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ARRESTED FOR BURNING PROPERTY

Lark Elliott in Jail Charged With Destroying Shearing Plant of J. N. Williamson

WIRE FENCES WERE ALSO CUT

Strong Evidence in Hands of Sheriff Elkins Connecting Others With the Crimes and More Arrests Expected to Follow Soon

Larkin K. Elliott was arrested on Tuesday morning by Sheriff Elkins on very strong evidence connecting him with the burning of property belonging to J. N. Williamson a few weeks ago and the destruction of one and one-half miles of wire fence belonging to the same party about a week prior to his arrest.

On March 28th the shearing plant and corrals, together with a house and other buildings belonging to J. N. Williamson were burned to the ground, the barn alone being saved. A fire was started in the manger of the barn but for some reason, did not burn leaving some very valuable evidence for the use of detectives that were put to work as soon as the authorities were notified of the burning. Because of the location of this property in a rather remote part of the Horseheaven country it was some time before the fact was discovered.

A few days prior to this time a sheep camp belonging to Mr. Williamson was destroyed on a tributary of the Ochoco, about fifteen miles east of Prineville. Certain evidence is in the hands of the sheriff that indicates the party or

parties—for there was more than one man connected with the acts—were the same in both these cases. The value of the property that was destroyed by fire was about \$3000, only \$500 of which was covered by insurance.

On last Tuesday night about one mile and a half of a four-wire fence belonging to Mr. Williamson and on lands leased by him, was almost totally destroyed by two or more men on horseback. The fence was built of four barbed wires stretched very tight, with posts a rod apart, and staves at regular intervals between the posts. Each strand of wire was cut on both sides of every post for a distance of about a mile and one half and shorter distances in other places.

Other acts of the same nature committed in the dark during the past two months have revived the old range war tactics. About a month ago a sheep camp, three stack yards containing some 120 tons of hay and two dwelling houses belonging to the McIntosh Livestock Co., of Paulina were destroyed by fire the same night, although they were not located near together, and evidence gathered since points to the fact that men on horseback started the fires.

About the same time a mile and a half of fence belonging to George Russel near Post was destroyed in much the same manner as the Williamson fence, although not so completely, perhaps.

Very strong direct evidence has been collected by Sheriff Elkins against the man under arrest at present and other arrests will no doubt follow soon.

Sheriff Elkins is conducting the case in a very thorough manner and will no doubt succeed in stopping the "range war" that has continued for several years in this part of the state.

Under the present regime of the Forest Service all reasonable strife can be and is adjusted without going into the courts and the interests of law and order demand that such malicious destruction of property must cease at once and forever in this part of the state.

SKULL CRUSHED BY HORSE'S KICK

Alex Baldwin Perhaps Fatally Injured by Fractious Horse—Thrown on Rocks

DOCTORS DESPAIR HIS LIFE

Horse Dashes Into Closed Wire Netting Gate and With Rider Goes Down in a Heap of Lava Rock

A. A. Baldwin was the victim of an accident yesterday at eleven o'clock that will doubtless cost him his life.

While riding an unmanageable horse at the Davenport-Stanley ranch between this place and Bend, the horse became frightened and ran through a closed gate of poultry netting, throwing itself and rider into a pile of lava rock. From wounds on the unfortunate man's head the horse must have kicked him, perhaps with both feet.

Drs. Rosenberg and Coe who were in attendance agree that recovery is next to impossible, as the skull is crushed and the left side of the body is completely paralyzed. Wm. Baldwin who witnessed the accident, says that the victim has not uttered a word since the horse fell and that he is perfectly helpless, being only able to move his right hand very slightly.

A. A. Baldwin was well known and well liked here, where he has conducted a livery and feed stable for over a year. He is at the Davenport-Stanley ranch where everything possible is being done for his comfort.

Musical Entertainment

The following is the program to be given by Mrs. Hudson and pupils for the benefit of the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, April 24:

- 1 "Merry, Merry Are We," Comes—Beulah Crooks and Mrs. Rosenberg.
- 2 "The First Dancing Lesson Waltz," Forman—Myrel Percy.
- 3 "Les Sylphes Caprice Valse," Bachmann—Georgia Cleck.
- 4 "Your Voice," Denza—Nelle Summers.
- 5 "Hungarian Rhapsody Hon-grocs," Last—Mrs. Gertie Foster.
- 6 "Heart Dreams," Gumble—Lo-rene Winnek.
- 7 "Meditation," Morrison—Eivah Dobbs.
- 8 "The Rose and the Lily," Lange—Mrs. Oscar Hyde.
- 9 "Light Cavalry March," (Two pianos) Bitter—Iva Booth, Gertie Hodges, Beulah Crooks, Mrs. Foster.
- 10 "Sunbeams," Ronald—Beulah Crooks.
- 11 "The Two Larks," Leschetzky—Edith King.
- 12 "Doan Ye Cry Ma Honey," Noll—Verna Howard.
- 13 Song, Selected—Mrs. Hudson.
- 14 "Melody of Love," Engelman—Vivian Henkle.
- 15 "Come Back to Erin," Kube—Fane Bell.
- 16 "Creole Love Song," Smith—Celia Nelms.
- 17 "Quidants Grand Etude Galop," (Two pianos) Bisell—Iva Booth, Gertie Hodges, Beulah Crooks and Mrs. Foster.

Champions Statement No. 1

H. M. Cake, republican candidate for nomination for United States senator.

Mr. Cake is the advocate of Statement No. 1 and the popular election of United States; two years ago he took the stump for his successful opponent. He deserves the support of every loyal republican who believes in pure politics. The machine element concedes his nomination if the people go to the polls, but boasts that believers in Statement No. 1 will not be interested enough to vote at the primaries. This is the last appeal to those who believe in the popular election of United States senators to assert the rights which the old machine is trying to wrest from them.

LUTHER MOORE; CLARA HORNEY

Were the Winners in Oratory and Declamation Respectively in High School Contest

BETTER WORK THAN LAST YEAR

Miss Horney Will Go to Walla Walla and Luther Moore to Baker City to Compete in Inter-State High School Contests

Oratory and declamation held the attention of the audience at the P. A. C. hall last Friday evening. This was the regular annual contest between the Alpha and Ochoconian literary societies of the Crook County High School.

Many evidences of improvement were noticeable in this year's contest both in the oratorical and declamations. Especially is this true of the oratorical. The different sub-divisions of the oration were more clearly defined than on previous occasions. The exordium of the different orations were just about the right length to gain the attention of the audience and pave the way for a favorable reception of what was to follow. The thought and composition in this year's work was a decided improvement over last year. Clearness and force are the chief elements to be used in writing an oration, while at the same time the language must be elevated and refined. The judges graded the papers on a basis of sixty, allowing forty for delivery. There were three that ran a very even race for first choice—namely, Luther Moore, Arthur Lindborg and Randolph Ketchum. All three did well and it was only after all the factors entering into the contest were summed up that a decision could be reached. It was found that Luther Moore had the highest number of points, Arthur Lindborg next and Randolph Ketchum right on the heels of Mr. Lindborg.

In the declamatory contest the judges awarded the prize to Miss Clara Horney. It was a close decision. There were several fine recitations and from so many good ones it was hard to pick the winner.

Miss Clara Horney, the winner of the medal for declamation, will go to Walla Walla to contest against Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Western Idaho. Arrangements had been made to send the winner in the oratorical contest to the Eastern Oregon oratorical contest at Baker City on May 15, but the necessary funds are lacking, and unless money can be raised Luther Moore, the successful contestant, cannot represent the Crook County High School at that contest.

The business men of Prineville will be asked to subscribe the necessary amount and it is to be hoped that they will respond generously. This is no act of charity but a purely business matter for in sending this representative of the high school our school facilities would be advertised most effectively. Should the money be raised and Luther Moore be sent to Baker City, David Pickett, the alternate chosen at the inter-society debate, will take his place on the team that will meet The Dalles High School May 15.

BASEBALL AT BEND SUNDAY

The Prineville second team will open the baseball season next Sunday at Bend. Quite a crowd of fans will go with the team. The autos have been engaged to make the trip. The boys will leave here Saturday in time to take part in a dance given them at Bend Saturday evening. The ball game will be called Sunday afternoon. The following will play ball: Sichel Henkle, catcher; Walt Foster and Carl Hyde, pitchers; Bert Barnes, Oran Mills, C. Stearns, Pete Barnes, Mike Mitchell, Newt Poindexter and L. Hannon. Dr. Spaulding will umpire. Joe Murphy is the manager. The boys anticipate a good time.

Courthouse Contract Awarded

John B. Shipp has secured the contract for the completion of the new court house. The bids called for the remodeling of the basement and the work of the superstructure. Two bids were received from Charles A. Gray of Salem, two from J. B. Shipp, one from C. C. McNeeley and one from James W. Wright.

