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FOUND DEAD IN FLUME

Ed Hulburt of Cline Falls Dies of Heart Failure.

WAS A POPULAR YOUNG MAN

Body Found Floating Face Downward in Four Feet of Water—Manager of Cline Falls Power Co.

REDMOND, Dec. 22.—This community has been shocked and saddened by the death of Ed Hulburt, manager of the Cline Falls Power Company's property at Cline Falls, whose body was found Saturday evening in the intake to the flume that supplies water for the hydraulic ram and the turbine wheel pump for irrigating the ranch. Briefly stated and as near as can be learned at present, the facts are as follows:

Saturday morning about 11:30 o'clock L. E. Prickett went to water his horses and saw Mr. Hulburt just starting over the bluff to go down and start the ram. This was probably the last time he was seen alive. About noon the ranch cook, Mr. Muller, who had been helping to decorate a Christmas tree at the school house, came in, got his dinner, ate it, washed his dishes, left dinner for Mr. Hulburt and returned to the school house. Returning about 4 o'clock, he saw that no one had been there, and began a search, going first down to the power house. When about two-thirds down the bluff he saw a hat lying beside the river and a little further down saw the body floating face downward in the flume in four or five feet of water.

It seems that Mr. Hulburt had cleaned the screens that admit water to the ram and wheel, had gone below and started the ram, had returned and crossed the flume, and from that it is mere conjecture. It is thought that he may have had an attack of heart failure, or spell of dizziness and have fallen into the water. As far as could be learned there were no marks of violence on the body, a bruise on the forehead, but hardly one that would have stunned him.

Mr. Muller got the body out of the water and with the help of Messrs. Chase, Bishop and Meredith, carried it up the hill to the ranch house. The first ones to see the body noticed blood in the inner corner of one eye, and the supposition at first was that it was a bullet wound but a close examination later by the coroner showed that there was no wound of that kind. The brain also was apparently in a perfectly normal condition.

A preliminary inquest was held before Justice Jones, who was called, and the final inquest will be held tonight with the following jury: Meredith, McCarty, Sears, the other mail carrier, Lilly and Harader.

The Prineville parties, Dr. Edwards, Judge Bell, Sheriff Elkins and Deputy Sheriff Combs, arrived about 1 o'clock today and the inquest will probably be in session all night.

Mr. Hulburt, who came here eight or nine months ago to take the place of Mr. Thompson, was a brother of the banker at Shaniko of the same name, who is a heavy stockholder in the Cline Falls Power Company. He was a young man of good habits, a pleasant, agreeable acquaintance, and rumor

has it, was soon to be married to a young lady who lives in the vicinity of the falls.

The Christmas exercises at the school house which were to be held Saturday evening, have been postponed until Wednesday evening. The brother is expected to arrive from Shaniko some time tonight.

E. C. PARK.

[Later, Sheriff Elkins brought the news to Bend that a post mortem examination by Dr. Edwards showed that the unfortunate man died from heart failure, the left ventricle being in very bad condition. There was a little water in the lungs, but only a little. It is supposed that Hulburt felt an attack coming on, stooped over to bathe his face, and fell into the flume.—Editor.]

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, Dec. 24.—About four inches of new snow covers the ground tonight and more coming.

C. L. Gist, postmaster at Gist, was a Bend caller yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker were at Bend yesterday on business.

F. F. Smith and wife and two sons and Miss Pearl Hightower and Vera Mackey stopped a few moments in Tumalo yesterday.

A number of people from these parts are attending the Christmas tree at Laidlaw tonight.

Fred Wallace of Laidlaw was in Tumalo yesterday after a load of hay for Mr. Wenandy at Bend.

Word was received here yesterday that the new mail route contract from Laidlaw via Tumalo to Gist has been let to Mr. Van Tassel of Gist and will go into effect the 1st day of January. The new route will do away with the present route from here to Bend and will serve the many farmers between here and Laidlaw and will put Gist on a star route, the mail to which has been carried by patrons of that office since the first of April.

The heavy snowfall of the past week in the mountains has driven some deer down near the desert.

John Edwards was a Bend visitor the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Geo. Pulliam and daughter were at Bend yesterday. Mrs. C. W. Thornthwaite returned with them on a visit.

Harry Shomacher passed through Tumalo Sunday returning from east of Bend where he has been employed by the D. I. & P. Co.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Inklings at Gist.

Walter Graham and wife are visiting at Gist's.

Mr. Arensmeyer, our teacher, will spend his Christmas on his homestead near Madras.

Mr. Templeton has returned from Shaniko with a load of freight for Rob Smith. He says roads are in bad shape.

Eber D. Mosaic is in the butcher business these days.

Messrs. Burkhard and Gist straightened Clyde Johnson's barn yesterday, which the heavy winds tried to blow down.

Frank Arnold and Clyde Gist are batching this week at the Melvin place.

Fred McReynolds, who has been visiting at Gist, will return home soon.

Some of the boys saw a pig's track in the timber and as a result they have been on the trail for the past four days. By this time they are at Coon mountain.

HAYSEED.

Mad Cow Makes Lively Time.

