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FEARS FOR CHILD; ROBBED OF \$15; RECOVERS MONEY

Bold Gypsy Women Hold Up Old Gentleman on Bridge in Broad Daylight

Fearing that Gypsy women were trying to kidnap his grandson, J. S. Herndon, made ineffectual attempts Tuesday evening to prevent the women taking \$15 from his pockets. The robbery occurred on the river bridge near where the Herndons have their summer home, and in the full light of the late afternoon. Some of the women held Mr. Herndon who is an old gentleman, while the others went through his pockets and took the money—three \$5 gold pieces. One of the women was arrested and Herndon identified her as one of the thieves, but after four men of the band had paid him back the sum which he claimed was taken from him she was released.

Herndon, according to his story, was coming along the Springfield bridge, carrying the child, when the Gypsy women approached him and offered to tell his fortune. He told them that he did not care to have his fortune revealed and started to go on, but they grasped him by the arm and while some of them held him, others went through his pockets and took the money.

Herndon at once notified Marshal Staniger of Springfield, and that officer, accompanied by O. W. Johnson and Herndon, set out in an automobile to look for the women. They drove to Eugene before they found any of the Gypsies. They stopped the caravan and Herndon picked out a young woman in the band as being one of his assailants. She was turned over to the Eugene police.

In the meantime someone at Springfield telephoned to Deputy Sheriff George Croner at his residence, telling him of the robbery and stating that if he would start out he would meet Staniger and the other men. Croner got an automobile and drove with haste to Springfield, but Staniger and the other men had already reached the city. Croner met some of the Gypsies but he knew nothing as to who were the man's assailants and paid no attention to them. Finding nothing at the Springfield end of the line, Croner returned to Eugene and in company with the other officers and Deputy Sheriff Tom Bailey, searched the camp in the northwestern part of the city, but without finding any more of the women whom Herndon recognized. Some of the men in the Gypsy band after considerable parleying, gave Herndon the sum which he said was taken from him and the young woman detained by the officers was released.

There were a dozen wagons in this caravan of Gypsies, and it is stated there are 200 wagon loads of them on their way from California.

BOOTH-KELLY CO. LOSES Five Patents to Oregon Lands Cancelled.

Washington, May 17.—The supreme court today affirmed the decision of the ninth Uni-

BIG LOGS BROUGHT FROM WENDLING

In the shipment of logs from Wendling yesterday for the Booth-Kelly mill here were three logs of unusual size. All were cut from the same tree in 20-foot lengths, and were 75, 69 and 62 inches in diameter respectively.

ted States circuit court of appeals in cancelling five patents of Oregon lands held by the Booth-Kelly Lumber company because of fraud in entry.

History of the Case.

Portland, May 17.—The government's case against the Booth-Kelly Lumber company first came up in the United States district court four years ago.

It was charged that Stephen, Alice, Ethel M., and Lucy La Raut, relatives of R. A. Booth, who was then manager of the lumber company, and Edward Jordan, a foreman, had deeded the lands, located in Southern Oregon, to the lumber company shortly after obtaining patents. Evidence also was introduced to show that each had received \$100 for his services.

The district court cancelled the patents of the La Rauts, but upheld that of Jordan. On February 24, 1913, the United States circuit court of appeals cancelled the patent of Jordan also, and the case was carried to the supreme court. The case was made much of in the senatorial campaign of last year when Mr. Booth was a candidate against George Chamberlain.

EXCURSION TRAIN STARTS FROM HERE

Advices were received this morning by M. L. France, local agent of the Southern Pacific company, giving the information that the Sunday train for the excursion to the Rhododendron festival will leave Springfield at 6:30 a. m. and will be back from the seacoast at 10:45. Two cars are to leave Springfield on Sunday morning, picking up eight more in Eugene.

Trains leave Eugene both Saturday and Sunday at 7 a. m., and arrive at Mapleton at 9:30. Returning, the trains leave Mapleton at 8 p. m.

The fare for the round trip, including the launch ride from Mapleton to Florence, is \$3.00 from Springfield and \$2.85 from Eugene.

School Asks for Standard Rating

At a meeting of the school board Tuesday evening orders were placed for the laboratory equipment, costing some \$50 or \$75, that was needed to bring the Springfield High school up to the state requirements for a "standard" four-year high school. H. E. Walker, the clerk, was directed to give the state superintendent notices that the equipment had been ordered, and therefore, according to the statement of Assistant Superintendent Welles who inspected the school a week or more ago, it is now entitled to be rated as "standard" in the records of the state superintendent's office.

Some library books that are needed will be purchased when the district's library allowance from the state is received.

