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JUDGE NEIL DEAD, HOUSE DESTROYED

Neil Residence Is Burned Tuesday Night, Charred Remains of Owner Found In The Ruins.

Fire was discovered in the residence of Judge J. R. Neil on Oregon street, at about 8:40 Tuesday night but by the time help arrived the house was doomed. Though efforts were made to subdue the flames the house was soon a smoking ruin; the fire had gained such headway before being discovered that attempts to quench the flames were futile.

Efforts were made to ascertain whether Mr. Neil was in the burning building or not and Chauncey Florey, who was acquainted with the interior arrangement of the house, gained entrance to the bedroom in which the judge had been accustomed to sleep but reported it vacant; the fire had gained such headway by this time that further search was impossible. After the flames had subsided somewhat a further search revealed the badly charred body of the unfortunate man, but whether he was dead before the fire or was overcome by the flames the rescuers were unable to determine. Frank R. Neil of Derby, son of the deceased was immediately notified as were other relatives and the county coroner. The judge who was aged about 75 years had been in feeble condition for some time and had complained at times of his heart and it is surmised that he may have been seized with vertigo and falling may have overturned the heating stove thus causing the fire; others suggest that he may have attempted to put out the fire and had been suffocated by the flames; another possibility is that of foul play and that the fire was started to destroy evidence of a greater crime.

James R. Neil, or "Jim," as he was called by the old timers, was a resident of Jackson county for many years and was one of the best known men in the county. He read law, was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession for about 50 years. He was district attorney for six years and served three terms as county judge. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Elks and had many friends throughout the county who will be saddened to learn of his demise.

Silverton getting portable sawmill to cut ties.

THIRTEEN SOLDIERS ARE EXECUTED.

Sentence of Court Martial Is Carried Out Tuesday Morning.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 11—Thirteen of the negroes of the 24th infantry, United States army, found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston on August 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston at 7:17 o'clock this morning. Announcement of the carrying out of the sentence was made at headquarters of the Southern department at 9 a. m.

The men who paid the penalty of death were:

Sergeant William C. Nesbitt
Corporal Larnon J. Brown
Corporal James Wheatley
Corporal Jesse Moore
Corporal Charles W. Baltimore
Private William Brackenridge
Private Thomas C. Hawkins
Private Carlos Snodgrass
Private Ira B. Davis
Private James Divins
Private Frank Johnson
Private Risley W. Young
Private Pat MacWhorter
Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin, of Bexar county, were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No newspaper men or civilian spectators were allowed, the time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

Soldier Husband's Job Is Taken Over By His Spouse.

Dallas, Or., Dec. 11—Mrs. E. B. Hamilton, wife of Lieutenant Hamilton, who left last month for Washington, D. C., to join the Forestry regiment, has been made manager of the Willamette Valley Lumber company's yard at Monmouth, to succeed her husband, who gave up the position to fight for Uncle Sam. Mrs. Hamilton is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith, of this city, and in addition to her duties at the office, will take care of their young son. Before her marriage to Mr. Hamilton, she was a stenographer in the Brown-Sibley Abstract office in this city.

36 road districts in Washington county vote special tax for road improvements.

Bend—Brooks-Scanlon Co. enlarge dry room and install 5 planers.

BONE DRY LAW WINS

Supreme Court Holds Possession Is Not Fundamental Right.

Washington, Dec. 10—With a decision upholding the Idaho prohibition law the supreme court today gave an opinion which may be one of the most far-reaching victories for "bone dry" prohibition yet recorded.

It was held that a citizen has no constitutional right to possess liquors for his personal use if a state wishes to forbid it.

Justice McReynolds, who gave the court's opinion, held that a state "has power absolutely to prohibit manufacture, gift, purchase, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within its borders without violating the constitution."

"We further think," he added, "it clearly follows from our numerous decisions upholding prohibition legislation that the right to hold intoxicating liquors for personal use is not one of those fundamental privileges of a citizen of the United States which no state may abridge. A contrary view would be incompatible with the undoubted power to prevent manufacture, gift, sale, purchase, transportation of such articles—the only feasible ways of getting them. An assured right of possession would necessarily imply some adequate method to obtain not subject to destruction at the will of the state."

Roseburg Soldier Is Dead At Camp Mills.

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 11—Roy Smith, son of W. A. Smith, superintendent of the fish hatchery above Glide, died of measles and pneumonia at Camp Mills, L. I., according to telegrams received here. Smith enlisted early this fall in the forestry regiment of the engineers, being a logger by trade. He was 22 years old and enlisted only two months ago.

Shortage Of Sugar And Coal Taken Up.

