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NEWS FROM NEARBY VALLEY POINTS

By Capital Journal's Special Correspondents

JURY DISAGREES IN LIQUOR CASE; ORDER RETRIAL

After more than seven hours of deliberation which had failed to bring an agreement, Judge Percy R. Kelly of the circuit court last night at 6:30 o'clock dismissed the jury which since 11:30 in the morning argued in the chambers the case of Lester Dixon, Henry Johnson and John Andrews. The date for retrial of the trio was set for Monday, July 27, at 10 o'clock. The case was given to the jury at 11:30 yesterday morning following the closing argument of the state. The defense had waived at 1:30 the right to a retrial and adjourned for lunch to return within the hour and resume its deliberations which lasted until the order of Judge Kelly at 4:20 o'clock. It is understood that the vote stood 7 to 1 for conviction. The trio were charged with operation of an illicit still near Mt. Angel captured several days ago by state and federal agents. Joe Walker, owner of the property on which the still was found was convicted the previous day on a charge of possession of a still, after the jury had been out only 20 minutes. The state offered evidence Tuesday that the three men were standing near the still at the time of their arrest, but no evidence was introduced to show that the men had actually operated the still. It was declared, however, that the men were familiar with the operation of it for when one of the state officers entered the building after the arrest and found the plant in operation, this defendant suggested that it be turned off. This was done by another of the defendants. Johnny Mostel of the White Sox who had hit safely in 16 consecutive games was stopped yesterday by Urban Shoemaker. Johnny hit the ball hard each trip to the plate but was unable to make the grade.

Flax Tour Reveals Results This Year Most Encouraging

Although the flax crop this year did not come up to expectations the results obtained fully justify ambitious hopes for the flax industry in the future as far as the farmer is concerned, was the conclusion of some 75 growers and experts who Wednesday made a tour of flax fields in Polk county. The damage caused by the intense heat of two weeks ago coupled with the expected loss through experiments to determine the soil types best adapted to flax culture has decreased this year's yield to between 30 and 50 per cent of high grade "commercial" flax fiber, but almost all of the remainder will be sold at some profit, and the actual crop failure will not aggregate more than 2 or 3 per cent of the total acreage, it was estimated from the reports of growers. The tour was organized by the Polk County Commercial club in cooperation with the State Chamber of Commerce and the Extension Department of O. A. C. Growers Benefit That flax production this year had taught the growers much concerning the soil best adapted to flax and the best methods of flax culture and that next year will find a much larger acreage devoted to the growing of flax from which will come fiber of much superior quality, was the almost unanimous opinion of growers reflected at noon meeting and luncheon at Ricketts. The need of a more careful selection of soils for the growing of flax, the need of greater attention to the quality of the fiber grown, and the necessity for immediate action to ensure the purity of seed being shipped into the district, were among the principal suggestions of agricultural experts who spoke at the noon gathering. "Two ton-thirty inch flax can be grown in this section," Robert Crawford, superintendent of the state flax activities, and one of the principal speakers, told the growers, "but it must be remembered that it will require the right kind of soil and the right kind of cultivation. The highest prices can only be obtained for long quality fiber, and next year we must pay more attention to quality. This year we have paid too much attention to seed." Failures Explained Six farms were visited during the day, some where the flax had been grown with success and others where the crop had failed. At each field experts analyzed for the growers the conditions and causes that had produced the particular yield. Three causes have been outstanding where crops have failed this year, W. L. Teutsch of O. A. C. and leader of the tour, told the growers. These have been the incorrect choice of soil types, the lack of fertility in the soils chosen and the late date of sowing, it was explained. The importance of early seeding was particularly stressed and emphasized by observations which showed without exception greater yields by early planting. In Ireland, he declared, the crop is not harvested until between 97 and 114 days after seeding while here it is being harvested after around 66 days. At the Riddick Brothers farm near Monmouth where 65 acres of flax this year yielded 3 tons of cured flax to the acre of an average of nearly 25 inches, growers were shown the new pulling machine in operation. Huge Acreage Suitable "What has been done on the Riddick farm is indicative of what can be done with flax under proper care elsewhere in western Oregon and it is highly significant because the type of soil there is the same as can be found over thousands of acres in Marion and

