Oregon City and Vicinity

(Journal Special Service.)

Oregon City, Or., April 19. — Sunday night about 8:20 there was an attempt to rob the house of A. S. Dresser, at Ninth and Adams streets, while Mr. and Mrs. Dresser were at church. Mrs. Dresser's sister, Miss Grace Baird, was alone in the house at the time and was in an upstairs room reading, when she was startled by a noise at the side of the house. She ascertained that there was a man trying to break in, so she called for help. After shouting for some time Messrs. Conroy and Dempster, who were passing the house, hurried to the scene and the window was heard to slam down as the thief made off. He was seen disappearing in the darkness towards the vacant lot behind E. P. Rand's house. There is no clew to his identity. Nothing is missed from the house.

Circuit Court Convenes.

Judge T. A. McBride convened the regular April term of the Clackamas county court yesterday morning and started in to dispose of old and new cases that have been gracing the docket for some time.

Delia F. Rowan secured a divorce from John A. Rowan and the right to her former name, Delia Frances Leopold.

Catch Many Fish.

Sunday morning O. F. Williams, Ed Rechner, Jack Dauthit and Charles Ely arose at 3 a. m. and, despising the allurements of the nearer streams for fishing, journeyed out to Highland and beyond in quest of the finny game. They arrived near the headwaters of Clear creek about 7 o'clock and at once began to haul out the fish. Ed Rechner was angling along the side of the stream, when he was startled by a vicious tug at the line which pulled him in the water along with a piece of the bank and a fir tree. Charles Ely, candidate for sheriff on the Democratic ticket, fearing that the fish might get away from Rechner, fearlessly plunged into the raging torrent and presently emerged with Rechner, who was grasping one of the largest Dolly Varden trout ever seen in this part of the country. After the excitement pertaining to this incident had subsided the party resumed fishing and returned to Oregon City Sunday evening with 480 fine trout.

Death of Grant Chapman.

Word was received here Sunday of the death of Grant Chapman, who died after a short sickness of typhoid fever at his home in Millenocket, Maine. He formerly lived in Oregon City and made many friends, who will be grieved to learn of his death. He is survived by three brothers and a sister: E. A. and William Chapman of Oregon City, George Chapman and Mrs. Glover of Stockton, California, and his wife. His death was particularly sad, as he had been married only a month. The funeral was conducted by the Knights of Pythias order of that city.

NOTICE.—The agency and correspondence work of The Journal is now being done by R. W. Kelly, who has his headquarters in the Postal Telegraph office, where news items will be taken and subscriptions, payments and complaints received.

Fined for Raising Disturbance.

W. J. Shinvill, arrayed in Sunday best, came into town Sunday with a family of youngsters and treated the little ones to sundry dishes of ice cream, and while they were eating the frozen dainty the father became exceedingly intoxicated at another place and, rejoining his children, went up the street behind them, and raised many disturbances with peaceful church going citizens. The law took him in hand, and yesterday morning he was brought before Judge Curry and fined $4.00.

Will Raise Strawberries.

D. F. Warner, an enterprising farmer at Estacada, has just planted 18,000 strawberry plants that he purchased from Hood River. Mr. Warner was in town yesterday and said that the plants were looking as well, if not better, than the plants at Hood River. He says that the soil at Estacada is practically the same as that which produces such good berries up the Columbia, and he expects his two acres to net him a good sum. There are quite a few farmers at Estacada who are putting in strawberries, and they say they will rival the Hood River crop in a few years.

Mrs. Miller Will Return.

Mrs. Matilda Ganong Miller, who went to New York February 1 to enter St. Luke's hospital as a nurse will shortly return to her home here. Several weeks ago in the cold weather she slipped on an icy pavement and struck her head sharply. Since that time she has not been well and the work in the hospital has been very hard for her for that reason.

She is allowed three months' leave, and may return to St. Luke's at the end of that time. It is reported here that Miss Imogene Harding, who has been studying music in New York for the past two years, will return with Mrs. Miller.

Oregon City Brevities.

William S. Dippold of Clatskanie was yesterday given homestead receipt for entry on 160 acres in section 35, township 7 north, range 5 west.

J. Hugh Davis of Garfield was in Oregon City yesterday. Mr. Davis is the man that packs supplies to the state hatchery on the upper Clackamas over the snow in the winter months.

Councilman A. Knapp, who has been laid up in Portland with a broken thigh, will be brought home at the end of the week.

To Organize Baseball Team.

The fans and players could stand the good weather no longer so they will meet tonight and organize a ball team for the coming season.

P. G. Shark, G. W. Young and G. C. Fields are instrumental in getting the men together, and with the aid of the business men they intend to put out a well equipped team. The players will not be paid a salary but will share what they get out of the gate receipts. Mr. Shark has a good team made up and practice will commence at once. Arch Long may do the twirling and Jamison, a new man from the east who has played on college and professional teams, will do backstop work.

Pays His Taxes.

Sheriff Shaver today received a communication from a man in Dayton who wishes to pay the balance he believed due on his taxes.

The money amounted to $1.42, and is not due until the first of October, but the debtor no doubt feared that unless he paid soon the sheriff might proceed against him.

Strange Nesting Place.

Two English sparrows have selected a very strange place to build their nest. The place is in the cap of the arc light on the corner of Seventh and Main streets. Every day they can be seen carrying straw and pieces of grass up to the lamp and in the morning the light trimmer comes along and throws out a bunch of hay and the birds commence all over again. This is considered a rather strange place for a home, as it must be as bright as day up there at night, and there is always a humming from the burning carbons.

Sell Land on Tualatin River.

Yesterday the Oregon Iron and Steel company sold to Phebe Hughes of Willamette Falls about 30 acres of land on the north bank of the Tualatin river, the land lying on what is known as the J. M. Moore donation claim. The full consideration was $883.50. The Oregon Iron and Steel company reserve their riparian rights along the stream for the building of a dam or any other obstruction to the river.

Want Freedom From Husbands.

Two divorce cases were filed in the circuit court yesterday. Estella Steel wants to be divorced from Samuel Steel whom she married in Portland in September, 1894. She alleges that Steel deserted her and has failed to support her. Esther Rutherford says in her complaint that her husband has treated her cruelly and has done nothing for her support. The couple were married in Oregon City April 28, 1891, and there are three minor children for whom the woman has to care.

In and About Vancouver

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., April 19.—As the true inwardness of the conference between Governor McBride and George Stevenson and the probable understanding between these men comes to be better understood by the people, the political issues seem to be indicating more or less of a change. It appears that for the present, at least, Governor McBride has to a greater or less extent abandoned his endeavors to bring about legislation establishing a railroad commission. Of course, Governor McBride has not changed his principles in reference to the railroad commission, but it does appear that he has changed his policy.

It seems to be well understood that Mr. Stevenson, together with what influence he may command among those with whom he has formerly associated, will be aligned both at the primaries, in the county convention and in the state convention with Mr. McBride, not on account of Mr. McBride's railroad policy, but because of his personality, and it further appears that Governor McBride has realized that at the coming session of the legislature any attempt to formulate legislation concerning the railroad commission is hopeless.

Cease to Agitate.

This is indicated by the position assumed by Governor McBride's managers in this county at the present writing. They have virtually ceased to agitate railroad commissions, but have turned their efforts in the direction of Governor McBride as an individual, regardless of his railroad policy.

So far as can be learned the people of Clarke county are not strongly in favor of a railroad commission.

While it is true that the Republican county convention of two years ago declared itself in favor of a railroad commission, when the matter came before the legislature, the business men and merchants of the city were almost unanimous in signing a petition to the Clarke county members of the legislature to use their votes and influence against a railroad commissinn, and the business men and merchants are those who are most affected in the matter of railroad freight rates and transportation.

A Good Cigar.

An amusing incident took place yesterday at the post hospital that made a practical joker quite sick, but not seriously so.

For some time past Sergeant H. E. Johnson had been missing cigars from his box. The party taking the same made no pretense to hide the fact, but would often treat Sergeant Johnson with his own cigars. The practical joker is said to be Steward Weinburg, and yesterday in perpetrating one of the old-time jokes, he selected the finest looking cigar in the lot. Weinberg is a connoisseur of tobacco, and he proclaimed this apparent two-bit cigar to be the best that he ever smoked. About half an hour afterward, however, he took violently sick and it was quite a little while before he recovered from the effects. He was much disconcerted on learning that the "best cigar" he ever smoked had been made out of hair, et., with a fine wrapping of the best Havana tobacco. Weinberg says he will in the future be careful how he smokes other people's cigars.

Enthusiastic Revivals.

Rev. E. L. Swick, who is conducting a series of revival meetings at the Baptist church in this city, is said to be having great success. Last night's meetings were the most enthusiastic of any, and the attendance was far above what was expected on a Monday night.

A Spicy Letter.

The city council of Vancouver last night held a regular meeting, but little business was transacted beyond the direction to place a dozen corner monuments and street guards at different places in the city. The meeting adjourned until Thursday night next, at which time the council will take up the consideration of purchasing a new fire engine.

NOTICE.—The Vancouver agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is located at 608 Main street. John P. Lundberg, agent.

During the course of the meeting there was read a letter from Judge Arthur Haina. Judge Haina is now on his way to Belgium, but before he left he had a series of troubles with the councilmen and the police of Vancouver. At various times did he communicate with the members of the council and petition them for what he termed redresses for his personal grievances, but always with the same result. This letter read before the council was another attempt to bring to their notice the old trouble and give the members a parting shot. In order that no one would miss his letter he sent a copy to each member that some action may be taken.

Scott-Sawyer Nuptials.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Sawyer in Brush Prairie Sunday, April 17. The participants were Harry W. Scott of Vancouver and Miss Golda F. Sawyer of Brush Prairie.

The wedding took place at 12 m. and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Yeatman of the First Baptist church, Vancouver, Wash. The bridesmaid was Miss Elsie Sawyer, a younger sister of the bride, and the best man was the groom's brother, Mr. Joe Scott.

At the time appointed the best man led in the bride, the groom following with the bridesmaid. The four stood within a large bower of American holly and the white narcissus, which filled the whole front of the parlor, and directly under a large bell made of American holly.

The bride looked very comely in white organdy trimmed with lace insertion and ribbon, and she carried a large bunch of white carnations. The bridesmaid carried one of pink. Immediately after the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served in the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape and flowers. Six bands of wide, white ribbon, festooned to the ceiling, were draped to the table and a bell of white narcissus hung over the center of the table. After the dinner was over, the bride and groom prepared for departure. Before she left the bride threw her boquet from the upstairs window and it was caught by her brother who, therefore, will be next doomed.

The happy couple then departed in a shower of rice and good wishes. They were the recipients of many pretty presents. They went to Portland for a few days, after which they will go to their home near Ridgefield, where the groom is engaged in the wood contract business.

WHITMAN GIRLS IN ROYAL RUMPUS

COLLEGE CO-EDS FIGHT FOR FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE HONORS—FORMER'S CAPS ARE TORN FROM THEM—MEN OF THE INSTITUTION HAVE "DOINGS."

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Whitman College, April 19.—The sophomore and freshman girls had a hand to hand tussel on the green in front of memorial building yesterday noon, and one sophomore boy received a broken collarbone. The scrap was over the caps which the freshman girls wore in defiance of the sophomore edict. The fracas lasted several minutes and caused lots of excitement among the outside students. At first three "07" girls downed one of the fair amazons of "06" and when three sophomore girls sprang to her aid there was something doing. The fair combatants returned to primeval simplicity in their combat and scratching, hairpulling and even biting was resorted to. The college lawn resembled a woman's dressing room at the close of the scuffle.

War between the boys of the two classes has been raging all day for the same cause. At 9:30 o'clock in the morning when the sophomores were in class the freshmen arrayed themselves in the long looked for caps. They then marched down with their blue headgear fronted by a large 07 and taunted the sophomores by walking in front of the windows. When the class was out the sophomores held a hasty meeting and from then on there were lively times at Whitman.

The freshmen, although they outnumber the sophomores two to one, have kept well bunched all day hardly daring to venture across the campus in less than knots of four or five. Once in a while a forgetful "07" would stray from the protection of his comrades and then he would be pounced upon by several sophomores and a sharp tussel would ensue. A fierce fight between the two classes took place just before noon in which Heber Ryan of the sophomore class got a collarbone broken and shoulder dislocated. Several of his classmates have pretty bad looking faces as a result of being dragged in the cinders of the roadway in front of the building. In spite of the disparity of numbers at supper time last night the sophomores had succeeded in getting seven of the freshman caps. Two of these should be credited to the sophomore girls. One of them grabbed a cap from the head of Thomsen, a freshman, and hastily retreated with it to a place where he dared not follow.

A threatened conflict just before supper was prevented by the president sending the combatants from the campus because they were making so much noise as to disturb a meeting of the faculty.

Just after dinner the sophomores added one cap to their collection as a result of a still hunt through Billings hall, the boys' dormitory. They saw a blue cap on a bed and broke through the transom and got it before the freshman were aware of what was going on.

Oregon City Boat.

Leaves Taylor street daily 8:30, 11:30 a. m., 3, 6:15 p. m. Leaves Oregon City 7, 10 a. m., 1:30, 4:30 p. m. Round trip 45 cents. Tickets exchanged with electric line.

PREPARING FOR CHITTIM HARVEST

MANY PERSONS SECURING TRACTS ON WHICH GROWS THE CASCARA TREES—PRICE OF BARK MAKES THE INDUSTRY VERY PROFITABLE—A GOOD DEMAND.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, April 19.—Chittim bark, the bark of the cascara tree, has long been a valuable product of the coast range of mountains, and especially in recent years has it brought a large income to many of the farmers and ranchers in the hills. But this year it promises to become a most important industry, and if the price keeps up to what it was the last few years, large sums of money will be brought into the country producing this commodity, for the harvest of the bark is about to commence, and hundreds of men and women will take a hand in gathering it for the market.

B. F. Jones of Toledo recently secured the right to strip the chittim trees on a 2,000-acre tract on the Yahats, and he is sending a force of men into the woods to do the work. Capt. R. A. Bensall of Newport left yesterday for western Washington with a force of men to strip the chittim trees on a 2,500-acre tract, and he expects to make a fortune out of his contract.

Train & Whitney of this city own 1,100 acres of land in the mountains near Summit, west of here, and they have given the contract for stripping their trees, of which there is quite a large number. In many instances tracts of timber land in the mountains, of little use for anything, have been homesteaded when found to have a large number of chittim trees on them, the homesteaders taking the land only for the purpose of securing the bark, and when that is done will allow the land to revert to the government.

How Harvested.

In harvesting this wealth-producing crop, the tree is cut down, and stripped of its bark, the latter is then dried and is ready for market. The trees scarcely ever grow larger than 14 inches in diameter and 20 to 30 feet high, though some have been found 60 feet high and 20 inches in diameter. The bark has in past years sold as low as 4 cents per pound, but last year the season opened quotations at 8 cents, and the prices rapidly advanced until 17 cents was reached and some of the best lots of bark brought 18 cents. There are no quotations to be had at this time but it is believed that the large number preparing to harvest the bark will bring about an over-production, and in consequence, a falling off in the demand and a reduction in the price. However, the bark can be stored and held for an advance, and even at far less than was paid for the bark last year, the harvesting of it will be profitable.

NOTICE.—The Albany agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is at the drug store of Fred Dawson, No. 238 West First street, where subscriptions will be received.

NEIDERMEIER WILL RECOVER FROM WOUND

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, April 19.—Peter Neidermeier, who twice yesterday attempted suicide, continues to improve and the jail physician maintains the bandit will be able to walk to the gallows on Friday.

The friends of the bandit will appeal to the governor for a respite until the man becomes stronger. Neidermeier himself is apparently indifferent.

LOOSE HORSES ARE COMMON NUISANCE

A horse, attached to a delivery wagon, that had been left untied in front of Rich's cigar store at the corner of Fifth and Morrison streets yesterday afternoon nearly caused a panic by starting at a rapid gait down the street. The horse had been left for an hour standing without attention in front of the store, and in time the beast grew weary of his wait and, finding himself unfastened, started down the street on a slow walk, but this was soon increased to a trot, and then, finding the pace too slow, the animal broke into a run. A little girl who had started to cross the street narrowly escaped being run over, and before any damage could be done by the now frightened horse bystanders stopped it.

There is an ordinance against teamsters or drivers of vehicles leaving their horses on a public street without a driver unless the horses are securely tied to a fixture or weight. But this ordinance is only one of the many city laws that are openly violated every day. Hundreds of rigs in the center of the city are left standing for from half a minute to half an hour without a driver standing near or without being tied.

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AFFAIR SHROUDED IN DEEP MYSTERY

WHILE VISITING HER DAUGHTER, MRS. RICHARDSON IS SHOT AT BY AN UNKNOWN MAN HIDING IN THE DARKNESS—CIRCUMSTANCES PUZZLE THE POLICE.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., April 19.—Mrs. G. Richardson, a woman living in this city, was last night shot at by a person who was standing in the darkness just outside a window of the house in which the woman was at the time. Mrs. Richardson is living apart from her husband, who is not here. She is keeping house for a family in this city, and her daughter is a domestic in the house of Frank Collins, a saloonkeeper.

Last night, after she had completed her work at home she went to the Collins home to visit her daughter, and during the evening Mr. and Mrs. Collins went out to spend the evening with friends. About 9 o'clock, While Mrs. Richardson's daughter was engaged in entertaining a young woman friend, the mother had occasion to go into a pantry in the rear of the kitchen of the Collins home. From this room a door opens on to a rear porch, and this door was closed by an ordinary screen.

While in the pantry Mrs. Richardson suddenly saw a shadow on the screen, the form of a man on the porch clearly defined by the electric light. He quickly disappeared, and the next instant from the opposite side of the pantry, and through an open window, a shot was fired. Her screams brought her daughter to her side, and the police were at once called. An investigation was promptly made, but no one was apprehended, nor could any bullet be found embedded in walls or ceiling. The police believe that the shot was fired by some young toughs about town who have been annoying people for some time, but as the woman gave a description of a man she suspected of having fired the shot, a search of the town was made and several men answering the description were arrested and searched, but no evidence of guilt could be found against them and they were discharged. The affair is shrouded in mystery and will probably never be solved.

INCENDIARIES IN JAIL AT EUGENE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., April 19.—During yesterday morning's early fire two men were caught taking several pairs of trousers and an overcoat from F. L. Poindexter's cleaning and dyeing works near the scene of the fire. The men were at once taken to jail and locked up. They were subsequently taken before Justice Wintermeier and their arraignment set for this afternoon. They gave their names as William and Harry Wilgate and say they arrived in Eugene the night before the fire.

One of them, while being taken to jail, begged to be released and intimated that if allowed his liberty he would tell how the fire started. As it is a foregone conclusion that the fire was of incendiary origin, it is thought that these two men started it. The matter will be thoroughly investigated.

New Mining Company.

Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Pacific Mining and Milling company have been filed with County Clerk Lee. The principal office and place of business of the corporation is Cottage Grove, Or., with a branch office at San Francisco. The company has extensive mining interests in the Bohemia district and will at once proceed to develop the properties. The capital stock of the new company is $500,000. The incorporators are J. E. Hardman, B. T. Underwood, E. F. Gray, G. G. Graham, George Cox, J. W. Cox, J. F. Miller and W. M. George.

JERRY FREEMAN WILL CAPTAIN THE BROWNS

First Baseman Jerry Freeman has been appointed captain of the Browns in Castro's place. Manager Ely decided upon this move on account of the fact that the responsibility of captaincy disturbed the playing of Castro. Fred Ely has been seriously ill for the past week and the physicians feared that he would not be able to make the trip to Portland, but Fred's grit stood by him and he started the long journey with his men.

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