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Mike Marshal Assaulted.

Lying at the point of death in a hospital in The Dalles, with his skull crushed from being struck with a bar of iron in the hands of a desperate foot pad, is the condition of Mike Marshal, the well known Morrow county sheepman. Mr. Marshal went to The Dalles and in the evening went to the Columbia hotel to engage a room. When told that the rooms were all taken, he asked to be directed to a place where he could find a room. A stranger offered his services to find a room and Mr. Marshal and the stranger started out together. This is about all the particulars so far learned outside of the fact that Mr. Marshal was found with his skull crushed and his pockets rifled.

Christian Church.

Services at the Christian church will begin at 10:30 and close about 12. This will be a combined service of the Sunday School and preaching service. Sermon by Evangelist Kellmes, subject, "The Lord's Day and its Observances." The protracted meeting service will continue next week. The following is the list of subjects to be discussed: Saturday, 7:30 p. m., "Should Women Speak in the Church?" Sunday morning, "The Lord's Day and its Observances." Sunday 7 p. m., "The Scriptural Heart and How it is Changed." Monday 7:30 p. m., "The Missing Link." Tuesday 7:30 p. m., "The Dividing Line." Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., "Meeting God at His Altar." Thursday, 7:30 p. m., "Ye Must be Born Again." Friday, 7:30 p. m., "Three Salvations, Universal, Special and Eternal." Saturday, 7:30 p. m., "Recognition in Heaven."

TIMBER LAND INVESTIGATION

Hearing Now in Progress at Court House.

Testimony in the Morrow county timber land cases in which conspiracy is alleged by the government, is now being taken at the court house. The testimony is being taken before Referee Pruitt, who is assisted by Attorney F. C. Rabb, of Portland. Attorney Frank Melvin, of Portland, appears for the entrymen, and Attorney Sam E. VanVactor is attorney for the Northwest Timber Company. F. A. Read, of Portland has been in Heppner for the past month for the purpose of securing evidence on the part of the government.

The present hearing is the preliminary for the final disposition of the case.

The case is a tedious one owing to the large number of witnesses to be examined. There are about 30 entrymen connected with the case which will necessarily bring forth a great mass of evidence.

The case is brought by the government to determine the validity of title to the lands and to ascertain if any of the lands were obtained fraudulently.

The testimony taken here will go to the LaGrande land office, and from there will go to Washington for final disposition before the department.

The lands in question are located in the extreme southeastern portion of Morrow county in the LaGrande land district.

This suit has gained considerable notoriety in the public eye, owing to the large number of prominent people connected with it as well as the ownership of a big body of valuable timber land. The history of the case dates back from the time of the Heppner flood in 1903, and has been dragging along ever since.

At the time of the failure of the Farmers and Traders National bank at LaGrande, in going over the papers and records of the defunct bank's cashier, it is alleged that valuable evidence was unearthed indicating fraud in the acquisition of the lands in question.

During this time agents of the government have been quietly but vigorously working on the case.

Since the filing of the entrymen the claims have been allowed to pass through the routine of the land laws and ownership of the lands has passed into the hands of the Northwest Timber Company, a Spokane syndicate.

The property valuation involved is large.

South Methodist Church.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Subject: "God's Ways." Epworth League at 6 p. m. Preaching at 7. Subject: "The Weary Ones." Appropriate music. A special selection at the evening service. "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," by Lutie Reed. A welcome for all. E. P. Warren, pastor.

Free Stallion for Sale.

A fine young half-blood Belgian stallion for sale. Weighs 1525 pounds. Solid bay in color. For further particulars, address J. S. Baldwin, Heppner, Oregon. The horse can be seen at McRoberts & Evans livery stable.

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Indians Arrested.

For killing deer out of season, Billy, Johnny, Little George and Pitts, four Columbia river Indians who reside on the Washington side of the river, were arrested Tuesday by Deputy Game Warden Gurdane and Deputy Sheriff Nash.

When taken by the officers at the mouth of Rhea creek in this county, it was found that the siwash had been making a rich haul in gathering winter "muckamuck" in the way of juicy venison, however, contrary to the state game laws.

In the Indian outfit there were about 40 deer hides, besides a good collection of heads and horns and a large quantity of fresh and jerked venison.

At this time of year when the snows are deep in the high altitudes, the mule deer of the Blue mountains congregate in herds and it is an easy matter to surprise the animals and slaughter them in large numbers.

The Indians all submitted to arrest without trouble with the exception of Pitts who was highly indignant at the audacity of the pale faced officers. He was persuaded not to go on the warpath, and all four were taken before Justice Perkins at Ione where

they were fined \$50 each. Not having the necessary funds the original Americans will be guests at the Morrow county "skookum" house for the next 25 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Herren came down from the saw mill, Tuesday. Mr. Herren states that snow is about six inches deep at the mill.

John Taylor drove in from the East Side yesterday. He says all his neighbors are drinking Folger's Golden Gate Coffee and he took two 5-lb. tins home with him.

Proposals Invited.

The County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, will receive proposals for furnishing material and building portions of what is known as the Huston road according to plans and specifications on file with the county clerk of Morrow county, before 1 o'clock p. m., January 6, 1910. Each bid to be accompanied by a certified check for five per cent of the amount of the proposal as required by law. The county court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

C. C. PATTERSON,
County Judge.

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