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BOSSY STOLEN, OR HAS STRAYED AWAY

Whether some person stole her or whether his fine bovine displayed uncanny knowledge in making a getaway is the problem faced by F. C. Edmeades today following the disappearance of his milk cow.

Mr. Edmeades is inclined to believe that the cow was stolen. She was fastened inside of a stable and to get away had to untie herself, open two doors, move two carriages and climb a fence or open a gate. This was done by the cow or for her. She is gone.

Bossy's loss was reported to the police Saturday morning.

RED BLUFF PASTOR WILL SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

Mr. Boyle, pastor of the Christian church, has returned from The Dalles, Ore., where he has been conducting a successful revival for the church in that city.

He leaves at once for Red Bluff, Cal., where he goes to asist the pastor, Ellis Purlee, in a meeting of some weeks. Mr. Purlee, who is known as an excellent preacher, and an orator of fine ability, will preach Sunday, Dec. 8th, morning and evening, and will continue to fill the pulpit during the absence of Mr. Boyle. The members and friends of the church are urged to attend all these services.

GLAVIS EXONERATED OF GRAFT CHARGES SAYS PARDEE

CACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 30.—That there is nothing in the charges against Louis R. Glavis, secretary of the California conservation commission, accused of favoring the timber barons and whose salary was held up, is the verdict of former Governor George C. Pardee, chairman of the commission.

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Mrs. Ben Edington and son left for Sams Valley Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morehouse and Mrs. Beeler of Ashland spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. A. Hawk and family.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co., of Portland have a representative here getting ready to install a new pump and motor in the city well.

Mrs. Fred Hesselgrave left for Dunsmuir, Cal., Wednesday evening to join her husband who has a position there.

Miss Ellason spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Ashland.

The Misses Holden, Mrs. D. Pankey, Mrs. Parker, Dr. Dow, Rev. Hearst, Mr. and Mrs. C. Orr, Herman Simpkins, Walter Painter, T. J. O'Hara and H. Holmes were Medford visitors from here Wednesday afternoon.

The dance given by the Central Point orchestra Wednesday night was a success in every respect.

Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Snow and Mr. Hammond of Grants Pass spent Thursday here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Whipple and daughter, Alice of Rogue River spent Thanksgiving with relatives here.

E. A. Holden of Stockton is visiting his parents, sister and brother here.

Mr. Rowley and family spent Thanksgiving in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. O'Hara took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bowers at Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hull and son Harry, of Grants Pass, spent Thanksgiving with friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Parker of the Pasadena Ladies shop spent Thursday at Ray Gold.

Thanksgiving day was duly observed here. All the business places being closed for the day. In the morning union services were held at the Y. M. C. A. this service being conducted by Rev. Burch, of the Christian church. In the afternoon the Rogue River valley band gave an open air concert which was greatly enjoyed by all our citizens. Many of our people also spent the day at Medford or other nearby places.

THE HANGING BEES.

A CENTURY or so ago, the scaffold adorned every cross roads in merry England. It was extensively used to punish the petty sins of the poor. We have advanced so far in altruism, that the scaffold has been banished to the state prisons, where it is freely employed to punish the poor who commit murder.

At San Quentin two men have been hanged in the past few days. Nearly a dozen more await the noose in the death cells.

At Salem, five trembling wretches await Black Friday, December 13, when they will be dropped into eternity—according to the verdict recently rendered by the sovereign people of Oregon.

Superintendent Curtis of the Oregon prison who recently resigned rather than hang any more men, says:

"I will never 'pull the string' on another poor devil as long as I live; I don't believe in this proposition of hog-tying a man and sending him over the river. To strap, blindfold and then slide a noose around a helpless guy's neck and deliberately kill him, after you have had every advantage in the world over him, is just a little too rough. Prisons have literally beheaded men, torn the head from the body; other victims have dangled by the neck an hour before pronounced dead. I will never have anything more to do with executions."

At San Quentin the warden shifts his hangman's duty onto convicts. Three prisoners are blindfolded, led into three closets back of the scaffold, each given a sharp butcher knife, and at a signal, each strikes a short blow with the knife, severing a cord. One of the three strings cut—no one knows which—drops the helpless victim into eternity. Other convicts have prepared and tested the ropes and blindfolded, tied and placed the noose over the doomed man.

This system may ease the warden's conscience, but it is extremely unfair to the poor devils compelled to participate. They were not sent to the penitentiary for minor crimes to be made official murderers.

If executions decreased crime, there would be less outcry against them. But they never did and never will. They did not decrease petty crime in England and they are not decreasing capital crime in America. Statistics show an alarming increase in homicides generally in spite of the numerous hanging bees.

Slack punishment, the trivial technicalities, the law's needless delay, are far more to blame than any other cause. Speedy punishment is usually reserved for the short and simple scandals of the poor.

