

## MAKES ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Dynamite Cartridge, Knife and Ax  
Prove Ineffectual in Effort

Chris Swanson, residing east of town near the 401 ranch with his brother was severely injured Thursday last by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge which he was supposed to have been carrying in the breast pocket of his coat. The accident happened at an early hour in the morning when Swanson left the house with a cartridge of dynamite. No one saw the man when the explosion happened but the report was heard by Charles Stanley a neighbor living near who immediately investigated and found Swanson with his chest driven in by the force of the explosion. Stanley carried Swanson to the house and medical aid was summoned from Medford. He was in a critical condition, his lungs and internal organs being injured.

While it was at first supposed the explosion was an accident Swanson later admitted that he had made an attempt to take his own life and after chasing his two brothers out of the house with an ax he tried to finish the undertaking by using a knife on himself. In this he failed and then resorted to the ax by trying to cut his head open. In his weakened condition he was only able to inflict some severe scalp wounds from which he bled profusely.

Following the explosion of the dynamite Dr. Sealey of Medford was summoned advised that he be removed to the hospital in Medford. This Swanson objected to so strenuously that he was allowed to remain at his home. He promises now that he will behave himself, and the doctor says he will recover from his injuries.

### New Shuffle Tournament On

Last Thursday evening a meeting was held at the Y looking towards the starting of another shuffle board tournament as it was decided that the other one could not be finished.

It was decided to select partners by lot and sixteen names of players who had expressed a desire to be in on the tournament were written on slips of paper and the slips placed in a hat for drawing. The eight teams as lined up in the drawing follows with the present standings:

Player	Won	Lost	Pr. cent
Bebb-Cowley	6	4	600
Grim-Shields	5	5	500
Hatfield-Hamilton	4	6	400
Gleason-Pearl			
Scott-Issacson			
Sturtevant-Beebe			
Tuttle-Text			
Bacon-Minuth			

It was decided by those present to keep Thursday evening as much as possible for the tournament games and it is expected this series of games will be played in much shorter time than taken in the other.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE TO COUNCIL

General Conditions of City Reviewed  
and Recommended Improvements

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In assuming the office of mayor of your city one year ago today, if I became chief executive of what has several times been referred to, as the best paved, best sewer, and best watered city of its size in Oregon, it must be remembered that at the same time, we also became an heir, and joint-heirs with you gentlemen of a most perplexed and trying situation. With a tax rate higher than most any other city in the state, yet not sufficiently large to raise enough money to pay obligations already accumulated, with outstanding city warrants of over \$2000, while the limit allowed by our city charter is only \$1000, with a fictitious valuation on town lots placed there in order to allow the improvements which are an added burden to our taxpayers, with a dilapidated pumping plant that much of the time wouldn't pump, with four or five miles of sewer ditches left in such a condition that they became a menace to climb and life of both man and beast, after the first surprise was over, we plainly saw that we stood face to face with a most serious problem. The routine business of the city must be carried on, but there was absolutely no money to do it with.

In an open letter to the people we reviewed the situation, and called a special election, in which we asked the people to vote us \$5000 for general purposes, and to bond the city for \$5000 additional to improve our water system. They voted us the money, and we have been endeavoring to see that it was expended judiciously. We have paid all current bills for the year with the exception of the treasurer's salary and according to our recorder's report we have kept within the charter limit by about \$612.

### WATER DEPARTMENT

Out of the \$5000 voted for bonds for water improvements, we have installed a new pump and motor, at an outlay of a little less than \$2000, and still have available \$3000 for use with which to increase our water supply whenever we decide what is the most feasible method of procedure. We have done a little experimenting, by boring twenty-four feet deeper than the bottom of the present well to ascertain if more water could be obtained in that manner, but found that it could not. For myself it seems that the most practical and cheapest solution of the question, is to enlarge the present tunnels in the old wells sufficiently to make a reservoir capacity of about 150,000 gallons. But this gentlemen will be for the new council to consider.

At present the water departments is far from being on a paying basis. For the eleven months up to March 1, 1913, we have received from water consumers only \$3389.70 while we have paid out interest on bonds \$2218.43 and running expenses of \$3447.72 a total of \$5666.15. To make a better showing for the water department we have been charging and collecting from the "gen-

eral fund" \$162 per month for hydrant service, which makes \$1782 for the eleven months and a grand total of water receipts of \$5207.70. It don't seem to me to be good policy to charge the city for any water it may use, as such practice only tends to boost one department at the expense of another. For the coming year we have only allowed one half the usual amount for hydrant service, and the sooner the whole amount is abolished the better. Our water superintendent, Geo. L. Ford has proven to be an excellent man for the position and has given general satisfaction.

