

CAPTURE SLAYERS OF UMATILLA SHERIFF

All Five Men Who Escaped
Are Now Back in Pen-
dleton Jail.

Pendleton.—Neil Hart, Jim Owens, Jack Rathie, Louis Anderson and Richard Patterson, the five men who escaped from the jail here Sunday, July 25, after Sheriff Til Taylor had been murdered, were captured and are back in the Pendleton jail.

Neil Hart, alleged slayer of Til Taylor, sheriff of Umatilla county, and Jim Owens, Hart's principal accomplice in the jailbreak, were taken at a sheep camp in the high mountains of Union county, six miles south of Toll Gate, near the head of the Umatilla river.

The capture was made at about 1 o'clock in the morning. The posse, headed by J. H. McLachlin of La Grande, stumbled onto a shepherd's tent in the mountain section near Toll Gate, found the two men asleep and captured them without a fight.

Rathie was taken on the road two miles above Gibson on the Umatilla river. Rathie was unarmed and was resting on a hillside when he was closed in on by a posse of six men.

Richard Patterson and Lewis Anderson, the last two of the fugitive outlaws, were taken into custody four miles southeast of Kamela by John McCardan and Barney Devlin, sheepherders, both of Heppner.

For a time Saturday night it looked as though the jail would be stormed by a mob determined to take the law unto themselves and lynch Neil Hart, Jim Owens and Jack Rathie, the principals in the jail break, but they were dissuaded from their purpose by W. R. ("Jinks") Taylor, brother of Til Taylor, and his successor as sheriff.

CHARGE ATTEMPT TO STAMPEDE CLOTHIERS

Washington.—Howard E. Figg, special assistant to the attorney general in the enforcement of the Lever law against profiteering, charged that manufacturers and jobbers of wearing apparel were attempting through carefully prepared propaganda "to stampede retailers and the public into a renewed fictitious demand" for clothing, and thereby force prices higher.

"The department of justice," said Mr. Figg, "is fully advised of the several phases of this carefully planned campaign, and it only remains to fix personal responsibility before applying the criminal provisions of the Lever act."

Manufacturers and jobbers are even going to the length of "guaranteeing the retail trade against a declining market," Mr. Figg said.

He called attention to instances where mills have been closed for the reason, he charged, of justifying market conditions on the plea of underproduction.

"The closing of mills is in turn being used in the price propaganda," Mr. Figg asserted. "The retailer is, then, being threatened with further curtailment and higher prices if he does not accept goods and order on the present market."

WOOL CONSUMPTION DROPS

Curtailed in Operations of Textile Industries Blamed.

Washington.—A sharp drop in wool consumption amounting to approximately 17,000,000 pounds in June as compared with the average consumption for the preceding months of this year, was announced by the department of agriculture's bureau of markets. The drop was due, the bureau said, to the curtailment of operations in the textile manufacturing industry resulting from lack of orders, cancellations and deferred shipments.

Reports to the bureau show that 46,000,000 pounds of wool entered into manufacture in June against 72,700,000 pounds in January, 63,700,000 pounds in February, 67,900,000 pounds in March, 66,900,000 pounds in April and 58,600,000 pounds in May. In June, 1919, the consumption was 55,000,000 pounds.

President Wilson to Sell His Sheep.

Washington.—President Wilson is to retire from the sheep business. The White House flock of 48 prize sheep, which has kept the lawns cut for three summers, is to be sold. The yield of wool has gone to charity, this year to the Salvation Army. In 1918 the flock produced 98 pounds, which was sold by the Red Cross, bringing more than \$52,000.

Bolsheviks Penetrate Armenia.
Constantinople.—Bolshevik penetration of Armenia is continuing, according to advices.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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mation of Our Readers.

Threshing of the 1920 grain crop of Linn county has begun.

Mrs. Minnie Cecil Anderson was drowned in the Columbia river at Astoria.

Jackson county cattle men are planning to market their cattle through auction sales.

The Granite road extending from Granite to the Baker county line has been completed.

The manufacture of tile will be a new industry in Albany to be established by the Albany Brick & Tile company.

Lane county has a population of 33,166 in 1920, as compared with a population of 33,783 in 1910, according to a report issued by the census bureau.

