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## SHERIFF RUSSELL CAPTURES SLAGLE

THE MEER GIRL FOUND LIVING WITH THE PRISONER

## NEAR THE CALIFORNIA LINE

Slagle Returned to Penitentiary and Girl Committed to Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

Sheriff Russell returned Tuesday morning from California with the convict, Charles Slagle, and the 15-year-old Meer girl with whom he had eloped, as given in last week's Courier. The prisoner was locked up in the Josephine county jail and the girl taken to the sheriff's home. During the day the girl was taken before County Judge Jewell, who committed her to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society at Portland, to remain until she becomes of age. On Wednesday evening the sheriff took Slagle to the penitentiary at Salem, and the girl to Portland. The father of the girl, George Meer, was in the city Tuesday from his Applegate home to see his daughter before she departed for the Aid Society home, and he makes the statement that the girl was wayward, and asked that she be taken care of by the authorities. Slagle is a brother of Mrs. Meer, at whose home he had been staying for some months. The girl is in a delicate condition, and his offense would cause him to receive a long sentence were it not for the fact that he is already a life prisoner and beyond the point of further punishment. It should be said that the girl claims that her uncle is not the author of her ruin.

The crime for which Slagle received a life sentence, as mentioned last week, was the killing of an old man named Antone Joseph, a Portuguese. It was generally believed that the murdered man kept a large sum of money in his house. This was the object of the murder. However, the assassin secured only a small sum, the balance being found afterward by his nephew, Antone Rose, who found concealed in an auger hole in one of the rafters of the cabin \$20 gold pieces to the amount of \$1600. Other sums amounting to about \$2000 in all, were found in the cabin.

Sheriff Russell had no little difficulty in tracing the fugitives but after a thorough search through Jackson county he finally located them in a cabin near the California state line.

## State Barbers' Examiners Here.

E. H. Lebo, of Albany, and Mr. Wallace, of Astoria, members of the State Board of Barbers' Examiners, were in the city Thursday on their annual inspection tour, and examined the various barber shops of the

city, and with one exception, found them to be in excellent condition, better, in fact, than the shops in the great majority of cities the size of Grants Pass.

The enforcement of the laws regarding to sanitation will be more strictly enforced from now on and also the Sunday closing law is to receive strict attention. The law requires that all barbers must be registered, and that they have a knowledge of sanitary laws and of the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases.

J. L. Myers was appointed deputy for this part of the state.

May Millinery Sale—all new 1909 models, trimmed in flowers, ribbons and fancy feathers, style to please every individual taste. Mrs. E. Rehkopf's. 5-14-2t

## CONFERENCE OF FRUIT OFFICIALS

Commissioner Carson and the Newly Appointed Fruit Inspector Lay Plans.

A. H. Carson, commissioner of horticulture, was in the city on Wednesday on business and while here visited the pear orchard of F. J. Burke, the newly appointed fruit inspector, and looked over his splendidly cared for fruit trees. The law directs that the inspector shall do his work under the direction of the commissioner and so Mr. Carson and Mr. Burke while together took occasion to talk over the inspection of orchards necessary at this time. The inspection will be confined to needed work, but nothing will be slighted or neglected. Those who have diseased trees and are not satisfied as to what is necessary to be done can apply directly to Mr. Burke and his wants will receive attention. The office of inspector is one of the most important positions in the county, as very much depends on the thorough investigation of the numerous diseases to which fruit trees are subject, and this official has an opportunity to be of the greatest service to fruit growers in all parts of the county. Mr. Burke, being a practical orchardist, his knowledge will serve the inexperienced and be to such of the highest value.

A majority of our citizens who have recently come to this country and have entered the orchard or vineyard business have need of the advice of a practical fruit grower. Mr. Burke has had great experience in this section and in other parts of the Pacific Coast, and he is the one man who will secure attention and possess the confidence of those who need his services. Instruction given at the proper time will prove to be of great value both to the individuals and to the orchard interests of this county as a whole.

The new inspector enters upon his labors with the best wishes of everybody. All will watch with interest his work in this county.

He is, we learn, in accord with the commissioner, and as these two officials must work together, this is important.

## PUSHING WORK ON BIG CANALS

THEY ARE MAKING MOST HEADWAY AT FRUITDALE

## WORK ON THE SOUTH SIDE

Overhauling Big Pump and Placing Pipes to Throw Water in Ditches.

During the past week a large amount of work has been done on the irrigation canals. The high line which is to serve Fruitdale leads in progress at this time, as nearly or quite three miles have been completed with the exception of the flume work, which will be constructed as soon as certain carloads of lumber arrive. One of these cars was contracted to be here on Monday last, but there has been delay. It is hoped this lumber will be here within a day or two.

The exact point at which work is going on in Fruitdale is on the hill side above the Stanbrough residence. Rapid progress is being made and it will not be many days before the ditch will be completed to the farthest point of present construction. The farmers whose lands come under this ditch begin to realize that they must get ready for the water. The steel pipe ordered to convey water from the pump to the upper end of the ditch is expected within a few days and it will immediately be put in place.

