

COLORED GIRLS STORY

Gives Police Clew—May Recover the Child

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Officers Believe They Have Good Description of the Man and Woman—Both Were Dressed as Women.

(Special to The Evening News.)
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 9.—If the story told by Kattie Martyn, a colored girl, is true, the police are sure that the man and woman, of whom they have a fair description, were implicated in the kidnapping of pretty eight year old Alma Katherine Kellner, who suddenly disappeared while on her way to church. Yesterday afternoon, the colored girl says, she was accosted by two strangers dressed in women's clothes. One of them was a man, and they whispered a few instructions to her concerning a meeting with the parents of the missing child. The mysterious couple talked but a few moments with the colored girl, and appeared nervous as though fearing detection. The little colored girl was then sent to Mrs. Kellner with a message which has not yet been made public. It is supposed that these people know the whereabouts of little Alma, and are trying to negotiate terms of her surrender to her parents.

DREDGER SINKS SIX MEN LOST

(Special to The Evening News.)
PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Dec. 9.—Six men lost their lives today by drowning. While the dredger was being towed across the local harbor she sprang a leak and in an incredibly short time went to the bottom. Nine of the fifteen men on the dredger managed to leap clear of the craft and escaped, but the six who were lost became entangled in the equipment and were unable to get out. The tug picked up the survivors and sent

an alarm to shore, and in a short time a fleet of small craft was patrolling the spot where the dredger disappeared looking for bodies of the victims.

ARMY FORTIFIED BATTLE EXPECTED

(Special to The Evening News.)
BLUEFIELDS, N.C., Dec. 9.—Strongly entrenched at Rama, Estrada's revolutionary forces are confidently awaiting the approach of Zelaya's army. It is expected that the decisive battle of the struggle will be fought within a very short time. Zelaya's troops, under General Oseja, are reported to have approached to within ten miles of Rama. The army will probably give battle to the revolutionary force tomorrow.

MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN PERISH

(Special to The Evening News.)
CONCORDIA, Mo., Dec. 9.—Homed in by flames which enveloped the windows and blocked the stairway, Mrs. Frank Hicks and four children were burned to death in the fire which destroyed their home at Wayne, near this city. The origin of the fire is not known.

\$50,000,000 FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

(Special to The Evening News.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—After adopting resolutions urging the necessity of establishing a federal department of public works, instituting legislative program for waterways, the improvements embracing annual expenditures of fifty millions on rivers and harbors, Congress adjourned.

John Busenback, the gentleman who recently purchased the Henry Ridenour farm near Melrose, was in the city today and favored The News office with a pleasant call. He will keep posted on the goings of Douglas county through the columns of The Evening News, having enrolled his name on our regular list of subscribers.

N. P. RAILWAY WINS

Gets Favorable Decision in Local Land Office

ALLEGED—NON MINERAL

United Copper-Gold Mines Company Loses 80 Acres of Valuable Land in Josephine County—May be Appealed

A very important decision was handed down in the local United States land office this morning, the Northern Pacific Railway Company having won their protest case against the United Copper-Gold Mining Company, a corporation formed and existing under the laws of Oregon.

On January 9, 1899, the Northern Pacific Company filed its selection under the date of July 1, 1898, and May 17, 1906, for the S¹/₂ of S¹/₄ of Sec. 28, twp. 35, S. R. 7, W., such land being situated in Josephine county and containing in the neighborhood of 80 acres. Notice of publication was duly issued, and on March 2, 1909, the secretary of the Copper-Gold Mines Company, filed a protest on behalf of the company against the selection, alleging that the land was mineral in character. In due course of time the protest, with the proofs of publication of notice of selection were transmitted to the General Land Office. The commissioner of said office after due deliberation allowed the protest and directed that the protestant have sixty days in which to apply for a hearing.

Application therefor having been made, notice of hearing was issued on August 16, 1909, the testimony to be taken before a United States Commissioner at Grants Pass, Oregon, on October 5, 1909, with final hearing at the Roseburg Land Office on October 19, 1909. Afterwards it was decided to take the testimony at the local land office, such procedure materializing on November 12, 1909. In the meantime notice had been filed of the assignment of the interest of the selector, The Northern Pacific Company, to De Witt Ostrand, and on the date fixed the protestant and the transferee appeared and offered testimony in support of their respective claims.

After considering the evidence the

officials of the Roseburg Land Office handed down a decision which in substance is as follows:

"There are no mineral workings of importance, and no evidence of a ledge, vein or lode, or deposit of mineral of any description on the premises in dispute. But the evidence shows that the protestant company has expended about \$10,000 upon land some distance to the north, upon mining locations whose boundaries cover a part of the premises in dispute. The evidence does not show that any defined ledge or vein or other mineral deposit has been disclosed by the company's workings, though rock carrying various kinds of minerals in limited quantities, not commercially valuable, is found. It is claimed by protestant that a belt of several hundred feet in width, within which these workings are situated, is such ledge or vein. In our opinion, the testimony on behalf of protestant on this subject, and the rather astonishing figures shown by some of protestant's assay certificates introduced, afford an example of valuation ambition overreaching itself. Some of these assay certificates show values of thousands of dollars to the ton, but it is clear that if the samples were genuine they were carefully selected and highly concentrated before the assays were made. Even though scattered specimens of rock carrying considerable value were found upon the mining claims in question, still it would be necessary to show a body of ore yielding such values as would justify extraction and treatment of the same. It has not been claimed that there has been any production of mineral on a commercial scale.

