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ATTEMPTS TO KIDNAP HER OWN CHILDREN

Former Wife of Jim Grabbill Would Take Babies By Force.—She and Husband Now in Jail.

Quite a sensation was created at Ione Monday when an attempt was made by Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Slater, residents of Portland, to kidnap the two children of the late James Grabbill, now in charge of their grandfather, D. H. Grabbill who is their legally appointed guardian.

According to what information we can gather here, Mr. and Mrs. Slater arrived in Ione on Monday morning and after locating the children, hired John Bryson, the liveryman to take them to Arlington in his auto. They had him call for them at the Grabbill residence during the absence of Mr. Grabbill, and endeavored then to get Bryson to hit the road for the outside. When the liveryman saw what was up, he rebelled and refused to move a peg. Going out on Main street he spied the marshal and made his situation known to him, and in the meantime, Mr. Grabbill getting wind of the transaction, had a warrant sworn out for the parties, charging them with kidnaping. They were arrested and brought to Heppner where they had a preliminary hearing before Judge C. C. Patterson and were bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500 each which they have as yet been unable to put up, and are confined in the county jail.

About two years ago Mrs. Slater left her husband, Jim Grabbill, and went from California to Portland, where she is alleged to have obtained a divorce, and later married C. K. Slater, reported to be a member of the Portland police force.

Her former husband, Jim Grabbill, was killed a few weeks ago in a train wreck at Valejo, Cal., and his father, D. H. Grabbill, of Ione, went down there to settle up his son's affairs. He was awarded the custody of his two grandchildren, aged 3 and 6 years, which had been deserted by their mother, and insurance to the amount of \$4000 was turned over to their guardian. It is also stated that there will be other insurance which in all will amount to \$12,000, and this may have been a motive for getting possession of the children at this time, though this is stoutly denied by the Slaters, who state that they care nothing whatever for the money but wish the mother to have the children.

It is further asserted that Mrs. Slater is connected with wealthy people at Portland and that they will put up a strong legal fight to obtain possession of the children. In the meantime they are being held here on the kidnaping charge and will have to extricate themselves from their present difficulty, as they seemed to have taken hold of the wrong horn of the dilemma.

At the preliminary hearing it transpired that Slater was an assumed name, and that the true name of the parties is Myrtle and Michael Williams. In commenting on the case, Wednesday's Oregonian states that an investigation of the Multnomah county court records show that Myrtle Grable obtained a divorce from James Grable in Judge Morrow's court, July 30, 1912. The grounds were desertion and non-support. The statement of Slater or Williams that he was a member of the Portland police department is untrue; if that was his name.

SCHOOL NOTES.

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On the 21st inst., I visited the school in District No. 9, which is under the direction of Miss Lillie A. Beasley. Ten pupils were present. The work of the term is starting off well. The school is provided with new, single, adjustable desks. A new flag has been provided recently. The pupils are interested in the county fair, and we may expect some

exhibits from this school. Within the next three weeks many of the schools of the county will open for the fall term. Let me urge upon the school boards and patrons that they see that the buildings and premises are in good condition before the opening day. The children will live a large part of their time during the next few months at the school. The schoolhouse should be cleaned up, the floors scrubbed, the windows washed, the blackboard put in good condition, the window-shades adjusted and put in working order, the water supply arranged for, the stove blacked and surrounded by a jacket, a sufficient supply of fuel provided, brooms, or better a floor-brush, crayon, and erasers on hand. The outbuildings should be thoroughly cleaned, and if there is anything of doubtful nature upon the walls it should be removed or painted out. The vaults should be closed so as to be dark, so they will not be an attraction to flies. The outbuildings should be kept comfortable and clean. It means much in matters of health and morals. In short, all the equipment of the school should be put into the very best condition possible. It will pay in every way.

For Rent.

The C. A. Rhea ranch on Rhea creek, consisting of 2,000 acres; either the whole tract, or divided in two ranches,

and
The J. P. Rhea ranch, also on Rhea creek, consisting of 2,000 acres.
Call or write, E. D. Rood, Wm. Hughes, and T. J. Mahoney, Trustees, Heppner, Oregon.

HARDMAN

Dr. Gannt was called to Heppner Tuesday to assist Drs. McMurdo and Winnard in an operation.

Mrs. E. E. Bleakman is slowly improving and in the meantime Mrs. Ida Bleakman is running the postoffice.

