

# PRISON FIRE FOUND PLOT FOR LIBERTY

### Seven-Year-Term Convict and Cellmate Now in Solitary Places.

## PLAN KNOWN, WATCH SET

#### Incendiary Blaze in Library on December 3 Was Deep-Laid Scheme to Make Escape—Guard Hirtions Discovers Freedom Move.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—John J. Stanley, serving a seven-year term in the Penitentiary from Benton County on a forgery charge, and a solitary confinement at the prison following a discovery by prison officials that he was responsible for the incendiary fire of December 3, which threatened to destroy the new auditorium. His cellmate, Louis Huffman, is also in solitary confinement, although Stanley is the man directly charged with setting the building afire.

The fire was part of a plot entered into by five convicts with the purpose of escaping. The fire was discovered by the Penitentiary authorities, Stanley, Huffman and three other convicts, whose names were not given, were found huddled together shortly after the fire broke out. Stanley and Huffman saw them. Turnkey Charles Huddleston was notified at once and steps were taken to prevent a break and extinguish the fire.

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Plot Known for a Time. The real plot, it is stated by prison officials, had been known for a time and the men had been watched. It was discovered that they were boring a hole through the three-foot concrete floor of their cell. Underneath the cell is the basement.

It is believed that their plan, during the confusion and excitement following the fire, was to knock out the cell bottom, which could have been accomplished with a blow, drop into the basement, force the basement window and make a dash for the walls and freedom.

It happened that the morning of the fire there was a heavy fog, which lifted, however, and this fact, with the additional fact that the convicts were aware that their plan had been discovered, prevented the break.

Guard Hirtions is credited with having discovered the plot to make the escape.

Convicts Fight Fire.

The fire in the auditorium, while not resulting in serious damage, at first seemed to threaten the entire south wing of the institution. Convicts were turned loose to fight the fire and with the assistance of the Salem fire department succeeded in putting it out before heavy damage was done.

At the time prison officials said they thought the fire had either been set by a convict or caught from defective wiring, but the idea of defective wiring was scouted, as the wires in the south wing were all supposed to have been switched off that morning.

Prison officials have kept quiet as to the real cause of the fire, although it was discovered immediately, however, evidently the ringleader of the plot, has served a term in prison before in San Quentin, Cal.

## VALE FAVORS WILL R. KING

#### Chamber of Commerce Also Prepares for State Wool Growers.

VALE, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—At a meeting of the Vale Chamber of Commerce Monday night elaborate preparations were outlined and when the State Woolgrowers' Association assembles here January 2, 3 and 4, for its annual convention, the growers may expect a royal reception at the hands of the citizens of Vale. State Secretary Hoke was present and delivered the principal address. Several committees were appointed.

As a result of the strong sentiment in this section in favor of Will R. King for Secretary of the Interior, the Chamber of Commerce adopted resolutions endorsing him and requesting President-elect Wilson to appoint him. A communication was read from M. Alexander, of Boise, a wealthy business man of Idaho, and a Presidential elector this year, favoring King's appointment.

## HOOD RIVER TO DIVERSIFY

#### Commercial Club Encourages Manufacturers and Farmers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—A greater diversity of industries is one of the slogans adopted by the Hood River Commercial Club, which held its annual meeting here last night, when W. L. Clark, J. R. Helton, Charles Hall and J. R. Putnam were elected to the board of directors. The club will not only make an effort to attract industries, but will increase the future of poultry raising and the growing of pigs and dairying.

While it is not believed that poultry, to specialize in this industry alone, will pay in Hood River, every orchardist is urged to raise his own chickens and milk and have a small surplus of these products to dispose of throughout the year.

## FAMOUS HEN IS CHAGRINED

#### With 266 Eggs in 321 Days, Roseburg Chicken Passes O. A. C. Hen.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—Jesse Morris, of Roseburg, possesses a chicken which for laying qualities has no equal in the state. During the last ten months and 19 days the hen has laid a total of 266 eggs, or seven more eggs than was laid by that famous hen which was tutored at the Corvallis college farm, and advertised world wide.

The hen is of the Barred Rock strain and was hatched by Mr. Morris. The bird is on exhibition at the Poultry Show and is attracting considerable attention at the hands of poultry fanciers.

## OCCUPATION TAX OPPOSED

#### Merchants of Roseburg Would Test Legality of Measure.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—Asserting that the so-called occupation

tax at present in effect in Roseburg is unconstitutional, the merchants and professional men of the city are considering the proposition of banding together in order to test the legality of the measure in the courts. The occupation tax has been in operation in Roseburg for a number of years, but not until the Council threatened to increase the tax sufficiently to make up the deficit resulting from the abolishment of the "near" beer resorts did those affected question, or refuse to pay the tax.

## DALLAS MAN IS BORN AND DIES IN SAME HOUSE.

Henry Monroe Brown, pioneer of Polk County, died at his residence in Dallas, Or., Dec. 11, 1912, at the age of 83 years.



DALLAS, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—Henry Monroe Brown, who was born at Dallas, Or., April 18, 1829, died at his residence December 7. His death came in the same house in which he was born more than 83 years ago. H. M. Brown was the youngest son of W. C. Brown and Martha Brown, pioneers of Polk County. Henry passed practically all his life in and near Dallas and for a number of years has taken an active part in the politics of the city and county. He married Flora Edna Plummer on February 18, 1879. She died February 22, 1902. Children of this union are Frank V. Brown; Lott D. Brown, an attorney, and George M. Brown, all residents of Dallas. On June 4, 1907, Mr. Brown married Mary E. Bailey, who survives him. The funeral was held from the family residence Monday.

represented at Friday night's meeting, and that spirited debates will ensue. Inasmuch as the merchants of Roseburg favor the property tax in preference to the occupation tax, it is likely that a special election will be called in order to amend the city charter. Under the present charter the city is unable to levy a tax to exceed 10 mills. This levy is at present in force, and additional money is necessary. The merchants consider the occupation tax equivalent to double taxation, and openly assert that they will not submit to the proposed increase.

## POLK CONTEST TO CLOSE

#### Vote for County Assessor Is Now Being Recounted.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—The Circuit Court of Polk County, Judge Kelly presiding, is now the scene of one of the most interesting election contests ever held in Polk County. Arthur E. Allen, defeated candidate for Assessor, is contesting the election to the office with Frank Meyer, the successful Democratic candidate. Upon the face of the official returns, Allen was defeated by three votes. The contest is being carried upon the assumption that errors in the count had crept in, owing to the long hours of work in counting ballots. Only six precincts of the county are in question. With three recounts yesterday, the contestant and contestee lost and gained equally.

The fact that election boards are required to perform and do unreasonable things, came out in the hearing when testimony was introduced to show that the judges and clerks of election in the Eola (West Salem) precinct were compelled to work continuously from 8 A. M. of November 6, until 11:30 P. M. of November 6. It is believed here that the next Legislature will be called upon to change the law, and provide for another board for each precinct, and particularly in the larger precincts.

## "BIG SIX" TO BE PROBED

#### Investigation of Alleged Produce Trust Starts.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special).—Correspondence filed on the desk of United States District Attorney Colton has convinced him that the charge of conspiracy in restraint of trade made against the Seattle Produce Distributors Company (the big six of Western avenue) by H. F. Davidson, of Hood River, and others should be investigated by the Federal grand jury. The jury does not reconvene until February 17 and a special session may be called within a few days.

Assistant District Attorney John J. Sullivan was in conference today with District Attorney R. S. Rodney, of Rome. But for this, the matter would probably be taken up at once with Attorney-General Wickersham for his advice.

One letter received by the prosecutor recites the experience of a farmer who received 35 cents net for a shipment of two and one-half tons of cabbage. The commission man in that case, however, is not a member of the "Big Six."

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All \$35.00 values priced at...	\$25.50	\$ 8.00 Men's Trousers priced	\$5.75	\$2.00 values Men's Underwear	\$1.45
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All \$35.00 Suits priced at...	\$22.50	All \$20.00 Coats priced at...	\$14.00	All \$ 5.00 Waists priced at...	\$3.75
All \$40.00 Suits priced at...	\$26.50	All \$25.00 Coats priced at...	\$16.50	All \$ 6.00 Waists priced at...	\$4.50
All \$45.00 Suits priced at...	\$31.50	All \$30.00 Coats priced at...	\$19.50	All \$ 7.00 Waists priced at...	\$5.00
All \$50.00 Suits priced at...	\$33.50	All \$35.00 Coats priced at...	\$22.50	All \$ 8.00 Waists priced at...	\$5.75
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## JENNIE MULDRICK DIES

#### GRANT COUNTY BUSINESS WOMAN HAS BRIEF ILLNESS.

Native of Ireland Who Came to Oregon in 1874 Mourned by Pioneers. Funeral Largely Attended.

CANYON CITY, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—The funeral of Mrs. Jennie Muldrick occurred here Sunday under the auspices of the Julia Chapter, No. 28, Order of Eastern Star, of which she was a charter member. Burial was made in the Canyon City Cemetery. Her death followed a short illness from Bright's disease. She was one of Grant County's foremost and well-known citizens.

Mrs. Muldrick was a native of Ireland and was born at Newton Stewart, Tyrone County. Her age was 57 years and 8 months. She arrived in Grant County from California in 1874 and ten years later was married to John Muldrick, who was one of Grant County's

substantial merchants and business men. Mr. Muldrick died in 1889, leaving large business affairs, which Mrs. Muldrick managed with rare ability. She had been business sagacity, and at the same time developed a character that made and held throughout her life the warmest friendship. There was scarcely a pioneer in Grant County who did not know Mrs. Muldrick, and all held her in highest esteem.

She is survived by two children, Mabel Elizabeth and John Muldrick, both of this place, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Woods, of Canyon City, and Miss Fannie McLaughlin, a sister living in Ireland, where a brother, John James McLaughlin, also lives.

## MANY STATE FARMS ASKED

#### Hood River Petition Urges Scattered Stations.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special).—A bill has been prepared by C. D. Thompson and a committee appointed by the Commercial Club, which will be submitted to the Legislature at its next session calling for the location in the Hood River Valley of a branch experimental station. The bill at present is in the hands of the members of the

faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College, who have heartily endorsed the proposed branch station here.

The terms of the bill will differ in one respect from any ever submitted to the Legislature. All other sections have granted for the use of experiments a tract of 10 acres. In Hood River it is proposed to conduct the tests on a number of smaller tracts, so great

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