### CITY PARK

Out of the original town-site, the owners Ann and Ben Beall very wisely reserved one whole block for a City Park, which with characteristic generosity they presented to our town, stipulating that a certain amount of improvements should be made on the same every year. There is nothing that gives to a stranger a better impression of a city, than a piece of land, however small that is beautifully and artistically adorned for the public good, and not only to the stranger within our gates, but every citizen with a good wholesome taste appreciates the beauties of nature that God so abundantly gives to all who are willing to aid in their culture and improvement. While I know that the finances of the city for the coming year must be guarded vigilantly, I am going to ask the council to make an appropriation at its first regular meeting of \$150 to be expended by the Board of Public Works for Park improvements. With this amount we can install city water, plow and grade the ground, and plant trees, and I believe that from the interest that has at times been evinced by the Ladies' Civic Improvement Club and others, that when the city once makes a decided move in making it a Park indeed, instead of only in name, that the public will gladly contribute towards beautifying and adorning what will sometime make a charming breathing spot for our people in the hot summer days.

A most serious danger that has threatened our city from its inception is the high power electric wires that are strung in the alley north of Pine Street to the power plant. Should a fire occur in this district the wires would have to be cut, and we would be at the mercy of what water there might be at that time in the tank. I have called this matter to the attention of the council more than once during the past year, and the committee of Fire and Water have had some talk and promises from the Power company to remedy the evil, but as yet nothing has been done. I ask the new council to endeavor to compel immediate action in the matter.

### ELECTRIC POWER LINE

It has been the custom of my predecessors in this office to appoint various committees designated by titles that specify the departments they represent. Such committees, when they confine their time and talents to investigating what is needed and essential to the welfare of the city, and bring the re-

### COMMITTEES

sults of their labor in the form of recommendations before the full council, are performing a considerable service and so become a great help to all concerned, but during the past year, I regret to say that the committees generally have assumed unlimited power and authority, and have acted continually, without the advise or consent of the mayor or council. Such flagrant examples as that of spending a large sum of money in improving the north end of Front street, when the council had previously unanimously expressed its desire to improve the approaches to the city first of all, and another case in neglecting to house the street sprinkler, when not in use, after repeated instructions to do so, are lamentable instances of a show of authority that has never been delegated to any committee, and leads me to the belief that for the best interests of the city these old time committees should be abolished, and acting on this belief, of the old committees I shall only retain the Health and Plumbing committees which are both called for by city ordinance. In the place of the several deposed committees, I intend to appoint our new committees, that will be designated as, "The Board of Public Works", which shall consist of the mayor and three councilmen. This body should decide all questions that may arise between meetings of the council, purchase all supplies, decide what roads shall be fixed, what labor performed, audit all bills against the city, check up the recorder's and treasurer's accounts every month, and oversee the carrying out of all the city's business that is not otherwise ordered by the full council board.

I am also in favor of either abolishing the office of street commissioner or separating it from that of the city marshal's.

I don't believe that the city marshal has sufficient time to give it proper attention, and that better results would be attained by having "The Board of Public Works" handle it direct. If however the council should decide that we must keep a street commissioner, then I would think that an able man be employed who could do a large part of the work himself and devote his whole time to it. The present city marshal has performed faithful and conscientious work during the past year, and I shall re-appoint him for the coming year. I also believe that he should receive a living salary.

### CONCLUSION

In conclusion I would say that we should bear in mind that a city like ours with a total assessed valuation of less than \$500,000.00 that has to provide for the maintenance of a municipal pumping plant, five miles of both sewer and water mains, a paved street, together with a bonded indebtedness of \$152,000, besides the usual running expenses of a town, must of a necessity always have a high tax rate, and it is our duty to use the most rigid economy in keeping that rate as low as is consistent with the needs of our city.

I wish to express my appreciation of the courteous personal treatment accorded me by the members of the council during the past year, and I would urge that the new council strive as a body to preserve the same happy relations, and so keep peace and harmony in all our deliberations and actions, and with a due reverence to the Almighty—the chief executive of us all, we endeavor to tune our acts and deeds so that they may add to the glory and brightness of our city's fair name.

Respectfully submitted

W. A. COWLEY  
Mayor, Central Point.

### Agate Cleanings.

Lloyd Carliss is working for the Berr Creek Orchard company.