Seventy-one acres of land lying adjacent to the city of Coquille was sold by its owner, Mr. Kistner, to E. N. Smith, for a consideration of \$35,000. With a per capita wealth of \$822.36, Albany is setting forth the claim that few cities in the country can equal the size of its bank deposits pro rata to population.

The Klamath County Woolgrowers' association has decided to levy a tax of 2 cents a head on all sheep owned by members to provide a fund for current expenses.

The Washington County Automotive association was organized at a meeting in Hillsboro Monday night, attended by 28 dealers from all parts of the county.

The entire plant of the Alco Wood Products company at Albany was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of between \$55,000 and \$60,000. The insurance was \$25,000.

George Carlile was fined \$100 and costs in justice court at Cottage Grove when he pleaded guilty to a charge of dynamiting trout in the Coast Fork river on the morning of June 6.

Victor Beauregard, owner of a ranch crossed several times by the Columbia river highway, east of Hood River, will remove the pigpens which have caused complaint from tourists.

William C. Cunningham, a private in 1st company, coast artillery corps, stationed at Fort Stevens, was found dead at the post and the military authorities believe he committed suicide.

Relics of early days in Lane county and Oregon will be a feature of the exhibits at the county fair at Eugene in September, according to announcement of W. C. Yoran, secretary of the fair association.

The Eugene city council has decided to go ahead with the purchase of a municipal aviation field, notwithstanding the fact that there are no bidders for the \$22,000 bonds recently voted for that purpose.

The county court of Jackson county, in conjunction with the state highway commission, is planning to put \$23,000 worth of gravel on the Greenspring mountain road, grading of which is now well under way.

A. P. Walker of Oakland, Cal., was killed in an automobile accident near Wilbur, when an automobile occupied by O. H. Johnson and his wife and Mr. Walker left the road and plunged over the bank 76 feet.

In order to finance the purchase of the site for the proposed naval base at Astoria to be presented to the government, the Clatsop county naval base company, with a capital stock of \$100,000, has been organized.

At least 500 tons of evergreen blackberries will be handled at the Albany cannery this season. The cannery will begin on the evergreens as soon as the loganberry crop, with which it is now crowded, is out of the way.

Mrs. J. G. Dennis, aged about 45, wife of a merchant at Crawfordville, lost her life in a fire which destroyed her home in that town. The fire also burned the building in which the Crawfordville postoffice was situated.

John D. McGilvary, a granite expert of San Francisco, was in Ashland recently and made an inspection of the granite quarries of this region. He became so much interested that he will return and make a more extended inspection.

Representatives of the Rogue River Valley Fish and Game association will start for the mouth of the Rogue river August 5 to make a thorough investigation of all matters growing out of the Rogue river fish controversy of that locality.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending July 29, according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victims were Ole Dragsvold, sweeper, Bend; William Greshnubler, laborer, Oregon City; Newton W. Lewis, laborer, Salem; and A. C. Duncan, logger, Powers. A total of 469 accidents were reported.

Extensive improvements to the radio station at Astoria have been authorized by the navy department and approximately \$30,000 will be expended on the plant this summer and fall.

With nearly 100 specialists in ear, eye, nose and throat treatment from the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states present, the eighth annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Oto-Ophthalmological society was held in Portland.

Fishermen in general have discontinued gillnetting on Coos bay owing to the lowering of prices offered for chinook, which is the seasonable catch at this time of the year. The fishermen were being offered 5 cents a pound when they quit.

The chauffeur's license issued to Albert Kunz, of Portland, was revoked by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, at the request of Chief of Police Jenkins of Portland. This is the first suspension of a chauffeur's license under the motor vehicle law.

In anticipation of execution following the restoration of capital punishment in Oregon and recent murders, plans are now under way at the state penitentiary for erection of a new scaffold room to replace the one which was converted into a kitchen.

T. A. Rafferty of Roseburg, O. M. Shields of Portland and Jay Saltzman of Bend were named by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, as field deputies under the so-called motor vehicle license law passed at the special session of the legislature last January.

Fire Chief Davis of Marshfield is interested in the offer of the government to dispose of subchasers at a figure of \$12,500. It is realized that Coos Bay needs a fireboat and Chief Davis believes these chasers would prove just the thing for harbor protection.

George A. Harth, aged 70, prominent rancher of The Dalles, met instant death at the home of his son, Charles, near there, by receiving the contents of a 12-gauge shotgun in his right breast. Whether Harth met his end by accident or suicide has not been ascertained.

