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## THREE MISSING COBURG MEN ARE FOUND ON DRIFT IN MID-RIVER

**Are Chilled Through Before They Are Found and Rescued—Boat Was Capsized.**

Shivering with cold after having been marooned for nearly 24 hours on a bunch of drift in the middle of the Willamette below Coburg, three Coburg men were rescued this morning by searchers who had resumed the hunt given up late the night before. Len Latham, aged 35, William Henderson, aged 30, and Glen Ditto, age 16, were the victims of the unpleasant experience, caused by the overturning of their boat when it struck a snag in the river yesterday forenoon. All day they tried to make some one hear them, but they were unable to do so. Their matches were wet and all they could do was to cling to the drift and hope for rescue. They were all conscious when rescued, but much weakened from exposure.

The three men left Coburg at nine o'clock yesterday morning, expecting to cross the river a mile west of Coburg to work for a farmer there. When they had not returned last evening search

was begun and the horse was found tied where they had left it. The farmer for whom they were to work reported he had not seen them at all and the boat too was missing.

Fearful that the men had all been drowned, the searchers made their way up and down the banks of the stream, but did not come upon the lost men, who were not far from the point of crossing, but around a bend.

This morning Sheriff Parker was notified and shortly after the search was begun the men were found safe, but almost famished and frozen. A snag had wrecked their boat, but all had managed to get onto the pile of drift caught in midstream.

Leo Sidwell came to Springfield early this morning, while it was yet feared that the men had been drowned, and at once returned with Mrs. Delbert Buckman, a sister of Ditto, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sidwell, who are friends of all the persons concerned.

## Considers 24-Hour Train for South

Southern Pacific railroad officials are said to be considering the matter of putting on another train between Portland and San Francisco, to make the 771 miles in 24 hours, as against the 28 now required by the Shasta limited. It is not known how soon the new train will be put on. It is also rumored there will be changes in the valley trains, but nothing authentic has been given out.

## ANOTHER SAWMILL OPENS

**The Columbia River Interstate Bridge Work Brings Big Order.**

Vancouver, Wash., April 12.—The DuBois Lumber company expects to start its sawmill in this city Monday, April 19, for a long run. A large order for cutting lumber for the Columbia River Interstate bridge has been secured and other orders have been arriving. The mill has been closed since last Fall and the stock in the yards needs replenishing.

## ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN'S DEATH

**President Wilson Requests That Appropriate Tribute be Paid His Memory.**

Washington, April 13.—President Wilson tonight signed the following executive order, providing that fitting observance be given to the anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln who died 50 years ago next Thursday:

"As an evidence of the profound affection of the American people for the memory of Abraham Lincoln, it is hereby ordered that the executive offices of the United States shall be closed and that the national flag be displayed at half mast upon all federal buildings and at all forts and military posts and naval stations, and on all vessels of the

There are 65 cross-complaints and about 6,000 interveners in the suit.

The government charges that about 800,000 acres of a grant of 3,100,000 to a railroad to be constructed from California to Portland, Ore., were disposed of in violation of the conditions of the grant and is suing to recover the 2,300,000 undisposable of.

The trial court decided in favor of the government, the circuit court of appeals certified certain questions to the supreme court and the department of justice asked the court to send up the entire record which was done. Hearing has been set for April 19.

The abstract on the record fills 19 volumes of 500 pages each and many intricate questions of law are involved.

## WEST SPRINGFIELD KEEPS TWO TEACHERS

The board of education of the West Springfield school has re-elected Mrs. W. H. Beaman as principal and Mrs. Minnie Kahler as one of the teachers for the next school year, at advances in salary. No selection has been made of a successor for Miss Myrtle Copenhaver, who will be principal of the Wendling schools next year.

Pendleton starting to raise \$100,000 for hard surface road to Cold Springs. Much more "hard surface" talk than formerly.

## Concrete Work on Creamery is Done

At nearly midnight last night the concrete work on the Long & Cross building, which is to be occupied by the Springfield Creamery was completed, and the concrete crew was moved to the Budd McPherson building near by. Some of the surfacing on the concrete floors of the creamery could not be finished until late in the evening.

