

MYSTERY OF BANDON FAMILY

Cornells Strangely Disappear from Ranch near Roseburg—Fear Crime.

ROSEBURG, Aug. 8.—In the wake of the mysterious disappearance of a family from near Wilbur two weeks ago last Sunday there may come to light the evidence of a foul crime substantiating the fears of the neighborhood residents. In compliance with the request of Wilbur people, Sheriff Quine is pursuing a quiet investigation, but to date he has found nothing in the way of a clue upon which to work. The story is that a family of six persons who located near Wilbur and suddenly left in the dead of night, a few months later, for parts unknown, with one of their number unaccounted for. Circumstances surrounding the affair have led to strong suspicion of a crime, but so far nothing has developed to support this idea.

Early last spring there came to Wilbur from Bandon, Or., a family giving the name of Cornell. It consisted of a man and his wife, their three little children—two girls and a boy—and a boy about 18 years of age, who was either under adoption or a step-child. The parents rented J. C. Davis' place 4 1/2 miles northwest of Wilbur. Mr. Davis being a resident of Olalla. The rental period was for one year, but the occupancy of the place terminated on the 21st of July under strange circumstances.

Boy Not With Family.

On the day in question, without notice to Mr. Davis or anyone else, the Cornells packed their immediate necessities into a wagon, to which two horses were harnessed, and when darkness fell they drove away. When the outfit reached the Winchester ferry about 6 o'clock the following morning—Monday, July 22—and was taken across the river one of the original six members of the family was missing. This was the 18-year-old boy. Later in the morning, about 10 o'clock, a resident of Wilbur chanced to see the family 1/2 mile from Roseburg on its way south and noticed while bidding them farewell that the boy referred to was not present. Where the family went to after leaving Roseburg is not known, but Sheriff Quine is making every effort to locate them. He has made inquiries in all directions about the missing boy, but with no success. If he can be located, the investigation will, of course, end; but if he is not found or if he is found dead, then—

Quarrels Arouse Suspicion.

The boy and the head of the family did not get along well together, the neighbors say, and they quarrelled bitterly about something the day immediately before the Cornells left the country. That was the last day the boy was ever seen there. Since the departure of the family the suspicious neighbors have searched every foot of the premises for evidence to confirm their worst fears, but they have found no evidence of foul play. Last week they laid the matter before District Attorney Brown and Sheriff Quine, and yesterday the sheriff went to the farm and made a thorough inspection of the place and surrounding locality, but, like the neighbors before him, he discovered nothing. He did learn, however, that Cornell left unpaid accounts at Wilbur and Sutherlin, amounting to not over \$50 altogether, and this, he believes, may have had something to do with his midnight departure.

Leaves Hay in Shock and Gardens.

Wholly unaccountable though is the fact that Cornell left eight acres of hay in shock and two truck gardens in bearing. This tends to prove, beyond doubt, that his departure was prompted by some sudden and unforeseen circumstance—a circumstance defined in the minds of some of the neighbors by the quarrel between Cornell and the boy the day before the family left the place without taking the boy along. Cornell left behind a broken-down horse which a kindly disposed neighbor had given him because he appeared to be very poor.

On their journey from the farm, the family had to pass the home of J. W. Isom, living a mile and a half away. Mr. Isom and his son heard the travelers go by about midnight and they also heard the Cornell children crying and the voice of the parent commanding them to keep quiet.

RAILROAD MATTERS

Great activity is reported along the line of the proposed railroad from Eugene to Florence between the Nott and Mapleton.

About eight camps are being established on different stations along the route by different contractors and lumber and supplies are being hauled in, a large force of men being employed. Porter and Wilson have the first station above the head of tide and are establishing a camp at Thompson Creek where Indian Creek leaves the stage road. They also have another camp at Swisshome.

At each camp there is a force of civil engineers and surveyors to see that the work is done properly.

Indications are that a large force of men will soon be busy grading all along the line and that operations will be kept up steadily until the road is finished.

It is rumored that another route may be chosen southward from the Siuslaw and that grading will not be commenced on that part till some more surveying is done.—Florence West.

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COME TO GET LUMBER IDEAS

EVERETT G. GRIGGS AND DAN MCGRILLES OF TACOMA INSPECT SMITH MILL HERE—TRIP BY AUTO.

Everett G. Griggs and Dan McGrilles of Tacoma arrived here last evening via Allegany to inspect the C. A. Smith mill here to get ideas for rebuilding their big saw mill on Puget Sound. They made the trip as far as Allegany in their own auto, leaving the car there until they completed their visit to the Smith mill, after which they will motor back home.

Mr. Griggs is one of the leading lumbermen of the Pacific Northwest and had heard much about the Smith mill here being the most up-to-date in the country. He expects it is understood, to copy it closely in improving his plant.

Arnox Meehan, general superintendent of the C. A. Smith company, is expected here today on the Nann Smith following a visit with his daughters at Berkeley after a trip to Minneapolis. The C. A. Smith company is tearing down its Minneapolis mill, which cut as high as a million feet in twenty-four hours, and will remove it to Lake Tahoe, California.

