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Max Wilson Not Drowned

Searchers Find Trail Showing that He Took Warmspring Road North

FISHPOLE FOUND IN BRUSH BELOW MECCA

Sham, Stanley Gray and Dick Dove have taken trail and will endeavor to overtake him.

The following telegram was received this afternoon at about 3:30 by G. E. Roush from G. Pillette, who went today with the searchers in the effort to recover the body of Max Wilson, who was supposed to have been drowned in the Deschutes river, while fishing below Mecca on the afternoon of the Fourth of July.

"Max has taken the Warmspring road. Arch Sham, Stanley Gray and Dick Dove will take the trail and go through to the other side.

M. G. PILLETTE."

Max Wilson, the local painter and hanger, who was seen on the afternoon of the Fourth at Mecca, on the Deschutes river, where he went with his wife and friends to fish, is not drowned, as taken the road across Warmspring reservation to the north, is evidenced by the following telegram.

It was sent to town this afternoon that his fishing pole had been found in the brush two miles below Mecca, which gives another blow to the theory that he went into the water and was drowned in an effort to cross the stream, was fully eight miles below where the fishpole was found.

Before in his life Mr. Wilson went away from his wife and friends, and several weeks before any trace of him was found. This was several years ago, when the family was residing near Grizzly. Another

fact has developed that tends to show that Mr. Wilson had some idea of going away before he left Madras. This was that he took with him on the fishing trip, it is said, every dollar in money that he possessed.

At Mecca he attempted to give all of the money to his wife, saying he did not wish to carry it. Mrs. Wilson refused to take the money and the matter was finally compromised by dividing the amount into equal shares, half of which Mr. Wilson took with him.

In company with his wife and baby, his brother-in-law, S. E. Gray and family, M. G. Pillette and wife, and other friends, Mr. Wilson left Madras on the Oregon Trunk train that forenoon to spend the day on the river. Arriving at Mecca, the party crossed the Deschutes on the ferry and later served their dinner under the trees there. Mr. Wilson then decided to go fishing, and it seems that he then had some idea of attempting to cross the river, for he had, earlier in the day, spoken of re-

turning home on the O.-W. R. & N. train. But as a matter of fact he had to cross the river to board either train. He told his wife and friends not to wait for him, in case he was not there at train time.

When it came time to return home Mr. Wilson had not returned and the other members of the party supposed he had gone too far to return in time to take the cars.

When no word was received from him later in the evening, his wife and friends became alarmed, and M. G. Pillette and Glen Loucks left Madras for the river to begin a search for him. They were unable to find any trace, and later, the following day a delegation of Odd Fellows, of which lodge he is a member, took an auto for Mecca, while others boarded the trains and went to the river. These searchers found his tracks along the river where he had been fishing and followed them for about ten miles until they came to the place where the track went into the water, and after that no further tracks were found. It was the belief of many of the searchers that he lost his life in attempting to cross the river at this point.

The search was continued today. Mt. Jefferson lodge No. 196 offered a reward of \$50 for the recovery of the body, and notice was sent all along the lower river to keep a lookout.

HOMESTEADER MUST GIVE UP BUILDING

Attorney General Renders Opinion in Round Butte Controversy

The controversy in regard to the removal of the Round Butte schoolhouse from the land filed upon as a homestead by Ray Gardner, subsequent to the erection of the schoolhouse, now bids fair to be settled. Attorney General Crawford received a request from the litigants for an opinion in the matter, and he holds that the directors of the district having a schoolhouse located on the claim can not only remove the building by process of law, but can condemn the property upon which the building stands and use the same for school grounds and for a building site. The Attorney General holds that the building is not a fixture of the soil belonging to the homesteader, and is subject to removal at the will of the school officers at any time.

The school building in question is located on land which was at first unsurveyed government land, but later was taken as a homestead by Mr. Gardner, who refused to permit the school authorities to remove the building. The homesteader contended that inasmuch as he had taken up a homestead and secured a patent, he had a legal right to claim everything located on the land and that the school building was a permanent fixture.

The trouble arose when the directors proposed to move the school building to another point in the district. It is said that the location on the land now held

LAWSON BEHOLDS MARVELOUS COUNTRY

Noted Easterner Predicts Wonderful Future

ROYAL WELCOME WINNER

Says With Square Deal To People and Capital It Will Be Impossible To Keep Them Out of Oregon

The following from Thomas W. Lawson, he of "Frenzied Finance" fame, who attended the organization of the Central Oregon Development League at Prineville, appeared in the Oregonian:

What are my first impressions of Central Oregon? The same as my already published impressions of Portland and Hood River except—except—well, take what I have said about Portland and Hood River, and then blow off the sides and let the good things "vast themselves" and you will have an idea of the idea which has seeped into my very system during my 48 short, oh, so short, hours spent in this stupendous country among its wonderful people.

You know it is getting monotonous—it must be getting monotonous to your people, my repeated telling how marvelously good everything looks to me, but there is nothing else I can say. My experience since the day I first set foot in Oregon has been one continuous revelation of "good things." In Portland it was the quiet, conservative beauty of the homes in combination with the wonderful things nature has done and is doing for the city and suburbs and all in combination with the remarkably well foundationed business hustle that struck me. In Hood River Valley it was the marvels of nature, the "exquisite refinement of the homes and the people in combination with the business, the apple-orchard business, which impressed me.