Washington, Dec. 11—Inquiry by a Senate committee into the causes for the shortage of sugar and coal, with a view of recommending legislation to improve the situation, was today ordered by the senate on motion of Senator Lodge.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Many Savings Stamps Sold.

Banks, Or., Dec. 10—The sale of thrift and war savings stamps was opened with a rush here, and Postmaster Vanderwelden reports the disposal of nearly \$500 worth.

The postoffice will move from its present site soon to make way for a larger and more modern building, the present quarters being too limited for the present needs.

Dance in Honor of Soldiers.

Wallowa, Or., Dec. 10—A social dance was given in the McLean hall Friday night in honor of the young men who left Saturday for Portland to enlist in the military service. They are Ralph Kieffer, Ray McKenzie and Hugh Dougherty.

Tractor and Trucks To Work County Roads At Klamath.

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 10—The county court has purchased a big Yuba tractor from Yuba, Cal., and four 3½ ton trucks have been ordered, all to work on the county roads in the spring. It is planned to put gravel on the road's where needed. There is \$42,000 in the treasury for this work and \$60,000 will probably be set aside for it this year.

Collapsible Tooth Brush Is Hood River Man's Invention.

Hood River, Or., Dec. 10—Raleigh R. Oldham, formerly a rancher of the Laurel district of Klickitat county, Washington, now residing here, has been granted a patent on a collapsible toothbrush and container for the brush and dentifrice. The article, because of its adaptability to sailors' kits has attracted the attention of those who have inspected it, and Mr. Oldham says he has received flattering offers from manufacturers of novelties.

Ranchers Wife Opposes U. S. Officials And Faces Court.

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 10—Mrs. J. E. Pospisal, wife of a farmer near Malin, is under bonds to appear before the grand jury for holding up operations of the United States reclamation service on her husband's ranch. The government ditch is laid out to go through an alfalfa field, instead of through a low piece of ground, as wished by Mr. and Mrs. Pospisal. When the government employees attempted to begin operations they were met by Mrs. Pospisal, who was armed with a buggy whip, an empty shotgun and a coffeepot full of rottee eggs.

Indian Shakers Have New Head

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 10—Stonewall Jackson has been appointed bishop of the local Indian Shaker church, Sergeant Brown is the elder and Dan Heart is the minister. George Q. Jack, general secretary of the Indian Shaker churches, of Gate, Wash., and one of the elders of the Toppanish church have been visiting the Klamath Indian reservation for the past two weeks in an effort to get the incorporated Shaker church of Oregon to combine with the original Shaker church of Washington state. They met with a cordial response, and these local officers have been named to carry on the work. The local church was started about four months ago.

New Cheese Factory to be Built.

Bandon, Or., Dec. 11—D. M. Moore, of Gold Beach, has purchased machinery here for the erection of a cheese factory in the Pistol river district of Southern Curry county, which will be ready for operation early next summer. It will be located on the Alf Gauntlett ranch, and will care for the milk of about 1000 cows.

Selling Christmas Trees.

Lebanon, Or., Dec. 11—Seymour Washburn and wife, of this city, have gone to Los Angeles to distribute three carloads of small fir trees, to be used as Christmas trees.

JERUSALEM IS FALLEN

Ancient City, Scene of Many Battles Surrenders to British.

London, Dec. 10—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons today that Jerusalem, after being surrounded on all sides by British troops, had surrendered.

Jerusalem is the chief city of Palestine. The name is of very ancient origin, and is first found in letters to Amnopolis IV of Egypt, 1400 B. C. The city was captured and practically razed by the Roman commander Titus A. D. 70. It was rebuilt in 136 A. D. by Hadrian.

It was in Jerusalem where the Christ lived the greater part of the three years of his teaching, and where he was crucified.

The capture of Jerusalem by the British forces marks the end, with two brief interludes, of more than 1200 years possession of the seat of the Christian religion by the Mohammedans. For 673 years the holy city has been in undisputed ownership of the Turks, the last Christian ruler of Jerusalem being the German emperor, Frederick II, whose shortlived domination lasted from 1229 to 1244.

This will be the first time in six and a half centuries that the Holy Sepulchre will be in the hands of the Christians on Christmas day. It was taken by the Crusaders in 1099, and finally lost by the Christians in 1244 A. D.

Aged Native of Kentucky Is Buried In Berlin Cemetery.

Lebanon, Or., Dec. 11—Francis E. Ryan, of this vicinity, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joan Orchard, last Wednesday at the age of 87 years 8 months and 27 days. He was born in Kentucky, March 18, 1843, and in the '60s went to California, where many years of his life were spent. In 1879 he married Miss Mary E. Rose, who died 36 years ago. During the last few years of his life he lived with his sister, whose home is near Berlin, this county. Funeral services were held at the Berlin cemetery conducted by Elder George W. Simons.

