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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 41 persons went down to death in the chill waters of the Atlantic when the liner Nantucket rammied 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. Flats 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.

Miss Mabel Townes who is attending school in Portland was the guest of Miss June Kearns Friday.

SUPREME COURT OVER- RULES LOWER DECISION

The Oregon supreme court Tuesday morning decided seven local option cases in favor of the drys and settled the fact that elections cannot be set aside because some technical objection has been raised. It decided that faults arising out of the Gill 1913 registration act, confusion as to the time when such elections should be held and other alleged reasons should not avail in having "the will of the people" set aside. The opinion of the court was written in the case appealed from Hillsboro, and in deciding the Salem, Stayton and other cases, the court merely referred to the Hillsboro opinion. Judge Burnett wrote a dissenting opinion and stood alone, the other six judges favoring the dry side of the issue.

In his opinion Justice Eakin declared that the 1913 registration law was operated as a trap that "would defeat a local option election, and as a fraud on the voters of Oregon."

Petition Valid

The supreme court held that the petition for the local option at Hillsboro was valid because it had been circulated under the then existing laws. The election was held November 4, and the decision of the supreme court holding the Gill registration act invalid was not filed until November 25. The court held that the election and vote thereunder should not be held void and a community disfranchised by reason of a defective law that would affect the right of the petitioners to sign a petition. Further the court holds that an election could not be disturbed by a preliminary proceeding that does not go into the qualification of signers.

General Election

The attack on the election because it was not held on the day of a general election also failed. The court held that the homerule amendment operates as before, except that now a municipality, or any precinct therein, is a subdivision of the county. The election is held sufficient in every respect and the same ruling applies to the two Salem cases, the Stayton case, Springfield and all other towns in which there have been liquor contests. —Capital Journal

CITY COUNCIL MET TUESDAY EVENING

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening of this week with Mayor Beauchamp in the chair.

The first thing that came up was the hearing of the report of the committee on filling the vacancy in the council caused by the absence of G. L. Brown on the first meeting of the new council.

Attorney Heltzel had prepared, at considerable research, an opinion on the subject and a resolution was adopted declaring the office vacant. The Mayor then appointed G. L. Brown councilman for the term and his appointment was confirmed by the members.

The usual grist of bills was run through and free water was given the school by a special ordinance.

Several other items of interest came up but were referred back to the committees to report at a special meeting to be held Friday night of this week.

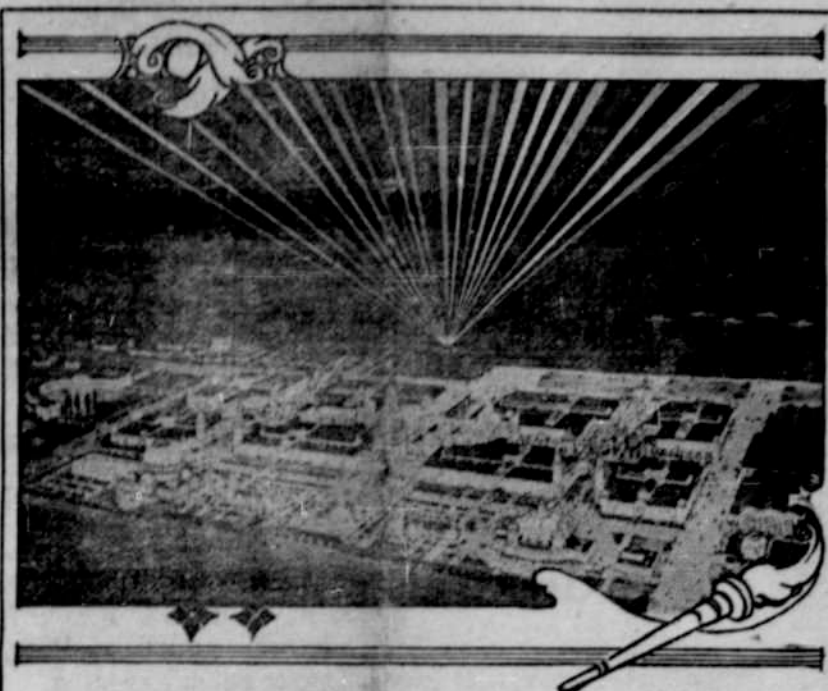
LAST CHAMPOEG PIONEER DIES

Francois Xavier Mathieu died Wednesday morning at his home near Aurora at the age of 95 years.

