

THEY DID NOT ELOPE

Fort Bidwell Man and Girl Arrive Here From Lakeview

Charles Drobney Says the Report Is Not True that He Deserted His Wife for Indian Girl—She Fired Him and They Separated—Gave All His Property to Her

The following dispatch was sent from Lakeview in regard to Charles Drobney and Retta Brown, Indian girl, who arrived in Klamath Falls last evening from Bly. Charles Drobney, of Fort Bidwell, was reported to have eloped from this place with Retta Brown, an Indian girl. Drobney has a sickly wife and eight children. He was recently employed around the Indian School at Fort Bidwell, and he lived with his family. He became infatuated with the Indian girl and lost his position. He then came here and later went to Fort Klamath, leaving his wife and family behind.

Retta Brown, the Indian girl, came to Lakeview about a week ago. Drobney arrived on the morning stage. He immediately went to a local liveryman and employed a driver. "I want you to take my wife and myself to Bly, and we will meet you on the back street," Drobney said. He and the girl were on the back street and were talking to Bly. Sheriff Dent was informed of the facts and immediately telephoned to Bly and had the couple arrested. They will be returned to review tonight.

Mrs. Drobney was communicated with yesterday and said that two days ago she received a letter from Drobney purporting to come from Bly, in which he said he was on his way to Klondike.

Superintendent Rakestraw, of the well Indian School, admits that Drobney called him on the phone and asked him to bring the girl part of the way, saying that he (Drobney) would take her to Klamath Falls. A situation awaited her. Rakestraw refused to take her, but he made no effort to prevent the elopement. Rakestraw says he didn't want to meddle in family affairs.

Mrs. Drobney is in destitute circumstances and nearly blind, and five of the eight children are practically helpless invalids.

When seen by a reporter this afternoon Mr. Drobney stated that the report was a lie, that he hadn't run away from his wife and that he didn't elope with the girl. "I didn't desert my wife," said Mr. Drobney, "she fired me, and I have been supporting her and the children and I have sent them money since I have been away. I have got receipts to show for it. My wife is going to get

a divorce in December and I am going to marry this girl when my wife gets the divorce and not before. We registered here under our own names and we have got nothing to be afraid of. They stopped us at Bly, but they couldn't do anything and let us go. We are going to work here and when the divorce is granted we will be married.

"It says (referring to the dispatch) that I have eight children and that two of them are invalids. I can't see. One of the children is working in a printing office at Fort Bidwell. I have always supported my children and always intend to."

Retta Brown is 21 years old and is a nice looking girl with some white blood. She was educated at the school at Fort Bidwell and has lived there all her life and bears a good reputation. Mr. Drobney says that he never went with the girl after the trouble with his wife and that she knows that they intend to get married and that she has promised to get a divorce. He turned over all his property to her and they agreed that he was to support his share of the children and she was to have the property and look after the others. Mr. Drobney spent the summer near Klamath Falls working, at the Altamont ranch, and as the girl had finished school and did not want to go back with the Indians, he went to Lakeview at her request and brought her here, where she will go to work until they can get married.

CHICKEN DINNER

An old fashioned chicken dinner will be served on the first floor of the Oliver Implement building at noon Wednesday, October 14.

Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Salads, Sliced Tomatoes and Lettuce, Green Onions, Pickles and Cheese, Pie and Cake, Tea and Coffee.

Dinner 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church.

CURTAIN AT 9 TONIGHT

On account of the Coronation ceremony of the Queen, the curtain on the play at the opera house tonight will not rise until 9 o'clock. The remainder of the week the show will commence promptly at 8:30.

GRAND CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Entrance of Queen Goldie to the city, accompanied by her Maids of Honor and escort. 7:30 P. M.

Parade starts from west side of bridge, up Main street to Eighth street, and then back to the Royal Booth in the Court House Square.

Formation of parade: Marshal of the day, Neil Campbell. Klamath Falls Military Band. Royal Automobile with Queen Goldie.

Auto with Chief Maids: Miss Esther Cannon and Miss Kattenhorn. Auto with Maids: Miss Maud Martin, Miss Edna Houston.

Auto with Maids: Miss Flora Shive, Miss Mayzel Sanderson.

