

DRIFT FOR DAYS

Captain and Crew of 34 and 6 Passengers Compelled to Leave Their Ship

New York, Oct. 31.—Captain McLennan, his crew of thirty four and six passengers who sailed from here on October 5 for Montevideo on the British steamship Kelvin, abandoned their vessel and took to the ship's boats.

They drifted for seven days in stormy seas, enduring hardships aggravated by short supplies of food and water.

They arrived today at San Juan, where the story was told.

The Kelvin struck heavy weather from the day of leaving New York. Seas pounded her and she took a bad list. In the judgment of Captain McLennan she was about to founder, and it was decided to abandon the ship. Part of the stores were under water, rendering it unsafe to go below and break out a sufficient quantity of provisions. Sea biscuits were the only rations they could take.

Arbitration Treaty

St Petersburg, Nov. 1.—Russia and Belgium have signed a treaty which makes it obligatory to submit all matters in dispute between them to arbitration.

Ten Sailors Victims

Nagaaki, Nov. 1.—A mine exploded in the harbor yesterday while being hoisted ashore, badly damaging the steamer Dainichiyo Maru, and killed or injured 10 of her crew.

The mine was found floating yesterday off the coast and the gunboat Yamato sent men to secure it. In some way

unknown it was discharged as it passed the Dainichiyo Maru. Warning has been issued all merchantmen to keep a sharp lookout while traversing waters in that vicinity, as many mines are reported to have broken their moorings.

Senator Fairbanks

Senator Fairbanks returned to his home state the other day from one of the longest campaigning trips ever made by a vice presidential candidate. He was greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences everywhere. His reception at his home town, Indianapolis, was the largest, most cordial and enthusiastic that has ever met to do honor to a citizen of Indiana, and this is saying a great deal, when it is remembered that the Hoosiers delight to show their appreciation of their favorite sons, of whom they have had many, among whom may be named Colfax, Benjamin Harrison, Henry S Lane and Gen Wallace and a host of others.

Return To Fight

Sumpter, Or. Nov. 1.—Japanese are giving up their jobs on the section work of the Sumpter Valley railway and returning home. One of the Japs stated that many of them belong to the army reserve and were still liable for service. The government is recalling all these men, and many others are going back in hopes they can enlist, even if they have had no former experience.

Chinese in some cases are taking the places left vacant.

No Power To Act

The Hague, Nov. 1.—Officials of the court of arbitration endorse the view expressed by Premier Balfour at Southamton last night that under the terms of the Hague convention the commission to be appointed for the purpose of investigating the North Sea incident will be a commission of inquiry without power to act as arbitrator.

Taft Answers Parker

New York, Nov. 1.—Secretary Taft spoke on the Philippine question to a large audience at Mount Vernon.

"Judge Parker's recent statements about the islands," he said "sometimes make me feel as if I had never been there."

COUNTY SEAT FIGHT

Prairie City County Seat Association Prepares to Renew the Struggle

The Prairie City County Seat Association met last Saturday afternoon. The work done was the outlining of the campaign that is to be carried on. Although this is a matter that can not come to a vote until June 1906, it was thought best to commence early and be there strong when the time arrives. To this end petitions will now be circulated. As the petition must contain a list numbering sixty per cent of the legal voters who voted at the last election it is quite an undertaking. It was thought that if the petitions could be circulated on election day in November it would greatly facilitate the work later on. A second petition will also be in circulation, which will take signatures for subscriptions which will be taken for the purpose of raising a fund sufficient to construct a county court house. The plan when the funds was raised before was to build a court house similar to the Wheeler county court house and this necessitated a fund amounting to \$10,000. It is understood that the same plans are now in view.

The county seat removal question was thoroughly tested in the La Grande case and it offers a precedent that can be followed with safety. It is the intention of those in charge to frame the petitions in accordance with those that were used in Union county and thus minimize all chance of running aground on legal shoals.—Prairie City Mine.

SCHOOL BOY BREAKS BACK

Princeton, Ind., Nov. 1.—Herbert Hawkins, aged 7, while playing horse at school Friday fell and broke his back in two places. He died soon after at a hospital.

The boy's mother is in such critical condition that she cannot be informed of her son's accident and death.

Oscar Jackson is nursing a badly sprained ankle this week.

