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MAN DROWNED IN DESCHUTES RIVER

Unidentified Man Attempts Crossing and Fails

BOYS WATCH FATAL ACCIDENT

Body Unfound By Searching County Officers

Two boys, John Fairchild and Kenneth Todd of Grass Valley, were playing along the Sherman county side of the Deschutes river last Sunday morning about ten o'clock when they observed a man dressed in a light colored straw hat, blue shirt and overalls come down to the river from the railroad on the Wasco county side. The stranger dragged four railroad ties to the water and boldly started to cross the stream. When a short distance from the shore the ties got away from him, but the man was evidently determined to cross the river for he put his tobacco in his hat pulled it down tight and began to swim.

After a few strokes in the swift current his hat floated away and he sank from sight. The boys ran along the bank for nearly three miles watching for his body but did not find it. Monday Sheriff Chrisman, Coroner George Wilcox and Deputy Sheriff Tom Garrett of Sherman county and Sheriff Sexton and Coroner Calloway of Wasco county visited the scene and searched for the body without avail. Bell Olds found the tobacco that was lost.

There is so far no means of identifying the man. Nearest to a workable theory as to his identity is furnished by fishermen who saw a man answering the general description walking on the Wasco county side. It is thought possible that he was a man named Myers, a distant relative of John Hayes, who worked for Patjens for a short time and later went to Wasco county where he was herding sheep. As he had left some fishing tackle and clothes at the Patjens sheep camp it is thought that he might be crossing to get them Sunday. A few sandwiches and a few bottles of beer were found near the point of attempted crossing.

Section hands along the Deschutes were informed of the accident and instructed to watch for the body.

Old Time Stage Drivers

Recalled By Jay Price

(Written by A. J. Price.) In this article it is my desire to tell something about the early stage lines that carried mail and passengers, that had the Dalles as a starting point, on for a destination.

My people were early settlers in Eastern Oregon, being the first settlers between the Deschutes and John Day rivers. In 1862 they settled at what was first known as Sand Spring, and afterward known as Price's Station. For many years this was the first stage station east of The Dalles, located 21 miles east of town. The next station was kept by D. G. Leonard, at the John Day bridge. Probably the first mail ever carried from The Dalles was in 1853, on pack horse accompanied by two men. Their destination was Salt Lake. My Mother left Salt Lake early in 1858, and she told me of meeting two men with a pack outfit and mail bound for Salt Lake. The same men met and passed the train two or three times before the train reached The Dalles. The mail carriers took about a month to make the round trip. It was her understanding that they were paid by the United States Government.

The next carrier that I have any record of is a military mail carrier from The Dalles to Fort Walla Walla in 1862. Then in 1864 a man named Biglow had a mail contract from The Dalles to Umatilla. A. M. Vaughn, father of the notorious Hank Vaughn, carried this mail in a sulky for some time in 1866 or 67. John

City Buys Fire Fighting Equipment

Moro's city council met Tuesday evening and in a lengthy session transacted municipal business that had accumulated since the last meeting. Because of the tax turnover finance occupied a considerable part of the time and resulted in the payment of interest on the water bonds, partial payment on the hotel insurance, another payment on the pipe bill incurred during the Civil Works and calling of several street lighting warrants.

Following the lead of Wasco which recently bought 200 feet of fire hose the council ordered 400 feet for the city as well as a new hose nozzle. It was also decided to install five additional fire hydrants along the four and six inch mains to aid in insurance reduction in the residence districts. Re-rating of the town for insurance purposes will be done as soon as the new improvements are completed.

"Lum" Brock Laid To Rest Monday

Charles W. Brock is the most recent of Sherman county's pioneers to be laid to rest. He died in Wasco Saturday after a lingering illness and was buried Monday in the Wasco cemetery. Mr. Brock came to Sherman county in 1884 from the valley with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Brock.

He is survived by his widow, a sister, Mrs. A. M. Hicks of Wasco, two brothers, R. W. of Hood River and J. L. of Coos Bay, Wash. Funeral services were held in Wasco Monday afternoon under the direction of Zella Pallbearers were G. A. Tom, W. E. Tate, G. N. Fridley, G. N. Sargent, R. H. McKean and John T. Johnson. Rev. Walter Warner delivered the sermon.

Prizes Offered To Young Pig Raisers

Through the action of Henry Barnum, leader of the Sherman County Spotted Poland China Pig Club the national association devoted to the Poland Chinas has offered a vocational and 4-H club prize for the Oregon fair similar to that given at corn belt state fairs. These prizes are as follows: The Bulletin-National Record will add \$5 as a special 1st prize for junior gilt and an additional \$5 if she is out of nationally registered dam. Like prizes will be given for junior gilts of the 4-H club classes in Oregon. Contestants must have registered Poland China gilts.

