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ASHLAND, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3, 1897

Accident at Siskiyou.

Miss Pearl Grieves, of Siskiyou, was brought down to Ashland on Monday night's freight train, to receive surgical treatment for a broken arm. The accident occurred Monday evening about 7:30 o'clock. Pearl, with her younger sister, was running around the house, when she fell over a bank of frozen snow, and her sister falling upon her right arm, broke it above the elbow. Drs. Parson and Songer rendered the necessary treatment to the injured limb.

Normal School Notes.

Needed—a drum at the Normal. If you know of one send it out.

Watch out for the new play. The private secretary will take Ashland by storm.

Miss Anna Nelson, class of '96, is spending a quiet winter at her home in Gardner.

The Misses Wells and their brother, Mr. Percy, are out of school on account of the measles.

Miss Dolly Davis, '96, who is teaching in Montana, sends cheerful letters of her work among the Norwegians there.

Miss Nellie Towne spent Saturday and Sunday with Phoenix friends. Miss Towne's sister will be a Normalite next year.

The mid-year examinations are at hand. The students have had comprehensive reviews of their studies and seem to feel no fear for the examination.

The advanced elocution class will begin their indian-club drills. It has been suggested that the seniors retire from the grounds to spare the expense of window panes and surgeon's bills.

We wonder if any other Normal was ever afflicted with a siege of measles and what remedies the unhappy students found most effective, and if they enjoyed chicken, and how they liked it cooked, and if the disease held sway at examination time.

Hopkins and Murphy at Liberty.

J. C. Hopkins and Frank Murphy, who were committed to the county jail some weeks ago by Justice A. P. Hammond, to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of breaking into the store of D. L. Minkler & Son, have effected their escape, and up to press time, nothing is known of their whereabouts.

Regarding the escape of the prisoners, we give our readers the following complete and authentic information, furnished us by Sheriff A. S. Barnes:

"Hopkins and Murphy broke jail Saturday night or early Sunday morning. They were locked in the steel cage as they have been confined since their commitment to the Jackson County jail, and as all prisoners of desperate character have been kept.

"They managed, with a strip of raw-hide which they took from a raw-hide bottom chair kept in the cage, to fish out of place a steel staple inserted in the opening at the end of a heavy steel bar which secures the steel door of the cage, said bar passing through an opening into an iron box, under lock, on the outside of the cage.

"There is a space of one half inch over the bar at the place of entering the iron box, and it is supposed that the prisoners succeeded finally in passing their stiff raw-hide string through that opening, and, hooking it beneath the staple used in fastening the bar inside of said iron box, they threw out of place the staple, thereby releasing the bar, which they could then easily draw. They had then only to draw the lower bar, which was seldom fastened because considered unnecessary. It removing the staple it was necessary to pass a hand through one of the apertures above the opening in the box through which the bar passes; one of the men was capable, as we had witnessed, of passing his slim hand and part of his arm through any one of said apertures. The nearest one that could be used for that purpose was some ten or twelve inches above the entrance of said bar into the box. When out of cage, they broke from the supports of water bowl in the closet, a heavy (about two and one half inches by $\frac{3}{8}$ in.) iron bar, which they used in prying off the fastenings of the outside door.

"I have been ever cautious and watchful of the burglars in question, thinking that they would try some means of escape, yet I did not suspect them making an effort to work the fastenings of the cage door. I rather looked for them to try to saw their way out, and every night after feeding them and securing the cage door, I passed around the outside of the cage and carefully inspected the lattice-work.

"I am especially certain that everything was secure on that fatal night because I distinctly remember that, after finishing my usual inspection, when I was about to leave the jail, one of the men asked for a candle, and after I gave it to him, I again tried the door to satisfy myself that the bar was secured by the staple."

City Council Proceedings.

MONDAY, FEB. 1.

Usual monthly reports of city officers read and approved.

The declaration of vacation of certain streets in P. H. & N. addition to Ashland was reconsidered and the matter again

referred to the street committee for further consideration, and report.

A special committee appointed to examine the brick building on main street, belonging to Mrs. De Peatt, made a written report of the needed alterations to make the building safe.

The sum of \$150 was transferred from the "General" to the "Street" fund.

An 8:00 o'clock curfew ordinance was passed, and the city marshal will be responsible for its enforcement.

The street committee asked for further time in which to report on the matter of constructing a sidewalk on 3d street.

A petition from residents on lower Oak street requesting that a two inch water pipe be laid down said street was referred to fire and water committee.

With reference to raising the water rents, F. H. Carter made a motion to the effect that the charge for each family for household and domestic use from a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe be raised to \$1.00 a month, charges for larger sizes to be raised in proportion. The motion was seconded by W. B. Million. A motion by W. A. Patrick, seconded by G. W. Crowson, to amend the first motion to include irrigation of not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land in the proposed rates, was voted down by the council.

The original motion was submitted to vote. F. H. Carter, W. B. Million and W. J. Schmidt voted "aye;" C. B. Crisler, G. W. Crowson and W. A. Patrick voted "nay;" the mayor voted "aye," and declared the motion carried. Further consideration of rates was deferred until a future meeting.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Electric Light Co., street lights, . . .	\$115 50
Geo. Engle, salary and expenses, . . .	50 75
I. C. Dodge, salary,	50 00
C. B. Watson, "	10 00
Milton Berry, recorder's fees,	23 20
C. E. Hooper, labor on streets,	32 35
Norris & Co., lumber,	27 20
J. P. Sayle, nightwatch,	5 00
Million & Sons, hay for pound,	12 47
Fox a Hildreth, hauling,	3 50
B. F. Reeser, merchandise,	2 95
Kinney & Provost, "	1 00
J. W. Hatcher, labor on streets,	4 00
Emil Peil, blacksmith work,	2 10
Jas. Powell, wood,	2 05
M. R. Myer, merchandise,	1 00
Warren Williams, labor on W.W.	75
Thomas Cary, labor on streets,	60

Council adjourned to meet Feb. 8.

MILTON BERRY, City Recorder.

The total tax levy of Grant's Pass this year is 40 mills.

A special school tax of ten mills has been levied in the Gold Hill district.

The total tax levy for the city of Portland is 25 mills, one mill higher than the levy for 1896.

Mrs. S. H. Calboun died at her home three miles from Merlin last Saturday night. Funeral services were held at Grant's Pass yesterday. The remains were brought up to Ashland for interment in the Hargadine cemetery.

Mr. Brown, who for the past few weeks has been lingering between life and death at his home on the place formerly owned by John Grubb, south of Ashland, died yesterday (Tuesday) morning at 3:30 o'clock, aged 51 years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the family residence. Interment in Hargadine cemetery.