



30 TINS OF OPIUM

Found in a Raid on a Chinese House at Ashland.

A raid by officers headed by Sheriff August D. Singler on all of the Chinese rooming houses in the county Sunday night netted thirty tins of opium and considerable quantity of milder preparations of dope. Jim Ling and one or two other Chinamen were caught in the raid.

All of the opium found by the officers was at Ashland. In the raid at Medford there was no drug, found but as the rooming houses at Ashland were first raided it is believed that local Chinamen were warned by telephone and had time to hide any of the drug they might have had on hand.

Jim Ling who was caught in the net at Ashland figured in a stabbing affray in this city some months ago. At that time the laundry and rooming house conducted by Wo Lee on Riverside was raided but no opium was found. Since then one or two raids were made but nothing found.

It has been reported frequently that Ashland was a distributing center for this section for the opium trade among the Chinese. This led to the raiding of the rooming houses there first.—Tribune.

Buncom Reports.

George Barnum passed through Buncom Sunday.

John Orth and family of Medford spent Saturday and Sunday with J. F. Crump and family.

Mrs. Dora Cameron was a recent visitor at Mrs. R. G. Jennings.

Mrs. R. J. Cameron of Medford spent a week at her home on Apple-gate.

Chester Pursel was in Medford Saturday. He was accompanied home by his mother.

Lawrence Brown, Oscar Lewis and George Neuber took dinner at Joe Goldsby's Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Coffman was visiting relatives near Buncom recently.

John Loudon started for Eastern Oregon a few days ago.

Al Loomis of Buncom spent several days in Medford last week.

Miss Bessie Lewis spent several days with her sister, Ollie Copple recently.

Miss Florence Taylor was the guest of Medford friends this week.

Charlie Garrett is busy planting potatoes.

Mrs. S. A. Cantrall was at Miles Cantrall's Tuesday afternoon.
Mr. Done of Buncom was trading at Ruch the fore part of the week.

Debenger Gap.

By Norman Gage.

School supervisor D. C. Henry of Gold Hill visited the Chapparral, Antioch and Debenger Gap schools last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Daily of Trail were Medford visitors last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Frank Hammond Jr., of Trail, made a business trip to the Riverside ranch last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gordon of Beagle were social and business visitors in Central Point last Saturday.

Mrs. T. G. Rainey and daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Central Point spent Saturday night and Sunday with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hanna of Debenger Gap. Mr. and Mrs. Miller returned to Central Point Sunday and Mrs. Rainey who is Mrs. Hanna's mother will remain with her for awhile.

It is reported that there is a tri-weekly mail route established between Eagle Point and Persist via Trail. The service will begin about May 1st, 1913.

Miss Mary Gage and her little brother, Bud, of the Debenger Gap ranch spent Monday night and Tuesday visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Plymire of the Willow ranch, East of Medford.

Joyriders Caught in Raid.

Six joy riders from Medford were arrested at Ashland Sunday night during the raids by the police in search of opium and carried to the police court, where they put up a bond of \$50 for their appearance. They were Al Her-miston, Merrill Kellogg, E. L. Roth, Walter Brown, Hazel Williamson and Hazel McCoy. The last two names are said to be fictitious, Hazel McCoy being Mrs. Julia Levenbury, proprietress of the Royal rooming house, according to the officers, and Hazel Williamson an inmate of the place whose real name is said to be unknown.

The party is said to have been making the night hideouts at the Imperial rooming house at Ashland. The officers when they raided the place put A. H. Woodburn, proprietor of the place, under arrest, as they found two complete opium outfits in the place. The joy riders were only held for disturbing the peace.—Tribune.

SHERIFF AUG. SINGLER MORTALLY WOUNDED

Outlaw Lester Jones Instantly Killed in Revolver Duel Near This City Tuesday Evening.

Mortally wounded in a revolver duel, with Lester Jones, a young desperado, which occurred at the Jones cabin on the old DeRoboam ranch near this city about 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, August D. Singler, sheriff of Jackson county, died at the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford at 8:35 o'clock Wednesday morning. Jones was killed by the sheriff after a bullet from the outlaw's pistol had ploughed through his left side, penetrated both lungs and lodged just under the skin on the right side of his body.

Jones had recently returned from California where he had sought refuge a few months ago following an unsuccessful attempt of Marshal Jones of this city to arrest him on a charge of breaking into a local store building. At that time he held a gun on the marshal until he got away. Sheriff Singler was advised of his return and Tuesday evening started to make the arrest. As he did not know the exact location of the Jones cabin, he stopped at the Launspach ranch to ask directions, and George Launspach accompanied him for some distance to point out the place.

On approaching the cabin Launspach remained at the foot of the hill and Sheriff Singler approached the cabin alone. On nearing it he saw Jones cooking his supper. The sheriff ascended the steps leading to the door and as he appeared in the doorway Jones fired the first shot. This bullet struck Singler just under the left armpit and ploughed through both lungs. Singler then opened fire, emptying his gun.

