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LACK OF LIEBUOYS REASON FOR DEATH

Coroner's Jury Blames No One for
Double Drowning.

"Because there were no life preservers or other life saving equipment on the launch Fox, it was impossible to save their lives."

Such was the verdict of Coroner Finley's jury, which this morning inquired into the death of Fred and Madeline Steffenson, who were drowned in the river Sunday night, when their boat was hit by the Fox.

The verdict further stated that the accident would have possibly been avoided if the people in the rowboat and of the crew of the Fox had been more careful. No blame, however, was attached to any individual of the crew, of the Fox. Evidence was introduced to show that it was not necessary for the Fox, or any launch or rowboat, to carry life preservers. Captain John Reed, of the Fox, said that he had purchased a buoy and placed it in his boat.

Evidence was introduced to show that the rowboat had plenty of room to pass the launch, but that as the two boats were approaching each other, Miss Steffenson, who was steering the rowboat, manipulated the gear ropes in such a manner that the rowboat was pulled directly across the path of the Fox, and that Captain Reed did not have time to stop before he hit the rowboat. As no one was held responsible, no warrants will be issued.

Telegram.

The Profitable Dairy Cow.

We are simply in want of a machine that will work up the food we give her into the more profitable product, and the less toll she takes, and the less she wastes, the better. We have taken pains to observe that the unprofitable cow nearly always was thick just back of her shoulders. We like to see a small neck, a good, wide dishing forehead, a good eye, and large, clear nostrils. Deliver us from the Roman-nose cow; she's coarse everywhere else. Good, large, tortuous milk veins running well forward; these indicate that blood flows and plenty of blood must reach and return from the udder. We do not like the cow up on legs too far, as it means that her barrel is too small to bring it close to the ground; avoid the straight underline.

The real finishing work is in the udder, well up in front and high up in the rear, teats of good size and well placed, and far enough apart so that you can milk her without continually hitting the knuckles. Fat, fleshy udders are no good; they should milk down well and be soft

and flexible and have plenty of tissue to perform their work. We have not said a word about breed, as that is not what we are after; it is the type of cow that is to make the most good milk for us at the least expense. Neither does the price of the cow cut any figure. The price of ordinary cows ranges from \$30 to \$60, but there may be more profit in the \$35 one than the one costing \$60. When you see the cow you want, buy her; \$5, \$10 or \$20 difference in price is nothing compared as to whether she will make 150 or 350 pounds of butter in a year, or give 3000 or 7000 pounds of milk. You will usually find that it is the large, smooth cow that commands the best price. She is not the best cow to buy, and you are buying not selling. We ought to study our cows and find out why this one gives twice as much milk as the one beside her, under the same conditions. There is a reason for it, and even nature, they say, reveals her secrets to the patient, unwary student, and when we find this reason we shall know how to pick out good cows.

A cow in milk that will not consume a large amount of food or shows she has not a good appetite, should be discarded from the dairy as unprofitable, and the sooner the better.—Ex.

Portland.—If you want to make \$25 easily, try your hand at writing a yell for Portland at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The date is Sept. 30, but the yell must be in the hands of the committee by August 31. The exposition company offers a prize of \$25 to the person who submits the yell that may be considered best for the purpose. Contestants should remember that something in the nature of a college yell is wanted; but it must be original and striking. The contest is open to all. All yells should be sent to Henry E. Reed, secretary of the exposition, the envelopes being marked "Portland Day."

Pharmacists Passed

Eugene, Or., Aug. 9.—The following were successful in the examinations before the state board of pharmacy:

Seniors—Helen McKinney, Woodburn; William Armitage, Portland; Edward P. Applegate, Drain; Chas. Litter, Albany; Robert W. Swanton, Roseburg; Loyd S. Howe, Eugene; William Vose, Portland; George Claudland, Ontario.

Juniors—Ernest W. Huss, Salem; Dolph Tuggle, Ashland; Walter H. Johnson, Woodburn; A. T. Woolper, Portland.

The Moulton property is bringing in richer specimens every day from its claim and now has a four foot vein of rich ore, recently opened.

LANE COUNTY CENSUS

Increase in Population is 4,136 in
Five Years.

