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P. O. ROBBER HERE

John St Clair Paid Jacksonville a Visit.

It is said that John St Clair, who made a specialty of robbing Southern Oregon postoffices, confessed to one of the officials who was responsible for his arrest, that he was in Jacksonville the night of Dec. 30 or 31, he could not remember which date, and attempted to break into the postoffice here but was unable to gain entrance.

After hours the doors of the local postoffice are always double-locked and barred and the windows fortified with strong wooden shutters and barred so securely, that any members of the light-fingered fraternity striving to gain access to the office will find their work cut out for them.

Buys Ranch Near Crescent City.

Crescent City, Jan. 23.—By far the most important deal in real estate that has been made in this section for some time is under way and will probably be completed by the last of this week, the same being the sale of the Robert Walton ranch to Dr. J. F. Reddy and others.

The property is just outside of Crescent City, on the Grants Pass road, and consists of approximately 100 acres. Mr. Walton reserves five acres of ground for a home. The price paid was \$20,000.

GOES UP FOR 7 YEARS

Southern Oregon Orchardist Who Turned Bandit.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17.—Wells Lounsberry of Medford, Ore., who last August boarded a mail car on the Union Pacific Overland train between Kansas City and Lawrence, Kan., was found guilty today in the federal court at Kansas City and sentenced to seven and a half years at Leavenworth.

This closed the last chapter of one of the most unique and unusual criminal careers in the annals of train robbery. At home on his ranch near Central Point, Lounsberry was an ideal citizen, loving his family of three, with furnishings of art in his abode, scores of friends, and honored as a neighbor and a man. Away, on mysterious missions he was a bold, daring bandit, rifling mail coaches by an entirely new

method, escaping on the train he had robbed.

During his residence in southern Oregon, Lounsberry frequently made long trips, and on one of these he was arrested for the robbery of the Union Pacific near Topeka, Kan. He was identified by means of a letter to his wife, and tried to commit suicide when capture came, resisting the officers determinedly. When the news reached Medford, the idea that he was the man was scouted by men who had known him for years.

The convicted man is now 40 years old, and with good time allowed for his sentence he will be released in five years. His wife and two little boys who do not know of their father's predicament are with him, and will make their home on their ranch until he is released.

Spanos and Seymour Appeal.

Attorneys for Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour, alis Parker, will file a motion for an appeal before Judge F. M. Calkins, sitting in chambers, at Ashland this week. The pair are sentenced to hang for the murder of George Dedaskalous in Medford last September and the appeal will act as a stay of execution from the date set for execution, February 14. Anticipating this action, Governor West has postponed the formality. In letters received from Spanos and Seymour, they express themselves as well satisfied with conditions that surround them at Salem.

Seymour's chief concern is the keeping from his mother the knowledge of his impending fate, and in this he is aided by local authorities, city and county. The aged woman has written several letters asking for information regarding the whereabouts of "her boy," but no definite reply has been returned, except not to worry. Seymour after his conviction exacted this promise from his keepers. He writes that he will walk to the gallows with a stout heart if this is granted him.

Spanos in letters which he is allowed to write once a month, quotes texts from Holy Writ, and a deep religious strain runs through them all. He philosophizes at considerable length on the folly of sin, and the sureness of the law. It is understood that a fight will be made to commute the sentences of the two to life imprisonment, and in this regard a petition is being prepared for circulation for signatures.—Sun.

For the next sixty days, 25 per cent off on all wall paper. Fred J. Fick.

AT THE STATE CAPITAL

Jackson County Bills Likely to Carry in House.

Salem, Jan. 20.—The road bill, H. E. 13 introduced by C. L. Reames permitting counties to contract bonded indebtedness for road building will probably pass the house. A similar bill, however, being senate bill No. 12, by Barrett, will probably be passed by the senate and the two committees on roads and highways will then probably pick out the best points in the two and likely re-write the measure that is passed. Mr. Reames does not care particularly who gets the credit for passing the bond measure, just so one is passed. It looks as though his bill had a chance to go through at this time.

Reames introduced a bill which has been reported favorably by the judiciary committee and which will be voted upon by the house probably today and it will, no doubt, become a law.

This bill amends section 7348 of the code. Under the old law if a man died without leaving a will or making testamentary disposition of his property, it descended, first, to the children and, if there were none, then to the husband or wife, as the case might be, and if there were no children, nor husband, nor wife, then the property went to the father to the exclusion of the mother; and, if there was no father, then the property went one-half to the mother and one-half to brothers and sisters. The bill amends this so as to put the mother on an equal footing with the father and provides that she inherit equally with him.

The county school supervisory law being Howard's bill to repeal the act creating county school supervisors will be reported back with an adverse recommendation from the committee on education. Howard will bring in a minority report and the vote will be very close. The entire Jackson and Douglas delegations will vote to repeal the law.