Here in Eastern Oregon it is the wonderful beauties—sky, mountain and flat land combination beauties, the superb climate and all in combination with a look-you-straight-in-the-eye, carry-your-heart-upon-your-sleeve manliness and womanliness of the people, and this in combination with a money making possibility that is almost beyond comprehension to us of the East, strikes me so forcibly that I am actually compelled to answer your question, what I think of Central Oregon, by repeating what I have already said before. Since I told the Oregonian three or four weeks ago that I would stake my existence on the soundness of my opinion that Oregon is to have a marvelous future, and that future within the next

by Gardner is not central to the general population of the district and the effort to remedy this condition brought out the controversy, as Gardner wished the building to be left where it was.

10 years, I have been watching out sharply for defects that would punch a hole in my first impression or at least shade out some of the enthusiasm, but I have been unable to find any.

Every place I have visited, and I have really covered quite a bit of ground, and all of the people I have touched elbows with, has but tended to confirm, yes, and expand, my first enthusiasm. Truly, your country is a marvelous one. There is but one thing that your good people of Oregon will be called upon to furnish in the cinching of your great future, and that is a square deal to the hordes of people and the vast capital which will surely pour in upon you from now on. A short time back, while you then had the marvelous advantages supplied by nature, you needed people and capital, and both, owing to a peculiar combination of conditions, were at the time hard to secure—people, because the East had not been overrun and because the Middle West was the first stopping-place of the emigrant, and capital because, first it was not in such quantities as now, and second, because it could find ample vent in the building of the railroads and their entailed industries.

All this is now changed. There are millions of people in the East who must come West or starve. There are billions of capital in the East which must come West or mildew and decay—come West, Northwest, but particularly to Oregon. In my opinion it will from now on be impossible to keep back people and capital from building up Oregon until in a short time—comparatively short time, it will be, figuratively speaking—one vast unbroken city and suburb—impossible, if you extend to the coming people and capital your most valuable and fascinating asset, the best there is in you—that is that royal, square deal good fellowship which I have seen standing on the corner of every city street, popping out of every apple orchard, bounding over every sagebrush bush and hurtling every acre of bunch grass since I have come into your state.

Just give the coming people and capital your free-from-jealousy, right-from-the-heart welcome and—well, I would be afraid to tell what I think will happen for fear I will lose my reputation and be set down among the rainbow chasers.

Lamonta Line Completed

The Lamonta farmer's telephone line has been completed to Madras and phones are being installed at several business houses in the city. The central office will be at the store of the W. F. Hammer Co. Instruments are also being placed in Dr. Snook's drug store and Larkin's harness shop.

Basket Dinner At Lamonta

Services are announced at Lamonta for Sunday, July 9. An old-fashioned basket dinner will be enjoyed at noon. Rev. Charles A. Sias of Madras will preach at 11 a. m. and at 3 p. m. A general invitation is extended.

OLD SUBSCRIPTIONS COUNT BIG THIS WEEK

Fine Time to Visit Old Subs for Renewals

GIRLS ARE GETTING BUSY

Rivalry for First Place Has Already Developed in Pioneer's Voting Contest For Prizes

Everything is going fine. The contestants are beginning to catch the spirit of the contest, and before another week is gone the rivalry between the various candidates and their friends will be getting warm. The special offer made last week as an incentive to the young ladies to secure new subscriptions, proved a winner, and many of the girls availed themselves of it to secure a good beginning. However some few of them complained that it was so much easier to get old subscriptions or renewals than to get new ones. For this reason we are going to make an offer for old subscriptions this week, beginning Friday, July 7, and ending Thursday night, July 13.

During these seven days we are going to make all old subscriptions, or renewals, pay the same number of votes as new subscriptions. This arrangement will give an opportunity to every subscriber of the Pioneer to be the most possible assistance to their favorite candidate. And to be of still more assistance to those who are working for one of the prizes, we will gladly furnish a list of the present subscribers to any girl who is duly entered in this contest, so that they will have every chance to see these parties and secure their renewals.

We would suggest that no candidate put off getting these subscriptions now. Some may be inclined to wait, and put in their best efforts toward the end of the contest. But our experience in conducting a number of contests has been that the girl who gets in and does her work before the field has been canvassed by the other contestants, is the one who gets the best results. Get a good start now, and the end will certainly take care of itself.

We would again call attention to the fact that it is not too late to enter the contest. Don't delay this matter for every day means a whole lot. If you are

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Lively Runaway

O'Neil Bros.' team, which had been left standing in front of Fred Davia's harness shop yesterday morning, was frightened by a passing auto and made a run down Main street. Miss Florence White was riding down the street on a horse, and the runaways bumped into her saddle horse. By quick action Miss White succeeded in getting out of the way unhurt and the team ran as far as the Central Oregon Mercantile company's store and stopped against the side of the building, poking a hole in wall with the end of the wagon tongue. No serious damage resulted.

Not Good After July 17

The Madras Pioneer Popular Voting Contest This Ballot Will Count For 25 Votes

District No. Address

Good for 25 votes when filled out and sent to the Contest Department by mail or otherwise on or before expiration date. No ballot will be altered in any way or transferred after being received by The Madras Pioneer.

In case of the prizes of equal value will be given to each of the contestants.