

FEAR HOT BOX FOR CAR OF JUSTICE

Judge Hamilton Expedites Work in Circuit Court, Keeping Court Officials on the Jump.

Judge Hamilton of Roseburg is making the attorneys of the Jackson county bar sit up and take notice, and has created a desire in the minds of the officers of the court to be "Johnny on the spot" at the calling of court.

At the opening of court yesterday morning when the Harrington case came up for trial he found that the jury panel was short. "Mr. Shariff," he called. The sheriff happened to be in court. "Call a special venire and have the jurors in court at one o'clock," was the next order. The sheriff got busy at once.

"Mr. Clerk," said the judge. The bailiff informed the court that the clerk hadn't come up yet. "Get him up here," came from the bench. He came.

So it was, all through the afternoon. "I object," would say an attorney. "Objection overruled,"—or sustained, as the case might be, from the court. "But your honor," the lawyer would plead. "The court has decided, go ahead," would be the reply.

There was no delay tolerated. The attorneys caught the spirit and were ready at all times. The court officials were also ready, and the way things traveled in the circuit court for a time came nearly causing a hot box in the wheels of justice.

VINCENT DENIES RUMOR HE HAD RUN AWAY

W. T. Vincent, who was called to Yreka, Calif., last week by sickness in his family, returned to Medford Wednesday. On his return Mr. Vincent found that reports had been circulated that he had run away from Medford to avoid paying bills. Mr. Vincent desires to state that he never has run away from an obligation, financial or personal, and that he does not intend to.

FAREWELL RECEPTION TENDERED REV. HALL

Congregation of Baptist Church Gathers to Bid Rev. and Mrs. Hall Farewell.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. G. LeRoy Hall, former pastor of the Baptist church, spent a pleasant evening last night when a farewell reception was tendered them. Rev. C. M. McKee presided. The church was beautifully decorated with laurel and mistletoe by the ladies of the 100 club.

The friends gathered at an early hour and then Rev. and Mrs. Hall were sent for. As they were being escorted to their seats of honor by Mr. Loxter everyone present rose to their feet, and then Mrs. Marsh opened the program by a splendid piano solo, which was beautifully rendered. Dr. Dyer followed with prayer. Then Mr. McKee gave an address in which he said in part, it had been his privilege to introduce into the state of Oregon six years ago Rev. and Mrs. Hall, and he had followed Mr. Hall in his successful pastorate at Pendleton and Medford as a father follows a son, but in work they had been as brothers.

He closed by presenting Mr. and Mrs. Hall with a purse, which was an expression of the love and esteem that those present had for them; also a book with the names of everyone present. Mr. Hall responded in a feeling manner and spoke of the friendships which had been formed and likened it to a web as one friendship was woven into our lives in a way we know not of, but everlasting, and closed by inviting everyone to visit them in their new field at Marshfield next summer. Mrs. Hall also responded in a few well chosen words and concluded with an original reading, "The Lighthouse Keeper Jim."

All sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts," and Rev. Shields, pastor of the Presbyterian church, offered prayer. Then all joined in a social time. As Mr. Hall goes from Medford to take charge of a smaller church at Marshfield, Or., the field is as wide, the city is nearly as large in population, and is fast coming to the front as a future seaport and manufacturing city.

LIBERALS ATTACK BODY-SCOUT IDEA

Leaders Contend That Move is Simply Plan for Enslavement of English Masses—Bitter Attack is Made.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Contending that enslavement of the English masses is the ultimate object of the Conservative party's militarist policy Liberal election campaigners have begun a vigorous attack on their opponents' conscription proposals in general and upon the widespread "body scout" craze in particular.

The "body scout" movement, organized by General Sir R. S. S. Baden-Powell about eighteen months ago, has enjoyed immense popularity, a large share of the country's juvenile masculine population having been enrolled in its ranks, uniformed and drilled regularly under competent older-officers of previous army experience.

"Do not allow yourselves to be mystified by the opposition to the budget engineered by wealthy manufacturers and land owners," warns one of the latest Liberal campaign proclamations to the voters. "The object of all this turmoil is industrial enslavement and its method may be summed up in two words—conscription and protection."