Dental Offices Robbed of Gold.

The annual visit of the Pacific coast dental burglar who has made regular trips through Medford has just been paid and a number of local dental shops have been robbed of gold used for filling. No clue was left.

This little visit at night to dental offices occurs regularly each year. Nothing is ever disturbed aside from gold.—Tribune.

TO OPERATE STERLING MINE

New York Men Make Preparations to Operate Mine Extensively.

If sampling and test work to be started next week come up to expectations, the Sterling mine situated about eight miles southwest of this city, and known as one of the richest placer mines in Southern Oregon, will be opened and developed extensively the first of March.

S. S. Bullis and son, Raymond S. Bullis of New York, who control the property plan to do considerable prospecting and sampling and an effort will be made to find a new channel and place a hydraulic at work for tests. If everything is satisfactory between 50 and 60 men will be employed in a short time.

A new high line ditch is contemplated which will open up virgin ground believed to be rich in gold, and which could not be worked under the old ditch, which tapped only the lower levels. This new ditch will tap all portions of the property above the low line. The installation of a dredge to find out what is below the prospects is regarded as probable.

Water furnished by the proposed high line ditch may also be used for irrigating purposes, by being diverted to neighboring farm land. Much of the land embraced in the Sterling holdings being suitable for agricultural purposes.

It is considered probable that if conditions justify the outlay the Minney Co., holders of an electric franchise may build a line to the mine. The Medford & Crescent City railroad also has a line surveyed practically to the Sterling. With these two lines completed a vast country, the advancement of which has hitherto been retarded by lack of transportation facilities, will be tapped.

Blizzard Grips Blue Ledge.

F. W. Carnahan and wife, both well known to Medford people, are snow-bound in their quarters at the Blue Ledge mine, according to a letter that reached Medford Monday, and the first attempt to rescue them was futile. Eight feet of snow covers the ground due to a storm that raged in the mountains the middle of last week. Eric Anderson tried to reach the Carnahans but was forced to turn back to Hutton for more aid when he covered half the distance, with the snow over his head in spots. Mr. Carnahan is superintendent of the Blue Ledge mine.

The letter stated that another attempt would be made Monday to reach the Blue Ledge mine on snowshoes. No fears are felt for the safety of the couple, but it is expected that their food supply is low, as it has not been replenished for a week, the tri-weekly mail coach having difficulty in reaching Hutton, five miles from the Blue Ledge camp.—Sun.

Cannery for Valley.

C. A. McAllister has received a letter from T. H. E. Hathaway, who recently went to Chicago to try and induce men with capital to invest in land in the Rogue River valley. He stated that he had men with capital who were interested in products of the valley and who would be here soon to erect a cannery factory.

He says they mean business and have capital to carry out their plans. Mr. Hathaway stated that almost every one had the western "bug" and he thinks it will be but a short time until people will be looking this way for their future locations, as everyone seems to know something of the Rogue River valley.—Sun.

Frost Destroy California Fruit

The southern California orange and lemon crop valued at \$50,000,000 is completely gone. While the press dispatches out of Los Angeles have minimized the loss, no one in southern California conversant with the facts disputes it.

Not only did the cold spell ruin to this year's crop but it killed thousands of acres of young trees and set the bearing trees back two or three years.

The Los Angeles papers at first published the news following up with reports that the damage was much less than at first believed. They petitioned congress for a frost fighting appropriation. Smudge pots were photographed and run on first pages and their use explained. The people of Los Angeles

and vicinity have a tremendous "grouch."

Real estate men are heavy losers. With the annual tourist season on in full blast they were reaping a harvest. Then Jack Frost took a hand. Now if a man asks for an orange grove they put him off with an excuse. It wouldn't do to show him a grove at this time.

For miles along the railroads of southern California the orange groves resemble an August wheat field when they should be a dark green. The frost hit them, and hard.

Palm trees were ringed while the semi-tropical parks were hit very hard.

A loss of \$50,000,000 is conservative. This does not include the canceled orders for fruit boxes, transportation and the like.

Reames Introduces Fish Bill.

Salem, Jan. 20.—Representative C. L. Reames of Jackson county today introduced the first of the Rogue river fish bills of this session. It provides for the reopening of the stream to commercial fishing from its mouth to the mouth of the Illinois river, and has the approval of the Rogue River Fish Protection association, which drafted the present initiative law closing the stream.

Under the provisions of the bill, it is made illegal to purchase, sell or catch steelhead or other trout by any means except with rod and line. Gill-nets for salmon are permitted only below the Illinois, and nets must be at least 8½ inch mesh.

Sunday closed season throughout the open seasons are specified and the open season below the Illinois extends from April 15 to August 10 and from Sept. 1 to Nov. 20, as fixed by the state game and fish association.

The bill will be fought in both senate and house by the Josephine delegation which wants the upper river opened to Grants Pass.