Living on deer and bear meat, wild honey and huckleberries for three years, and with only half a dozen shells of ammunition remaining, Alfred Pattig, draft evader, could stand the solitude of the Siakiyou mountains no longer, and surrendered to the sheriff of Jackson county.

Strict enforcement of the motor vehicle operator's license law enacted at the 1920 session of the legislature will begin at an early date, according to a letter prepared by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, and sent to every sheriff, police officer, justice of the peace and constable in Oregon.

School funds of the state aggregating \$432,267.88, based on a per capita of \$2.02 for the 213,994 persons of school age in Oregon, have been apportioned among the various counties by O. P. Hoff, state treasurer. The total apportioned for 1920 shows an increase of \$23,522.53 over that of 1919.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' cannery handled more cherries this season than had ever been handled by any cannery in the state, according to O. N. Kaldor, assistant manager of the association. The crop handled amounted to more than 2,000,000 pounds, which was valued at \$250,000 to the growers.

Contractors who have charge of the work on the Pacific highway known as the Dillard-Myrtle creek unit, and which will eliminate travel over Robert's mountain, one of the most dangerous sections of the highway between Portland and San Francisco, expect to have this stretch of road complete by October 1.

Reports of game wardens and woodsmen who are traveling the trails point to a fine hunting season in Coos county this fall. Many who have been about the eastern portion of the county declare there are lots of fat bucks and fawns are plentiful. In Curry county the same reports are being brought in. The bucks are said to be in much finer condition than usual at this season.

Ochoco dam, the reservoir for the Ochoco irrigation project, was completed at noon July 26. The dam is the fourth highest in the United States and the largest in the northwest. The maximum height is 126 feet. It is 1000 feet long and 600 feet thick at the base, contains 541,000 cubic yards of earth and rock and is 18 feet wide on top. Work was started on the dam January 2, 1918.

Reports filed with the secretary of state showing the sales of gasoline and distillate by Oregon dealers for the month of June, 1920, bear out the contention of the producers that more gasoline was placed in the hands of distributors this year than ever before and that the present shortage is due to the rapidly multiplying agencies of consumption. During the month of June, 1920, the Oregon dealers disposed of 4,309,848 gallons of gasoline and 546,078 gallons of distillate, while in June, 1919, there was sold 3,702,146 gallons of gasoline and 407,464 gallons of distillate.

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The annual Columbia county fair has been set for September 22, 23 and 24.

Construction has begun at Oregon Agricultural college of the first unit of the women's dormitory.

A movement is under way to have the Jackson county courthouse moved from Jacksonville to Medford.

Clyde Fisk and E. Goodchild of Eugene have been fined \$50 each for having deer meat out of season.

A new sawmill of 60,000,000 feet yearly capacity will be constructed 20 miles northwest of Lakeview.

With the opening of school only a month away, 75 Linn county school districts have not secured teachers yet.

Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, has gone to San Francisco to attend a meeting of the National Traffic association.

During the first 15 days of August 229 fires were "picked up" by the forest patrol planes leaving the Eugene base.

Tourists at Crater lake report that for a week or two a large cougar has prowled around nightly in the vicinity of the hotel.

The reserve on Huckleberry mountain, west of Lost Lake, has been opened by the national forest service to huckleberry pickers.

A course to fit young men for intelligent farm management will be given at Pendleton high school under provisions of the Smith-Hughes act this year.

Christian Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Johnson of Astoria, who has been missing for several months has been located in an insane asylum at Lima, Peru.

The Pacific highway between Grants Pass and Rogue river has been opened to traffic, cutting off one of the worst pieces of road in this part of the state.

Jack Rathie, one of the men under indictment at Pendleton for the murder of Sheriff Taylor, has been identified as John Laffenbean by the sheriff of Power county, Idaho.

Shot and fatally wounded by a robber who attempted to hold up his store, John N. Thompson, 55, a Portland grocer, died on the walk in front of his store Friday night.

Educators from all parts of the state are expected at Hood River August 25, when the second annual conference of vocational agriculture will be held at the Hood River high school.

W. H. Sales of Mohler has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate 3000 acre-feet of water from Foley creek for the development of power in Tillamook county.

