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TEETH TO TELL TALE

Body May Be Exhumed In Effort to Clear Up the Curt Pless Murder Mystery.

The body of the murdered man found floating in the Columbia river, near Cold Springs, several weeks ago, will probably be removed from its resting place in Olney cemetery in an effort to identify the remains as those of Curt Pless, the Bellingham grain broker, who disappeared mysteriously last January. Coroner Folsom received a letter from J. L. Easton, receiver of the Pless Grain and Hay company, of which Pless was the head at the time of his disappearance, asking that an examination be made of the dead man's teeth.

Easton states he is desirous of clearing up the mystery so far as is possible for the sake of Mrs. Pless. In addition to the letter, a chart of the missing man's teeth was enclosed. With this chart a dentist would require but a few minutes to establish the identity of the body.

Easton did not state whether or not he would bear the expense of the disinterment and examinations and for that reason a few days must elapse before the examination can be made. Coroner Folsom is willing to have the body taken up and examined but he is not willing to do it at his own expense. As soon as Easton can be communicated with, however, it is believed the matter of expense can be arranged.

HELD FOR SERIOUS CRIME

W. A. Bannister Arrested On Advice From California.

W. A. Bannister, aged 22 years, was arrested in Athena Tuesday by Sheriff Taylor and taken to Pendleton, where he was placed in the county jail, to await the arrival of an officer from Alturas, California.

The East Oregonian says that while at present the charge of seduction is the only one hanging over him this may be changed to manslaughter by the time he reaches the California city, and a long term in the state prison confronts him.

It seems that the young man is accused of having wronged a girl and then assisting her in the performance of a criminal operation which may result in her death. According to the latest reports received here, the girl might not live more than a few days.

Mrs. Josephine Berry.

Weston Leader: The many friends of Mrs. Josephine Berry were grieved and shocked Sunday morning to learn of her sudden death at a hospital in Walla Walla. Mrs. Berry was seized Saturday with convulsions while undergoing childbirth at her home below Walla Walla. A physician was at once summoned and decided upon her immediate removal by automobile to the hospital, where a critical operation was performed. The convulsions did not cease, and resulted in her death the following day. Mrs. Berry was formerly Miss Josephine Wright, daughter of John Wright, and lived during her girlhood at Weston, where she was graduated from the Eastern Oregon Normal school in the class of 1896.

Joint Installation.

All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are requested to be present Saturday night at L. O. O. F. Hall, when joint installation of officers will take place, and lunch will be served.

M. L. Watts, Noble Grand.

A Successful Operation.

Weston Leader: W. M. Gerking of this city sustained an operation at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla Sun-

day, for the removal of a piece of skull about three inches long, and an inch wide. The operation was successfully performed by Dr. Cropp of Walla Walla and Dr. Corpe, of Weston, and is expected to result in the patient's complete recovery. Mr. Gerking met with an accident 10 years ago by catching a double-tipped axe on a clothes line, the dangerous tool striking his head. He suffered no ill effects until four years ago, when occasional epileptical spasms resulted from the old injury, although in other respects he has always been a strong and healthy man.

Four Bound Over.

At the preliminary hearing of Clarence Morse, his son Harry, Lum Pamborn and Roy Ellsworth, charged with horse stealing, Justice Richards bound the men over in the sum of \$1000 each to appear before the Grand Jury. The men are charged with the larceny of a mare and a gelding from the range, and the horses are alleged to be the property of Will Jamieson and John Thompson. District Attorney Phelps appeared for the state and Roy Raley was counsel for defendants.

SHOULD BE SEEN, NOT HEARD

Maxim Quoted to Epworth Leaguers By Gray Haired Laddies.

The national convention held at Seattle was probably the most important ever held by the Epworth League. It brought to the front the issue whether the League should be ruled by the bishops and the offices held by the old people, the young to be quiet and pay dues. The convention meetings were largely attended but contained only a sprinkling of young people, although the latter were in a vast majority among the delegates who registered at local headquarters.

Row after row of gray haired men and women stretched before the speakers in the great armory hall with only here and there a bright bonnet and young face. Some of the perils of worldliness, including under this caption dancing, cards and the theatre. The old people said "amen" to this but the young were silent. Other speakers told the gray hairs that they had no business in the convention or in the league. While no vote was taken there was a general consensus of opinion that the league must be reorganized at once if it is to carry out the purpose of the founders—that of a young people's society. The two chief officers of the league of the M. E. church in the United States—President William A. Quayle and General Secretary Edwin M. Randays—have promised to bring the league back to the starting point.