It would be useless to go into an extended description of the life and services to the state of Oregon of this venerable pioneer. Every Oregon school boy knows the story of Champoeg.

Suffice to say that Congress has recognized the services of Mr. Mathieu and his portrait will adorn the Hall of Fame at the nation's capitol together with other illustrious names that have helped make the Northwest what it is today.

E. T. Mathieu of this city who is one of the children of the pioneer, together with his wife and daughter, will attend the funeral tomorrow which will be held at the old home place under the auspices of Champoeg Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M. The interment will be in Butteville Cemetery.



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SPECIAL ATTRACTION

2-NIGHTS-2 FEB. 5-7

Thursday and Saturday Nights.

The Victor Donald and A. H. Hallett Players

Presenting Comedy and Dramatic Playlets.

THURSDAY—

"The Wizard of Wall Street" A Rip-Roaring Comedy—A Laugh in Every Line

Movies—"The Tongue Mark," Comedy

"The Trail of the Hanging Rock," 2 Reel

Saturday—

"Little Lord Fauntleroy" In 2 acts featuring MASTER DONALD the child Actor

Movies—"The Silver Cross," Drama

"It's Hard to Please," Comedy

"The Patriot," Military

Note—The Donald-Hallett Company is a Guaranteed Attraction. In courtesy to the school entertainment this company will not play Friday night.

Stayton Theatre Admission 25 & 15

Mrs. Jos. Fisher and Mrs. J. H. Missler and children spent Sunday and Monday visiting in the Waldo Hills.

OLD LAND MARK TO BE TORN DOWN

The water tower at the sawmill is to be torn down. The wind of a week ago, together with the constant settling of the foundation made it necessary.

The tower is over 100 feet high and can be seen for miles across the valley. It was erected about 15 years ago as fire protection before the present city water system was installed. It had not been used for several years.

Just what the expense was in building the tower has probably never been estimated as it was built by the Lee Brown Lumber Co. Many thousands of feet of lumber was used in the construction. It is said that three tons of spikes alone were used in the sides which are made of two by eights spiked flat on each other.

Oron Weddle has the contract for the demolishing act which will take a month or more.

Miss Mabel Gardner spent the first of the week in Monmouth with Miss Ida Mack who graduated from the Normal School this week.

LETS INCORPORATE SAYS PRES. CHRISMAN

On February 7, at 10 a. m. there will be a meeting of the Switchboard Association to consider the question of buying a home for the switchboard and of incorporating the different companies as a whole.

I wish to say that I am in favor of incorporating for many reasons, a few of which are as follows;

Many telephone lines are going to incorporate, by incorporating as a whole, it will be much better and save quite a sum of money in fees etc.

It will be much easier to handle one corporation than several small ones.

A suit might be brought under our present laws that would work a hardship on a small corporation that would fall very light on a large one.

Numerous small questions that confront us could be settled once and for all by incorporating.

We are urged to wait as there is some talk of the government taking over the telephone lines. We should not wait on this account, as the larger lines would be taken over first, and incorporating would only give us a better standing in the event of government ownership.

There is quite a strong sentiment in favor of buying a home for the Central, in this event it would be much better to be incorporated, not only on account of the deeding of same but in the forcing of the pro rata of assessments.

There are many other questions such as franchises etc. that can be better settled by a corporate body. This question has been talked of before, and it will never be settled until it is settled right.

Let all the members study this up and I think that they will come to one conclusion, to incorporate.

W. E. Chrisman.

SHERIFF NOT COLLECTING TAXES

Sheriff Esch said Monday that he was not collecting the taxes this year but that it was being done by the county treasurer. He made the statement because he is receiving inquiries every day from various sources concerning the taxes. He said he wished to tell the people of Marion county through The Statesman that he has nothing whatever to do with the collection and that time would be saved by addressing all communication to the treasurer. —Statesman.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Farmers Are to Build.

