

STRANGE BOAT

SEEN NEAR BAR PARAIISO IN

Peculiar Actions of Vessel Start Rumors on Bay — Thought to Be Foreigner.

Rumors to the effect that a strange passenger vessel, which showed neither flag nor name, was hovering off Coos Bay trying to escape capture, were current on the street this morning, but upon investigation no evidence could be found to substantiate the rumor. The life saving crew yesterday afternoon saw a passing coast vessel launch six life boats and then haul them in again in what was probably a boat drill.

Upon being informed of the rumors last evening, Operator Williamson of the wireless station sent out a wireless call which was answered by the Congress, the Beaver and the Geo. W. Fenwick, who were coming to the assistance if any boat were in distress. However, it proved unnecessary and they passed on down the coast.

The Adeline crossed in at 2 a. m. and saw no signs of a boat off the bar. The Elder crossed in at 5 a. m., but the officers deny the report that there was any boat in distress near. They did, however, sight a small gasoline launch, Captain Reed of the Michie said that the boat off the Bay yesterday afternoon was not showing any distress signals.

Wm. Bruner Shot

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Bruner's relations with women in the neighborhood and whether or not he had possibly made enemies by his relations with women, Lanning was reluctant in answering, but said that Bruner had mentioned the fact that all the men of the neighborhood were jealous of him. Bruner had made no particular reference to any enemies. Lanning further testified that Bruner's body could not have dropped into the place and position in which it was found unaided.

E. Bozalo, the finder of the body, was the next witness examined. He merely told of his locating the body. Bozalo's acquaintance in the neighborhood was slight, and he knew of no enemies that Bruner had, in fact, was not at all acquainted with Bruner.

John Manning was next called before the jury. He testified to no additional features in the case. He said that on the day Bruner disappeared he was in Marshfield, returning to his cabin on Davis Slough about 7 o'clock in the evening. Shortly after he got home he heard a gun shot, but could not say whether it was a rifle, shotgun or pistol. He thought nothing of it because of the frequency which he had heard shots in the hills since the opening of the deer season. He said that hunters were thick on Davis Creek, but he did not know who had been there that day.

Taylor Siglin was the next witness. His testimony related mostly to the high esteem with which Bruner was held in the neighborhood, and that as far as he knew, Bruner had not an enemy in the world. He had never considered seriously Bruner's statements that other men were jealous of him.

Mrs. Katrina Welsher was the last witness to testify. She also told of Bruner's friendly relations with everyone who knew him, that Bruner had befriended her family in time of illness and that he was always ready to do anyone a good turn.

After a few minutes deliberation, the jury, which was composed of Z. T. Siglin, Jack Bowron, Ole Chard, Joe Lapp, C. P. Brunker and John Gilfillan, returned the following verdict: "We find the deceased came to his death from a gun shot wound, inflicted by a person unknown to us, on the W. P. Fox ranch, near the head of Davis Creek, on or about the 13th day of August, 1914."

After the inquest Attorney Liljequist examined the dead man's clothing for blood spots, but they had been so water-soaked that any blood marks had been washed off.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Wilson Undertaking Parlors under the auspices of the I. O. O. F.

NORTH BEND NEWS

Mrs. M. H. Gurney will leave tomorrow for Pueblo, Cal., to visit her daughter for several months. George Black and C. H. Minden and Frank Black, who were hunting in Curry County, returned yesterday. They had fairly good luck.

Mrs. George Black and little daughter spent yesterday with Mrs. George Black of Catching Inlet.

Mrs. L. Masters of Sumner is hostess today to the Rainbow Club at Sumner.

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SHIPPING NEWS

PARAIISO IN YESTERDAY

Arrives From Portland with 25 Passengers and Small Cargo of Merchandise.

The Paraiso came in yesterday, bringing in twenty-five passengers and 160 tons of freight for Marshfield. She sails tomorrow at 4 p. m. for San Francisco. Misses Kelly and Donaldson, who are employed in the office of the company in Portland, are taking a pleasure trip south on her.

Among those arriving on the Paraiso were:

F. H. Leslie, W. Beager, O. Jacobson, Mrs. C. Lee, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Wagner, Miss Kelly, Miss Donaldson, M. Wilson, Jno. Roam, T. Cozetti, R. Godell, Mrs. Godell, H. Hauenkrat, B. Hauenkrat, C. Lee, J. A. Wagner, Wm. Callaghan, A. McLaughlin, Jno. Susa, P. Mouthay, E. Bonecamp, C. Pratt, D. O. Musick, Mrs. Carlson.

