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NEIGHBORS SEARCHING

Two Brothers Believed to Have Starved or to Have Been Killed in the Woods.

FOUL PLAY NOT SUSPECTED

Young Men Had No Enemies, So It is Thought Their Absence Can Only Be Accounted For By Accident.

Port Angeles, March 22.—A story of mysterious disappearance and probably violent and lonely death in the forest reached here today when Henry Marshall, of the Quillayute, came to the county seat to ask the court to put some one in charge of the property of the two missing men. The men were brothers, young Germans, Mathias and Martin Erle, 30 to 40 years of age, who lived on a small rented place a mile from the Quillayute postoffice. Here they were feeding a small bunch of cattle and some sheep, while both had homesteads four or five miles distant in the woods.

The two brothers were last seen alive on the 17th or 18th of February, when they got their mail at the postoffice and did some little trading at a near-by store. They were in the habit of calling regularly for their mail once a week or oftener, but no attention was paid to their absence for two or three trips. When they failed to show up for three weeks or more, however, inquiry began to be made concerning them in the neighborhood, with the result that neighbors went to their place to see what could be learned. It was found that the brothers had locked up carefully, as was their custom when going away for the day, having first fed the stock, but that they had never been back.

A calf that had been shut in the barn was dead of starvation, and a horse dead of the same cause in the barn lot. The cattle, which had been allowed to run out, were living barely, having subsisted on such feed as they could find in the forest. It is believed by the neighbors that the brothers went for a visit to their homesteads and that they were killed by a falling tree or some kindred accident while in the woods.

When the discovery was made on last Tuesday a hurried search of the vicinity was made without result, and Mr. Marshall reports that the entire neighborhood was preparing to organize for a thorough search of the woods when he left. The brothers are said to have had no enemies, and foul play is not suspected. Neither did they leave the country by any of the known routes of travel, and the only conclusion is that they were either killed in the forest or lost their way and died of starvation endeavoring to get out.

NOT KIDNAPED AT ALL.

Boy Admits He Has Been Fibbing Regarding His Disappearance.

Tacoma, March 21.—Eleven-year-old Frank Beck, who returned to his home, 899 Almsworth avenue, after an absence of nearly two days, and unfolded a weird tale of having been kidnaped off the streets of Tacoma by bold, bad men, who bound, gagged and threw him in the bottom of a wagon and covered him with burlaps, hauling him to a point near Auburn, where they let him go late Tuesday night, was not kidnaped at all.

The boy has confessed to his father, Joseph Beck, that he had misled him. The lad's explanation was that he had jumped into a wagon for a ride home, and when he discovered the wagon was not going towards his home, had been unable to get out, and had been carried over the Indian reservation and then, after leaving the wagon, had lost his way. He concocted the tale of kidnaping, fearing boy-like, to admit that he had been lost. When the

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little fellow returned home Wednesday night at 16:30 after being absent since Tuesday, he was well-nigh exhausted. He told his parents and the neighbors an apparently straightforward story as to how he had been kidnaped about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon near Tenth and J streets. His parents were loath to believe the story at first, but the boy repeated it so thoroughly in detail that friends and parents were convinced. No motive for the kidnaping, however, could be ascribed by anyone.

Yesterday morning one of the city detectives visited the Beck home, and Frank stuck to his story. Later in the day his father again took him in hand and then the boy told the truth, admitting that he was not kidnaped at all.

"He said he jumped in the wagon to get a ride home," said Mr. Beck yesterday. "The wagon drove fast, and owing to his broken arm he said he could not get out until the tideflats were reached, when the wagon slowed down, and then it was too muddy. He rode to a point beyond the reservation, where the wagon stopped to water the horses, and here he got out and started to walk home. He says the driver of the wagon asked him where he was going when he got in, and that he said he was going home and the man let him ride.

"When he got out of the wagon he walked in the wrong direction and reached Auburn, where he spent Tuesday night in an unfinished house, starting out again about 5 o'clock in the morning and again going wrong and towards Seattle until he stopped at an interurban station, where he was directed which way to go to Tacoma. He was completely exhausted by his experience, having been without food all the time, and is not yet able to stand on his feet as a result of his long walk.

"He admitted to me today that he was not kidnaped at all. He did not want to tell that he was lost and took that method of explaining his absence. He was so thoroughly exhausted and famished when he got home Wednesday night that he will not soon forget the experience. I want the facts in the matter stated so that other people who have children will not be worrying for fear theirs, too, may be kidnaped.