Assessor Keeney has completed the 1905 census for Lane county, the last figures being received late Wednesday afternoon. The total for the county is 23,740, an increase of 4,136 in five years. The Federal census of 1900 gave the population of the county as 19,604. The increase is at the rate of a fraction over 21 per cent. The figures by precincts and cities are as follows, those of 1900 being appended for comparison:

Precinct	1905	1900
Bailey	464	376
Bianton	241	272
Blue River	212	88
Bohemia	221	154
Camp Creek	403	445
Chesher	149	161
Cottage Grove, east outside corporate limits	712	672
Cottage Grove west outside corporate limits	600	564
Cottage Grove, city	1410	974
Coyote	294	346
Creswell	666	740
Elmira	327	268
Eugene, city	5745	3236
Fairmount, outside city	251	...
Fairmount	...	500
Fall Creek	311	267
Five Rivers	99	84
Florence, city	258	222
Florence, outside	743	243
Gate Creek	286	232
Glentena	62	65
Goshen	279	246
Hazel Dell	86	95
Hecets	64	56
Hermann	132	112
Irving	774	664
Jasper	210	260
Junction, north, outside city	294	235
Junction, south, outside city	572	454
Junction, city	556	506
Lake Creek	119	144
Lane	227	175
Long Tom	255	307
Lost Valley	359	297
Mabel	156	106
Mapleton	245	293
Middle Fork	133	99
Mohawk	315	692
Mound	119	140
McKenzie	...	43
Pleasant Hill	368	320
Richardson	421	433
Saginaw	465	690
Siuslaw	264	294
Spencer	309	288
Springfield, outside city	693	575
Springfield, city	695	353
Thurston	432	291
Wallace	215	287
Walton	154	155
Wendling	84	...
Willamette	781	523
Zumwalt	511	383

Totals.....23,740 19,604
*Abandoned. **New Precinct.

Peace Meet is Opened.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 9.—With most simple ceremonies the first international peace conference held in the United States began shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. The greatest battle of wits in this century is in progress in a plainly furnished three-story brick building under conditions the most democratic.

The bells were ringing 10 o'clock when Russian envoys Witte and Baron Rosen drove up to the building in automobiles, followed shortly by Baron Komura and Minister Takahira in another car.

H. H. D. Pierce of Massachusetts, third assistant secretary of state, escorted the party. He addressed the envoys upon their entrance into the building. Mr. Pierce said:

"It is my pleasure and honor as representative of the United States to turn over these rooms for the use of the envoys from Japan and Russia during their deliberations. I wish to assure you of the deep interest felt by the United States in the happy outcome of your labors."

Then with a bow Mr. Pierce withdrew and left the representatives of the warring empires to settle down to business.

In this simple, unostentatious way was inaugurated the conference which the whole civilized world hopes will put an end to the

bloodiest war of modern times.

After the return of the plenipotentiaries to the hotel from the navy yard, Sato, in behalf of the Japanese, said:

"Today's meeting was entirely formal and for the purpose of settling methods of procedure. It was decided that formal meetings will commence tomorrow at 9.30 o'clock. Meetings will be held twice a day from 9 to 12.30, and from 3 to 5.30, subject to such modifications as may be agreed upon."

Fair Japan.

Fair, fair Japan. One has but to step off the Trail at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, pass through an exact replica of the work-famed gate of the Temple at Shinto at to be transported thousands of miles to fair Japan, the land of the cherry blossoms, chrysanthemum and dainty Giesha. A veritable glimpse of fairyland! A scene of beauty and fascination beyond description! A treat for the lover of beauty and art!

One steps from the din and bustle of the trail into a typical city street of Japan, and all surroundings are at once changed. To the right and left one sees the native artisan in his shop at work on those beautiful and artistic productions which no other nation can produce. One meets the Japanese in their homes and forms an acquaintance with their true life, not obtainable elsewhere than here or in Japan itself. One sees that at all their daily occupations; here a painter, there a porcelain or cloisome worker, beyond a lacquer worker. Artist, mechanic, laborer, tradesman are all here, while dainty maidens through the street, moving smilingly gracefully about. One sees them at their amusements, games and sports. The jiu jitsu wrestlers, swordsmen, fortune tellers and dancing

Standing of Various Candidates

The standing of the various young ladies in the contest for the Trip to the Exposition are as follows:

Miss Lizzie Hohl385
Miss Jesse Berg300
Miss Nettie Burdick115
Miss Lizzie Veatch105
Miss Ida F. Barret95
Miss Maggie Shian45
Miss Elsie Lee25

girls are all here.

At the back are beautiful gardens with the miniature lakes, rivers, cataracts and bridges, and perfect, tiny trees and forests which makes the Japanese as the perfect landscape gardeners of the world. A note unique and beautiful sight cannot be found.

Here, too, is a theater where Japanese amusements are produced by Japanese artists just as they do at home, and a rare treat is the entertainment there presented.

And to crown it all, the tea house and gardens where one has the most delicious tea and cakes served by the daintiest little maidens imaginable. Surely life is worth living in Japan.

Heavy License Placed Upon Trading Stamps

Albany, Or., Aug. 9.—The city council last evening passed an ordinance imposing a license of \$500 a year on trading stamp operators, and \$100 on merchants making use of trading stamps. A fine of \$100 and imprisonment of 30 days in the jail is the penalty for the violation of the ordinance.