NOW HAVE LARGE SAILING FLEET

Swayne-Hoyt Will Have a Line of Six Vessels on the Coast Run.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 20.—With a line of six steamers operating on a regular schedule between Portland and San Francisco, two of which will call in at Coos Bay on both the up and the down trip, Swayne & Hoyt are planning to handle a big share of the trade on the stretch of the coast covered by their vessels. City offices are being opened on the second floor of the Railway Exchange Building, which will be occupied by W. M. Brown, recently appointed Portland manager, and F. T. Sheldon, freight agent.

Two of the steamers of the fleet, which is composed of the Paraiso, Alvarado, Navajo, Yellowstone, Daisy Putnam and Daisy, will be leaving and arriving at each end of the route every seven days, while Coos Bay will be afforded a weekly service. The Paraiso and Navajo will carry passengers. The other four will be operated as exclusive freighters. General cargoes will be carried in both directions. A particular effort, it is stated, will be made to obtain south-bound cargoes composed of something else than grain, flour and lumber, which the coasters usually have been taking from here to California.

Sheldon arrived yesterday from Coos Bay, where he has been for the last three months in the employ of the Portland & Coos Bay Steamship Company, owners of the Breakwater. He says that section of Oregon consumes great quantities of fruit, all of which has to be shipped in there. It is his opinion that a big part of this traffic can be secured by Swayne & Hoyt by reason of the schedule on which their steamers are to operate. It now will be possible, he says, for fruit from here to be laid down at Marshfield and North Bend each Thursday, just the time the merchants there want it. Toward the end of the week, he explains, their trade is more brisk and by having fruit in plentiful supply on hand at that time it is expected to prove a big accommodation to them.

An effort also is to be made to secure a portion of the business of moving general merchandise from San Francisco destined to points in the Inland Empire, such as salt and sugar, of which large consignments are routed through Portland. From here this class of traffic will be forwarded by rail to points in Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho.

NOTICE

All members of Sunset Lodge No. 51, I. O. O. F. are requested to meet at the lodge rooms at 12:30 Friday to attend the funeral of Brother Wm. Bruner.

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ELDER AGAIN ON THE RUN

After having been tied up in Portland on account of a broken shaft, the steamship George W. Elder arrived in Coos Bay last evening with 1600 tons of freight and fifty-eight passengers. This is by far the largest tonnage the vessel has handled in the history of her present run. The greater part of the cargo, however, was consigned to Eureka. The Elder will arrive from Eureka Saturday morning and leave for Portland in the afternoon. Over sixty reservations have already been made for the return trip to Portland.

The list of passengers arriving from Portland included the following:

Mrs. J. H. Stretch, Inez Johnson, W. L. Lightner, H. E. Royer, Frank H. Ackley, Mrs. Geo. Tompkins, Kenneth Lewis, Leo Shindler, Chas. C. Mulvan, H. H. Gilman, N. Reilly, John Gohn, Mrs. Gohn, Ruth Gohn, Marcus Gohn, Robert Gohn, Cecil Gohn, Ivon Gohn, B. B. Montag, A. P. Matthews, D. F. Newberg, H. A. Healy, George Chevigny, Mrs. Chevigny, E. O. Carter, H. C. Krogstad, W. C. McLaren, R. B. Poole, Mrs. J. Van Zile, Wilma Van Zile, Wm. McKendry, Ben S. Fisher, Miss Lois Simmons, Mrs. Simmons, M. Nelson, H. Hazen, J. A. Wilcox, C. P. Bowzee, Karelina Koch, Josephine Ward, Mrs. F. Fleckenstein, H. Hembold, Wilbur F. Hiller, Mrs. W. F. Ray, Elsie Ray, Clarinda Ray, Freda Ray, Mrs. Jay Doyle, Paul Thomenian, Mrs. Thomenian, A. L. Stover, L. A. Stover, Wm. McKay, Mrs. McKay, Baby McKay, Mrs. C. H. Byron, J. L. Clapodell, Mrs. J. B. Clemens.

Passengers for Eureka.