VALUE OF CHITTEM BARK.

Speculators Busy Contracting For the Important Product.

Kalama, March 22.—Speculators have been very busy of late trying to contract for chittem, or cascara bark, from land owners. One proposition is to contract for all that is offered at from 5 to 7 cents per pound of dry bark delivered at railroad or river points. Another proposition is to buy the bark on the tree at from 1-2 to 1 cent per pound.

Chittem trees are growing scarce and the supply will soon be exhausted unless some steps are taken to preserve it. Owners of land well stocked with chittem trees should regard it as valuable property and see that it is not wasted. A chittem tree one foot in diameter is worth as much in the forest as a fir tree four times as large. One pound of bark for which 5 cents is offered will make one pound of fluid extract that sells at wholesale for \$2, and the cost of manufacture should not exceed 25 cents per pound.

The ruling price paid for the bark for a number of years has been from 1-2 to 1 cent per pound, which did not more than pay for the work of peeling and the owner got nothing at all for the bark. The demand for the bark is very great, as it is prescribed almost daily by all regular physicians in all countries of the civilized world, besides being an active ingredient in a great many patent medicines. The world's supply must come from the Pacific coast, as it does not grow anywhere else.

The bark is not used for two years after it is removed from the trees, as the new bark contains a ferment that renders its action harsh, which is much modified by the curing process. On that account the bark can be safely held for a higher price, it only being necessary to keep it in a dry place.

Differences Not Settled.

San Francisco, March 22.—Another conference has just been held here by committees from the Marine Engineers' Association and the Steam Schooners' Association, but as on previous occasions they failed to reach an amicable adjustment of their differences it is said, however, that the prospect of ending the controversy is bright.

Famous Colt Dead.

San Francisco, March 22.—The famous "worth its weight in gold" colt is dead at the Aptos stock farm. This youngster was sired by the champion stallion Cresceus, dam Czarina. He was the only colt of Cresceus in California, so that his premature death is a distinct loss to the breeding industry of California.

A CURSE TO THE PEOPLE

Combination of Capital Greatest Burden the Country Has to Bear.

IT CHOKES INDIVIDUALITY

W. H. Truesdale Believes That Railroad Business the Chief Industry—Makes Address to College Students.

New York, March 22.—In an address before students of the College of the City of New York, W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway, has described great combinations of labor and of capital as socialistic, declaring that their tendency is to shackle, if not to destroy, American individuality, to which the country owes so much. But he deemed himself fortunate, he said, to have lived in a period during which gigantic strides had been made in tariff problems.

After describing the developments of the great industries of the United States, greatest of which, he declared, is the railroad business, Mr. Truesdale expressed the opinion that the gain from year to year, is due to the spirit of American freedom. He does not expect the same proportionate mileage to be constructed hereafter as the cost of terminals—where there is not actually a prohibition—will interfere, but the improvements will continue as rapidly as ever.

He said that the great combinations of capital, are impossible elsewhere, and it is a question if they do not stifle individuality. Labor organizations may be beneficial in a way; they have done good in some cases and they have done injury in others. When they stifle ambition, however, they do harm. Both sorts of combination, he declared, are socialistic in their tendency.

FAVORS PENSION BILL.

Delay in Passage Until Deserving Men Die, Criticized by Veterans.

New York, March 22.—Vice-President George A. Hussey occupied the chair at the regular meeting of the War Veterans and Sons' Association, held last night in room 2, Borough hall. Reporting for the grievance committee, President Walter Thorne said that the situation at present was unique, inasmuch as the committee had very little to report. This satisfactory situation had been brought about by the fact that so much work had already been done. That condition would not have existed were it not for what the association had done in the past. Eternal vigilance, he pointed out, was the price of liberty.

One comrade had complained that he had been badly treated in the navy yard, but it was understood that the matter was about to be satisfactorily adjusted so that action on the part of the association was not necessary.

Speaking of the service pension bill, providing for the retention of veterans in the federal service, now before congress, he said there had been opposition to it, and there was some fear it might be shelved. It was now in committee.

The chairman asked if Mr. Thorne was aware that there was not a newspaper in Greater New York in favor of the bill, and this precipitated a general discussion. Comrade Dr. Burdick said that he had seen a statement published to the effect that it had been suggested that the passage of the bill be delayed, as 50,000 of the old veterans would die off this year, 75,000 the next and 100,000 in the twelve months three years from now.

