

JACK TAYLOR'S NECK SAVED FROM NOOSE

Through Efforts of Miller & Chezem of This City and Judge Weatherford Of Albany, Murderer Gets a New Lease--Governor West Commutes Sentence And Taylor Rejoices

"Albany, Dec. 12.—Miller & Chezem, Burns, Oregon. Judge Biggs signed certificate of probable cause. Governor West commuted sentence to life.—Weatherford & Weatherford."

This is a telegram received by the law firm of Miller & Chezem Thursday evening and refers to Jack Taylor who was under sentence to hang yesterday.

Taylor was convicted of murder in the first degree at the April term of circuit court in this county for killing A. H. Perry last December at Elmer Carlson's place near Andrews, the same bullet causing the death of Robt. Settlemyre. Taylor was sentenced to hang but Governor West relieved him until after the November election and submitted a proposition to the voters to abolish capital punishment. The election resulted in a majority favoring capital punishment and Taylor was one of five to pay such penalty yesterday.

Although the law firms now connected with his case had nothing to do with it at the time of the trial, they have used every avenue at their command to get the matter before the supreme court and the foregoing telegram indicates success not only in that respect, but also a commutation to life imprisonment.

Two points in particular are the basis of the appeal to be brought before the supreme court. One

is the instructions to the jury and the other that there was not sufficient evidence to sustain a verdict of murder in the first degree.

The people of this county are more or less familiar with this case and recall the circumstances. The Times-Herald does not know what procedure will follow, but it is supposed that should the supreme court find the circuit court did not err Taylor will serve a life sentence. Should it be reversed and a new trial granted Taylor will be dealt with as a new case entirely.

Better Business Outlook

The general trend of business activities at the county seat is now on the increase. Many strangers, land seekers and men of means are daily coming and going, being attracted here by the many possibilities of the Great Harney Country, and why shouldn't they? With the past season's bumper crop, a railroad building in from the east, a prospective one from the west, the Silvie irrigation project on the move, the oil wells working night and day, stock shipments heavy, mild weather and plenty of feed, and a large amount of building planned for the spring—things do indeed appear more encouraging, causing a general spirit of good cheer to prevail.

GOOD FIRE WARNING GIVEN FOR BENEFIT OF ALL

Lists of "Don't's" Issued. Use Care In Holiday Decorations Is The Advice Given To All Concerned

How many houses thru carelessness at Christmas time are changed from houses of merriment to houses of mourning? A lighted candle, burning too low on a Christmas tree, a match touched to some highly inflammable decoration, a dainty fancy costume caught on fire and then crepe takes the place of bunting. And at holiday festivities, these fires often become holocausts because of the throngs that are invariably gathered together.

In connection with these dangers the National Fire Protection issues every year a pamphlet filled with good advice, some commands and a few imperious "don'ts."

There is one point, however, to which they draw especial attention on account of the widespread ignorance on the point, and that is in connection with the invalidation of insurance policies.

Some of the policies contain wording of this description: "This entire policy unless otherwise provided by agreement, indorsed hereon or added hereto, shall be void if the hazard be increased by any means within the control or knowledge of the insured."

Therefore before attempting any hasty or ill-advised decoration which may cause fire, owners of buildings, stores and offices are cautioned to inspect their policies, for any wording of the description given above would impair the contract at a time when the loss would be far the greatest.

"Watch the gas jets for air currents may carry decorations in line of the flame. Watch the smokers. Don't change electric wiring without consulting an electrician. Don't decorate the Christmas tree with inflammable material such as paper cotton. Use metallic tinsel and, above all, set the tree securely, so that the children cannot tip it over.

Don't use cotton for snow, use asbestos fiber.

"Don't let children light the candles for fear they may set fire to their own clothing.

"Remember that the tree, when the needles have become dry, will burn easily."

These are the most important warnings to be heeded.

Hon. W. F. Homan Speaks at Democratic Love Feast

Hon. W. F. Homan, the newly elected representative to the Oregon legislature from Malheur and Harney counties attended the democratic rally in Boise Monday evening in honor of the election of Woodrow Wilson and was among the prominent speakers the "love feast." In the course of his remarks Mr. Homan complimented Senator Borah, of Idaho, very highly as a progressive who had done much for the west and said that he should be reformed into a democrat.—Ontario Democrat.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors

A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR O. A. C. ARE MODERATE

Only Such Expenditures As Are Absolutely Necessary For The Maintenance On a Progressive Scale Will Be Asked Of The Legislature This Year, Yet Growth Is Rapid

Far less money is asked of the legislature by the Oregon Agricultural College this year, in proportion to the growth of the institution, than was appropriated in 1911. The regents have cut all estimates down to the extreme minimum, and will call for \$64,500 less for increased maintenance, buildings, repairs, etc., than the legislature of two years ago granted.

When the college budget is presented, the state will be asked for \$249,000 for buildings, equipment, repairs, improvements, books and periodicals, and for an increase of \$50,000 a year for maintenance during the next two years. Of these amounts \$107,000 is for additional buildings; \$60,000 for equipment; \$35,000 for repairs and improvements; \$11,000 for remodeling

ing which will cost \$11,000 absolutely necessary at once. The college is in great need of a library building, and the best care of the health of the students would demand a gymnasium, but in view of appropriations of more urgent necessity, the regents have decided not to ask for them this year. They wish to relieve the pressure on the state treasury, and are doing all they can, though the rapid growth of all departments warranted a much increased appropriation for the work of the next two years.