The contract price for the completed structure is \$57,000. Mr. Shipp's bond was fixed at \$15,000. At least one wall of the foundation will be removed and rebuilt as it has been adjudged unsafe to put a two-story building upon it.

When completed the new court house will be entirely of gray stone of the same grade as that used in the foundation. The structure is to be completed within a year from date. The different bids are as follows:

C. C. McNeeley will build superstructure of brick with stone trimmings, according to the revised plans and specifications, without heating or plumbing, for \$42,100; provided that the county court pay the \$2500 due him on the building before signing any contract for the above.

James Wright bid \$40,800 to complete the building according to the revised plans, but without basement. As Wright and McNeeley were the defaulting contractors and as neither bid was accompanied by the proper vouchers, both were rejected.

C. A. Gray bid \$63,488 to complete the court house according to the revised plans. The superstructure to be of brick with stone trimmings. The bid was considered too high and was rejected.

John B. Shipp bid \$57,000 for an all stone building, being range line work as basement, with galvanized iron cornice, clock and tower. This sum includes the remodeling of the basement for which purpose \$2500 was withheld from Wright & McNeeley for work rejected by the county. It also includes the repointing the basement, rebuilding the steps, relaying the concrete, cleaning the yard and getting the building ready to move into. Bid accepted.

Subject for Reform School

A boy about 15 years of age named Franks, who has been living with his mother near Lamonta, has been the principal actor in various escapades during the past two weeks that should land him in the reform school.

Some time ago, in company with a companion named Cox, young Franks took a horse and saddle belonging to a neighbor and rode to Bend, where the horse and saddle were sold for \$5. Complaint was made to Sheriff Elkins and the young man was arrested and brought here for a hearing. Arrangements were made for his release upon the payment of the \$5 by his mother when young Franks again took a horse belonging to R. A. Kester and departed for parts unknown. He was seen in the vicinity of Lamonta last Sunday morning. Nothing has since been learned of the whereabouts of the horse and its youthful rider. It is thought that he is headed for The Dalles and will probably not be arrested until he arrives there.

PREPARING FOR COUNTY FAIR

Expert Judge of Livestock Will Be Furnished by the Oregon Experiment Station

GROUNDS ARE BEING IMPROVED

Men in Charge Expect to Complete All Arrangements Early in the Season and Avoid a Rush at the Last Moment

The men behind the Crook County fair are taking up the work of the association in real earnest. Instead of leaving everything to be done at the last moment and then largely to chance the work this year will go forward with a well-defined plan. Improvements at the fair grounds are being made right along. The stalls for the accommodation of the racing stock have been finished and work on other buildings will be taken up.

There has been some dissatisfaction among growers as to the manner of awarding prizes for livestock. Not that the decision of the judges was questioned but the reasons for the decision were wanted if the full benefit to growers was the object sought. It was the good and bad points of an animal that the growers wanted made plain. In a general way any stockman can pick out a good looking animal but ask him to make an analysis of the points that go to make prime beef stock and he will fall down. To remedy this defect in the awarding of prizes and to enable growers to get the most out of a county fair where all kinds of stock come in competition, Secretary Macleod wrote to the Oregon Experiment Station for an expert to come here this fall and act as judge. The following is the reply:

OREGON EXPERIMENT STATION, James Withycombe, Director, Corvallis, Or., April 8.

Mr. Duncan Macleod, Secretary Central Oregon Livestock & Agricultural Association, Prineville, Or. Dear Sir: Have your letter and in reply beg to say we will furnish you a good judge for your live stock exhibits at your fair in October.

Am glad personally to see you are putting forth such splendid efforts to improve the live stock industry of your section. There is nothing better than good, healthy competition at fairs for promoting these interests. Thanking you for the invitation, I am, Truly yours, JAMES WITHYCOMBE.

If you care to make a saving in your grocery purchases it will pay you to watch the specials advertised by J. E. Stewart & Co., for Saturday of each week.



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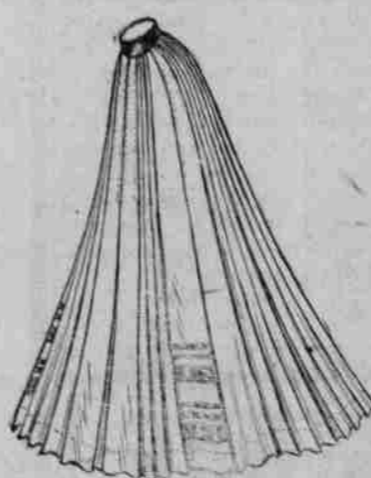
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