Eugene Woman's Brother Is Victim of Gas At Front.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 11—Mrs. A. M. Williamson, of this city, yesterday received a cablegram from her father in Scotland, informing her of the death of her brother, Professor A. T. Adams, a chemist in the royal engineers of the British army. The cablegram said her brother was killed by German gas December 2. Professor Adams is known in Eugene, having spent some time here with his sister four years ago. He was a professor at Inverness college in Scotland. He was aged 37 years and had been in the trenches for 18 months.

Portland Officers Capture Runaway Insane Patient.

Salem, Or., Dec. 11—Superintendent R. E. Lee Steiner, of the state hospital for the insane, received word yesterday afternoon that James Sutherland, who escaped from the institution Monday morning with Albert Haruska, had been captured in Portland. He was committed from that city. Haruska, who was committed from Mill City, Marion county, is still at large.

Grant Rathbun Buried.

Lebanon, Or., Dec. 11—The funeral of Grant Rathbun, who died here December 7, was held Saturday in the Christian church, with Elder George Simons officiating. Mr. Rathbun was one of the oldest employees of the Crown Willamette Paper Mills in this city, aged 54 years 9 months and 13 days, and leaves a wife and several children.

California Soldier Dies At Camp Lewis.

Tacoma, Dec. 10—Harry Worsham, aged 25, died yesterday in the base hospital at Camp Lewis. He was a member of company 27, 165th depot brigade, and came to Camp Lewis from Sonora, Cal.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Corvallis—Marys River Logging Co. with a crew of 55 men ship 12 cars of logs a day.

Clackamas county road districts vote over \$80,000 special road tax.

Westland—to have new concrete school house.

Reith—\$20,000 forty four room hotel building to be constructed here.

La Grande—Grande Ronde Drainage District formed for the purpose of protecting 44,000 acres of land from damage caused by spring freshets.

Grants Pass best growers received \$40,000 for their beets last month.

Echo—Echo Flour Mills again grinding after shut down for repairs.

Marshfield and North Bend to be connected by hard surface road.

Klamath Falls—Work on Klamath Irrigation project to be continued.

Reedsport—Lumber Co. placing machinery in new sawmill and expect to be cutting timber within 60 days.

Oakland—Turkey crop brought \$25,000.

Glangarry Cement quarry employing 40 men, shipping 5 carloads cement rock daily.

Roseburg—Petitions being signed against expenditure of \$50,000 Court House repairs and \$10,000 for cruise of timber lands of county.

Donald—Feed mill and warehouse to be built here.

Corvallis—Old cannery plant to be turned into milk condenser.

Hood River—New plant to use apple cores for tobacco flavoring.

Coos Bay eight government ships under construction.

Albany—Furniture factory here employing 42 men swamped with orders.

Marshfield—Coos Bay Shipbuilding Co. installs new machinery, increased force.

Winchester Bay—Logging camp to be opened on Umpqua near here.

Gold Beach—Cheese factory to be established in Pistol river district.

Reedsport—New hotel and bank contemplated.

Winchester Bay road progressing.

Milton Box Factory to be remodeled and enlarged.

Halfway—Electric street lights to be installed.

Sutherlin—Brick garage to be erected here soon.

Burns—Crane district working for railroad connection between these two points.

Delona—5 concrete bridges completed here.

Harrisburg has new \$12,000 Standard Oil station.

Coos county to build big warehouse for machinery and supplies to accommodate both boat and rail shipments.

Eugene—15.2 mile road from Rain Rock to Florence to be built in spring cost \$123,324.

North Bend—Oregon Power Co. to expend \$3,500 extending and changing lights.

Myrtle Point to have another weekly newspaper.

Lakeview plans to erect a new Sister's hospital, cost \$30,000.

Echo—705 acres wheat land here sold for \$14,000.

Gresham—Beaver State Motor Co. has \$800 weekly payroll for 30 men.

Pershing Asks Airplanes.

New York, Dec. 10—"Send all the airplanes possible and as quickly as possible," is the message from General Pershing to the American people, brought here by Augustus T. Post.

Widow Of Pioneer Is Dead

Cottage Grove, Or., Dec. 11—The funeral of Mrs. Angeline L. Toll, one of the best known pioneer women of this section, was held here Sunday, death having occurred two days before. Mrs. Toll endured many hardships in crossing the plains with her husband in 1852, and later while her husband was one of the pioneer preachers of Southern Oregon. For the last 19 years Mrs. Toll had been a resident here, dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Brown. She was aged 85 years, 11 months and two days, and was born in Indiana.

Acting under instructions from
the Federal Food Administrator of Oregon, our

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Sales to family consumers living in town limited to \$1.00
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