A white cement finish has been put on the front of the creamery building, and in a very short time the wooden floors for the office can be laid and the building be ready for occupancy. Manager Barkman expects to have his formal opening about the last of next week.

Pouring of concrete on the McPherson building began today noon.

## No Quorum at Firemen Meeting

There was no quorum at the special meeting of the Springfield Fire Department Tuesday, and hence the election, for which the meeting had been called, had to be deferred. It is hoped that there will be a quorum present next meeting.

## Irrigation Man Visits Springfield

W. L. Benham, who is interested in the construction of an irrigation system in the valley east and north of Springfield arrived in town last night and will be here for a few days in the interests of his business. Mr. Benham is taking a deep interest in the project for the erection of a beet sugar factory here, and believes such a factory can be secured for Springfield.

Washington, April 12.—The Government's brief in the Oregon and California land grant cases, involving more than two million dollars, was filed today in the supreme court by Solicitor General Davis. The case is against the Oregon and California Railroad company, the Union Trust company of New York and about 6,000 other defendants.

## O'REILLY RETAINED AS SUPERVISOR

### County Educational Board Reduces Number from Four to Two—Increase the Work of Those Remaining.

A. L. O'Reilly, supervisor of District No. 2, which includes Springfield, and Miss Jennie Bossen, supervisor of the western portion of Lane county, were retained for next year by the county educational board at its meeting in Eugene Monday, and C. H. Aylesworth, supervisor of the northern portion of the county, and C. R. Stahlman, in charge in the southern district, were dropped. The territory of the deposed supervisors will be divided up among those retained, together with the county superintendent.

The work of the two remaining supervisors will be under the direct supervision of the county superintendent and each will have about 50 districts. The superintendent will also have about 50 districts, not including the larger schools which have supervision of their own.

The salary of the two supervisors will remain the same as heretofore, at \$110 a month, with \$25 a month for traveling expenses.

The action of the board is taken in order to reduce the expenses of the supervisory system of the county. By eliminating two of the supervisors the cost is cut exactly in two.

There has been sentiment in some parts of the county to do away with the supervisory system entirely, but it is believed that with the reduction in the expense of the department the system will be allowed to remain.

Under a new law which goes into effect May 22 the supervisors may be done away with upon petition of a majority of the directors, but it is not believed by those interested that any attempt will be made in Lane county to invoke this law.

The members of the county board present at the meeting on Monday were: E. J. Moore, the county school superintendent, as chairman; W. C. Washburne of Junction City; Oliver Veatch of Cottage Grove; W. L. Wheeler of Pleasant Hill and I. B. Cushman of Acme.

## BOND ELECTION ORDERED

### Roseburg to Pass on \$500,000 Issue for Railroad June 4

Roseburg, Ore., April 12.—By unanimous vote the City Council tonight authorized the calling of a special election to ballot on the proposition of floating municipal bonds in the sum of \$500,000 with which to help Kendall Bros. construct a standard gauge railroad from Roseburg to the line of the Cascade forest reserve on the North Umpqua River. The election will be held on June 4.

The bonds are to be voted contingent on the carrying out of Kendall Bros' contract to the effect that they will construct the railroad and erect a sawmill in this city. The railroad and sawmill will represent an expenditure of approximately \$1,250,000.

By a vote of five to three the Council refused to adopt a resolution offered by Councilman

Hamilton resending bonds in the sum of \$500,000 which were voted some time ago to assist in the construction of a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay. The Council chamber was crowded during the proceedings and several spirited speeches enlivened the occasion.

## BIG SCHOOL RALLY IS HELD AT ROCKY POINT

The Rocky Point school, which is 17 miles east of Springfield, last Saturday held what Supervisor O'Reilly pronounced to be the best standardization rally he has held this year, and established a record which will be hard to beat.

Although there are only 19 people living in this district and only one family which as children in school, they are solidly united for a good school. They have a fully equipped building with the best of furnishings and materials and maintain an eight months term. Miss Shirley Moore is the teacher.