Comrade Joseph W. Kay criticized the newspapers for attacking men who were already over the hill of life and on the decline. Congress would never act in the matter, he said, until alarm was thrown into one of the political parties.

HIDE IN FOLDING BED.

Detectives Obtain Evidence in Rather Unique Manner.

New York, March 22.—Bicycle Policemen John C. Lass and Dennis McClunn, of the Parkville station, arranged a unique plan last night in order to get evidence in a bribery case. The two officers are the complainants in a case now pending in the Lee avenue court against Samuel Flum, 25 years old, of Keap and Almslee streets, who is charged with violating the excise law and keeping a disorderly house. Flum, the police say, kept a poolroom, where he sold older and soft

drinks, and McClunn and Lass allege that they visited the place and were served with four drinks of whisky. A raid was made on the place on February 27 by Captain Martin Short, Detective Sergeant Grossbeck, of Inspector Balwin's staff, and Officers McClunn and Lass. The officers say that two women were in the place when the raid was made.

Since Flum was arrested, Officers Lass and McClunn say that Flum has followed them up, offering them money and wanted them to testify that they never saw whisky in his place. He found out where Lass lived and called there three times.

Yesterday the officers said Flum met them in a restaurant at Bedford avenue and Division street. Roundsman Helwig, in plain clothes, was with the bicycle policemen, but Flum would do nothing while the roundsman was there, and he arranged to meet the two officers at Lass' home, 152 Webster avenue, Parkville, last night at 8 o'clock.

Lass is the owner of an old-fashioned folding bed in the shape of a bureau. He and McClunn got to work at the bed, took the inside out and bored holes in the front and back. Sergeant Grossbeck and Roundsman Helwig concealed themselves in the bed so that they could see and hear everything that was going on in the room.

Flum, the officers allege, then offered to give Lass \$15 to testify that he neither drank nor saw whisky in his place, and afterwards offered and paid to McClunn \$15 to testify the same as Lass.

McClunn then invited Flum out to have a drink and Lass said:

"Wait and let me show you what I've got here."

Lass then opened the folding bed and Sergeant Grossbeck and Roundsman Helwig stepped out. Flum was astonished and said:

"Let me sit down; I'm sick."

He was then arrested and taken to the Parkville police station.

He was taken to the Flatbush court this morning charged by McClunn with bribery.

Flum asked for an adjournment, and the case was set down for next Thursday. He was held in \$1000 bail.

HOUSE EARLY ADJOURNS.

Congressmen Respect Memory of Alabama's Late Representative.

Washington, March 21.—Consideration in session an hour and 20 minutes today, the house adjourned, out of respect to the memory of the late representative Charles W. Thompson, of Alabama, who died yesterday in this city. Soon after convening, Mr. Hepburn offered a resolution reciting certain statements by Baker, of New York, contained in the Congressional Record of last Friday, reflecting on the integrity and honor of Babcock, of Wisconsin, and providing that they be expunged from the records. Hepburn explained that Baker had not delivered them on the floor of the house, but had inserted them in the Record under leave to print. The resolution was adopted after the democrats had forced a roll call.

WOMAN'S SYMPATHY.

Is Proverbial. Astoria Women No Exception.

How much we owe to the sympathetic side of womankind. When others suffer they cheerfully lend a helping hand. They tell you the means which brought relief to them that you may profit by their experience. Read the testimony given here by an Astoria woman.

Mrs. Close, wife of John Close, engineer at Lindenberger's cold storage house, foot of Eighth street, residing at 239 Commercial street, says: "About a year ago we moved here from Portland and as I had a great deal to look after I overdid myself and the result was I brought on kidney trouble. My back began to ache and as time rolled by it kept getting worse instead of better. It finally grew so bad that I could scarcely stoop or straighten after stooping. When I did any work requiring bending I could hardly get up and I had headaches, dizzy spells and at times everything before me looked blurred. I was just about to start to the store for a plaster to put on my back when I read about Doan's Kidney Pills, and as they were so highly recommended for kidney trouble I made up my mind to try them and procured a box at Charles Rogers' drug store on Commercial street. They went right to the root of the disease and helped me from the start and before I had finished the box I was cured. Everything is changed with me now and I have no symptoms of kidney trouble whatever."

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