C. H. Hams has leased the hotel to Wm. Ayers from Lone Rock for one year and has gone to Portland to reside.

Grandma Bates is some better at this writing. The Bates boys are through harvesting and expect to start their thresher next week.

Warren Repass, who has been sojourning in the mountains for the past month, has returned to Hardman. He reports a splendid time.

Will Fence Cemetery.

To parties interested, notice is hereby given that the cemetery known as Jenkins Cemetery, located within one half mile of Charles D. Huston's place on Eight Mile, will be fenced, the date being Friday, the 3rd day of October, 1913. A special meeting will be held to provide finances, select a board of directors and attend to such other matters as may pertain to the care of the property.

Federated Church.

Sunday, Aug. 31, closes the pastorate of Rev. Elijah Hull Longbrake, who will preach both morning and evening. Special music at both services. A cordial invitation is extended to all to enjoy these services.

Dr. Copeland, eyesight specialist, is now at the Palace Hotel, Heppner, where he may be consulted until Saturday, August 30, when he will go to Hardman so as to be there during the races. People in the southern part of Morrow county whose eyes need attention should see him at Heppner or Hardman during these dates.

Edward N. Strong, agency supervisor of Oregon Life Insurance Company, of Portland, was in Heppner this week. He appointed T. E. Chidsey district manager of the company at Heppner and we bespeak for him a good line of business.

Gonty Bros. make to order men's heavy shoes only. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Dr. Copeland, Eyesight Specialist, Palace Hotel till Aug. 30. Hardman during the races, Sept. 3, 4, and 5.

MORROW COUNTY WILL HOLD ITS FIRST FAIR

Financial Campaign Very Satisfactory; Portland Band to Play.

From Sunday's Journal.

Morrow county is progressing so rapidly in its financial campaign for its first district fair to be held September 25 to 27 that the residents are wondering why they did not take up the idea before.

Portland will furnish a band and an airship will fit through the skies daily. Prizes for exhibits have been liberally offered and farmers from all over the district are preparing to send their best products.

The fair will be a celebration as well as an exhibition. Morrow county is out of debt for the first time and the city of Heppner, the county seat where the fair will be held, has a surplus in its municipal treasury.

With a smaller total acreage this year than last the modern dry farming and intensive methods have produced a most satisfactory crop. The second crop of alfalfa was heavy and the third crop promises to be better than usual. The increasing number of automobiles in the county has caused agitation for better roads and the fair board will have a special department for the road movement. It is expected that an expert will be sent to the county next season and that extensive appropriations for road improvement will be made.

One of the new features of Morrow county agriculture to find a place at the fair will be the dairying industry. More cows, mostly of the Jersey breed are being imported and it is believed that a large cooperative creamery will be established at Heppner next year.

The county is entitled to \$6750 from the state for the fair fund and the county has appropriated \$832 40. The city of Heppner has given \$500 and the business men and others from Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Hardman and the small towns near by have added extensively to the total.

The erection of a pavilion, grandstand and race track is planned by the fair board as one of the improvements to be added to the fair equipment. The Portland Commercial club is offering what aid it can to the project and advises received at the club indicate a large attendance and wide variety of exhibits.

LEXINGTON ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Davis and family and Miss Annie Cork spent Sunday in the city of Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomson are expecting to leave for their old home in Canton, Ohio, next Monday.

We note a lot of stock running loose. What's the matter with our herd law and where are our officers?

Lexington people wish to congratulate Miss Flora Mead and Mr. Joe Moyer who were married last week. We received the news too late for last week's issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Breshears and daughter returned from a weeks visit to Pendleton and Walla Walla. Mr. Breshears says Pendleton and Walla Walla are all right but Lexington is good enough for him.

A real good show was given Saturday night in which magic tricks were the main features. Before and after performance the Ladies Aid served ice cream and cake. So the affair altogether was real pleasant.

Miss Mable Thompson who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Calrke Davis, for several months returned to her home at Battle Creek, Mich., Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Davis accompanied her as far as Heppner Junction.

Now is the time to get ready to go to the Round Up at Pendleton. You can get your round trip excursion tickets from your local agent on Sept. 10-11-12 with a return limit Sept. 16 1913. The Round Up will be bigger and better than ever and it will be a splendid chance to take advantage of the reduced rates.