Auto with Mayor and Speaker of the evening. Carriage with Carnival Committee: G. Heitkemper, Jr., Fred Houston, K. Sugarman.

Tally-ho with Court Jokers. Welcoming address by Judge Nolan, Speaker of the evening, at the Royal Booth.

Presentation of the keys of the city to Her Majesty, Queen Goldie, by His Honor, the Mayor.

Reception by Queen Goldie, at the Royal Booth, 8:20 to 9:30 P. M. Concert by the Klamath Falls Military Band in Court House Square, 8:30 to 9:30 P. M. Grand Confetti Battle balance of the evening.

Tuesday, October 13th, Fort Klamath Day. 2:30 p. m.—Callithumpian Parade. \$10 prize for the most ridiculous costume, \$5 second prize.

3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Tight wire walking opposite court house. The Queen will hold a reception at the Royal Booth from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Concert at the Band Stand in the Court House Square from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. by the Klamath Falls Military Band.

Eckhardt's Ideals at Houston's Opera House at 8:45 p. m., in "Brown's In Town, or Looking for a Wife."

Grand free for all Confetti Battle balance of the evening.

ALTITUDES IN KLAMATH AND CROOK COUNTIES. PRINEVILLE, Ore., Oct. 10.—United States geological surveyors, captained by L. F. Biggs, arrived here today from Ashland. The party came by way of the mountains to Upper Klamath Lake, Fort Klamath, Klamath Marsh, Rosland and Bend, concluding their journey at the Crook county court house. From here they will take wagon back to Ashland, where the line they ran found its inception.

Elevations of the surface have been taken every mile, the altitude in each case being marked on a stake driven into the ground. Each stake bears this legend: "U. S. Geological Survey, \$250 fine for meddling with this plate."

In some instances, especially in the cities and towns, brass-topped stakes were firmly implanted in rock walls, showing the altitude.

The geological surveyors visited the world-renowned Crater Lake, finding the elevation at the water's edge to be 6177 feet. Where the trail drops over the crater's edge, the elevation above sea level is 7076 feet.

At one place where there is a sheer drop of 2000 feet to the water, though off the road, the altitude is 8177 feet. Other elevations mapped out by the Federal crew are: Klamath Lake, at water's edge, 4139 feet; Fort Klamath 4180, Klamath Marsh 4529, Beaver Marsh 4640, Odell 4453, Rosland 4226, Paulina Creek at Caldwell ranch 4190, W. P. Vandeventer ranch 4182, Fred Shonquest place 4172, Lava Butte 4507, Bend 3629. Prineville elevations have not yet been ascertained, but the supposed altitude of this city is 2850.

The surveyors left Ashland, Ore., June 15, thus consuming more than three months in their painstaking task.

EXCURSION RATES EXTENDED. The Southern Pacific Company announces that commencing November 13 a special 90 day round trip rate will go into effect from California points to the Klamath country. The special rates to Klamath Falls and return will be as follows: From San Jose, \$23.20; San Francisco, \$22.60; Oakland, \$22.60; Stockton, \$21.50; Sacramento, \$19.55. Tickets will be continued on sale from that date until further notice. This is an unusual discrimination in favor of the Klamath country as it is customary to discontinue all summer excursion rates on October 15.

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MAZAMA GOES DOWN

Caught By Heavy Wind on Shore Near Eagle Point

Crew Removes Freight to Barge Which Poles to the Shore—Water Only About 3 Feet Deep Where the Steamer Went Off

Reports have reached this city to the effect that the Summer Mazama was wrecked on the Upper Lake during a heavy wind yesterday. The steamer was going to Wood River with a barge for a load of sand and as it was rounding Eagle Point it was struck by a heavy wind and capsized.

There were six or seven men on board, including J. B. C. Taylor, M. F. Parker and Jas. H. Wheeler. They got on the barge and with poles succeeded in reaching shore. There was a lot of freight on the steamer for Fort Klamath, but practically everything was transferred to the barge and saved.

It is stated that the water is only six feet deep at this point and that it will not be a difficult job to get the steamer afloat. The Hornet left with a crew of men this afternoon to attempt to raise the boat.

