

BOY EXPLORERS COME TO GRIEF

Cruise of the Regnild Brought to Sudden End by Arrest in Canadian Waters.

VESSEL HAD NO PAPERS

Three Portland Youths Who Planned Year of Hunting and Exploring in Alaska Are Asked to Pay \$400 Fine.

Thomas D. Cline, one of the three Portland young men who started out in a small two-masted schooner in the middle of July from Portland for a year's exploring, hunting and trapping cruise in Alaskan waters, returned to this city last Wednesday morning after the craft was seized by a Canadian revenue cutter in Alert Bay for not having the necessary papers for cruising the high seas about a week ago.

Martin Roise, C. B. Shippe and Cline left Portland July 15 in their 38-foot schooner Regnild, bound for the Stikine River, beyond Wrangell, in Southeastern Alaska, with provisions for one year. Before leaving the city one of the members of the expedition, Roise, went to the Custom-House to have the Regnild registered. A Deputy Collector assumed Roise to be the boat, but on measuring it informed Roise that the boat could not be registered, as it lacked one-half ton of the necessary live tonnage for a motor craft. Clearance papers for the small craft were out of the question, as no boat under 20 tons can receive clearance. The Deputy Collector advised the boys, however, that they would be perfectly safe in their cruise, and the three youthful explorers left early in the morning, July 18.

The Regnild arrived safely in Astoria, and there the boys beached the boat at Tongue Point and overhauled it for their long trip over the sea. Before dawn on August 2 the boat promptly sailed over the Columbia bar, notwithstanding the heavy fog and wind, which kept the boat from making rapid progress. The ship had heavy winds, but as the weather cleared, when the Regnild ran into a terrific storm which compelled the craft to lay two days in the Straits of Juan de Fuca until the storm subsided. With a good wind the boys left their moorings in the Straits and went to Victoria, B. C., where they stayed 36 hours awaiting mail from home.

The boys made their way from Astoria to Victoria in just eight days. After their short stay in Victoria the Regnild with the three young men sailed through Active Pass and then through the Gulf of Georgia. A calm sea and the boys had to wait a whole week for the wind to get through the Seymour Narrows, a very treacherous channel on account of its narrowness and the swift tides. Safely passing the Narrows the boys sailed through Johnson Straits and then into Alert Bay. Another calm came on and the boys moored their boat on the Nimpkish River, which falls into Alert Bay, a short distance from the bay, to await wind and also take on.

After a narrow escape from capsizing when a terrible gale sent the Regnild up the river, dragging its anchors, and sent the boat crashing against a large tree on the shore. The sails became entangled in the branches of the trees, and after getting free the boys sailed over to the town of Alert Bay, about three miles distant.

As the Regnild was entering the small harbor of the town the Dominion Government's revenue cutter, the Kestrel, was leaving, but on seeing a foreign boat returned and cast anchor within 50 yards of the Regnild. In about one hour the cutter lowered a boat and Captain Holmes Newcomb, commander of the Dominion's warship, accompanied by two Indian agents, rowed over to the anchorage of the American boat.

As the boys had no clearance papers, Captain Newcomb placed the boat under arrest and took the three young Americans to the deck of the Kestrel, where a preliminary trial was held by the Captain of the revenue cutter, and the Regnild was fined \$400 for not having clearance papers and for being in Victoria, a Dominion harbor, without reporting its arrival at the Custom-House there. As the boys could not pay the fine, the commander of the cutter stripped the Regnild of its sails, took away from the small boat guns and ammunition which the boys took with them for hunting in Alaska and transferred the boat to the Kestrel. The boys were allowed to remain on the boat, and taking the Regnild in tow, the Kestrel took the American craft to Vancouver, a distance of about 200 miles.

The Kestrel with its prize arrived in Vancouver August 21 and at that time the three young men was placed before the Collector of Customs there and also the United States Consul, but neither could help the boys, and the case was referred to the department in Ottawa for a final decision as to the disposition of the boat. In the meanwhile the Regnild was moored at the government wharf, all stores transferred to a government warehouse. The authorities allowed the boys to take their personal belongings from the boat and placed them all in a room in their plight by offering them a lodging until they could communicate with friends in Portland.

