated because of the general feeling that the membership of the house should not be increased on the original basis of apportionment, for the reason that the increased membership of the house would be too great; the body would be so large that he business of the state could not be transacted as efficiently or as quickly as with a house of the present proportions and would necessarily incur much additional expense. However, in all probability, the disparity of representation between the various counties of the state; the injustice to counties that, like Chelan, have made marvelous progress in development of resources is so apparent and the demand for fair and equal representation on the part of such counties is so pronounced that the next session of the legislature will not be able to avoid adjustment. When the state is redistricted, if Chelan county can not have an exclusive senatorial district, we should be associated with Okanogan, who, from every point, is our natural ally.

"All roads from North Central Washington lead through Wenatchee and Chelan county to the coast. None of them lead through Kittitas county. All North Central Washington interests are community interests with Chelan county, with Wenatchee as the principal point of distribution; there is no such community of interest with Kittitas county.

"All North Central Washington is interested with us in the improvement and maintenance of the Blewett Pass road; Ellensburg is not interested and at this time is not making any showing in keeping the Kittitas side of the road in good condition.

"All north Central Washington is intensely interested in the completion of the scenic highway; Kittitas county is positively antagonistic to that enterprise; all points from Wenatchee to the Cascade Tunnel would be specially benefitted by the completion of this work.

"The topography of Chelan county is more intricate and more difficult than Kittitas; the location of our highways are not definitely settled in all cases which of itself is a vital question that is going to be actively agitated and definitely settled during the next four years and should have the attention of a live man in the senate who is a resident of Chelan county and who is competent to handle such matters. Except in matters of the general development of the whole state, Chelan and Kittitas counties have nothing in common. When the state is redistricted, it will also be reapportioned with a view to raising the basis of apportionment so that the membership of the house will not be materially increased.

"If that result is accomplished, the house membership from some counties would be increased while from others would be diminished. In any case Chelan county is vitally interested and to an extent that Kittitas is not.

"In consideration of these conditions any fair-minded voter will concede that Chelan county is reasonable and fair in asking for a representative in the state senate from Chelan county who would also be proud to extend to Kittitas county every assistance possible."

Mrs. George Hilton went to Wenatchee on No. 4 last Friday.

TEN ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF HOTEL FIRE IN OREGON

HOUSTON HOTEL AND PART OF BUSINESS SECTION OF KLAMATH FALLS DESTROYED. LOSS PUT AT \$300,000.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 6.—Ten persons are known to have burned to death here early today when fire swept the Houston hotel and part of the business district with a property loss estimated at more than \$300,000.

Four other persons are unaccounted for and officials believe they perished in the fire. It is thought many more have perished, for the incinerated parts of many bodies were reported visible in the embers.

The Main street court house, an unoccupied building now in litigation, has been commandeered by the Red Cross and the refugees are being taken care of there. Fifty cots have been installed. Organized labor has started a relief fund for the victims, the labor council here making the first contribution.

The identified dead are:
Mrs. Little Vilderback, Ashland, Ore.
Miss Leona Vilderback, Ashland, Ore.

Miss Margaret Hanley, chambermaid, Klamath Falls.

—, Shadrick, first name and address undetermined.

Known dead, but unidentified:
Four unidentified men; girl of about 17 years of age from Medford, Ore.

Sixteen bodies are believed to be in the ruins of the hotel. Seven guests of the hotel who escaped incineration are suffering from burns sustained by jumping.

Mrs. Mary Camporo, to whom a baby was born only three days ago, threw the infant from a hotel room window into a blanket held by rescuers, then jumped herself. The infant was uninjured but Mrs. Camporo sustained painful injuries. She will recover, physicians said.

Difficulty was experienced in identifying the bodies that have been taken from the ruins. The bodies of four others have been definitely located, but the heat was so intense rescue was not practicable late today. All the deaths occurred in the hotel building, its 38 rooms being filled to capacity. It is estimated that close to 100 people went to sleep in the hotel last night.

The flames were discovered about 3 o'clock this morning, but they had gained great headway before water could be thrown on the building, a three-story frame structure. Guests were fleeing from the hostelry when the first equipment arrived, many of them jumping from the second and third story windows. Three men appeared in a third story window, according to Fire Chief Ambrose and then they were seen to fall back into the blazing building.

The fire had its inception, fire officials say, in a pile of rubbish beneath a back stairway. It ate into the frame fabric of the hotel, the flames enveloping the entire building within a few minutes. Leaping the street the Houston opera house was ignited and a frame business block adjacent. Before it was checked it had consumed nine buildings, including the Houston hotel and opera house, three lodging houses, two business structures and two residences.

Many persons were injured or badly burned in trying to get out of the burning hotel. The injured include H. McCharles, William Morse, Thomas Higgins, James Pofder (the latter from Madera, Cal.)

Klamath Falls was crowded with hundreds of visitors who had come here to participate in a Labor day celebration.

HENSHAW-JOHNSTON.