A strong force is at work on the 200-foot contour ditch and everything possible is being done to rush the work along and for this purpose gangs are being employed at intervals at a number of points. There has been some difficulties encountered on this line but they are being successfully overcome and the ditch will be ready for water to the farthest point in the near future. There will be some fluming to be done but this will be looked after as soon as the lumber arrives.

The work on the gravity ditch is being pushed by only a small force at the present time, and these men are confining their attention to some bad rock work which has been encountered. As soon as the machines employed on the other ditches can be spared, they will be taken to the gravity ditch and then plenty of men and teams will rush the work.

The Amcents have been overhauling the big pump and getting in readiness for prompt operations and the pipe which is to carry the water to the 200-foot ditch is being placed in position and nothing of importance remains to be done to lift the water into the ditch named. They are anxiously awaiting the pipe which is to come from California for conveying the water as before mentioned to the head of Fruitdale ditch.

The Courier has mentioned heretofore the necessity of getting land ready for irrigation. We hear much about the dry weather which has set in early and the good that irrigation would do if the water was in the ditches. This would be true if all the farmers were ready for it. It is safe to say that not one farmer in ten has his ground in shape for the water if it were turned on now, and this is going to be one of the great difficulties in raising crops by irrigation this year. Land must be graded and a plan made for lateral construction so that the water may reach the ground whereon it is to be applied. All this will require thought and careful examination and it will be well to attend to this most important matter with as little delay as possible.

The bringing of irrigation into this valley will create a revolution in general farming, for many crops must be grown which are strange to our soil. Of first importance are the forage crops and to get best results we must procure the seed and have it ready for July planting. Sow German millet as it makes the very best kind of forage, and will produce from two to four tons to the acre at a single cutting. This crop will leave your

ground in good order for alfalfa when the stubble is turned over.

One of the important forage crops which should be introduced here this season is sorghum which makes good feed for horses and cattle generally. If sown broadcast and properly irrigated it will make from 16 to 20 tons an acre. We have seen it produce much more than the figures named. Field corn sown broadcast makes fine fodder and it yields well and all of these crops should, if possible, be given a trial on our soil this season if the land can be put in shape for irrigation. Seed can be sown as late as August and a good crop made with proper cultivation and irrigation.

Many of our farmers now think that deep plowing is not a necessity, but they must revolutionize these ideas if they would succeed in raising farm crops by the use of water. Here is another instance where we must "plow deep to find the gold." Deep cultivation is absolutely required and this must go hand in hand with the water correctly applied at stated intervals. It will be found that there is much to learn about irrigation by those who have not had experience. In order to acquire some knowledge on this subject it would be well to ask the Agricultural College or Experiment Station to send us a practical man to remain here a greater part of the season. This subject it will be found is one of the highest importance and it means the success or failure of our farming operations this year.

## AN UP-TO-DATE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

New Switchboard Is Now Being Installed and the Cables Strung.

There is great activity on the part of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in this city. The work of reconstructing the line and installing the most modern up-to-date system is progressing rapidly. It was promised some weeks ago that this work would be completed by July 31, but the aim is now to have the line in readiness on the 1st day of that month instead of the last. There is an army of workmen employed on construction.

There has been erected 125 cedar poles and they are from 30 to 50 feet in length each. These were treated at the base with a preparation of carbolineum, which will resist water and prevent decay. All wires will be removed from the main streets and be replaced by cables, overhead and underground. There will be 31,000 feet of cable in the system. This cable contains over three hundred miles of copper wire.

The new central office equipment consists of two toll sections, two local subscriber sections and one combination rural and sub-section, comprising in all one special No. 9 switchboard; also a complete power plant.

This equipment has an ultimate capacity of 800 lines, although present facilities only require the use of 350 lines, leaving a balance of 450 lines for future growth. There will be a complete telegraphic system equipped to afford connection with all cities on the Pacific Coast.

There is about 1000 feet of cable containing 200 pairs of wires running from the rear of the office to the alley between G and H streets, which will supply the entire south side of the town. The cable is divided at this alley and is distributed to all portions of that side of the city.

Cables will be distributed from the main office to the north side of the town over several different leads.

All work is being done in a substantial and workmanlike manner and when completed will be one of the finest pieces of telephone construction on the coast.

Grants Pass will soon be able to point with pride to its telephone facilities.

The telephone plant will be a central energy system so that there will be no more ringing for central. In fact, the entire system will be in all respects the most modern in use.

The exactness with which the cantata "Joseph" is to be staged will carry one away to the land of the Nile. See it Monday night.

## SOUTHERN OREGON MEDICOS MEET

ANNUAL MEETING TOOK PLACE AT GRANTS PASS TUESDAY

## PROMINENT DOCTORS MEET

One of the Most Important Gatherings Ever Held by This Association.

One of the most successful meetings ever held by the Southern Oregon Medical Association took place in Grants Pass on Tuesday of this week. The association was organized in Medford 18 years ago by Dr. F. W. VanDyke of this city, and Drs. E. V. Pickel and E. P. Geary, both of Medford. It has been kept up all these years, though every member of the society has been obliged to live a strenuous life. It has been the invariable custom of the organization to have some of its members read papers on popular subjects connected with either medical or surgical science.

