

Landmark Will Be Removed When Workmen Complete Razing Former Courthouse



Old County Courthouse which is now being razed. This building was reconstructed in its present form following the destruction of the former courthouse by fire in 1893.

Destruction of the court house that has served Douglas county for so many years has been started and soon an old landmark will be removed. Demolition is already well underway, and within a few more days the removal of the walls will be undertaken.

Douglas county court houses have been few and far between since the first one was constructed in 1855, but now there is a building that should serve for many years to come and of which the residents may well be proud.

It was shortly after Roseburg was made the county seat, and the public buildings were moved from Winchester, that the first court house was built. The land was donated by Aaron Rose, being the block where the present court house is situated. Mr. Rose also raised money by popular subscription for the first building, paying \$1,000 himself. Then he took the contract for construction and erected the building, a two-story wooden structure. The county's only court was \$200. William T. Perry was county judge when the building was completed October 13, 1855.

April 7, 1865 the county court, C. Gaddis being judge, awarded a contract to Dennis Howe for the construction of a two-story brick and wood building for court house purposes. The contract was in the sum of \$10,825.

In the May term, 1891, County Judge George W. Riddle, signed a contract with the California Bridge company for the construction of an addition to the old building, the amount of the contract being \$50,250.

The building was used until 1898 when on December 7, fire broke out and completely gutted the interior.

"I remember the fire well," J. W. Hamilton, judge of the circuit court, stated. "We were holding the regular November term of court and it was an unusually cold winter. Because of the extreme cold the heating plant was kept operating at full blast. We had

just adjourned for the dinner hour and about 6 o'clock the fire alarm sounded. The building was well fire and it was impossible to save anything. The only piece of furniture that was saved was the circuit judge's chair, the one that I have used in the courtroom for so many years. It was carried out by Roy McClellan. The records, which were locked in the vault, survived the fire, undamaged. My entire library was destroyed, which was a very heavy loss for me."

Building Rebuilt
The late Joseph Lyons of Reedersport, who was then county judge, immediately called the county court together at the city hall, while Judge Hamilton took his court to the Marks building. The county court employed Charles Burgess, Salem architect, to draw up plans for a new court house, utilizing the walls of the burned building. The plans were secured and a contract was let to H. Snook, whose bid in the sum of \$11,500 was low.

The court house and jail, which stood until the new court house was started, remained practically unchanged from that time on, the only addition being a concrete filing vault for the county clerk's office.

New Building Started
In July, 1927, Douglas county received a check for \$1,170,000.00 from the United States government as payment of back taxes on the O. and C. railroad grant lands. The court immediately set aside \$200,000 to be used with a fund created by Judge R. W. Murders in 1915, when the county court put \$50,000 aside for court house purposes. Accumulated interest on the fund brought the total amount to \$275,000.

A public meeting was called January 21, 1928, at which time the matter of building a new court house was discussed. While there was some opposition expressed on the outside, there was no criticism

of the court's action at the public meeting, so on February 8, the court, headed by County Judge George K. Quinn, definitely decided to build.

Tourillotte and Hummel, Portland architects were employed to draw up the plans, which were submitted and accepted. The general contract was let to Elmer Meizer, the general and sub contractors totaling slightly in excess of \$200,000.

The work has been done in a very efficient manner and the building is now nearing completion. The county officers have moved into their new quarters, and as soon as the old building is torn out, the front entrance to the new structure will be finished and it will be fully completed.

In many respects the new building is unique. Not only is it one of the most beautiful structures of its kind in the state, but it is also one of the two completely fireproof buildings in Oregon. The heating system is also the first of its kind in the state, while the method of pouring the concrete, giving a completely finished exterior when the forms were removed, is the first time that this method has ever been used on a building of such size.

CASHIER ADMITS BOMBING TO HIDE \$1,000 SHORTAGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, July 2.—Perry E. Parsons, a cashier of the Los Angeles grain exchange, was arrested today after police said he had confessed to a plot in which the explosion of a bomb early today wrecked the exchange's offices.

Captain Bery Lin declared Parsons admitted placing the bomb to cover up a money shortage.

He said Parsons said he had been short approximately \$1,000 since the first of the year and hoped by dynamiting and destroying the books to cover up the shortage.

Parsons had been employed by the exchange for more than six years.

