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LEGENDS OF MALHEUR CAVE

INTERESTING INDIAN LORE AND SUPERSTITION.

Paul De Lacey Writes The Oregon Daily Journal in Which he Displays his Wonderful Imagination.

Malheur cave is situated near the South Fork of the Malheur river in Harney county. Our party started out from A. Venator's place early in the morning. The cave is about six miles from Venator post-office. Miss Hattie Bartlett, a Harney county school teacher, and two of her pupils Helene and Eunice Venator, and two guides, H. G. Landreth, W. J. Benham and the Journal representatives, made up the party.

We came to a level valley covered with lava rocks which was surrounded by tall rimrocks, except where the river penetrated the walls. The entrance to the cave is so obscure that the two guides, one of whom had explored the cave and the other had visited, passed by it several times without finding it. But a small monument of rocks soon disclosed the place and we stepped down into an old channel like that of a river, at the north end of which a dark doorway opened beneath a pile of boulders. Large torches had been provided by wiring woolen goods on to iron rods and these thoroughly saturated with coal oil, made light as bright as day. We found immediately at the entrance a cavern 60 feet wide and 20 feet from floor to ceiling. It was shaped from the ginning as to the end like the interior of a large railroad passenger coach, the walls, floor and ceiling being of solid rock.

We went a due northerly course 100 yards or more and then turned a perfect right angle to the left, the cave keeping its uniform width all the way. A few hundred yards out we came to heaps of rocks in the center of the floor which compelled us to hug the walls in order to continue our trip. An occasional drip of water from the front and rear as we passed. Long lines of white marked the presence of lime rock in the cave.

At a quarter of a mile distance we were warned not to proceed too hastily ahead of the light as we had run into the lake which lay ahead of us. This warning did not save several of the party from wet feet, as the water is so clear it cannot be seen until it is stepped on by the visitor. Since the discovery of the cave many years ago this water has remained the same depth winter and summer has always been clear as crystal.

It remains for some one versed in science to explain the phenomenon. The lake is not fed by visible fountain and there is no outlet. A small boat lies anchored near the water's edge, and one of an adventurous spirit may wade out to boat, enter it and row on for a quarter of a mile farther, where water becomes of an unknown depth and the cave comes to an end. There are theories of the water being retained by an absorption of the air coming in contact with the water.

The Indian legends connected the history of the lake were interesting to me. One of legends makes it the former abode of all the animals of the earth and the other makes it the abode of the water imp or a devil. The latter was taken up by the women who ened their children, when they did not obey, with giving them water imp. It was believed his evil spirit made his abode in the subterranean world that he slipped out at and conveyed the children to place where he feasted upon

set it was believed that he on men and women too, and he tribes in that section lived

in mortal fear of the water devil. The Indians feared the very neighborhood of the place and shunned it. The death of a number of the tribe was laid to this monster and his special province seemed to be carrying away, and feasting upon children.

Another legend is that it was the former abode of all of the animals of the world; that at one time all the animals now upon the earth were confined to this cave. Most of the Indians of the Pacific Northwest looked upon the coyote as a god and not as an animal. The grey wolf they looked upon as the greatest of all gods.

It was through these gods that the animals were released from the cave. The grey wolf, or great god, used to feast on the animals of the cave. He kept a great stone at the entrance of the cave and when he became hungry he would go and remove the stone and eat such animals as pleased his appetite, and closing the door again he would confine them there until he was hungry again. The coyote, or small god, also became hungry. He knew that the great god was living pretty high, by some means, and watched him. He saw the grey wolf remove the stone from the cave and then saw him come forth with his stomach well filled.

So soon as the great god had closed the entrance to the cave and made his departure, the coyote god approached the place and with a herculean effort removed the stone. But there were more animals than he expected. Anxious to escape they rushed out pellmell for liberty, and the great god came upon the scene just in time to see if all of his storehouse of animals made good their escape.

