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SALMON CLAIMS TWO VICTIMS

Cain Brothers Lose Lives Sunday While Forging Treacherous Stream on Horseback—Bodies Not Recovered.

James and Leonard Cain, two presidents of the Salmon river country and who are well known here and to many people on the prairie, were drowned in Salmon river below Whitebird Sunday afternoon while attempting to ford that treacherous stream on their horses. The men had been in Whitebird and were returning to the Gill ranch across the river when the accident occurred. The Cain boys, in company with two friends, started into the stream on their horses and three of the party were practically across when it was noticed that the young mule ridden by one of the Cain boys had balked in the middle of the stream. The other brother returned to lend assistance but was pulled from his horse in some manner and the struggling men and mule were soon swept into deep water and disappeared. So far the bodies of the drowned men have not been recovered. James Cain was about 32 years of age and Leonard, (or Bosco, as he was generally known) was about 26. Neither were married but are survived by a mother and several sisters. The mother was just recovering from an illness and it is feared the shock of the drowning may result fatally for her. The family has many friends who are extremely sorry at the unfortunate death of the two young men.

Big Exchange In Realty

J. R. Tallman and sons, of Westlake, recently completed a deal whereby they traded their 508-acre farm near Westlake for a fine 320-acre tract 1 1/2 miles southwest of Nezperce. The land secured at Nezperce consists of two well improved farms which were formerly owned by Frank Chandler and Frank Hilton, the places lying on opposite sides of the road from each other. The farms are all under cultivation and will be farmed by the Tallmans next season, and they will also retain possession of their Westlake place until 1917. Mr. Chandler, who sold his farm at Nezperce, has been a resident of that section for the past fifteen or eighteen years. He will later go to Montana where he owns an 800-acre stock ranch. Mr. Hilton will engage in business in Nezperce.

The Tallman brothers intend moving onto their new farms sometime next year and will put the places into alfalfa and clover as rapidly as possible thereafter.

Form State Tax Association

Boise, Dec. 28.—The following officers were today elected by the State Tax association: President, Jerome J. Day, Moscow; vice president, Max Mayfield, Boise; treasurer, D. W. Standrod, Pocatello; executive committee, J. C. White, Kootenai; O. K. Hayes, Gem; Nathan Ricks, Madison; P. H. Smith, Twin Falls; H. G. Lewis, Latah. The secretary is to be elected by the executive committee.

Over 50 of those present at the closing session joined the permanent association, each subscribing the \$1 fee. The proceedings will be printed and distributed to members of the association. Membership is open to all taxpayers in the state.

Excellent papers were read by Frank Martin of Boise, John D. Robertson of Weiser and John W. Graham of Twin Falls.

Axel P. Ramstedt, president of the public utilities commission and former president of the tax association, in his paper on "tax payment and collection" took a hard fling at the system of permitting the payment of taxes in two installment without penalty or interest. He declared it did not give the taxpayer that measure of benefit which it was intended to give. He hoped that some way might be found to bring the counties back to a cash basis without imposing too great a burden.

To inaugurate a just tax system it was necessary to enforce the assessment laws, said Mr. Ramstedt. The revenues should be collected honestly and wisely expended. Local prejudice, political machinations and ignorance of the law resulted in mistreatment of the taxpayer. There should be some sort of tax board, vested with authority and held responsible for the enforcement of the law. Laws providing for the collection of personal property under transfer cannot be enforced in the absence of such a board.

Former Governor Hawley in his paper on "The Problems of Centralizing," favored placing absolute control of the assessment of property in the hands of a commission with state-wide authority. The tax commission should be revived, he maintained. There should be a constitutional amendment to give them the required power. While this might look like an expensive undertaking it would really be economy. The amount of property escaping taxation is much greater than supposed. The formation of a permanent and non-partisan organization was a wise and salutary move. It would awaken public interest, keep the people informed of conditions and assist the governor and the legislature.

Governor Alexander read a short paper on taxation as a general proposition. He spoke of the incursion into every state of federal authority which taxes and expends, leaving little for the state to tax but real and personal property. The tendency was toward paternalism and socialism. He favored the formation of the association. Economy should be coupled with sane expenditure. The burden is unequally borne at present. It was largely a case of representation without taxation. Stock and bond wealth was hard to reach, corporations paid on their net earnings; the farmer had to pay whether he earned anything or not. The truth should be ascertained and the burden equalized. Abuses were too common. One county had collected \$35,000 more than the state had required or could accept from it, and the money would have to lie in the county treasury until it could be returned to the taxpayers. A rich state like Idaho should not suffer from the tax burden.