Emil Ericson is working for the Roguelands in their orchard.

E. J. Odell and wife was at Medford and Central Point Monday.

H. C. Messenger made a trip to Sams creek saw mill this week.

Steve and Al Tarbell and Mr. Avery have returned from the coast country after being absent for some time and will now make their home here on their own place.

The discovery that jack pine of Central Oregon is suitable for making paper pulp is an important one to a large section of the state. It is expected the very large tracts of this timber will prove of considerable value when manufactured into paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farnum left the city Saturday for Los Angeles, California, where they expect to make their future home. Their large circle of friends in this city will regret very much their decision in leaving Central Point for both Mr. and Mrs. Farnum will be greatly missed in the social and business affairs of the community and especially in the church and Y. M. C. A. work in which they took a very active interest. However, we will all wish them the best of success in their new location and we know they are well entitled to all the good things which may come their way.

## CENTRAL POINT II; CHOSEN FRIENDS I

Our Boys Visit Camp of Friends and  
Have Another Game Credited

The Central Point-Jacksonville ball team went to Medford Sunday and took on the Chosen Friends for the second game of the season and have to their credit the first two games played this season.

The following account given in the Medford Sun tells the story:

"The first ball game of the season for Medford was held Sunday afternoon at the ball park, and Central Point defeated the Chosen Friends of this city, 11 to 1. A small crowd saw the game, and Shorty Miles umpired.

The score:

Medford	PO.	A.	E.	AB.	R.	IB.
Bolz, cf	1	1	0	2	1	1
Coffeen, ss	0	5	1	4	0	1
Antel, lf	2	1	1	4	0	0
Gill, rf	1	1	0	4	0	0
Hill, c	2	0	0	4	0	2
Rader, 3b	3	1	0	4	0	0
Nichols, lb	7	0	1	1	0	1
Sutton, 2b	7	2	1	4	0	2
McKeever, p	4	5	3	1	0	0
Burgess, p	2	2	0	3	0	0
Ditay, lb	0	0	2	2	0	0
Totals	27	18	10	33	1	7

Central Pt.	PO.	A.	E.	AB.	R.	IB.
Coleman, 3b	2	1	0	3	1	0
Harper, 2b	5	7	0	6	0	2
T. Ross, ss	0	0	1	5	2	2
Wilson, c	5	1	0	4	2	3
McIntyre, p	0	1	0	3	2	1
Hopkins, lb	10	2	1	5	1	1
Sanderson, rf	1	0	1	4	1	0
Clark, cf	0	0	1	4	1	0
Farrar, lf	2	0	0	4	0	0
Totals	27	12	14	39	11	5

Summary—Earned runs, Medford 0, Central Point 6; left on bases, Medford 8, Central Point 13; hit by pitcher, Medford 0, Central Point 2; double plays, Medford, Antel to Coffeen to Sutton, Central Point, Hopkins to Harper, Harper to Hopkins (2).

1 base on error: Medford 3, Central Point 8; 1st base on balls, off McKeever 4, Burgess 2, McIntyre 2; struck out, by McKeever 2, Burgess 2, McIntyre 5; 2 base hits, Wilson; 3 base hits, Hill; home runs, 0; wild pitches, 0; passed balls, 0. Umpire Miles. Time of game, 1 hour 48 minutes.

Boltz, the new outfielder from Los Angeles, showed up well in Sunday's contest, and has proven a valuable asset to the Friends team.

McIntyre from Jacksonville, who pitched for Central Point was in good form and had no trouble disposing of the local boys.

The feature of the game was the hook sliding of Kid Coleman on the Central Point team.

Seldon Hill, who caught for the locals, deserves honorable mention for his heady work behind the bat.

Rader and Burgess who leave for Pendleton this week to play with the club in the Western Tri-State league, worked out with the locals Sunday.

Curly Wilson of Jacksonville, who played last season with the Pendleton Western Tri-State league club, has closed arrangements to manage Central Point this season. His work in Sunday's game both behind the bat and with the stick proved that he will be a valuable man for the visitors' team this season.

Speed Harper, formerly of the Tri-State league shows great class around a second. He also shows that he knows the game.

All the other boys showed well in the contest and within the next few weeks local fans will be furnished some good baseball.

### Table Rock

We are very sorry to report that Mr. W. S. Reese is still very low.

Born, at Table Rock, March 30th., to Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson, a son.

Dr. Sealey of Medford made a professional call here Sunday morning.

Col. Washburn has a large crew spraying and cultivating his orchard.

