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NANN SMITH LOCATES STEAMER LAKME ADRIFT NORTH OF HERE

Water-Logged Vessel Escapes Drifting Ashore By Miracle So Far.

CAPT. OLSON HOPES TO SAVE HER TODAY

Blown From Near Cape Blanco to Ten Miles North of Coos Bay.

About 2:30 this afternoon, Capt. Olson of the Nann Smith sighted the steamer Lakme, which was reported in distress off Cape Blanco yesterday afternoon, about ten miles north of Coos Bay. He sighted her soon after crossing out and immediately started for her.

The Lakme's fires are out and how luck favored her in drifting up the coast instead of going ashore is one of the miracles of the sea.

Whether the crew remained on her cannot be determined until Capt. Olson reaches her with the Nann Smith. It is not unlikely that he will tow the Lakme into Coos Bay as her condition is not likely to be such as to permit her to be towed as far as San Francisco.

The Coos Bay bar is reported quite smooth this afternoon.

The Redondo which has been on drydock at San Francisco receiving repairs and having her passenger accommodations increased, will sail from San Francisco for Coos Bay January 24, carrying passengers and freight.

COULDN'T GET LINE TO LAKME

Passenger Steamer Watson of Seattle Worked in Vain to Aid Vessel.

The Lakme, a lumber schooner belonging to the Chas. Nelson Lumber company of San Francisco and loaded with lumber from the C. A. Smith mill, was reported waterlogged and in a serious condition by the liner Watson in a wireless message to the local United Wireless station late yesterday afternoon. The Watson which was carrying two hundred passengers from San Francisco to Seattle had been trying all yesterday afternoon to get a line to the Lakme but gave up last evening about 6:30 and proceeded on her way. The oil tank Argyle was notified by the Watson of the Lakme's predicament and was expected to try and aid the Lakme which was thought to be in near the reefs.

This morning, the Argyle passed the Cape Blanco station at 6 o'clock but made no reports as to the Lakme. The Argyle is equipped with wireless.

This morning the Atlas communicated with the local station from off the Coquille but had not sighted the Lakme then.

The Lakme left here last Saturday loaded with lumber and encountered the first of the severe storm that has been prevailing for several days. She was unable to make headway and was reported Sunday by Capt. Olson of the Nann Smith as lying still in the face of the storm off Cape Blanco, being unable to make progress against the terrific gale. The liner Watson reported that the gale was blowing at a ninety-mile clip yesterday afternoon off Cape Blanco.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT. Agent C. F. McGeorge received word today that the Alliance will sail from Portland at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon and should reach here early Monday morning. As a result of the repairs and overhauling, the Alliance is in better shape than ever.

ALLEGANY MAN IS STRICKEN

I. N. Price Succumbs to Heart Trouble at Home of J. H. Price.

I. N. Price died at the home of his brother, J. H. Price, in Allegany, Wednesday evening, January 18, after a lingering illness of heart trouble.

Mr. Price was born in Pike county, Illinois, December 24, 1863. When seven years of age his parents moved to Iowa where he grew up. He lived in Republic county, Kansas, for a few years when he came to Coos Bay with his brother in 1890.

He was unmarried and is survived by four brothers and two sisters. The funeral services will be held at Allegany school house, Friday, at 11 o'clock.

ROGUE RIVER FISHING UP

Endeavor to Offset Initiative Measure Prohibiting Curry County Industry.

Unless something unexpected interferes, it is believed that the Oregon legislature will enact a measure which will partially offset the initiative law adopted at the last election which prohibits commercial fishing on Coos River.

This information was contained in a letter received from John D. Goss today by J. C. Kendall. Mr. Goss is there in the interests of the Hume estate. It is expected that the bill to be enacted will permit commercial fishing for a few miles near the mouth of Rogue river at certain seasons in the year.