During the week of September 6 to 11 County Agent G. W. Kable will conduct a poultry culling demonstration in Corvallis for the information of the poultry raisers of Benton county.

An attempt is being made at Pendleton to connect the murder of F. D. Jennings and his wife, near Bancroft, Idaho, to Neil Hart and Jim Owens, the murderers of Sheriff Til Taylor.

The gasoline shortage, which for a time threatened to halt many of Oregon's industries, has improved during the last two weeks, according to W. A. Daiziel, deputy state sealer of weights and measures.

Portland is the ninth city in the United States in the amount of its postal savings and leads all of the cities west of Chicago, the postoffice department has reported. Portland's deposits are \$1,741,734.

The Oregon Growers' Cooperative association has filed with the public service commission a petition asking for a physical connection between the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric at Forest Grove.

Three men were killed instantly and three seriously injured when a truck carrying 12 men bumped into a slowly moving passenger train at Imbler. The dead are Lloyd Larsen, Wayne Keown and Clarence Larsen.

Raymond Walsh, 8 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh of Svensen, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother Cecil, aged 13 years. The boys were playing soldier at the time with their father's shotgun.

Purchase by the government of 322 acres near Hillsboro for \$37,000 cash as a site for a huge radio station is indicated in negotiations which have been pending for some time with the owners of the Fred Rood farm.

Geographical location and the expense of conducting district office boards were the chief reasons assigned by the shipping board for its refusal to make Portland a shipping board district, according to a telegram received by Senator McNary from Admiral Benson, chairman of the board.

The body of a man who was found with a revolver Friday in an abandoned mining tunnel eight miles east of Pleasant valley, Baker county, by Peter Sylvestre, a rancher, has been identified as Ira Hartley of Richland.

Receipts from motor vehicle registrations in Oregon from January 1 to July 31, 1920, totaled \$1,892,620, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state. In the state there are 94,770 motor vehicles registered.

Bids for state highway bonds in the sum of \$1,500,000 were opened in Portland on Tuesday by the state highway commission. The money derived from the sale of these bonds will be used in permanent road construction work in various sections of the state.

Herbert Geis, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geis, of Portland, was drowned while bathing in the Willamette river as a result of being sucked into the huge intake pipe of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's power plant.

Americanization day, a noteworthy departure from previous state fairs, and the first to be instituted in any state in the union, will be given a place of foremost importance the week of September 27-October 2 at the 59th Oregon state fair at Salem.

Frederick E. Melzer, well known Baker boy who is a graduate of Baker high school and who graduated from the University of Oregon in 1917, has received a gold medal awarded by the faculty of the Columbia university of New York for honors in scholarship.

All records for the sale of Medford Bartlett pears in carload lots were broken when a local car sold at Chicago for \$2886 or an average of \$5.55 per box. The former high price, obtained in 1919, was \$5 a box. Seventy cars of pears have been shipped thus far.

In the Fairview district, a little valley settlement about 25 miles southeast of Coos Bay, blackleg is affecting a number of herds of cattle. The disease is said to have been principally among the younger stock, but it has gained a good hold and is said to be spreading rapidly.

The state land board has authorized Governor Olcott to enter into a contract with the government, through the district forestry offices in Portland, for the exchange of 50,000 acres of scattered base lands in the national forest reserve for a compact body of equal area and value in the forest reserve.

The Standard Oil Company has remitted to the secretary of state the sum of \$29,887.86, covering the tax on the corporation's sale of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month of July. A statement accompanying the check showed that the company disposed of 2,984,817 gallons of gasoline and 7939 gallons of distillate during July.

Enormous quantities of dead crabs are being washed up by the tide on the mud flats at Bandon, at the mouth of the Coquille river. It is supposed that the crabs were killed by the blasting which the government engineers are doing in the river. Rock in the channel on the bar is being blasted out and the concussion has probably caused the death of the crabs.

That road construction work in Oregon will be retarded in case the increase of 25 per cent in freight charges is allowed to apply to the transportation of road building material, based on the present tariff for these commodities, was the charge made by the state highway commission in a petition asking for an immediate revision of rates on cement, asphalt and other kindred materials.

A series of meetings of the executive committee of the Cattle and Horse Raisers association of Oregon will be held in Eastern and Southern Oregon towns from September 3 to 12 as follows: Canyon City, September 3; Burns, September 4; Lakeview, September 6; Klamath Falls, September 7; Fort Klamath, September 8; Medford, September 9; Bend, September 11; Prineville, September 12.