A short time before the capture of the Regnild, the shores of Alert Bay were visited by smugglers and a large amount of whiskey sold to the Indians. When the revenue cutter placed the American craft under arrest the Vancouver papers declared that it was the Regnild which was responsible for the numerous depredations of the Dominion's law, and one of the papers fell into the hands of Rev. C. E. Cline, the father of one of the three young men. He immediately left for Vancouver and arrived there in the early part of this week. Neither Dr. Cline nor any of the three young men could do anything to recover the captured boat without paying the large fine, and young Cline decided to come back to Portland and await the developments regarding the case in Ottawa. The specific offense for which the American boat was arrested by the Dominion's cutter is calling at a Dominion port without reporting to a Custom-House and sailing the high seas without clearance papers.

Both young Cline and his father declared their intent to fight the case to the finish and recover the boat. They will call upon the Custom-House officials in this city today to receive an affidavit that a request for the necessary papers was made by the boys before they sailed, and with this the young men think they can prove to the Dominion's Government that a fine of \$400 is excessive. Although the trip was cut short by the unexpected adventure of being captured and taken for smugglers and high-sea pirates young Cline is enthusiastic about the voyage and intends to continue the interrupted trip as soon as the boat is recovered. The Regnild was 38 feet long, with a beam of 12 feet and registered four and a half tons. The boat and the provisions are valued by the boys at \$150.

The Meier & Frank Store Closed Today Until 6 P.M. Store Open This Evening From 6 to 9:30

We Are Sole Portland Agents for the "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses "Willamette" Sewing Machines—15 Models at Prices From \$18.00 to \$35.00 Each Trunks and Traveling Bags—The Largest and Best Stock in the City—Third Floor Complete Line of "Peninsular" Stoves, Steel Ranges and Heaters in the Basement

The Meier & Frank Store Men's Suits \$15 to \$35 Men's Overcoats \$10 to \$35



Our display of Men's Suits for Fall and Winter wear is second to none in the city—Every new fashion and material, every prominent manufacturer is represented—Clothing of style and quality, beautifully made up and finished with the best linings and findings—Stein-Bloch's clothing for smartly-dressed men; Hart, Schaffner & Marx's fashionable clothing; L. Adler Bros. & Co.'s matchless, ready-to-wear apparel; The Washington Co.'s satisfactory factory clothing—Prices range all the way from \$15.00 to \$35.00, which means a saving of 25 per cent on what you are asked to pay at the exclusive clothing store—

Overcoats

A complete showing of Fall and Winter Overcoats in all the latest styles—Plain or fancy weaves in Box Coats, 3/4-length or full lengths—Very best makes in exceptionally large assortment and at prices from \$10.00 to \$35.00—Headquarters for Priestley's Cravenette Raincoats for men and young men—Blacks, grays, tans and fancy worsteds in all sizes—Prices range all the way from \$10.00 up to \$35.00 a garment

Clothing Department—Second Floor

Men's Hats

Men's Fall and Winter Headgear—Derbys and Soft Felt in all the newest blocks—black, tans and grays at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$5.00 each. Best values in Tam "University" Caps for boys and girls; all the best colors, all sizes, on sale at 50c each. Complete new line of Boys' Hats and Caps.

Boys' Clothing--The Best Vals. in the City--2d Floor

Our Second-Floor Clothing Store is ready to supply every need in Boys' Apparel at the very lowest prices—Suits and Overcoats in every good style and material—All grades—Note these special values:

- Boys' Suits with Norfolk Jackets and Yoke, Knickerbocker Trousers, fancy chevrons, fancy tweeds, stripes and plaids; ages 7 to 15 \$4.50
Boys' Corduroy Suits, ages 6 to 16 years, made with belt coats and knickerbocker trousers; handsome as well as durable suit, well tailored; great value \$4.50
Boys' Reefers in all the very latest novelties, red with velvet collar and cuffs, shepherd plaids with velvet collar and cuffs; tans and blues, silk or satin lined, all ages; great assortment in all grades at prices from \$5.00 to \$12.50 each—Second Floor.
Boys' "Combination" Suits, two suits in one, made with belt coat and one pair knickerbocker and one pair straight trousers; materials of gray or brown fancy chevrons; ages 7 to 15 years; best suit value ever offered at the popular price of, per suit \$5.00
Boys' Overcoats, Raincoats, Rubber Capes, etc.—Second Floor. A year's subscription to the American Boy given free with every purchase of Boys' Suit or Overcoat to the amount of \$5.00 or over at regular price.



OFFICER MEARS ACCUSED

POLICE COMMISSION MAKES INQUIRY INTO CHARGES. Detective Hartman Says Mears Accepted Money for Work Performed Outside Department.