Lost Championship

San Francisco, Nov. 1.—Jimmy Britt lost the lightweight championship of the world last night when he fouled Joe Gans. Britt sent Gans to his knees in the fifth round and then losing his head he gave him a vicious punch and Referee Graney promptly awarded the fight to Gans on a foul. The same thing had happened in the fourth round. Gans dropped to his knees to escape and the blow did not land. Britt struck at him but Graney did not allow the foul. In the next round, however, Graney promptly recognized the foul fighting. It looked almost from the start as if it was Britt's fight. He actually out boxed Gans and landed blow after blow in the fourth round it was apparent that Gans was scared, and barring the foul the fight was Britt's to a certainty. While no excuse can be made for Britt losing his head, it certainly seemed that Gans invited the foul. The decision was a great shock to the biggest crowd that ever filled the pavilion but the fair minded men agreed that Graney's judgment was just. Britt showed marvelous strength and quickness. He went at Gans like a bull terrier landing body blows alternating with swings on jaw. During the first three rounds Gans appeared cool and confident and fairly strong. He appeared to be feeling Britt out but at the end of the third round and early in the fourth when Britt commenced to fight more viciously than ever Gans weakened perceptibly. He landed a few times but the white boy paid no attention to the colored man's light taps. There is no doubt in the minds of the majority of those present that in another contest at the same weight Britt should defeat Gans.

States in the matter of periodical publications having on Sept 30, 1904, 242 publications in all of which 179 are weekly publications, 3 are published monthly 23 daily, 7 are semi-weekly, 1 semi-monthly and 1 quarterly.

One hundred and ninety one of these are general newspapers, 40 are religious in character, 7 are fraternal 4 agricultural, 4 colleges, 2 commercial and shipping, 2 mining, 2 devoted to hop culture, 1 to prohibition, 1 drugs, 1 exposition, 1 Oregon history, 1 is published in the Japanese language 1 in Hebrew, 1 is a medical journal, 1 timber, 1 teachers 1 poultry, 1 German paper, 1 devoted to the colored race, 1 trades union 1 is Norwegian, 1 Scandinavian, 1 schools, 1 Pacific lore, 1 retail trade, 1 law, 1 equal suffrage and 1 fruit.

In the issuance of each publication 917 people are employed exclusive of correspondents and solicitors. A measurement of one copy of each publication in July last showed that 28, 073,000 ems of brevier type was necessary to the make-up of a copy of each which, at 30 cents per 1000 ems, cost \$842.90, this being the lowest price paid for composition at interior offices. This is only the labor of putting into type the matter appearing in each issue of the 242 periodicals of the state.

Eighty per cent of the newspapers of the state have job offices in connection with their plants, and in addition to setting the paper do custom work.

This information was supplied Labor Commissioner Hoff by the secretary of the Oregon Press Association, Albert Tozier.—Pendleton Oregonian.

Eighteen Coffins

Trinidad, Colo. Nov. 1.—Eighteen coffins were shipped to Terulo today for the burial of the victims of the explosion in the coal mine last Friday. The bodies have not yet been recovered but the officials of the company now claim that only eight men were in the mine at the time of the explosion. It is conceded that none of these will be found alive.

Weather—Tonight and Wednesday cloudy and threatening with showers.

A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years. In that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we know the demands of the people of this town.

A. T. HILL,
Prescription Druggist La Grande, Or.

Heavy Team Harness

Is our specialty. We know how to make good harness and we make good harness. Call and see the kind we recommend for logging.

ROBES—The finest assortment of winter robes in the county. We carry everything which should be found in a first class harness store.

E. CHRISTOFFERSON
Harness and Saddles
La Grande, Oregon

When Your Boy Needs Clothes

You think too much of your boy and his appearance to say "anything will do," you think too much of your pocket book to waste money on cheap clothing. In the TWENTIETH CENTURY Clothing, which we offer for your close inspection there is nothing slighted but the price. We do not offer you something for nothing, but we will convince you that you can get more value for your money than in any other make of boys clothing.

\$1.50 Boys two piece suits, ages from 8 to 14 at \$1.50. They are values, you will say so if you will come in and see them.

Boys Norfolk suits, belt effect 3 to 12 years at 2 25 3 00, 3 50, 4 00, 5 00 and \$6 00. You can't afford to buy elsewhere till you see our line of boys, youths and men's clothing.

We also have M. Born & Co's line of made to measure samples. We have had fifteen years experience in taking measures and handling tailor made agency business and guarantee a fit. Let us show you our samples. We do not charge express on suits made to measure.



TWENTIETH CENTURY

The La Grande Cash Store.

Large City

Portland Nov. 1.—Estimates based on the ratios from the school census, the registration of electors and the death rate, exclusive of that of the directory, place the population of Portland and suburbs as between 140,000 and 150,000. It is also exclusive of the suburbs which lie directly outside of the city limits and contain a population of not less than 10,000.

There is a district including Woodstock, Willsburg, Tremont, Arieta, Lenta, Russellville, Montevilla and Mount Tabor that contains at least 10,000 people and is outside the city limits. In 1900 the number of electors registered in this city was 16,409. The ratio of 5 1/2 to 1 applied to the recent registration of 21,921 indicates a population within the city limits of approximately 130,000. The school census and death rate and other sources of calculation bring the total population to between 140,000 and 150,000.

Oregon Publications
Oregon shows up well with other