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## Tolo Man Found Dead in Field.

Joseph Kampbell, a well known character of Tolo, was found dead in a field near that place last Tuesday morning, having evidently fallen face down in the mud and snow and there perished before recovering from the effects of the fall. Kampbell had been engaged in butchering and gardening at Tolo for some time and was well known as "Dutch Joe" all over the valley. It is said he had been drinking heavily for some time and some are of the opinion that his death resulted from the effects of dissipation. Coroner Kellogg, of Gold Hill, was notified and after making an investigation of the body he decided an inquest was not necessary and took the body to Gold Hill for interment. A number of residents of Tolo are not satisfied with the action of the coroner, thinking that an inquest should have been held and the apparent mystery connected with the man's death unraveled. Some seem to be of the opinion that the case was one of suicide, while others think it possible that he may have been foully dealt with by tramps. He was boarding with a family named Cleveland and left their house Saturday evening after dark, that being the last time he was known to have been seen alive. The body was not found until Tuesday morning.

## Telegraph Office Is Installed Here.

Telegraph wires were cut in at the local station last Saturday, the instruments installed and a regular office opened. C. C. Crowe is in charge of the office and will remain so until the new bulletin is out, when the position will be subject to bids from the different operators, the preference being given the older men in the company's service. Both the train dispatcher's wires and the general news and commercial wires have been installed, and the new office will prove of great benefit to the business interests of the town.

### For that Dull Feeling After Eating

I have used Chamberlains Stomach and Liver Tablets and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills and cost no more. Get a free sample at Mary A. Mee's drug store and see what a splendid medicine it is.

## P. J. HICKEN

Practical Jeweler. Fine watch repairing a specialty. Jewelry, watches and spectacles for sale Over Hatfield's store

Central Point

## Merton Elwood

Watchmaker-- Jeweler-- Optician

Diamonds, watches, clocks, jewelry, optical goods, musical instruments, sewing machines and supplies, notions and stationery

Look at our Christmas line of China, Cut Glass and Silverware

We have on display a line of these articles that have never been duplicated in Central Point. Musical instruments, statuary, etc.

Drugs and Medicine  
Pine Street Opposite Post Office

## Expert Descriptive Writer Visits Here

E. D. Whitney, a special writer connected with the publicity department of the Southern Pacific company, was here Sunday gathering data for the forthcoming Central Point book which is being prepared for the commercial club. Mr. Whitney is a writer of considerable note in that particular line of work and has had a wide range of experience in publicity work. Several years ago he was asked by a leading New York newspaper to write an article on Southern Oregon and he chose the Rogue River valley as the particular locality for the purpose. In that article he described this valley as the "Italy of America," an appellation so fitting to our unsurpassed climate that it has clung to it ever since.

It is expected the Central Point book and other literature will be ready for distribution about February 1, 1910.

## Will Make Improvements In School Building

The school board are to be commended on their determination to provide better sanitary conditions at the school house before another school year opens. The present conditions are decidedly bad but it is difficult to make any permanent improvements until the city water system is in operation. That difficulty will doubtless be overcome by next spring and the school authorities will at once proceed with the installation of modern sanitary closets in the building to be connected with septic tanks. This will give the school building as good sewerage as is possible. A portion of the nine mill levy made at the recent annual school meeting will be used for that purpose.

### Christmas Exercises.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Christian church Friday evening, December 24th, for the members of the Sunday school and all other children in the town. A general invitation is extended to everybody to attend. All strangers in the city are especially invited. Following the exercises, which will be short, a social hour will be spent.

### Not So Bad

The college president thundered at his boys, "Hell is full of champagne, cigarettes, chorus girls and automobiles;" whereupon one of the ungodly ones on the back seat murmured, "Oh death, where is thy sting?"

