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## 41 LIVES LOST WHEN RAMMED LINER SINKS

Atlantic Steamer Goes to Bottom in Ten Minutes After Struck by Nantucket.

Norfolk, Va.—The story of how 43 persons went down to death in the chill waters of the Atlantic when the liner Nantucket rammed and sank the steamer Monroe, was brought to port by the 99 survivors of the sunken ship, who were rescued and brought to shore by the Nantucket.

It was a story of awful and sudden death, sweeping out of the dark and fog and taking unawares the doomed half hundred with the heaviness of sleep still on them. It told how the stricken Monroe, with her side gored deep by the knife-like steel prow of the Nantucket, filled rapidly, rolled over on her side, and in a few minutes turned over and plunged to the bottom, carrying with her the passengers and members of the crew who had failed to get clear of the wreck.

When the crash came those aboard the Monroe were in bed and asleep. Only Captain Johnson and the crew on deck were up. But the shriveling of the stricken vessel and her listing motion, as the water poured through the gash in her side, awakened the sleeping passengers and sent them clambering toward the deck. Warned by the officers, they hurriedly adjusted life preservers and made for the tilted deck. The time was too brief. Those rescued agreed that from the time the Monroe was struck until she settled beneath the waves not more than 10 minutes elapsed.

## DEMOCRATS FIGHT MURPHY

National Club By Resolution Reads Tammany Boss Out.

New York.—Disorder ended a meeting of the national democratic club after a resolution demanding that Charles F. Murphy be retired from the leadership of Tammany Hall had been declared adopted on an aye and nay vote.

When the chairman announced the result of the vote, Murphy partisans and those favoring his retirement started a demonstration. Fists were shaken freely, threats were made and hard names used. It was 10 minutes before a semblance of order was restored.

Friends of Murphy assert the resolution had been carried by an illegal vote, and they will lay the matter in the form of a protest before the board of governors of the organization.

## MANCHUS' RELIGION ADOPTED BY CHINESE

Pekin.—A bill prescribing the worship of heaven and of Confucius by the president of the Chinese republic was passed by the administrative council, which took the place of the Chinese parliament, recently dissolved by President Yuan Shi Kai. The measure was submitted to the council by Yuan Shi Kai himself.

It is understood that the president's idea is to set an example to the Chinese nation, which he thinks needs the moral influence of religion.

The question of the introduction of a state religion has created considerable controversy in China, the christian missionaries of all sects opposing such a step. The constitution adopted by the Chinese parliament made no provision for any state religion.

## School Teachers of England Strike.

London.—A strike of school teachers, the first of its kind in the British Isles, is in full swing in Herefordshire. Eighty out of the 120 elementary schools were closed. The teachers say they will remain out until they gain their demands, which are for a minimum salary of \$500 per annum, an increase of \$50.

## West Will Release Liquor.

Salem, Or.—Governor West notified the saloonkeepers of Copperfield, who were put out of business when he declared martial law in the town, that he would give them until next Saturday night to take from the warehouse in Baker the whisky and other intoxicating beverages which were seized by Colonel Lawson and his men.

## DOG POISONER BUSY AGAIN--KILLS SEVERAL GOOD DOGS

The dog poisoner was around town Monday afternoon and as a result there are a number of dead and dying dogs around. A person who will spread poison around a town where children are as apt to get it as dogs or cats must either be a fool or a murderer at heart and that there has been no child dead from this wholesale distribution of poison is no fault of those who spread it.

Whoever did the job thoroughly understood the poison and anatomy of the dog. The poison was wrapped up in slices of meat and held together with rubber bands.

It is probable that civil action will be started when it is determined who did the work as there were some valuable animals killed.

There is no question about the city being over run with worthless curs that disturb the people day and night with their barking and snapping, but there are other means of doing away with the curs, where there is no danger to the children and valuable dogs.

## COLONEL JOHN M'ELROY.

Chairman of Maine Memorial Celebration February 16, 1914.



## HUERTA JAILS MANY WEALTHY MEXICANS

Mexico City.—Jose Requesa, one of the wealthiest Mexicans and former chairman of the Felix Diaz party, was arrested at his mansion here and sent to prison charged with being in a plot to remove General Huerta.

The dictator is now discovering daily alleged plots to overthrow his government and assassinate him and arrests are common. On pretext that they are plotting against Huerta, many rich and powerful Mexicans have been thrown into jail.

Padro Del Villar, another rich man, was arrested soon after Requesa was taken into custody. Plotting was charged against him. It was not explained whether Del Villar was connected with Requesa or working independently.

On the demand of Secretary of State Bryan, the Huerta government released from prison Samuel Cantu, an American, who had been sentenced to be shot as a spy.

## Oregon Tries Out Soccer.

Eugene.—Soccer football, the latest sport introduced at the university of Oregon, is increasing in favor with the students, and this spring the university will put out its first team.

## Adams Held Guilty.

St. Helens.—Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict of the jury in the case of Green Adams, charged with first degree murder for shooting and killing Robert McPherson at Vernonia last summer.