"Amounts estimated necessary for the support of the work of the various departments are greatly in excess of the total appropriation requested of the legislature, but careful investigation shows that the needs of the different departments are so great

MUCH RAILROAD ACTIVITY IN MALHEUR CANYON

Oregon & Eastern Ry. to be Completed To Riverside, Eighty Miles, Within The Next Three Months

Duncan McRae, who is in from his Riverside ranch to visit his family says that work is progressing rapidly on railroad construction in the Malheur canyon. He says that about 800 feet of the 2,000 foot tunnel, about half way between Harper and Riverside has been driven and that the road will soon be completed to Riverside. There is great railroad activity in the canyon and crews of men are busily engaged on every mile of the road in the canyon, the most of the activity being on the western end and the eighty miles of the road will all be completed about the same time and that soon.

Construction Engineer Osborne says the road will be completed to Riverside within three months.—Ontario Democrat.

The Times-Herald has it on good authority that the Hill line is assembling material at Bend for the purpose of extending the line on. No announcement has been made, but it is generally understood that there is traffic agreement between the Hill and Harriman people on the line now being constructed through Malheur canyon and as soon as this is completed to the valley the Hill people will have an opportunity to get material in and that work will be rapidly pushed from both ends on the Hill line to this place. The people have been given to understand all the time that the Hill lines would come to Harney Valley and it is the impression it will not be long in coming once the work is started.

The big land grant extending from the Cascades through this territory in which Mr. Hill is interested will bring the road to this place.

The above paragraphs were put in type for last Saturday's issue, but were crowded out. Since the Oregonian has published an article of some length which was supposed to cover extension plans of the Hill roads for the coming year which states: "Further extension of the Oregon Trunk from Bend is not likely until the invasion of California is planned."

Then why are they assembling material at that point, and why did L. W. Hill make the statement that the road was stopping in Bend only for a short time? Why does the Great Northern continue to exploit this particular section where its rival is so actively engaged in construction work?

Further indications of early extension work being resumed is given by the La Pine Inter-Mountain which says:

Since the memorable time in May, 1910, when suddenly without warning all operations on the Oregon Trunk right of way south of Bend ceased, never have conditions pointed to early resumption of construction work on the aforesaid line as at the present time. The mystery of the appearance of so many different crews of cruisers, who have been operating for the timber interests in the Walker Basin the past two months, is in a way explained when it is recalled that these large timber corporations are in touch with railroad circles, and the evident fact that they would not be putting forward the extraordinary exertions without the purpose of being prepared for the railroad.

George Nelson of the firm of Nelson Bros., who had a sub-contract in the spring of 1910 for constructing 40 miles of the road has been in Bend for the past week. Rumors have been rampant in that town for over a month that operations are to begin shortly and bets are being made as to the time.

RABBIT POPULATION RAPIDLY DECREASING

Army of Enthusiasts Make Successful Drive East of This City And Some 7,000 of The Pests Are Put Out of Existence In The Space of a Few Hours Lively Work By Drivers

Last Sunday was a banner day in the rabbit business and it is likely tomorrow will be another if weather conditions do not interfere with present intentions on the part of about one third or more of the population of this city and the vicinity where the corrals have been built.

The drive last Sunday was in the neighborhood of Jake Welcome and Allen Jones' place and it is estimated at least 300 people participated and over 7000 rabbits killed. It was great sport for those who took part and while some of them have been more or less sore since from the unusual exercise everyone who can will go again tomorrow.

Such work is certainly clearing up the pests rapidly and more of them will be destroyed in that manner than any other method regardless of any bounty. In fact it is the most effective method yet tried and can be worked in every community during the winter months to such good effect that there will be but few rabbits to bother next season. Some traps and a little poison can also be used to advantage.

The Times-Herald has seen articles in a Vale paper at intervals where the rabbits are shipped from that place to Portland and sold for \$3.00 per dozen. Why

not investigate this market and see what can be done in respect to shipping the rabbits out? The trucks would make a rate and considerable could be realized in this way toward defraying any expense incident to these drives. There are a number of them used by the Indians, others feed some to their hogs and chickens, but many hundreds are left in the corral where they are killed. Some of the boys could make good money, perhaps, by shipping them out to market.

Schools Resume Monday

The school boards have authorized the announcement that the schools of this city will resume next Monday morning as the recent contagion seems over, no new cases having developed.

It will be necessary for school children to be vaccinated before they will be allowed to attend—that means those who have not been vaccinated within the past year.

Every precaution should be taken to prevent re-appearance of the contagion by thorough fumigation where it has prevailed and restrictions of possible exposures until results are unquestionable. Carelessness should not be tolerated in this respect.

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Domestic Science Class At O. A. C.

Science Hall; \$21,000 for extension of the heating plant; and \$15,000 for books and periodicals.

But one large building is requested, that for the home economics work now divided between the crowded girls' dormitory and the agronomy building. For this \$100,000 appropriation is asked. When this is built and proper heat is given the stock judging pavilion and farm mechanics building, it will be necessary to put \$21,000 into extension of the heating plant, installing an additional boiler and enlarging and lengthening the conduits. The rebuilding of the live stock building will take \$5,000, and \$2,000 is needed for a small storage structure for inflammable materials and shop supplies.

Science Hall was built for agricultural instruction, but is now used for the chemistry and pharmacy work. The imperative need of more laboratory space and the present unfitness of the rooms available make remodel-

that the estimates are very conservative," said Pres. Kerr this morning. "However, the needs of the college are increasing so rapidly that it is impossible to meet them. Notwithstanding this fact, the regents, in making up the budget, reduced the amounts asked by each department to the extreme minimum with which the institution could do work at all reasonably efficient."

The report of the registrar shows enormous increase in both the regular and courses, but the instructional force has not kept pace with this growth in attendance. Registration in agronomy, for instance, is 69 per cent greater than two years ago, but the instructional force but 38 per cent more; and in the division of horticulture the work has nearly doubled, with only 18 per cent increase in instructional force. These cases are typical of practically all departments, and indi-

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