The committee who had in charge the preparations for the annual meeting in Grants Pass was composed of Drs. Flanagan, VanDyke and Love, and they certainly did their work well, as every detail was worked out and when the members from other places arrived they were cordially received and given every attention. The regular session was held in the Masonic temple and it proved to be interesting throughout. Owing to the lateness of the trains that day, the program had to be condensed and considerably shortened. There were reports made on a number of interesting cases which had come within the scope of members of the association. There was a paper read on Medical legislation by Dr. R. J. Conroy, of Medford, followed by an interesting discussion in which a considerable number of the doctors present took part. Other subjects followed and finally the report of the secretary and treasurer was placed before the meeting which resulted in a talk on finances.

The election of officers for the present year resulted in the choice of R. J. Conroy, of Medford, for president; Dr. Beaver, of Ashland, as vice-president, and A. C. Seeley, of Roseburg, secretary and treasurer. The evening session was held in the Opera house and was open to the public and was attended by a large number of our leading citizens, nearly every seat being occupied. Two of the most interesting subjects now before the American people were skillfully handled in addresses.

The evening meeting was presided over by Mayor Kinney who spoke in pleasing and complimentary terms of the Southern Oregon Medical Association and welcomed the delegates and officers to Grants Pass. The first talk was by Dr. E. A. Pierce of Portland, on tuberculosis, which was illustrated in a way which created a deep interest. He gave an account of the effort being made to stamp out this terrible disease, giving our state credit for being well in the van of this noble work. He advised people to live, and especially sleep, in the open air and to give their assistance to the physicians who are devoting their time to the work of stamping out tuberculosis. The address was listened to with rapt attention by his audience. Dr. Pierce is president of the Oregon State Board of Health.

The second was an illustrated lecture by Dr. R. C. Coffey, of Portland, president of the Oregon State Board of Examiners, on the subject "Cancer and Malignant Growths." This proved to be a subject of great moment to the audience and was the first time this important subject has been discussed before a public gathering.

Rev. Robert McLean and State Senator H. D. Norton represented the laity and made interesting talks. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Grants Pass concert orchestra and it proved to be of a very high order, receiving the com-

mendation of the best musicians among the visiting doctors and our home people. After the adjournment of the Opera house meeting, the medical men were entertained at a smoker at Masonic temple. The next annual meeting will be at Medford.

"Tommy's Wife," by local talent, Friday, May 21.

If at any time you fail to receive your Courier, the probability is that the paper has been stopped on account of non-payment. It is, however, that occasionally a paper may be lost or misplaced in the mails, but not often. Look at the label on your paper and it will inform you as to the time for which the paper is paid.

Have you seen "Tommy's Wife?" She's worth the price of admission. Opera house, Friday, May 21.

## OPPOSING THE SOFT DRINK ORDINANCE

Since our last issue the question of taking down the screens at the soft drink places has occupied the attention of the chief of police and his assistant. Under Mayor Kinney's instruction the police have kept a close watch on the establishments with a view to compel them to obey the city ordinance. Chief of police McLane reports that the proprietors of all the places have agreed to observe the ordinance, but a close watch will be kept on all of the places. An extract from the ordinance passed by the council to control these questionable establishments will be found below.

The City of Grants Pass ordains as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be the duty of every person, firm, company, or corporation, owning, managing or keeping any cigar store, soft drink parlor, billiard or pool hall, restaurant, or other like place of business in the City of Grants Pass, to remove, and keep removed, all blinds, screens or other obstructions, from all windows, doors, entries and exits of the same, so that the whole interior of all such cigar stores, soft drink parlors, billiard and pool halls, restaurants, and other like places of business, shall at all times be subject to the plain view of all persons passing such places of business; and it shall be the duty of every person, firm, company, or corporation, owning any building or buildings in the City of Grants Pass, occupied by any cigar store, soft drink parlor, billiard or pool hall, restaurant or other like place of business, to so alter and arrange said building or buildings that the whole of the interior thereof shall, at all times while so occupied, be subject to the plain view of all persons passing such places of business; any person, firm, company or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof before the city auditor and police judge, be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.

Section 2. Every person, firm, company, or corporation, owning or conducting any cigar store, soft drink parlor, billiard or pool parlor, restaurant, or other like place of business in the City of Grants Pass, selling or dealing in soft drinks or bottled goods, shall close or cause to be closed, such place or places of business at the hour of twelve o'clock midnight, and keep the same so closed until the hour of five o'clock in the morning following; and any person, firm, company, or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof before the city auditor and police judge, be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 and not more than \$25.

## Building For Sale.

The small building situated on the lot next to the Parker & Burkhalter livery stable for sale. Bids will be received. A. E. Voorhies.

## Contest for Queen.

The vote stands Friday morning:

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|-----------------|-----|
| Ethel Johnson   | 506 |
| Ethel Bartlett  | 401 |
| Bernice Fallon  | 394 |
| Maude Dalibon   | 116 |
| Ada Smith       | 82  |
| Pearl Kearns    | 80  |
| Emma Loughridge | 56  |
| Marlan Clark    | 55  |
| Geneva          | 4   |

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