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Church Announcements.

Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

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SHERIFF WILL DIE

Shot By Convict—Wound Proving Fatal.

Eugene, Or., Feb. 6.—Sheriff W. W. Withers, who was shot last night by Elliot Lyons, about 30 miles west of Eugene, is sinking fast from last reports, and cannot survive the night.

The news of the occurrence reached here this about 9:30, being brought by Nate Chastaine, who was dispatched for a doctor and had traveled with all possible haste. His trip was impeded by a poor road, part of which was covered with two feet of snow.

The facts, as near as can be learned, are as follows: Lyons has been wanted for several months for stealing horses in Josephine County last Fall. He was arrested in that county, but escaped from the officers and has been at liberty for several months. It has been reported that Lyons had made his boasts that he would never be taken alive.

Lyons had relatives in this county. His mother and two brothers lived on the Wildcat road just over the summit of the mountains, between Hales and Walton, 30 miles west of Eugene. There are also several sisters married, and the family has always borne a good reputation, with the exception of Elliot, who has been known as a bad character.

Sheriff Withers has been keeping a lookout for Lyons since notification of his crimes in Josephine County, and has been of the belief that he would some time show up at the family home, where his wife has been staying.

Several days ago Withers thought he had located his man in the vicinity of his former home. Yesterday morning he left here early, taking with him Constable Jack Smith, with the intention of arresting his man. They drove out to the place, timing their trip so as to arrive there after dark.

Satisfying himself that Lyons was in the house, Withers sent Smith to the back door, where he was to prevent the escape of the quarry, while the Sheriff himself entered at the front door. Immediately upon entering the house the two women who were there, the mother and the wife of Lyons, saw what was up and set upon the Sheriff with womanly plens for the son and husband. They seized upon Withers as he was going to the next room, and prevented him from using his arms. While the Sheriff was in this predicament, Lyons stepped in with revolver in hand, shot Withers and immediately rushed out at the door where the Sheriff had entered and made his escape, while Smith was waiting for him at the back door.

The bullet took effect in the neck and the nery Sheriff fell to the floor as though dead. For a time his body was paralyzed and he had no use whatever of his body, but after a time he recovered partial use of his limbs.

Seeing what had been done the family turned in and assisted Constable Smith in caring for the wounded man and did everything possible for his comfort. Withers was perfectly clear in mind and gave directions to send for the doctor and wanted to start with him toward home.

Nate Chastaine started for Eugene to summon Dr. Paine, while Charles Lyons, brother of the man who did the shooting, hitched up and was getting ready to take the wounded man to Hales, a distance

of six or seven miles.

Chastaine found the roads very bad and it took him until 9 o'clock this morning to reach Eugene. Upon arrival here with meager news the town was thrown into a state of excitement and various versions of the affair were soon afloat.

The County Court was in session at the time the news arrived, and before the posses were started on the road, made an order offering a reward of \$500 for the delivery of Lyons, dead or alive.

Mrs. Withers, although not a strong woman physically, immediately engaged a team and started to her wounded husband, where she hopes to be of some assistance in nursing him.

The latest report coming from Sheriff Withers was brought by Constable A. J. Smith, who was with Withers when shot. He says that Withers had hold of Lyons and was overpowering him, and that the father and mother and wife of Lyons set upon the Sheriff and he was unable then thoroughly to control his man. In some manner in the scuffle Lyons got his pistol and shot Withers just at the collar line of the neck in the left of the windpipe. The bullet is supposed to be lodged against the spinal column.

Withers was brought to Hales, where he is being cared for by kind hands, and the doctors and his wife are now with him. Late in the afternoon he was gradually sinking, and cannot possibly survive the night.

Brave Sheriff Dies.

Eugene, Feb. 7.—Sheriff Withers died at Hale today at 11:22 A. M. The body was brought to Eugene, arriving at 9 o'clock this evening. An autopsy will be held tomorrow to locate the bullet. Elliot Lyons, the horse thief who shot Withers, is still at large. Lyons' wife was brought in today, arraigned and placed in jail.

Sheriff Withers lost consciousness about 5 o'clock last evening, and without rallying grew gradually weaker until the end came this morning. Mrs. Withers arrived 15 minutes before her dying husband became unconscious. Strong stimulants had been used to keep the Sheriff alive until her arrival. The poor woman is prostrate with grief.

