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CONFESSION BRINGS ARREST

Horse Thief Gang Broken Up By Sheriff Singler

Lester Hickson, whose confession has implicated three Sams Valley men and exposed one of the cleverest horse stealing rings in this district for many years, was brought to Medford Tuesday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Hughes of Siskiyou county. W. Z. Mynatt, Roy Wyatt, and Chas. A. Woden, the other men implicated, were arrested by Sheriff Singler, and with Hickson, the cleverest of the gang, are at present in the county jail. A preliminary hearing will take place before Justice Taylor tomorrow.

Hickson, although but 17 years of age, lived several months about Medford. In spite of his age he has had quite a record as a horse thief and two or three dozen horses have been stolen by him so far, the officers say.

Deputy Hughes believes that Roy Wyatt was the brains behind the ring and young Hickson, although clever, got a small part of the "bootie." Hickson was paroled two years ago having been arrested for horse stealing and while paroled stole two more horses. He had planned to steal a valuable blooded horse at Doris Sunday night but his arrest by Hughes interfered with his plans. When caught he had several horses in his possession and several more were tethered in an island in a swamp near Doris. He will plead guilty at the hearing.—Sun, Wed.

Buncom Reports.

Harley Hall was in Medford Tuesday. Mrs. R. J. Cameron visited the ranch recently.

Mrs. C. C. Buck and family visited home folks at Buncom last week.

W. R. Garrett was in Medford last week.

Dora Saltmarsh was visiting her brother Benton Pool and family Sunday.

Ray Offenbacher was trading in Jacksonville Tuesday.

C. C. Pursell was in the city Monday.

J. F. Cramp was in Medford first of the week.

Charlie Smith was in town Wednesday.

Edwin Taylor and Paul Anderson were in Medford Monday.

Mrs. John Central was shopping in Medford Monday.

Two darkies from San Francisco ar-

rived at the Preston ranch today to take charge of the cooking.

H. H. Taylor was in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gilson were down to the Taylor ranch last week.

Frank Cameron and family were trading in Jacksonville last week.

Mrs. Cora Crump was visiting Mrs. C. C. Pursell last week.

Mrs. Newt Lewis was in Jacksonville Wednesday.

Frank Robinson of Buncom was in Medford recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jennings were in town last week.

John Central was in the city Wednesday.

Fred Cople and wife were trading in Jacksonville Wednesday.

Amos MCKee and Henry Stephenson were up to the Pursell mill after lumber Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buck were trading with merchants in Jacksonville the first of the week.

Bob Watkins was in the city Tuesday.

Debenger Gap.

By Norman Gaze.

Perry Foster and Bill Lewis who are working with supervisor Dave Pence's road crew at Debenger Creek made a business trip to Eagle Point last week.

Mrs. Roscoe Rodgers and her stepdaughter Miss Ola Rodgers were shopping in Central Point last Monday.

Miss Martha Gage and her brother Norman were Central Point visitors last Monday.

Mrs. Charles Skyrman of Trail was a Central Point trader last Monday.

BORN—June 27, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Glass of Beagle, a big 11 pound boy. Both mother and babe are getting along nicely.

Bird Johnston of Debenger Gap made business trip to Central Point and Medford last Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Lee Ingram of the upper Rogue river country started from Central Point last Monday with a load of provisions for the mines on the head waters of Elk Creek.

A Good Investment.

W. D. Magli, a well known merchant of Whitewater, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicines so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Held Tuesday Night. Routine Business. Wm. Barnum Elected Councilman.

The regular meeting of the city council was held at the city hall Tuesday evening. Present—Mayor Britt; Councilmen Fick, Florey and McIntire; Recorder Stansell; Attorney Hanna.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved. On motion of Mr. Fick, William Barnum was chosen councilman to succeed Lewis Ulrich, whose resignation had been presented and accepted at a special meeting of council held June 27.

Bills for the previous month, for labor, supplies, etc., were presented, audited and allowed.

Several ordinances were introduced and passed their first and second readings.

The recorder was directed to procure receipts for water superintendent and notices to property owners to pay instalments.

The True Conservation Policy.