SCHOONER GOES ASHORE ON MEXICO'S COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The steam schooner Homer, under charter to the Pacific Tropical Fruit Co., is ashore forty miles north of San Blas on the Mexican coast, according to a telegram received by Geo. H. Fitch, an official of the company. The message was signed by Captain Pierce of the Homer, and reads as follows: "Homer ashore forty miles north of San Blas on sandy beach. Passengers and crew safe."

The Homer is a small craft, 150 feet in length and with a 33-foot beam. She had a crew of twenty seamen, and when she sailed from San Francisco on December 2, she carried seven passengers. She was making her trip as a fruit transport.

BANKERS GATHER AT BANQUET BOARD

Jackson County Clearing House Association Hold Profitable and Pleasant Session.

The Jackson County Clearing House association met at Ashland Wednesday evening. The meeting was attended by representatives of most of the banks affiliated with the association.

After discussing the banking question in its various phases, speeches being made by some of the leading financiers of the association, a banquet furnished by the ladies of the Trinity guild, was enjoyed. During the banquet music was furnished by the High School Mandolin club.

E. V. Carter, president of the Jackson County Bankers' association, presided over the meeting.

Those in attendance from Medford were: W. S. Crowell, M. L. Alford, Charles Strang, F. K. Depel, Oris Crawford and H. G. Howard of the First National; R. H. Whitehead, T. W. McDonald, F. E. Reddin and B. F. Adkins of the Jackson County; J. E. Enyart, John S. Orth, W. M. Colvig and W. H. Gor of the Medford National; L. E. Wakeman, James Campbell, W. H. Stewart and Henry Barneburg of the Fruit Growers.

The Gold Hill bank was represented by J. L. Hammersley and H. D. Reid.

Ill Health is 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 expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's 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. For sale by Leon B. Haskins' Pharmacy.

Hon. Theo. Cameron of Jacksonville was a Medford visitor Thursday.

BANK ROBBED BY DARING BURGLARS

In Their Haste \$660 in Gold is Left Behind—Men Still at Large—Deed Was a Bold One.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Three daring cracksmen broke into the First National bank of Exeter, in Tulare county, early today, smashed the combination lock of the vault with a sledge hammer, gathered up \$600 in gold and made their escape.

Entrance to the bank was gained through a side window, which was pried open. The tools with which the work was done were stolen from the railroad shops.

Left Gold Behind.

The money was all in sacks and consisted mostly of \$5 and \$10 gold pieces. There was a small quantity of silver in the vault, but this was untouched. In their haste the robbers left \$660 in gold behind, which was found at the vault door. The men had a delivery wagon waiting outside the bank. The gold was bundled into the conveyance, and it is thought, the robbers drove to Visalia. They are still at large and are thought to have headed for Fresno.

Discovered Early.

The fact that the bank had been broken into was discovered by a Mr. Beigleman, a restaurant proprietor, who happened to pass the building before business hours. He noticed that the wind w at the side of the bank was opened and suspected that something was wrong. He immediately telephoned Cashier Fred Norcross, who hurried to the scene.

Sheriff Collins was also called from Visalia and an investigation was made. It was ascertained that the window catch had been pried open. At the foot of the window the officers found a pair of mittens which had been left behind. The mittens are being held as an important clue.

Nothing but the Vault was Disturbed in the Bank.

No Records Touched. The officers found beside the money at the vault door, a sledgehammer and two crowbars. These were the tools with which the robbers smashed the lock.

To United Press representative today Cashier Norcross said that the inner vault door had also been broken open and the burglars had an easy time cleaning out the cash. None of the vault records was disturbed. Norcross further stated that the bank has a \$50.00 burglar protective policy with the National Surety company.

MUCH WORK UNDER WAY.

(Continued from page 1.) George E. Nember has just finished a cabin on the Kelly group and Nember and Smith are doing development on the Butte and Boston.

Frank Edwards and Earl Elirman are working on the Chapin claims.

"Everything is active at Eileen," said Mr. Rogers, "and we are all looking for big work to be done in the district this summer. But I want to say to you that the months of October and November were a little bit the worst as regards weather that I have ever seen during my experience of ten years in the Blue Ledge district. We had more snow for the time of year than ever before, and besides that the storms were frightful. It wound up in a rain and now there isn't a great deal of snow at Eileen, but it was a fright while it lasted."

