

## FISHERMEN FINED :: FOREST FIRE PREVENTION :: BANDIT ROBS BANK RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS GRANT CEMENT RATE

### REPORT SHOWS HOW FUNDS WERE JUGGLED Shortage in ex-Sheriff's Office Concealed by Manipulation of Railroad Tax Check

1909 Shortage	- \$ 3,119.19
1910 Shortage	- 6,656.76
1911 Shortage	- 16,120.50
1912 Shortage	- 20,898.50

The report shows conclusively that the sheriff's office knew of the shortage and that probably some assistant in the office manipulated the funds so that this shortage would not be discovered when J. H. Wilson made an audit of the county books July, 1912.

A check from the Southern Pacific railroad company amounting to \$24,227.86 was received March 23, 1912 and the money deposited but the tax receipts representing this sum were not entered in the tax ledger.

Consequently when Mr. Wilson went over the books he checked the tax receipts with the cash and found a balance on the right side of the ledger.

Mr. Wann makes no intimation as to who is responsible for this shortage or where the money went to, and as Sheriff Jones made the discrepancy good there will be no criminal action as far as he is concerned. That there is or was a nigger in the woodpile, however, this report makes certain.

Thursday evening former County Clerk Coleman and County Clerk Gardiner went over the trust fund account which amounts to about \$2000, and which under the new law has to be turned over to the county treasurer and checked up satisfactorily.

Before leaving for Gold Beach Thursday Mr. Wann said: "This report is simply a mechanical audit of the books. There will be a final report later on. I found that the amount paid by Sheriff Jones was about \$750 in excess of the actual shortage and this sum will be refunded. As to the rumor that former County Clerk Coleman made his game license shortage good by drawing money from the sheriff's office I find this to be without the slightest foundation in fact. There was only about \$1000 shortage in his department and this was borrowed from a Medford bank. Such a rumor has done Mr. Coleman a great injustice."

### KAISER WILHELM



Kaiser Wilhelm, emperor of Germany, who celebrated the silver anniversary of his reign Monday.

### Attempted Suicide Prevented by Prospector

But for the nearby presence of a prospector, a Klamath Falls visitor to Rogue River might have carried out her design of self-destruction on Monday afternoon, when she attempted to spring from the wagon bridge in that city to the swift, deep current beneath. Alarmed by the woman's curious actions the miner left his work barely in time to frustrate her attempt at suicide, forcing her back from the bridge rail as she was clambering over.

### Searchers Fail to Recover Body of Orlie B. Rush

Search for the body of Orlie B. Rush, the Ashland youth who was drowned while fishing several miles above the Gold Ray dam on the 11th inst., has been abandoned. For nearly one week following the accident Rush's father, with several assistants, worked with grappling hooks and drags in a vain attempt to locate the body and bring it to the surface. As a final resort, wire has been stretched across the river at a point considerably below where the drowning occurred, and it is hoped that when the body rises to the surface it will be held by the strands of this barrier and recovered.

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Rush and his father, who is a tenant of the Bowers ranch near Tolo, went to the assistance of two fishermen whose boat was hung up on a snag. In the endeavor to free the stranded boat both crafts were overturned and the occupants plunged into the current, which was swift and treacherous. The younger Rush wore hip boots, and it is probably due to this fact that he lost his life. One other member of the party was only rescued with difficulty, and resuscitated by his companions.

### Should the Body of Rush go any Distance Down Stream it is Highly Probable that it Will Never be Recovered, as the Bed of the River Above the Dam is a Tangle of Submerged Snags and Underbrush.

Jack P. Adams, who was recently found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Barney Chamberlain on the evening of February 7, is to be hanged at the state penitentiary at Salem Friday, July 18. That was the sentence pronounced by Judge Eakin of the circuit court at Astoria.

### Nebraska Farmers Give Pledge.

Lincoln, Neb.—To do their part in reducing the high cost of living, 200 Nebraska farmers have pledged themselves to devote their time, talents and energies to increasing the production of beef cattle in this state, and to follow the instructions of the university experiment station, which for several years has made a special study of raising cattle for beef by the best methods.

### MRS. C. L. KIRKBRIDGE



Mrs. C. L. Kirkbridge, the Philadelphia woman who started "Fathers' Day" celebration.

### Curtiss Aeroplane at Grants Pass on Fourth

Grants Pass, the capital and metropolis of Josephine county, which has not celebrated the Fourth of July for four years, her people during this period having helped various neighboring cities to observe the nation's natal day, is preparing for a really "monster" celebration on July 4th and 5th.

