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LOGGER CRUSHED TO DEATH

Joe Beneki Is Instantly Killed By Falling Tree in Camp Above Black Rock.

Joe Beneki, a laborer in one of the logging camps above Black Rock, was struck by a falling tree Thursday afternoon and killed instantly.

The men who were cutting the tree gave a warning shout just before it fell and everyone in the vicinity ran to a place of safety. Had the tree fallen to the ground in the direction

it had been aimed, Beneki would have been unhurt, but a crooked limb, catching, deflected the trunk which swung onward in a wide arc and almost before the unfortunate man could foresee or realize his peril or could make any effort to escape, it crashed full upon him hurling him crushed and mangled to the ground beneath the weight of the shattered timber.

The victim of the unfortunate accident was about 30 years of age. He was a foreigner and had been in the employ of the logging company only

about five weeks, having been sent up to the camp by the Oregon Employment Company, of Portland.

The remains were brought to Dallas by Coroner Chapman, who is holding them until information can be obtained concerning the relatives of the deceased, if there are any, and he can receive instructions for the disposal of the body.

Mrs. J. L. Castle and daughter, Ruth, went to Dallas, Saturday morning to visit a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. Dunn.—Dayton Optimist.

INSTITUTE SUCCESSFUL

Attendance of Teachers from Polk County Exceptionally Good—Great Interest Shown.

The Polk County Teacher's Institute closed Friday afternoon after a most successful session in every respect. The attendance was exceptionally good throughout the entire three days' of the institute and the interest taken in the work by the teachers who were present was a source of favorable comment from the instructors in all of the departments. Not only was the attendance of teachers large, but many visitors from the city were present at different times during the institute, great interest in the addresses delivered by the instructors at the general sessions being shown. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman was present Thursday, addressing the assembly at both the morning and afternoon sessions in his characteristic pointed and pertinent way on subjects of general interest in the educational world.

President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, was unable to be present at the evening session in the Courthouse, Thursday, owing to the serious illness of his son, but his place was ably filled by President E. D. Bessler, of the Monmouth Normal, and Superintendent E. F. Robinson, of Multnomah county, both of whom gave excellent addresses. A short musical program was given at the beginning of the session.

It has been customary heretofore to hold a School Officers' Convention immediately after the close of the institute but this has been postponed until some time in November, the date to be set later on.

TAX ROLL COMPLETED

Summary Submitted By County Assessor Graves Shows Total Valuation of \$10,076,430.

County Assessor C. S. Graves has submitted the following summary of the assessment for Polk county for 1908, the total valuation being \$10,076,430. The action of the Board of Equalization which is in session this week will make some slight changes in different items of the summary, but will not materially effect the total.

Tillable land, 116,626 acres.....	\$3,376,960
Non-tillable land, 329,856.62 acres.....	3,364,850
Improvements on deeded or patented land.....	527,690
Town and city lots.....	289,240
Imp. on town and city lots.....	621,940
Imp. on lands not deeded or patented.....	31,380
Railroad bed (73.67 miles).....	704,800
Telegraph and telephone lines (178.50 miles).....	20,704
Railroad rolling stock.....	77,170
Steamboats, engines and mfg. machinery.....	137,945
Merchandise and stock in trade.....	227,106
Farming implements, etc.....	71,635
Money.....	42,930
Notes and accounts.....	80,355
Shares of stock.....	103,520
Household furniture.....	141,005
Horses and mules (4,843).....	183,070
Cattle (7,674).....	97,975
Sheep and goats (35,576).....	66,520
Swine (3,946).....	10,830
Dogs (69).....	1,805
Gross value of all property.....	\$10,076,430

Had Narrow Escape.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford of Polk county, had a narrow escape from serious injury Thursday morning in a runaway. The pin holding the double-trees gave way in front of the Edison theatre, and the horses bolted down State street, and were going at a good rate when one of the frantic animals fell and was dragged over the hard pavement for about 20 feet, skinning him up considerably. Mr. Crawford and his wife both jumped from the carriage before the horse fell, and, notwithstanding a few bruises, were uninjured.—Salem Journal.

Return From Eastern Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moyer returned yesterday from an extended trip in the East. They left Dallas, May 1, visited relatives and friends in Nebraska, whom they had not seen for nearly 24 years, made trips through Iowa, Kansas and California. Mr. Moyer says that although he enjoyed his whole visit and found many attractive places in the states he visited, he still regards Oregon as the ideal state in which to make a home. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer went on to their home in Falls City yesterday.

