

Beal and Baker Execution Recalled; Crime Expiated 60 Years Ago Today

Hanging Was Public and Residents From All Willamette Valley
Folks Attended; Prosecutor of Case Sent to Congress

Sixty years is a long time, yet there is a lot of people living who witnessed the execution of Beal and Baker on May 17, 1865, according to a letter received by The Statesman, signed "Old Timer." The writer was a boy ten years old at that time. Well I do remember the trial and execution of these men, for the murder of Daniel Delaney for his money. Daniel Delaney was a wealthy stock raiser living about two miles

southwest of Turner. He was a southerner and brought slaves with him. He was a good citizen and a clean man. His stock ranged over the hills and valleys about Turner Station, as at the time he settled here there were no fences and his stock roamed over the whole country. There were no banks in this part of the state, and who had money must hide it about his premises. Delaney was supposed to have a lot of money.

and Beal was keeping a saloon in Salem in a building on the corner now occupied by the Marion hotel. He lived across the street in a house north of the old Hector hotel, with his wife and mother. Beal had a partner in crime, George Baker, who drove cattle for the early day butchers. Baker was a weak minded man, and he, too, lived on the same block where Beal's saloon was located with his family and some four or five children. On the night of the murder, Beal met Baker at a point on Mill Creek, formerly agreed upon by them. Beal was walking and Baker riding a black mare. They obtained some charcoal which they used on their faces to disguise themselves, as Beal was well acquainted with Delaney and often would stay over night with him while out on hunting trips in that part of the country. Delaney was alone except for a colored boy, 12 years old, and his dog. They called the old man out of the house and shot him and the dog. The boy ran into the house and crawled under the bed. The robbers promised him if he would keep quiet they would not molest him. The boy remained there until daylight the next morning, then taking the dog in his arms, which was badly wounded, carried him over to one of Delaney's sons about a mile away, giving the alarm. Beal and Baker were soon arrested for the crime on suspicion. One of the suspicious circumstances was this black mare which Baker was riding on the night of the murder. She had lost one of her shoes. Another was the finding of a hat band which had been lost off Beal's hat. The trial was over interesting, and so many people wanted to hear the trial that there was not room in the old wooden

court house, which occupied the same ground as the present one. So the trial as held in the hall in the Holman block, used as the legislature, before the present state house was built. The prisoners were defended by Caton and Curly and David Logan, prominent attorneys at the time. Rufus Mallory was prosecuting attorney. The prisoners were found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged on May 17, 1865. For this purpose the county erected a wooden scaffold on the block east of South Church street and South Mill street. For that purpose the prisoners were confined in a small brick jail then standing in the northwest corner of the court house block. The day of the execution in the afternoon they were taken from this jail by the sheriff, Samuel Hedrick, in a hotel bus to the place of execution, where they paid the penalty for their crime.

The death march was an impressive affair. At that time Marion county had a militia company known as "Marion Rifles." They had gaudy uniforms and used the old army caps. They formed around the bus with rifles and fixed bayonets, marching east on Court street to Church street, thence south on Church street to the place of execution, followed by a vast crowd of people. They then formed about the scaffold until after the execution. There was a great crowd there, on the high grounds by the mill race and where the Hansen sash and door factory now stands, which formed a natural amphitheater for the occasion. Public sentiment was against these men, especially Beal, who was the master mind. That sentiment would not permit the prisoners being buried in our local cemetery, but it sent the prosecuting attorney, Rufus Mallory, to the house of representatives at Washington from Oregon.

OLD TIMER

Salem, Ore., May 16, 1925.

COMMENCEMENT PLANS FOR KIMBALL COMPLETE

GRADUATION EXERCISES ARE
SLATED MONDAY, JUNE 1

Seven Students Will Finish Course
—Each to Present Special
Thesis

The preparations for the graduation exercises at Kimball College are now complete and the invitations are being given out. The baccalaureate sermon will be given Sunday, May 24, and the graduation proper will take place June 1.