SPRINGFIELD DOCTORS UNDER \$500 BONDS NOT TO WRITE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS

Binding themselves with a bond of \$500 not to write prescriptions calling for spirituous or alcoholic liquors, the physicians of Springfield today made the announcement that hereafter they would cease writing prescriptions of this class. Following is the text of the resolution which they have adopted, printed copies of which are posted in the various offices:

"At a special meeting of the physicians of Springfield, Oregon, and Lane County, recently held, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, The physicians of Springfield have in the past endeavored to live carefully within the local option law to the best

of their knowledge and belief, and have endeavored to obey as carefully as possible all of its provisions; and

"Further, That they sincerely desire to uphold all the laws of the land and feel that they are entitled to be considered respectable citizens of this community; and

"Whereas, Owing to the fact that physicians in various dry parts of the State have been unjustly arrested and convicted and fined heavily on purely technical grounds for writing alcoholic prescriptions and

"Whereas, The undersigned physicians have been annoyed by spotters from time to time, who falsely plead sickness and

hope by misrepresentation and fraud to entice some unwary doctor into writing a prescription that they may secure his arrest, thereby placing physicians in the same category as ordinary criminals; and

"Whereas, The doctors are being continually annoyed by individuals seeking prescriptions for alcohol and alcoholic liquors, often when the doctor is sitting at his meal or perhaps called out of bed, and, often calling at the doctor's office during his most busy time, causing the doctor to waste valuable time explaining the reason he cannot write the prescription, and very often the said individual, be it a stranger, friend or patient, leaves the office sore and angry; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we will in the future positively not write any prescriptions for alcohol or spirituous liquors for internal or external use or any purpose whatsoever, and it is understood and agreed by each of the parties signing this instrument that in case any one of the parties hereto shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of this resolution he shall forfeit to the other parties the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00), the same to be collected in the manner prescribed by law.

EUGENE KESTER
R. P. MORTENSEN
W. C. REBHAN
W. H. POLLARD

DOZEN PRIZES FOR WEST SPRINGFIELD

Nearly a dozen prizes were awarded to the West Springfield school at the school fair held in Eugene last Friday and Saturday. A corrected list of the awards is as follows:

First prize for best collective exhibit from districts of the third class. Prize, a drinking fountain pump.

Advancement in Palmer penmanship, third prize, a copper waste basket.

Loaf of bread, class A, first prize, sack of flour and half a dozen cans of peas.

Mounted wild flowers, class A, third prize, book entitled, "The Oldest of Four," awarded to Florence Lee.

Plan for dairy barn, class A, first prize, \$3 hat, Kenneth Gosler.

Collection of insects, class A, third prize, pair of gloves, Chester Mason.

Flowers grown by pupils, in class A, second prize, collection of potted plants, Bennie Davidson.

Plan for two-room school house, dictionary, Price Nixon.

Same, third prize, book, entitled "Treasure Island Boys," Richard Collins.

Patched Christian Calendar is Theme

Prof. F. S. Dunn of the University of Oregon, will make the address at the meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood next Monday evening at the church. His theme will be "Our Patched Christian Calendar." Professor Dunn is a very interesting speaker. His address will occur at 7:30, following the monthly dinner and business meeting at 6:30.

WM. M'BEE INJURED AIDING AUTOMOBILE

Severely Bruised When Run Away Horses Drag the Car Over Him.

William McBee, who lives at Seventh and G streets, suffered painful muscular bruises and some cuts about the face and head at 6 o'clock Monday evening when his horses, with which he was aiding a stranded automobile, became frightened and ran away.

That Mr. McBee's injuries were not more serious was due to the fact that the accident happened in a field of soft earth.

The runaway was not for a great distance, but it was spectacular while it lasted.

C. W. Boole of Portland, who is on his way to California, is stopping here until the rains are over and he had rented a barn near Eighth and G streets. While attempting to drive his car into the barn, which is some distance from the street, he was caught in the mud, and accordingly sought the assistance of Mr. McBee. When first the car was hauled from the mud, it ran on ahead and struck the horses, which were quieted with difficulty. In a moment the auto once more struck the horses, and with a bound they were off. Mr. McBee could not get out of the way soon enough, and was run over by the automobile.

Westward past the barn the horses dashed, striking a pile of wood and overturning it. Frightened by the crash they hurried on until the automobile caught in a farm wagon. The weight did not trouble the animals and the wagon was turned completely around and overturned. The horses turned south on Seventh street near the curb, and dragged the auto over two crossings before coming to a stop.

The front axle of the car was bent and the wheels were decidedly out of alignment, but otherwise no serious damage was done.

Mr. McBee was taken into his house and a physician summoned, but it was found that the injuries were not serious.

URGE COOPERATION IN FIRE PREVENTION

According to official reports, there has been an unusual amount of damage done in the eastern states this spring on account of forest fires. As a result, the government is emphasizing its campaign, having for its main object the co-operation of the general public in the work of fire prevention and suppression. In this work, the west has already been very active, for fire prevention west of the Rocky mountains has reached a well established basis.

For the past five years, the Northwest has carried on a live campaign of publicity, setting forth the results of forest fires and urging the help of the community in suppressing and preventing them. Various kinds of notices have been freely posted, and circulars have been distributed among young and old everywhere. The campaign has

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