

SCHOOL BOY DROWNED BY THE ICE BREAKING

Community is Shocked by Distressing Accident in Which Robert Shirk Meets Tragic Death. Rare Presence of Mind Displayed by a Little Boy Prevents Double Tragedy

The community was shocked Wednesday afternoon when the report reached town of the drowning of Robert, son of Prof. H. K. Shirk of the Harney County High School.

Robert, accompanied by Raymond and Vernon Horton, sons of Mrs. A. Horton, aged 14 and 11, respectively, and Lester Gault, aged 9 years, went down to the Electric Light plant to get a battery they had been promised. They found the plant closed but the smooth ice on the river attracted the boys and two of them returned to town and secured skates for the four and all joined in the sport of skating. It appears that the ice on the race and immediately above the dam was solid but a short distance above where there was some current the ice was thinner and contained some air holes.

Robert was farthest up stream when he broke through. He caught hold of the ice and Raymond laid down and endeavored to draw him out. The ice again gave away and both were precipitated into the water which is about 12 feet deep. Then Vernon, with rare presence of mind, tore off his coat and cast it out to the struggling boys holding to one sleeve, Raymond grasped the coat and was rescued. Both the Horton boys continued in their endeavors to save Robert and the coat was again cast out to him, but it is evident that he had become chilled and was unable to hold to the coat or longer exert himself. It is known that Robert had an affection of the heart and it is probable that this was the reason he could not resist the shock for he quickly sank and did not come again to the surface.

The Horton boys then entered the electric light plant through a window and telephoned of the accident to the central office, and Lester Gault, who had started for town for help when the accident first occurred, reached main street, and soon autos with help

were hurrying toward the scene. A boat was put in the open water and from this Robert's body was grappled and recovered by his grief stricken father who was in the boat assisting in the search. Drs. Saurman and Standard were ready with medical assistance and made every effort to resuscitate Robert but without success as he had been under the water for more than half an hour.

Robert was born near Vernola, Columbia County, Oregon February 25, 1903, and had been with his father in Burns during the past three years. He has attended the public school and a bright capable lad, well beloved by his schoolmates. There was an especial strong tie of affection between father and son who were real comrades in serious matters of home life and in the sports and past-times of vacation. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to Prof. Shirk and the bereaved family.

The funeral was held from the Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon, his schoolmates being pall bearers, and Mrs. Dodge's orchestra, of which Robert was a member rendered Trauer music during the service.

Burns People Indorse Western Mail Route

U. S. Mail Route Inspector H. F. Peacock who has been here for several days inspecting the various routes in Central Oregon and especially the through mail service from Bend to Burns, left for his home in LaGrande last Monday morning, going via Bend.

The people of this section have gone on record indorsing this service and are much interested in Mr. Peacock's report to the Department. This would give Burns western mail in much shorter time, Portland mail arriving in 24 hours as against about 48 by the way of Prairie City.

The Pacific Live Stock Company Land Case

In a letter addressed to the Burns Commercial Club acknowledging receipt of the resolutions by the club urging early prosecution and determination of the issues involved in the case of State of Oregon vs Pacific Live Stock Co., Attorney General Brown states that he is in hopes of continuing the investigation and that he believes evidence will be procured and the case eventually won by the State.

He advises that his office has been very busy with the Hyde-Benson suits; that they were filed sometime before the Pacific Live Stock Co. suit and that the attorneys are insisting that these cases be set for trial at an early date.

Commission is at Work on Drainage in Malheur

The drainage commission of the Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage district was in session yesterday, working on the report of its appraisal made in the last week. The board, consisting of John Rigby, A. W. Trow and C. W. Mallitt, was appointed by the county court three weeks ago, to appportion the benefits and assessments for the district among the various lands it embraces. The district was organized by petition under the provision of Chapter 340 of the session laws of 1915, and will provide for the drainage of about 5,000 acres of land this side of Nyssa. The law was passed at the behest of the Oregon Irrigation congress, which petitioned the legislature for such action on the recommendation of these three members from Malheur county who now form the commission for the Nyssa-Arcadia district. Its provision meet a long felt want in irrigated sections of the state, and will be especially helpful in this country as the need of drainage becomes more pressing.

