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## LOST IN THE COLORADO.

**P. H. McGonigle and Charles McLean are Supposed to Have Been Drowned in the Colorado River.**

On Monday July 27, Peter H. McGonigle and Charles McLean left the Indian Gardens in the Grand Canyon, with the intention of crossing the Colorado river and returning the same day. Both were in the employ of the Grand Canyon Electric Power company, and McLean was to take the place of McGonigle who had quit the service of the company and was to show his successor the campon Bright Angle creek and bring back his personal effects.

The boat in which they tried to make the crossing was an old one and water logged, but McGonigle had crossed in it ten days before. It was made of pine and in scow pattern and had been in use about eighteen months, and during that time was used when they desired to cross, and at other times hauled upon the bank exposed to the weather.

When they failed to return on Monday evening nothing was thought of it by Niles J. Cameron and L. D. Boucher, who were in charge of the Cameron camp at the Indian Gardens, but the next evening, as they had not returned, they telephoned to the camp on the rim at Bright Angel that they were going to the river the next day to look for the boys, as they were sure something had happened to them.

On going to the river they found where the boat had been pushed into the river but could not see the boat on the opposite side, as would have been the case if they had crossed safely. The burros kept on the north side were also in view. They searched the river down from the crossing for a mile or more, but found no trace of the missing ones.

They returned to the Indian Gardens that night and reported to the rim, but even then it was thought that the two missing men had, perhaps, gone to some other point and would turn up in a day or two. But the search was continued the next day by Cameron and Boucher. It might be mentioned in this connection that the distance from the hotel at Bright Angel to the Indian Gardens is more than three miles and from the Gardens to the river it is nearly the same distance, over a rocky trail. This will explain the lapse of time and show the difficulties which the searchers had to contend with.

On the second trip ten sticks of dynamite were taken along, and as Cameron and Boucher continued their search, were fired so as to attract the attention of the missing men, should they still be alive. The search was continued up and down the river until Saturday, but having no boat the river could not be crossed and they returned to the Gardens, telephoning the result of their search to the rim.

R. H. Cameron telegraphed the news to Julius Aubineau, the message reaching here late Saturday afternoon, but the friends of the missing men here, knowing that both were familiar with the turbulent waters of the Colorado, thought that they would be found in a few days. Parties at the Canyon wired for a boat, and as one could not be obtained here Mr. Aubineau,

had a sectional one made here by Ed. Whipple, as it could only be transported down the trail in sections.

Monday Messrs. Aubineau, Wm. Friedlein and George McGonigle, a brother of one of the missing men, left here for the Colorado river. The boat was taken to the river Tuesday and the following day was put together for use. N. J. Cameron, L. D. Boucher, Julius Aubineau, Hank Williams, Ed. Brakely, were the leaders in the search aided by other friends of the missing men.

Before the boat was completed Niles Cameron thought of a canvas boat which was used three years ago in crossing the river, a few miles above the Bright Angel crossing and a party set out to find the boat which they found where it was left by Mr. Cameron, and although somewhat out of repair it was speedily put into condition and Messrs. Cameron and Boucher divesting themselves of all their surplus clothing, commenced the trip across the river which was to settle the fate of the missing men.

The passage of the boat across was watched with more than passing interest by those on the bank. After reaching the north side of the river a careful and protracted search was made for any trace of the missing men. No indication was found of their having landed on that side of the river and they returned to the south side with the sad tidings that there was no hope of finding them, and that it was now evident that they had been drowned in the river. The party was joined Wednesday by Chas. McGonigle of Flagstaff, a cousin of P. H. McGonigle.

Just how the accident occurred, in which two men in the prime of manhood, both familiar with the river at this crossing, having crossed the river many times, lost their lives will never be known. Those who are familiar with the river and the condition of the boat are of the opinion that one of two things happened to them in crossing; that an oar was lost, or that the boat collapsed when it struck the swift current in the stream.

The rapids commence about two or three hundred yards below the crossing, and if an oar had been lost the boat would drift rapidly into the rapids, and should they pass the first rapids, almost certain death awaits them when the big rapids a mile below were reached, and in which Russell, the barber met his death several years ago, and it is believed that McLean and McGonigle have met their death in this portion of the Colorado.

Louis D. Boucher is still continuing the search along the river bank and will go down the river as far as Horn creek. The trails below are being watched for the bodies, but it is thought they will never be found, but will be covered by the quicksands of the river.

The search has practically been given up. All those who went to the river from Flagstaff returned yesterday, having done all that could be done, and fully satisfied that the missing men had gone to a watery grave.

P. H. McGonigle, one of the unfortunate victims of the Colorado river, was a native of Pennsylvania, aged thirty-seven years. He has a sister, Mrs. J. B. Pouthie, a brother, George, and two cousins, E. T. and C. H. Mc-

Gonigle living here, and a mother and sister in Kansas.