SALEM PEOPLE ESCAPE HEAT AT NEWPORT BEACH

Newport, July 16.—Among the social events in Newport the past week, a leading one was the reunion of the Bussard family, prominent in both Linn and Marion counties, held in the D. Bussard cottage, appropriately named House of Happiness. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. Ray Miller of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bussard of Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Moseley and son Marvin of La Grande, Mrs. Ida Balmum and son James of Champaign, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker and son Albert of Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Duncan of Salem. Mr. Duncan was formerly county judge of Linn county, Mr. and Mrs. Mackey and son will attend the Elks convention in Portland before returning to their home in La Grande. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cooper of Salem have opened their cottage, Laff-A-Lot, for the summer, and are making extensive improvements on the property. Mr. Cooper is chief of the men's clothing department of the J. C. Penney store in Salem. Miss Jennie Calvert, who is spending the summer at the beach and her usual custom, had as her guest her niece Miss Dorothy Tweedale of Salem, and Miss Carolyn Sambroth. They are at the Glendale, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw of 1555 South Commercial street, Salem, are spending some time at the beach for the benefit of their daughter Marion, who has been very ill. They are occupying Happy Camp. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Herren with their children, Pauline and Daryl were week end visitors of Mr. Herrin's sister Mrs. E. R. Estes at Sunset cottage, Nye Beach. Hal D. Patton and family are enjoying their vacation at Agate beach. F. N. Derby has opened his cottage at Nye Beach and has as his guest Mrs. Claude Ramsden of Sa-

THEFT OF RIFLE LANDS DALLAS YOUTH IN JAIL

Dallas, Ore., July 16.—Flovid Parker, 18, a member of Company L, pleaded guilty to a charge of simple larceny before Justice of the Peace Coad Wednesday and was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail. The charge involved the theft of a United States Army rifle belonging to Company L. Parker admitted that he had taken the rifle about a year ago, later trading it as part payment on a motorcycle to Loren Willson of Dallas. He had at first endeavored to lay the blame for the crime on another boy, but finally confessed. A much more serious charge could have been pinned against the boy had Captain E. B. Hamilton, commander of the company, desired to do so, as the theft could have been prosecuted in the federal courts. It is one case of several that the officers of the local company are working upon as about \$300 worth of Company L property, including five army rifles, an automatic pistol and a pair of field glasses are missing. Captain Hamilton is under bonds for the safe keeping of the property and will have to make good the loss if the missing articles are not recovered. Guests of Jory Park for the week end from Salem were R. H. McCauley, C. R. Landis, Mary Varley, E. Mae Varley, Mrs. J. C. O'Reilly and Miss Daisy Jarley. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Herren of Salem have recently purchased a summer home on High street in Newport. They have christened it Bellevea. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Barrett and daughter Leola of Salem, also a daughter Mrs. Frank Milliken and small daughter of Silverton are spending a vacation period at Rose City camp. Mr. Barrett is one of the Roth Grocery company of Salem. Mr. and Mrs. John Sholund of Salem are summer residents of Newport. Two Babies Born Mill City, Ore., July 16.—The population of Mill City has been increased by the arrival of two more good citizens, a bouncing baby boy having been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Swan and an eight pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rodgers. All are reported to be getting along nicely. Babe Ruth, who strained his side in going after a fly ball in the final game in Chicago Tuesday, resumed his position in the first game of the double header against the Indians at Cleveland, feeling none the worse for his slight mishap of the previous day. They are from Wisconsin and said that the country looked very good to them. Winifred Gleason, daughter of L. P. Gleason, is spending her vacation with her mother. FALLS CITY Falls City, Ore., July 16.—The Mountain States Power company has opened up an electric supply store in the jewelry store building owned by M. A. Pugh. There have been four accidents at the Groswood-Green saw mill on the Vahetta road, operated by Wm. Estell, three young men had their hands injured and Mr. Estell got his foot cut. Mrs. Maude Meeley was down from the ranch Monday shopping and transacting business in our city. Mrs. Carl Millard is reported to be slowly improving, at this time Sherwood on her way home. The I. O. O. F. hall is receiving a new coat of paint this week. Ben Jeffers and Gordon Woodford are doing the painting. Mayor Hinch has been visiting in Woodburn, returned home Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grogg attended the Ficker-Eisner wedding at St. Mary's church at Mt. Angel Wednesday. There will be a meeting of the Community Club Friday night. Everybody come out and have a good time. Ralph Shilts who has been visiting his parents, returned to Blackrock Thursday. Mrs. Maude Meeley was down from the ranch Monday shopping and transacting business in our city. Mrs. Carl Millard is reported to be slowly improving, at this time