A New Industry is Started in Lakeview

A new industry has been started in Lakeview. That is the shipping of rabbits to the San Francisco market. Archie Williams has been in the business for the past month or so and makes shipments every few days. The animals are shipped a dozen in a sack. Williams receives on an average of sixty cents a dozen for them. The buyer pays the freight. The 700 rabbits in the drive last Sunday were shipped by Mr. Williams. -Lakeview Examiner.

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"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these tablets and have since been in the best of health." For sale by all dealers.

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Arrival and Departure Of Trains

Departs	No. 2, Prairie	10:15 A. M.
	Sumpter	2:35 P. M.
Arrives	Baker	4:00 P. M.

Departs	No. 1, Baker	8:30 A. M.
	Sumpter	10:05 A. M.
Arrives	Prairie	2:10 P. M.

No. 1 Makes good connection with O.-W. R. & N. Co. No. 4 (Fast Mail) leaving Portland 6:30 P. M., arriving at Baker 7:55 A. M. and No. 17 from east arriving Baker 6:50 A. M.

No. 2 connects with No. 5 (Fast Mail) arriving at Baker 7:55 P. M. which picks up Pullman at Baker, arriving at Portland 7:00 A. M. Also with No. 18 at 0:45 P. M. for points East.

FIGURES ON YIELDS AT EXPERIMENT STATION

With Half the Usual Moisture Spring Wheat Yielded Remarkably Well. Comparative Figures Show Profitable Yield May Always be Grown Under the Summer-fallow System

BY L. R. BREITHAUP, SUPT. Dec. 20, 1915.

The statement was made in reporting results with winter wheat two weeks ago, that 1915 was a favorable season for winter wheat. It would have been more correct to say that 1915 was more favorable for winter wheat than for any spring cereals; and it was a most unfavorable season for spring cereals. Of all the spring cereals on trial, spring wheat gave by far the best returns. It is made the standard of comparison when value per acre on, for the season just past. And in fact, spring wheat has been consistently the most valuable crop per acre of the spring sown cereals on the Station for the trials to date. Next to and rivaling spring wheat in value per acre comes winter wheat.

While the results as given below are not as high as have been recorded in other years, they are good when it is taken into account that we had but 8.5 inches of precipitation in 1914 from which to store up moisture in the fallow, while the season of 1915 was the driest we have had for years. 1914 and 1915 together gave but one good year's precipitation. The yields show that profitable yields of spring wheat at least can be grown here on dry land under the summer-fallow system, even in unfavorable seasons.

Variety	Comparative Yield.
2495	27.8
Early Baart	26.2
Sp. Ghirka	25.5
Marquis*	24.3
Sel. Bluestem	23.6
Pretes	23.2
Heine Sq. Head*	22.0
Erivan	21.5
Wash. Club (Little Club)	21.5
Aulieana*	21.3
Galgalos	21.0
Karun*	19.3
Velvet Chaff	17.0
Koola	8.0

In addition to the above, 12 other varieties were tried out in very small plots. Only one of these, Yangtangbay, gave promise of being in a class with the leaders above. An* in the table indicates that but one plant was grown of the variety, while the others are average yields of three plants. No 2495 is a new wheat on the Station. It is early and appears promising. Early Baart takes second place this year but stands at the head in an average of all years since the work was started. It is undoubtedly the best wheat for Central Oregon so far as tests of this kind have shown. It is not only a consistently high yielder, but combines

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good qualities with yield. Four varieties of durum wheat were grown. These are the best of about twenty varieties once on trial on the station. As usual, the durum varieties are much lower in yield than the common spring wheats.

Variety	Comparative Yield.
Kubanka 1354	19.3
Marouani	18.7
Kubanka 2246	18.7
Yellow Gharnovka	14.0

In the date of seeding spring wheat, as shown below, the results favor the intermediate dates. This is also true in other years, as either too early or too late seeding, while sometimes giving good results as the intermediate dates.

Date	Yield.
April 5	18.7
April 19	23.0
May 5	22.4

To the average farmer from humid climates, less than a bushel of wheat seed per acre seems like a pretty small amount of seed. Tests of the right amount of seed per acre seem like a pretty small amount of seed to sow of each kind of crop are made every year so as to determine which amount will give the best returns on the average for a number of years. In the meantime, thirty-five pounds of seed has been the standard rate of seeding spring wheat on the Station. But from all the results so far obtained, the indications are that even this small amount is too large. The results for 1915 are given below.