President Brannon of the university was the closing speaker. He spoke without notes and gave a masterly short address. The tax load should be distributed, he said. We should know what our revenues and expenditures are, which we do not now know. Commission government was becoming more popular and more effective, as witness the educational commission. The tax commission should never have been abolished. He extended the thanks of the university to those present for the attendance and interest, and promised them its best efforts.

The next meeting will be at the call of the executive board.

As You Make It

To the preacher, life's a sermon,
To the joker, it's a jest;
To the miser, life is money,
To the loafer, life is rest.
To the lawyer, life's a trial,
To the poet, life's a song;
To the doctor, life's a patient
Who needs treatment right along.
To the soldier, life's a battle,
To the teacher, life's a school,
Life's a good thing to the grafter,
It's a failure to the fool.
To the man upon the engine,
Life's a long and heavy grade;
It's a gamble to the gambler,
To the merchant, life is trade.
Life is but a long vacation
For the man who loves his work;
Life's an everlasting effort
To shun duty, to the shirk.
Life is what we try to make it—
Brother, what is life to you?

—E. S. Kiser in *The Craftsman*.

Wassmuth Baby Dead

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Wassmuth died at their home northeast of town Sunday morning and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Greencreek Tuesday. The death of the little one came without warning and was a great blow to the parents. The mother had nursed the babe and put it to sleep about three o'clock and when she got up a couple of hours later it had passed away, death probably being caused by a hemorrhage as the babe's mouth was filled with blood.

The Chronicle joins with the friends of the family in extending sympathy to them in their affliction.

Catching Many Coyotes

Jim Rooke came out the first of the week from his home across the river and said they are having great sport over there these days chasing and killing coyotes. He said they have several good hounds and are running down and killing about two coyotes a day, thus making fair wages and at the same time riding the country of the thieving and stock-killing coyotes.

Jim said that his brother, Will, came near to having his neck broken a few days before he came out, while the latter was out with the hounds. In riding down a ridge to get where the dogs had a coyote cornered Will's horse went over a small ledge and the saddle went off over its head, landing Will on his head in a bunch of boulders several feet further down the hill. He was rather badly cut up but suffered no permanent injuries.

Carl Henderson, who also resides over in that country, recently captured a fine silver gray fox in a trap and hopes to get a nice price for its pelt. Carl trapped for the animal last winter and cut off two of its toes in the trap, so when he caught the fox this winter and found it minus two toes he knew it to be the one of old acquaintance.

Chas. Sallee was in town yesterday from his home on Joseph plains.

Henry Michels and family are spending the holidays with relatives in the Palouse country.

Buy Range For High School

A subscription paper has been circulated here during the past week to secure sufficient funds to purchase a range and other equipment for the domestic science department of the local high school and, as is usual with such worthy enterprises, the list met with a cordial reception. This method of securing the range was taken for the reason that the school board limited its levy to an amount sufficient to cover all ordinary operating expenses of the school but had no surplus funds to invest in equipment for the domestic science and manual training classes. With the new range and equipment installed the domestic science classes will be able to make material progress in their studies and experimentations.

Community Tree

A Big Success.

Cottonwood's first municipal Christmas tree, held last Friday eve at the K. of C. hall, was a pronounced success from every possible angle. The children and their parents began to gather at the hall shortly after six o'clock and by the time set for the opening of the program the large hall was packed and jammed to its fullest capacity. The program, while short, was well rendered and drew flattering remarks from all present. After the final prayer was offered by Rev. Grunwald old Santa Claus appeared on the scene and the little folks went wild with rapture. The distribution of presents then began and every child in the house was presented with a package of candy and one of nuts, and oranges and apples were distributed among all present, young and old alike. A number of toys were thrown out to the children and, all in all, the community tree was pronounced a great success.

Over \$200 was raised to defray the expense of having a community tree but this amount exceeded the demands and the balance will be returned to the subscribers.

Don't forget the big dance at the K. C. hall next Friday night.

Will Nash is in town today from his homestead on the Joseph.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Refreshed from Exchanges.

The Lewis county poultry show is in session this week at Ilo.

J. J. Remington, a pioneer of the Salmon river country, died Sunday, aged 65 years.

Andrew Mitchell, a pioneer resident of Nezperce prairie, was committed to the Orofino asylum this week.

The Joseph Pfeufer building at Grangeville was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The building was occupied by a feed and grain store. The loss was about \$1200.