Read the ads in the Journal

Jesse Turner To Speak Before Woman's Club

The Moro Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale's Friday instead of at Mrs. J. C. McKean's as formerly announced. Jesse O. Turner, representative from this district in the Oregon legislature will speak to the club on the measures coming before the electorate at the May election. Musical numbers will be provided by the Dr. Kinnville girls quartet.

Inspection Coming Before 2nd Payment

County wheat production control associations in Oregon will soon begin selecting local inspectors to examine each farm under contract to see if the agreed reduction of acreage and the required seeding has taken place. These inspectors will all be local men and will be trained briefly in special schools. There will be about one inspector to each 100 farms. Their salaries will be set and paid by the county association, which will probably encourage economy. Second payment of the 1933 cash benefits will await the completion of the inspection during May and June.

Declamatory Contest Due April, 27th

The Sherman county Declamatory contest will be held in the Grass Valley auditorium Friday night April 27th this year. This is one of the last links between schools of the present day and those of twenty years ago. The declamatory contest was first held in 1907 as a part of an inter-school contest that included a field meet in the day time and the speaking at night. This was practically the first inter-school activity of the county and was for years the only rivalry between schools. Travel was by train and team. Acquaintances were few in other schools and the rivalry was of a kind that snacked of war.

Eastern Star Members Meet In Grass Valley

Contributed The annual district meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star was held in the Grass Valley auditorium the evening of April 16. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with large baskets of flowers. Mrs. J. H. Wilt was in charge of the decorating and Mr. Strong of Moro was responsible for many of the immense tulips etc.

J. W. Shepard assisted by Gus Smith and Roy Powell was responsible for the beautiful lighting effects and the general arrangement of the ball.

Over 100 members of the Sherman county chapters were present, as well as Minnie Houser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Florine Sevence, Grand Chaplain of Oregon. Hazel Ingraham and Helen Friday, Grand Officers; Laura Silvertooth, Esther Proudfoot and Ella Thompson, Grand Representatives; and Ruth Hampson W. M. of The Dalles chapter and Esther Ousley W. M. of the Arlington chapter.

The District meeting was opened by the officers of Sherman Chapter with Floye von Borstel W. M. and A. A. Dunlap W. P. The initiation was beautifully exemplified by Bethlehem Chapter with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell as W. P. and W. M. Glen King was initiated.

The address of welcome was given by Ellen Harper W. M. of the Annie Fulton Chapter who also had escort duty and ballroom. Herbert Root, W. P. was presented. A beautiful silver tea service, selected by Hazel Shepard, a personal friend of the W. G. M. was presented to that officer after her interesting address in behalf of the Sherman county chapters. Bountiful and attractive refreshments were served at cleverly decorated banquet tables in the Masonic hall under the supervision of Dorothy Dunlap, Hazel Johnson and Ellen Reynolds assisted by Vesta Eakin, Donald Knighten, Mrs. Burton and many others.

The following program was enjoyed: Song—Mrs. Huckins of Wasco; violin solo—Mrs. Ayres of Kent, accompanied by Mrs. Blake of Grass Valley; reading—Mrs. Polcy of Grass Valley; song—Mrs. Piercy of The Dalles.

BIG SCORES MARK OPENING BALL GAMES

Kent, Grass Valley, and Antelope Win Games

MORO LOSES FIRST GAME

AM Teams Show Lack of Practice and Need of Material

The noble game of baseball was played in burlesque in several places in the county Sunday when the Sherman county league opened. Scores were Grass Valley 17, Wasco 7; Kent 23, Klondike 3; Antelope 10, and Harmony 5. Moro played The Dalles and was defeated 19 to 3.

Worst game in point of score was the Kent-Klondike game. Pitchers Jacob Young and Harley McKay held Klondike to 3 hits while the Kent team was hitting Woolen and Brock for a total of 117 blows. Except for pitching the Kent team was not so strong. First it is hard for a young and inexperienced catcher to hold Young's shoots, second, the team is largely made up of youngsters who have plenty of agility but are short on experience. Klondike will probably do better in future games when the team is rearranged and more practice has been held.

Next worst score was the Moro-The Dalles game which was not a league game at all. The Independents from the Columbia were the same ones who were defeated by Grass Valley the Sunday before. In the second inning, Walker, Moro pitcher blew up with a loud bang and before the inning was over the score book was marked with 11 runs, 7 hits, four walks and four wild pitches. Fifteen batters marched to the plate. From then on to the seventh inning neither side scored. Weakness of the Moro team was their inability to get under fly balls. Wind and lack of practice let anything fall for safe hits.