Joint Representative Pierce of Curry county is chairman of the fisheries committee in the House, and Senator Chase is a member of the Senate Fisheries committee which will be of considerable aid in securing favorable action on this matter. Mr. Goss also states that a bill has been introduced in the House embodying the recommendation of the Coos County Bar association that service of summons in a suit can be made by anyone except one of the principals in the action.

Mr. Goss expects to return home early next week. Developments in the Rogue river matter have delayed him there.

SENT FOR AID.

Mayor Straw Sent Appeal Gardiner—Not Needed.

Tuesday's Roseburg News says: "The following was received by wireless at Eugene last night by Judge Hamilton and forwarded by phone to Mayor Haynes, of this city: Mayor Fred Haynes, Roseburg, Ore.

Dear Sir: "Have just been informed that the city of Gardiner is totally destroyed by fire. No doubt many people are in distress. It is impossible for me to reach them immediately—therefore I think it best for you to send assistance by the way of Scottsburg.

"MAYOR STRAW, Marshfield, Ore."

Late today Mayor Haynes received a telephone message from Scottsburg to the effect that the citizens of Gardiner greatly appreciated the offer of Roseburg residents in extending assistance, and assured the mayor that no help was needed at the present time.

BREAKWATER GETS IN EARLY

Steamship Arrived From Portland at 4 O'clock Today Despite Storm.

Despite the storm that has been raging off this coast, the Breakwater arrived in at 4 o'clock this morning, having made the trip from Portland on schedule time. Capt. Maegenn reports that although it was very rough, the storm was not severe enough to impede the Breakwater's progress.

The Breakwater will sail from here at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Among those arriving on the Breakwater were the following:

T. W. Rubeneck, Mrs. Rubeneck, Miss Rubeneck, Miss A. Rubeneck, Miss B. Rubeneck, W. Burt, W. Leete, Jno. Leete, O. Svela, M. Barber, O. Nygren, G. McLaughlin, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Reeves, Miss Iverson, W. McCord, E. Smith, L. Balsiger, E. Logan, F. Krause, Mrs. Krause, J. P. Morelock, J. Grestoffer, Jno. Gordier, P. Benninghoven, D. McKinnon, M. Moslich, P. Hall, A. Richardson, M. Rogers, Mrs. Rogers, D. Rogers, Miss King, Mrs. Masters, A. Cree, A. McPherson, P. Hatton, Mrs. Hatton, F. Burke, P. Holland, Mrs. Hollingworth, H. Hollingworth, W. Buell, Mrs. Bernell, Mrs. Trego, S. Trego, Jno. Reissbeck, F. Edwards, C. Patterson, C. Thomas, W. Smith, H. F. Shauer, Mrs. Downer, C. E. Broadbent, Frank Evans, C. D. Garouth, T. C. Murray, J. A. Bowman, C. E. Collins, S. Konevich, A. Sternberger, W. Van Ostrel, Jno. Stolner, J. E. Willis, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Weatherell, H. R. McComb.

FOREST FIRE BUSINESS UP

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Asked to Urge State Aid.

Besides arranging to welcome the delegation of Portland business men who are expected here on the steamer Anvil Saturday, the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Friday evening will be asked to endorse the request of the Oregon Forest Fire association that the state legislature appropriate \$50,000 per year for fighting forest fires.

E. T. Allen, secretary of the association, has written W. J. Conrad of the Coos County Fire Patrol asking that the matter be brought up. Most of the western states except Oregon assist the timber owners in combatting the forest fires and it is hoped that the state legislature will at this session put Oregon in line.

Judge Sperry of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce has written Vice-president McKnight of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce asking permission for a representative of the Coquille body to meet the Portland business men here and accompany them to the Coquille. Mr. McKnight has replied that they will be very glad to have Coquille do so and cooperate in welcoming the visitors.

KIRBY IN TROUBLE.

Former Coos County Agent Arrested at Eugene.