## CORN EXPERT WILL LECTURE AT GRANGE

Meeting Next Saturday Night--Prof. Jones to Talk Tuesday Night

Seed corn will be the topic of discussion at the next regular meeting of the grange to be held at the grange hall on the Boulevard Saturday evening, February 7. As the grange has secured an expert on the subject the meeting will be thrown open to the public and all are most cordially invited to attend.

On the same evening and while the lecture on corn is in progress a special meeting for the ladies will be held in the banquet hall where a well known authority on domestic science will deliver a lecture on subjects especially pertaining to house management and cooking. Scientific tests applied to considerable seed corn in this vicinity have shown that much of it is of inferior quality and of poor germination. With better methods and more scientific management it is believed that this can be made one of the best corn sections in the world and the grange is taking up the matter with the object of bringing the most enlightened views on the subject to the aid of farmers.

Every farmer is asked to bring a sample of his seed corn to the meeting that the lecturer may have a sufficient variety of samples to illustrate his discourse. So much depends upon the seed corn in corn culture that a greater part of the lecture will be confined to that one department, but if the time permits there will be further discussion on methods of culture particularly as applied to irrigated corn.

On Tuesday evening, February 10, Prof. Jones, one of the foremost authorities on the subject of corn culture in the United States, will deliver a lecture on corn at the Boulevard grange hall. For a number of years Professor Jones associated with Prof. Holden, of the Iowa State Agricultural department, recognized as the greatest corn expert in the world.

In recent years Professor Jones has been a resident of Idaho. A practical farmer himself and the owner of a number of farms in western Idaho, he was one of the first to recognize the possibility of converting this part of the county into one of the greatest corn sections in the United States. Fitted with a fund of theoretical and practical knowledge on this subject, acquired in the Middle West, Professor Jones proceeded to adapt this knowledge to the conditions existing in this section and the results of his experiments have been startling.

During a course of lectures in the state of Idaho he has held his audiences spellbound, in some cases the people keeping him until the small hours of the morning.

The grange, wishing to share its good fortune, invites everyone to attend the lecture given by this famous expert, following as it does the discussion of seed corn, to be held Saturday evening, gives the farmers of this section a particularly comprehensive series on the subject.

## PIONEER OF NYSSA DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

David T. Rigby, one of the pioneers of western Oregon died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amy Sinclair in Nyssa, January 24. He was born in Glasgow, Missouri, April 7, 1834 and moved to Colorado when a young man. There he received a medical education. He enlisted in the war and rose to the rank of brevet captain, being promoted on the field for bravery. He came to Oregon in 1884 and remained here until his death. He leaves four children, M. A. Sinclair and Mrs. Robert Harris, of Nyssa and Charles and another son at The Dalles. For a long time he was the only doctor in this vicinity. He was a member of the Methodist church and went regularly to services until he became very feeble. The burial was in the Owyhee cemetery.

## WILL R. KING CONFERS WITH CLUB MEMBERS

May Be Possible to Get Aid From National Government For Irrigation

Will R. King, chief counsel and one of the commissioners of the Reclamation service, was here last week and met with the officers of the Commercial club.

He stated that he thought it would be possible to get some money for this section if the loan of one hundred million dollars is made to the reclamation department, but it must be a clean cut deal that will pass inspection. There are a number of propositions to be presented to the commissioners and they will select the most desirable one, if the money is appropriated.

Judge King is at present in a position to help this county and state and the people should cooperate and settle on some definite plan of action. A project should not be extended to cover lands which can be reached only by long and expensive ditches through sections that are at present watered by other means, but cut down to where they are thoroughly practical, keeping the cost down and have ample water.

All propositions coming from this section will be compared with those coming from all others and only the best selected. Judge King left for his home Saturday.

## BENEFIT SUPPER FOR THE HOSPITAL ON FEBRUARY 7

A benefit supper in behalf of Holy Rosary hospital will be given on February 7th, in the building formerly occupied by W. T. Lampkin and kindly let for the purpose without cost. The ladies in charge will provide a rich and substantial repast that is sure to please the most fastidious at 35 cents per plate. The institution is always doing a large amount of charitable work and even were all the patients to pay the low hospital rates it would still have to depend on outside assistance to meet its heavy general expenses. The supper will be under the auspices of a committee of ladies and it is hoped that the numerous friends of the institution will give their support to the undertaking, as the work in which the sisters are engaged strongly appeals to the good will and sympathy of all who can give assistance.

## COUNTY PAYS BIG BOUNTY ON PREDATORY ANIMALS

During October, November and December, 1913, the bounty paid out in Malheur county for capturing predatory animals amounted to \$3220. The amount paid in October was \$645.50, in November \$1105 and in December \$1469.50. The amount paid out during January will total more by several hundred dollars than any preceding months. It is usual that February is the heaviest month in the year for bounties.

One buyer so far this winter has handled 2000 coyote pelts, 300 wild cats, 300 badgers, 100 weasels or ermine and 40 coons.