Individual citizens of Grants Pass have raised several thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the celebration; the city, through its mayor and council, officially has donated a large sum; and the county of Josephine has given the affair its official sanction and an appropriation.

An aeroplane has been secured for two days for flights and exhibition and races with automobiles, motorcycles and horses, which events will be free to every one; the purses in the horse race events will be contested for by some of the best runners and trotters in southern Oregon; baseball will be furnished by clubs from Central Point, Weed, Grants Pass and probably Roseburg.

Foot races, motorcycle races, log-rolling contests, parades, fireworks, band concerts by the Central Point band of 30 pieces, public speaking and a vocal program by a choir of 100 voices are some of the features that constitute two days of diversion during which every hour is filled by program.

Grants Pass is justified in its estimates that 10,000 people, from within a radius of over 100 miles, bordered on the north by Roseburg, on the west by Crescent City and on the south by Weed, Cal., will be its guests during the celebration.

### Gold Hill Concert Band Engaged for Celebration

When the eagle screams his loudest at Medford on the glorious Fourth, the noble bird will be aided and abetted by the members of the Gold Hill Concert Band, who have been engaged to uphold the musical end of the program. Clad in nifty new uniforms the boys will welcome the winners at the race track in the afternoon, and will otherwise and elsewhere lend harmony to the jubilant occasion, appearing in the evening street parade as well. With scarcely two month's organized training, and with a majority of the members hitherto unfamiliar with band

### Special Rate of \$2 per Ton Enables Plant to Compete; Last Obstacle Now Passed

SALEM, Or., June 17.—The State Railroad Commission today granted the application of Southern Pacific Railroad Company for a low rate from Gold Hill to Portland, and its action is destined to serve as a great stimulus to the cement industry, for the announcement is made by J. C. Burch, president of the Beaver-Portland Cement Company, that it will enable that firm to compete with California concerns, and the company will install a \$100,000 plant at Gold Hill. The company already has the capital to install the plant, and action along that line hinged on securing a rate equal to the low water rate enjoyed by the California industry.

D. W. Reidle, of Green, contemplates installing a plant at that place, and the application for the Gold Hill rate was granted on condition that the railroad company would grant him a rate of \$1.75 a ton to Portland, if he installed his plant. The rate from Gold Hill to Portland is fixed at \$2 a ton.

### Cooperation Urged Glendale Youth is for Prevention of Latest Imitation of J. James Forest Fires

Now that the dry season is at hand again everyone is anxious to prevent damage and loss to any and all persons by forest fires. The hearty cooperation of every person who may live in or near, or frequent the forests is solicited. Big and dangerous fires all start from little ones. An unextinguished match, burning tobacco in any form, or the smallest campfire might start a fire that would destroy hundreds or even thousands of dollars worth of timber or improvements and endanger human lives. It is hoped that every person will be extremely careful with all fire, and alert to report any forest fire seen this season.

B. I. Shannon, State Supervising Warden for Jackson county, with headquarters at Medford, will have charge of all state, county and private patrol work in this county and will cooperate with Forest Supervisors of the National Forests to the greatest possible extent.

It is hoped that residents of the county will give their hearty support and consult him in regard to burning permits, etc., of a local nature. He will be in touch with all local wardens and will gladly refer requests for information to the warden nearest you for any information or assistance he may be able to give. A list of local wardens with their addresses and telephone numbers, will be published in the local papers when such appointments are made.

It will be impossible for the State Forester to personally inspect all the work done by the numerous Supervising Wardens in his employ, and their success will depend very largely upon the support they receive from the people whom the Forest Law is intended to aid and protect.

work, the Gold Hill organization has progressed rapidly under efficient leadership and by dint of hard practice, and their engagement for the Medford celebration is a fitting recognition of the excellent rating which has rewarded their efforts. At a recent meeting Instructor George F. Dyer appointed Thomas W. Kirk as assistant leader, and the band is now holding two rehearsals weekly to perfect the organization for the event of its first engagement out of town. At the present time the roster contains a membership of twenty, although the personnel of those who will play on the Fourth has not yet been announced. In addition to having ensured the success of their celebration by engaging the Gold Hill Concert Band, the patriots of Medford will spend \$5,000 to provide other attractions, including automobile and horse races, ball games, and other sports. Two of the notable features of the great day will be the Mardi Gras parade and the Electrical parade. The Southern Pacific will make special excursion rates to pilgrim patriots from other towns, and as the country correspondent happily phrases it, "a fine time will be had."