The arrest was made after officials of the exchange had found several of Parsons' books missing from a safe. The suspect is 47 years old and married. He was booked on a charge of dynamiting a building and a second charge of embezzlement also was placed against him.

The explosion, which occurred shortly before 8 o'clock this morning wrecked the exchange offices, which were vacant at the time.

COUNTY CASHIER ADMITS EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$21,000

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PELLINGHAM, Wash., July 2.—Edward Melhart, Whitcomb county clerk, surrendered at the county jail this morning and confessed to Deputy Sheriff John O'Dell the officer announced.

In his confession, as announced by O'Dell, Melhart stated that he had been in San Francisco endeavoring to raise funds with which to pay back the money taken, which he said he lost in bets on football games and prize fights.

Baseball—Canyonville vs. Roseburg, at Canyonville Sunday, 2 p. m.

EUROPEAN TRIP TO BE MADE BY ROSEBURG PAIR

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pany them through England, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. August 3 to 5, will be spent in London, where they will be shown all of the principal sights of that city and will be entertained by high officials.

August 6, they will proceed to Dover and cross to Calais and on to Paris, where they will remain four days. A courier will meet them at Dover and will remain with them during their stay in France. A full day of sight seeing, visit to the sumptuous residences, beautiful gardens, etc., will be arranged, together with official receptions. The greater part of the time will be given over to the spectacular ceremonies connected with the dedication of the new American Legion Memorial building, one of the most beautiful modern structures in the world.

Will Go to Brussels
August 12, the party will go to Brussels, then on to the Hague, the capital of Holland with sight seeing tour conducted by official couriers in each place.

The party will then go through Germany and Alsace Lorraine to Lucerne, in Switzerland, stopping at several of the principal scenic spots in the Alps, and will then proceed into Italy, visiting Milan, Rome, Florence and Venice, being given full time for sight seeing in all of these places.

Five days will be spent in Budapest for the annual convention of the Fides, and the tour will then be continued through Budapest, Vienna, Munich and back to Paris.

The party is due to arrive in New York, September 20, and will go immediately to Louisville, Kentucky for the national convention of the American Legion.

Prominent in Legion Work

In selecting the representatives of the American Legion to make up its official party, Commander McNutt has endeavored to select men and women whose work has been outstanding in that organization.

Dr. Stewart and his wife are both recognized as having taken a very active and able part in the development of the Legion.

Dr. Stewart served three years as commander of Umpqua post, being elected to that office in 1921. He was elected national executive committee member in 1923 and served two years. At the Princeton convention of the Oregon department of the American Legion in 1926 he was chosen department commander for Oregon and served one term. For the past three years he has been a member of the national legislative committee.

Under Dr. Stewart's direction Umpqua post in Roseburg made great strides and took an important place not only locally but in the legion activities in the state. The Oregon department, during his term as department commander, also made a wonderful record, particularly in membership. In every respect his work has been of the highest and most efficient character, winning him high honors in the affairs of the organization.

Mrs. Stewart Also Active
Mrs. Stewart has also been very prominent in American Legion work. She is a charter member

of Umpqua Post of the American Legion, her war record entitling her to the honor of being one of the few women eligible for membership. She was the founder and first president of Umpqua Post Auxiliary, being elected when the unit was formed in 1921. In 1922 she was made department president for Oregon and served one year, and then was made national committee member in 1923. At the national convention of the auxiliary in 1925, she was elected national vice-president and in 1926 was in line for the national presidency, which, according to the usual rotation, was to be filled by a Western woman. As the office would have demanded that she leave her home for a year, and spend the time at Indianapolis, Mrs. Stewart withdrew from the race and a California woman was named.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart, due to their national work in the American Legion, are well acquainted with practically all of the leading men and women in the national department, and are very close friends of Commander and Mrs. McNutt. When the national committee visited Roseburg in April, he was a guest at the Stewart home.

The invitation to become members of the commander's official party came to Dr. and Mrs. Stewart as a complete surprise, as they had no intimation that they had been considered for this wonderful honor until a telegram was received from the commander extending the invitation.

Because of the short period of time in which they have to prepare for the extended journey, they are now busily engaged in completing the many necessary arrangements.