MULLER-BRANDENBURG. Miss Rhoda Brandenburg and Mr. Emil W. Muller were united in marriage last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. MacWilliams, Rev. Price of the Methodist church officiating. Mr. Muller is one of the successful business men of this city, being engaged in the sewing machine business at Eighth and Main streets. The bride came from California but has been a resident of this city for the past year.

SHOWS ARE COMING. The Carnival Committee has been notified that several attractions for the Street Fair left Oakland this morning and will arrive here tomorrow evening. The Indian attraction will not take place until Thursday as they cannot come down from the Agency until Wednesday. There will be a free exhibition every evening at 7:30, of tight wire walking in front of the Court House Square.

SHIP BODY EAST. The body of Alex. Scott, which was buried yesterday, was disinterred this morning and will be shipped to Michigan in accordance with instructions received from the relatives last night.

SEASON CLOSES OCTOBER 20. The Crater Lake tourist season will close on October 20. Will G. Steel has already taken off the launches on the lake and stored them on Wizard Island. To afford protection a house has been built on the island out of the heavy timbers and the two gasoline launches have been put inside where it is believed they will be safe during the winter. The Arant camp has been accommodating visitors since Mr. Steel left, but after the 20th of this month the camp will not be open for accommodations, and that means practically the end of all travel for this year.

The municipal authorities of Belfast are at present interested in a scheme of workingmen's garden plots, begun in East Belfast a few months ago under the auspices of the Strandtown Cottage Garden Association. A start was made in April last with about three acres, divided into 24 sections, the conditions being that in each allotment six different species of vegetables should be grown. The majority of those to whom the plots were allotted were English and Scottish workmen employed in the local shipbuilding yards. Although one or two of the amateur gardeners retired after their first enthusiasm had cooled, their places were quickly taken by others, and the cultivation of the half-acre plots has proved so popular and successful that the local corporation intends to adopt it on a more extensive scale in other suburbs of the city next spring.

Mr. Michel and family, who have resided on the Weed ranch north of town during the past year, will leave tonight for Reno, Nev., where they intend to make their home in the future.

DIRECTORS MANIFEST AN INCONSISTENCY. Editor Herald:—During his several visits to the Klamath Project, Consulting Engineer W. H. Sanders, of the U. S. Reclamation Service, won the friendly regard of most of our people with whom he came in contact. Probably the directors of the Water Users Association really intended it as a compliment to Mr. Sanders when they requested that he be placed in charge of the Klamath Project; but as a matter of fact, they have recommended that he be reduced in rank and salary. Consulting engineers rank higher in the Service, and receive more pay than do project engineers.

In requesting the appointment of Mr. Sanders or Mr. Joseph Jacobs as project engineer for this project, and at the same time charging Mr. Murphy with incompetency, the directors manifest an unintentional inconsistency. Both gentlemen have been members of consulting boards for this project; and it was among their duties to discover and report any engineering or administrative error or failure. If Mr. Murphy is incompetent and they failed to find it out and report it, they themselves showed incompetency; the directors so accuse them in accusing Mr. Murphy.

If the association acted a bit more consistently in its role of volunteer advisor to the Secretary of the Interior, and as the unconscious cat-paw of the Mason and Davis Company, its excursions into unauthorized fields of action might occasionally be marked with success.

H. L. HOLTGATE. Bonanza, October 10, 1928.

THE MILLS CASE AGAIN. Webster Holmes, the Salem attorney, is in the city and is arguing the Mills estate case before Judge Nolan. Mr. Holmes is the attorney for the heirs of Col. Knight, who had a claim against the estate for attorney's fees. The matter will probably be taken under advisement by the Judge, but whatever the decision the case will undoubtedly have to be settled in the Supreme Court.

SIX THOUSAND VISIT LAKE THIS YEAR. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Arant, of Klamath, were in Ashland early in the week, called hither by the illness of their son Chauncey, whose condition, however, is greatly improved. For several years Mr. Arant has been the superintendent of the Crater Lake National Park, and each successive season find him supervising some needed improvements pertaining to that noted resort. "Camp Arant" is favorite headquarters for all those making the trip to the Lake, and improved conditions throughout that region are the cause for the great influx of visitors there this season, the number for July and August approximating over 5,000 with the prospect of fully 1,000 for the present month of October. If the weather conditions remain promising, the canyon has been bridged, and substantial improvements are the order of the day over in that locality. Road betterments are an important



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