## Commercial Club Elects New Officers

At an important meeting of the commercial club held on Wednesday of last week, much business of moment to the club and community was transacted. Under the by-laws 10 members were required to constitute a working quorum and 25 per cent of the members in good standing were required to hold an election of officers at the regular semi-annual meetings. Experience has demonstrated to the members who have been faithful in attendance that it was next to impossible to induce that number to attend and much work of importance has been neglected at different times because of the apathy of leading business men and property owners of the town who could not be induced to give sufficient time to the common good to attend the business meetings. It was so much easier to stay at home and then criticize what had been done, and to throw cold water on the efforts of live members that that plan was adopted by so many that at times it seemed to the members who wanted to make good that their efforts were being put forth in a thankless if not hopeless task. For these reasons the quorum present Wednesday evening determined to rid the club of the high quorum handicap by so amending the by-laws that five members may transact any and all kinds of club business even to the election of officers. The amendment was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The two secretaries' offices were consolidated and it was decided by unanimous vote to provide a salary for the secretary and pay him for his work.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. J. W. Myers was elected president, W. D. Lewis vice-president, W. E. Kahler secretary and W. E. Whiteside treasurer. Mr. Myers, the new president, is particularly well qualified for the position. He is a level-headed business man of wide acquaintance and knows the difference between a live town and a dead one. His personal force and wide acquaintance will aid materially in putting Central Point on the map.

W. E. Kahler, who will have charge of the activities of the club, is exceptionally well qualified for that position. He has filled the office of financial secretary since the club was organized to the entire satisfaction of the members, and the information he will send out to inquirers will be absolutely reliable. "The truth about Central Point and the Rogue River valley is good enough to tell anybody," is his motto.

Despite the apathy and lack of interest on the part of many of the town's leading business men in the past the organization has made good. Entirely through the efforts of the club a modern advertising campaign has been inaugurated in conjunction with the S. P. company whereby by the expenditure of \$1250 of the club's funds some \$7000 worth of splendid advertising will be done directly for this community. As a token of the results which may be expected, it may be noted that letters of inquiry are now arriving at the rate of four a day as the result of the first appearance of a half-page ad in Sunset magazine, giving to the world the first widely circulated story about the advantages of Central Point. The result of the advertising campaign now being started cannot be calculated.

## Why He Didn't Pay His Bills

Down at Grants Pass the other Sunday one of the local newspapermen feeling the need of some excitement, went to church. The minister had chosen for his subject that morning the value of the virtues of honesty and truthfulness. After preaching an impassioned and eloquent sermon, the minister, wishing to make a practical application of his remarks asked every brother present who paid all of his debts promptly and who felt that he could truthfully claim to be strictly honest to rise to his feet. Every man in the room promptly stood up but the lone editor. The preacher looked at him pityingly and asked "Can't you stand up, brother? Don't you pay your bills?" The editor shook his head. "Why don't you?" thundered the preacher. "Because," replied the newspaperman, "everyone of these fellows who are now standing up are owing me for from one to ten years' subscription; I can't pay my bills until they pay me." The preacher pronounced the benediction and dismissed the congregation.

Deal with up-to-date people. Lewis & Sons is the place to buy your meats.

## Former County Official Passes.

Mathias S. Welch, a well known and highly respected citizen of this city, died at his home here Thursday, December 9, 1909, after a long and painful illness. Always of a rugged constitution, active and strong for a man of his years, he was suddenly stricken some two months ago and since then his death was almost hourly expected.

Deceased was born at Alton, Illinois, June 17, 1834. In 1836 his parents moved to Iowa, or rather what was at that early day Wisconsin Territory. Later he lived in Kansas for several years, coming from that state to Oregon in 1887. He first engaged in the lumbering business at the Meadows, but later came to Central Point, where he was engaged in the flouring mill business for several years. In 1894-95 he served the people of his county as county treasurer of Jackson county. He was married to Mary Nossman, at Pella, Iowa, April 25, 1855. She preceded him across the dark river some two years ago. The following children survive:

Mrs. Caroline Ashworth, Mrs. F. A. Hawk, Mark P. Welch and Jos. Welch, of Central Point; Mrs. J. C. Barnard, of Ashland; Mrs. W. H. Ashworth, of Denver; Mrs. Emma Beeler, of Jewell, Kansas, and William Welch, of Dawson City, Oklahoma.

