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PLANNING FOR MONSTER PARADE

Every Horseman and Horsewoman in the County Invited to Ride in the Procession

WILL BARBECUE BIG BEEVES

Committee Hard at Work Making Ready for the Big Celebration on the Fourth—Many Visitors Coming from Surrounding Points

The various Fourth of July committees are working hard on their part of the program for the big celebration.

The finance committee has \$600 on hand to spend on sports and amusements. Besides baseball, races of all kinds, parades, floats, etc., there will be a "buccaroo"

contest for a purse big enough to attract a long list of contestants. Every man with a horse is invited to take part. The contestants, too, are expected to join in the parade. A division has been set apart for men on horseback and the committee desire to make this part of the parade as imposing as possible. Another feature, too, for this division, will be a cavalcade of young ladies representing different states. Crook county can boast of many fine equestriennes and when dressed in pretty costumes would make a beautiful sight.

The barbecue, too, will be a big thing. Mr. Horgan, who has charge of the matter, is the right man for the place. He is planning for the choicest kinds of meat that will be cooked in the most approved way. There will be other good things to go with the meat so that the feast will be complete.

The city of Prineville will be prepared to entertain people from all parts of the county. Big delegations are expected from Bend, Madras, Laidlaw, Redmond, Lamonta, Ashwood, Paulina, Sisters and all other parts. Everybody come and help make the day a glorious one.

ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

N. Thomas Looking for Easy Money at Ashwood—Now in Jail.

IMPERSONATES AN OFFICER.

The Prisoner Will Be Taken to Portland and Tried Before the Federal Court.

N. Thomas was arrested Tuesday morning by Sheriff Elkins on a warrant sworn to by Jake Kaffer of Ashwood, charging him with attempting to impersonate a United States officer and with attempted blackmail.

It seems that Thomas came to Ashwood some time ago and posed

as a special agent of the general land office, telling Kaffer that he could take his lands away if he (Kaffer) did not pay him to protect them. At the start Thomas demanded \$6000 for the protection, but finally reduced his demands to \$1100. This was paid to him in two checks of \$450 and \$650 respectively. After the checks had been issued the Central Oregon Banking & Trust Co. at Shaniko and the banks here were notified by telephone to stop payment.

Thomas would not talk except to say that he was innocent of any wrongdoing, but that he knew a lot of facts that would put some other fellows in jail and that if he was not soon released these facts would be revealed.

When asked by the Journal man if he had ever been in the government service Thomas replied that he would not answer that question and said that he had no statement to make. The prisoner will be taken to Portland and tried before the federal court when sufficient evidence has been collected.

LEE FORGOT TO POST THE LETTERS

Novel Defense of Mail Carrier Who Was Charged With Rifling the Mails

WOULD WIN IN A JURY TRIAL

Overcome With Shame at His Forgetfulness the Mail Carrier Destroys Letters After Carrying Them in His Pockets for Weeks

George P. Lee, star route contractor from Paulina to Supies, was before the Federal Court in Portland last week charged with carrying letters that were given to him to mail until they were worn out and then burning them. Lee secured the contract there two years ago and has given very good satisfaction. The Telegram has the following:

Unique in the annals of Federal jurisprudence is the remarkable defense of George P. Lee, a rural mail carrier of Izee, Grant County, Oregon, who pleads in extenuation of an information to be filed against him this afternoon, charging rifling of the United States mails, that he carried letters entrusted to his care in his pockets for such a length of time that he was ashamed to post them, and consequently destroyed the missives.

That Lee, whether or not his story has any semblance of truth, has struck upon a defense that, if presented to the ordinary jury of forgetful husbands, would result in a prompt acquittal, is indicated by the fact that United States Deputy District Attorney Evans has decided to ask District Judge Wolverton to impose a nominal fine instead of the usual imprisonment.

Lee has a star route out of Izee, Oregon, and has been in the employ of the Government for nearly four years. About a year ago complaints commenced to come in to the postal authorities that letters to outside points were mysteriously going astray. An investigation was made, but there was no reasonable explanation as to the failure of communications properly stamped to reach their destination.

Recently so many reports of lost letters reached the Postoffice Department that it was decided to detail a secret service agent to investigate, and Inspector Stockmeyer was put to work on the case. The Federal officer had no difficulty in tracing the missing letters to Lee and returned to Portland several days ago. United States District Attorney McCourt, after hearing the report of the inspector, decided to file an information against the rural carrier for rifling the mails.

