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Local Blacksmith Admits Arson

John C. Wegner, whose newly-acquired residence property, corner Second street and Second avenue, south, burned on the morning of April 4th, admitted in open court at Hillsboro Saturday last that he purposely set the building on fire, using cotton waste and kerosene, in order to collect the \$1,000 of insurance on the same. This action follows his indictment by the grand jury, on evidence furnished by employes of the state fire marshal's office. The case was worked up by H. H. Pomeroy, deputy state fire marshal, who has made several trips to this city and on one of these trips managed to secure a written confession from Wegner. The penalty for burning insured property is imprisonment from 3 to 7 years in the penitentiary.

Wegner is following his usual walk in life in this city, under bail of \$1,000, pending sentence by the court.

Another indictment was that of Ben Dooley of the Banks district, who some weeks ago fired several revolver shots at Chas. Spiering. Dooley is out on bail.

Memorial Sermon Was Splendid One

Rev. Patten delivered a magnificent Memorial address at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon in the presence of the members of the G. A. R. post, Woman's Relief Corps and a big audience of interested men, women and children. Lauding the heroes of the Civil war and the boys who have gone over the waters to fight for liberty and justice, Mr. Patten declared the Kaiser of Germany to be a blasphemer of God and a traitor to the brotherhood of man. He declared there should be no discharge from the war until Germany surrenders to the union of nations. The speaker declared that the soldiers of the Civil war lived that their nation might not die and the American soldiers in Europe were fighting that liberty and democracy might not perish from the earth.

Mrs. Inlow and Harry Underhill favored the audience with appropriate solos and there was singing by a big choir from all the churches. Rev. Ebert of the M. E. church and Rev. Sias of the Christian church took part in the services.

Today's Services

At 10 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, the members of the G. A. R., W. R. C. and citizens will go to Forest View cemetery, where the usual memorial service and decoration of graves will be enacted. At 3 o'clock there will be a patriotic program at Marsh hall, to which the adult population is invited. The banks will be closed all day and most of the business houses all day after 10 o'clock.

A Community Service of Prayer

At the Forest Grove Methodist Church Auditorium, Thursday Evening, Memorial Day, at 8:00 P. M.

Our president has summoned all our people, old and young, of all faiths to such a solemn and significant hour: We must make the occasion representative of our entire community. Civic and social bodies should be largely present through their officers and personnel. The presence and participation of such groups, as the City Council, the Commercial Club, the Red Cross, the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps and the College Associations, are especially

desired, and we have expectations of their hearty and devout response. Of course the church membership will respond, and the Epworth Leaguers and the Christian Endeavorers will remember their pledge of prayer at this time.

But it is the Peoples' Hour. The service will be given entirely to Sacred Music and to Solemn Prayer for God's forgiveness, guidance and saving help in this day of world tragedy.

A. B. PATTEN, for the Committee.

Mayor's Proclamation for Prayer and Fasting

Whereas, At the request of Congress, President Wilson has appointed Thursday, May 30th, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer for our nation, that our arms may triumph and right prevail in this war.

Now therefore, I, George Paterson, Mayor of the City of Forest Grove, do earnestly recommend the people of this City that we carefully observe the day so set apart by our President, and especially that we assemble at eight o'clock in the evening for prayer and worship at the Methodist church, to humble ourselves before Almighty God and implore his guidance and help for the overthrow of the forces of tyranny and oppression and the triumph of righteousness and freedom.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1918

GEO. G. PATERSON, Mayor.

Attest: W. P. DYKE, Recorder.

The union Prayer service announced for Thursday evening will be dispensed with and the people are asked to observe the day and the hour with prayer in their hearts and homes.

Committee.

CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Fresh beef and veal have dropped 20 per cent in price during the past six days.

The Hoffman and Caples stores will close at 10 o'clock this morning and will remain closed all day.

Remember "The Barrier," at the Star Theater Wednesday and Thursday nights, May 29 and 30.

William M. Martin, formerly of this city, but late of Portland, is now at Goat Island, having enlisted in the navy.

The meetings of the Food Conservation committee of the Woman's club have been discontinued until further notice.