Rev. A. C. Howlett will fill Rev. M. C. Davis' appointment here Sunday evening.

Fruit inspector Aitkens was here last week inspecting our orchards for blight and other pest.

Mr. W. R. Byrum and little daughter, Myrtle, were on the sick list last week but are all right now.

Miss Eva Hall having got over a case of the mumps took up her school work in the Meadows districts Monday.

School Supervisor Henry visited the school last week. The piano peddlers are trying to coax the literary society to buy a piano but as the society now have the use of a good organ they are likely to forgo the luxury for the present.

The secret of the prevailing prosperity in Tillamook County is explained by reference to the cow census which is included in the county assessor's figures. Last year butter fat brought an average of 41.3c per pound and each cow in the county produced, on an average, \$106.00. Good dairying is also reported from Buena Vista, where one herd of 11 cows brought a check for \$158.16, an average of \$14.37 for each cow during the month.

## PASTOR CONCLUDES WORK HERE.

Pastor of Presbyterian Church Delivers Last Sermon Sunday.

Sunday last was the closing Sabbath day in the year's work at the local Presbyterian church and Rev. Hearst delivered his last sermon in the house of worship of that organization in this city as he will not be located here another year. At the services Sunday Miss Agnes Dunlap was baptized she being the eighth member to join with the church during the year. The new church has been built during the year and considerable other work of importance to the future growth and welfare of the organization has been accomplished since Rev. Hearst took charge of the work in February, 1912.

A congregational meeting at the church has been called for April 7th at which time the business of the year will be concluded and at which the different committees in charge of work of the church are requested to submit written reports.

Dr. L. M. Anderson, Ph.D., of Medford pastor at large of this district, has been appointed to the work here for a couple of weeks and for the next two Sundays will occupy the pulpit.

Rev. and Mrs. Hearst expect to go to Portland the latter part of the week for a visit with relatives and friends and will later decide on which of several offers tendered them they will accept. Their friends here will wish them success in whatever place they take up their residence.

From all appearances it would seem to have been a good year for the local Presbyterian church and congregation.

### Willow Springs Inlets

Mr. Hugh Porter is erecting a barn on his orchard.

Mrs. Frank Adams and son, Marjor, were Sunday visitors in Willow Springs. Everybody is busy getting their ground in prime condition for planting corn.

Col. Mims was putting the finishing touches on his drive ways which are as fine as you will find in the valley.

Mr. Ensign of Sleepy Hollow and sister, Mrs. Warner of Los Angeles, were visiting Mrs. Frank McKee Sunday.

The hills are covered with wild flowers, the apricots, peaches and cherries are in bloom and the valley looks prosperous.

Miss Francine McNasser took part in several entertainments in Medford the first of the week, and was the guest of Mrs. Ed Andrews and daughter Caroline.

Those motoring and driving to Medford Saturday were: L. M. Foss and wife, Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Stone, Mr. Carton and family, Mr. Cobb Iaw and wife, Mr. Joe Hoagland, Oscar Blandford.

The first school rally to be held in Jackson county will be given at Willow Springs school April 25. The schools which will co-operate are Agate, Table Rock, Tolo, North Jacksonville and Dardanelles.

Prof. Sweet and his assistants are exerting every effort to make this a day long to be remembered. A program will be rendered in which each school will participate. Some of the best public speakers in the county will be present and deliver addresses.

The Central Point Band and other prominent musical artists have been engaged, which assures us of the choicest musical selections, and a rare treat. A basket dinner, tennis and croquet contest races base ball will be other features of the day.

It is sincerely hoped that every person in the district will do his or her best to aid in making this a gala day in the history of Willow Springs.

A few rallies have been held throughout this state and have stimulated a more responsive school spirit and more mutual and friendly relations between the districts cooperating. We cannot afford to be outdone by any other county or section of the state, so let us get our life clothes on and be up and doing. As soon as arrangements have been completed hand bills will be placed in each school for distribution to the different homes and everybody given a cordial invitation to see that nothing is left undone to eclipse all past records.

The schools to take part are considered to be of the very best in Southern Oregon, and why not do ourselves proudly. Remember we are on trial, and not our critics therefore each must join in the fray.

Hooray for Willow Springs.

Peppermint growing is to be tried near Albany, it is being believed that this plant can be made a profitable crop. In the Wenatchee, Washington, country peanuts are being planted between the fruit trees, the tops to be used for hog feed and the nuts to be sold to peanut butter factories.

Prof. Milan of the Ashland schools was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

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