Grapes in California

California stands first in the production of grapes. There are in the state 90,686,458 vines. New York is the second state of the union with 29,000,000 vines and Ohio third with 13,000,000 vines. Fresno is the banner county of California with 24,904,559 vines, or almost as many as all New York. Sonoma county is second with 12,004,458 vines, Santa Clara county is third with over 7,000,000 vines, and following comes Napa, Kings, Sacramento and all other counties aggregating 20,000,000 vines. California grapes yield \$5,622,825 annually.

EXAMINATION IN PROGRESS

Guard Aug. 9.

The high school building presents a busy aspect today and will continue to do so until Saturday. The cause for such a stir in the peaceful quiet building is the teachers' examination, which is in progress under the head of County Superintendent Dillard.

There are 62 persons, 57 of whom are women, and five men, trying for county certificates, while there are 11 contestants for state papers. The examination for county papers today includes penmanship, history, orthography and reading. For the state papers examinations are being held in penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading and school law.

The county superintendent has Professor M. H. Arnold and H. C. Baughman assisting him in the county examination, held in the assembly room, while W. G. Martin is assisting in the state ones down stairs.

General Summary.

The week, like the two preceding ones, was warm and dry. These conditions were excellent for harvesting grain, and this work was pushed along with unusual rapidity. Fall wheat and barley yields continue good, both in quantity and quality, but spring wheat is not coming up to expectations, especially in the Willamette valley, where rust and the aphides were so plentiful earlier in the season. The straw of spring wheat and oats was heavy and the heads, as a rule, of average size, but the berry in many cases is shriveled, which accounts for the shortage.

Pastorage is very short, good in the mountain ranges, and stock keeps in unusual good condition. All streams are falling and the water supply for irrigation is getting scarce. Sugar beets, field onions and early potatoes are making good advancement, but late potatoes are at a standstill and need rain badly. Corn is extra good. Hops show improvement and the lice have nearly all disappeared, but growers generally expect yields below the average, and also a return of lice with the advent of favorable weather for their propagation.

Early apples are small and the yields are below the average. Peaches are being marketed and the crop is better than expected. The dry weather is causing prunes and plums to drop more than usual at this season of the year.

Dehorning of Cattle.

Cattle feeders and experts are demanding more and more as the years go by that horns be removed

from beef cattle before shipping.

Year after year the favor of buyers for cattle that have been deborned becomes more and more pronounced. Financial results are a strong factor in argument in favor of any practice and the testimony of many sellers may be obtained that horns on fat cattle at market frequently result in a considerable discount from the price that could have been realized had all horns been off.

Russian Peace-Envoy Declares.

Japan's conditions are too intolerable to admit of discussion. I am happy to visit America, also glad to have a personal intercourse with President Roosevelt to present the greetings of Emperor Nicholas, said M. Witte, the Russian peace envoy, at midnight in an interview by wireless telegraph aboard the steamer Wilhelm der Grosse eight miles east of the Nantucket lightship. The steamer docks at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He said: "It has been stated that I am to test the ground for floating a Russian loan in America and discuss relations between the countries, especially on commercial affairs. My only mission is the negotiations for peace, but I am quite ready to express my personal opinion on questions relating to Russia and America with a view to strengthening the traditional friendship feeling."—Oregonian.

Wallowa Will Have a Railroad Soon.

Work is to commence at once at on the O. R. & N. branch railway from Elgin, Union county, into Wallowa. Yesterday it became positively known that the matter of letting the contract had been practically finished, although not fully closed. Friends of the George W. McCabe company stated that they had no doubt remained that it would be given the contract, which was a matter of detail to be carried out by the O. R. & N. as soon as the office force got the matter in shape.

Particulars of this work are not available yet, but the mere fact that it is to commence immediately and will open the rich Wallowa valley country is considered sufficiently good news for the present. An immense timber belt lies ahead of the work to be undertaken, while the agricultural resources of Wallowa valley are famous throughout the northwest.

There is a sample of the wooden pipe that one of the Pipe companies bidding on the Water pipe, would furnish, on exhibition in front of Curran & Veatch's store. It looks like a fine pipe, but is only 4 inches in diameter, where the pipe to be furnished would be 10 inches. Wooden pipe will not cause the water to taste after a few days, and will not clog as badly as iron pipe.

A Merciless Sacrifice

Of all Summer Stocks

AT LURCH'S

Shirt Waists! Shirt Waists!

Shirt Waist Suits

Children's Bonnets

Lurch's

Honest Reductions

A - The
Triumph - McKibben
of Merit - Hat

We have just received
our new Fall Line, in-
cluding all the latest
shapes and styles.

Don't Pay - When
\$5.00 - \$3.00
For a Hat - Buys as good

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