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SECOND POSTOFFICE ROBBER IN LAW'S TOILS

Word was received here the first of the week to the effect that the second of the two robbers that burglarized the Hermiston postoffice on the night of March 22 last had been apprehended and that his trial would take place in Portland Thursday or Friday of this week. It will be remembered that one of the robbers was captured by a posse a day or so following the looting of the local postoffice, the other eluding the hunters and making his escape. For the crime the one who was captured is now serving a term of six years in the Federal prison on McNeill's island, and it is likely the one recently taken will receive a like sentence.

Wednesday Postmaster J. H. Young was notified to appear at the trial as a witness against the robber, and accordingly he left for Portland on Wednesday's train, accompanied by Mrs. Young, who visited there while her husband attended to the business of helping send the burglar that caused him so much grief and anxiety in March over the road.

During Mr. Young's absence the assistant postmaster, Miss Elisabeth Leek, catered to the wants of patrons in her usually proficient and agreeable manner.

BOARDMAN SCHOOL HOUSE TO BE BUILT

The Boardman school district won nearly every point yesterday in its suit with the O. W. R. & N. railway company and will commence construction immediately on a \$9000 school building.

The people of Boardman and four attorneys of the railway company spent two days in Pendleton this week in trying out the merits of the case filed by the company. The district wanted a \$12000 building and the company offered a \$5000 structure. The district wanted an assembly room and some of the convenience of a modern school which the company denied were necessary.

Judge Phelps called two recesses and advised the opponents to get together and agree if possible but a compromise was not reached. After all the evidence was in and the lawyers had made their arguments Judge Phelps outlined part of his opinion and then told all parties to the suit to gather around a table and agree upon a modification of the plans, which was done. The result was that the district was allowed to go ahead with its original plans, with two rooms of the wings left out, or deferred until their use was necessary. At present three teachers are needed and it is estimated that the remainder of the building will be required at least in two years. Everybody was satisfied with the judge's Solomon-like methods and the school board ordered construction to be commenced today.

SKINNER MAKES ANOTHER PROPERTY DEAL

The big land deal pulled off by W. H. Skinner last week evidently made him keen on dabbling in real estate transactions, for early this week he struck a bargain with Mrs. M. D. O'Connell whereby he traded his beautiful home in this city for property in the Richland valley owned by the above lady, the consideration being around \$4000.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner gave the new owner possession Wednesday and Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell and family are now comfortably situated in their new abode. Mr. Skinner moved with his family to one of the Frick houses and will remain there until after he finishes his land improvement contract with the parties to whom he sold the 100 acres last week. He then expects to leave for Portland with Mrs. Skinner to reside in future.

A. E. Robb, one of the owners of Robb Bros' orchard near this city, has become a firm believer in advertising after having disposed of all the firm's apples two days after The Herald was printed containing an "Apples for Sale" ad. which he had inserted. Frank Ralph disposed of a horse in jig time by advertising him for sale in these columns, and he also has faith in advertising. That's making good sales at a minimum cost, isn't it?

QUERIES ANSWERED BY THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Being very busy, but wanting to fulfill our promise to answer any and all live topics put up to The Herald, we have this week engaged an associate editor to handle this department. As will be noticed the numerous questions have wide variance, and all, together with the answers, are interesting and instructive and give much food for thoughtful study. Each query has been taken up and answered serially by the associate editor as follows:

Question—What's the use when there's no use?

Answer—What's the use when there's no use is equivalent to saying I can't. Who is to determine that there is no use? If it is left to some one who has not much force of character there will be no use of undertaking to do anything that has not been accomplished already. But leave the determining whether there be use or not, to some one of great force of character and the thing that could not be done is done. Then we are to conclude that there is no use at present capable of determining whether there is use or whether there is no use. The things physically possible, and the things not physically possible, can only be determined at the end of time.

Question—Is the word Kaiser a synonym of Devil, and, if so, in the Kingdom of Hell what are their relative positions socially and politically?

Answer—The phrase "The Kaiser" is a synonym of the phrase "The devil" by implication. The Kaiser is so prominently connected with the things the devil is supposed to be doing as to be a figurative designation for devil. Kaiser and devil are, therefore, eponymic. The devil, being father of the kingdom of hell, must be the supreme ruler, and the Kaiser, being his son, must hold a subordinate position in his father's kingdom. This is as the most of the people would have it.