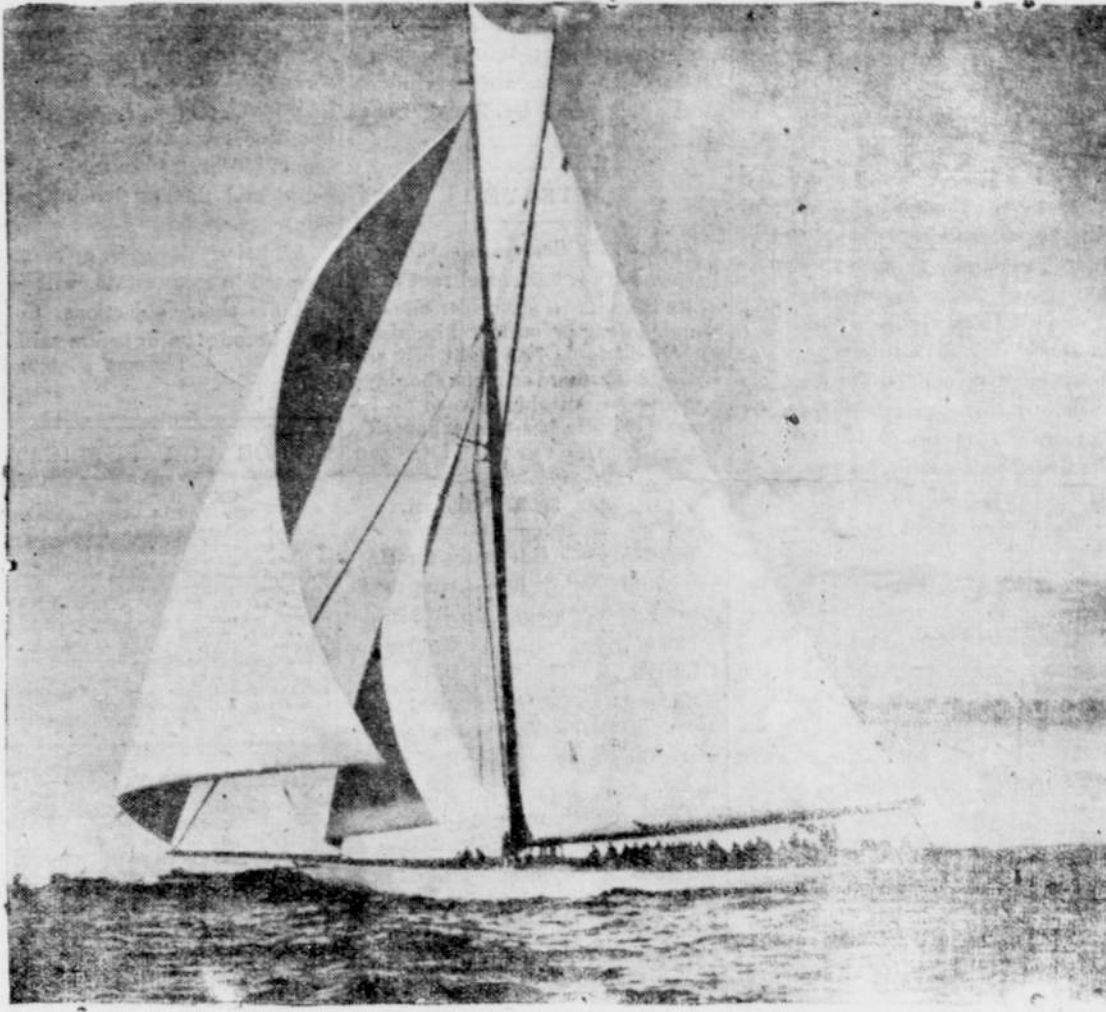
Since that time they have scattered all over the world, and we owe what good resulted therefrom to the treachery of the coyote god.

District Attorney Sued.

The Baker City Democrat says: At the October term of circuit court in Malheur county, a judgment was obtained by Henry Helmick, of Huntington, against O. W. Porter of Huntington, for \$2775 and costs amounting to \$220. Some time in June Porter paid the money to the clerk of the county with instructions to pay it over to the proper party on the cancellation of the judgment on the records. It appears that prior to that time Helmer assigned the amount due on the judgment to The First National Bank of Payette, Idaho, which was made a matter of record before the judgment was paid. J. H. Richards of Boise and William Miller of Ontario, were attorneys for Helmick when the judgment was obtained. The Bank of Payette notified Miller of the assignment and authorized him to collect it and retain his attorney fees out of the amount. It appears that Miller received the amount due on the judgment amounting to \$2930, and cancelled the judgment on the records for Helmick and the bank as attorney but paid the amount to the Moss Mercantile company, of Payette a creditor of Helmick. The bank has accordingly brought suit directly against Miller for the amount due, less Miller's attorney fees, \$2730. Attorneys Frank J. Smith of Caldwell, and Will R. King, of Ontario, appear as counsel for the bank. This promises to be an interesting contest on account of the prominence of parties involved and peculiar and unusual circumstances surrounding the case.

To Locate in Idaho.

Dave Carey is home from his trip to Summit, Idaho, the new town on the Northern Pacific, about 30 miles from Lewiston. Mr. Carey states that the new burg is nestled in the center of a great agricultural country and is building up rapidly. He will return shortly and engage in the harness business there. While we wish Dave all the success imaginable in his new home, we are sorry to lose him from our midst.—Ontario Argus.