Each of the six shots took effect. One struck Jones on the right cheek about an inch below the eye and came out about an inch in front of the right ear. One struck him on the top of the head, ploughing through the scalp. One struck under the left arm and tore through his side, coming out under the left shoulder blade. One struck the muscle in the left arm, entered his body and emerged about six inches below the left shoulder blade. Two entered the body on the right side. In the meantime Jones fired two more shots. One struck a knuckle on the right hand. The third

shot was evidently fired as Jones was falling, as it entered the stove and spun around in it. Singler then turned and walked down the hill nearly a hundred yards, when he reeled and fell. Launspach rushed to his aid, made him as comfortable as he could and rushed for a telephone. As soon as the message was received in Jacksonville a party of men hurried to the scene in Assessor W. T. Grieves car. Mr. Grieves made a record run through plowed land and picking up Singler lost no time in reaching the Sacred Heart hospital with him. There the bullet was removed and everything possible done to save his life. He lingered until 8:35 o'clock Wednesday morning. He was conscious for several hours and talked to those helping him about the affray. He did not know, however, that he had killed Jones, but only that he had hit him.

In the meantime a posse was organized to take up the hunt for Jones, as it was believed at first he had taken to the hills. He was found, however, back of the stove dead. The body was taken to Medford and placed in the morgue where it was viewed by hundreds of people.

Jones was well-known and bore an unsavory reputation in this city where he resided for a number of years and attended school. He has lived for the past 12 years in this county. He came here with his father, Oliver Jones, from Arizona. He has a mother and sister at present in Arizona. Another sister, Mrs. W. A. McPherson, about a year ago eloped, leaving a husband and children. Young Jones has been employed during the most of the past five years by R. B. Zimmerman, foreman of the Frink ranch.

Sticks of dynamite from which he had been steaming nitro-glycerine were found in Jones' cabin. This taken in connection with the fact that he had tried to persuade boy acquaintances to help him rob Beekman's Bank is an indication that he was planning a crime when his career was cut short.

The many friends of Sheriff Singler in all parts of Southern Oregon are sincerely shocked and grieved by his untimely end. During his four year term as constable of Medford precinct, as well as the few months he served as sheriff of Jackson county, he proved himself an energetic, faithful and fearless officer. By order of County Judge Tou Velle the flag on the court house was placed at half mast Wednesday. Friday the court house was closed as a mark of respect for the dead officer and to give county officials and employees an opportunity to attend the funeral services at Medford.

August D. Singler was born in Plymouth county, Indiana, May 28, 1876 and was nearly 37 years of age. He has resided in Jackson county for more than 12 years. Four years he served as constable of the Medford district and was elected sheriff of Jackson county last fall, serving since January 6th of this year. He leaves a wife and eight children all under 14 years of age.

Singler was a member of the Medford lodge of Elks, the Woodmen, Red-men, Knights of Columbus and the Moose. He was a member of the Catholic church.

The dependant mother's pension law which was passed by a recent legislature, will provide \$62 a month for Mrs. Singler's support. Mr. Singler also left \$1,000 life insurance in the Woodmen and it is believed he had a policy for a like amount in an old line company.

Late Wednesday afternoon William Singler, brother of the dead sheriff, after a consultation with Judge Tou Velle and commissioner Leever, agreed to accept the appointment as sheriff, upon the understanding that he assist in the care of his brother's family and look after their welfare, a responsibility which he cheerfully agreed to assume. Mr. Singler has been employed as county jailer.

Motorcycle Causes Runaway.

Chief Oien's motorcycle was the cause of a runaway at Ashland last Thursday, but through no fault of the chief. He had been out on the Boulevard beyond the normal school and had been compelled to stop near Benton

Bowers' place to adjust his machine. He was on the bicycle path and had just started up when a team of colts driven by A. H. Peachy and hitched to a stone boat became frightened. Mr. Oien stopped his machine at once, but the colts whirled and then jumped while the lines were slack and Mr. Peachy had no chance to control them. They got away and ran toward town, coming up behind the rig driven by John Taylor. One horse tried to go each side of the rig, with the result that one went on top of it, throwing Mr. Taylor and his sister-in-law, Miss McGee, out. She suffered a broken arm and was otherwise bruised, and he was bruised but not seriously hurt. Miss McGee was taken into a passing rig and taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Haight, 528 East Main street, and is reported as getting along nicely.—Tidings.

Klamath Judge Faces Recall.

Klamath Falls, Ore., April 22.—It is expected that County Judge Will S. Worden will not be the only Klamath county official who will be forced to face a recall. The action of Prosecuting Attorney John Irwin, in the dismissal of several criminal cases, his conduct in the cases brought against the county court, and in other official acts has incurred a great deal of public criticism and there is strong talk of a recall proceeding. It is alleged that Irwin, without going into the evidence available, had the bribery indictments against Councilmen Goeller and Savidge and the extortion indictment against Hunter Savidge dismissed. It is also charged that it is through dilatory methods that the criminal charge against J. D. Carroll, of perpetual defendant fame, will never be brought to trial, as the complaining witness has removed to Florida. The petition having for its object the recall of Worden is receiving numerous signatures, and the indications are that the number of signatures required to bring about the election will be secured.

