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HOMESTEADER FOUND DEAD IN CABIN

Cornelius Thompson, for Years a Familiar Character in Crook County, Expires Suddenly

Cornelius Thompson, a well known homesteader living about six miles southeast of Culver was found dead in his cabin yesterday afternoon by Clay Butler, who went to his house to see the old man. There was no indication of foul play and he evidently died from natural causes. The coroner was notified. From the condition of the body it is thought he had been dead for three or four days.

Mr. Thompson was a Scotchman by birth and had been a familiar character in this vicinity for the past eight or nine years. He spent his time during the summer taking photographs, going into the mountains and visiting among the sheep camps and ranchers. In this way he managed to make enough money to keep him comfortably on his homestead during the winter. He made final proof before U. S. Commissioner Howard W. Turner on the 18th of last July. Before coming here it is understood he resided at or near Wapinita and is known to many of the ranchers in Crook county.

It is understood that a brother and other relatives live at Oregon City.

TRAINS TO BEND NOVEMBER FIRST

Agent Hoydar Says Service Will Relieve Congested Condition at Oregon Trunk Depot

Definite announcement has been made that service over both the Oregon Trunk and O.-W. R. & N. railroads would start November 1. A large force of men has been engaged the last few weeks ballasting the last 20 miles of track. J. Russell, superintendent of the Oregon Trunk, made an inspection trip last week to Bend and on his return to Portland advised the traffic department that it will permit of operation by November 1.

Agent Hoydar of the Oregon Trunk here says the new service will relieve the congested condition of freight and baggage at the local station. For the past three weeks or more freight and baggage has been left at the depot with instructions to send it through as soon as traffic commences. He says there is probably a dozen car loads of miscellaneous stuff waiting to go out on the first train.

John Atterbery, a brother of Mrs. J. H. Jackson, came in from Portland Tuesday evening and will spend some time with his sister. Mr. Atterbery has been in Portland during the past year, having come to the coast from his former home at Nevada City, Missouri for the benefit of his health.

A very notable display of potatoes is on exhibition at the Madras Trading Company's store. They were raised by W. H. Ramsey on his ranch on the Agency Plains north of Madras. There is only one stalk in the hill which stands nearly three feet high, and the tubers weigh 16 pounds and six ounces, all of which are merchantable potatoes.

FUNNY JOKES AND SONGS AT "SPINSTERS' CONVENTION"

Local Talent Play Attracts People From All Parts of the County--Sanford's Hall Will Be Crowded Tomorrow Night, October 20th

SEE THE WONDERFUL REMODELOSCOPE

Hear One Old Maid Sing "I'm So Lonely"—The Grotesque Costumes Are a Scream By Themselves—A Play Brim Full of Mirth, Love and Funny Situations

For two solid hours, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, mirth, music, songs and funny jokes will run rampant at Sanford's hall when the curtain raises for the first time in Madras on the side-splitting, home talent comedy entitled a "Spinsters' Convention."

From the moment you enter the hall your face will commence slipping around and when the curtain drops on the last act two hours later you will wake up to the realization that your countenance was never out of shape that long before. Every move of the homely old maids on the stage provokes mirth. The situations throughout are ludicrous. But above the din and roar of the amused audience can be heard the hum and rattle of the mysterious remodeloscope, the machine that makes old maids into handsome young ladies with sparkling eyes and pearly teeth.

The costumes worn by the actresses are a scream all by themselves. For a week now they have been delving into ancient delineators of fashion to find a costume suitable for the occasion. They are all beautiful and costly

and the head gear to match is trimmed with pink daisies and forget-me-nots.

The main features of the performance are the song hits and funny jokes. "I'm so Lonely," sung by one of the old maids is almost as touching as the scene in Uncle Tom's Cabin when Little Eva bids her friends goodbye. And another old maid sings that touching little ballad entitled "He Had Such Beautiful Eyes."

Every bachelor in town and married men too should go prepared to withstand a bombardment of something the old maids might say about them.

"We have got one of the best jokes about so-and-so," meaning a certain bachelor in town, "that you ever heard," said one of the old maids the other day. "Actually it's so funny I lay awake nights laughing at it myself."

You had better get an early start tomorrow night boys, if you expect to get a seat for Sanford's hall will be crowded to capacity.

After the show the hall will be cleared and those who wish can trip the light fantastic to their heart's content.

BEAR AND DEER TROPHIES OF HUNT

Glenn Loucks Returns From Headwaters of McKenzie River With Exciting Bear Story

Glenn Loucks and Ira and Archie Isham returned last Friday from a successful ten days hunt on the headwaters of the McKenzie river. With the exception of two days it rained almost continuously, making it very disagreeable tramping through the woods. Mr. Loucks says the deer appeared to be unusually plentiful, the hunters bagging five and only left camp when the weather would permit. The most exciting part of the hunt was trapping a big black bear. Bruin had been holding forth near the camp for several days but never showed up when he thought danger lurked in his path. The hunters set a trap and were rewarded one morning to find that mister bear had stuck his foot in the trap and was held a prisoner. He was a magnificent specimen of the black bear family, weighing several hundred pounds with a good coat of fur. Fishing was another part of the outing enjoyed by the little party of hunters.