Lyceum Course Opens.

Fredrick E. Hopkins, of Chicago, opened the Lyceum entertainment course at the Armory, Saturday evening with his lecture on "The Golden Fleece," treating the subject of making the most of opportunity in the struggle for success. A fair sized crowd was in attendance and all who were present were well pleased with Mr. Hopkins' masterly and interesting address. With this entertainment the Lyceum course has been opened most auspiciously and the citizens of Dallas will look forward with eagerness to the numbers which are to succeed it.

INDIANS HELD FOR ROBBERY

Albert and Louisa Ferris Taken to Oregon City After Arrest in Dallas.

The following news report from the Oregon City Courier gives a complete outline of the circumstances leading up to the arrest, by Sheriff J. M. Grant, of Albert and Louisa Ferris, two Grand Ronde Indians wanted in Oregon City for robbery:

"Constable Miles went to Dallas, Tuesday evening to bring Albert and Louisa Ferris, an Indian couple to Oregon City, where they are wanted for robbery.

"The theft for which the pair were arrested occurred August 27, when they succeeded in stealing \$120 from Johanna Susan Klamath, an Indian woman, nearly 100 years of age, who for a good many years has made her home in a cabin in Greenpoint. Johanna is well known among the early settlers here, and for a number of years was a servant in the household of Dr. John McLoughlin, founder of this city.

"The Indians, who are from the Grand Ronde Reservation, in company with a daughter, spent several weeks around Oregon City last summer, and made a good many calls on the aged squaw. On the night of August 27, Johanna, returning to her cabin from a short absence, saw Ferris leave the cabin through a window. On examination she found that \$120, her hard earned savings, and a gold ring had disappeared. Chief of Police Burns was notified, and a search was at once begun for the copper colored offenders, but it was learned that the daughter had been sent back to the reservation, while the parents visited points of interest in California, the cash used for the trip, being the savings of old Johanna.

"The officers of Polk county were notified to keep a watch for the couple. So when they returned from their jaunt Sunday night, they learned that at least two more trips were in store for them, a trip to the Polk county jail and a trip to Oregon City. Officer Miles allowed each of the aborigines to wear a bracelet, but as a matter of convenience for him, the bracelets were welded together with a strong steel chain, and the key reposed in the officer's pocket.

"Officer Miles arrived in Oregon City, Tuesday afternoon, with his dusky prisoners, and they were at once taken to the county jail. None of the missing money was found in their possession, but they carried a suitcase full of articles dear to the heart of an Indian that were recently purchased. The two will be tried Friday afternoon in Justice Samson's court."

DALLAS RIFLE TEAM CHOSEN

Representatives of Company H Shoot For Trophies on Local Range.

The following men were picked Sunday for the rifle team which will represent Company H on the local range today: H. B. Stingley, Leonard Shaw, A. W. Bennet, Wayne Greenwood, William Paul, Earl Day, Tom Magers, Edward Shaw, B. A. Teats, Chester Rowell, L. D. Brown and Verne Compton.

Captain Houck arrived from Eugene this morning and is superintending the contest today. Messrs. Stingley, Shaw, Bennet and Greenwood have been chosen to shoot for the regimental trophy and the first ten members of the team are to shoot for the medal.

Captain Houck and Colonel Yoran are holding these rifle shoots on the ranges of all the companies in the Fourth regiment and after the close of the season the award of the medal and trophy will be made according to the scores of the competing teams.

Considering the scant time that the men have had for practice, the Dallas riflemen are showing up in remarkable form and the members of the Company feel confident that the results of today's shooting will give the local team a prominent position among the rifle teams of the state.

School Population Grows.

Though the school population of the state has increased nearly 30,000 in the past ten years, there are a few counties in the state that show an actual loss in number during that period. Linn county for example, has dropped from a school population of 7299 in 1898 to 6568 in 1908. Curry county shows a decrease from 744 to 625 in the same time. Tillamook had 1695 children of school age in 1898, but reports only 1593 in 1908. Douglas county has remained almost stationary. The principal growth is shown in Multnomah county in which the attendance has grown from 23,604 to 36,587 during the past ten years. Polk county has also made good growth, increasing, according to the statistics furnished in the State Superintendent's biennial report, from 3,867 to 3,945.

The Rev. H. H. Farnham, the newly appointed pastor of the Evangelical Church, preached his first sermon in Dallas, Sunday morning. Mr. Farnham was a resident of Chilo, California, before moving to Dallas.

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