## GOVERNMENT MAKES APPROPRIATION FOR FARMERS

The national government has made an appropriation so that each state will have ten thousand dollars for extension work among the farmers. The state anticipated this and made a like appropriation so there is now twenty thousand available for this state. The national government will increase the appropriation each year. It appears that the farmer is finally going to get some assistance and it is about time, since he has to compete with the world with his crops and pay protection prices for what he

## MR. HAYWARD OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY GIVES LECTURES

William Hayward, who has been in charge of the athletics at the state university for many years, was here several days this week trying to get the boys and girls interested in athletics.

He made a talk to the school on Tuesday afternoon and again in the evening at the Dreamland, where he gave an illustrated talk, showing what training and clean living had done for many young men.

As was stated in the Argus January 22 there is great need for a place where the boys and girls can spend their evenings in healthful exercises and amusements and these talks are along the same line, trying to impress on the children and parents the great importance of systematic exercise for the development of the bodies of the children in order that they may get the benefit of the mental development.

Mr. Hayward will return later and give other talks, at which time he will have moving pictures to illustrate his work.

## ORVILLE WRIGHT.

Famous American Aviator Who Has Perfected Stabilizer.



## JUNTURA EDITOR SEES A GREAT FUTURE FOR INTERIOR

P. J. Gallagher, the Juntura editor and attorney was a pleasant caller Tuesday. He had some cases in the circuit court and took a run to Ontario while waiting. Mr. Gallagher is very enthusiastic over the prospects for the interior section when the railroad is extended. He believes the work will be completed without interruption to Riverside. They are at present finishing up the bridges between the tunnel and Juntura, trying to get the work finished before high water. It will take several months to build between Juntura and Riverside.

## RAILROAD WILL GET TO RIVERSIDE BY AUGUST FIRST

The following appeared in the Juntura Times last week:

L. C. McCoy, the engineer in charge of construction work, thinks that they will be able to get to Riverside by the first of August if not sooner, as they will shoe fly the crossings between here and that point and afterward put in permanent bridges, as they did between Juntura and the tunnels last summer.

R. H. Rivers, one of the men high up in the management of the Utah Construction company, was in town several days the past week looking after the company's interests in this section. Mr. Rivers was unable to shed any light on the railroad question beyond the fact that his company still have the contract through to Dog Mountain and that they would be ready to start work as soon as the powers that be give them permission.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION

Liquor Dealers of City Present Resolutions--Usual Bills Allowed.

The city council met in regular session Monday evening.

The usual liquor licenses were granted.

E. L. Phelps filed bonds for his contract on the lateral sewer. The matter of back filling trunk sewer No. 1 was referred to the street and sewer committee and work ordered done by competitive bidding. S. D. Dorman addressed the council relative to a sewer system for Villa Park and the matter was deferred to the special sewer and sidewalk meeting to be held February 16.

The usual grist of bills were allowed. The monthly report of the condition of the construction of a lateral sewer district No. 1 was presented by the engineers showing \$508.30 due the contractors.

The reports of the city officers were prepared and placed on file.

The liquor dealers of the city presented a resolution signed by all of them, except Lyte Howard, who was absent from the city, to the effect that no liquor would be sold to persons declared to be common drunks or permit them to enter or remain in their saloons, also not to sell to any person who is intoxicated, that they will not hire or keep in their employ any person who in any manner violates any of the provisions of these resolutions.

The recorder was ordered to acknowledge receipt of the resolution and certify intention of council to stand back of the resolution and also that the license granted to Lyte Howard be held until he signed there solution.

The charter being deemed inadequate for the requirements of the city the mayor, attorney and Councilman Homan were appointed to take the matter under advisement and present their findings.

The bond of the city recorder was approved and placed on file.

The bond of the city treasurer was approved and placed on file.

The city engineer reported on the condition of the drain ditch for the east side of the city, which now meanders in uncertain lines should be cut as follows: Beginning at the intersection of California and Owyhee streets thence north to the intersection of Owyhee street and Idaho avenue, thence west on Idaho avenue to the intersection with Kimball street, thence 300 feet north of the northeast corner of the old city limits at a cost of about \$350. Engineer ordered to ask for bids.

Ordinance No. 250 confirming the assessment roll to cover cost of Lateral Sewer No. 1 was passed. Council adjourned to February 16.

## MARSHALL LOCKETT READY TO BEGIN SERVING SENTENCE

Marshall Lockett, convicted of stealing cattle, on Saturday abandoned his appeal to the supreme court, discharged his attorney and declared himself ready to go at once to Salem to begin serving his sentence of from 1 to 10 years in the penitentiary.

Marshall Lockett, with Hick Lockett, was convicted of stealing 49 head cattle and driving them across into Malheur county where he was caught with the stolen cattle. He and Hick Lockett appealed the case and Hick obtained \$2500 bail money, but this Marshall Lockett was not able to obtain. Baker Herald

## HARNEY COUNTY PEOPLE TIRE OF WAITING FOR ROAD

The people of Harney county have got tired of waiting for the railroads to build into their section and are going to build a line themselves to connect with the Western Pacific and thus get a short cut to San Francisco. The proposed route would open up the Blitzen, Catlow, Pueblo and other valleys and enable those people to market their produce. That section is the farthest from a railroad of any part of the United States.