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**No Blind Pigs Discovered in Eugene.**

Several rumors of arrest for violating the prohibition law in Eugene have been in circulation for the past few days, but they are without foundation. However, the officers and agents of the anti-saloon league have been on a sharp lookout for illegal selling of liquor since the first of July and it is declared by them that the first man caught violating the law will be severely dealt with.

It is known that liquor has been obtained here since the law went into effect, but to ascertain where it came from is the question to be settled. As is the case in all communities where prohibition exists, liquor will continue to be sold in greater or less quantities, but it is probable that very few arrests will be made.

It is said that at least one former liquor dealer has been suspected of violating the law and for some time his place was closely watched. His doors are now closed and he is out of the city.

Sheriff Fisk made a trip to Cottage Grove last night for the purpose, so it is said, of looking into conditions in that city, although when queried as to the object of his trip he was non-committal. He returned this afternoon and when asked if there was "anything doing," replied no.—Guard.

**Chronology of Holy Rollerism.**

Here is the chronology of the Creffield cult as given by the Oregonian:

Holy Rollerism, as taught by "Joshua" Creffield, had its inception at Corvallis, Or., in the spring of 1903. Creffield held campmeetings and succeeded in getting a group of followers at once.

Previous to this he had been a Salvation Army worker. He was born in Germany and was a deserter from the German army.

On the night of January 4, 1904, his fanatical teachings had gone to such lengths that indignant fathers and husbands of Corvallis women took him out and gave him a coat of tar and feathers. They gave similar treatment to one of his ma's followers, C. Brooks. The men were warned that they would be killed should they ever return to Corvallis.

The next day Creffield returned covertly and was secreted by the Hurt woman under the floor of their home. Here he dispensed with his clothing, proclaimed himself a prophet of God and carried on his revolting orgies in the name of religion.

July 28, 1904, Creffield's hiding place became known and he was taken out and put in jail.

In the meantime, Esther Mitchell because of his influence over her had been sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. After being kept there for a few weeks, she was sent to her father's home in Illinois. She was not permitted to return to Oregon until Creffield was sent to the penitentiary. Other women, including Mrs. O. V. Hurt, Mrs. Hurt and Maud Hurt were sent to the insane asylum for a short time because of Creffield's influence over them while he was secreted under the Hurt residence.

Creffield, a few days after his discovery was brought to Portland and tried on a statutory charge preferred by Burgess E. Starr, husband of Mitchell's elder sister, a Creffield victim.

In August Creffield was found guilty. He refused to have a lawyer and tried to clear himself by reading passages from the Bible. When found guilty he made no effort to secure leniency, simply stating that like Christ, he was misunderstood. Soon after Creffield went to prison his wife, Maud Hurt Creffield, whom he married shortly before

being tarred and feathered, secured a divorce. There were no further Holy Roller demonstrations and seemingly the dangerous cult was broken up.

Early in February of 1906, Creffield's sentence was commuted by good behavior and he left the state prison, going to California. From there he got in correspondence with his former wife, who had resumed with her father O. V. Hurt, at Corvallis. A reconciliation was effected. Creffield returned to the vicinity of Corvallis and got a number of women and one man, Frank Hurt, to go to a lonely spot on the beach in Lincoln county. His purpose was to found a Holy Roller colony. He made particular efforts to secure Esther Mitchell to his keeping, saying she was to be the mother of a second Christ, who was to be born to the world.

Late in April of this year, Mitchell after being released from the Good Samaritan hospital, where he had been confined with an attack of measles, declared to close friends, his intention of killing Creffield. He told several persons God had told him to remove the Holy Roller from the earth for ruining his sisters. About May 1 Mitchell went to Albany in search of Creffield. While there he saw Maud Hurt Creffield, and by following her learned that Creffield was in Seattle. The Holy Roller prophet had gone there supposedly for the purpose of raising funds for the camp on the coast.

May 7, early in the morning Creffield and Maud Hurt Creffield, whom he had remarried started down town to do some shopping. As they passed down First Avenue Mitchell stepped suddenly behind Creffield and shot him dead.

Esther Mitchell as once denounced the act and seemed to care nothing as to the fate of her brother. She maintained this attitude throughout the trial.

July 10, after being on trial for 11 days, Mitchell was acquitted by a jury in the Superior court, after an hour and 25 minutes deliberation.—July 12—Geo. Mitchell killed by Esther Mitchell.

**Resolutions.**

Whereas, God in his divine wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our dearly beloved sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Duncan:

Whereas, As individuals we love one whose society we valued, the Corps loses an active member, who loved it, and one who never failed to be present when possible, we herein express our sorrow:

Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved relatives and friends, hoping we may all meet her in the better land.

Resolved, that we send a copy of these resolutions to the relatives and have them spread upon the journal of the corps.