Secretary Franklin D. Lane of the Department of the Interior has gone about solving the conservation question in the right way. He has applied to water-power rights on the public domain the principle of taxation according to value of privilege enjoyed. That is the easiest and most practical way to prevent monopolization of the public domain, and at the same time ensure its use to the extent that public interest requires. Under this policy, increasing the development of water-power will not cause the charges against the privilege-holder to be increased. Secretary Lane sees that to secure full use of the steam, the holder who develops twenty horsepower must not be taxed twice as much as the holder of an equally valuable privilege who develops but ten. He realizes that that would discourage development, and tend to encourage withholding of power rights from use. On the other hand, the requirement that holders of these rights shall pay for their privilege all that it is worth, regardless of horse power developed, will ensure the most productive use possible of these natural resources. The policy is somewhat of a novelty in our treatment of the public domain. If it had been applied by previous administrations, monopolists could not have obtained so much. Secretary Lane's policy will preserve for actual users what is left.—The Public

DIED SUDDENLY

City Attorney Laid Down to Rest After Dinner And Wife Found Him Dead

City Attorney R. H. Burns died very suddenly this afternoon. He was not feeling well this forenoon, but was able to come down town and transact some business. He went home to lunch and after lunch laid down to rest.

About 2 o'clock Mrs. Burns went to call him and found him dead. The news of his sudden death created much sorrow when it became known as Mr. Burns was a man who made many friends and few enemies. He was active in business and fraternal circles and was very prominent in making arrangements for the Shriners' ceremonial Saturday and was present Saturday evening.

He leaves a widow and a little babe but a few months old.

Mr. Burns came from St. James, Minn., about two years ago and has made many friends in Ashland during his sojourn here.

It is too early to make any definite announcement as to funeral arrangements.—Tidings, June 30.

Battle with Salmon.

Grants Pass, July 1.—A battle with a giant salmon at the pool below the Golden Drift dam proved the undoing of H. A. Simmons, and as a result Simmons now carries his left arm in a sling and will be out of the game until the broken bones are repaired by Dame Nature with the assistance of Dr. Loughridge.

Simmons had hooked the monster chinook and after playing him to a finish was drawing him to shore when the hook tore out, and Simmons made a grab for the fish floundering in the shallow water. Slipping on the rocks, Simmons struck his elbow on a boulder, breaking the bone below the elbow and also chipping a piece of the bone from the elbow itself. It was a serious break, but even in the excitement of the accident, the chinook was saved, Scott Hamilton coming to the rescue and holding the fish down until assistance arrived.

Holds Tumola Project Legal.

Salem, Ore., July 1.—Supreme court today held that the state of Oregon has a right to expend \$450,000 on the Tumola, better known as the Columbia Southern project. The court finds that the legislature had a right to make the appropriation and that the claim of plaintiff L. H. McMahon that the credit of the state was being impaired was not well founded. McMahon's contention that the work was being done for the benefit of individuals and not the state at large was also overruled. His application for an injunction tying up the funds was refused.

Preparations to at once resume work on the project were made by the desert land board, following the decision.

Daily Newspaper Will Suspend

Grants Pass, Ore., June 30.—Publisher A. E. Voorhees, of the Grants Pass Courier, has issued a circular letter to the merchants and people of Grants Pass, stating that if the paper is not awarded better support, the daily issue will be suspended July 3, and Grants Pass will be without a daily newspaper. The Courier was started as a daily over three years ago and Mr. Voorhees has made great sacrifices to keep it going. If the cooperation appealed for is not forthcoming publication will be abandoned.

Oregon Sidelights.

McMinnville Freemasons seem about to realize their ambition to build a new temple. It is proposed to spend \$38,000.

As an inducement to join, or stay with, the volunteer fire company, Stayton citizens, as appears from a statement in the Mail, are granted a small rebate on their water rent.

A race with wild steers for mounts is on the program of the Elks' rodeo at Klamath Falls. A rope cinch will be used instead of a saddle and contestants will be allowed a rop-and-tail hold.

Marshfield's postal business having so grown as to demand almost a doubling of the present floor space, an inspector has made proposals for needed

quarters. There are 12 persons working in and from the office.

Society item in the Newport Signal: Twinkle Starr and Warren Daugherty accompanied by a few lady friends left last Friday for Waldport, on the Mirene, where they spent a couple of days, returning Monday on foot.

Dallas Itemizer: Last week ye editor received back a letter through the Dallas postoffice that he sent out from here April 10, 1898. As the postmarks were entirely obliterated, it was impossible to tell where the letter had been lying all these 15 years.

A prize horse has been scared up in Sherman county. It took fright at Sheriff McKean's auto, broke loose from a buggy it was drawing, chased back and forth three times through a barbed wire fence, and came off with only a couple of dozen tiny scratches in its fool hide.

The Dalles Optimist: The Dalles is the proud possessor of the first county library in the state of Oregon, the twelfth county library in the United States, and with pride boasts of having secured for librarian of the local institution one who was the head of the first county library in the United States. The Dalles is not so slow after all.—Journal.

BUREAU OF SOILS

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington.

Soil Survey of the Medford Area, Oregon.

