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## S. C. STANTON DEAD

Pioneer Had Been a Helpless Invalid, Suffering Intensely, for Over Five Long Years.

Death came to S. C. Stanton Monday morning at 7 o'clock, and relieved him of further suffering. This respected old pioneer had been an invalid for over five years, during which time he had been practically helpless as the result of paralysis.

At times in the past he had grown worse, and at such times his children were sent for and each time came to be at the father's bedside. But with the assistance of his wonderful vitality, he would recuperate, but never to the extent that hope was felt for his ultimate recovery. So, when the end did come, all his children save Will, were with him.

Smith Crawford Stanton was born in Clay county, Missouri, February 9, 1837 and died in Athena, Oregon, November 29, 1909, aged 73 years, 9 months and 20 days.

He left Missouri in 1869, spending some time in Colorado and Montana. He arrived in Lincoln county, this state, in 1865, and in 1867 was united in marriage with Miss Sarah F. Calvin, who with seven children survives him.

The deceased came to Umatilla county in 1878. Near this city his children grew to manhood and womanhood. He became a member of the Christian church in this city in 1893, and the funeral was held from that church Tuesday afternoon, being largely attended.

He is survived by his devoted wife and seven children. Five sons had preceded him to the grave. The living are: William, John, Delbert, Eugene, Cleve, Mrs. L. L. Montague and Mrs. Frank Rainville.

## ORE. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The Winter Courses, January 4th to February 18, 1910.

Practical work, lectures and demonstrations will be given in such vital subjects as General Farming, Fruit Culture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Poultrykeeping, the Business Side of Farming, Forestry, Carpentry Blacksmithing, Mechanical Drawing, Cooking, Sewing, Dressmaking, Home Management, etc.

All regular courses begin January 4th and end February 11th. Farmers' Week February 14th to 18th.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

Good accommodations may be secured at reasonable rates. No age limit above 18 years. No entrance requirements. Prominent lecturers have been secured for special topics. The instructional force of the College numbers 100. Excellent equipment.

For further information address Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College Corvallis, Oregon.

### Fever Takes Three.

Geneva Francis Ware, aged 18, daughter of Rev. M. S. Ware, a Christian evangelist, died Sunday night in Walla Walla leaving a father and brother, the only survivors of a family which two weeks ago numbered five. The girl died of typhoid fever, following her brother, 4 years old, who succumbed to the disease Saturday night. Mrs. Ware, the wife and mother, died two weeks ago, and her body was sent to Albany, the former home of the family. Mr. Ware is a traveling evangelist and is well known in the northwest.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks through the columns of the Press for all the kindness shown us during the long illness of our departed husband and father.

Mrs. S. C. Stanton and family.

## ALL PLEAD GUILTY

Defendants in Umatilla County Land Fraud Cases Through Raley Ask for Leniency.

Concluding the famous Umatilla reservation land fraud cases which have been dragging for months, after indictments by federal grand jury, all of the defendants 15 or 20 in number, Wednesday entered pleas of guilty in the United States district court before Federal Judge Wolverton at Portland. The most sensational feature of the plea was that of Attorney James H. Raley, of Pendleton, one of the most prominent lawyers of eastern Oregon, who was indicted on a charge of conspiracy to obtain government land illegally, with other defendants. Raley made a strong plea for leniency to the court. "I never intentionally violated any law," he said, brokenly, "and never intentionally did any wrong. My connection with these cases is an open book. I have nothing to conceal. I am wholly innocent, as I believe are every one of my brethren. I am speaking for the rest of these defendants as I am for myself. All of us believe we have acted within the pale of the law." Raley was called to plead separately. After he had addressed the court, exhibiting much emotion, all the defendants were called forward and Attorney Henry McGinn entered a general plea of guilty.

United States District Attorney John McCourt, speaking from the position of government attorney, and not as a personal friend of many of the defendants, described the case in detail and asked the court to extend leniency. He told of the manner in which the lands, 120 claims or more, were obtained by the defendants through arrangement and by contract with settlers, with whom they made contract to many of whom fling fees were advanced before the land was taken up. With the exception of John Vert, all the defendants appeared in court. They were Colonel Raley, John W. Crow, Alonzo Knotts, William Caldwell, William Rabe, John Wynn, William Slusher C. W. Matthews, John Vert, Bailey Ross, Sam Olmstead and Joe H. Parkes.

## NARROW ESCAPE FOR CATON

Ed LaFave, Intoxicated, Responsible for Collision.

H. C. Caton narrowly escaped being fatally injured while coming into town Saturday evening. As it is, Mr. Caton has two fractured ribs and the recollection of a horrifying experience.

