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MAN EATEN BY BEAR ON MINAM

MEAGRE REPORT THROWS LITTLE LIGHT ON EXISTING RUMORS

DEVoured IN SHORT ORDER

UNION BOYS SEND IN BRIEF MENTION OF THE AFFAIR

Without Any Verification a Rumor Comes From Upper Minam, Saying a Shepherd Was Devoured by a Ferocious Bear, While Comrade Was After Arms—Both Saw Bear, But Had No Weapons and While After Them, Comrade Was Eaten.

Union, Aug. 20.—(Special to the Observer.)—A vague report sent here from the upper Minam district by two sons of Frank Hall of this city, conveys the news that a shepherd of name unknown, was literally eaten up by a bear on the banks of the Minam. The news reaching here is meager and only states very few details. According to the report, two shepherders had a large flock of sheep on the Minam slope and hearing a commotion in the flock, while they were taking a brief rest in camp, hurried to the scene. They found a huge bear in the midst of the flock, causing wild distress among the animals. One hurried back to camp to procure a gun, leaving his fellow herder to watch the flock as well as possible under the circumstances. When the man returned with the gun he was horrified to find his comrade fairly devoured by

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MEETS STRANGE DEATH

Boy Sucked Through 600-Foot Flume and is Ejected, Dying.

Chico, Cal., Aug. 20.—After being sucked by a swirling eddy into the mouth of a 600-foot hydraulic siphon at Hamilton City, Floyd Ketchum, aged seven years, met one of the strangest drownings on record. The boy was swimming and ventured too near the mouth of the big tube carrying the water to the sugar beet factory. He was sucked through the pipe 600 feet to the mill, where he was ejected. He died two hours later.

VANCOUVER IN PATH OF FLAMES

TIMBER VALUED AT \$100,000 ALREADY RUINED.

One of the Worst Fires in Ten Years of That Section of Canada Threatens City of Vancouver Today—Heavy Smokes From Fires Approaching the City—Men Are Fighting Heroically—Air at Vancouver is Oppressive With Heat.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 20.—A heavy pall of smoke, caused by the approaching forest fires, is overhanging this city today. The air is oppressive. The fires are the worst in 10 years, and are dangerously near the city limits.

All efforts to extinguish the fires have failed so far.

A large force of men have volunteered and are now fighting the flames heroically. Over \$100,000 worth of valuable timber has already been consumed. It is the worst fire in the history of the Squamish valley, Bowen Island, Point Grey and the Capilano valley.

FIRE RAGED IN PENDLETON

CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND WILCOX IMPLEMENT HOUSE COMPLETELY RUINED BY CONFLAGRATION EARLY TODAY.

With Every Indication That the Business Center and Fashionable Residence District Would Be Guttled by the Conflagration, Citizens Prepare for the Worst—Heroic Work Saves Residences and Golden Rule Hotel—The Burned Section Still Smoldering, But No Danger of Further Outbreak—Total Loss at Least \$50,000—Worst Fire in History of the City.

Pendleton, Oregon, Aug. 20.—Alexander and Frank O'Gara, were in the line of the fire, but by heroic work were saved after having received a bad scorching.

The residences damaged are those in the best residence district of the town and were beautiful structures. The loss to the Wilcox Implement company will reach \$30,000. The First Christian church was but recently completed, was two stories in height with immense tower. The loss to the church will reach over \$18,000. The total loss of the fire is conservatively placed at \$50,000. This is mostly covered by insurance.

The fire was first observed at 1 o'clock, says a special phone message from Pendleton, and for two hours it threatened the entire fashionable residence district. At 3 o'clock it became evident the fire department had the upper hand and though the razed structures are still smoldering, there is little danger of a further outbreak.

Explosion Maims and Kills.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 20.—One man is dead and two are fatally injured as the result of a premature explosion of dynamite being lowered into an oil well near here last night. M. Doyle, the superintendent, was blown 30 feet, but escaped unharmed.

Tickets on Sale Now.

Persons desiring to go with the Long Beach excursion tomorrow evening can secure tickets this evening and tomorrow at the O. R. & N. ticket office. Every one is assured a good time, so better get on the train and come along.

TROUBLE OVER LANDING OF FLEET

SLIGHT HITCH IN SYDNEY'S FLEET PROGRAM. London is Somewhat Excited Over Action of Sydney Officials in Enforcing the British Law Forbidding Foreign Troops to Land—Reception Will Be Carried Out Despite Hitch—Australia Wants Anglo-American Alliance in Pacific.

Sydney, Aug. 20.—The newspapers today contain editorials favoring an Anglo-American alliance for the control of the Pacific. The thought uppermost with Australians and New Zealanders is the necessity of whites forcing authority over the yellow races in the Pacific ocean.

The parade will be held according to schedule, despite the English law forbidding the landing of foreign armed forces on British soil. A dispute arose, but it was settled.

A dinner was given tonight in honor of Admiral Sperry and his staff. A toast, "To Theodore Roosevelt," was cheered loudly. The official landing will take place tomorrow.

The landing will be followed by a public reception and a great parade, the jacksies participating. There will be a state dinner in the evening.

A misunderstanding relative to the parade was reported and threatened to cause international complications.

London, Aug. 20.—All London is today discussing the question of whether the reported attempt of the authorities in Sydney to prevent the landing of the American sailors would result in a diplomatic tangle. Sydney officials are keeping the incident as secret as possible.