J. J. Kirby, the sewing machine agent, who went insane from alcoholism at Brewster Valley on July 4, last, broke into print at Eugene the past few days. A news item from that city is as follows: J. J. Kirby, a sewing machine agent, was arrested by a posse last night, charged with being "Jack-the-Grabber," who on Saturday night grasped a girl on the street, and he is suspected of having annoyed women on the streets for the past year. Kirby was able to prove an alibi when brought before

WIRES GO DOWN DURING STORM

Coos Bay Isolated From Rest of the World—Damage Is Severe.

Coos Bay is still isolated from the rest of the world so far as telegraphic or telephone communication is concerned. The United Wireless has been sending considerable stuff to Astoria, Seattle and Eureka but has not been receiving much except from passing ships.

Five men are out on the Western Union's line between here and Roseburg trying to locate the trouble. When it first went down yesterday, crossing with a telephone wire near Broadway and Central avenue was the cause but before this was located, other troubles followed. Just when service can be restored is doubtful.

The Coos Bay Home Telephone company has not been able to get through a message to Roseburg for more than a week and it is doubtful if service is restored within several days. Parties coming in along the line informed Manager Langley that fifty-eight trees had fallen on the wire in the stretch between Oilalla and Camas Valley.

The company has been having considerable trouble in keeping up its lines even as far as Coquille and Myrtle Point.

Eureka, according to reports received by the United Wireless is in a predicament similar to Coos Bay, its long distance phone lines and telegraph lines being down last night.

TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Coquille and Marshfield High School Basket Ball Teams Matched.

Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the Coquille and Marshfield high school basket ball teams will clash in the first game of the season to be played in Marshfield. The use of the Tabernacle has been donated to the high school and the boys have been practicing hard for the last two weeks. According to the schedule, each team in the county will play eight games so that the struggle for championship honors should be lively and interesting.

The Coquille boys came over Thursday and will play North Bend tonight. They have a strong team and expect to win both games. Those on the team are: Thrift, Kern, W. Oerding, Miller, Kerrigan, Belloni, Custer, C. Knowlton, and G. Oerding.

While the Marshfield team has not yet been picked it is thought that the following men will appear in uniform: S. Clarke, Captain; Stutsman, Bolt, Larsen, C. Clarke, McCormac, Berry, Flanagan and Carlson.

A large crowd is expected out to the game and accommodations will be made for about 400 people.

Owen Knowlton of Coquille, will act as referee.

District Attorney Bryson, and was discharged. The girl recently attacked identified the man, as did her companion, and a young man named Colvin, who was near. Kirby, on the other hand, stated that on Saturday night he was in Brownsville and proved this by memoranda and contracts taken there. He was also able to prove by a receipt for railroad fare that he was in Chicago two weeks ago when a similar occurrence here threw the city into a fever of excitement. It is believed the man has a double who has been annoying women."

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COQUILLE RIVER IS RISING RAPIDLY AND STOPS TRAIN

BOOZE GOING UP IN PRICE

Marshfield Saloonmen Talk of Increasing Prices On Liquors.

A movement is on foot among local liquor dealers to advance the prices of liquors and particularly the cheaper kinds.

The plan is to raise beer from five cents a glass to at least ten cents or possibly two for a quarter. Also to make whiskey fifteen cents a drink or two for a quarter.

Some of the saloonmen are contending they will have to raise the price July 1, next, when the license is increased from \$600 to \$1,000 per annum and that they might as well do it now.

At Coquille and Bandon, beer is sold for ten cents per glass.

BANK OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

New Officials Chosen for Merged Institution, Completing Deal.

The last details of the merger of the First National bank and the First Trust and Savings bank was effected when the stockholders of the consolidated institution which retains the name of the First National bank of Coos Bay met and elected the following directors:

W. S. Chandler, W. U. Douglas, John S. Coke, F. S. Dow, Wm. Grimes, John F. Hall, S. C. Rogers, W. P. Murphy and M. C. Horton.