FARMER MUST SAVE SELF. BOARD HEAD DECLARES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
HUTCHINSON, Kans., July 3.—"The farmer will have to work out his own salvation, the federal farm board can only hope to help him find a way," Alexander Legge, Chicago, chairman of the new federal farm board, said here today.

Mr. Legge, president of an implement company, is here observing the Kansas wheat harvest.

"It is the hope of the farm board that it may find a way to help the farmer to help himself," he continued.

35-YEAR-OLD FARM JOURNAL SUSPENDS

SPENCER, Ind., July 2.—Directors of "Farm Life," agricultural magazine which was published here for 35 years and which has had a large national circulation, have announced suspension of the publication. The question of reorganizing or the sale of the plant is for the creditors to decide, the directors said.

The most recent statement showed the publication had a circulation of 1,200,000.

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FIRE SWEEPS PICTURESQUE MILL VALLEY

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were sent to help fight the fire returned to their headquarters this morning.

Burning debris, thrown high in the air by the force of the conflagration, menaced property over a wide area. Millionaires and tradesmen, servants and volunteers fought side by side to save the little cottages and the pretentious homes in the wooded beauty of the mountain slope.

Mill Valley's water supply was reported to have been somewhat replenished during the full in the fire early today but as the flames spread farther up the canyons the city mains were of little use, as only occasionally were there fire-plugs in the outlying sections.

The Cascade canyon district contains many pretentious summer homes. The blaze fed itself on some of these places as it climbed toward the top of storied Mount Tamalpais, following what formerly was known as the Pipeline trail.

Heat Twists Railway
Service on the quaint little 16-mile Mount Tamalpais and Muir railroad, known as "the crookedest railroad in the world," was suspended. The winding tracks, over which specially geared engines pull carloads of sightseers from Mill Valley to the top of the 2,600-foot mountain, had been so bent and twisted by the heat that trains could not run. The fire yesterday destroyed one train.

Fire Marshal E. B. Gardner announced that the flames were meeting the famous tavern at the summit of Mount Tamalpais and that unless "plenty of men" were available at once to fight the fire another heavily populated section containing costly homes would be doomed.

Hundreds Battling
Fire departments from a half dozen towns near Mill Valley and a section of the San Francisco fire department remained on the job, leading hundreds of organized volunteers to the fight.

Man power rather than water power was relied upon to fight the flames in outlying areas. Blazing fragments fell here and there, to be pouched upon by watchful townsmen and extinguished. Those falling in the dry grass and brush of the unimproved mountain slopes proved troublesome, as the blaze spread rapidly in each case and sometimes reached large proportions before being extinguished.

Mountain Areas Ablaze
SAN JOSE, Cal., July 3.—Mountain fires in the Santa Clara valley, burning at an early hour this morning, were termed the worst in recent years by state fire wardens, who are directing the work of 300 men on two fronts.

Starting early yesterday afternoon in the Santa Cruz mountains near Alma, over 2000 acres of timber and grazing land were destroyed by flames which for a time threatened to Alderbrook, summer home section. This district was

brought under control after four residences were destroyed. The Southern Pacific railroad rushed a special train of laborers and fire equipment from here to protect the company bridges and trestles in the mountains.

The blaze at Morgan Hill, which was brought under control early Tuesday morning, broke out on two fronts a few hours later and had jumped the ridge from the Paradise valley in the Uvas country. Over 3000 acres of cattle land have been burned. It was still uncontrolled this morning.

BUNCO GAME FLEECES MAN OF 75 OUT OF SAVINGS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
HOQUIAM, Wash., July 3.—Chris Zahnd, 76, withdrew \$5000 from a savings bank here and traded the money to two young men for two one dollar bills and a bunch of comic strips.

The bunco game used varied but slightly from one practiced for years, officers said. One of the men Zahnd met a few weeks ago. They decided to go into business together, the acquaintance putting in \$7000. He introduced another man to Zahnd who was to invest \$25,000.

To make sure the money was safe they decided to leave it in Zahnd's possession. Two bill folds wrapped in a handkerchief, as was Zahnd's money, were placed in a box in his hotel room. The two men left. Zahnd became suspicious and took the box to police headquarters when they did not return.

The box was opened. The one dollar bills and some comic strips were all it contained.

BALL GAME SUNDAY

Allstar teams from Roseburg and Canyonville will play a game at Canyonville Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Both towns are represented by good teams, so that a lively game is anticipated.

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