Geo. W. Drorbough, aged 80, died at his home at Schofield Sunday and the remains were interred in the Cornelius cemetery Tuesday, Rev. Crozier officiating. He has lived in Washington county more than 20 years and leaves seven grown children.

Delegates Declare for County Fair

Forty-one men and women, representing the various commercial and farmers' organizations of the county, met at Hillsboro Saturday and, after a thorough discussion, voted that a county-wide fair should be held at some central point in Washington county this fall. N. C. Jamison, agricultural agent, presided at the meeting and R. R. Easter of Hillsboro was the secretary.

Speaking for the old County Fair Board, A. E. Scott of this city offered to turn over the property and franchise of the association to a new association, if one could be organized.

On motion, A. E. Westcott, L. L. Crawford, R. G. Scott, A. G. Hoffman and R. R. Easter were appointed a committee on permanent organization. Later this committee made the following recommendations:

(1) That the name of the present Washington County Fair Association be retained and its constitution and bylaws be revised to conform to the following:

(a) A board of directors shall govern the action of the association.

(b) Board of directors shall be composed of the County Fair Commission, one representative from each farmer and commercial organization and the County Agriculture Agent.

(c) The County Agricultural Agent shall be the secretary of the board.

(d) The president, vice-president and treasurer shall be elected from this board of directors by the board of directors.

(e) That a paid manager be hired who will have complete charge of the annual fair and be responsible to the Board of Directors.

(f) Five members shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors.

(2) The officers elected shall constitute an executive committee who shall perform the usual duties of such a committee.

(3) The executive committee shall report to the former Fair Board and arrange to take over the property rights, etc.

(4) It is recommended that the following officers shall be elected:

President—A. E. Westcott, Banks, Ore., R. 1.

Vice-president—Mrs. Hattie E. Vail, Manning, Ore.

Secretary—N. C. Jamison, Hillsboro, Ore.

R. G. Scott—Treasurer.

(5) It is recommended that one of each of the delegates representing each organization present be recognized as the representative of that organization on the Board of Directors and that their

names be recorded on these minutes.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted and the officers suggested were elected, as was a motion that a fair be held this fall. The place of holding the fair was left to the executive committee and President Westcott has called a meeting of that body to be held at the Rogers Public Library, in this city, on Monday, June 3d.

Following are the names of the new directors, the organization from which they come, and their postoffice addresses:

N. J. Baker, West Dairy Community Club, Forest Grove.

D. G. Lilly, Washington County Cow-testing Assn., Forest Grove.

Chas. Buhman, Gale Grange, Forest Grove.

A. E. Scott, Commercial Club, Forest Grove.

John Loftis, Washington Grange, Banks, R. 3.

Chas. Hays, Sherwood Grange, Sherwood, R. 3.

R. G. Scott, Tigardville Grange, Sherwood, R. 1.

John M. Wall, Hillsboro.

Frank C. Fluke, Sherwood, R. 4.

Florence Hill, Winona Grange, Tualatin.

Mrs. Hattie L. Vail, Green Mountain Grange, Manning.

Mrs. Clara R. Beck, Riverside Grange, Gaston, R. 1.

Robert Thompson, Leedy Grange, 339, Portland, R. 2.

Henry Miller, Hillsboro Grange 73, Hillsboro, R. 2.

A. E. Westcott, Jersey Breeders Association, Banks, R. 1.

Red Cross Quota More Than Secured

The second Red Cross war fund has reached \$150,000,000 in the nation and late estimates indicate that Oregon has oversubscribed fully 50 per cent. Washington county was one of the first counties in the state to secure her quota and has oversubscribed almost 50 per cent. The Gales Creek district made the best showing as to subscription in excess of its quota, more than doubling the amount asked. Following are the figures for Western Washington county:

	Quota	Subscribed
Forest Grove	\$2500.00	2523.55
Gaston	400.00	417.55
Dilley	300.00	560.30
Cornelius	400.00	487.15
Verboort	125.00	178.60
David's Hill	100.00	100.75
Thatcher	100.00	101.00
Kansas City	100.00	185.50
Gales Creek	100.00	203.75
Glenwood	75.00	100.00
Watts	100.00	132.50
Cherry Grove	100.00	142.90
*Laurelwood	150.00	30.00
Hillside	100.00	120.10
Fern Hill	100.00	148.50
Blooming		
and Iowa Hill	100.00	170.50
		\$5602.65

*Not complete.

