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STEALS AUTO TWICE

Chaffeur Arrested in Independence
Jumps Bail, Taking Machine
Along With Him.

A man was arrested in Independence last week for driving an auto without a license. Taken before the authorities he gave bail, was released and on the same night entered the garage where the auto had been stored and escaped with it. A full description of the daring thief was placed in the hands of every sheriff in Oregon at once, but up to the present time he has not been recaptured.

It developed later that the auto had been stolen last May in Chicago, and had succeeded in bringing the criminal to Oregon without being captured. The machine was a Haynes Model, W. 3, for five passengers. It was painted French gray and its engine number was 1702.

Operation May Be Unnecessary.

Dr. L. A. Bollman held a consultation with Dr. B. H. McCallon and Dr. Robertson, of Salem, Sunday in the case of C. O. Tennis, who is severely ill with appendicitis. It was decided to postpone the proposed operation as Mr. Tennis showed a decided improvement, and it is hoped that he may recover without such action becoming necessary.

MAKE PRACTICE MARCH

Young Men of Company H Spend
Hilarious Night in Camp at
Ellendale.

About 30 of the members of Company H made a practice march to Ellendale, Saturday night. They assembled at the Armory at 7:30 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock they began the march, taking their arms, tents and camp equipments with them. Arriving at Ellendale they laid out their camp, and after the tents had all been satisfactorily pitched, Captain Chorpensing announced to the men that as it was their first trip of that kind, he would release them from guard duty, and other military requirements during the night.

Although they spent the entire night in camp, it is doubtful if any one of the men slept, for no sooner would one get comfortably settled in his tent, than his wakeful comrades would pull up the pegs, allowing the whole structure to collapse. There-upon the abused person would crawl sleepily out of the ruins, rub his eyes and immediately go and pull up the pegs of some drowsy neighbor's tent.

Early Sunday morning the company assembled for a short drill near the camp, after which they struck their tents, and marched back to Dallas, reaching their homes at about eight o'clock.

E. C. Richmond left Friday for a few weeks' stay at Collins Springs for the benefit of his health.

RETAIL MERCHANTS ORGANIZE

Form League For Mutual Protection
Against Careless Debtors—Mem-
bership Grows Rapidly.

The second meeting of the Retail Merchants' Protective Association was held in the Courthouse, Friday night, and at that meeting the organization was formally completed by the adoption of the report of the committee on by-laws, and by the election of officers to serve until January 1, 1909. U. S. Loughary was chosen president; A. G. Cherrington, vice-president and A. G. Campbell, treasurer, while L. D. Butler was appointed secretary of the association.

The object of the organization is to protect its members against bad debtors by means of the black list system. Lists will be made out semi-monthly by the secretary, and delivered to the various members of the association. The penalty for a member of the association who grants credit to anyone whose name appears on the list will be a fine of \$50 or expulsion from the organization. All names on the blacklist are to be held in strictest secrecy among the members of the association.

The object of the organization is not in any way to inconvenience or annoy the regular and trustworthy customers of its members, but to protect the merchants against the few who are known to be untrustworthy and who make no effort to pay their debts, and against newcomers from other places of whose character the merchants may be entirely ignorant.

The newly organized meeting with great favor among the business men of the city, and it is anticipated that practically all of them will secure membership.

Those who have entered the Protective Association as charter members are: U. S. Loughary, G. N. Cherrington, Uglow Clothing Company, P. A. Finseth, Simonton & Scott, Conrad Staffin, Dr. S. T. Donahoe, A. H. Harris, Campbell & Hollister, L. H. Shultz, C. L. Crider, Ray & Company, Boyd & Son, Guy Brothers & Dalton, Guy Brothers, Stowe Brothers, Sothen Warehouse Company, Johnson Brothers, Allgood & Collins, Miles Davis, J. C. Gaynor, Hall & Hayes, W. R. Ellis, C. H. Morris and the Dallas Mercantile Company.

HURT IN RUNAWAY

Sheriff J. M. Grant Thrown from
Buggy While Returning from
Sheridan Last Night.