As United States Deputy District Attorney Evans was preparing the complaint this morning, Lee, who had in some manner been apprised of the matter, presented himself at the prosecuting officer's office and offered to plead guilty. He did not deny that he was entirely responsible for the disappearance of the various letters, but with great frankness declared that as he had inadvertently neglected to mail the communications until weeks after receiving them, he became so ashamed that destruction of the epistles was the only recourse.

It is not alleged that Lee ever converted anything of value in the letters to his own use, so Deputy Evans, timorous about forcing the case to trial in face of Lee's confession and the natural weakness of man relative to letter mailing, has decided to use his good offices in having a small fine assessed against the carrier.

Lap Robes, Horse Blankets, Etc. I have just received a new line of Lap Robes, Horse Blankets and Bugle Whips. Call and get my prices. J. W. BOONE, Prineville.

Shortage in the Beef Supply.

A dispatch from New York says that beef packers in the United States, especially in that section of the country, are very much concerned over the shortage in the beef supply. In the last week the price has risen from 1 to 2 cents on the 100 pounds and the price is now around one-third greater than it was the first part of June, 1907. The sharp rise in prices is said to be due entirely to the shortage in the supply of cattle in the market and already there is talk of having to have beef which was exported to England last winter shipped back to this country in cold storage. As a matter of fact, the exportation of beef from New York is practically nothing and the packers are not able to fill their contracts even with half the amount of beef they have engaged to ship. It is known that a number of packers are letting their contracts go entirely by the board and are paying their freight rate contracts with the various steamship companies and keeping such meat as they have in this country, preferring to lose the price of the freight than to lose the freight together with being compelled to sell the meat in England at a much less sum than they pay for it on this side.

Joe Elliott Placed Under \$2000 Bonds

Joe A. Elliott was arrested Tuesday by Sheriff Elkins on a warrant charging him with a statutory crime in connection with the Turner case that was continued from the May term of the district court.

A warrant was issued while the May term of court was in session but the evidence at that time was not considered sufficient to warrant an arrest. Sufficient evidence has since been collected, however, by Attorney W. A. Bell and Sheriff Elkins to make a case against Elliott. Part of this evidence developed while Turner was confined in the county jail.

Elliott was released from custody Tuesday evening on a \$2000 bond furnished by friends. It will be recalled that Elliott appeared as a witness against the father of the girl in the case when he was given a preliminary hearing, charged with the offense for which Elliott is now held responsible.

Wood Sawing.

Having purchased the wood sawing outfit of C. D. Calbreath I am prepared to cut wood both for the people living in Prineville and those in the neighboring district.

6-11 H. L. HONNS, Prineville.

Attention Homeseekers.

People coming to Crook county with the intention of locating on government land should first write or call on Cady & Jones, Prineville, Or.

NEW COURT HOUSE GROWS ASPACE

Skilled Workmen Pushing Construction—Small Army Employed.

WILL BE A CREDIT TO COUNTY

The Big Clock for the Tower Will Weigh Five Thousand Pounds.

The work on the new court house is going ahead rapidly and if nothing unforeseen happens the building will be ready for the interior work early this fall.

At present some twenty-five men are employed, some at the quarry getting out the rock, others dressing the stone before it is placed in the walls by the masons. A "helper" attends the skilled workmen and in this manner the work goes rapidly forward.

The first essential in a building of this size is good stone. Douglas & Phillips, the men who have the stonework in charge, spent several days in the quarry at the top of the grade west of town before the actual work of getting out the stone began. Several men were busy there cleaning out the foot of the quarry, that is, throwing out the fragments and uneven pieces of stone so that it would be possible to get at the very bottom of the stone column that stands in a perpendicular position. After this had been done a quantity of black powder was placed beneath these columns and several tons of good stone were blown out at one shot. By this method the stone taken out is in much better condition than is possible under the old way. If it is possible to find columns of sufficient length, Mr. Douglas thinks the stone steps can be made of single pieces. This would require a slab about fourteen feet long and fourteen inches wide. Many pieces have been taken from the quarry already that are eight or nine feet long and of sufficient width for the steps.

It was stated some time ago that one of the basement walls would have to be torn down, but this is not true. There was nothing of the kind in the contract with Mr. Shipp. The fifth course of stone is now being laid all the distance around the building. This brings the structure up to the bottom of the windows on the first floor.

The payroll of this little army of men is some \$1400 every two weeks. The workmen are paid twice a month.

Contractor Shipp has the specifications for the big clock that is to be placed in the tower. The "train" or mechanism of the giant time-piece will weigh 1500 pounds. The four dials with plate-glass face for each will total 1500 pounds. The weights will add another 1500 pounds and the bell or gong that

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