It developed yesterday that the Police Committee of the Executive Board held a meeting behind closed doors Thursday evening for the purpose of investigating a charge of irregularity against Detective J. A. Mears, right-hand man of Inspector Bruhn, in the Police Department. The charge against Mears was that he did private sleuthing for Allen & Lewis for which he received remuneration amounting to \$5 per day for his services. While the committeemen are withholding an official report of the session it is learned from an authoritative source that Lou Hartman, who was recently put out of the Police Department for incompetence, was at the bottom of the charges against Mears. The two officers worked

PROGRESS ON PIPE LINE

EXTENSION TO PENINSULA IS NEARING COMPLETION. Delay of Work Due to Difficulty Experienced in Getting Gates for the Main.

Rapid progress is being made on the new water main connecting the Bull Run pipe line at Mount Tabor with the Peninsula. The new main has all been laid with the exception of a short section on Killingsworth avenue, which will be completed within a few days. The work has been somewhat retarded because of delay in getting the gates for the new main. They have now arrived from the East and have been distributed along the line. These gates could not be made here because of their peculiar pattern which no foundry on the Pacific Coast is equipped to fulfill. The new main when completed will be 11 miles in length. Its diameter is 24 inches at the Mount Tabor reservoir,

The Meier & Frank Store 6 to 9:30 Specials Tonight



For tonight—6 to 9:30—we offer a grand array of special values in reasonable and staple merchandise of every description—Scores of money-saving opportunities at every turn—Today being a holiday, store will be closed until 6 P. M.—The shrewd buyer will put off shopping until that hour—Increased service in both the selling and delivery branches insures prompt and satisfactory attention to everyone—Economical folks must be interested in this splendid list of bargains for tonight, 6 to 9:30—

65c Embroideries 15c Yard

1500 yards of Swiss and Nainsook Embroideries, Edges and insertions in the best designs, 1 1/2 to 8 inches wide; values up to 65c the yard, on sale from 6 to 9:30 at this low price, per yard 15c

\$3.50 Embr'd's. \$1.34 Strip

Manufacturers' lengths of fine Embroideries, Batiste Bands for waisting, 3 to 7 inches wide, handsome designs, 4 1/2 yards in a strip; values up to \$3.50 strip, on sale 6 to 9:30 at low price \$1.34

Women's Hose at 19c Pair

1000 pairs of women's extra quality black cotton Stockings, seamless foot, double sole, sizes 8 1/2 to 10, all sizes; great special value 6 to 9:30 19c at this low price

Women's Hdks. \$1.45 Doz.

100 dozen women's pure linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 inch hems; regular 25c and 35c values on sale from 6 to 9:30 at 12 1/2c each, or \$1.45 dozen

75c Veilings for 23c Yard

Special lot of 18-inch Chiffon Cloth Veilings, extra heavy quality, striped borders, white, black, brown and navy; 75c quality on sale from 6 to 9:30 only at this low price, yard 23c

75c Tabourettes 25c Each

Special lot of white enameled Tabourettes, very good style and size; regular 75c values on sale tonight from 6 to 9:30 at this wonderfully low price, each—on sale on third floor 25c

School Pennants 39c Each

Special lot of 500 school pennants, 12x24 inches, silk bindings and ribbons; regular 50c values on sale tonight from 6 to 9:30 at this low price 39c

\$1.25 Dotted Nets 59c Yd.

45-inch Dotted Nets for waists and gowns, white and cream in very pretty styles; values up to \$1.25 yard on sale from 6 to 9:30 at this extraordinary low price, yard 59c

\$10.00 Net Robes at \$6.98

Special value tonight in beautiful Net Robes, flounced skirt, trimmed with juby ruching; white, blue and lavender; \$10.00 values on sale from 6 to 9:30 at \$6.98

Curtain Material Remnants

Hundreds of remnants of Curtain Swiss, Madras, Cretonne, Burlap, Denim, Lace, etc., 1 to 6-yard lengths, all styles and grades; great values 1/2 Price 9:30 at

Fish Net Lace--Third Floor

White and Ecru Fish Net Lace, suitable for sash or long curtains; two great lots on sale from 6 to 9:30 36-inch, 18c value for, yard 12 1/2c 45-inch, 22c value for, yard 15c

\$2.50 Curtains \$1.85 Pair

200 pairs of White and Arabian Lace Curtains, Madras weaves; fine Brussels patterns, 50 inches wide by 3 yards long; regular \$2.50 values on sale, 6 to 9:30 only, at \$1.85

Men's 50c Ties at 25c Ea.