Sheriff J. M. Grant was thrown from his buggy in a runaway while returning from Sheridan yesterday and sustained several severe injuries. The accident occurred while he was driving down a steep hill near the Richmond place about six miles north of Dallas. The yoke broke suddenly allowing the tongue to fall to the ground and the buggy to run forward against the hindquarters of the horses, who sprang forward and dashed down the hill at full speed before Mr. Grant could check them. His daughter, Frieda, who was thrown from the buggy, sustained little injury. Mr. Grant was thrown out at the foot of the hill, receiving deep gashes in his head and left shoulder and several severe bruises about the body. One of the horses was struck by some fragment of the broken tongue and a deep cut inflicted in its breast. Mr. Grant was able to be in his office for a short time this morning and will probably be fully recovered in a few days.

F. H. Muscott and Albert Staffin, first and second lieutenants in Company H, have given up their positions on account of business, and did not appear to qualify at the examinations Thursday afternoon. Their successors will be appointed by Captain Chorpensing tonight. The two lieutenants who have resigned will still retain their membership in the company.

C. L. Starr, secretary of the State Board of Normal Regents, accompanied by his mother, was a visitor in Dallas over Sunday. At the Cherry Fair in Salem last week, Mr. Starr held the exalted position of King, and scored quite as notable a triumph as did all of the other products of Polk county that were entered on that occasion.

The work at the city rock crusher will be greatly facilitated by the installing of short tracks and cars for the purpose of hauling the rock from the quarry to the crusher. At present the rock is moved in wheelbarrows, a slow, tedious and expensive method. The new improvement will be commenced at once.

The auto run between Dallas and Salem has been sadly neglected during the past two weeks, all of the machines that were formerly on the run being temporarily out of commission. The Byerley machine will probably be the only one to resume the run.

Misses Mable and Leone Stowe, of Dallas, returned home last Tuesday after visiting their grandmother for several weeks.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

C. D. Chorpensing, Judge L. D. Brown and Dr. L. A. Hoffman were in Salem yesterday on business.

WINS MANY PRIZES

Products of Blue Ribbon County Rank
Among Best at Salem Cherry
Fair.

The third annual Cherry Fair closed in Salem, Saturday, and true to her well-founded reputation as a prize winner, "Old Polk" came through with flying colors, standing third in the contest for the grand cup, and winning in the other departments, a larger percent of the prizes than all of the other entries combined.

The majority of the Polk county exhibits winning prizes were grown in the hills about Eola and Spring Valley, which are fast becoming recognized as among the finest fruit producing regions on the Pacific Coast. In only a few of the classes did the Polk county fruit fail to take at least one of the prizes, while in many of the different displays all three awards were carried off by the fruit growers of the "Blue Ribbon county."

J. R. Shepard heads the list of Polk county exhibitors with a record of five first prizes, one second and one third. B. I. Ferguson won first prizes in two exhibits with his fine Royal Anne cherries, and Paul Wallace, of the famous Wallace Fruit Farm, C. A. Clark, Mrs. M. C. Wilson, C. A. Muths, H. S. Butz and a half a dozen others follow closely after him.

Among the more important awards to Polk county exhibits are the following:

J. R. Shepard—First on sweepstakes, 10 pound pack of any variety; first on 10 pound box of Lamberts; first on 10 pound box of Bings; first on plate of Royal Annes; first on plate of Lamberts; second on Black Republicans; third on 10 pound 8 carton box of Bings.

Mrs. M. C. Wilson—First on 10 pound box of Cantennials; second on 10 pound commercial pack; second on sweepstakes, 10 pound pack of any variety; second on 10 pound box of Hoskins.

C. A. Muths—Second on 10 pound box of Black Republicans; second on plate of Lamberts; third on 10 pound box of Royal Annes, Mrs. C. A. Muths—First on floral display.

C. A. Clark—First on 10 pound 8 carton box of Bings; second on 10 pound 8 carton box of Royal Annes; third on 10 pound box of Bings.

B. I. Ferguson—First on 10 pound box of Royal Annes; first on 10 pound 8 carton box of Royal Annes.

Paul Wallace (Wallace Fruit Farm)—third on 10 pound commercial pack; third on sweepstakes, 10 pound pack any variety.

A. Vercler—First on 10 pound 8 carton box of Lamberts; second on 10 pound 8 carton box of Bings.

H. S. Butz—third on 10 pound 8 carton box of Royal Annes.

H. Best—First on plate of Waterhouse.

C. E. Hanna—First on plate of Late Dukes.

Earl Brunk—first on gooseberries; second on red raspberries.