Question—What is the basic principle upon which the peace that the people are crying for must be founded?

Answer—The question, "What is the basic principle upon which the peace that the people of the world are crying for must be founded," I would answer in one word, justice, and I would continue by saying that justice, so called, requiring force for its administration, is not justice. Now let me ask this question, what must be the mental condition of the people of the world before the basic principle justice can be established in the world? I mean justice without force to make its laws operative.

Question—If the German people are the learned people that we have been led to believe they are, why do they continue this war, when they are already whipped?

Answer—The entente allies are not in a position to accept a peace proposal from the central powers, except the one of unconditional surrender. This war has passed the "war for conquest" stage, "war for commercialism" stage, "war for militarism" stage, and is now passing through the stage of "war for democracy." The next stage will be "war for justice," and when that stage is reached it will be a war between the mutable or physical principle and the immutable or divine principle. Man's present misconception of his economics in nature will be so illuminated at the end of this war that his understanding of immutable truth will fit him to live in a world where the social and economic conditions are founded on justice. When the war-for-justice stage is reached, organized warfare will be at an end, and at this time will be the beginning of true desolation without which man's physical nature is unconquerable. Now the central powers are not in a position that they can make an unconditional surrender, it would be impossible for them to do so and still retain their political, educational and social institutions. They know this, therefore they will continue the war, in the vain hope that victory may yet be theirs.

In answering the question, "why do the German people continue this war when they are already whipped," I have also answered the question, "will the physical or the divine power rule at the close of this war?" —C. D. P.

DRAFTED MEN'S EARS MUST BE SOUND



Photo by American Press Association.

The physical examination of a drafted man is most thorough. Eyes, ears, teeth, heart, feet, etc., are all examined. Here is a youth receiving the ear test, which is considered most important in modern warfare.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

John C. Barham, aged fifty-four years and seven months, a well known pioneer of this district, died at 4:30 o'clock last Monday afternoon at the family home, death being due to tuberculosis, following an extended illness. Mr. Barham was born in Erie Pa., Jan. 29, 1863, and came to Hermiston seven years ago for his health. Prior to his coming here he was receiving clerk for the Griswold Mfg. Co., of Erie, Pa., for twenty-three years.

Mr. Barham has always been a very optimistic man and during the seven years that he has been here he has a very good showing, having some of the finest trees on the project for their age. He was treasurer for the Beekeepers association here and was a great favorite with every one that knew him.

In addition to a host of friends Mr. Barham leaves a wife and son, Childs R. Barham, besides one sister, Emma, who is here with the family, and one half sister, Mrs. George Ludwig, of Erie, Pa.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence, Rev. Graham officiating. The following young men acted as pall bearers: Charles Kellar, Paul Miller, Fred Brunson and Leo Clark. Interment took place at Hermiston cemetery.

Carroll Akers arrived home Tuesday from Wasco where he has been working during harvest. Mr. Akers leaves Sunday to weigh wheat in one of the warehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Phipps accompanied the Leathers family to Hidaway on Monday for a few days outing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Kellar left Monday for their home in Jonesborough, Ark., after a brief stay with his brother, C. A. Kellar.

Rev. Faucett from Stanfield, visited this section last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heath from the Furnish project, were callers in this section one day last week.

Mrs. Whitsett and baby spent last Friday and Saturday at the Waugaman home.

G. R. Roberts of Reith, spent several days at the Waugaman home last week.

H. M. Gunn is having his 10-acre tract in this section leveled and seeded to alfalfa. Bob Nelmeyer is doing the work.

There were 73 attending Sunday school last Sunday.

Mrs. Shipley and son spent a few days in Pendleton last week.

Mrs. LaBarre is home from Portland, where she spent several weeks visiting friends.

Amos Sellers spent Wednesday in Pendleton, having been called for physical examination for draft.

The Columbia Classmates held another of their delightful parties Friday night at Columbia school house.