Von der Hellen for Governor.

The Sunday Oregonian's Salem correspondent launches a boom for Senator Von der Hellen for governor as follows:

Friends of Senator Von der Hellen, of Wellen, Jackson county, have also suggested the possibility of his becoming a republican factor in the gubernatorial race. Senator Von der Hellen lives on a ranch near Wellen, is interested in a bank and is considered a strong man in that community.

Senator Von der Hellen has not expressed himself as being a probable candidate, nor has he made any statement in this regard, but a number of his friends both in and out of the legislature have stated that he would make a strong showing if he got into the race.

Grants Pass Editor Dies.

Grants Pass, Jan.—Charles G. Coutant, editor of the Daily Courier, passed away at his home on South Sixth street, Friday evening, January 17, at 7 o'clock, at the age of 72 years, three months and one day.

Mr. Coutant was stricken early in October while at his duties at the Courier office, an insidious paralysis rendering useless his left arm. This and succeeding mild attacks of the protest of nature to a furtherance of the activities of a human life that had reached its allotted span, kept breaking down the physical defenses, and strength fast waned.

Grants Pass Gamblers Caught

The state of Oregon as well as the city of Grants Pass has stringent laws regarding gambling or games of chance and Monday morning Chief of Police McLane filed complaint in the police court against nine residents who were charged with violation of the law in some of its forms. There were warrants for those who had played at solo where chips were worth a whole cent each, and warrants for others who had made a side bet upon a billiard game. The proprietors of a local amusement hall were also arrested, charged with allowing the games within their place of business.

The evidence upon which the complaints were based is said to have been obtained by a detective who had been here for some time past and who had entered into the games with each of the parties arrested.—Rogue River Courier.

AGAIN IN COURT

W. J. Boosey Brings Suit Against C. S. Sanderson.

W. J. Boosey, who frequently figures in actions in the circuit court, this week brought suit against C. S. Sanderson of Central Point, charging Mr. Sanderson with tearing down a fence on his (Boosey's) property. The case, which was to have been heard before Justice Dux Thursday afternoon has been postponed until next Tuesday.

There has been some ill-feeling and lengthy litigation between Boosey and Sanderson over the location of the dividing line between their respective properties. Boosey at one time serving a county jail sentence for contempt of court as a result of ignoring the presiding judge's instructions regarding the disputed property.

Moving Pictures for Fair.

At a meeting of the Medford Commercial club held recently plans were discussed looking toward the San Francisco exposition in 1915 and it was tentatively planned to have a series of moving pictures of the ranches in the valley taken during the picking, packing and growing season, views of the power sites, Crater Lake, etc., and presented in the Oregon state building at the fair.

Newspapers were requested to aid in gathering statistics regarding the productive land in the valley, the name of each ranch, distance from shipping station, etc., the data to be compiled by County Pathologist O'Gara for the benefit of canning factories and other industries looking for establishment in this section.

P. O. Robber Inflicted, 5 Counts

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—The United States grand jury today returned an indictment containing five counts, against John St. Clair, who was arrested last week at Roseburg, and later brought to Portland. Four of the counts charge St. Clair with robbing the postoffices at Medford, Gold Hill, Talent and Rogue River, in Southern Oregon, and the fifth charged the theft of a letter carrier's key at Medford.

United States District Attorney McCourt today stated that St. Clair would be turned over to Sheriff Judd W. Boyd of Red Bluff, Cal., to be returned to California to stand trial for the alleged killing of Edward Miller at Vina, Cal., Dec. 4, as soon as Boyd had secured the necessary extradition.

New Duties of County Officers.

That the duties of the county clerk are to "build bridges and be responsible for fairies," was one of the startling answers to a question propounded to an 8th grade pupil who was this week taking the examination for admission to the high school of Albany, says the Albany Democrat.

One of the pupils stated that "it was the duty of the county judge to look after the city," while another asserted that it was the duty of the county clerk "to act as banker and pay off the debts of the county." Another claimed that it was the duty of the county judge "to examine a man and tell whether he was guilty or not guilty." One youngster thought that "the county judge was expected to serve as a witness at trials," while another claimed that "the county sheriff has the power to send 'idiots' to the reform school and the insane asylum."

Mexican Volcano Erupts Lava.

Mexico City, Jan. 21.—The volcano Colima is vomiting enormous quantities of lava, sand and poison-as gases, and has sent inhabitants of several villages fleeing in terror, according to advices received here today. So far as known here, there have been no fatalities, but hundreds of cattle and other livestock are dead.

The eruption started at noon yesterday and was followed by terrific subterranean rumblings. Railroad tracks in the vicinity are covered with several feet of lava. Traffic is at a standstill.

The city of Guadalajara, 100 miles from the volcano, reports ashes from the eruption are falling there. It is feared several towns will be destroyed.

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