The outgoing passengers on the Elder for Eureka were: J. M. Nye, A. Magary, Frank Harrison, P. Bedant, Jerry O'Connell, E. Mitts, J. B. Nannally, Mrs. Irene Montgomery, Mrs. D. C. Manuel, Milwell Manuel, W. D. Hutchinson, P. Hendrickson, G. Leonard, C. Johnson, Mrs. Fred Englund, T. A. Williams, T. H. Campbell, Harry Goldberg, L. F. Albee, Miss Bogler, Tommie Duff and Henry Detiefson.

WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT

Work Being Pushed Rapidly by Force of Fifty Men—New Pipe Received.

Manager Corey of the Coos Bay Water Company issued the following statement today:

"Work is progressing rapidly on the improvements to the water system and the water company is working about fifty men at the present time. The fourteen-inch pipe is laid complete from the reservoirs toward town to Thirteenth and Central avenue. Work on digging trench was begun on South Tenth street north from Johnson avenue for the six-inch main to complete the circuit around the High School. Work has begun on the new reservoir and it will be made of three million gallon capacity instead of one million gallon capacity as ordered by the Railroad Commission.

Over a mile and a half of pipe from fourteen-inch to six-inch in size was received today on the Geo. W. Elder, in addition to the fourteen-inch pipe already received, and within a short time a mile of ten-inch pipe will be received for the North Bend line through Boham Park and Ferndale.

"The water company desires to use residents of Marshfield and North Bend on the work as far as possible.

"Work will be started on the North Bend fire protection main on Union avenue within a short time and completed at the same time with the rest of the improvements."

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SEND MAIL BY RELAY ROUTES

Government Seeks to Award Contract for Marshfield Mail in Sections.

The Marshfield mail situation promises to reach an acute stage soon. The Postoffice Department has advertised for bids to carry the mail from Roseburg in three sections. The first division is to be between Roseburg and Camas Valley, the second between Camas Valley and Bridge, the third between Bridge and Myrtle Point and bring it by rail from there to Marshfield. Contractors along these routes have been figuring that the bids were for carrying local mail only and submitted bids accordingly. Now that it is announced that it is the plan to send the entire Coos Bay mail by that route they will refuse to carry it.

George W. Rapp, of Roseburg, who was recently awarded the contract for carrying the mail on the first section between Roseburg and Camas Valley has flatly announced that he will refuse to sign the contract when it is submitted, as he figured only on local mail.

LONG HUNTING HIKE TO BAY

Two Young Men from Vancouver, Wash., Arrive in Marshfield.

C. W. Salisbury and A. F. Albertson, two young men from Vancouver, Wash., arrived in Marshfield yesterday after a nine days' hunting hike down the coast from Newport, Or. They made the trip leisurely, following the coast until the spirit moved them and would then track back into the hills in search of game.

They were travel stained but not weary when they arrived here and said they enjoyed the trip immensely and expect to come again next year. They returned to Vancouver by stage to Myrtle Point and then back on the painted cars again.

NOTICE

Any person having in their possession any live deer after Sept. 1, 1914, without first having secured a permit to keep same from the State Game Commission will be prosecuted.
J. M. THOMAS, Deputy Game Warden.

AT THE HOTELS

At the Chandler. E. B. Mortue, Portland; E. D. De-an, Portland; J. R. Van Cleave, Portland; R. E. Davidson, Portland; J. R. Davies, Portland; Sam Carter, Portland; F. E. McKenna, Coquille; L. Montgomery, Eureka; Mill Cohen, Portland; W. H. Keller, Portland; J. Cowan and family; E. W. Brown, North Bend.

At the Lloyd. L. C. Burt, Portland; J. C. Hale, Salem, Or.; J. J. Casla, Portland; J. Cowan and family; E. W. Brown, North Bend.

At the St. Lawrence. Anna Smith, Lakeside; Beale Allen, Seaside; Pauline Custer, Coquille; Gladys Lenley, Fortuna, Cal.; E. A. Stiles, Portland.

At the Blanco. Joe Seely, Portland; J. J. Corle, Portland; L. G. Masters, Sumner; E. Rhodes, South Slough; O. C. Phillips, Glendale; P. L. Cimino, Lakeside; J. O. Lockhart, Bandon; H. Falbe, Roseburg.