Pounds Seed per Acre	Yield
10	29.3
35	22.7
60	20.3

Harney County Pioneer Passes Away at Prineville

George W. Hayes received a telegram Thursday from Mrs. Hayes, who was called to Prineville last week by the serious sickness of her mother, stating that Mrs. Stancliff died Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Stancliff was one of the earliest settlers of the Harney country, and since the death of her husband a few years ago, has been making her home with her daughters, Mrs. M. R. Biggs, of Prineville, and Mrs. Geo. W. Hayes of this city. The many friends of the deceased in Vale extend their sympathies to the family. -Vale Enterprise

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Silvies River Water Right Adjudication

Under date of December 15, Water Superintendent Cochran advises claimants here that the final hearing in the adjudication of the Silvies River would commence in Burns on Monday April 10. He states this would give one week for Spring term of Circuit Court, and that if the session was not completed by the 10th, that some special work could probably be taken up so that the two courts would not interfere.

In consenting to the adjournment from January 10 to April 10, Mr. Cochran states that he has positive assurance of the attorneys for the large claimants that they will be ready at that time to submit all their evidence, and he proposes to hold them to this agreement making this the final session.

In referring to the resolutions of the Burns Commercial Club urging speedy action, Mr. Cochran assures the Club that he feels that he has done everything he possibly could to push the matter along, and suggests that resolutions should be passed by the Irrigation Congress in support of the Water Board and in shape to hold the claimants all to their agreement to get their evidence in and close the adjudication.

State Engineer Lewis made prompt acknowledgment of the resolutions from commercial club, replying as follows: "I am heartily in accord with the tenor of these resolutions and feel that the early settlement of these water rights is important to the development of the Harney Valley. Rest assured that every effort will be made to facilitate the action of the Board to the end that a speedy determination may be made. The pendency of litigation cannot but have a detrimental effect upon the development of the country affected."

Bright Prospects.

Charles Nattress, the Nitrate expert, who in company of R. W. Eames of Vale, Oregon examined the Wagontire deposits a couple of weeks ago, arrived in Drewsey Friday and in company with J. Edwin Johnson went up the river Saturday to examine the Electric power site. They returned Sunday and Mr. Nattress expressed himself as very much pleased with it and that it was much much better than it had been represented by Mr. Johnson. He also stated the Wagontire deposits had not been overestimated as to extent of them and that all tests made thus far were most encouraging for capital to invest. The people who are negotiating for the Wagontire beds, desire the power site above here in connection with them as the power is necessary in the development and preparation of the different ores for the market. According to present indications there will be something doing here in the spring on these valuable resources. -Drewsey Sun.

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SPELLING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON APRIL 15

Annual Contest Open to all the Schools of Harney County. Rules Governing Announced by the Committee. Suggest District Contests Each Month to Determine Representative

There shall be two divisions. The Public School division. The High School Division.

The Public School Division shall consist of grade five, six, seven and eight. The High School Division to include all grades above the eighth.

All contestants shall be bona fide students of the schools of Harney County.

Each grade shall constitute a unit for the final contest. The best speller in each grade in each school in the county shall represent that grade or that school in the final contest.

It is suggested that contests be held at least once a month in the various schools of the county to determine who shall represent the respective grades of the school in the final contest.

Fifth Grade, Champion Speller to Section Four.

Sixth Grade, Champion Speller to Section Five.

Seventh Grade, Champion Speller to Section Six.

Eighth Grade, Champion Speller including section six, all grades as outlined in the State Course of Study.

Words for the High School Division may be taken from any part of the speller.

Contests may have two trials at a word.

Words shall be pronounced not more than twice for each contestant.

Homonyms may be defined so that the meaning shall be clear in the mind of the contestant.

Teachers must certify by mail to the County Superintendent the name and grade of all contestants not later than March 15, 1916.

A suitable prize will be awarded to the best speller of each grade in the final contest.

There shall be a Board of three

judges, two of whom shall be from the county at large, to be appointed by the County Superintendent, who shall be sole arbitrators in all matters of spelling and pronunciation.

In all such contests there must naturally be some expense to contestants, such as stage fare, hotel bills, etc., and the committee that arranges this program and furnishes the prizes does not feel able to meet this demand. Therefore it is suggested that teachers and school boards devise some means to pay the expenses of their contestants.

The final contest will be held in Burns, in the Public School building, at 8 p. m., April 15, 1916.

Signed
L. M. Hamilton
W. M. Surton
H. K. Shirk
Committee.

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