Seven students are to graduate and six will present a thesis to the Kimball student body covering some phase of the work they have been interested in during their stay at Kimball.

The students to graduate and the titles of their papers are as follows:

Carrie Bamford—"The Rise and Development of the Idea of the Future Life in Judaism and Christianity."

Owen Beadles—"The Development of Universalism in the Old Testament."

Earl McAbee—"The Relativity of Righteousness in the Old and New Testament Sources."

Dean Polindexter—"Peace."

William Morrow—"The Task of the Social Church."

Louis Kirby—"Christianity in the Making."

Elahoy H. Lester Smith of Helena, Mont., is to preach the baccalaureate sermon in the First Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday, May 24, in advance of the regular services, in order to make room for the sermon in his regular work.

On June 1 the communion services will be held and the awarding of the Fisher prize. The senior farewell in Kimball hall will be held on the evening of June 1.

On Tuesday, June 2, the Alumni business meeting will be held and the Kimball board of trustees will meet for their regular session.

ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT CONTEST OPENED TO ALL

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Competitors Have Chance to Win
Additional Prize With
Essay in 1930.

Salem students and others have an opportunity to win cash prizes for the best essay, according to announcement made at the local office of the Portland Electric Power company.

Bonbright & Company, New York, investment bankers, have offered a total of \$10,000 in cash prizes for the best article dealing with electrical developments in the United States since 1920, and forecasting such development during the next five years. This contest is open to everybody, and has no restrictions tied to it.

Students in the Oregon colleges and universities and all others who desire to take part in this big contest may secure full information by writing to Bonbright & Company.

Prize winners will be announced at the convention of the National Electric Light association at San Francisco in June.

Competitors have also a chance at an additional series of cash prizes amounting to \$10,000 for all papers contributed will be kept until 1930 and then analyzed and the paper then held to contain the best forecast for the years 1925 to 1930 inclusive will receive the additional \$10,000 offered by the American Superpower Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zimmerman were in the city from Silverton yesterday.

Miss Myrtha James of Newport visited here yesterday.

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BUNDLE DAY ACTIVITIES ARE UNDER WAY IN CITY

MRS. W. C. KANTNER CHAIR-
MAN OF LOCAL COMMITTEE

Warm, Cast-off Clothing May
Save Many Lives in Near
East District

Mrs. W. C. Kantner, chairman of the Near East Relief bundle day committee, is planning to make an appeal through schools, churches, clubs and other organizations for warm clothing to be sent through the Near East Relief to Armenia, Cilicia, Syria and other of the Bible lands.

According to the information obtained at the local headquarters of the committee, the shipment last year amounted to thousands of tons of spare clothing obtained in large and small cities. This clothing was distributed to the war orphans in the orphanages and to the thousands of refugees who have had difficulty in eking out a livelihood in their war-torn country. In many instances the clothing for adults is given to applicants in exchange for labor which is required of them by the relief organization.

"Our plan of organization in conjunction with the Near East Relief is such that we will be able to collect the clothing at practically no cost," said Mrs. Kantner.

"It will be a boon to many housewives to get rid of so much of the spare clothing that accumulates in the attic and clothes closets. The clothing that gets in the way in this country will save lives in the mountainous regions of Armenia."

OAKRIDGE CELEBRATES ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

A body of the business men of Oakridge met last week and formed an organization to arrange for a Fourth of July celebration known as the "end of steel celebration."

Officers were elected, sufficient funds paid into the treasury to insure its success, a field man was employed to spend full time on organization work, such as booking attraction arranging for sites,

decorations, contests etc.

The line up of officers are all chamber of commerce men, three of them being directors in that organization. Dr. L. W. Peate is president, R. F. Setzer, is vice-president, Chas. C. Daddell, treasurer, and Chas. H. Oroner, secretary. Howard F. Farlow, a man with testimonials of accomplishments in this line of endeavor was chosen and employed as field manager, and given the title of chairman of the celebration committee.

CONTRACTOR DEVELOPS NORTH SECTION OF CITY

Total Operations This Year Are
Close to \$30,000 Mark
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