CAR GOES OVER 40 FOOT BANK; DRIVER UNHURT

Mill City, July 16.—Otto Geertsen of Mill City had a narrow escape from possible serious injury Monday evening. He drove down the river road to the west end of the city where the road runs along a steep embankment above the Santiam river. In attempting to turn, he backed towards the river and evidently became confused and the car, instead of stopping, continued over the bank, which is about 40 feet high. The car went down a few feet and landing in a fir tree, where it stayed until rescued by garagemen. No damage was done to either the car or occupant. Landers Returns Monmouth, July 16.—J. S. Landers, President of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth has returned from a ten day trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he attended the annual meeting of the National Educational Association.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS ITEMS

SILVERTON Silvertown, July 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Range and daughter, and T. E. Preston made a business trip to Portland Monday, returning the same day. Elmer Johnson arrived in Silvertown last week for an indefinite stay. Mr. Johnson is employed at the Southern Pacific as tie inspector and has just completed a three month's job. Although his headquarters are at Portland he makes his home at Silvertown while not occupied with inspection work. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Preston and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kubersner motored over the Mt. Hood loop Sunday, going up by way of Hood River and returning through Government Camp. They reported ideal weather for the trip. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hattberg entertained a few friends at their home west of Silvertown Monday evening. Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sater, Mr. and Mrs. John Moe and Alfred Jensen all of Silvertown, and Sophus Tingstad of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Mr. Tingstad has been visiting at the Hattberg home during a part of his stay at Silvertown, as he and Mr. Hattberg were boyhood chums. Dr. H. W. Steelhammer, who has been in partnership with Dr. C. W. Keene for a number of years and who is now retiring from the partnership, plans to go to Portland and open an office there. Mr. Chris Hansen and his two daughters, Nora and Grace Hansen, and a nephew, Alfred Nelson arrived in Silvertown Sunday. The party has motored out from their home in Hemingford, Nebraska, for a visit with friends. They plan to make Silvertown headquarters while in Oregon and will remain in this city for some time as there are many former residents of Nebraska living here with whom they wish to renew acquaintances. Trips to the coast and to Portland are also planned. Miss Nora Hansen has visited in Silvertown before, having been here several years ago with her sister, Marie. It is understood that a mixing plant is to be erected in Silvertown on McClaine street, just opposite the Standard Oil plant, on a corner of the John Small property. Brush has been cleared away and several loads of crushed rock hauled from the county rock crusher located on the Gib Bowen place a few miles below Silvertown. Failure of glass and fixtures to arrive in time prevented the opening last week of a pharmacy which will be located in the new Inman building on the corner of First and Oak streets. The needed material has now come and stock is being arranged in the store room. Z. Taskar was superintending the removal of goods from his store Tuesday. Mr. Taskar is leaving Silvertown after having been in business here for five years. He has conducted a dry goods store and plans to continue in that line of business at Leno, Oregon. Several of the girl students of Silvertown went for a hike Tuesday afternoon and had a picnic supper in the evening. The girls walked out to the Bullion swimming hole and enjoyed themselves with swimming before and after supper. Those who made the trip were: Esther Towe, Louise Henriksen, Ingaborg Goplerud, Grace Lyons, Althea Myers, Norma Olson,