Charles McLean was a native of Scotland, aged forty-four years. It is believed he had relatives residing in New York.

Both men were well and favorably known here and were popular and held in high esteem by all who knew them, and their untimely death is regretted by the entire community.

Special credit should be given Niles J. Cameron and Louis D. Boucher, for their unselfish and untiring work in their search for the missing men. They were the first to start in the search and the last to leave, returning only when they were satisfied further work would be useless.

### Arizona Federation.

The second annual convention of the Arizona Federation of Labor was held in Phoenix on Tuesday. Twenty-eight delegates attended. Several resolutions were passed, but only one of public interest. This resolution amends the by-laws to admit of the discussion of political questions in the private councils of labor unions. It was decided to start a weekly labor paper September 8, to be the organ of the federation, and be owned exclusively by union men of good standing. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, H. H. Keays, Groom Creek Miners' Union; first vice-president, J. A. Grau, Jerome Miners' Union; second vice-president, L. R. Barrow, Prescott Typographical Union; third vice-president, Kenneth Clayton, Globe Miners' Union; secretary-treasurer, Albert Ryan; Jerome Miners' Union.

### Origin of the Word Tucson.

It is the general belief of those who have investigated into the matter that the origin of the word Tucson came from the Indians who expressed it "Cruke-son" or Black Spring. Several years ago a writer to The Citizen gave it as his opinion that Tucson meant "black water," the Indian of which was "chuke sastic."

Many old-timers persist in pronouncing the word as do visitors, in a harsh tone, as "Tuckson." The majority of people pronounce it softly, as "Too-son." However, it is generally accepted opinion among old residents of this vicinity that the word is of Indian origin. There is a story going that a man named Took stopped at a well in or near town in early years and helped himself to agua and that fact gave rise to the expression "Took-son," as applied to the old pueblo.

### Change of Firm.

The J. M. Dennis Lumber Company this week purchased the interests of the Dennis-DeMund Lumber company in the mills and timber lands in this county. The transfer was made Thursday and the J. M. Dennis Lumber company have taken possession of the mills at Rhoades. The business will be under the management of Mr. J. M. Dennis, who formerly owned the plant, and the business will be conducted under the former corporation of The J. M. Dennis Lumber company. Mr. Dennis is thoroughly familiar with the lumber business in this territory and is now in position to carry on the manufacture of lumber successfully having plenty of timber to run his mill for several years.

### POPE PIUS X.

**Cardinal Sarto Chosen to Succeed Leo on the Fourth Day of the Conclave.**

Cardinal Sarto, patriarch of Venice, has been elected pope. He was born at Riese, province of Venice, June 2, 1835. He was created cardinal in 1893. He is very learned in ecclesiastical doctrines, modest, energetic, a good administrator and organizer, patron of arts, known as the greatest preacher in the church, and his seriousness has always been proverbial.

Early in April Pope Leo, in a conversation with Father Perosi, the Italian composer, said in speaking of Cardinal Sarto:

"Hold him very dear, Perosi, as in the future he will be able to do much for you. We firmly believe he will be our successor."

Cardinal Macchi, secretary of apostolic briefs, announced to the crowd assembled before St. Peter's that Cardinal Sarto, elected Pope, had taken the name of Pius X.

The troops on duty lined up on the piazza and presented arms.

Ten minutes after 12 o'clock Tuesday Pius X. appeared on the inside of the balcony of the Basilica and blessed the populace, amid the acclamations of the enormous crowd assembled on the piazza.

At Berlin, the election of Cardinal Sarto pope, was made known through extra editions of the newspapers. It gives unqualified satisfaction from official point of view.

The election of Sarto has created a distinctly favorable impression in government quarters in France, removing the fear that the choice might fall on a radical or reactionary candidate. The election is said to give satisfaction in all the courts of Europe.

### Arizona's St. Louis Building.

Hon. A. J. Doran, president of the board of managers for the St. Louis exposition, was a passenger on train No. 2, Wednesday, on his way to St. Louis, where he goes to let the contract for the Arizona building on the exposition grounds. The plans for the building have been prepared by a Phoenix architect, and bids have been received both from Arizona and St. Louis contractors, but the St. Louis bids are much under the Arizona bids and the contract will be let to contractors of that city. The building will cost \$3,000 and at the request of the exposition managers the building will be commenced and completed as fast as the work can be done.

An effort has been made to combine with some other state or territory for the erection of a combination building, but this the managers would not allow, requiring each state or territory, to build and maintain its own building, and Mr. Doran says that Arizona will have a very creditable building.

Mr. Doran expects to be absent about three weeks and during his stay in the Exposition city he will secure space for the Arizona exhibits, and on his return the preparation for the classifying and shipping of the exhibits from Arizona will commence. It is the aim of the Arizona managers to have a creditable exhibit and to have it on display when the exposition opens.

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