World, Sept. 3: Yesterday morning at 11 a. m. the Rev. Frank E. Beatty, pastor of the Presbyterian church, united Mrs. Rachel Henshaw and Geo. P. Johnston, both of Leavenworth, in marriage. The ceremony was performed in the new addition to the Presbyterian church, which has just been completed. The impressive ring ceremony was used in the presence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnston of Leavenworth. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will make their home in Leavenworth.

Mrs. F. J. Beattiger arrived home last Saturday on No. 4.

SOUGHT TO KILL RICH FOLKS ON ILLINOIS TRAIN

EIGHT CONSPIRATORS PLOTTED TO CAUSE IT TO PLUNGE INTO DEEP RAVINE, ACCORDING TO CONFESSION.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 6.—Confessions from the eight conspirators said to be directly connected with the plot to wreck the Diamond special of the Illinois Central railroad near here Wednesday were obtained tonight by Chief of Police Morris and federal agents. Officials declared their belief that had the plan been carried out not one passenger on the train would have escaped alive.

Nineteen foreigners are under arrest and all are declared by officials to be communists. The track, according to the confessions, was to have been torn up about 300 feet from a bridge near Bissel, so that the train would be plunged into a 50-foot ravine.

Whatever passengers remained alive, Chief Morris declared the confessions said, the plotters intended to kill and then to "kick in the teeth of the rich." The Diamond special was selected "because only the rich ride on it; poor people don't ride in sleepers."

A member of the gang was to be stationed at the nearest farm house to kill its owner if he raised an outcry, and telephone wires were to be cut, according to the confessions.

"In my 23 years of police service I have never known a more carefully laid and diabolic plot to destroy life," declared Chief of Police Morris.

Direct connection between the men in custody and other communists who scattered leaflets here today, urging destruction of the government and support of the soviet regime of Russia, has been established, according to the authorities.

State and federal warrants charging conspiracy, attempts to commit a felony and counterfeiting will prevent any chance of liberty on bonds, officials declare, and the eight men who have confessed will be held to the grand jury. Deportation proceedings are probable.

MAN ELECTROCUTED WHILE WORKING AT CHIWAUKUM BRIDGE

BOOM SWUNG INTO HIGH TENSION WIRE AND INSTANT DEATH RESULTED; JOHN KALBERG, VICTIM.

John Kalberg, employed by the Grant Smith Co., contractors repairing the Great Northern Railroad bridges and snow sheds, was electrocuted last Thursday when a boom swung into a high tension wire on the bridge just this side of Chiwaukum.

The body was brought to Leavenworth and sent to Seattle for burial.

APPLE PRICES.

The following prices are quoted as being offered for Winter apples in the Wenatchee valley:

Winesap, Spitzenberg, Newton, Arkansas Black, \$2.25, \$2.00 and \$1.75.
Black Ben, Staymen, Rome Beauty, Grimes Golden, \$2.00, \$1.75 and \$1.50.
Ben Davis, \$1.85, \$1.60 and \$1.25.
King David, \$2.15, \$1.75 and \$1.50.
Jonathan, \$2.10, \$1.85 and \$1.50.
Delicious, \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$2.00.
Winter Banana, \$2.50, \$2.25 and \$1.50.

KILLED FOUR BEAR.

Jack Seig reports that he and Tax Chambers, Dave Coon, Homer English and Ed. Berger killed four bear last week—two on Wednesday and two on Thursday. The larger one, a big female brown bear and mother of the two smaller ones, weighed about 425 pounds; the next smaller about 225 and the two cubs about 75 each.

Jack Seig reports that the same party killed another bear Sunday.

Through an oversight last week, no mention was made of the return of Mrs. C. H. Mason, who had been to Everett to have some dentistry work done by Dr. Snyder. She found the doctor so busy that she had to make arrangements to return in a couple of weeks.

DRAFT EVADER MUST FORFEIT LAND HOLDINGS TO STATE

AFTER TAKING EXEMPTION FROM WAR SERVICE, DECLARATION TO SAVE PROPERTY FILED BY ALIEN.

OLYMPIA, Sept. 3.—The supreme court has ordered escheated to the state land in Stevens County held by Casper Staeheli, an alien, who avoided military service when called under the selective draft in 1917, by claiming exemption on the grounds that he was not a citizen of the United States. After action to obtain forfeiture of his land had been started by the state in 1918, Staeheli filed declaration of his intention to become a citizen.

Born in Switzerland.

Staeheli was born in Switzerland. After he came to the United States and subsequent to the son becoming legal age his father took out naturalization papers. The younger man, assuming that his father's naturalization also conferred citizenship upon him, exercised all the rights of a citizen up to 1917. When called for service he claimed exemption on the grounds that he was an alien and had never filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen. The supreme court holds Staeheli's action in filing declaration of intention after claiming exemption from military duty cannot be used to abate the action begun to compel forfeiture of his land and that it can not be held that the declaration was filed in good faith.

The court finds that the treaty of 1850 between Switzerland and the United States in no way nullifies the provision of the constitution of this state which prohibits aliens, except where in good faith they have filed their declaration of intention to become citizens, from holding land.