MILL CITY Mill City, July 16.—F. K. Brandeberry, manager of the Hammond Lumber company yard at Albany, was in the city Tuesday accompanied by his son and several friends. John A. Shaw, of Riverside, California, is visiting a few days at the home of his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Benier of Suisun, California, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Baker. Mr. Benier is manager of the Hammond Lumber company grocery department at Benier. They are on their way to Portland to attend the Elks convention. Rev. and Mrs. C. Stanley Knott left the city Monday for Eugene where they will attend the Presbyterian Synod which convenes there this week. There will be no church here next Sunday. Mrs. Joe Davies and mother left here Monday for Nampa, Idaho, where they will visit a few weeks. Guido Dierra, the famous accordionist who, with his wife, has been vacationing at the Breitenbush Hot Springs near Detroit for the past three weeks, left Tuesday morning for Portland, where he will make a short visit and then go to San Francisco to take up his musical work for the season, probably on some vaudeville circuit. "The Gang" got out their saws, dish pans, shot guns and other noise making devices and enjoyed themselves to the limit Monday evening serenading newlyweds. They first visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kane, then Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Davis and then to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Short, all three couples having been married within the last two weeks.

STAYTON Stayton, July 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown and daughters Charlette and Patricia visited relatives in Albany Sunday. Norris Hunt was in town on business Monday. W. A. Cladek of Cladek & Tate Co., went to Portland Monday, returning Tuesday with a new Ford truck to be delivered to the Aumsville Flouring Co., at Aumsville. P. T. Etzel of Fern Ridge was a business caller in town Tuesday. W. J. Mayo cut again, greeting his friends after being confined at his home for a week with the flu. Mrs. Forrest Mack went to Salem on business Tuesday. G. L. Rolph spent the week and visiting relatives in Portland. Louis Glaser of Selma was in town on business Monday. Fred Rowley and H. A. Balch were in town Monday in the interest of the Equitable Loans. Geo. Browne attended a meeting of the Standard Oil Co. in Salem, Tuesday evening.

SCOTT'S MILLS Scotts Mills, July 16.—Robert De Hoff and family moved into the Vorkee's property last week. J. O. Dixon and family, Geo. Myers and family, enjoyed an outing up on the Columbia highway Sunday. Laura Bell Smith returned home Sunday from Molalla where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Farr. The ball game Sunday between Scotts Mills and Molalla resulted in a victory for Scotts Mills, the score being 11 to 12 in favor of Scotts Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jeffers, Mr. and Mrs. Art Rich, were Salem shoppers Monday afternoon. Thelma Shilts returned home Friday from an extended visit in Washington. She also visited relatives and friends in Portland and

WOODBURN Woodburn, July 16.—Rev. R. W. Achor left yesterday morning for Eugene to attend the meeting of the Oregon Synod of the Presbyterian church, to last a week. On Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Forsythe and Mrs. R. W. Achor and children, are starting to motor to Enterprise, to camp for a time by the lake. On Tuesday L. S. Mochel had been to Portland to meet an old time friend among the Philadelphia Elks—have the highest praise for Oregon hospitality. School superintendent Fagan with his family will be home over the week-end. A young woman driving an auto ran into Mrs. Hiram Overton's auto and put it out of commission. Hannah Bewley left Sunday on a visit with her brother Dick Brown of Portland. Friends of G. L. Schwartz, printer, stopped in the other day

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GERVAIS Gervais, July 16.—Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Cutsforth and daughter and also Monica Schwal spent Tuesday afternoon in Salem visiting and shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark are now running the depot hotel. They have just taken it in their hands. It was formerly managed by Mr. Morrison and daughter Catherine. They will now make their home in Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schwab motored to Salem Tuesday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Holland Boyer of Roseburg stopped at Gervais the other day to visit a cousin, Mrs. W. B. Nutting. The couple are on their way to British Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. John Cutsforth left for Willhoit this morning where they will spend the week. Their son Clyde Cutsforth brought them.

JEFFERSON Jefferson, July 16.—Miss Wilman Welch and Iris Powell who are employed at the Gray Belle in Salem spent Monday at their homes in Jefferson. Mrs. Cecil Libby of Salem visited at Mrs. F. E. Libby's Tuesday. Mrs. Charline McKee and daughter Virginia were Salem shoppers Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Burnett and

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