Mr. Caton's injuries were sustained in a collision, when Ed LaFave, intoxicated and driving his team at a furious pace, struck Mr. Caton's buggy with such force as to bring the horse to its knees and to drag man, horse and vehicle backward for some distance. The buggy was badly wrecked but Mr. Caton came on into town.

The collision was witnessed by several, and it is alleged that LaFave was wholly to blame. Caton was on the proper side of the road and was as near the fence as he could possibly get when he was run into. Dr. Sharp attended his injuries. There were two men riding with LaFave at the time.

Prohibition Defeated. All indications point to a majority of between 16,000 and 20,000 in Alabama against the prohibition constitutional amendment Monday. A significant feature of the result is the fact that sentiment against the amendment is so widespread. Rural districts, small towns and cities, for the most part, returned substantial majorities on the winning side. A fact of special interest in the election was that it was the first time in the history of the state that an expression of the whole electorate had been obtained on prohibition. The state-wide prohibition bill was passed by a legislature elected on a local option platform.

Defunct Bank Will Pay. The proposed ten per cent dividend to depositors of the defunct Farmers and Traders bank of La Grande, have become a reality by order of the currency controller. This makes an aggregate of fifty five per cent. The present check issue will reach depositors about Christmas and if the bank wins pending suits it will pay a third dividend of ten per cent. If it loses, the remainder will be a total loss.

Tax for the Schools. A special election of District No. 31, embracing Milton and Freewater, has been called to levy a tax to complete the work on the two new school buildings. The amount required is \$4100. It takes \$3000 a year to maintain the schools, \$1750 interest on the bonds and with the \$4100 for completing the work the total amount to be raised is \$8850. The taxable property in the district is \$1,545,000, which with a 6-mill levy will produce \$9270.

## ACKERMAN GIVES SOME ADVICE

Favors Normal Schools and better Conditions in Public Schools.

A Salem special to the Portland Oregonian says: Declaring that laws must be placed on the statute books of the state requiring every teacher in every district school to have a thorough training before she starts her work in the school, Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman, before the Marion county school officers' convention in session at Salem came out flatly in favor of normal schools. "You must get together and go before the Legislature and demand that normal schools be established or let the Legislature know the reason why," was one of his statements.

"We have normals, but the training is given for the city children at the expense of the children of the county. Every district school is a normal school. You send the inexperienced young girl out into the country and when she secures training she goes to the city. The child of the city is given his education with the bill footed by the child of the rural district."

Over 100 school officers from all over Marion county were in attendance. Organization was perfected with the following officers: President J. M. Poorman, of Woodburn; vice-president Dr. M. Staples of Turner; secretary, W. M. Smith of Salem.

Among the speakers were C. L. Starr, who spoke on the history of school officers' conventions being founder of the plan.

Resolutions were passed recommending that a united effort be made all over Marion county by the school officers, teachers and patrons to increase the usefulness of the county schools along one or more of the following lines:

First—Planting works of art on the school room walls, planting flowers, trees and shrubbery and otherwise beautifying the grounds.

Second—Securing teachers with special training and, in order to do so, paying better salaries.

Third—Consolidating weak schools and transporting pupils where conditions are favorable.

Fourth—That the county fund law be enacted at the general election in 1910, making possible the distinctly county high school. These high schools will make it possible for the boy and girl in the country to obtain a high school education and still remain under home influence and help with home duties.

Fifth—That the present school laws be amended to provide for a two days' session of the directors' convention, allowing all the necessary expenses for all the directors and clerks.

### Hansell-Parcell.

Mr. Marion Hansell, a well known young man of this vicinity and Miss Myrtle May Parcell, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents at Park Place, Oregon, on Thanksgiving day. Rev. Mr. Folsom of Park Place, was the officiating clergyman. The wedding ceremony was witnessed by relatives and near friends of the contracting parties. Miss Myrtle Holmes of Park Place was bridesmaid and Mr. Orville Reeves was best man. Refreshments were served, after which the bride and groom departed for Portland.

The newly wedded pair arrived at the home of the groom's parents Wednesday and in the evening were serenaded by the Sand Hollow orchestra. After listening to the strains of music, the company were invited in and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the young people receiving the congratulations of their friends. Refreshments were served the guests, the following being present:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hansell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Read Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kiesler, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pinkerton; Misses Lawson, Ella Piper, Harriet Pinkerton, Wall; Messrs. D. A. Pinkerton, M. Kelly, Geo. Gross, Floyd Pinkerton, Ray Hansell, Blaine Hansell, John Benson Geo. Piper, F. N. Smith, Wm. McDonald, and Ralph Cannon.