Grass Valley won from Wasco decisively because Wasco had weak pitching and because the Grass Valley team's newly developed pitcher, Don Smith. He has been tried in the out field and the infield without setting the world on fire but he blossomed as a pitcher Sunday through good control and a calm demeanor. Wasco tried Venable, Spencer and Watkins on the mound but none was effective.

Best showing made by an any team in defeat was that of the Harmony boys who traveled to Antelope to play their first game in the league. For seven innings they led the southrons 5 to 4 only to weaken in the last of the game and suffer defeat. They are a bunch of kids who should be ball players with a few years work at the game.

April 22, next Sunday, Moro plays at Grass Valley, Kent at Harmony, and Wasco at Klondike with Antelope having the by date.

Lawyers Visit

The town was full of lawyers Monday for a few hours while the hearing in the Harder vs. Harder divorce case was being held. Judge Carl Hendricks was here, accompanied by Fred Finsley, district attorney for Wheeler county, a spectator. Francis V. Gallaway from The Dalles, Judge Fee, the elder, and several other attorneys were interested listeners or actors.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APR. 19

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
APR. 12	78	44	.00
" 13	76	49	.00
" 14	75	43	.00
" 15	67	38	.00
" 16	60	46	.00
" 17	73	36	.00
" 18	76	37	.00
Total for week			.00

American Legion To Hold Important Meet

The American Legion post of Moro announces that a meeting will be held Wednesday night, April 25th at the hall. There will be something said about the hall, its taxes, its interest, its repair; something about the rifles, their rental, their purchase; something about the Boy Scouts and also about other matters.

This meeting will be important to every ex-serviceman who has an interest in veteran affairs or who has an interest in the property of the local post.

Dr John F. Dobbs Speaks On Economics

Dr. John F. Dobbs, president of Pacific University, spoke before the Moro Commercial club Tuesday night and explained some of the reasons for his belief that we are entering a new era from an economic standpoint. Since the beginning of the Christian era, he said, the economic conditions have changed in about 400 years periods. It was his contention that the present upheavels signify the end of an epoch. Because of conflicting meetings a small crowd was present to hear the talk.

Politicians Dragging Their Feet

Since the cast has been completed there has been little of moment in the political game. Candidates are busy making speeches although they are receiving only local notice. The period of sensational charges and counter charges will not arrive for another fortnight if the usual routine is followed. Seven republican gubernatorial candidates should be able to dig up something positively shocking before May 18 to say nothing of the proclivities of one of the democratic candidates along that line.

Earl Snell, the eastern Oregon candidate for secretary of state, has opened offices in the Morgan building from where he is working toward his goal.

One of the most original candidates is David Graham, of Ontario, who is seeking the nomination for representative in congress from the second Oregon district. He says he wants the job because it pays more than he is earning. Probably true and undoubtedly candid. He admits he doesn't know what he would do if elected, which is also true and also candid. He is Scotch, an Episcopalian, a Mason, a Granger, a student and a County Judge. He has been a sheep herder, a cow puncher, a clerk and manager of various enterprises. Furthermore he is so far much the most refreshing candidate.

So far the various campaign managers have been as effective at stirring up the citizenry as a flea at plucking a tick. They lack the courage of their convictions or are not convinced of their courage or else they just haven't it. Right now it looks like one of those elections when voters drag themselves out to the polls strictly as a duty and not as a group of people going out to fight for what they believe to be right. Maybe politics is losing its appeal as the great American game like baseball is giving way to football. Maybe it needs a new coach.

Warrant Call

Funds are now available for the payment of warrants number 45 to 90 inclusive.

Interest stops on this date, April 20, 1934.

Patricia Powell, Clerk Dist. No. 1.

Warrant Call

Warrants Nos 531 to 611 inclusive, of School District No. 17 Sherman county will be paid upon presentation to clerk of said district.

Interest will cease after this date. Dated at Moro, Oregon this 20th day of April, 1934.

M. E. McKee, Clerk.

Warrant Call

Warrants to and including Warrant No. 48 will be paid on presentation to District Clerk. Interest ceases from date of notice. Dated at Grass Valley this 20th day of April, 1934.

C. P. Adams, Clerk Dist. No. 24.

Sales Tax Found Satisfactory In North

Portland, Oregon—The short experience of Washington State with its Sales Tax for support of the elementary schools has already proved so satisfactory that the State Tax Comm. speaking for Governor Martin says emphatically that Washington will not go back to the old system under which property bears the major portion of the tax burden as it does in Oregon.