The directors elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—W. S. Chandler. Vice-president—M. C. Horton. Cashier—Dorsey Kreitzer. Assistant cashier—R. T. Kaufman.

TEACHERS SALARIES.

Editor Times: My attention was called by my teachers to this petition yesterday. It started in this way, I am told. It has been nearly six weeks since last pay day and the gift giving Christmas season has occurred in the interval. Some of our teachers in talking over their financial conditions discovered that they severally had experienced difficulty in finding any balance on the right side of their accounts. The situation had been a bit embarrassing to some and the topic was generally depressing. Someone was familiar with a plan of paying teachers' salaries in use elsewhere that seemed to have merits that our present plan does not have. Someone else knew of another plan, someone of another, and so on. It was suggested that a petition be sent to the board calling its attention to the matter and thereby opening up the subject for investigation. It was the thought the investigation that called forth the petition and not the thought of immediate financial recompense, they tell me, and the petition so indicates.

F. A. TIEDGEN, Superintendent.

NOTICE.

To whom it may concern: All outstanding bills against Blanchard, Rezin & Blanchard will be assumed by Blanchard Brothers and settled in full.

All bills should be paid to Blanchard Brothers.

BIG CHICKEN DINNER 50 CTS. O'CONNELL BUILDING, SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21, 5:30 to 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Episcopal church.

Freshet Assuming Serious Proportions Below Myrtle Point Today.

AFTERNOON TRAIN STOPS AT COQUILLE

High Water and Slides Endanger Morning Train—Expect Further Rise.

The Coquille valley is today threatened by one of the worst freshets it has known in a long time. The river is rising rapidly and this afternoon, it is not expected that train service can be maintained from Coquille, and Myrtle Point. The train got through this morning but the water was dangerously high and a couple of slides made the trip rather hazardous.

A number of Myrtle Point people who came to Marshfield today noon took the boat from Myrtle Point to Coquille, not thinking the train could get through.

The warm wind of yesterday and the rain is believed to convert much of the snow in the mountains into water that is now deluging all the branches of the Coquille.

THEY DO IT DIFFERENTLY IN OTHER OREGON CITIES

Criminals in Evil Literature Do Not Have As Easy Grafting at Grant's Pass as on Coos Bay.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 18.—Last week in the local court a boy of 18 was tried for showing obscene literature to a girl two years his junior. The testimony showed that the book was purchased on a Southern Pacific train. Immediately upon learning the place of purchase the district attorney and Dr. Ellerman set out Friday to see if they could buy a similar book, which they succeeded in doing between Grants Pass and Medford.

A complaint was sworn out, a warrant issued and the news agent was arrested at Roseburg.

On Monday they returned to Woodville for preliminary examination and the case was bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

It is understood that the newsboy divulged the source of the bit of vile printed matter and further development involving some men "higher up" may be expected in the near future.

HOBBLE SKIRT ROW.

Portland Girl Shows Court What a Nuisance New Fashion Gown Is.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—Declaring her hobble skirt was an instrument of torture and that she could not wear it, Miss Mildred Powers, a court stenographer, appealed to the law for redress against her tailor.

"I had to walk home because I could not get aboard a street car," she said in her testimony. "I could hardly breathe, I almost fell down three times and I was ill on account of it."

Judge Olson of the Justice Court was called to adjudicate the vexing question. That the court might see the offending garment, Miss Powers withdrew and donned the skirt. She returned to the courtroom with the dress unhooked to show that one alone could not fasten it. Friends pulled and tugged and Miss Powers grew red in the face as the hooks were drawn into place.

It was contended that the garment was too skimpy, not complying with specifications furnished the tailor, and the owner of the hobble gown told the court it was "simply ridiculous." Fortunately for the peace of mind of the Judge, an agreement was made between the two after the case had proceeded for some time whereby the matter was satisfactorily settled.