"On the contrary, the Northern Pacific Company, or transferee has made a prima facie showing that the land in question is non-mineral in character. The protestant has attempted to meet this by showing evidence that it is developing a mine on other premises and on mining claims extending into premises in question. But protestant has failed to establish its claim."

A Notable Case

The above case has attracted considerable attention in this vicinity as the defeated corporation, The United Copper-Gold Mining Company, is offered by men well known in this city. In time past it is alleged that over \$50,000 worth of stock has been sold. The stockholders including men of prominence such as Attorney General A. M. Crawford and Supreme Justice Slater. Should the decision of the local land office be upheld by the highest tribunal upon appeal, these stockholders will probably suffer the loss of their stock.

The Northern Pacific Company was represented by Attorneys Cardwell & Watson, and the The United Copper-Gold Mining Company, by Attorney General A. M. Crawford.

THE MAN OF NAZARETH

A Most Interesting Lecture at the Methodist Church Last Night

One of the most interesting and successful events of the season was the lecture at the Methodist church Thursday evening, given by Benjamin Young, D. D., of Portland. That the people of Roseburg appreciate the message of a great orator and a highly cultured Christian gentleman was manifested by the large and attentive audience that greeted the speaker. In spite of the poorly lighted streets occasioned by an unavoidable accident at the power house, a multitude of people made their way through the dark to the church, and long before the time of the lecture the house was filled with eager people. The audience was composed of thinking citizens, largely business and professional men.

Preceding the lecture two special musical selections were rendered, one the "Hallelujah Chorus" by the choir, and the other, "Remember Me," by a double male quartet. These selections were well received by the audience.

The speaker was introduced by the local pastor, Jas. K. Hawkins.

The subject of Dr. Young's lecture was, "The Man of Nazareth." For more than one hour he held his audience in rapt attention. Everyone seemed anxious to catch every word.

In dealing with the subject the speaker took for the basis his argument, the fact of the common acceptance of the historic city of Christ, on the part of the Bible critics.

On this ground he presented argument that Jesus was an enthusiast or the product of environment by showing his marvelous character, works and teachings, and concluded by showing the influence of the Christian ideal in science, literature, history and art.

At the close of his address many people reached their way through the crowd to the platform to extend to him their personal greetings and acknowledge their appreciation for his visit. He was assured that at any time he will be a welcome guest to our city.

The lecture committee is highly pleased with the success of this affair.

Dr. Young left on the morning train for Medford where he will deliver an address tonight.

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BYERS—In Roseburg, Thursday, December 9, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Byers, a daughter.

The county clerk is in receipt of an L. C. Smith typewriter recently purchased from the Portland wholesaler.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Shooting Affray On Oakland Crowded Streets

BOTH MEN IN MORGUE

Woman Had Applied for a Divorce—Killing His Wife's Lover, Husband Then Killed Himself.

(Special to The Evening News)

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 9.—A terrible tragedy was enacted in this city last evening and brought to an abrupt end the domestic troubles of two families. The trouble was between Dr. Eugene Wood, a prominent physician and clubman, and Gabriel Jacobs, a jeweler, and was brought about by the doctor being too ardent in his attentions to Mrs. Jacobs, who is a particularly handsome woman. As a result of the encounter both Wood and Jacobs are in the morgue. The tragedy, which has been brewing for more than a year, came to a culmination last evening when Jacobs met the doctor in company with Mrs. Jacobs at the corner of Thirteenth street and Broadway, and although the thoroughfare was crowded with people, Jacobs drew his revolver and shot Wood, killing him instantly. The enraged husband then took two ineffectual shots at his wife, and followed them up by shooting himself through the head. He fell within a few feet of where the dead physician lay.

The hundreds of people within sight of the double tragedy were panic stricken when the shooting began, and it is almost a miracle that some of them were not struck by the two shots fired at Mrs. Jacobs.

Dr. Wood had been showering attentions upon the wife of Jacobs for more than a year, and he seemingly became infatuated with her when called in a professional capacity, and from that time on was with the woman a good deal. Jacobs had used every effort to get his wife to give up the doctor, but was unsuccessful, and only about a week before the tragedy she had filed an application for divorce. Almost simultaneously with the action of Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Wood, stung of the continued humiliation and indignity she had suffered over

the infatuation of her husband with her beautiful rival, had also applied for a divorce.

STRIKERS CANNOT RETURN TO WORK

(Special to The Evening News.)
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10.—There is danger of a clash between the Switchmen's Union and Great Northern officials on account of an announcement from railway headquarters which prohibits those participating in the strike from returning to work. It is apparent that the railroads will follow the precedent established a number of years ago when all the strikers were blacklisted and thereafter unable to obtain employment on any road. Fifty strike breakers arrived this morning and are at work in Northern Pacific yards. This addition to the force is relieving the congested condition of the freight traffic.

SCHOOL BOY KILLS SWEETHEART

(Special to The Evening News.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A school boy love affair developed into a double tragedy last evening. Walter Sybold, eighteen years of age, shot and instantly killed Miss Laura Braden. The young people were on their way home from school, when Sybold, who had become insanely jealous of Miss Braden, drew his revolver and shot her. He then suicided by shooting himself through the head.

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