Glendale, Or.—Headed by Sheriff George Quine, of Roseburg, a posse of experienced mountaineers are scouring the densely timbered districts west of Glendale in search of Ray Diamond, the 22-year-old desperado, who held up Acting Cashier B. P. Smith, of the Glendale State bank, Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock and secured something over \$3000 in cash.

Trained bloodhounds in care of their master arrived here from Cottage Grove, and soon after were given a scent from a pair of socks which were found in the fugitive's lonely cabin. The hounds took the scent and started over the rough mountain trail in a westerly direction, followed by the sheriff and members of the posse.

The country west of Glendale is thickly timbered and is traversed by hundreds of mountain trails. Many of these trails lead in the direction of Grants Pass, while others furnish a direct route to the coast.

Inquiry has satisfied the officers that Diamond had made careful preparations for the crime and that he is prepared to stay in the mountains for weeks if necessary. Only a few days ago he purchased 10 boxes of cartridges, and these he carried when he entered the bank. It is also said that he secretly has carried food over the mountain trail leading west of town for several days, and has the same cached in some isolated section of the dense wilderness within a few miles of Glendale.

That he will remain in hiding for several days before attempting to make his getaway is the belief of the officers working on the case.

Roseburg, Or., June 19.—After receiving news yesterday to the effect that Ray Diamond, the Glendale bank robber, had appeared at the Benton mine at Mt. Reuben, 25 miles from Glendale, Sheriff Quine left Roseburg last night for West Fork, from where with a party of men he will follow a trail into Curry county in the hope of intercepting young Diamond. The boy, it appears, is endeavoring to imitate Tracy and Merrill and was after notoriety more than money when he committed the crime, and if he persists in his boldness he is likely to be caught or killed, soon. All Curry officers have been notified to keep a sharp lookout for him.

Governor West has appointed Arthur Clark, of Corvallis, prosecuting attorney of the fourth district, to succeed E. E. Wilson, who has sent in his resignation to become effective July 1.

To discuss general conditions and measures for the improvement of trees and crops, a meeting of all prune growers in the state will be held at Salem July 3.

### Grants Pass Fishermen Fined for Illegal Catch

Cole and Milner, two members of the Grants Pass fishermen's union who were arrested early Sunday morning charged with illegal fishing below the mouth of Jump-Off-Joe creek, the down river limit, were found guilty in Justice Holman's court Tuesday evening after a trial that lasted all afternoon. The sentence of the court was a fine of \$100 each. The boat and fishing paraphernalia of the men was confiscated by the game wardens, but the final disposition of this will rest with the state fish commission, and may either be sold or returned to the fishermen if the commission thinks the punishment was sufficiently severe without taking the outfit. It is understood that the men will appeal to the circuit court.

### School Meeting Re-Elects Offices for Ensuing Terms

The dove of peace brooded over the annual school meeting on Monday afternoon, when the election of one director for a term of three years, and a clerk for a term of one year, summoned a small gathering of citizens to the high school building, where the meeting was held. H. D. Reed, for the past year a member of the board, completing an unexpired term, was re-elected without opposition, while Mrs. M. E. Patrick was again endorsed by the voters as clerk for the succeeding term. During the past year the clerk's report showed a successful financial administration which had materially lessened the indebtedness of the district, while providing excellent instruction and equipment, and left on hand a balance of \$904.48. Mr. Reed, president of the board, spoke of the heavy tax which had been necessary to free the district of indebtedness in the past, and announced that the levy for the present school year would not exceed a 10-mill tax and would probably be as low as 8 mills. Following a discussion of the tuition question a motion was made and vote taken, which unanimously instructed the board of directors to establish a nominal tuition fee for the coming terms. Hitherto free tuition has been extended to all out-of-town pupils. The new ruling, however, does not apply to high school entrants, who may enter without tuition. Professor Burt A. Adams reported that he had made several trips through the country districts, interviewing students who will enter high school next fall, and that as a result of his investigations, seven or eight new high school students would doubtless be enrolled in September. Much satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which school affairs were being administered, and it was apparently the general sentiment that no action should be taken in the interest of small economy, that would lessen the excellent rating of our schools.

S. Benson, millionaire timberman of Portland, will spend a fortune in an effort to secure the adoption of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of whiskey, gin and similar spirituous liquors.