Found a Cure for Rheumatism.

"I suffered with rheumatism for two years and could not get my right hand to my mouth for that length of time," writes Lee L. Chapman, Mapleton, Iowa. "I suffered terrible pain so I could not sleep or lie still at night. Five years ago I began using Chamberlain's Liniment and in two months I was well and have not suffered with rheumatism since." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

To Determine Site of Factory.

Extensive analysis of the deposits of limestone at Gold Hill which are now being made will determine whether the \$600,000 cement plant to be erected by the Beaver Portland Cement company will be located at Gold Hill or on some other property owned by the company, according to J. C. Burch, one of the directors of the company, who is at present in Medford. Mr. Burch says that in Josephine, Douglas and Jackson counties the company owns property and tests will decide where the plant will be constructed.

"It is true that we are at work near Gold Hill," stated Mr. Burch, "but it is only for the purpose of making complete tests. Similar tests are also being made on other properties. We are ready to go ahead as soon as we determine on the location of the plant."—Tribune.

Kills Bear With Revolver.

Martin L. Erickson, supervisor of the Crater Lake National forest, has hung up a new record for bear killing in this section by dispatching a large, perfectly good bear, with his "six-gun." He has the hide as a testimonial of his prowess.

Recently Erickson was doing some topography work in the neighborhood of the Mill Creek ranger station when his dog began to bark at a huge snag. The dog began to dig and Erickson soon discovered Bruin at his winter nap. When the dog's barking aroused the bear he stuck his head out of the hole to see what all the noise was about. The Erickson took his 38 Smith & Wesson special and, getting behind Bruin, laid him low.

Rapid Progress on Bridge.

Rapid progress is being made on the construction of the new bridge over Rogue river which is to replace the old Bybee bridge. Contractor Perham has a large crew at work and the structure will be open for traffic within the next few weeks.

The bridge will be one of the best of those spanning Rogue river. It is being well constructed and will also be more sightly than the old one.—Tribune.

WOULD FORCE WAR

Fanatics at Tokio Would Compel Nation to Declare War on United States.

Tokio, April 18.—Open declaration that war with the United States is impending as a result of California's proposed anti-alien land-holding legislation, and that only the influence of Christianity could prevent hostilities, was voiced here today in a public speech by Count Shigenobu Okuma, former premier of Japan. Anti-American sentiment is increasing rapidly, and while Count Okuma declared the government did not share the popular hostility toward the United States, charged conditions in Japan now make it impossible for the government to restrain the lower classes and irresponsible newspapers who are insistent in their demands for immediate war.

The situation in Tokio is rapidly becoming alarmingly serious, and it is feared the lower classes may rise up against American residents here. At a mass meeting today thousands of persons, composed mostly of irresponsibles, demanded instant retaliation against America by Japan. War songs were sung to arouse the populace to patriotic frenzy. Certain newspaper writers have outlined plans for the seizure of the Philippines and Hawaii, openly denouncing the government submissive attitude.

Japanese officials are admittedly alarmed over the situation. Timed to show the friendly feeling of the government to the United States Baron Nobuaki, the foreign minister, today was host at a luncheon in honor of Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie of New York; Dr. Peabody and John L. Mott, secretary of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. The most cordial spirit prevailed.

After the luncheon the Americans met a number of representative Japanese Christians at the residence of Count Okuma, and the former premier's alarming speech followed. Mott replied, and agreed with the count, saying he now believed the influence of Christianity was superlative.

County's Fair Fund is \$1704.

Jackson county's allotment for its fair this year is \$1704 according to word received from Salem.

Secretary of State Olcott says that the law enacted by the last legislature repeals all existing laws providing for district fairs, but authorizes a county fair in each county. If a county fair is already organized or an agricultural society has been holding county fairs, then that organization or society is to be recognized as the official county fair. But if no county fair is now in existence then the county court is authorized to appoint a county fair board.

An annual appropriation equal to one-twentieth of a mill upon the taxable property is made for the support of the fairs, and if it is not used for fairs it is to be applied on the improvement of the county roads.

Eighth Grade Exams Authorized

To teachers and applicants for eighth grade diplomas:

I am authorized by the state superintendent of public instruction to announce the following plan for final eighth grade examination in the subject of agriculture:

1. Twelve questions will be submitted from which the pupils may choose ten.

2. If the pupil has a garden or has done any creditable work in agriculture, the teacher may give 30 per cent for such work. In this case the pupil need answer only seven questions out of the twelve submitted.

3. If a pupil falls low in this subject, the county superintendent may add not more than 25 per cent for a creditable exhibit at a local, county, or state fair.

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County School Supt.

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