Methodist Church Services

On account of the scarlet fever epidemic in our city the Board of the M. E. church decided to dispense with the union prayer-meeting to be held on Thursday evening, as well as all the services for next Sunday, June 2d, Sunday School, morning service, Epworth League and evening service.

The board takes the stand—Safety First.

JOHN EBERT, Pastor.

James Wolfe, aged 83, passed away at Cornelius Monday and funeral services were held at the family residence Tuesday, Rev. Crozier officiating. Deceased, who has lived in this county for 16 years, leaves a widow and several grown children.

A. C. Key, owner of the truck which operates between this city and Portland, was taken to that city yesterday, suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis.

Graduation Exercises Are Postponed

Because two cases of scarlet fever have been discovered among high school students, the graduation exercises, which were to have been held at the M. E. church tomorrow (Friday) evening have been indefinitely postponed. There are twenty-seven girls and ten boys in the class, the greatest number ever graduated from the local high school. A fine program, including an address by Bishop Sumner of Portland, had been prepared and this may be given later. The members of the class are:

Mabel Allen	Frances Benjamin
Ilo Brown	May Church
Kathryn Collier	Edith Darland
Clarence Fammie	Myrtle Fern
Lora Fiske	Crystal Hansen
Irene Hall	Clarence Hardebeck
Katherine Higby	Margaret Hinman
Lester Hughes	Relda Mann
Margaret Martin	Ethel Mcroft
Albert Mott	Mary Olmsted
Mabel Patton	Norman Powne
Noia Ramsey	Mabel Rasmusen
Helen Reehner	Lucile Robinson
Elizabeth Seymour	Lyla Short
Juanita Schultz	Cecil Shotwell
Albert Snyder	Oscar Snyder
Cecile Stocker	Irvin Thomas
Ernestine Tucker	Nellie Walker
Ernest Wolf	

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered last Sunday evening by Rev. A. B. Patten of the Congregational church, and was a very able address. On this occasion a special anthem was rendered by the girls' chorus under the direction of Miss Anna Taylor and a solo was sung by Mr. G. R. Thomas, formerly a teacher in the high school here.

Owing to the closing of the schools promotions will be made upon the basis of monthly or six weeks grades. The pupils' report cards will be filed in the office of the superintendent and will be handed out when it is permissible for the pupils to assemble. At the same time those who have books in the buildings will be permitted to get them. Notice will be given in the papers when report cards will be distributed and books may be recovered.

Obeys the Health Rules and Don't Get Excited

Because several cases of scarlet fever have been discovered in the high school and the schools closed is no reason for people to become panic stricken. The board of health and school board have taken proper precautions, by keeping children from attending public gatherings, to keep the plague from spreading and the only thing necessary to stamp out the disease quickly is to obey the orders of the board of health and the quarantine laws. The members of the board of education met Tuesday morning, with Dr. Bishop, health officer, and decided the quickest way to get rid of the disease was to keep the children from congregating. To this end, all schools are closed for the term. At noon Tuesday Mayor Paterson and several members of the council met with the health officer and issued a decree (published on this page) against children attending public gatherings. Today's Memorial services and the Pacific University commencement gatherings, will be allowed to proceed as advertised, except that children will not be allowed to participate or attend.

Keep cool and don't run any unnecessary risks.

C. A. Deakins, agent at Myrtle Point, is the successful bidder for the local station of the Southern Pacific and J. R. Spurgeon, now in charge here, goes to Rockaway, the changing being scheduled for June 1.

HEALTH NOTICE

On account of the prevalence of Scarlet Fever in our city, all high school pupils, public school children and all younger children are prohibited from attending public meetings or gatherings of any kind within the limits of the City of Forest Grove for a period of ten days. This prohibition applies to children congregating at the postoffice and other public places.

By order of the Board of Health of the City of Forest Grove, Oregon.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1918.

GEO. G. PATERSON,

J. S. BISHOP,

W. P. DYKE,

Board of Health of the City of Forest Grove, Oregon.

Oregon Historical Society
Public Auditorium