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## BARN BURNED TUESDAY

Fire Destroys Mrs. Elmer's Barn and Hay Belonging to J. A. Rock.

The local fire department was called out Tuesday afternoon to fight a blaze in a barn on Blockstone Alley, belonging to Mrs. A. Elmer and rented by J. A. Rock. As the flames had gained great headway before the arrival of the fire fighting apparatus, the building was totally destroyed.

Mr. Rock had stabled a team of horses in the building a few minutes before the fire was discovered. At the first sign of smoke he ran to the barn, situated but a short distance from his residence but so quickly did the fire spread that by the time he, with the assistance of Ralph Roundtree, succeeded in getting the animals out the structure was a mass of flames. Eight or nine tons of hay owned by Mr. Rock was destroyed by fire and water. The origin of the fire is a mystery, Mr. Rock expressing the opinion that a match had at some time been dropped in the hay and was set alight by mice. Loss will not exceed \$300. There was no insurance.

This is the first fire the Jacksonville department has had to deal with since the installation of the new water system and the pressure is pronounced to be all that could be desired. Fire in the frame work of the building was quickly extinguished but smoldered in the sodden hay for a day or two.

## MURDER AT MEDFORD

Deed Committed Sunday. Body Unearthed by Dog Monday.

George Dedaskalous, a Greek section hand, aged 40 years, employed by the Southern Pacific railway, was murdered Sunday night between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock by two unknown countrymen, for whom the authorities are now searching. Robbery was the motive of the brutal crime, and the bloody prize was \$700 in gold, worn by the dead man in a belt around his waist. The body was found Monday noon by George Stockus, Southern Pacific section boss, lying beneath the Iowa warehouse, a building 300 yards northwest of the Southern Pacific depot. The crime would probably never have been discovered but for a dog belonging to Stockus. The animal trailed under the building and by his loud

barking caused his master to make an investigation. Then the ghastly find was made.

Mike Spanos and Bert Cummings, well-known members of the local Greek colony, were arrested at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning by Constable August Singler, Acting Chief of Police Cingcade and Officers Cady and Megro, on suspicion of being connected with the murder of George Dedaskalous Sunday night. Spanos is held in the city jail and Cummings at the county jail in Jacksonville. Two other Greeks, friends of Spanos and Cummings, are also held.

A card of the Medford hotel, covered with blood, and found near the scene of the murder, is the strongest clue the authorities have against the suspected men. Spanos and Cummings both worked at the Medford hotel, being employed in a minor capacity. Spanos also told Constable Singler of the disappearance of the murdered man. Nothing of an incriminating nature was found on either man—Sun.

Developments this week indicate that the authorities are weaving a chain of circumstantial evidence about Spanos which bids fair to convict him of the crime. Cummings, who was arrested with Spanos, was able to prove a complete alibi, and with several other persons arrested on suspicion of knowing something about the murder, was released from custody.

## Buncom Reports.

Amos McKee was in town last week. John Cantrall spent a short time in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cale Springer of Jacksonville was visiting relatives near Buncom Tuesday and Wednesday.

W. R. Garrett is now on the Big Applegate doing some more good road work.

Fred Coppel had the misfortune to lose two of his milk cows last week from being poisoned.

Josep Daly was up to the Combest place the first of the week.

A. Kleinhammer and family is visiting relatives in the valley.

B. J. Palmer spent Monday night at J. Goldsby's place near Buncom.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gilson were trading in Jacksonville Wednesday.

FOR SALE—5 graded Jersey cows, all giving milk. At J. Goldsby's.

Dysentery is always serious and often a dangerous disease, but it can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured it even when malignant and fatal. For sale by all dealers.

## "BLIND PIG" KEEPER FINED

Petition of Butte Falls Women Leads to Raid and Arrest.

On Friday night of last week Sheriff Jones and Prosecuting Attorney Mulkey raided the establishment of Joseph F. Brooks at Butte Falls and discovered a considerable quantity of liquor, which they confiscated. Brooks was placed under arrest and lodged in the county jail in this city.

An additional supply of liquor consigned to Brooks was found by Sheriff Jones at the P. & E. depot in Medford. At a hearing held before Justice Dox Monday morning, Brooks, who at first was defiant, saying the officers would have to prove him guilty, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of illicit sale of liquor in prohibition territory and was fined \$150 and costs. The liquor confiscated was destroyed.

This arrest and conviction was the result of a petition addressed to Governor West by the women of Butte Falls, requesting him to put a stop to the illicit sale of liquor in their city.

This petition was forwarded to Sheriff Jones and Attorney Mulkey with instructions from the governor to act at once.