### Open Rum War.

Preparations are being made and large colored posters are on display for the opening of the anti-saloon campaign in Walla Walla, when State Senator George Cottorill will address a mass meeting at the opera house. This will be the first speech, outside semi-private addresses by ministers and others that the campaign has seen, although it has been waged vigorously through paid advertisements in the city papers.

### Sagebrush Turned to Gold.

Sage brush heretofore considered valueless may prove valuable if information given the Nevada state public and industrial commission proves correct. According to the report of Professor Sylvester Spaulding of Chicago, four thousand pounds of sagebrush produces 220 gallons of distillate and further yields 350 pounds of charcoal. The distillate contains tar, wood alcohol, acetic acid and other products.

## NICELY DECORATED WINDOWS

Athena Merchants Arrange Attractive and Elaborate Displays.

The average show window of the Athena merchant is always attractive, but this week special effort on the part of all seem to have been made with the view of attracting the attention of the trading public.

The window display in a store is the gauge by which may be correctly measured the standard of stock carried within, the artistic arrangement of the display depending on the taste of the decorator.

Among the nicely decorated store windows to be seen in Athena this week the reporter notes:

Athena's Department Store, Haviland china, pictures and gent's furnishings; C. A. Barrett & Co., nickelware and cut glassware; Palace drugstore, leather goods, post card albums, fancy stationery etc; H. H. Hill, cut glassware; Dell Bros., men's shoes, fruits and vegetables; Mosgrove Mercantile Company, ladies' dress goods, gent's furnishings and B. & H. premiums; Athena Bakery, home-made candies; H. O. Worthington, fruits, vegetables and gent's furnishings; T. M. Taggart, Pendleton blankets and Florsheim shoes; Pioneer drugstore, leather goods, toilet sets, cut glassware and holiday novelties.

## DISCOVERED JUST IN TIME

Timely Action Prevents Fire in Preston Parton Mill.

Timely discovery of smouldering embers in the dust room at the Preston-Parton Mill, saved the big plant from possible destruction by fire, Monday forenoon.

The odor of smoke pervaded the upper floors, and the employes had considerable difficulty in locating the fire. At first it was thought to be confined in a dust collecting machine, but after investigation no fire was to be found there.

Finally Manager Watts and head Miller Littlejohn directed attention to the dust room, and there in a pile of dust, directly underneath an electric light globe, the smouldering embers lay, only awaiting a draft of air to burst into flames.

A bucket of water put an end to the danger. The dust had collected in a pile below the electric globe, and the pile grew until it almost came in contact with the globe when the dust ignited. The heat from the smouldering embers caused the globe to burst and there was no electric light in the room when the fire was discovered.

### Oregon Takes Sweepstakes.

Trouble has begun over the action of the Spokane apple show judges in awarding the sweepstakes prize to Tronson & Guthrie, of Eagle Point, Ore. North Yakima, Wash. fruit growers allege discrimination saying W. W. Sawyer, of Yakima should have taken the sweepstakes with his carload display of Grimes Golden. The Yakima men allege the prize-winning exhibit was infected with "Baldwin rot," because of its unripe condition, while Sawyer's fruit was perfect. They attribute the alleged discrimination to the fact that an Oregon man was on the board of judges while there was none from Washington. The Yakima exhibitors declare that they will never again send fruit to the Spokane show. The general public seems satisfied with the prize award, as Oregon's prize-winning fruit was the center of admiration throughout the fair.

### A Brutal Murder.

Andrew Rabeal, is the name of the victim of Umatilla's latest murder. The body, horribly mutilated was found in the sage bush east of Umatilla last week. Rabeal, who had been in Pendleton, was a stationary engineer and is known to have had money on his person when he took a westbound train out of that city. By mistake he took an overcoat belonging to Chas. Michaelson of Pilot Rock and through this mistake his identity was discovered. The theory of the officers is that hobos committed the murder.

### Taking School Census.

B. B. Richards has about completed census taking of children of school age in District No. 29. Mr. Richards has enrolled upon his report blank about 275 names, a gain of nearly over last year. There are 75 new pupils in the Athena school this year, but several families having moved away, the above number cannot be counted in full as increase in gain. The showing made by Mr. Richards is above what was estimated before the census was taken.

### School Tax Levy.

A school meeting at which will be voted the tax levy to defray the general expenses of the district, has been officially called for Monday, December 6, in the public school house at 4 o'clock p. m. Those having the best interests of the school at heart should be present at the meeting.

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