C. A. Smith, head of the company, was in the Black Forest in Germany when last heard from. He did not say when he expected to return home but it will probably be late this fall, according to the understanding of local officials of the company, before he returns to the Bay.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. Fred Raymond has been quite ill at their apartments at the L. H. Heisner home in South Marshfield.

Fred K. Gettins cut quite a severe gash in his leg this morning while doing some slashing for his survey work.

Peter Peterson, the Millington pioneer, who has been quite ill at Mercy hospital, will soon be able to return to his home.

F. E. Hague will leave tomorrow for Portland from where he will go to Rochester, Minn., to consult Dr. Mayo relative to his health. He may undergo an operation there.

Willis Ekblad, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Ekblad who has been quite ill, is reported considerably improved today, much to the gratification of the many friends of the family.

Little Gordon Shelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shelly, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mercy hospital was taken to his home. Today, the seventh day since the operation, he had so far recovered that Dr. Houseworth, who attended him, was able to remove the stitches.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Breakwater is due in early tomorrow from Portland.

The Nann Smith arrived in this afternoon from Bay Point.

The Newark arrived in today from Bandon with lumber for the North Bend box factory.

Bringing 20 passengers and 50 tons of general freight the gasoline schooner Anvil, Captain Snyder, arrived from Bandon last night. She will sail tomorrow evening.—Portland Telegram.

KEEP TAB ON HUETRES

Forests of Cascade and Siuslaw Reserves Protected

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 7.—With the opening of the hunting season the forest service has redoubled its watch over the timber lands under its care as past experiences show that with the woods full of hunters the danger of forest fires is greatly enhanced. During the next two months no section of the forest will be left unguarded for a fire to start and spread.

The opening of the fire season this year finds the Cascade and Siuslaw national forests in better condition than ever before for the fighting of forest fires. Trails have been built into many miles of the inaccessible spots while many miles of telephone wires have been spread like a network throughout the forest to facilitate getting a call for help to headquarters. Unless several fires should break out at nearly the same time there is little likelihood of any fire getting beyond control.

The rangers will keep close watch on the many hunting parties in the hills and see that no camp fires are left unextinguished. Rain over the forest this season has lessened the danger of fire.

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COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

San Francisco Defeats Portland Six to One—Vernon Loses Again.

STANDING OF THE CLUB			
	W.	L.	P.C.
Vernon	71	48	.597
Los Angeles	69	49	.585
Oakland	69	51	.575
Portland	48	60	.444
San Francisco	48	71	.404
Sacramento	44	70	.386

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—San Francisco defeated Portland yesterday by a score of six to one. The Coast League games resulted as follows:

At San Francisco	R.	H.	E.
Portland	1	8	3
San Francisco	6	7	0
At Los Angeles	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	9	17	3
At Sacramento	R.	H.	E.
Sacramento	1	6	3
Oakland	3	11	2

15,000,000 VOTES TO BE POLLED IN NOVEMBER ELECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 5.—According to the figures to be found in the "statistical abstract of the United States, 1911," more than 15,000,000 votes will be polled in November. With a population of 90,000,000 in round numbers, the total voting strength of the country is about 18,000,000, but something must be allowed for the stay-at-homes and the large number of un-naturalized foreigners. There was no federal official record of votes cast in presidential elections prior to 1888, but the record from that year down to 1908 shows the following results:

1888	11,381,408
1892	12,043,603
1896	13,813,233
1900	13,964,518
1904	13,523,119
1908	14,887,133

The marked difference between 1892 and 1896 is accounted for by the comparative lack of interest in the former years and the unusual degree of interest in the latter. This interest was continued throughout the campaign of 1900. Both in 1896 and in 1900 there was a very full vote polled. The decline of interest in 1904 is shown by the falling off of the vote in that year. The gain in 1908 shows that to have been true of that year which was true of the other years when Bryan was a candidate—a full vote.

From 1888 down to 1908 the vote of the country has been divided between the two great political parties as follows:

Year	Republicans	Democrats
1888	5,444,337	5,540,050
1892	5,190,802	5,554,046
1896	7,035,638	6,467,946
1900	7,219,530	6,358,071
1904	7,628,834	5,984,491
1908	7,679,096	6,409,106

The details of the presidential vote in 1908 are as follows: Republican, 7,679,096; Democratic, 6,409,106; socialist, 420,820; Independent, 83,562; populist, 28,131; socialist labor, 13,825.

The increase of the straight socialist vote in 1908 over 1904 was 18,360, while the socialist-labor vote decreased 19,889, a net socialist loss of 1539. The Socialists, however, have made some wonderful strides since 1908. In 1910 they came into control of several of the larger municipalities of the country, elected their candidates for the legislatures, for county offices and in Milwaukee their candidate for congress. That candidate, Representative Victor L. Berger, speaking of the political outlook this week, says that in his opinion the socialists will poll 2,000,000 votes in November. The number may not be that large, but in all probability it will show a decided gain over 1908.

The populist vote fell from 1,027,329 in 1892 to only 28,131 in 1908, a loss of 999,208 as compared with the republican gain of 2,448,204 votes in the same period. The democratic gain was 855,192, about one third of the republican gain. It is this which has made the democratic party the minority party since 1892.