TAFT SCENTS TROUBLE

Declines Urgent Invitation to Meddle in West Virginia Trouble.

Hot Springs, Aug. 20.—William Edwards of Charleston, W. Va., arrived today to invite Taft on a trip to the mountain resort 30 miles away, to meet a number of prominent West Virginians and to get acquainted. Taft scented trouble and declined the invitation because if he went he would be accused of favoring one of the warring factions of the republican party in West Virginia.

SIX TOTS BURN IN PALOUSE FIRE

PARENTS AWAY AND OLDER SISTERS ENACT BRAVE DEEDS.

Six Children, of Two Families, Burned to Death in Fire Near Palouse—The Parents Were Away and About Midnight Fire Breaks Out—Two Elder Sisters Make Heroic Attempt to Save Younger Ones—They, Too, Are Dying—Rescue Party Effected.

Spokane, Aug. 20.—As a result of a fire in the home of H. W. Schultz, two miles west of Palouse last night, six children are dead and two are dying. Four of the dead are Schultz's children, and two are the children of his brother-in-law, W. W. Fix. Fix and Schultz, whose families lived together, were away with railroad crews and the mothers were at Palouse to attend the show, when the fire started.

When all the children were asleep at 11 o'clock, the oldest Schultz girl was awakened by smoke and fire. She aroused the little tots, who were too sleepy to realize their danger. The next oldest sister grabbed four of the Fix children and two of the Schultz children and attempted a rescue. Finally they were forced to abandon the attempt, to save their own lives and dropped the sleepy tots. They ran through the flames, their clothes burning.

The quartet of Fix children and the two Schultz children were burned to death before help arrived. The oldest Schultz girl and the sister who attempted the rescue, are dying.

It is believed the fire was started from a kitchen pipe. When the mothers returned they were horrified to find their home in ashes.

JOHNSON ACCEPTS. Is Nominated for Governor of Minnesota for Third Time.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 20.—Governor J. A. Johnson today decided to accept the nomination for re-election by the state convention. He had declared he would not accept. He will issue a statement later.

COMPLIMENTS OFFICE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTANT MIMNAUGH FINDS COUNTY OFFICIALS COMPETENT

RECOMMEND MANY CHANGES

COMPLIMENTS COUNTY COURTS METHODS.

If Suggestions Are Followed, Complete Change of Tax Notice System Will Be Adopted—Splendid Showing by County Court—Warrant Indebtedness on July 1, 1908, was \$65,061.53—Errors Are Fed and of an Extremely Minor Nature.

The warrant indebtedness of Union county on July 1, 1902, was \$269,622.38, and the interest amounted to approximately \$1,000 per month. The warrant indebtedness on July 1, 1906, was \$123,449.08, while on July 1, 1908, it had been reduced to \$65,061.53, showing a reduction of \$65,367.55 in the last two years, which certainly must be a matter of satisfaction to the court and the taxpayers of the county.

Expert Accountant James Mimnaugh has filed his report with the county court after having made an exhaustive examination of the records. One thing is very gratifying—but was nothing more than was anticipated and expected—and that is, that every county official has performed his duties faithfully, and only in a few minor instances are there any errors whatever.

Mr. Mimnaugh recently experted the books of Baker county, which was pronounced the most satisfactory of any experting that had ever been attempted and no doubt the same compliments will be passed on the report just filed with the county court after the officials have had time to look it over. It is a voluminous document, comprising many pages. Each office has been gone through in minute detail.

In Mr. Mimnaugh's communication, which is appended to the report addressed to the county court, he makes radical recommendations to the court. Many of them appear worthy of immediate attention by the court, and it is more than likely that a large per cent of them will be adopted. His communication and the recommendations which he made, follow:

To the Hon. County Court of Union County, Oregon.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit

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GREAT UNDER-PRICE SELLING OF LADIES' DAINY WAIST

\$3.00 Waists all white, made from the shierest of dainty materials, trimmed with lace, solid and open work embroidered front, with tucks and pleats, short and three-quarter length sleeves. This season's newest waists, sold regularly at \$2.75 and \$3.00 now

\$1.78

\$1.25 and \$1.50 White Lawn Waist 88c
2\$.00 Waists, White and Colored \$1.38

White Shirt Waists at 1-2 Price

all Galatea Cloth Suits at a saving of from 25 to 50 per cent. NOTHING RESERVED.

Canvas Shoes at a Substantial Saving

\$2.25 ladies' Canvas Oxfords... \$1.49
\$1.50 misses' Canvas Oxfords... 98c
\$1.75 ladies' Canvas Oxfords... 97c
All tailored Wash Suits, including

Attractive Dainty Wash Goods at Unusually Attractive Prices.

Dainty sheer material of all wanted kinds in white and many beautiful evening colors—Patterns in stripes, checks, plaids and dainty floral designs. 12 1-2 to 15c values at the yard 8c. 16c to 20c value the yd. 11c. 25c to 35c values the yd now 19c

All men's 65c medium and lightweight underwear 50c, all 75c men's summer underwear 53c, all men's \$1.55 underwear 95c.



All Men's Straw Hats 1-2 Price

If you would keep posted on the newest of the new goods, and get first and choicest selections, you should visit our store several times a week, right now. New goods arriving daily.

Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

HILL'S DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON