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FUTILE SEARCH TO FIND DEAD BOYS

NEW METHODS WILL BE

ADOPTED IN SEARCH NOW

Remains of Boys Who Drowned Last Saturday Are Still Missing—Hundreds Have Aided in Search—Subscriptions Taken to Pay For Experienced And Systematic Search—Entire County Watching Results With Deep Sympathy And Anxiety.

At a late hour this afternoon, continuous search during the daylight hours since Saturday noon, has failed to discover the whereabouts of Berne De Lapp and Marlon Smith who were drowned while fording the Grande Ronde river just below the Island City bridge.

The entire county is watching the efforts with deep interest, and hundreds have lent their assistance in the so-far futile searches.

Wagon Box Missing.

The search thus far has revealed the whereabouts of the running gear, seat, cushions and other accessories of the vehicle in which the boys were riding but the wagon box has not been located this afternoon.

Systematic Searching.

Island City people this morning subscribed considerable money to hire a crew of men to do systematic searching. Groups of men, 50 to 100 in number, have lent their willing assistance, but the work lacks system. Not a stone will remain unturned once the drag nets have gone down the stream.

The list will be left at the La Grande National bank in this city where anyone can give toward the cause. The Island City Milling company will also

receive donations.

La Grande Sends Men.

A delegation left La Grande this afternoon to join in the search. Yesterday, too, many joined in the work, but this afternoon a larger force than ever went to the suburb to volunteer services.

Water Shut Down.

Early Sunday morning the dam at Perry was lowered to stay the river as much as possible. The effect at Island City was noticeable but before the parties could cover any territory, the gates were raised as the dammed water was getting beyond control.

Gabhart Fined.

Jack Gabhart, who was arrested Saturday charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$25 today and released.

MACADAM ROAD NEAR CITY LIMITS

END OF ADAMS AVENUE WILL BE IMPROVED THIS SUMMER

Quite a stretch of macadam road, first class in every particular, will be built in Union county this summer. From the end of Adams avenue toward the Odd Fellows' cemetery is one piece of the road that has always been in bad condition, and this will be macadamized. The county court has also decided that the McAllister lane is a proper place to work on. Farmers will be asked to haul rock for the roads in their vicinity, and the court hopes thus to be able to make their appropriation of \$8,000 do a great deal of good.

C. H. Thomas of Walla Walla is here on land office business today.

CARNIVAL PROFITS CHEER BOOSTERS

ALL TOLD, THE WEEK NETS

CLOSE TO FIVE HUNDRED

Commercial Club Realizes Over \$150 From Carnival And Park Fund Too Is Fattened That Amount—Lights Cheap Compared With Actual Expense Occasioned by Them—is Fruit of Hard Work by Scores of People Behind Club.

While the exact figures are not yet available, it is certain that the carnival made quite a handsome profit for the park and for the Commercial club. The total receipts from the sale of carnival tickets were \$424.85. The expense of wiring for the special lights, which is all that the Grande Ronde Electric company asks pay for, having furnished the electricity free, is about \$100. This leaves nearly \$325 to be divided between the park fund and the club, giving them \$162 each. From the benefit dinner given by the Eastern Star the profits realized was about \$80, and the tags brought nearly \$250. Altogether, the total amount accruing to the park fund from the week's activities will be practically \$500, although not quite that much. This is quite a large sum, but not too much, considering the vast amount of work done by the ladies who took charge of affairs. Should their labor have been paid for at regular rate of wages, a good deal more than \$500 would have been needed to foot the bill.

COMPLETE SURVEY NEXT THURSDAY

PICKLER'S CREW NOW RE-

TURNING TO STARTING POINT

Before Present Week is Over, Final And Permanent Survey For Beaver Creek Project Will be Finished—Now Camped on Rock Creek Headed Home—Permanent Course a Trifle Shorter Than Original—Much office Work Remains to be Done.

Next Wednesday or Thursday Engineer Pickler will have run the final survey from Beaver creek to La Grande, establishing permanently the course to be followed by the pipe line that will convey pure and sparkling water to the users in this city. The engineer was in the city Sunday and a portion of today, and reports that the crew has reached the Beaver creek terminal with its preliminary survey and is now as far as Rock creek, returning. The return survey is to shorten curves, establish grades, make corrections and in various ways, make permanent the survey. The crew should reach here before the weekend.

From the data secured by this survey, plats and plans will be drawn, the doing of which will consume considerable time in the engineer's office.

A. Trifle Shorter.

The final survey will be a trifle shorter than the first survey, which recorded a little more than 18 miles. By removing turns and bends, the final path will be under 18 miles.

CHARTER SPECIAL TRAIN.

Mrs. Minnaugh Removed to Wallowa by Special Train Yesterday Morning.

To charter a special train that their mother might more easily be removed to her home in Wallowa, was the step taken by Charles and James Minnaugh yesterday. Mrs. Minnaugh has been quite ill at Perry for some time, but has now recovered to such an extent, that by careful methods, she could be removed to her Wallowa home. In company with Doctor N. Mollitor the attending physician, Messrs. Minnaugh started yesterday morning with a special train composed of a coach and baggage car. The trip was made without injury to the invalid.

TIMBERMAN IS WINNER IN SUIT

GOVERNMENT AFFIRMS THE LOCAL REGISTER'S DECISION

One of The Most Hotly Contested Land Office Cases Ends in Victory For Timberman O'Brien Today—More Valuable For Timber than Agriculture—O'Brien Was One of Land Office Lineupers of Last Fall—Is General Precedent.

Register Frank C. Bramwell's decision in the famous Mettler vs O'Brien contention over a tract of land in North 4, 41, Wallowa county, occasioned by Mettler claiming the land in question to be more valuable for homestead purposes than timber and stone, has been affirmed by the department of the interior. This is the end of a case that has been attracting attention here. O'Brien was one of the many who waited 30 days at the land office door to file on land in North 4, 41, and the decision as affirmed will be a precedent for the other 23 cases filed on similar or near-similar charges. Mr. Bramwell's decision created considerable elation when it was originally rendered, as many La Grande people took land under the same conditions. When Mettler appealed the local decision, all parties concerned were set to worry again. The decision which arrived here today, will end the case which required seven days in which to take the testimony. In his testimony Mettler tried to show the land to be agricultural, but on testimony introduced by the timberman, O'Brien, Bramwell ruled it to be timber and stone land. This is the decision affirmed by the department, over which there is no appeal.

PORTO RICO HAS TOO MUCH POWER

TAFT ADVISES STRINGENT REVISION OF PRESENT PRACTICE

WASHINGTON, May 10.—In a vigorous message sent to congress today, Taft expresses the opinion that the United States has gone too far in extension of powers of self government to the people of Porto Rico. He recommends certain modifications in the so-called Foraker act providing for administration of affairs at Porto Rico. He censures the action of the house delegates of the island for refusing to pass the appropriation bills for the coming fiscal year and suggests the desirability of taking from this lower body of the Porto Rican assembly the power to hamper the government. He recommends the Foraker act be amended to provide appropriations in the event the assembly adjourns without making a provision.

CLUB MEETS TONIGHT.

Commercial Club Will Audit Bills And Transact Other Matters.

This evening the board of managers of the Commercial club will meet in regular session. Bills for the month will be audited and other matters related to the welfare of the club will be taken up.

HAINS PLEADS JUSTIFICATION.

Captain Hains Justified by Unwritten Law Says Attorney.

FLUSHING, May 10.—The unwritten law was the basis of Attorney McIntyre's argument for the defense today in the trial of Captain Hains, and threw over it a thin legal veil of the insanity plea. Hains appeared unconcerned during the exciting arguments.

CHARGING RHINOCEROS SLAIN BY TEDDY'S TRUSTY WEAPON

NAIROBI, British, East Africa, May 10.—The latest news from the Roosevelt party is that Roosevelt killed a rhinoceros, which was charging toward him at a terrific rate. When fourteen paces away the animal was felled by a bullet. It is the 45th animal killed by the Roosevelt and Kermit.

LONG SUFFERS WITH A STRANGE MANIA

One of the strangest freaks of a demented mind, came to a climax here this afternoon, when E. B. Long, aged 60, of Summerville was forced to return to La Grande by main strength, after he had planned to elude the officers who were watching him, fear-

ing he would commit suicide. He will be examined tonight as to his sanity.

Several days ago Mr. Long wrote a brother-in-law at Lind, Wash., that on Monday noon, May 10, he would commit suicide. Officers here were informed this morning, and in the meantime, Long disappeared from his Summerville home. Sheriff Childers found him on the streets today in conversation with Long, the latter became suspicious. The old gentleman had purchased a suit, case here today, telling the clerk he was going to Spokane tonight.

At noon, Summerville friends came to La Grande and when Long was wanted again, he was missing. They started to Perry in an auto and near there found Long traveling afoot along the railroad. It required their combined efforts to bring him back.

Carried Large Sum.

In his pockets, the officers and his friends found \$2,947 in gold and greenbacks. That he would doubtlessly have been robbed and murdered in his lone walk through the mountains for he could not board the west bound train at Perry tonight—is certain.

He is not violently insane, but apparently has the suicide mania. He is an aged citizen of Summerville and has a circle of friends in the county who are grieved to learn of his condition. During the almost quarter of a century he has lived here, he has conducted himself as a gentleman of the truest type. No cause for his weakened mind can be learned.

Last Coronation Act.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 10.—The new Sultan of Turkey was today invested with the sword of Ottoman, being the last ceremony attending the coronation.

LIFE TERM IN PRISON

CLAIRVOYANT'S GUESS AT FAULT

PERRY DE LAPP GRAPS AT FRUIT-LESS CHANCE FOR HELP

Clairvoyant powers exercised by a lady staying with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Oldenberg near Imbler, yesterday morning failed to locate the remains of the two boys who were drowned at Island City last Saturday afternoon. Perry De Lapp, father of one of the boys, yesterday morning went to consult the clairvoyant, and was told in graphic terms where to search for the remains. When the directions were not followed closely or the supernatural suggestion was fruitless, for a careful investigation where about the spot indicated, failed to reveal the bodies.

BOYLES' THEN PLANNED A SUICIDE

MERCER, Pa., May 10.—James Boyle, kidnaper of Billie Whittia, was today sentenced to life imprisonment, and his wife guilty of the same crime, was sentenced to 25 years, and fined \$5,000. The sentences were the heaviest under the Pennsylvania laws.

Besides the fine Mrs. Boyle was compelled to pay cost of her prosecution. Her attorneys said today, her brother, who is defraying expenses of her defense, has decided not to give any more money, so, it is probable the case will not be appealed. She was 23 years old yesterday, and her husband sent her an affectionate message and money.

A razor was found today in the lining of a necktie worn by Boyle, who admitted he intended to commit suicide. Officials believe the pair planned to suicide together. Her request to see her husband was last night denied.

FACTIONS FIGHT FOR WATER RIGHT

TWO STRONG FACTIONS SEEK RIGHT TO WATER ARID TRACT

SALEM, May 10.—Representatives of the Almiral company and the Thatcher interests are presenting arguments today to the state water board of control, each endeavoring to procure rights to divert sufficient water from the Powder River to reclaim a large tract of Lower Powder valley. The segregation is composed of several thousand acres of arid land within a radius of 12 miles from Baker City and is regarded as one of the most valuable in Eastern Oregon.

THE SEASON'S DAINTIEST OXFORDS

Trim footwear is the key to good dressing. Our Oxfords are unexcelled in both style and quality.

PETERS DIAMOND BRAND OXFORDS



We have them in all colors and all sizes. They are wonderfully snappy and attractive.

THE FAIR LA GRANDE, ORE.