"Good Faith" Interpreted.

"The words 'good faith,' as used in the constitution mean good faith to the government. The words 'good faith' do not mean for the pecuniary benefit or selfish interest alone of the declarant," the court says. "When he knew the government required his service he declined to act as a citizen, but when the state sought to forfeit his land, then and only then, he sought to acquire the rights of a citizen," it adds.

SERVICE CLUB TAKES ACTION.

The Leavenworth Service Club held a luncheon Wednesday noon at the Rainier Cafe and took action in the county commissioner contest with a view to working for the interest of the upper valley and tributary districts.

Leavenworth, and districts in this vicinity, we are told, never has made themselves felt in county politics. Other districts have gotten into the game and shared the spoils while this section took such crumbs as might be crumbled out. Two years ago a move was made to have a say and a candidate for county commissioner was put up, but no interest was shown and he was defeated.

Mr. Long, the successful candidate, however, has shown a fairness and given general satisfaction in this district; but in doing the fair thing he seems to have incurred the enmity of certain Cashmere people, who thought that the alleged old time favoritism should go to the commissioner's home section. At any rate Mr. Matt Hickey, former commissioner for this district, who lives but a short distance from Cashmere, was trotted out to oppose Mr. Long and a hard fight is being waged by his supporters to defeat Mr. Long. The thorn in the flesh of the Cashmere supporters of Mr. Hickey, it seems, is Mr. Long's refusal to sanction the building of a sixty or seventy thousand bridge over the Wenatchee river in the northern part of that city, and also his disinclination to approve of the Sunset highway being circled around through the southern part of the town.

Mr. Long's record of the past two years was readily approved by those present at the Service Club luncheon and an appeal is being made to all citizens of the district to give him hearty support for a second term.

Let us all act together in this matter, get out every voter and give Mr. Long an overwhelming majority. We are not only working for fair representation on the county board, but we may at the same time show the world that we are awake to conditions.

FINED \$100 FOR TAMPERING WITH CANAL HEADGATE

JUSTICE COURT IMPOSES THE FINE; DEFENDANT, CRAIGHEAD, APPEALS TO SUPERIOR COURT.

World, Sept. 4: Radford N. Craighead was found guilty of tampering with a headgate of the Wenatchee Reclamation District by Justice Porter yesterday and fined \$100 and costs. Craighead denied any knowledge of how the headgate became twisted out of shape and enlarged so that it released a greater amount of water than he was entitled to, which fact was testified to by officials and employees of the district.

There have been many cases of alleged tampering with headgates during the past summer, at one time no less than fourteen headgates in East Wenatchee having been found to have been smashed open. This, however, was not done by the owners or users of water but by a water user who had become aggravated in some manner. He pleaded guilty and was fined in the Douglas county courts.

Craighead has taken an appeal from the decision of the justice court.

STATE CONVENTION HELD.

The state convention of the Ladies' League of the Co-Operative Society was held in Leavenworth last Sunday, with morning and afternoon sessions, and a splendid banquet in the evening in the Firemen's Hall.

Among those present from outside were Mrs. F. A. Armstrong, president, of Charleston; Mrs. Shue of Everett and Mrs. Tebo of Bremerton.

BABCOCK FOR TREASURER.

Clifford L. Babcock, Republican candidate before the September primaries for the nomination for State Treasurer, has been a resident of Clallam County since the fall of 1888. Born on a farm near Aurora, Illinois, he followed farming immediately following his settlement in Washington. He still owns the farm and resides thereon.

NON-PARTISAN INNER CIRCLE TROUBLES ARE BEING AIRED

WATERS SUES TOWNLEY AND BRINTON IS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL LIBEL AGAINST TOWNLEY AND LEMKE.

The second act of the Townley-Waters-Brinton-Lemke burlesque is now being played in North Dakota, and it promises many interesting and sensational developments. It opened with an overture by the more or less Honorable A. C. Townley himself in the form of an open letter to Attorney General William Langer advising him to arrest all criminals in general and J. R. Waters and Job Wells Brinton in particular. Mr. Langer accommodated the Big League Boss to the extent of issuing an order for Brinton's arrest.

These preliminaries over, J. R. Waters appears on the scene with a suit against Townley asking for payment on alleged salary due him as manager of the United States Sisal Trust. In this action Mr. Waters charges that A. C. Townley originally acquired the 22,400 acres property of the sisal trust in Florida, and that he since and to this day owns a controlling interest in the corporation. Mr. Waters has been holding Townley's shares "in trust" he says.

The Waters charges are liable to get Boss Townley in real serious trouble with the United States District Court. In the bankruptcy proceedings which are still pending on appeal Mr. Townley testified under oath that he no interest of any kind in any property of any nature whatsoever; in this way he tried to avoid payment of approximately \$80,000 of debts incurred through his notorious flax speculation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Adams Inves. Co. to I. W. Faulkner, lots 1, 7 and 8, block 1, East Leavenworth.
Hegge Monson to Archie E. Estes, lots 4 and 5, block 4, Dryden, \$375.