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MARSHFIELD SCHOOL STATISTICS

From Annual Report of Clerk John F. Hall

Number of persons between 4 and 20 years of age residing in the district at the time of this report: male, 266, female, 264, total, 530.

Number of pupils between 4 and 20 years of age on register: male, 213, female, 209, total 422.

Number of pupils under 6 years of age on register: male, 0, female, 0, total, 0.

Number of teachers employed during the year: male, 1, female, 9, total, 10.

Number of persons between 4 and 20 years of age not attending any school: male, 51, female, 53, total, 104.

Number of persons between 4 and 20 years of age attending school outside of district: male, 2, female, 2, total 4.

Whole number of days attendance during year: 55872.

Average daily attendance 321.

Number of legal voters for school purposes in district at time of making this report, estimated, 300.

Cash on hand at time of making last annual report June 15, 1903, \$1197.48.

RECEIPTS

Received from County Treasurer from district tax \$3401.78, from county school fund \$3545.35, from state school fund \$1046.00, and from rate bills and tuition, \$136.25, total, \$9-626.56.

DISBURSMENTS.

Paid for teachers' wages \$1595.45, for fuel and school supplies \$369.55, for repairs and improving grounds \$464.49, for clerk's salary \$50, for all other purposes \$594.91, Total \$5975.40. Cash on hand (special tax money) \$3651.46.

GENERAL

Estimated value of schoolhouses and grounds \$18000, of school furniture and apparatus \$1500. Amount of insurance on schoolhouses and other property \$9000. Average monthly salary of male teachers \$111.11, of female teachers \$41.65.

ESTIMATES OVER ONE THOUSAND Victims of the Slocum Disaster

New York, June 24—The total number bodies of victims of the Slocum disaster recovered is now 908. Forty remain unburied and unidentified.

The work on the hull of the Slocum will be completed today, but it is not believed that any more corpses will be found.

From visits made by the police to 1100 families, estimates of the dead and missing are now fixed at a little over 100 persons.

A monster benefit for the children and sufferers from the disaster will be given at the Grand Opera House tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Friedburg intend to start immediately after the 4th, for a trip to the World's Fair, going first to Puget Sound, where they will make a short stay.

HEAVY FIRING HEARD

Supposed Attack on Port Arthur

Cheefoo, June 24—Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Port Arthur last night and was resumed this morning. The firing last night lasted several hours.

London, June 24—A letter from St Petersburg which has reached the official authorities here states that the tension between Russia and China is growing. The latter is showing open sympathy for the Japanese and defiance to Russia.

CAPTAINS AWFUL MISTAKE

Error of Judgement Which Intensified the Slocum Horror

(Oregonian)

In their reports of the General Slocum horror none of the New York papers is at all lenient in its criticism of the master of the burned vessel. The general opinion is that he lost his head at the critical moment, and instead of beaching the steamer at One Hundred and Thirty second street when the fire was first discovered, he headed her off for a point nearly two miles away. A head wind and the speed of the boat then swept the flames aft, with the terrible results that have been chronicled. In vivid contrast to Captain Van Schuyvel's awful error of judgement was the prompt action of Captain Rowland, of the Newark liner, Chester W. Chapin, which the day before the Slocum disaster was driven full speed on the rocks at Hell Gate in order to avoid a collision which might have cost hundreds of lives. The New York newspapers credit Captain Rowland with saving the lives of his two hundred passengers by his prompt action and it is not improbable that, had any man of similar judgement, and with ability to think and act quickly, been in command of the Slocum, there would have been a much smaller death roll. The world never knows how many great casualties are averted by the presence, at the right time and place, of a man or men who are mentally equipped for meeting emergencies and meeting them quickly.

Childrens Day

The Methodist church is being profusely decorated, in preparation for the "Children's Day" exercises of next Sunday. The league room has been thrown open and transformed into a tower of greenery, and the whole effect, when the work is complete, will be charming. Both the pastor and Mrs. McPherson are taking great interest in the Children's Day and it promises to be a great success.

Travel by Sea

Departures by steamer Arcata for San Francisco, Thursday, June 23, 1904.

Miss M Miller, Miss L Miller, J S Tucker, G Hickford, C Ackerman, C L Miller, A Johnson, A C Young, P Wilhelm, Mrs P Wilhelm, 2 second class.

HEINOUS CRIME AT COQUILLE

Father Kills His New Born Babe--The Mother Perhaps Accessory to the Crime

News was received here this morning to the effect that Earl Steele, a painter and printer of, Coquille City, had been arrested for the murder of his new born child.

The COAST MAIL reporter immediately called Sheriff Gallier to the phone in Coquille City and obtained the following particulars of the case:

Steele, who has for some time been employed as a printer in the office of the Coquille City Bulletin, was married to a Coquille girl about three months ago and yesterday afternoon at 3:45 his wife gave birth to a son.

Dr. Russell, who attended Mrs. Steele during her confinement, was approached by Steele at the critical moment and was begged to murder the infant in delivery that the child might be done away with and the name of his wife shielded. The doctor of course refused, and the baby was born, alive, healthy and fully developed child.

Shortly after the birth of the child, Dr. Russell left the house and did not return for an hour. When he came back the infant was missing. He inquired of Mr. and Mrs. Steele about the matter and could get no satisfaction, so he immediately notified the authorities.