The guests came in hardtime costume and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Prizes were awarded Miss Akers and Mr. Attebury.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson leave today for Leavenworth, Wash., after spending a week with their mother, Mrs. Attebury.

Mr. Felthouse motored down from Hidaway last Sunday to transact business matters. He expects to return to the springs in a few days.

Sam Caldwell was unfortunate enough to step on a pitchfork Wednesday that will disable him from work for some time.

Alfred Groom and L. H. Pearson motored to Echo Wednesday with a load of potatoes.

E. E. Graham is on the sick list this week.

Hattie Graham spent the week in town visiting her uncle, Rev. Graham.

The ladies of the Neighborhood club will give a garden party on the Sommerer lawn Friday evening, Sept. 7. An invitation is extended to all.

Chas. Sellers, brother of W. T. Sellers, who has been working for Henry Sommerer, left Friday for California.

The Columbia school house is being repainted. Mr. Comegys is doing the work.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. N. Seaman and daughters, Margaret and Freda, were in Hermiston Wednesday.

Mrs. Paul Jones was at Boardman Thursday visiting Mrs. C. P. Stanyan.

Mrs. Lee Graybeal spent two days the latter part of the week visiting friends at Bailey.

Myrtle Christensen returned to her home at Hermiston after spending a week visiting Doris Lane.

Mrs. Earl Caldwell and daughter Vera, of Hermiston, are visiting this week with relatives.

Mrs. Royal Rands of Boardman was in town Friday on a shopping tour.

Charlie Gray and family of Lexington, are here visiting Mr. Gray's sister, Mrs. H. Stockard.

Thomas Hawthorne made a business trip to Hermiston Friday.

Chas. McFall of Kamela is in town this week visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. E. McCoy.

Ben Rush made a business trip to Hermiston Friday morning.

C. C. Leach of Echo was a guest at the McCoy home Saturday.

G. W. Samson was in Hermiston Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stanyan were in town Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Hawthorne and daughter Louise returned home Friday from the beach, where they have been spending the summer.

Mrs. Hays Stockard is on the sick list this week.

NINE HUNDRED TONS ALFALFA FROM 146 ACRES

Mrs. W. G. Corey, well known merchant's wife, left last Sunday for Seattle where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Corey will leave some time this fall. The Coreys have lived in Irrigon for the past fourteen years.

Miss Ella Dawson left Saturday for Riparia where she will visit friends.

W. L. Suddarth made a business trip to Portland the latter part of the week.

Miss Myrtle McCoy left Sunday for Imbler where she will visit her grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Graybeal. On her return she will stop at Kamela and visit her aunt, Mrs. Chas. McFall.

Miss Pearl Christensen of Hermiston is visiting this week with Miss Mae Davis.

FORMER PUBLISHER MAKES LONG AUTO TRIP

F. R. Reeve, former publisher of this paper, who left here with his family the latter part of last month on an overland trip to California, writes the following interesting article to The Herald on his journey:

"I will start this letter with a request to send The Herald to us at 913 Cherry street, Santa Rosa. Start with the first issue in August, that we may know all the news of the Hermiston country since leaving. I intended seeing to this before we left, but in the rush of the last minute it was overlooked.

"And now for a little about our trip. We drove to Hood River our first day going down the river via Umatilla, Irrigon, Boardman, Arlington and into the regular road outside of Wasco a short distance. This route was not at all bad and from talking with others there is no question but it is much better than the Echo road.

"An incident of the day was our questioning at one point which way to turn. Near were some men putting hay into a barn. I went over for information and was much surprised to find Maurice Sharrard and Mr. Deos were two of the men. In addition to finding our way I enjoyed a few minutes of very pleasant visiting.

"The only other incident of the day out of the ordinary was on Mosier hill 4 1/2 miles up and 4 1/2 down. Coming down, just around a sharp bend, we met headon with another car. We came out with a bent bumper and the other fellow minus part of his running board. This was our only accident on the entire trip and both of us felt satisfied nothing more serious resulted.

Our second day saw us in Portland early in the afternoon, not leaving Hood River until 11 o'clock. We visited in Portland until Tuesday when we drove to Eugene and spent a day and a half with Mrs. Reeves' sister—Carroll's mother. Here, too, we were joined by F. H. Trowbridge, brother of Mrs. Reeves, who came down with us. From Eugene we drove to Roseburg and the next day saw us in Ashland. Dunsuir was our next stop and Sunday we went to Corniog. Monday we finished our trip driving 185 miles and reached Santa Rosa.