D. Ruble—first on general fruit display.

Out of a total of 56 prizes, 26 were won by representatives of Polk county. Of the 22 cups offered, Polk county carried off 14, Marion county 6, and Lane and Yamhill one each. The only cup won by Yamhill was the grand prize cup for a collective county exhibit.

Sawmill Changes Hands.

The Dallas Lumber Company's sawmill and all of its other holdings has passed into the hands of the Chas. K. Spaulding Logging Company, which will have full charge of the business in future. The Spaulding Logging Company is one of the strongest concerns in Oregon, having large mills established at various points throughout the Willamette Valley. It also has extensive holdings in the timbered districts of Washington.

J. C. Hayter returned Thursday from a week's visit with Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Toney on their claim near Salmon River. He left Saturday afternoon for a short visit in Portland and Astoria. After returning from those cities he will remain in Dallas until about August 1, and then go to Silver City, New Mexico, for an indefinite stay.

Maltons, a new non-intoxicating beverage has recently been added to the list of "dry" drinks on sale in Dallas. It has the appearance and much the same taste as beer, but its percentage of alcohol is so slight as to make it perfectly harmless. The new drink seems to be coming into high favor in this city.

The colonist rates from all points in the East to all points in Oregon will commence September 1 and continue until October 31. The fare from Missouri River points will be \$30; from St. Louis, \$33, and from Chicago, \$35, with proportionate rates from all other points in the Eastern United States.

The grain crops in the vicinity of Dallas are ripening rapidly, and in many of the fields, the farmers have already begun to cut and shock their wheat. The threshing season will begin in this part of Polk county with in the next two weeks.

PROMINENT CITIZEN WEDDED

D. W. Sears, of Independence, Was
Married in Portland Last
Thursday.

D. W. Sears, of Independence, for four years Clerk of Polk County, for eight years chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and candidate for the office of Secretary of State at the time George E. Chamberlain first ran for Governor, was married by Judge Thomas O'Day, Thursday afternoon. The bride is Mrs. Elizabeth Eoff, the proprietress of a local lodging-house. The wedding ceremony took place in Judge O'Day's chambers at the Courthouse at 2:30. The only persons present, besides the Judge and the contracting parties, were the witnesses, Nellie La Chappelle and Mattie McLeod.

Mr. Sears came to Oregon in 1874. He has interested himself in all public matters affecting the state, and especially in Polk County affairs. At present, he is one of the directors of the Independence National Bank. Although he is 58 years of age, this is the first time Mr. Sears has been married. His wife is 43 years of age. They left Portland, Friday and will make their home in Independence.—Oregonian.

Exploding Shell Hits Guardsman.

Roland Holman was struck in the right forearm Saturday evening by a fragment of brass from an accidentally exploded shell. Several of the boys were dressing in the locker room of the armory, when suddenly smoke was observed issuing from one of the closed lockers. It was quickly opened, and one of the uniforms was discovered to be on fire. While they were endeavoring to beat out the blaze, an old Krag Jorgenson shell that had been left in one of the pockets of the uniform, exploded suddenly, scattering fragments of brass in every direction. Although there were a score of men standing around, Holman was the only one that was struck. His injury was comparatively slight, however, and will cause him but little inconvenience. It is not known how the fire started.

Overwork Causes Collapse.

The Rev. A. A. Winter, pastor of the First United Evangelical Church in Portland, has been quite ill for some time from an attack of nervous prostration caused by overwork, and it has become necessary for him to retire from the pulpit temporarily and take a complete rest for several weeks before he will be able to resume his work.

Falling Slab Crushes Finger.

Carl Wood received a painful injury while working in the sawmill Friday, his little finger on the left hand being crushed and broken under a falling slab. It was necessary for several stitches to be taken in the injured finger and there is still danger of its becoming necessary to amputate it.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stowe went to Dallas, Tuesday, to complete some purchases of property there. They will move to Dallas soon, as they have sold their ranch at the edge of town to Curtis P. Coe who will reside thereon.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed yesterday to Frank E. Coquillette and Hattie M. Strawberry.

MID-SUMMER SPECIAL SALE

Commencing Thursday, July 9th, on our entire stock of Ladies' and Men's Oxfords—Tan, Patent or Vici.

Ladies' Shirt Waists, Silk or Lawn, to close out at a big reduction.

Wash Goods in Lawns, Organdies, Dimity, Mulls etc., all go during this sale at cut prices.

Owing to the cold, backward spring we are overstocked on these goods. Space will not permit of giving prices, but the price is low.

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