AT THE HOTELS

The Chandler—Harold H. Cake and T. M. Cake, Portland; John B. Gentry, Portland; J. E. Norton, Coquille; Dan McGrilles, Tacoma; Everett G. Griggs, Tacoma; Ralph J. Forbes, Kansas City; Mrs. Harold W. Colvin, Corvallis; C. D. Thomas, Portland; R. C. Dement, Myrtle Point; F. L. Martin, Seattle; Mrs. E. H. Callender, Astoria; Mrs. L. J. Simpson, North Bend; E. C. Roberts, Myrtle Point; J. L. Hecking, Prosper.

The Blanco—J. M. Barker, Coquille; L. L. Bergeman, Bandon; Claude Elliott, South Slough; Geo. B. Wasson, Allegany; S. Williams, Portland; H. E. Hessey and family, Coos River; John F. Harris, Myrtle Point; R. H. Fryer, Scottsburg.

Coos Hotel—M. Rhodes and wife, Portland; Jas. Merchant, Beaver Hill; N. H. MacMillan, Portland; Mrs. W. J. Cotton, Fairview; V. A. Beull, New York; M. Matthews, Coquille; E. Valjean, Los Angeles, A. D. Bradley, Roseburg.

Lloyd Hotel—A. Arnold, Seattle; John Reynolds, Portland; C. P. Coleman, Templeton; Wm. Ferguson, Coos Bay; Frank Alciani, San Francisco; H. Brouillette and family, San Francisco; Ted Peterson, Portland; John Miller, Camas Valley; H. Preston, Grants Pass.

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PLAN BABY SHOW

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8.—What may be described as a scientific Baby Show and Child Welfare Exhibit will be a prominent feature of the Salem State Fair. Properly, it will be known as an exposition of Eugenics. The climax of it will be a big baby show on Wednesday, Sept. 4. A special pavilion has been arranged for this department. The exposition of Eugenics will be unique in that it will not place a premium on a merely pretty baby, but the tots will be judged according to their physical perfection. The proper rearing of babies will be discussed by lecturers, physicians and nurses and the modern ways of caring for a child will be demonstrated in the welfare exhibit.

Proper and harmful methods of feeding babies will be demonstrated and attention will be called to foods which are commonly used in the nursery and which contain injurious substances. Well known physicians will point out the effects of these drugs on the children.

A great deal of encouragement is being received by O. M. Plummer, superintendent of the exposition of Eugenics, from various parts of the country. The movement is still a new one but its worth is appreciated and some other sections of the country are following out the same idea.

It is hoped to have competitive exhibits of babies, judged along scientific lines, in each county and that the best babies will be entered at Salem. Later, it is hoped to have a big exhibit in which all parts of the country will participate, at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

It is believed that the new interest in Eugenics offers the most practical step toward the improvement of the race that has been undertaken in years.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press)

OREGON—Occasional rain tonight and Friday in west and showers and thunder storms tonight and Friday in east, southerly winds.

MOTHER TURNS GRAY IN NIGHT

SEAVIEW, Wash., Aug. 6.—To have her hair turn gray in a single night, in the belief that her son was at the bottom of Shoalwater Bay, was the harrowing experience of Mrs. John Adamson, whose 6-year-old son, Colonel Delong, cast off the painter in an open rowboat and drifted all night on the storm-swept waters of the bay.

The lad started at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and drifted out in the bay. He became frightened and shouted to attract the attention of some men who were shockin' hay near the old Gilie place, but they did not hear him.

As darkness settled down, the craft and its frail freight were enveloped in the blackness of the night. In the dusk a seal bobbed up alongside the boat and the startled lad crept under a seat and went to sleep.

Long after midnight he was awakened by the stinging spray, but his assurance did not desert him and after ascertaining the boat was half full of water, he seized an oar and joyfully discovered his craft was a shallow water. He pushed the boat to land on the lower end of Long Island and walked to the Nelson ranch and warmed his numbed body.

He was found there at 5 o'clock in the morning by a party that had spent the night in search of him. Several launches from Nacotta scoured the bay, but the little wanderer, frightened by a seal, was asleep.

The young mother, gray-haired from her vigil, has recovered, but will carry the mark of that memorable night to her grave.

SELL UMPQUA TIMBER.

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—S. C. Bartum, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest, with headquarters at Roseburg, is in Portland for a conference with forest service officials relative to the prospective sale of a large quantity of timber by the government to private parties. The negotiations have not progressed sufficiently to warrant a detailed announcement by the government officials. The timber involved in the transaction is included in the Umpqua national forest.

WOULDN'T PAY OVER \$2 FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—Although willing to reimburse the man on the troubled seas of matrimony, William D. Cameron, 41 years old and a traveling salesman of Seattle, wants to do it as cheaply as possible.

Cameron and Margaret H. Cameron, 48 years old, and also of Seattle and from whom he was divorced in Los Angeles in October, 1906, dropped into the local license bureau yesterday to secure a license to marry.

"Can you tell us where to find a cheap justice of the peace?" queried the thrifty Cameron.

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