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ASHLAND, . . . WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1897

## Chautauqua, July 10th-22d, 1897.

Prominent speakers: Bryan, Lamar, Gaston, Misses Benfey and Ackerman; Joaquin Miller, Rev. Hershey and others. Six schools conducted by Masters. Season tickets \$1.50. Good camping, health and wisdom for little money. Decide to come. Address Pres., Ashland, Oregon.

### To Assassinate Felix Faure.

An attempt was made Sunday to assassinate Felix Faure, president of the French Republic. A bomb was exploded in a thicket near a roadway along which he was passing; no one was injured. The would-be assassin has been captured and is thought to be insane.

### Murderer Captured in Ashland.

Detective Lowe, of Missouri, realized the results of three years' constant labor in the arrest of E. Bates Soper, alias Homer Lee, in Ashland last Wednesday night. The detective recognized his man at sight, and placed him in custody to answer to the charge of murdering his wife and two children in Cass county, Missouri, April 21, 1891.

Soper confessed the crime to Detective Lowe, and the only extenuation offered is that he was unable to educate the children and give them such advantages as he desired, and preferred relieving them from misery by taking their lives. The excuse for killing his wife is that he did not wish her to share the disgrace of his act.

Detective Lowe says it is reported in the neighborhood where Soper lived in Missouri that he and his wife quarreled over the latter joining the church, a short time before the tripple murder took place. Soper is said to be a spiritualist, and objected to his wife joining the Christian church.

On leaving Missouri, Soper covered his tracks well. A man's body was dragged out of the Missouri river near Kansas City which was reported to be that of Soper. The body was identified by a witness before a coroner's jury as

that of Soper, and the impression generally prevailed that he had committed suicide by drowning after the crime.

The prisoner confessed also to the drowning of a third child at Portland about three months ago, since which time he has been lurking in Ashland, have changed his name and rented a peach orchard southeast of town.

For six years, he had eluded the hand of justice; when caught, he said he was tired of running and was glad it was all up. The detective left on Thursday's train with his prisoner for Missouri, where justice is somewhat different than in California.

Detective Lowe, who made the capture, has been after his man for the past three years, and for a long time had followed just a day behind the fugitive. He is but 26 years of age, and while he has a good position, this capture will add not a little to the young man's laurels.

### Normal Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Ashland Normal are being held this week. Class Day exercises were held at the school building last Friday afternoon. Joe McConnell was credited with having the best collection of butterflies, beetles, etc., on exhibition that day.

The oratorical contest was held in the Chautauqua building Saturday evening. There were six contestants for the junior medal, which was awarded to Edna Parker. The selection rendered by her was the "Chariot Race," from Ben Hur. In the senior contest, there were three competitors. Edith Gregory won the medal by an excellent delivery of "Fatima," by David mill. Those who won the medals were followed, in point of merit, very closely by the other contestants, which adds much to the distinction attained by the victors.

The baccalaureate sermon and the annual address were delivered Sunday, the former at 11 A. M., by Rev. Robt. McLean, and the latter at 8 P. M., by Dr. T. B. Ford. Both were well attended.

Monday evening was devoted to the Musicale, by Miss Thomas' music class. A program by the Excelsior and Bellview literary societies was given Tuesday evening. The exercises were interesting and well rendered throughout.

This (Wednesday) evening, the program by the Alumni will take place.

Tomorrow forenoon, beginning at 10 o'clock, the graduating exercises will be held. This event promises to be a very interesting one, well worth one's time to attend.

The largest sale of wool recorded on the coast this year was made at Pendleton Monday by F. W. Kindley, who sold on commission 500,000 pounds, raised at Echo. There were 1200 sacks, filling 30 cars. The consideration was about \$3500.

The large barn on the farm of A. Harborough, 2½ miles west of Medford, was burned to the ground last Sunday night, together with forty tons of hay. The loss was about \$1000, with \$400 insurance. Origin of the fire is unknown.

The S. P. R. R. Co. has decided to dispense with its Shasta flyer between San Francisco and Portland, and apply the low excursion rates, \$10 first class, and \$5 second class, to the regular overland. The change goes into effect tomorrow, Thursday, June 17.

The total rainfall during the past week was 74-100 of an inch in this vicinity.

### Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Ashland, Oregon, Post Office, June 14, 1897.

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