Sheriff Gallier reached the house shortly before 5 o'clock and going at

once to the bedside of the woman, he found Steele seated near by and in conversation with her. He inquired of Steele if a child had not been born there that evening, and was informed that one had. He then asked if they could produce the infant and Steele answered him, no. He then asked the man and his wife where the child was, and received no answer from either of them. Steele was then informed that, under the circumstances he would have to be arrested, and in reply to this statement from the sheriff, Steele coldly answered, "very well."

He was placed under arrest and started for jail, while a party began a search of the premises for the missing child. After a short search the body of the infant was found under the stairway. Bruises and wounds on the head showed that it had been foully dealt with.

The coroner was at once summoned and a jury empanelled. After a short investigation a verdict was rendered to the effect the child came to its death from wounds inflicted on the head and it was believed wounds were made by the hands of Earl Steele. The mother refused to make any statement whatever as did also Steele, who in his cell, afterwards, was informed of the verdict of the jury. Steele has waived examination.

LINE DOWN

The telegraph line being down today until along in the afternoon, has choked off a good part of our press dispatches, all of which come by wire.

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ROYALTY AT THE WHEEL

William Sails Yacht at Kiel

Kiel, June 24.—Commodore Plant's American yacht Ingomar, with Charley Barr at the helm, the German Meteor, with Emperor William at the wheel, the Empress' yacht Induna and Herr Ballin's Hamburg started the most interesting of today's yacht races.

As the four yachts crossed the line, the Emperor's stentorian voice could be heard shouting orders to the crew.

The German Empress in full yachting costume was on the deck of the Induna, accompanied by the Crown Prince, while Herr Ballin watched his quartermaster from a comfortable seat near the wheel of his racer.

Prince Henry sailed his yacht Orion in another race.

The Ingomar won, Hamburg second. The Kaiser's Meteor left her topmast and was towed into harbor, while the Induna abandoned the race.

CAPTIVES

RELEASED

AT LAST

Washington, June 24—Consul General Gummere cables the State Department that a letter has been received from Perdicas and Varley, stating that they will leave this morning from Lafouly and expect to arrive at Tangier tonight. The ransom money has been paid and the captives released.

Fatal Train Wreck

Lima, Ohio, June 24—Two Western Ohio Traction Line cars collided last night a mile south of this place. Laura Kehpen, aged 8 of Spokane, Wash., was killed, and three others probably fatally injured.

Well Billed

To "Bill like a circus" is an old phrase often used by theatrical managers when referring to an attraction that has been extensively advertised. The Keane company that are to appear at the new Masonic opera house for the opening July 2nd, are billed like "two circuses." At almost any street corner in Marshfield, one may see some kind of a banner, lithograph or picture of Mr. Keane or one of his plays. The Keane company by the way have some of the most elaborate printing of any attraction on the road. It will be rather hard for any mediocre attraction to follow them here and make any kind of a showing after the advertising matter that has been put out for their coming engagement.

A Card of Thanks

The relatives of the late Robert McDonald wish to express their appreciation of the kindness and sympathy extended by neighbors and friends at the time of their late heavy bereavement.

THE SOUTH SLOUGH BRIDGE

Narrow Escape for Whole family of Strangers

F. S. Dow, who has just returned overland from a trip down the coast, informed a Coast Mail reporter this morning that on reaching the South Slough bridge last night he found it in such a condition that he was afraid to attempt to drive across it with his rig. He says he examined the bridge and found it was almost entirely without studding and that there was apparently nothing to prevent the heavy gale then blowing from turning it over sideways into the slough. Mr. Dow hitched his horse and walked across with his wife, and then went back and led his horse across, after which he pulled his buggy over by hand. He says that he has learned this morning that a California family who were just ahead of him with a wagon last night, and who had no knowledge of the condition of the bridge, drove out on to it with their rig before they noticed the danger. They came safely across but Mr. Dow says it is a miracle that the bridge did not go down with them under the weight of their heavy wagon.

Mr. Dow thinks that unless the ferrymen at Bandon are notified that the bridge is unsafe and travelers are warned to take some other route, it is only a matter of a short time until some one will be hurt while attempting to cross after night, which is the usual time that teams from that end of the road reach the bridge.

Allegany Stepm

The Golden Falls road is in excellent condition. John Sealander, of Ash, transacted business in Allegany Tuesday.

Grandma Vincamp is, according to latest reports, improving.

Mr. T. Blaine went to Catching slough Wednesday on business.

Rev. Chas. T. McPherson is expected in Allegany tonight. (Wednesday.)

Mrs. Gould spent a few days in Marshfield the first of the week.

Several Allegany people attended the show in Marshfield Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Thomas have nearly recovered from their recent illnesses.

Several of the school children attended the Golden Falls school picnic Monday.

Virgil, Fay and Lettie Matson were called to Marshfield Sunday on account of Robert McDonald's death.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Grubb, who have been visiting Mrs. Grubb's parents, started on their return home Wednesday morning by the Scottsburg trail.

A good attendance is reported at the school meeting Monday. Geo. Stemmerman was elected to succeed Mr. Thomas on the board, and Mrs. M. D. Price was re-elected clerk.

Fred Gage had quite a fight with an angry bull Tuesday evening. He succeeded in tying the animal, receiving no injury other than a sprained wrist.

MIDGET

Breakwater Arrives

The steamer Breakwater arrived in the bay last night and reached Marshfield this morning. She brought 165 tons of freight and the following passenger list: Mrs. J. A. Lund, Miss Kerdell, Mrs. G. W. Cummins, P. H. Freely, H. Adler, Mrs. W. O'Dell, F. B. Rood, Jas. Farley, T. A. McGuire, A. Haasner, Mrs. Edsler, Miss Keane, Chas. Green and Geo. Green.