100 dozen Men's Four-in-Hands and Teeks; very best patterns in light and dark colorings; made French fold and reversible; handsome silks in great variety; 50c values on sale, 6 to 9:30 at 25c

Children's Underwear Sale

Odds and ends in children's heavy weight Cotton Vests, high neck and long sleeves, fleecy lined, gray and white, ages 3 to 9 years; 35c values on sale from 6 to 9:30 only at 16c

50c to \$1.00 Veiling 23c

Beautiful lot of embroidered and velvet dotted Chiffon Veilings, striped borders include in the lot; black, white, light blue, lavender, green, white, coral, dinal, etc.; 50c to \$1 values on sale at, yard 23c

75c Scarfs Tonight 19c Ea.

50 dozen fine Swiss Scarfs and Shams in applique and cut work designs, also a few Brussels net corded effects, all white; values up to 75c each, on 19c sale from 6 to 9:30 only, at each

Kid Gloves for 97c a Pair

Special assortment of women's fine Kid Gloves, 2 clasp, embroidery stitching, black, brown, tan, navy, green, mode, white, all sizes; great special value, 97c 6 to 9:30 only at, pair

35c Whisk Brooms 23c Ea.

1000 best quality Whisk Brooms, plain and fancy handles; 2 and 3-sewed; regular 35c values on sale from 6 to 9:30 only at this special low price, each 23c

Picture Frames at 1/2 Price

Great odd lot of square and oval fancy metal photo frames variety of styles; great special value, 1/2 from 6 to 9:30 at, each

\$1.50-\$2 Corset Covers 98c

Special lot of women's fine Corset Covers, lace and embroidery trimmed; round, square, V and high necks; blouse fronts, all sizes; \$1.50 and \$2 values on sale, 6 to 9:30 only, at 98c

Men's Bath Robes at \$3.10

Men's Blanket Bath Robes, extra long, dark gray, blue and maroon colorings, neat figures, Byron collar, cord and tassel; great special value, 6 to 9:30 only at, each \$3.10

Percales on Sale at 8 1/2c Yd.

2500 yards of light and dark Percales, all new Fall styles; great assortment; best 12 1/2c quality on sale from 6 to 9:30, at this low price, yard 8 1/2c

Boys' Knee Pants 38c Pair

Special lot of Boys' Knee Pants, ages 3 to 16 years, dark cheviot and tweed mixtures; extra well made and Winter weight; great values 6 to 9:30 at the low price of 38c

Basement Bargains Tonight

15c Gas Lighters at, each 10c 5c Box Gas Tapers for, each 3c 3-piece Carving Sets, stag handles, good steel; \$1.50 val. on sale from 6 to 9:30 only at low price \$1.19

PHILOMATH, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special)—A disastrous fire occurred at 5 o'clock Thursday morning, which destroyed almost the entire season's crop of hops for Alford & Rust, who have been running the Roth yard one mile south of Philomath. Ten bales were saved, but the building and about 25,000 pounds of hops were burned. Insurance nearly covers the loss, and the pickers will not lose anything. The fire started accidentally and when discovered was beyond control.

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Klamath County Holds Fair. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special)—The Klamath County Fair

opened here Wednesday under auspices that indicate a most successful three days' programme of sports, and that has brought together a splendid exhibit of products of the soil and livestock. Field, farm and orchard are well represented in the display of grain, grasses, fruit and vegetables on exhibition in the booths arranged under the direction of Superintendent of Exhibits John Sillis, while the race events under the direction of R. St. George Bishop have brought together a large number of the best horses in Southern Oregon. Prizes aggregating \$250 have been posted.

FRANK L. SMITH MEAT COMPANY

228 Alder St. Between 1st and 2d Sts. "FIGHTING THE BEEF TRUST" Pure, Clean, Healthy, Wholesome, Undenatured Meats.

Table listing various meats and prices: Round Steak, per lb. 10c; Hamburg Steak, per lb. 10c; Sausage, per lb. 10c; Frankfort style Sausage, per lb. 10c; Prime Rib Roast Beef, per lb. 12c; Prime Rib Steak, per lb. 12c; Loaf Steak, per lb. 12c; Loin Roast Mutton, per lb. 12c; Loin Mutton Chops, per lb. 12c; Pork Roast, per lb. 12c; Pork Chops, per lb. 12c; Veal Cutlets, per lb. 12c; Pressed Cooked Cornbeef, per lb. 12c; Ham, choicest quality, per lb. 12c; Breakfast Bacon, very choicest, per lb. 17c; Pure Lard (we do not handle compound lard), 5 lbs. 60c.