Andrew Larsen had a very exciting experience last Saturday with a vicious cow which had been marked for slaughter and which was being driven to the slaughter pen. The cow did not drive easily, and getting warmed up, finally turned as they were crossing the townsite, and attacked the horse which Larsen was riding, goring the horse and fighting viciously. Several persons who essayed to help were charged by the infuriated beast and had to seek safety behind barn doors. Mr. Larsen finally secured several men on horses to help him, and succeeded in getting the cow corralled at the slaughter pen.—Madras Pioneer.

PURCHASE TOWNSITE

Laidlaw Sold to Mt. Hood Railroad Company.

WILL BUILD ACROSS STATE

Present Transaction Means that the Long-Desired Railroad Will Be Built into Central Oregon.

It is stated on good authority that deeds are being prepared at Prineville for the sale of the townsite of Laidlaw to the Mount Hood Railroad & Power Company. This is the company that, it has been said, would build an electric road across Central Oregon to connect with a Moffat line in Nevada. The purchase of the Laidlaw townsite with its adjacent water power possibilities, lends great confirmation to this story and discloses to a certainty the intention of the Mount Hood company to build this road as above stated. Regarding the purchase of Laidlaw and its bearing on the railroad question in Central Oregon, the Oregonian has the following article in Tuesday's issue:

"Confirmation of the story printed some time ago that the Mount Hood Railroad & Power Company will build a standard-gauge railroad across the state that will connect with the Moffat road from Denver, giving Portland another transcontinental line, is found in the purchase of the townsite of Laidlaw, in the Deschutes valley, by the Mount Hood people. It has been known for some time that options on Crook county property had been secured by the Mount Hood interests, but this transaction is the first of any considerable size in that part of the state to be made public.

"General Manager C. W. Miller is not yet ready to announce the purchase of the Laidlaw townsite, although he admits his company has run surveys through that district. However, as deeds are now being made at Prineville transferring the townsite to the Mount Hood Railroad & Power Company, denials by the officials of the company are not taken seriously. Ideal sites are found both above and below Laidlaw to furnish splendid water power for generation of electricity to operate the road. As projected this new line across the state is an electric road throughout.

"The operations of the Mount Hood people have been masked with the greatest secrecy from the start. Officials have not been ready to announce the extent of their plans for obvious reasons, but they have not denied that they planned something more than an electric line to the base of Mount Hood. Every development in connection with the new road shows that the Western link in a transcontinental scheme is being built at this end of the line.

"Between Portland and the summit of the Cascade range, which division will be built first, a double-track, 60-mile-an-hour road, laid with 80-pound steel, will be built. A maximum grade of 1 per cent for the first 50 miles has been secured, and the highest curvature in the distance will be 6 degrees, with few curves that great. Surveyors have laid the line almost as straight as the crow flies. Hills will be dug away and low places filled, instead of permitting curves in the line.

"The temporary power-house for use in operating sawmills, lighting plant, pumps and other construction machinery was started yesterday and works well. It develops 500 horse-power and the water-wheels are driven under a 500-foot head, which is by far the highest head of water obtained in any of the power plants in this part of the country. Work is progressing rapidly on the permanent power station at Bull Run. The initial installation of 10,000 horsepower will be in operation in April or May."

The Mount Hood is said to be backed by ex-Senator Clark of Montana, the copper multi-millionaire. The project is fully financed, and there will be no delay in its construction on account of lack of

funds. Active construction work on the line east from Portland has been in progress for several months until recently, when work was abandoned on account of the unfavorable winter weather. The camps are being maintained, however, and work will be resumed in the spring. There is apparently more real life and ready cash behind the Mount Hood road than behind any other line headed for Central Oregon.

The one good feature in this news is that if the road builds to Laidlaw it will build on through Bend and across the state. That will give this section a transcontinental line, and will inaugurate the development of the whole of Central Oregon. In view of the purchase of the Laidlaw townsite it is practically certain that construction of a road into these parts will soon be announced and active work commenced in the spring.

Redmond Items.

REDMOND, Dec. 22.—One would hardly call this a desert judging from the weather the last two days—pretty nearly 48 hours of continuous drizzle. This will do a good deal towards making good plowing.

H. C. Bauer is in from the ditch camp, also Mr. Lauderback.

W. S. McEwing was a business traveler to Bend the first of the week.

Several of our citizens were handling from the mill at Prineville the latter part of the week.

C. W. Muma is in from a 12 days' trip to Shaniko.

On a short trip to O'Neil Wednesday we saw only three new houses either completed or in process of construction. That's not very many, so the colonel told us of Chesley's new house on the way to Bend, started since we came over the road on Tuesday.

McLellan and Welch are among the aimrods the past week, with what success we did not learn.

The house warming at W. E. Young's Friday night was very successful, about fifty being present. Elegant refreshments were served.

The ladies feel quite well pleased with the success of the bazaar, considering the weather and other disadvantages under which they labored. Quite a neat sum was realized.

There will soon be some more dead junipers and totem poles lying around this place when we get that new stump puller limbered up, then some more ash heaps to grow good spots of grain, and then—but that's another story.

E. C. PARK.

A Beautiful Sight.

There are now hundreds of swan on Silver lake and it is a beautiful sight to see these great white birds in such large numbers swimming majestically about on the water in the early morning sunshine. In the day time they fly out to the shallow water in the marshes to feed, returning to the lake in the evening. A few grey swan are seen among the white.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

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