The Department of Agriculture has just issued the report on the Soil Survey of the Medford area, Oregon, made by the Bureau of Soils. The territory surveyed covers 544 square miles and lies in the central and west-central parts of Jackson County. The area consists of two parts, the larger one embracing the long and generally narrow lowland belt locally known as the Rogue River Valley, and the lesser part including a portion of the Applegate Valley lying south and west of the main part of the area.

The climate of the area is described as moderate. The summer days are warm but seldom hot and the summer nights are always cool and comfortable. The winter temperatures are not severe, the lowest record in the valley being about 3 degrees below zero and the average minimum temperature during the winter months is about 31 degrees above. The mean winter precipitation is 8.3, spring 5.1, summer 2.2, and fall 4.6, and the annual mean is 20.2 inches.

The report is accompanied by a soil map in colors showing the location and extent of the different types of soil found during the survey, as well as the locations of churches, school houses, roads, and streams in the area, and is illustrated by photographic scenes showing typical types of agriculture in the area.

MINING COMMISSION

Created By Act of Last Legislature, Now at Work.

Under a law passed by the last Oregon Legislature a commission known as the mining and geology commission was provided for and an appropriation made to carry the purposes of the act into effect.

Its object is to gather reliable data concerning the mineral resources of the state. The commission was appointed and Prof. H. M. Parks the director of the mining Bureau of Oregon was directed to organize proper field experts to examine the various sections of the state and prepare a report thereon.

Dr. Alex Winchell of the University of Wisconsin, L. E. Reber of the same institution, Sidney W. French of the Bureau of mines of Oregon and C. B. Watson, chairman of the committee on mines and minerals of the Oregon conservation commission were employed to take charge of this work in South Western Oregon. They have now been in the field for about three weeks, and at the present time are engaged in the vicinity of Jacksonville. This is a work of great importance and all should render these gentlemen every possible assistance.

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PORTLAND LETTER

Progress Made In Oregon Farm Development. Forestry Work

Portland, Ore., July 2 (Special).—At the annual convention of the Oregon State Bankers' Association, held recently at Corvallis, the progress made in agricultural development and education during the past year was carefully reviewed. Reports from all over the state indicated that the effort made last season to interest the school children, as well as their parents, had met with remarkable success, enabling the association to hold fairs in every county in the state except two at which the various articles made and the products grown by the children were exhibited. At these county gatherings the finest specimens were selected and forwarded to the State Fair at Salem, where the children were awarded prizes in an amount aggregating \$20,000.

It was pointed out that under the provisions of Senate Bill 72, passed at the recent session of the Legislature, the counties of the state are authorized to provide an unlimited amount of money for the purpose of carrying on educational farm work and to pay the salaries and expenses of field agents, with a further provision that appropriations made by the individual counties will be duplicated by the state. From the splendid reports coming in from all over the state to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the Agricultural College, the Bankers' Association was convinced that it could not afford to discontinue their support of the movement until such time as it could be taken over and carried forward by the state.

The Forest Service department has recently taken up the work of reclassification of lands in the national forest reserves with a view to opening up for settlement such agricultural lands as may now be included within the reserve boundaries. Under the plan for this work the bureau of soils will determine what soils are agricultural in character, experts of the forest service will determine whether or not the value of the timber on such lands is greater than the agricultural valuation, and if not, any lands which are found valuable for agriculture and are not needed for public purposes will be immediately opened to settlement and entry under the homestead laws.

Through the interest of the Harney County National Bank, the ranges of that section of the state are to be socked with high grade cows, representatives having been sent into the Middle West for the purpose of purchasing high grade Holsteins. The bank has received notice that 77 head of fine young cattle have been secured and will be shipped into the county within a few days. Until this Summer Burns has had to depend on outside points for its butter, a condition which will doubtless be corrected in the near future.

The United States forestry service and the state game wardens will cooperate for the protection of game, as well as of the forests, under an agreement recently entered into between State Game Warden Finley and District Forester Cecil. The agreement provides that rangers, assistant rangers and other officers may be appointed deputy game wardens. They will report all violations of the game laws within their respective districts and will also make arrests in cases which come under their personal observation, except during the fire season. On the other hand, the regular deputy game wardens will extinguish any small fires they may discover and all such fires will be as promptly as possible reported to the forest officer in charge of the district.

Some Scrapper.

In the city recorder's court this afternoon S. T. Smith paid a fine of \$15 for assault upon R. Hammond. A fine of \$5 for assaulting Chris. Hestner was suspended. Hammond paid \$5 on a charge of assault, to which he pleaded guilty. A similar charge against Hestner was dismissed. A row developed between Smith and Attorney George Jones during the hearing and they agreed to go beyond the city limits and settle the matter with their fists. Chief of Police Penton, Constable Singleton and a levy of spectators started with them late this afternoon.—Mail-Tribune

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