"Our actual time on the road was about six days and the mileage 961, though during our stay in Portland and Eugene we drove 191 miles, making a grand total of 1152 miles. We did not have a blowout and but one puncture. No trouble of any other nature took a liking to our car and the pleasure of the trip was much greater for that reason.

"At Orland we asked for Mr. Erickson but found him away. We did see F. W. Whiting and enjoyed a very pleasant visit, gathering peaches, almonds, oranges and seeing grape fruit and lemons on the trees.

"We are settled here in apartments for the present. How long we will remain I do not know. Though 17 years have passed since leaving Santa Rosa I had no difficulty in finding my way about and have met many old time friends. If we decide to remain we will secure a house where we can seem more at home and where our Hermiston friends may visit us when visiting in California.

"I am with the Studebaker agency here and find it fits very well, as you know I have been a champion of that car always.

"Another time and I will write more of the incidents of the trip and the country through which we came."

Col. J. F. McNaught, the father of the Hermiston irrigation project who thirteen years ago built the old Maxwell ditch and improved and seeded alfalfa the first tract of land in this section, began cutting the third crop of hay the first of the week on his vast alfalfa meadow land adjoining this city on the east and south.

This year the Colonel has in crop 146 acres, and from this acreage he expects to put up 900 tons of alfalfa hay from the four cuttings. To facilitate the handling of this enormous crop in the most modern manner he has cast aside the old style trip rake for the new rotary side delivery type, which sweeps the field clean and puts the hay in windrows 20 feet apart—just the right width for pitchers working on both sides of the wagon when hauling operations are in progress.

Next year Mr. McNaught will increase his already prodigious acreage by preparing and seeding to alfalfa 50 more acres—making 210 altogether. His system of irrigating the vast meadow is probably the best in the state, and in order to bring about this result of equal distribution of water over the land he has spent thousands of dollars in concreting penstocks and intakes, and in fluming and ditching.

But now, with all the hard brain work over, the Colonel can take much pride in his achievement of work done well and lasting while he rides daily over his large domain behind his one time trotting and most sensible horse and directs harvesting operations and issues orders during each cutting to his vast army of employees.

O. W. RAILWAY MAKES NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

Replacement of the old planks by the installation of new ones in the railroad crossing near the depot was an improvement ordered by the company that took place in this city the latter part of last week. For years upon years—nearly as long as the oldest "old timer" can remember—the crossing had been an eyesore and a nerve-wrecker to autoists and drivers of vehicles having occasion to use it. So thin has the planking become worn, in fact, that from the time a vehicle or auto struck the tracks on either side it was a series of "hump the bumps," to the utter disgust of those who used it, whether on business or pleasure bent.

But the long suffering public has at last been relieved to some extent, though it is far from being an admirable crossing yet. After such a long wait for this improvement the people of Hermiston extend heartfelt thanks to the railway company, but in view of the fact that this is the only town on the system between Pendleton and Hood River that can hold a candle to it in point of the volume of business done yearly by the aforesaid railway company, we think it no more than fair and just that General Manager J. P. O'Brien or some other authoritative person connected with the concern should issue another order forthwith instructing subordinates to bring a carload of cinders from Umatilla for distribution around the depot and at the crossing approaches, which are well nigh impassable on account of the sand domes heaped up on either side of them.

The Commercial club, the Civic Improvement club, the city council and the people of the town and country districts about Hermiston ask for the furtherance of this improvement in the interests of humanity.

UMATILLA COUNTY CERTIFIES 53 OF 86

Out of the first 86 men called in this county, 53 have been certified to the district draft board as passed for service. Ten have enlisted and three of those transferred have not been reported.

But two claims for exemption, aside from those of the aliens, were allowed. The examination of the 35 men in the second call began Tuesday last, and out of the two answering the call from here, one, James McCready, was turned down, and the other, Amos Sellers, accepted.

The third call has been issued, and those in it will report for examination on August 29.