

THEIR WELCOME DEPARTURE.

An act of violence, the Holy Roller apostles have been sent away from the community. Though every person who participated in the affair that drove them away, is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to prosecution under the state law, there is no enforcement of the penalty. The reason is that the two men had committed offenses against the people of the vicinity that the laws could not reach.

For weeks the community has been made notorious by the fool acts of the zealots and their half crazed followers. A system of religion was set up in which this pair of high priests and their followers worshipped behind barred doors and closely drawn blinds, behind which the public could neither pass nor see. Though a shock to the proprietaries, it was alleged worship of Almighty God for these two huskies to live in the same locked house with a number of young girls, and do nothing in the world but be religious. Whether as fools or knaves, whether as fanatical zealots or as sinister hypocrites, it remains a fact that the acts of Creffield and Brooks, practiced under any other name than that of religion would have led to violent scandals and an interference by the public on the grounds of common decency long ago.

The unfortunate girl demented in a Portland sanitarium, is their victim, and a dreadful testimony of the importance of barring the doors of a community to such men. The half dozen others in whom nervous shocks and mental agitation have left marks that can never be removed and wounds that will never heal are further victims to a system of religion, officered by two ornery galoots, founded by nobody and followed only by women. Whether honest, or dishonest, whether sincere or false in their pretensions, the consequence of the career in this community of the pair and of Creffield in particular, has been a succession of disagreeable as well as deplorable occurrences and conditions, such as no community deserves and as few would so long tolerate.

The late act of violence is deplored; but the departure of the men is welcome.

NEW SUPERVISORS.

They are Named by the County Court—A Few Changes Made.

- Under a new law, the county court appoints road supervisors. The law was enacted at the regular session last winter, and only became effective with reference to road supervisors on January 1st. The newly appointed road officials are: Corvallis No. 1—Albert Wilson; Corvallis No. 2—H. M. Fleming; Corvallis No. 3—Dick Kiger; Corvallis No. 4—Harley Hall; Booneville, No. 21—J. O. Wilson; Fairmount No. 5—Granger No. 19—H. Hector; Soap Creek No. 6—Gene Dodele; Tampico No. 20—Ben Harris; Kings Valley, No. 7—John Price; Summit No. 8—Charles Skaggs; Blodgett No. 9—A. Cadwalader; Wren No. 10—Dick Ballard; Philomath No. 11—J. R. Fehler; Willamette West No. 17—Doke Gray; Willamette East No. 12—Rube Taylor; Alesia No. 15—G. C. Peek; Bellfountain No. 14—E. N. Starr; Monroe No. 15—D. B. Farley; North Monroe No. 16—A. Zierhoff; Alesia No. 18—C. E. Banton.

For Sale.

At about 50 per cent on the dollar, large house, barn, and woodshed, 2 lots corner 3rd and Washington streets. Apply to owner. \$1800.

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Lost.

Between Philomath and Glenson's mill, small, black bear skin cape. Leave at TIMES office.

THE LEVY MADE.

It is Five Mills for County Purposes and the Total is 16.4.

For county purposes, Benton county will only pay a five mill tax this year. The rate of levy for county purposes is probably the lowest in the history of the county. The levy for the same purpose last year was 15 mills. The levy for this year is based on an estimate of \$21,683 for county expenses, but for the fact that the state tax and the county school tax, fixed by law are so high, Benton tax-payers would be touched very lightly in tax collections this year.

Benton's state tax is \$24,745, or as stated in Wednesday's TIMES, more than nine thousand dollars more than it was last year. The exact increase is \$9,393. For raising the state tax the county has fixed the levy at 5.8 mills. A similar increase in the state school tax, fixed by law at \$6 for every child of school age in the county, makes another increase over last year to the amount of \$3,010, making a total increase of \$12,403. The levy for school purposes is 3.6 mill. For road purposes the court has made a levy of two mills, which with the other makes a total levy that people outside of incorporated towns will have to pay of 16.4 mills.

The total valuation of taxable property is \$4,346,745. Property in Corvallis and Philomath will not pay the two mill levy into the county road fund. The road levy will raise something over \$7,000 for road purposes, or upwards of \$3,000 more than in former years. A heavier road levy was not made by the court, because many of the supervisors have unexpended balances on hand from last year, some of these balances being comparatively large.

Residents of Corvallis will have to pay a total of 27.4 mill as follows: State, 5.8 mills; state school 3.6 mills; county five, special school tax, six; city, seven; total, 27.4. Last year they paid forty odd mills.

WHITE CAPS AGAIN.

They Held up Frank Hurt—Where is Brooks—An Incident at the Beach House.

The tar and feathers administered to Creffield and Brooks, the flight of the apostles, and the marriage of Creffield and Miss Hurt have passed into local history, and the excitement incident thereto has largely subsided. These events all happened Monday night and Tuesday, and were followed Tuesday night by incidents that to the participants were equally novel and unusual, but of less dramatic detail. That night the White Caps were again at large, and according to the best accounts obtainable exercised extreme vigilance in the vicinity of the Beach house. They not only watched the movements about the place, but at one time appeared at the barred door, required it to be opened and to the number of a dozen men walked inside, and made a search of every room, closet and every possible hiding place about the premises. In the unbidden acts, they met with no resistance, and apparently found about the place nobody whom they sought. Half a dozen young women were there, but they paid no attention to the intruders, and the intruders paid no attention to them. It was other game that the White Caps sought.

THEY HUNTED OR CREFFIELD

For a long time before they entered, and for a long time afterward the White Caps prowled in secret about the house. They manifested far more secrecy than was observed in their movements on the night preceding, when they went to the Beach house and brought the apostles over the river for the coat of tar and feathers. They met at the river bank in different parties, and instead of taking the ferry boat as before, they crossed the Willamette in small boats and by different routes. Mooring their boats on the opposite side of the river, they stole noiselessly up the bank and picked their way to vantage points in the vicinity of the Holy Roller house. There, fully secreted they watched for a long time, some of them across the road in front of the house, and others at different points near at hand. A shrill whistle like that of Robin Hood to his followers in the Scotch forests directing the movements of the men, called them together, or dispersed them under a moon that was dim and partly fog enshrouded, the skulking forms occasionally moved about or simultaneously rose in a phalanx, scary enough in appearance to make the timid tremble. They were looking for Creffield.

A LONE CARRIAGE.

Reports in circulation during the afternoon of Tuesday, were to the

effect that Creffield and his bride had returned to the Beach house. It was also asserted that Brooks, was in hiding about the place. True to the threat uttered when the apostles were told to leave and never return on pain of worse treatment, the White Caps were shadowing the house in the hunt for the apostles. It was perhaps to o'clock or after, when a vehicle could be heard approaching from the eastward. The creak of the carriage springs, and the hooffalls of the horses in muddy roads was heard. Three men had stood in the road along the fence for some time watching the house, but at the approach of the traveler they secreted themselves in the orchard or beneath the trees at the roadside. The carriage passed to a spot in front of the house, and there it stopped. It had a single occupant who threw out several quilts and buggy robes that had apparently been used by other travelers. Then it passed on down the road to the river, and thence over the ferry to Corvallis. A few minutes later the three men re-appeared in the road and passed to a spot a short distance in front of the house. A moment later, a dozen dark forms rose simultaneously from hiding places on opposite sides of the road, and by a sudden movement surrounded the three. The White Caps, in the dim moonlight, thought for a moment that Creffield and Brooks were again in their clutches.

HELD UP FRANK HURT

It was three harmless and lonely newspaper men in search of news that the White Caps had bagged. For a moment the two parties, the news writers and their captors, eyed each other in silence. Visions of smeared tar and sticky feathers had injected themselves into the minds of the quill drivers, while under the rays of the dim moon they saw that the White Caps were awfully big and fierce in appearance. "Anything new boys?" inquired one of the writers, but there was no response. The White Caps apparently had business on hand, and had no time to talk about news. At last one of them broke the silence. "Why didn't that carriage stop back there and let somebody out?" he asked in a gruff but quiet tone. A brief parley ensued in which explanations were interchanged, when a shrill whistle set the White Caps to moving and within a moment they had disappeared, leaving the newspaper fraternity alone under the shadow of the Holy Roller settlement.

The man in the carriage was Frank Hurt. After he crossed the ferry, the White Caps satisfied that Creffield and Brooks were out of reach, followed him. They caught him, and took him to the spot where Creffield and Brooks were tarred and feathered, but just what happened there is not certainly known.

HURT DIDN'T DISROBE

Different stories are about as to what they did to Frank Hurt, and no direct statement can be made here as to what is authentic. The doings of the White Caps on Tuesday night were far more secretive than when Creffield and Brooks were disciplined. One version is that when they reached the bridge, Hurt was ordered to disrobe, and that he refused point blank to do so. Also that he told them that they were of superior numbers, but that he would not obey their orders. It is also stated that he finally secured possession of a club, and that with it he forced a truce.

Another version is that the captive was given to understand that two alternatives were open to him, and that upon his decision rested the result. These were that he must either promise to leave the Holy Roller headquarters and desist from the late manifestations, or that he must take tar and feathers. Also, that he said that he would never give up his religion, but that he would hereafter live within such regulations as would put an end to the Holy Roller troubles. That one or the other, or a part of both the above versions happened, is certain. Hurt was captured somewhere on the streets, after he had brought the vehicle to the livery stable. He had arranged with the ferryman to leave a small boat on the Corvallis side of the river, so that he might return from Corvallis to the Beach house without calling the ferryman. His capture and abduction was so quietly effected, that neither Chief Lane nor Officer Osburn were aware of it, though both were on duty until midnight or after.

NO TIDINGS FROM BROOKS,

Nothing is known concerning where Mr. and Mrs. Creffield went. After their marriage at Albany, they returned with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurt to the Beach house, and tarried there for a brief time, late Tuesday afternoon. Then they

left again, and it is asserted, went in the same carriage to Tangent, where they reported to have taken a train for unknown parts. It is also supposed that Frank Hurt was just returning from the trip to Tangent, when he arrived at the Beach house Tuesday night, where a dozen pair of eyes were watching him from roadside, just before his capture in the streets of Corvallis.

Nothing whatever has been heard of Brooks since Monday night. The last seen of him so far as known, was when his captors released him wearing a new coat of tar and feathers as well as his usual habiliments, and hastening to the northward along the Albany road. Tidings from him have been and are still awaited with more or less interest. He must have asked for assistance in the removal of the tar and feathers, and for food at some farm house to the northward, and it is anticipated that news of this will ultimately be forthcoming. If not, then there will be suspicion that he returned with Creffield to the Beach house the night of the affair, and there got relief from his unwelcome coat, and subsequently left for parts unknown.

NO MORE NOTORIETY.

It is very probable that the events of the past week will put an end to the Holy Roller movements as recently conducted in this vicinity. So far as heard, no word of sympathy has been uttered for the disciplined apostles. On the contrary, there have been many outspoken expressions of satisfaction that means had been found to send them out of the community. To them is ascribed all the blame for such undesirable notoriety as has come upon the community. They too, are held generally responsible for such unpleasant incidents as have been brought to many family circles. Their influence, in general, is regarded as the beginning and end of Holy Rollerism hereabouts. The discipline administered to them issued to have had a wholesome effect on a number of their female followers, who have determined, according to numerous accounts to remain within reasonable bounds in the pursuit of their religious belief. The general idea is that it is well, because if it had continued, the mental derangement of others and continuous notoriety of an unpleasant and unnecessary kind, must have been the sequel.

Portland.

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Wheat valley 78 to
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Potatoes \$.50 to .80 per sack
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Butter 20 to 22 c per lb.
Creamery 27 to 30 per roll.
Corvallis.

- Wool 15
Wheat 71 per bushel.
Oats 28
Flour 3.05 per sack
Butter 15 to 25 per lb
Creamery 70 per roll
Eggs 25 to 27 c per doz
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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 Bosc E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Oregon. Dated this December 12, 1903. GEORGE ELGIN, Administrator of the estate of G. F. Elgin deceased.

January 5, 1904, is the Date

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