A sample of the law's delay is furnished in Texas, where Burrell Oates, eight years after his crime, after seven trials, is still awaiting the hangman. All of the reversals were secured on quibbles—none affected the merits of the case.

But even prompt punishment, which attacks the result, will not stop the crime. The cause is left alone—and the cause is usually attributable to social conditions which would be largely corrected by the application of the principles of Eugenics.

LOCAL ELKS WILL HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Medford Lodge No. 1168 B. P. O. Elks, will for the fourth time in its history observe Elks' Memorial Day tomorrow, December 1, at 2:30. In every lodge of Elks throught the United States on the first Sunday in December appropriate services are held by the Elks lodges in memory of those brothers who, during the past year, have fallen in life's battle. These services are impressive and instructive and the local lodge has arranged a splendid program for its service tomorrow.

All Elks will meet at the Elks' Hall promptly at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and the exercises will begin at 2:30. The services are open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend and to participate in them.

At each one of the three memorial services that have already been observed by the local Elks, the citizens of Medford have accepted the invitation of the Elks and have met with them and each time they have been permitted to hear a splendid program, but the committees in charge this year state that the exercises this year will be far superior to anything that the lodge has attempted in the past.

For the first time in its history the lodge has during the year, sustained a membership loss by death, and tomorrow at the services, eulogy will be pronounced over the names of Dr. L. P. Black and of Edward C. Ireland.

The officers and members of the local lodge of Elks respectfully invite all of the citizens of Medford to join with them in the proper observance of this, their Memorial Day.

The following is the program that will be rendered:

Selection	Medford Orchestra
Ritualistic Address	Exalted Ruler
Opening Exercises	Officers of Lodge
Solo	Miss Phoebe Hance
Select Reading (Thanatopsis)	Mrs. Frank Burgess
Solo	Geo. Andrews
Address	E. E. Kelly
Mixed Quartette	A. C. Burgess, F. O. Burgess, Mrs. Quisenberry, Mrs. Wold
Closing Exercises	Officers of Lodge
"Auld Lang Syne"	Everybody
Benediction	Chaplain

ASHLANDERS AND OFFICIALS-ELECT DISCUSS ROADS

County Judge-Elect F. L. Ton Velle and Commissioner-Elect W. C. Leever left Saturday morning for Ashland where they will meet the voters of Road District No. 1 in conference regarding the state law which allows each road district to levy a special tax for road building purposes. The two officials-elect made the trip in response to a request on the part of tax payers of that district.

Road District No. 1 embraces the southeast corner of the county and a portion of Ashland east of the creek. In it is situated the Green Spring mountain road as well as the road to Dead Indian, which Ashland has long wanted to improve. The assessment of the district is almost ideal for the levying of a special tax. It is assessed as follows:

Lands held by non-residents	$2,000,000
Property held by corporations, such as railroads, telephones, etc., as assessed by the state tax commissions	1,530,000
Lands and other property held by people living in the district	600,000
Total assessment of district	$4,130,000

People living in the district would pay about one-seventh of the assessment, non-resident, land speculators and corporations, the other six sevenths. Thus the cost is nearly all borne by non-residents, while the residents, who are the principal beneficiaries, pay but little.

The officials-elect also plan to visit other districts hoping to interest them in the matter.

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Written by a Tramp in Reno, in August, 1911.

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His peers have fixed for him looks dimly out
Through bars of steel upon a lasting world.
With mind a blank and soul confusion-tossed,
He feels, as never else, his helplessness—
Feels with his dulled, enfeebled sense
The last hours of a world from which he's spurned.
Tomorrow's dawn, too swift to come, brings on
The dead march to the shabby builded thing,
Man-schemed, man-wrought—the engine of his death—
The gallows, rudely reared beyond those bars,
From whose unhallowed arm he soon shall hang.
Shall hang! Oh, ignominous exit from
The stage on which he's played his wretched part,
And which, now cleared for him, shall be the scene
Of actions like to his, but with the parts
Performed by other actors, earth's great scheme
Allowing one great climax to a man.
A murderer! God knows he was. And yet,
The love of life within himself is not
An easy thing to cast aside—the hope
Of Heavenly pardon, so remote in this
Dark hour, a last and feebly made attempt
To gain a sanctuary, and to save
From man's damnation an immortal soul.
Throws the unfortunate with tremulous plea,
Upon his bended knees, and 'mid the dark
Of his last living night he pours his woes
Into the ears of One, invisible
But who has even been a gleaming light
Amid the deepest earthly gloom, and prays
His Savior to receive his sinning self.
Who knows what joy, what peace, what saving hope
May now be his who in the morn shall die
By human agency upon a tree,
When in his last hours' vigil he shall see,
Perhaps through penitetial tears, the words
Of Christ, accused of crime, hanged—crucified:
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