## MUST FREE NICHOLS

U. S. May Land Force on Mexican Soil.

Mexico City, Sept. 23.—The United States Ambassador, Henry Lane Wilson, declared today he would not long defer definite action in the interest of W. C. Nichols, the American fruit-grower now in the Tampico jail.

Governor Matias Guerra, of the state of Tamaulipas, has not replied to the United States Ambassador's demand for Nichols' removal from the jail, and Wilson today said that in the event of further delay his action would be in line with the determination he announced on Saturday to secure Nichols' release from jail even if it should become necessary to land marines from the cruiser Des Moines, now in port at Tampico.

William Anderson and H. Charleson, the two Americans captured by Mexican rebels, in today's Mexican dispatches to the State Department are reported released and on the way to Douglas, Ariz.

Senor Lascruaino, Mexican Foreign Minister, expressed his indignation at the action of the Supreme Court of Tamaulipas in ordering the reimpris-

onment of Nichols, who before the appeal had been removed from the jail and kept under guard at a local hospital.

The Ambassador has been advised that Nichols is ill and that his life is in jeopardy as a result of his confinement. The charge against him is the killing of a bandit, Caballos, who had been pursued by the authorities for months.

## LOCAL MAN FINED

C. P. Leonard Appears in Justice Dox's Court.

C. P. Leonard, proprietor of the billiard hall in this city, appeared in Justice Dox's court Tuesday to answer to a complaint filed by Prosecuting Attorney Mulkey charging him with permitting minors to play billiards in his establishment. Leonard pleaded guilty to the charge, intimating that as by far the greater part of his patronage came from minors he could not afford to turn them away. A fine of \$25 and costs was imposed.

Mr. Leonard while admitting that ignorance of the law is no excuse says that up until Saturday preceding his arrest he did not know he was a transgressor. At different times he had asked parents if they had any objections to their boys playing billiards in his hall and had secured their assent.

## "Bull Moose" Men Here.

John W. Campbell of Roseburg, candidate for congress from the first district on the progressive ticket, accompanied by E. B. Barber, of Roseburg, who is sent out by the national committee of his party to investigate prevailing conditions and Fred W. Mears of Medford, visited Jacksonville Wednesday morning. Mr. Campbell plans to make a house to house campaign throughout the state between now and the election in November, and promises, if he is elected "to be the servant of the people, not their boss." Mr. Campbell claims that Congressman Hawley is given undue credit for securing the Crater Lake appropriation. He maintains that appropriation was secured largely through the good offices of other congressmen and the forestry department and was not entirely due to Mr. Hawley's efforts. Mrs. Campbell spent the fore part of the week in Rogue River Valley cities and says she has met with a strong progressive feeling among Southern Oregon voters.

## Patrons of "Pig" Flee.

Albany, Or., Sept. 24.—Benton county officials raided a blind pig camp just across the river from here yesterday evening, securing two barrels of beer and a case of whiskey. A large number of Albany men were at the place at the time of the raid and the way they scattered through the dense brush was very much like the scattering of a flock of quail. Transportation to and from the blind pig was managed by means of a gasoline launch and it is said five trips were necessary to bring back all the patrons of the place after the liquor had been confiscated.

Constable John Cadlin, who is also a legal deputy for the Sheriff of Benton county, discovered a recently deserted whiskey still just across the Willamette river from Albany on the Benton county side late yesterday afternoon. In company with John Gordon he was searching in the heavy timber below the railroad bridge for evidence of bootlegging when the still was discovered. It was located in a secluded spot and had the appearance of having been used within a week or 10 days.

## Horse Runs Away.

Some little excitement was caused Wednesday when a horse driven by Theodore Ingalls, a prominent citizen of Phoenix became unmanageable. Mr. Ingalls had driven to the hitching rack on Fourth street near the Union Livery Stable, and was stepping from his buggy with the intention of fastening the animal, when a dog sprang from the opposite side of the rig frightening the horse, which ran for about two blocks north on Fourth street, demolishing a portion of the fence around the Catholic church property and finally brought up against a telephone pole. Rig and harness were badly damaged.

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

## PIONEERS' REUNION

Held at Court House Thursday One of Most Successful in History of Association.