Forty-five persons from adjoining districts crossed the McKenzie river in row boats to attend this rally and every one in the district was present, making a total attendance of 64.

McKenzie Union High school students furnished a portion of the program, and Prof. F. L. Stetson of the University of Oregon spoke on "Present Day Education."

## Put Flags at Half Mast for Lincoln

Capt. Dodd, patriotic instructor of Iuka Post, G. A. R., requests that all flags be at half-mast today, in accordance with the President's proclamation, in memory of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Lincoln.

The great American flag presented to the Town of Springfield by the Springfield Development league, was put at half-mast on the butte south of town this morning, in accordance with the president's proclamation.

## PAPERS TELL OF THE DEATH OF LINCOLN

George Boyle, foreman of the News office, has a copy of the New York Herald of Saturday, April 15, 1865, in which is told the story of the shooting and death of Lincoln. The paper is yellow with age, but the print is clear, and tells in striking words of the great tragedy.

Mrs. S. W. Cranmer has a similar paper which she has had framed and has loaned to the Lincoln school for display on the wall of the assembly room.

## ELECTED PRINCIPAL OF WENDLING SCHOOLS

Miss Myrtle Copenhaver of Springfield, teacher in the West Springfield school, was engaged as principal of the Wendling schools for next year at a meeting of the board held last Saturday night. Miss Copenhaver has accepted the position. J. C. Bell, principal this year, declined to consider the position as he intends to enter the University of Oregon next fall. Other teachers elected were Miss Lacy Copenhaver, also of Springfield, Miss Geraldine Rugh of Eugene and Miss Callie Beck. Miss Beck declined the appointment.

The Wendling school is conducted in two buildings and has an attendance of 130 students.

## CARE OF CITY'S TOOLS SAME STORY

**Council Discusses How to Keep Track of Equipment—Petitioners Want City of Eugene to Move Its Power Poles.**

The matter of the care of city tools again proved the cause of much discussion in the town council at its session Monday.

The recorder was directed to notify J. V. Looney of Junction City to return a Fresno scraper which he borrowed from the city a long time ago, and a notice was also sent the Woodmen of the World asking that they return some chairs borrowed from the city hall.

The whole matter of lending city tools was referred to the street committee.

A petition from property owners living on east Main street demanding that the city of Eugene be required to live up to its franchise for power line poles under penalty of forfeiture of its franchise, together with the request that all pole lines, whether of telephone or power lines be required to be moved into the parking, was presented and referred to the street committee.

## Talk Clean-Up Day.

The matter of declaring a general "Clean-Up" day was discussed and then left to the health committee for action.

The petition of C. R. Mead for a license to operate a pool table for one year was granted, and the application of M. L. Bartlett for a bowling alley license for one month was also granted.

A plumber's license was given Flegal & Loog.

The judiciary committee reported that it had retained S. P. Ness to assist City Attorney J. H. Bower in the appeal of the tax case of Stevens et al vs. the town of Springfield, et al. They reported also they had retained Mr. Ness to assist in the Knovdahl case.

The street committee reported it had granted permission for the placing of hitching racks in the parking on B street and C street at the Methodist and the Baptist churches.

J. H. Bower acted as recorder on account of the absence of H. E. Walker, who is serving on the federal jury in Portland.

## WHITE PINE MILL RESUMES

**Orders Are Enough to Keep 150 Men Busy All Summer.**

Baker, Ore., April 12.—Because of large orders, the Baker White Pine Company started its mill at White Pine today with about 160 men. The resumption was due to lumber orders which Manager Frank Gardiner believes will keep the plant running all summer at least. The South Baker mill also is running full capacity and will continue to do so indefinitely.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN TO OBSERVE MAY DAY

The pupils of the primary and intermediate classes of the public schools are busy practicing for the May-day exercises to be given on the afternoon of Friday April 30.

Each school will give separate exercises at different times of the day and patrons are invited to attend the exercises at each school.