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IMPROVING ROAD FROM THE DALLES TO DES CHUTES

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—Contractors today are putting an army of 7000 men to work on the trackage of the O. R. & N. company between the Dalles and Deschutes for the purpose of removing curves and reducing the grade to a maximum of 15 per cent. The contract was signed, it was ascertained today, just previous to Vice-President J. P. O'Brien's departure for New York a few days ago. The project is one of the largest put under way for a long time, outside new construction, and will involve the expenditure of at least \$600,000.

PASTOR TALKS ADVERTISING

Uses Text "Sneaks and Thieves Don't Advertise" and Urges Greater Efforts for Publicity Work.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—"Sneaks and thieves don't advertise" was the text of an immigration sermon recently delivered by a McMinnville minister. He followed this up by showing the value of intelligent publicity work in attracting settlers to the Pacific northwest and the benefits alike to the newcomer and the country settled. Each settler means added wealth to the state, and in return the Pacific states offer greater opportunity to the man from the older sections of the country.

The northwest has a duty to perform, believes this pastor, in bringing people from the overcrowded districts of the east to this land of opportunity and live a life in the northwest are making the most of their advantages in attracting settlers.

The Portland flouring mills will maintain its position as the chief flour manufacturing concern of the Pacific northwest and during the past week purchased the Hammond mills and holdings in Seattle and vicinity at an approximate cost of \$500,000. The property consists of the largest flour mill in Seattle and has a capacity of 2000 barrels a day.

T. B. Wilcox, head of the Portland flouring mills and associates conducted the negotiations leading to the purchase. He said the growth of Seattle has made it advantageous to have a mill there and the purchase includes a number of warehouses in Washington and the agency of the Hammond concerns in San Francisco. The Portland company now has 14 mills running night and day in different parts of the northwest and is turning out an enormous product.



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GERMANY OBJECTS TO RUSSIA'S PLAN

Russians May Be Blocked in Their Efforts to Absorb Finland—Fear Commerce Would Suffer.

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 16.—Unexpected opposition to Russia's apparent plan for the complete absorption of Finland has developed on the part of Germany according to advices received today from St. Petersburg.

The German dissatisfaction with Russia's intention is based upon Russia's announced determination to alter the Finnish tariff under which German traders now do a profitable business with this country. The kaiser's government, the message states, already has communicated with Russia, declaring that German commercial interests demand the maintenance of the present trade regulations and insists that if a change is to be made the Russo-German treaty of commerce makes it mandatory upon the Russian government to issue a warning two years previous to the application of a tariff.

The situation is said to have become most embarrassing for the Russians. It is apparent that action of Germany may have an important effect upon the czar's intention to Russianize Finland. The attitude Russia will assume in the light of the unexpected development is causing no little discussion here.

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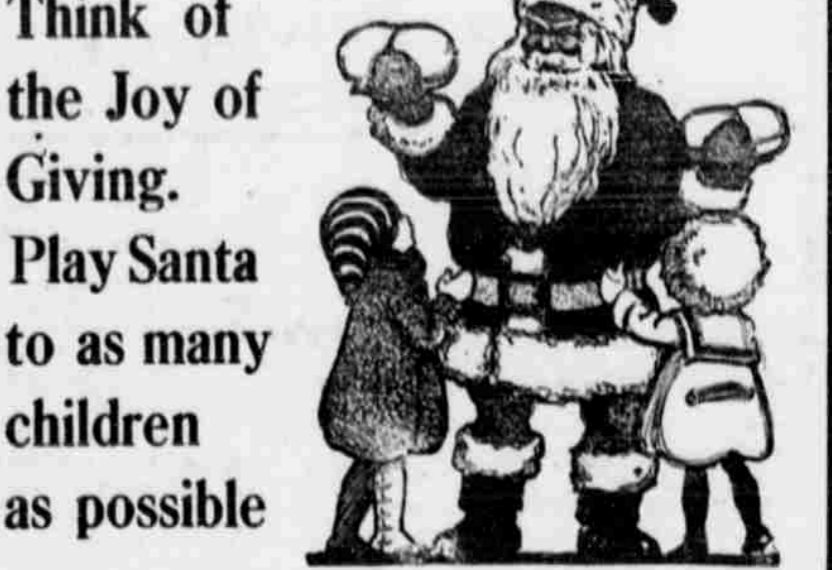
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