Baker.—The Baker County Educational and Co-Operative Farmers' union met in annual session here, elected George Miller county president, M. F. Bond, vice-president and Stover Crabbill, secretary. One of the principal subjects of discussion was a proposal to build in Baker a warehouse for storing hay and grain.

Ray T. Jackson, sent here by the department of agriculture, appeared before the farmers and offered to aid in killing jackrabbits by means of poison. The pests have been destroying crops in Baker county. His offer was accepted and he will start out in the field Monday.

Sell Stocks to Girl Workers.

Salem.—Corporation Commissioner Watson warns against alleged investment companies of Vancouver, B. C., who are soliciting business by mail. He says he has letters showing that the Aetna Investment & trust company and the Associated Land & Timber company of that city are sending letters endeavoring to sell stocks to working girls and others in this state, without complying with the laws of the state or submitting any statement showing their stocks are of any value.

Indian Left Valuable Property.

Florence.—Indian Ike, one of the well known Indians of this section, died at his home on the North Fork. Indian Ike was born in Coos county 58 years ago and for the past 10 or 11 years had lived on the Stuslaw. It is estimated that he leaves property to the value of \$50,000. He leaves a daughter. His wife died two months ago. Both were victims of tuberculosis.

Polk County Hops Still Held.

Dallas.—The hops raised in Polk county in 1913 have not all been sold. Several thousand bales still remain in the hands of the growers. Almost all growers, however, seem in a mood to sell, provided the price reaches 23 cents. Several large growers assert that they will hold until the price reaches what they deem a fair figure, that being somewhere around 30 cents.

EDUCATIONAL TRAIN STARTS

Two Weeks' Journey Will Cover Wide Territory.

Corvallis.—The big Southern Pacific-Oregon agricultural college-Portland, Eugene & Eastern hog and dairy special demonstration train Sunday night began its two weeks' journey through western Oregon. The demonstration train is carrying a practical course of instruction by college men and practical farmers, the combination being designed to answer as far as possible the tremendously large number of inquiries that are coming to O. A. C. for directions and information concerning hog-raising and the dairy industry.

The demonstration train consists of seven cars as follows: One carload of cows of various types, one carload of hogs in various stages of feeding development, one carload of feeds, one carload of sanitary dairy equipment, one carload of lecturers and two flat cars on which to demonstrate.

Auto Tax is Held Valid.

Medford.—Holding that the state has the right to regulate travel upon its highways, and collect fees from vehicles, the same as for registering deeds, Judge F. M. Calkins, of the circuit court, declared valid the state automobile tax contested by the Jackson County Automobile Protective Association through Henry E. Boyden.

Woman Seeks County Job.

Oregon City.—Miss Iva Harrington, chief deputy in the office of Will L. Mulvey, has announced herself a candidate for county clerk. She is the first woman in the state to seek an office above that of a municipality. She has held various county positions.

Celebration to Be Joint.

Hood River.—The anniversary celebration of Lincoln and Washington will be celebrated jointly here this year by the members of Canby Post Grand Army of the Republic, and the Women's Relief Corps.

Dr. Miller's Anti-Pain Pills for rheumatism

Thomas-Mayo Co.

Stayton, Oregon

To the Purchaser:—

Owing to the fact that we have had a mild winter up to the present and our heavy woolen goods have not moved as briskly as we expected, we will give you, Mr. Purchaser a reduction that will be not only saving but seasonable.

We can only quote a few of the many reductions.

Just come in and get your pick of the Best of these goods that the store contains at the following prices:

Ladies' Wool Underwear:—

98c for Garments that sold for \$1.25
1.78 " Union Suits " " " 2.00
1.49 " Fleeced Kimonos " " " 1.75

Mens Wool Socks:—

42c for Socks that sold for 50c
29c " " " " " 35c
17c " Light Wool Hose " 20c

SWEATERS:—

\$5.69 for Sweaters that Sold for . . . \$7.00
1.49 " " " " " " " . . . 1.75 to 2.00