BLACK PINE MAKES GOOD PULP

Supposedly Worthless Forest Makes Fine Paper Pulp.

Discovery has been made that the wood of the black pine of central Oregon can be manufactured into a paper pulp of an exceedingly fine and valuable grade. J. N. Hunter and J. E. Sawhill of Bend, Ore., recently sent specimens of the wood to the Lebanon pulp mills and as a result of experiments tried there it is reported that the quality of the pulp produced from the black pine surpasses in whiteness, ease of manufacture and probable commercial value for paper making purposes any wood hitherto handled in the state.

The results of the discovery of marketable value in timber heretofore considered almost worthless will be of vast importance to the entire Oregon country drained by the Deschutes where the stand is remarkably prolific. In the past the paper mills have secured their pulp from the white pine, balsam and cottonwood. The end of the available supply within the state from these sources is a matter of comparatively few years. But before the existing supply is exhausted, if the claims made for the black pine pulp are solidly based, the eyes and capital of the paper makers will undoubtedly turn to the enormous forests of this newly available wood to be found in the central portions of the state.

Indian School Prosperous.

The Chemawa Indian school just closed the most prosperous fiscal year in its history of 10 years. The total enrollment for the year 1909 was 775 pupils. The average enrollment for the year ending June 30 was 615. The total enrollment for the last quarter of the year was 648—322 boys and 266 girls—while the average attendance for the quarter was 614.

Potato Acreage.

In both eastern Oregon and eastern Washington the acreage of potatoes is fully double that of a year ago and the planting has at least 25 per cent better prospects per acre than during 1908. A large per cent of the summer fallowed wheat lands have been planted with potatoes this season because of the high prices during the past year.

WANT BETTER STOCK

Portland Buyers Willing to Offer a Premium Price for Choice Grades.

Portland advices say a better class of livestock is being demanded by buyers but they are receiving no encouragement from raisers and shippers.

So anxious are killers to secure finer quality than they have during recent weeks that they are spreading the premium paid for good stuff over what is being offered for ordinary arrivals. Hogs can be and are probably good enough to bring \$8.15 but none of this class of stock is coming forward. In fact the arrivals in the yards continue very discouraging to buyers who are compelled to depend upon the supply here for their block stock.

Showing of sales in the yards during recent days proves conclusively that steers can be good enough at this time to bring \$4.75, although nothing that has come of late has brought above \$4.65 and this was only for one lot of exceptionally good quality. Killers say they are getting extremely tired of the class of stuff offering in the cattle market and it is likely therefore that some steps will be taken by the larger operators to improve general arrivals during the coming season.

WEED DRIVES COWS MAD

Also Causes High Death Rate to Horses.

John A. Todd of Portland, vice president of the National Livestock Insurance association, made the statement at Dayton that the death rate of livestock in Walla Walla and Columbia counties is higher than in any similar area in the northwest. Mr. Todd is at Dayton to adjust a number of insurance claims of Columbia county farmers. Mr. Todd said:

"An investigation into the cause of so many deaths, particularly among horses has revealed the fact that most of the fatalities are due to some poisonous weed that is prevalent in southeastern Washington. This opinion is shared by local veterinarians, but the nature of the weed has not been determined. In fact it would be worth thousands of dollars to Columbia and Walla Walla county farmers if this particular variety of weed could be discovered so that an effort could be made to exterminate it. "It is a peculiar fact that fully 75 per cent of the insured horses that die in this locality are of the best breeds. The number of fine draft horses that have died here in the last two years is surprising. County commissioner C. B. Bowman recently lost four. Others who have lately lost valuable animals are Brown brothers and J. H. McCauley."

Stockmen of Columbia county are also in a quandary over the cause of so many cows going mad this summer. At first it was thought to be due to the heat, but it is now thought to be due in a number of instances at least to something, presumably a weed, that is eaten.

Lewiston Bluestem \$1.

The first of a dozen new combined harvesters purchased this season in the Lewiston country drove into a 300 acre field of barley south of that city Wednesday morning and began the season's run of harvesting. The grain on the lowlands is now fully matured and the harvest will be under full headway by the middle of the coming week. A week's rain has delayed the work, but it did no harm to the ripened grain, while it made the crop on the uplands, insuring more than the average yield on the largest acreage ever grown in the county. The bluestem wheat now being cut has been largely contracted to the milling companies for \$1 a bushel and the farmers are expecting that the main crop of spring sown wheat will bring 85 cents or better.