Wheat and grain hauling is now the order of the day and both warehouses have a crew to handle the grain. The constant passing of so many wagons necessarily causes a lot of dust and bad roads and of course the cry is "better roads." Mr. Duran our road commissioner is to be commended for the quick and efficient way that he is handling the bad road

question and it is only a short time till he will have all of the roads strawed and taken care of in his district.

Boy Badly Burned By Explosion of Gasoline.

By the explosion of a small amount of gasoline Ross, the five year old son of Fred Esteb, of Gooseberry was very badly burned about the face Friday afternoon. The lad was sitting up on the threshing machine that is run by gasoline and near where a can was sitting that was supposed to be about half filled with the oil. Mr. Esteb had just been using the gasoline about the machine and had set the can down by the boy when from some unknown cause it exploded, the flames striking the boy full in the face and burning it badly all over as well as igniting his clothing and that of his father who was right at hand to extinguish the flames. The fire was smothered by throwing dust on the flames and the boy rushed to Ione in an auto by Mr. Lundell where Dr. Cick dressed the burns and he is doing as well as could be expected.

It is thought that he will not lose the sight of either eye tho it was feared for a time that his vision might be destroyed. The skin was entirely burned off his face and ears and the hair of his head would have been burned off but for his straw hat which remained on and protected it. Mr. Esteb's clothing was fired and he suffered a badly burned hand while putting out the fire on the boy. He was saved from being badly burned by having his clothing torn off. No damage was done the machinery.

To The Boys And Girls.

The earlier school fairs are already being held and at the end of another month most of them will be a matter of history. Every one connected with the work is anxious that that history read satisfactorily. This is about the last opportunity we shall have to call your attention to your exhibits for most of your work has already been done.

Just a few words about exhibiting. As we have often said, the intrinsic value of the prize you are competing for is of little importance compared with the habits of industry you are forming, and the experience you are gaining in learning how to do some practical thing well. If you borrow something to show or take something to the fair you have not raised or made, you will fail to get the value out of it that you should. Now, do not understand me to say that you should not take anything to the fair that is not entirely the product of your own effort. Some of the fairs, especially those that were arranged for late in the season, do not require you to do all the work. Where this is the case I would urge you to take everything you can under the rules, that will make a good showing. Take pride in assisting to make your fair a success. But where the rule is that you do all the work yourself, as they do at the State fair, do not try to evade them. We might deceive everyone but ourselves, but a clean conscience is worth everything. If we never do the first little dishonest trick, we will avoid a lot of trouble in this life. This is on the same principle as never taking the first drink to avoid being a drunkard. It is a safe rule.

Do not overlook the county and district prizes at the State fair. It is a fine thing to cultivate local pride and patriotism. Team work aids in developing this spirit so join with your fellows and do your part to help your district and your county to have the banner exhibits. Co-operation is becoming more essential every day and you can not begin too early in life to practice it.

Wishing you all success, and hoping to meet a great many of you at the Fair, I remain,

Yours for better boys and girls,
N. C. MARIS,
Field Worker Industrial Fairs.

People who find fault with the town in which they make their living are of the same stamp as those who find fault with their parents to whom they owe their food, clothing and the other good things of life. If people will everlastingly complain of their town and see no merits in it they ought, to be consistent, to go to some other town that is more in line with their tastes. But such people would complain even of that town, for the simple reason that they are chronic grumblers. The way to do with a town in which one lives is not to run it down at every chance that offers but to do one's best to help it on by word and deed.

1st Annual

MORROW COUNTY FAIR

SEPT. 25, 26, 27, 1913

AT
HEPPNER, OREGON

THREE DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT, AMUSEMENT AND
.....SPORTS.....

\$1500.00 IN Premiums for Agricultural, Horticultural and other Products of the famous Morrow county soil.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27—Pioneer Day. Every Pioneer of Morrow county expected to be present on that day. Prizes for the old men; prizes for the ladies who are well along in years.

Special Features will be School Children's Parade, Auto Parade, Children's Exhibits, Pioneers Day, Baby Show, and many other attractions that will be named soon as arranged for.

Suitable prizes will be given for Articles not named in Premium Book.

Now Now Now Now

is the time to commence getting exhibits ready. Farmers of Morrow County must get busy and aid us by a good display of exhibits or the Fair cannot be what it should be.

W. W. SMEAD, Sec.
W. E. LEACH, E. R. HUSTON, Pres. Director.