The funeral was held Saturday, December 11th, the services being conducted at the home and at the grave by Rev. Father Van Clarenbeck, of Medford. Despite the heavy storm of that day a large concourse of friends and neighbors followed the remains to their last resting place in the Central Point cemetery.

## Hillside Apples Bring Top Price.

W. C. Leever received returns Monday from a shipment of Spitzenberg apples from his hillside orchard southwest of town which were consigned to Boston. The apples brought \$3.00 a box, which is the best price received for Spitzenbergs this season. The shipment netted Mr. Leever about \$2.30 at the orchard.

### The Correct Time

To stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for some time the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by Mary A. Mee.

## Editors to Go After New State.

At a meeting of the Jackson County Press association held last Friday evening in the commercial club rooms at Medford, steps were taken to aid the movement for the creation of the new state of Siskiyou from portions of northern California and southern Oregon. A committee was appointed to confer with the press and people of the territory involved with a view to calling a convention of representative citizens at some convenient point in northern California sometime next month when a course of action, designed to bring the movement to a successful termination, will be mapped out. A committee was also appointed to confer with the promoters of the proposed new states of Lincoln (portions of eastern Oregon and Washington and the Idaho panhandle) and South California, (the Los Angeles section) with a view to making common cause with them in the campaign.

Fred Wagner and E. J. Keizer both vouch for a practically unanimous sentiment in favor of the new state in the Ashland section and expressions of warm approval are coming from all parts of the territory affected in both states. All seem to agree that if this region is to get any attention only at taxpaying time that its people must cut loose from both the Salem and the Sacramento hags.

### Health More Expensive Than Any Cure

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and suspense could have been avoided. Chamberlains Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. Sold by Mary A. Mee.

## Platting Snowy Butte Orchard

Surveyors are at work dividing the Snowy Butte orchard into five-acre tracts and as soon as that work is completed the property will be placed on the market. It is understood that many buyers are now ready to make their selections and Mr. Allen expects the property will all have been disposed of by early springtime. Mr. Allen expects to leave today for New York City.

## Grants Pass Council Passes Trolley Franchise

The city council at Grants Pass has, by a unanimous vote granted the electric railway franchise asked for by John R. Allen. The action was taken Monday evening after two weeks consideration and gives universal satisfaction to the people. The franchise is for 50 years.

## Acquitted of Charge of Manslaughter

In the circuit court at Condon last week, B. K. Searcy was acquitted of the charge of manslaughter after a trial lasting but one day. Searcy killed J. W. Wells in a saloon brawl in Condon last August by striking him with an elk horn. It was shown in the trial that Wells was the aggressor in the trouble and that Searcy struck the fatal blow in an effort to stop the fight.

FOR SALE—No. 1 Jersey cow, cheap. 28336 Wm. Hostettler, 1 1/2 miles southwest of Central Point.

### For Eczema, Itch and Salt Rheum

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlains Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Mary A. Mee.

## Burglary Insurance

Your money is absolutely safe if deposited with  
**CENTRAL POINT STATE BANK**

We are fully protected with Burglary Insurance, which not only covers loss by robbery at night, but also loss from daylight hold up

J. W. MERRITT, President J. O. ISAACSON, Cashier  
W. J. FREEMAN W. C. LEEVER, I. C. ROBNETT

Up to the Last Minute  
We Can Serve You

HOLIDAY GOODS IN PLENTY WE NOW HAVE

Not many items lacking in our Ladies' and Gents' furnishings department. Every year the scramble for holiday goods towards the end of the season results in dire dissatisfaction to the very late buyer.

But in our long list of customers there will not be many disappointment this year for we have prepared ourselves with a larger stock, as well as a longer line than ever before

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