Morrow County Wheat.

The rains of last week and the continued cool weather has had a wholesome effect upon the grain fields of Morrow county. The rains which fell during the fore part of the week came in time to furnish a stimulus to the filling grain, and the cool days following have tided the grain through so that it will take several days of hot winds to have any telling effect. The crops on the Heppner Flat country and further south, near Hardman, will be much better than first expected, but the crops in the northern part of the county will hardly pay for the cutting.

Recall Used.

The municipal storm impending for several months at Union broke when an action invoking the recall on the mayor and council was taken at a

mass meeting. Two months ago a petition was presented to the mayor and council asking their resignation. The petition was ignored, and the recall petition was drawn up and nominations made to fill the vacancies. The present administration is accused of extravagance. Hearing of the petition Mayor Law and Councilman J. A. Dalton exchanged places as a ruse to thwart the petitioners.

Farmer's Warehouses.

Will Morrison of Arlington, has been engaged to run the Farmers' mutual warehouse this season. He is an experienced warehouseman and brings good recommendations from former employers. He will have charge of Helix, Stanton and Vancycle.

Prunes At Milton.

Despite the fact that early indications pointed to practically a failure in the prune crops, on three and one-half acres of prunes owned by Mrs. N. A. Morris, two miles north of Milton, present prospects point to a large financial realization on this year's crop.

METHODIST PASTOR MARRIED

His Bride the Widow of the Late John L. Smith, a Pioneer.

Friends and acquaintances of the contracting parties were agreeably surprised Tuesday when the announcement came from Pendleton, that the Rev. Charles W. Geisler, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city, and Mrs. Nancy Smith, widow of the late John L. Smith, an Athena pioneer, had been united in the holy bonds of wedlock.

Only a few intimate friends were aware of the approaching marriage. The couple quietly left the city Tuesday morning for Pendleton. Arriving at the Methodist parsonage in that city, the ceremony was immediately performed by Dr. T. B. Ford, pastor of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Geisler were given a rousing charivari Tuesday night, in which the greater portion of Athena's young Americans gleefully participated.

The happy couple are at home to their friends in the Methodist parsonage. Rev. Geisler is a well known minister of the gospel and his bride will doubtless be of great assistance to him in his church work.

WALLA WALLA LABOR SCARCE

Cannot Get Enough Men In City to Do All Work on Hand.

A dearth of labor seems to be the cry of contractors in Walla Walla this summer says the Union. With almost a record wheat crop to put in the warehouses and mills and with the vast amount of street work and building in the city, employers of labor are handicapped every day. One or two contractors have not been able to operate because they could not secure men to man their outfits.

The Rich and Harris Construction company which has contracts in the city for 23 blocks of asphalt paving figured on getting away from here in September is not certain now just when it will complete its work. This was the statement made Saturday by Mr. Case, secretary of the company. According to the secretary, they have not been able to get enough men to work a full force. He says they had on several occasions started in the morning with 30 or 40 men and by night, they would have about 20 men at work. Other contractors report as experiencing about the same trouble while men for the harvest fields are in demand every day.

"We expect to have the street ready for travel the last of this month," said Mr. Case of the Rich and Harris construction company who have the contract for paving West Main street. "It all depends he said on the labor market. We are experiencing some trouble in the midst of harvest time to get enough labor to operate our concrete mixing outfit. We work about 40 men with the mixer and pay \$2.25 to \$2.50 for 8 hours."

Damages Colfax Wheat.

One of the heaviest electrical storms in years, accompanied by a tremendous rainfall swept Colfax Saturday night. Reports from outlying districts indicate heavy damage to crops. Hundreds of acres were beaten down, in Whitman county, the banner wheat producing county of the Pacific northwest.

Christian Church Announcements.

It is with pleasure that we announce the coming of T. S. Handsaker, of Davenport, Wash., to occupy the pulpit Sunday. Mr. Handsaker is a great speaker, and will have a great message for all. Don't fail to hear him. Other services as usual.

Land Restored.

It is announced that 35,000 acres of land formerly withdrawn from entry in connection with the Yakima project in Washington is restored.