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TARRED AND FEATHERED.

The Holy Roller Apostles Roughly Handled—Married in his new Coat.

Tar and feathers were administered to Apostles Greffield and Brooks, of the Holy Roller sect by a crowd of twenty men Monday night. The affair took place under the light of a winter moon, near the first bridge north of the Corvallis saw mill at about 10 o'clock in the evening. The White Caps who were all Corvallis citizens, crossed the ferry and went over to the Beach house, 200 yards to the eastward. They stole noiselessly up to the house which they surrounded. Then they broke in the front door, took the apostles and, recrossing the ferry, went to the bridge in question, where the clothing was removed from both men, and the tar and feathers applied. With the ceremony complete, their clothing was again put on the apostles, and they were told to leave the vicinity, and not to return or worse treatment might be applied. As soon as released, both men started north along the Albany road running at full speed. While the affair was in progress, Brooks was stoical, never uttering a word. Just before the tar and feathers were applied, however, Creffield, who had trembled all along as though much frightened, said, "Let us pray." "We have heard too much of your prayers already," was the gruff response of one of the party, and Creffield had nothing more to say.

NO MASKS WERE WORN.

There was no attempt at secrecy by those who took part in the affair. None wore masks, and none affected a disguise. The identity of many of the party is known, and these are men of standing and character. They say there was not a boy or hoodlum in the party. In the main, they were persons who have felt the results of the strange spell that the apostles have seemed to exert on the members of families, often in a way to bring sorrow and trouble. It is believed that their purpose was not for motives of revenge, but an effort to get Brooks and Creffield out of the community, hoping thereby to secure a rest from the religious agitation which has dethroned the mind of one young woman of its reason, at least temporarily.

The party left Main street about nine o'clock, according to the best obtainable account. Before that they had stood in groups in various places. They did not leave the street together, but passed along in small groups. They met at the ferry, and all crossed together.

BROKE IN THE DOOR

From the ferry they went direct to the Beach house, 200 yards or more beyond the other side of the river. There a dozen members of the sect have held rendezvous for the past month. Passing in the gate, the members of the party at once surrounded the house, so as to bar all avenues of escape. Then several stalwart men advanced to the front door, and after a loud knock, burst in.

Nearly a dozen members of the sect were in the room, Brooks and Creffield among them. Among the others were, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurt, Mrs. Frank Hurt's sister, the Misses Seeley, and others whose names could not be learned. Some of them were seated on chairs and others on the floor. A number, if not all, were barefooted. At the sudden appearance of the intruders, the members of the sect were more or less startled. Brooks and Creffield were at once ordered to put on their shoes. It was however, apparent that they were not astonished, having lived no doubt in the expectation that something of the kind was likely to occur, at any time. The female portion of the assembly began to sing, and so continued during the rest of the ceremony.

TIED APOSTLES TOGETHER

The rest of the proceeding at the house is quickly told. Brooks and Creffield were ordered to put on their shoes and hats. They obeyed with alacrity, for the command to do so was not in gentle tones. Then both men were tied together and ordered to pass out the door. This command they likewise obeyed, and the whole party followed. While in the room one of the female members of the sect, passed from one to the others of the intruders, and gazed into each face intently, apparently for the purpose of future identification.

After leaving the house, the party

ty marched directly to the ferry and crossed to the Corvallis side. The captors, while on the boat, stood close about the apostles, to prevent any possible attempt at escape. One of the former lighted a cigar, and then held the lighted match up before the face of Brooks, to make sure, apparently, that there was no mistake.

After leaving the ferry, the White Caps did not even take the precaution to travel by a back street. Passing under the electric lights enroute, they came directly from the ferry to Main street, and then went north on Main, past the sawmill and on north, to the first bridge. Halting there, they ordered the apostles to remove their clothing.

APPLIED THE TAR.

Like all other commands given, the men proceeded at once to do as told. Creffield hesitated long enough to propose a prayer, but the gruff response was that he had no time for that sort of thing and that there had been too much of his prayers already, and he began at once to remove his clothing.

The scene at the moment was unquestionably dramatic. The moon shone clear and bright in the eastern sky. The two apostles, nude and shivering in the center of the group, silence was only broken by the movements of the men and by an occasional remark, sometimes of the jocular character. One man, surveying Creffield, after his head and body had been well smeared with the tar and feathers, remarked, "Well you would make a fine old Santa Claus now." The apostle made no reply. All the time he trembled like an aspen, and was undoubtedly much frightened. It was otherwise with Brooks, who was stoical throughout, and apparently undisturbed by the proceedings.

After the tar and feathers had been applied, the apostles were required to put their clothes on again, and then they were told to leave, and never to return to the community. Both started off at full speed, running northward along the Albany road. Later, however during the night, Creffield returned to the Beach house.

CREFFIELD MARRIED

It is supposed that Frank Hurt intercepted the fugitives in their flight toward Albany. It is known that he followed the White Caps across the river after the apostles were taken prisoners, and it is supposed also that he was an unseen witness of the tar and feather act. At any rate Creffield was back at the Beach house by midnight, and about that time Frank Hurt applied at a local drug store for linseed oil for use in removing tar.