E. JENNIE WOODS  
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**General Summary.**

The feature of the week was the excessively high temperatures that prevailed up to Monday, when it turned cooler in the western counties, but continued warm east of the Cascade mountains. There was only one hot day in the coast counties, but elsewhere maximum temperatures of over 90 degrees were common and in a few localities maximum temperatures of over one hundred degrees occurred. No rain of consequence was reported, and that which fell was in the form of small showers, that were heaviest in the Cascade and Blue mountains. Foggy nights and mornings prevailed in the coast counties. The winds were generally light and mostly from the northwest.

By City, Tillamook County, Captain J. J. Dawson—The weather was generally clear and very warm during the day, but dense fogs were frequently at night.

**Ethel Rooker Shoots Herself.**

Ethel Rooker ended her sorrows and troubles of this life, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Duncan, by placing a shotgun at her head and pulling the trigger. She was only seventeen years of age. She was a resident of Albany several months during last winter, afterwards for a while being the operator of the home telephone office at Plainview. She committed the deed to end a trouble of an unpleasant character, the result of a love affair.—Corvallis Times.

Some newspaper men are terrible liars. In writing of a cyclone out east one of them said it turned a well inside out, a cellar upside down, moved a township line, blew the staves out of a whiskey barrel and left nothing but a bung hole, changed the day of the week, blew a mortgage off a farm, blew all the cracks out of a fence and knocked the wind out of a politician.

Screens of all kinds at Veatch & Lawsons.

**Church Notices**

Methodist Episcopal Church, Pastor Rev. S. E. Meminger, morning services at 11, evening 7:30, Epworth League 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present.

First Presbyterian Church, Pastor R. C. Grace. Morning service, 11, evening 8, Y. P. S. C. E. 7 p. m. All strangers and sojourners welcome.

Morning subject "God's Workmanship;" evening subject, "The Wooing and Wedding."

Christian Church, Rev. D. E. Olson Pastor. Services at 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Intermediate Endeavor Society at 2:30 and Choir practice every Friday evening at 7:30.

Episcopal Church. Services held the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30 in Masonic hall. There will be services every fifth Sunday of a month.

Catholic Church, Father Carol. Services the second Sunday in each month.

Christian Science services held over Allison's Barber shop every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

**Reduced Summer Excursion Rates.**

On and after June 1, 1906, the Southern Pacific, in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, will have on sale round trip tickets from points on their lines to Newport, Yaquina and Detroit at very low rates, good for return until October 10, 1906.

Three-day tickets to Newport and Yaquina, good going Saturdays and returning Mondays, are also on sale from all East Side points, Portland to Eugene, inclusive, and from all West Side points, enabling people to visit their families and spend Sunday at the seaside.

Season tickets from all East Side points, Portland to Eugene, inclusive, and from all West Side points, are also on sale to Detroit at very low rates with stop-over privileges at Mill city or any point east, enabling tourists to visit the Santiam and Estlin Hot Springs in the Cascade mountains, which can be reached in one day.

Season tickets will be good for return from all points until October 10. Three-day tickets will be good going Saturdays and returning Mondays only. Tickets from Portland and vicinity will be good for return via the East or West Side at option of passenger. Tickets from Eugene and vicinity will be good going via the Lebanon-Springfield branch if desired. Baggage on Newport tickets checked through to Newport; on Yaquina tickets to Yaquina only. Sunday excursions to Newport on the C. & E. will begin June 10th or 17th and run every Sunday thereafter leaving Albany at 7:30 a. m.; leave Corvallis 8 a. m.

S. P. trains connect with the C. & E. at Albany and Corvallis for Yaquina and Newport. Trains on the C. & E. for Detroit will leave Albany at 7:30 a. m. enabling tourists to the Hot Springs to reach there the same day. Trains from and to Corvallis connect with all East Side trains on the S. P.

Full information as to rates, time tables, etc., can be obtained on application to J. C. Mayo, Gen. Pass. Agt., C. & E. R. R., Albany; A. L. Craig, G. P. A., S. P. Co., Portland, or any S. P. or C. & E. agent.

Rates from Cottage Grove to Newport \$6, to Yaquina \$6.

Send Development League Delegation to Bohemia for Trip.

Col. Hofer, president of the Willamette Valley Development League, passed through the Grove on his way north from the Ashland Development League meeting on Wednesday, and in an interview with Editor Fisher he asked if it would not be possible to take all the League delegates for a trip through Bohemia when the League meets in the Grove in November, and stated that he thought it would be a big advertisement if it could be done. It certainly could be done, and the editor informed the Colonel that it would be taken before the Commercial Club and the mining men, and that we undoubtedly would be ready for them, that we wanted to make the Cottage Grove meeting the red letter day of all League meetings.

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