Preparations are now being made for poison campaigns to be carried on all over eastern Oregon against rabbits. I. N. Gabrielson, who handles the government rodent work for the United States biological survey, has just returned from Lake Klamath and Deschutes counties, where he has outlined the season's work. From January 1 to July 1, his report shows, 6000 farmers in 21 counties were supplied with ground squirrel poison by his department.

Thousands of fine chinook salmon are going to waste in Rogue river because of the inability of the two canneries to handle the offerings. The fish are coming in such schools that the boats stay out but a short time when they pull up their nets and have more than the limit placed upon the deliveries. Several limits were made—first, as to fish, and, later, to pounds—as the fishermen threw away the small ones and delivered the larger fish, since it meant 12 cents for every pound. The last limit was made 800 pounds. The canneries are running short of cans.

PEACE CONFEREES TRANSFER TO RIGA

Russians Accept Polish Request
to Shift Place of Meet-
ing From Minsk.

Warsaw.—The Russian soviet government has accepted the Polish proposal for transfer of the Russo-Polish peace negotiations from Minsk to Riga, it was announced in a Moscow wireless message to the Polish government.

Reports reached Warsaw that little progress had been made at the Minsk conference and that it had been agreed to shift the negotiations in the hope of bettering conditions generally.

The Poles apparently are planning no advance beyond the ethnographic frontier as mentioned in the American note, to which the Poles have replied. The front rests roughly along the line laid down by the allies. There are indications that the Polish eastern line is being stabilized temporarily and the general staff has directed that there be no advance into districts where the Poles might not be welcomed.

The military authorities announced that the Poles were resting and regrouping after pushing the soviet forces beyond the Bug, where they are prepared to make a stand if attacked.

Polish artillery has decimated the principal column of retrograde soviet forces in the northeastern front, said an official statement. More than 600 men, including two general staff officers and 11 line officers, have been captured. Among the killed was the commander of the 57th bolshevik division and his chief of staff.

CONFIRM DEATH OF CZAR AND FAMILY

London.—All possible doubts that former Emperor Nicholas of Russia and his family were assassinated in the basement of their prison house at Ekaterinburg on the night of July 16, 1918, seems to be dispelled by accounts of two independent investigators published here. One is printed by the London Times and was written by its former Petrograd correspondent, Robert Wilton. The other appears in the magazine "Nineteenth Century and After," and is from the pen of Captain Francis McCullagh of the British army. Both spent several weeks at Ekaterinburg and talked with natives and soldiers who witnessed the affair through the windows of the house. Both writers agreed on the important details of the story.

The victims, they say, numbered 11, being the former emperor, his wife, son and four daughters, Dr. Botkin and three servants. The assassination was arranged by Yurovski, jailer in charge of the deposed royal family and was carried out by 12 soldiers. The Times account says these were Letts, but Captain McCullagh declares they were Magyars, placed on duty instead of a Russian guard.

EX-SECRETARY WILSON DIES

Portfolio in Cabinet Held for Fifteen
Years Under Three Presidents.

Traer, Ia.—James Wilson, former secretary of agriculture, died at his home here.

James Wilson was head of the department of agriculture for 15 years, during which he contributed largely to the phenomenal agricultural development of the United States. His long service in the cabinet constituted a record. Albert Gallatin, once secretary of the treasury, had previously held the record with service of nearly 13 years.

Mr. Wilson's service, however, was notable for the constructive work which it included, rather than for the remarkably long time which he held the portfolio, with complete acceptability under three presidents of diverse temperaments—McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

American Cruiser Sent to Dantzig.

Washington.—At the request of the state department, Secretary of the Navy Daniels ordered Admiral Huse, in command of the American naval vessels in Baltic waters, to send the cruiser Pittsburg from Reval to Dantzig for the protection of Americans, a considerable number of whom are now in Dantzig, Secretary Daniels said.

223 Miles An Hour by Plane.

Atlantic City, N. J.—"The Texas Wild Cat," an airplane entered by S. E. J. Cox, Texas oil magnate, in the Gordon Bennett cup races, to be held in France, September 27, has attained a speed of 223 miles per hour in secret test flights at Mineola, Long Island, Cox announced here.