The Washington state highway commission recently awarded the contract for building the strip of state highway from Colton to Pullman and when this work is finished and the new road is constructed up the Uniontown hill a fine auto and wagon road will connect Lewiston with Spokane.

Albert Clinger, formerly a resident of Reubens, was hanged at Vancouver, B. C., last week for the supposed murder of his partner while out in the mountains. Clinger claimed the shooting was accidental and considerable effort was made to have his sentence placed at life imprisonment, but without avail.

Parties who have been in the mountains during the summer and fall bring the report out to Grangeville that beaver have been increasing in a wonderful manner and that nearly all the streams in the mountains have a large number of the animals in them. The increase is due to the protection that has been maintained by the state for the past few years.

The Kamiah business men have organized a "Citizens' League" and are taking concerted action towards the improvement of the roads in that locality. It is proposed to macadamize the road from the depot to the hotel. Crushed rock will be used. A committee has been appointed to solicit funds to meet the cost. 500 loads of rock will be required for the first piece of work. Kamiah is also agitating the proposition of a creamery and produce plant.

Morris Bros. of Portland last week purchased bonds to the amount of \$50,000 from the Tammany-Waha highway district, paying a premium of \$1673 for the bonds. The sale of the bonds at this time will permit of awarding contracts for rock work on the proposed macadam road from the Lewiston Orchards to Waha during the winter months and, with the heavier character of the work completed before summer, it will be possible to complete this stretch of road at an early date next summer.

Our Roll of Honor

Those of our subscribers who have brightened the last days of the old year for us by leaving cash on subscription in the Chronicle coffers are: Anton Schumacher (2), A. J. Hoffman, Greencreek; Elbert Bush, Ferdinand; John Wasem, Fenn; Henry Gebhard, Colorado; Tony Sand-schaper, Mat Pedersen, Henry Boeckman, Keuterville; William Baune, C. E. Fredericks, Arthur Williams (2), Mrs. Fitzgerald, Geo. R. McPherson, Henry Dasenbrock, Cottonwood.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the following described lands, viz: SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 22, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 23, T. 27 N., R. 1 E., B. M. which were embraced in a power site reserve, will be opened to settlement on Feb. 1, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m., and to entry on March 1, 1916. No person will be permitted to gain or exercise any right whatever under any settlement begun prior to the date of settlement fixed herein.

The land office records show that the tracts above-described are vacant.

Henry Heitfeld, Register.
Blair E. Hoar, Receiver.

State Goes Dry Tomorrow

Today is the last day for "booze" in Idaho and when the saloons close their doors here and in other Idaho towns tonight it will be with the understanding that they will not open again for business until the present liquor laws of Idaho are wiped off the statutes or radically remodeled by some future legislative body. Whether or not it will be possible to enforce the dry laws strictly enough to make the state as dry as the prohibition exponents would like to have it remains to be seen. Local opinion was at one time thought to be the solution of the vexing question but when tried out it was found to be sadly deficient in results. The dry forces then tried for state-wide prohibition and secured the passage of the most stringent dry laws for Idaho of any state in the Union. The next few months will show whether state-wide prohibition is a success in Idaho or not and it is to be hoped that the citizens of our state will give the matter a fair trial and whether or not they desire it as a permanent acquisition before taking any steps toward foisting it onto the state in the form of a constitutional amendment. If prohibition cannot be a success under the present drastic laws a constitutional amendment will not help matters. Therefore try the question out thoroughly and let it stand or fall by the results which obtain.

A Lamentation

The Kaiser's cows are grazing,
Where the Shamrock used to grow,
How long they'll pasture on the green,
There's no one seems to know.
But if we judge the future,
By what's happened don't you know,
There'll be no grass for Pat's jackass,
Where the Shamrock used to grow.

Oh, Johnny Bull! Oh, Johnny Bull!
What are you going to do,
You said that you would whip the Dutch,
And now it's up to you.
But unless you get a hustle on,
There is one thing you should know,
They'll be raising plants for sauer kraut,
Where the Shamrock used to grow.

—WILL NASH,
Poet of Joseph Plains.

Farmers School Coming

Plans are now well under way for the securing of a farmers extension school from the state university at this place some time within the next month. The matter has been taken up with the university by the local farmers union and attendance sufficient to justify the school has been assured. The school will be held for an entire week and during this time the farmers will be given practical instruction along many lines, certain subjects being treated daily. The exact date of the holding of the school will no doubt be announced within a short time and every farmer in this part of the county should arrange to attend the school while it is in session here.