### PROGRAM

Address of Welcome.....President C. C. Beekman  
Invocation.....Rev. Weston F. Shields, of Medford  
Song—"Oregon My Oregon".....  
Mesdames M. M. Taylor, H. K. Hanna, W. Kitto, Miss Lula Williams, Clyde Shaw and Hal Harrington.  
Recitation—"The Old Deserted House".....Miss Lula Williams  
Reading Memorial Address.....W. R. Coleman  
Solo—"The Beautiful Gate".....Piccolomini  
Hal Harrington  
Address.....Rev. Paul S. Bandy  
Song—"Memory Bells" (by request).....  
Mesdames M. M. Taylor, H. K. Hanna, W. Kitto, Miss Lula Williams, Clyde Shaw and Hal Harrington.  
Addresses.....C. C. Beekman and W. R. Coleman  
Dinner served at I. O. O. F. Hall to Pioneers and Native Sons and Daughters  
Address.....Dr. Harry Lane, of Portland  
Music, Election of Officers, etc.

The annual reunion of the Southern Oregon Pioneer Association, held at the court house in this city Thursday, is generally pronounced one of the most successful in the history of the organization. At both morning and afternoon meetings the large court room, tastefully decorated for the occasion with banners, bunting and flowers, was filled with a throng of Pioneers, Native Sons and Daughters, relatives and friends who assembled to do honor to the hardy men and women who suffered and toiled to make Rogue River Valley what it is today. The program throughout was interesting and exceptionally well rendered, musical numbers by local singers being especially enjoyable, as was also

will live in history, not by things they have left and will leave, but by what they really were and are. Their work is nearly completed, the burden is fast being shifted to other workers. What a heritage we are receiving. What a foundation you have laid for others to build upon.

"The memory of your words and deeds will ever be kept fresh and green in our minds and hearts, urging us on to greater and still greater achievement."

After "Memory Bells" had been sung by special request and a committee appointed to confer on election of officers for the ensuing year, the morning exercises were closed by addresses ably delivered by C. C. Beekman and

## Pioneer's Song

WRITTEN FOR THE PIONEERS' REUNION BY MRS. JANE M. M'COLLY, AND FIRST SUNG THURSDAY, SEPT. 11th, 1879.

### Tune "Auld Lang Syne"

Should old times ever be forgot  
And never brought to mind?  
We'll yearly meet in friendship sweet,  
For the early days—"lang syne."  
'Twas here we met as Pioneers  
Over fifty years ago;  
We pitched our tents, staked off our claims,  
Prepared to mine or sow.

Together danger here we met,  
Beset by savage foes;  
Together in this far-off land  
We shared our joys and woes.  
Today we meet with glowing hearts,  
To clasp the hard-worn hands,  
That toiled and fought in bygone years,  
And conquered savage bands.

Our valley teems with beauty now,  
Great plenty crowns our cheer;  
Give honor to whom honor's due;  
The brave old Pioneer,  
Wherever we go in after life  
We never can forget  
The tried old friends of early days,  
As Pioneers we met.

We are gettin' old and feeble now,  
Our lives are nearly passed;  
To some of us old Pioneers,  
This gathering is our last.  
We hope to meet old Pioneers  
All safely on that shore—  
Yes, everyone of our loved band,  
To live for ever more.

a recitation by Miss Lula Williams, entitled "The Old Deserted House."

The meeting was opened by President C. C. Beekman, who in a few well chosen words made the visitors welcome. Invocation, pronounced by Rev. Weston F. Shields of Medford, was followed by vocal music, a recitation and a memorial address, read by W. R. Coleman, assisted by Clarence Roamer and Irving Vining, containing brief sketches of the lives of Mrs. Susanna Ferguson, Mrs. Elizabeth T'Vault Kenney, David Linn, T. K. Anderson, Samuel Robinson and Mr. Moore, Pioneers who have died since the preceding meeting of the association.

Following a well rendered solo by Hal Harrington, Rev. Paul S. Bandy delivered an address in which he drew a comparison between the characters of the Pioneer of the early 50's and the man of today and eulogized the Pioneers and the work they accomplished. In conclusion Mr. Bandy said:

"The Pioneers of Southern Oregon

At noon a substantial dinner to which ample justice was done was served the Pioneers and Native Sons and Daughter at I. O. O. F. Hall. Too much praise cannot be given the local Cabin of Native Daughters for the very capable manner in which the arrangements of the day were carried out. Every detail passing off without a hitch.

In the afternoon Dr. Harry Lane of Portland, a grandson of General Joseph Lane, delivered an able and interesting address. Dr. Lane's name endears him to Southern Oregon Pioneers as a great majority of them had fought red-skins with his grandfather. Among his listeners was Captain John X. Miller, one of General Lane's officers and who, with many others present Thursday, fought at the battle of Table Rock where General Lane was wounded and the Indian war terminated. Dr. Lane told the pioneers that while on a visit

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