A sequel to the incident was the marriage yesterday of Creffield and Miss Maud Hurt. Early in the morning a Corvallis livery carriage drove up to the door of the Beach house and stopped. Later it drove away in the direction of Albany, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurt, Miss Maud Hurt with F. E. Creffield as occupants. A dispatch from Albany to the TIMES about noon related that the party had reached Albany and had driven to the court house, where a marriage license was obtained, that with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurt as witnesses, Maud Hurt and Creffield had been married at the court house, Judge Palmer officiating. The dispatch added that the odor of tar was noticeable in the room when the ceremony was performed.

THEIR FEES RETURNED.

After Eleven Long Years—Troubles of Alsea Homesteaders.

County Clerk Moses has in his possession the sum of eighty dollars that five Alsea settlers paid as filing fees at the Roseburg land office more than eleven years ago. The homesteaders paid the fees \$16 each on their homesteads October 21, 1892, and ever since that time the money has been in the pockets of some land official. Six months ago, when the homesteaders made new filings on the same land, they were required to pay the fees again and for a time it looked as if they were to get no refund of the first fees. There was no record in the land office archives of the payment of the fees as far as could be found, and it was only by dint of much effort on the part of Clerk Moses that a return of the money has finally been secured. The fees just returned are for John Sapp, Joseph Cox, U. W. Wren and J. W. Peters. Of the number, three have died in the long interim, and the money goes to their widows. These are Cox, Peters and Sapp. Three other homesteaders paid \$16 each into the same land office at the same time, and up to the present County Clerk Moses has been unable to secure a return of the money. These are C. E. Banton, Wil-

liam Huddleston and J. W. Carey. The story of the litigation and long delay to which the settlers were forced to submit was told formerly in the TIMES. They filed on lands in Alsea on the 21st day of October, 1892 and immediately thereafter the O. & C. R. R. Co. set up a claim to the same lands. The contest was fought out in the Roseburg land office and the settlers won. The railroad people, however, hurried back to Washington, and before the papers arrived, secured deeds to the lands from the interior department. In time the case of the settlers came to the attention of the department, and then Hoke Smith, secretary of the interior, began suit before Judge Bellinger in Portland, to set aside the deeds. After two years, there was a decision in favor of the settlers, but the case was at once appealed to the supreme court. Six months ago the case was again decided in favor of the settlers, and they were permitted to file again on their lands, but were required to pay a new filing fee. This they did, protesting at the injustice of requirement. County Clerk Moses took up the case for them, and after digging up all the evidence he could in the clerk's office; made a trip or two to Roseburg, succeeding finally in securing a return of fees for the five settlers above mentioned. He also has evidence that will force a refund of the Benton fees, but is uncertain of being able to do anything for Huddleston and Carey.

INCREASED NINE THOUSAND.

Benton's Portion of State Taxes—Must pay Over Twenty Four Thousand.

Benton county will have to pay about \$9,000 more state taxes this year than she paid last. The amount that it is necessary for her taxpayers to yield up is \$24,745. The amount last year was \$15,352. The increase is \$9,393. The state tax this year is probably the largest ever paid by the county, at least since old Benton was divided. It is a greater sum than is usually paid for county expenses. The increase is simply enormous, and will be sure to make taxpayers squirm. It is occasioned by the heavy appropriations made by the last legislature, which in spite of the several vetoes of appropriations by Governor Chamberlain, left a large legacy of bills to be footed. Of the 1905 fair appropriation, \$250,000 will have to be paid this year, and that contributes in a large measure to the increased state taxes. The big appropriations for the Indian War veterans adds another lump, and the appropriation for the portage railroad at The Dalles rounds out the pile. The effect of all confronts Benton with the duty of raising a state tax that will call out many a complaint from taxpayers. To raise the sum will require a levy of about six mills on a property valuation of \$4,336,000 in round numbers.

Nor is this the only way in which the tax account will be increased this year. The tax for county schools will be much increased. Last year the sum collected on that account was \$12,500. This year it will be \$15,510, or an increase of \$3,010. Formerly the school tax was a levy of five mills on the taxable property of the county. A new law, passed by the last legislature, requires the collection of \$6 for every child of school age in the county. There are 2,585 such children, and at \$6 per capita, the sum that the law requires collected in taxes for them is \$15,510, instead of the \$11,500 collected on the same account last year. This increase added to the increase in the state tax which is \$9,339, makes a clear increase on the two accounts of \$12,403. These are matters that are entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the county court to fix, and that body will not deserve the complaints that will be uttered as a result of the increases.

In Corvallis, there will be a similarly large increase in the taxes. There will be collected as city taxes for general purposes this year \$3,850, and for street purposes, \$1,440, or a total of \$5,290. The increase is \$1,960. In the Corvallis school district, there is also an increase in the amount of taxes, but it is only slight, being about \$250.

The one place in which there is hope of a lower levy is for county purposes. The county court meets today, and among the duties that come before it will be that of fixing a levy for the current year. The levy for county purposes last year was fifteen mills, much of which went in improvement of roads.

Dry Wood.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of G. F. Elgin, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of G. F. Elgin, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County. All persons having claims against said estate, of said G. F. Elgin, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at the office of Benton County Flouring Mills, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Oregon. Dated this December 22, 1903. GRANT ELGIN, Administrator of the estate of G. F. Elgin, deceased.

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