Already the Sales Tax has raised \$2,456,810.00 up to March 31. It is requiring property taxes "possibly 10 per cent" on an average. It is estimated that \$8,000,000 annually will be taken off the property tax-payer and distributed among hundreds of thousands of Washington's citizens who heretofore have paid no property taxes, but who now help support the schools.

These are the high-lights of an official letter from the Washington State Tax Commission, written April 4th, in reply to requests for an unbiased report on Washington's Sales Tax operations. The letter was released for publication today by the School Relief and Property Tax Reduction League of Oregon. Follows a digest of it.

The reason why Washington State enacted its Sales Tax law was because general property was over taxed; a millage limitation act was passed; the state assumed the responsibility to increase its contributions to common schools by two-thirds.

"The purpose of the tax was to support the common schools. Up to March 31st, the tax has raised \$2,456,810.19, and if pending litigation is favorably resolved, it is estimated to raise approximately \$8,000,000. Although we cannot isolate its effect because of complicating factors, we estimate that it has reduced property taxes possibly about ten per cent.

"There is no organized resistance to the law. It is very generally considered as an emergency measure and an experiment under test. Manufacturers object most. Farms and home owners, as such, either favor or do not oppose it. We would not go back to the old system under which property bears the major portions of the burden. We are trying to adjust all tax burdens in this state. Sales Taxes, properly conceived, will help. Yes, we do consider the Sales Tax a success, but are not convinced that our present tax is the best form." Signed, T. M. McIntyre, Tax Commission of State of Washington, April 4, 1934.

Elwood Thompson, 73 Died April, 14

Elwood Thompson, 73, for 18 years a resident of West Linn, died April 14. He is survived by six children, William of California, John, Aaron, Hubert, and Elwood of West Linn and Mrs. Sadie Moore of Gladstone. Mrs. Neil McDonald of Moro is a sister. Eight grandchildren survive. Funeral services were held Monday the 16th.

News of Long Ago For Those Whose Memory Is Long

From the Observer April 25, 1895

Wm. McKay, an experienced engineer and L. D. Holder have leased the Moro water works and besides furnishing water to every one will equip a machine shop, add a chop mill and other improvements.

Col. Buckley has lost his coat. It succided. After traveling six or eight miles it hung itself in George Bourhill's barn.

D. C. Henry, a Gilliam county farmer, finished harvesting his wheat last week. It sounds funny but it is stated for a fact that the grain was in as good condition as when he quit last fall.

Moro Cornet Band boys purchased a handsome silver cornet trimmed in gold and presented it to the popular Richard Dingle, the leader.

From the Observer, April 21, 1905

B. F. Hoover is preparing to burn 300,000 brick for buildings in Moro.

Charles Belshee is now farming 2700 acres of land and will start

OREGON PRODUCTS WEEK BEGINS TODAY

Manufacturers and Dealers Join Statewide Appeal

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AID

Oregon Goods Advertised All Over State

Under the combined auspices of the Oregon Manufacturers' Association; the Retail Merchants Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and the scores of local Chambers of Commerce, civic and business groups throughout the entire state, the most formidable campaign ever launched in the State for boosting Oregon-Made goods is now under way. The big drive will crystallize itself in a heavy educational and informative sweep over the state during the period April 20th-28th, which will be known as "OREGON PRODUCTS DAYS."

Robert R. McKean, General General Sales Manager of the Knight Packing Company, is chairman of a large committee of Manufacturers, assisted by President Paul Hirsch, and former Mayor George L. Baker, general manager of the Oregon Manufacturers' Association; Jack Luhn, chairman of the Retail Merchants Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who has designated Edw. P. Casey of the Powers Furniture Company, together with a strong committee to represent the Portland Retailers, and scores of manufacturers and producers who will serve on various committees, such as campaign, finance, public speaking, radio, window displays and exhibits. Practically all of the 500 industrial leaders identified with the State organization will take an active part in putting the intensive movement over in a big way.

Assurances have already come from all sections of the State that local producers and merchants will participate in the general display of Oregon products, and the educational work will be carried into thousands of homes in the effort to reach as many individual buyers and consumers as possible.

"It is the purpose of this campaign," explained General Manager George L. Baker, "to make it state-wide, so that every manufacturer will be benefited. A publicity campaign has been inaugurated, covering newspapers, radio, displays, exhibits, etc. Another feature of the drive will be a group of able speakers who will appear before all classes of groups and organizations, representing the buying public. We are urging the organization of a good strong committee in every city, which will contact the merchants."

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