Before Sheriff Withers lost consciousness he made a deposition regarding the affair before Justice C. K. Hall, which will be used as evidence against Lyons' father, mother and wife. The penalty for their crime is life imprisonment. The posse arrested the family of Lyons yesterday and brought his wife to town, where she will be held for complicity in the crime. The aged mother and father were arrested, but left at home. The old lady is 72 years old, and is completely prostrated. The officers fear she will die, and for that reason did not care to take her into custody.

There is a reward of \$1000 offered for the body of Elliot Lyons, dead or alive. The Lane County Court offers \$500, and J. E. P. Withers \$500 more. Fred Fisk, the Deputy Sheriff, has been sworn in as Sheriff.

Sheriff Withers was the most popular county official in Lane County, although a Democrat, having been elected Sheriff three times by big majorities in a county overwhelmingly Republican.

Representative Moody has secured a pension for Riley Drake, of The Dalles, under the Indian war veteran act of last session. Drake served in Captain Cornelius' company during the Yakima war.

FOREST PRESERVATION

Government Expert Writes on the Subject.

A paper by Overton W. Price, chief of the government's bureau of forestry, in the Popular Science Monthly, is interesting reading just now since forest reserves are a matter of public discussion. Writing under the title, "The Economic Importance of Forestry," Mr. Price says:

"The success of this great undertaking (national irrigation) may be assured only through the preservation of forests which feed the streams available for purposes of irrigation. The careful protection of these forests can be accomplished only by the federal government, through their management as national forest reserves. Their extension to include all large bodies of mountainous forest within or tributary to the arid region is essential to the fullest development of the west."

After commenting favorably on the portion of President Roosevelt's first message to congress, where he speaks of the necessity for forest reserves, the regulation of which is at present the most urgent problem of their management, is the use of the grazing lands within their boundaries. Sheep and cattle raising are and will continue to be, two of the great industries of the arid region. The over grazing of lands important in the conservation of water supply is harmful in the drying out and hardening of the soil, as a result of the removal of its cover of herbs and grasses, and in the case of over-grazing by sheep, in the destruction of seedlings and young trees. The purpose of forestry is not to impose unreasonable restrictions upon the development of the grazing industry within the reserves, but to regulate it with due reference to the interests both to the stockman and the irrigator.

It is clear, according to this expert and numerous others who might be cited, that unrestricted grazing in the forest reserves will do inestimable damage to the water supply. Mr. Price thinks it might defeat the objects of the national irrigation law, and there is reason for believing that his position is well taken. As the law stands at present it is on the side of the owners of livestock.

The forest reserves in all the states are, to a certain extent, theirs to do with as they will. That they will take advantage of their opportunity there is little reason to doubt, for livestock men are human just as men in other lines of industry are human. It is to be hoped, however, that they will give the irrigationists a little chance to show what the new land can do. And in any event congress must at once strengthen the forest reserve statutes so as to shut out grazing of whatever character when it is shown to be harmful.—Democrat.

The public lands committee has reported an amendment to the "Checkerboard" land exchange bill, recently voted down in the House, limiting exchanges to townships, instead of counties, so that when lands are relinquished to the Government, the lands taken in exchange must be within the same township as those surrendered. The exchange is made to meet the charge that the bill would permit corraling of large tracts by single owners, but it will probably not rehabilitate the bill.

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The forty days which constitute the regular session of the Oregon legislature will end Friday, February 20.

The biennial report of the superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary shows that during the last two years the number of convicts has increased from 278 to 300.

If satisfactory laws against trusts are not passed at this session of Congress, President Roosevelt will call an extra session on March 5. He has made this positive announcement.

Rear-Admiral Frank Wildes, of the United States Navy, died suddenly last Saturday on board the steamer China at San Francisco. He was on his way home from China on sick leave. He had command of the cruiser Boston at the battle of Manila Bay.

The death of Representative J. M. Moody, of North Carolina, leaves but one Moody in the House to round out the session—Moody of Oregon. The session opened with three Moodys, but he of Massachusetts some months ago entered the President's Cabinet.

A bill has been introduced in congress which provides that any person who, since June 4, 1900, has made entry under the homestead law and commuted the same will be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made, except that commutation of the second entry shall not be allowed.

Bad Coughs

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