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GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE HARNEY COUNTRY.

Its Scenery, Products, Big Ranches and Opportunities—Railroad Transportation All It Lacks.

The romances of the beautiful Harney county, and the living valleys of Grant, Malheur, Wheeler and Baker counties are now being worked into realities. Cold facts of today were the dreams of the past ten years, when a few pioneers ruled the country like the lords of creation and exercised authority by the side of which the czar of Russia's power would seem very small.

"I never saw Southeastern Oregon more beautiful or prosperous than during the trip there which I have just finished," said Mr. S. S. Litchfield, who represents Levi Strauss & Co. in the Inland Empire, with head office in Baker City, while talking to a Democrat man.

"Railroad transportation into that country would enable thousands and thousands of homeseekers from the east to occupy thousands and thousands of acres of valuable and productive lands which will grow anything that is planted when water is put on the ground, and water can be had in most places by boring down only a few feet. The soil is simply perfect.

The town of Burns is bustling full of life and is the center of a rich agricultural district. It has a population of about 600 people and possesses several large business concerns. N. Brown & Sons, general merchandise, own and occupy a large stone building Miller & Thompson and Lunaburg & Dalton and other prominent houses. The town is beautifully situated on the side of a hill overlooking a stretch of meadows down to Harney Lake.

Fifteen miles northeast of Burns is Harney, a little town of 150 people. One large mercantile house is here, run by that prince of men, Fred Haines, who does an immense business for 20 miles around. His well known, high character as a popular and leading citizen has won him an enviable reputation. He is a pioneer who aided in building the country and to him we are much indebted for our information concerning that great country, which is now extremely prosperous, with promising crops, except that hay will be short on account of the late spring.

"There is a space of thirty miles between Harney and The Narrows which is a very rich country and is especially productive. Water is

easily obtained at a depth of about eight feet and it is a very desirable location for homeseekers from the east. In the midst of it is the little town of Lawen, which has one important store owned by Mr. Sitz, who bought out Gray, who is now the postmaster and hotel keeper. Mr. Drinkwater is Mr. Sitz' capable manager.

"At The Narrows, a hamlet four or five miles from Lake Harney, is the large mercantile house of Chas. E. Haines, brother of Fred Haines of Harney. He controls a large business south into the desert for many miles and is a royal good fellow. He has been there 11 years, has built up an extraordinary trade, and illustrates the axiom that it pays to stick by your business in that during all the time he had been to busy to visit Baker City at all and only twice did he get to Burns, 30 miles away. In such a little place as this where there are but few houses but Charley's it is wonderful to note the large number of wagons from remote distances.

"Adjacent to The Narrows are the great ranches of the Pacific Live Stock Company. Their holdings are very large and they raise enormous herds of cattle for the eastern markets and immense quantities of hay. Henry Miller, now 80 years old, is the manager, and he came to California in '49 a poor youth. John Gilchrist, of San Francisco, is the executive manager. It is said that the Miller and Lux people can drive from California to Oregon two weeks, and stop every night on their own holdings. Thirty-five miles southeast of

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Religious Services.

Services at Christian Science Hall every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Service Wednesday evenings at 8.

Rev. A. J. Irwin will preach at Harney the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every sabbath at 2 p. m.

Sunday school at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock a. m. On the second, third and fourth Sunday of each month at 3 o'clock p. m. Preaching service every second Sunday at 8 p. m.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening Sunday school every Sunday at 11 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney In the matter of the Estate of Allen T. Clark, Deceased.

To James Clark and Mary Pettit, brother and sister of the above named Allen T. Clark deceased, and to Axie and Elizabeth, sisters of the above named Allen T. Clark deceased, whose real names are unknown, and to all persons interested in said estate:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby cited to be and appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney, at the Court room thereof, at the city of Burns, in the County of Harney, on Monday, the 7th day of September, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., of that day, then and there to show cause, if you or any of you have, why a certain instrument in writing, presented to the

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Harney county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Burns, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, August 12, at 9 o'clock A. M., and continuing until Saturday, August 15, at four o'clock.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, August 12, at nine o'clock A. M., and continuing until Friday August 14, at four o'clock P. M.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE CERTIFICATES.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

PRIMARY CERTIFICATES.

Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading, arithmetic.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods and physiology. Truly yours,

J. C. BARTLETT
County Superintendent

said County Court, and now on file therein, should not be admitted to Probate as the last Will and Testament of said Deceased, and why Letters of Administration with said Will annexed, should not be issued to Mary A. Clark, according to the prayer to the petition on file in said Court.

Witness, The Hon. H. C. Levens, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Harney, this 15th day of July A. D. 1903.

Attest: F. S. RIEDER,
County Clerk

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