Brenton Jones a real estate dealer of Metolius was in town the first of the week in the interest of his business. Mr. Jones is an experienced real estate man, having formerly engaged in the same business in Wallowa county.

FLOURING MILL ADDS NEW EQUIPMENT

Expect to Start Grinding Wheat in About Ten Days—Mill One of Best on the Coast

The Madras flouring mill which has been installing new machinery and making other necessary improvements for several months past expects to resume operations in about 10 days. The capacity of the mill will be about 80 barrels a day.

Among the new machinery installed are five new rollers for grinding the wheat, new separator, scouring machine, dust collectors, sifters, gravel collectors, and the elevators and conveyors are all new.

The head miller, E. L. Milner, has had experience in some of the largest mills in the country for the past twenty years and he unhesitatingly stated to a reporter for the Pioneer the other day that the Madras mill for its size and capacity was equal to any on the Coast.

All the machinery from the old mill has been removed and huge bins for storing wheat, with a capacity for about 40,000 bushels, were constructed. Another large bin for storing the finished product was built on the new mill. It has a capacity of about 1600 barrels of flour. Both the bins and store room are mouse proof.

At present the mill company have about 13,000 bushels of wheat on hand in the old warehouse and they were compelled to stop buying for lack of space to put the wheat. As soon as the mill starts they will be in a position to handle the wheat probably as fast as it comes in.

FAIR EXHIBITS FOR ST. PAUL LAND SHOW

J. T. Hardy Secures Big Wagon Load of Crook County Produce—Business Good Along Line

J. T. Hardy, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Oregon Trunk road, was in Madras for a short time Tuesday morning on his way to Portland from the Central Oregon Fair at Prineville, where he went for the purpose of securing a part of the fair exhibits for the land show to be held in St. Paul in December under the auspices of the Northwest Development League.

Mr. Hardy said the program carried out at the fair, as well as the exhibits, was excellent. Produce from nearly every corner of Crook county was sent in and the prizes were pretty equally distributed. He said that through the fair management he was enabled to get a good big wagon load of the best specimens for the land show.

He says that freight business along the line is picking up gradually, all the towns showing a slight improvement each month.

The congregation at the Christian church were almost thrown into a panic last Sunday evening during service when one of the large hanging lamps in the center of the church fell, scattering burning oil in all directions and for a time threatened the church with destruction. The fire was soon whipped out however and the service continued.

L. M. Dudley who formerly conducted the Hahn hotel is in town this week calling on friends.

FARMERS' SPECIAL CREATING INTEREST

Matter Taken Up at Farmers' Union

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Estimated That 500 Farmers With Their Families Will Visit the Train

If the general expression of the few farmers interviewed can be regarded as a criterion of all the farmers in this district Madras will see one of the biggest gatherings in its history when the Farming Demonstration Train arrives here Saturday, November 4.

The matter was taken up at the Farmers' Union meeting last Saturday and each member was appointed a committee to tell his neighbors and urge them to attend. It is estimated now that 500 farmers with their families in the district tributary to Madras will be in town on that date.

The Pioneer office is in receipt of a letter this week from R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the O.-W. R. & N. railroad, giving a brief outline of the program to be carried out here. The train will carry besides the officials of the road appointed to go on the trip, nine representatives of the Oregon Agricultural College, each an expert in his own particular line, and demonstrations and lectures will be given which will be of particular value to farmers.

In addition to other equipment a car of the better type of hogs will be carried, as well as a car devoted to poultry raising, which will prove of special interest. The stops have been made of sufficient duration to permit of personal contact between the farmers and the college people for the individual discussion of any problems with which they may be confronted.

The train will arrive in Madras on the evening of November 3, and the lectures and demonstration will be given from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Saturday, November 4. All the lectures and demonstrations will be given on the train at the depot on Agency Plains.

The O.-W. R. & N. Co. have been operating these trains for several years and at each stopping place the farmers have taken the greatest interest in the lectures and demonstrations. Every farmer who can is urgently requested to come with his family and visit the train.

32,900 ACRES NEAR PRINEVILLE RESTORED

The Secretary of the Interior has issued an order that 32,900 acres of unappropriated public lands, excluded from the Deschutes National forest by proclamation July 1, will become subject to settlement under the homestead laws and to selection by the state under certain conditions on and after January 1, 1912, at the land office in The Dalles. The lands are located in Crook county, near Prineville, and are surveyed.

This land is located southeast from Prineville, in the section known as the Maurey Mountains and near Barnes and Howard postoffices.