

MEDFORD WOMAN APPEALS TO WEST FOR ASSISTANCE

SALEM, Ore., June 10.—Governor West has received the following letter, dated from Medford, appealing for aid, from Mrs. Faith Whitaker Stucker, who with her husband purchased an orchard tract in the Coker Butte district from George Garrett, whom they claim they have already paid \$13,500 to, and as they cannot meet the balance due, seeks to force them to sign a release for \$500, thus losing their money and three years' labor.

The letter follows:
Medford, Ore., May 31, 1913.
Honorable Oswald West,
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
Please pardon my intrusion for, in our distress, we know not where to turn for legal or worldly aid. We want to leave no opportunity untried wherein we may do our part and we have perfect trust in our Heavenly Father's care over us, that all will be well.

Four years ago we (W. E. and Faith Stucker) bought of Geo. Garrett and wife 80 acres good fruit land, paid \$7,500. Husband gave notes for \$10,000. Two years ago we found we could not pay out and tried to sell, got rid of 40 acres for \$6,000, which Mr. Garrett said was not nearly enough. He got every cent of it.

We have paid heavy taxes, running expenses, payments, etc., but two years with no crop and no sale for the past year's crop, which was fine, has crippled us so that we cannot finance the place this year nor interest due.

Mr. Garrett has no criticism on us, he says, as it would have hit him had he still owned the place, and we were very careful to economize aright.

For three months we have tried to get him to make some action; borrow, buy our claim for \$2,000; or anything. He would not until the spring work was all done, and sure of the best crop ever known on the place and high prices assured because of shortage of crops all over the east and north.

Now he asks us to sign a release of it all for \$500 with option on place of we can redeem or sell it within a year—or then lose all to them.

When we bought the place they did not have me sign a paper of any kind. They gave a bond for a deed with their names before their brother-in-law, W. E. Phipps, notary public.

My request is this:
Must I give up my half (or wife's portion) of purchase price? Or can I hold a part of place or demand payment for my share? Or does our failure to pay interest release them from their \$26,000 bond and make us forfeit all the money, hard work and economy we invested to them. Every dollar we own is tied up in the place; they will not allow us to borrow on this crop—want it for their security.

We hope to regain enough from it to get back east to start over again. We can't even afford oatmeal for our four babies, all under seven years of age, we live from our garden, cow and hens. Could have no doctor, nurse or maid at baby's birth even.

How may we obtain justice—in part at least?

Very respectfully,
(MRS.) FAITH WHITAKER STUCKER.

WOULD BUILD A CANNERY HERE IN MEDFORD

According to the plans of Z. T. Wilson, a business man of Hoquiam, Wash., Medford will soon have a cannery of from 5,000 to 10,000 cans daily capacity. He expects to have it completed in time to handle this year's crop.

In his letter to A. K. Ware of the Medford Commercial club, Mr. Wilson writes:

"I note that you have no cannery at Medford and one is very much needed. I presume that a cannery of from 5,000 to 10,000 cans daily capacity would serve the present needs of your city until the demand requires more of a capacity. The system which I am figuring on could be easily increased in this way. Have you an ice plant there sufficient for all purposes? I would have to know soon so as to get my machinery ordered and placed before the fruit season sets in."

The Bricklayers and Masons' International union promises to be the next to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor. A referendum vote is to be submitted soon and as the administration favors the affiliation it should carry by a handsome majority.

NEW TEXT BOOKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR NEXT 6 YEARS

SALEM, June 10.—The state text book committee has adopted the following school books for the ensuing six years:

A majority of the books selected are new. The list is as follows:

New Books Adopted, Elementary
Arithmetic—Primary Arithmetic, by Frank Rigler; Watson & White's Advanced Arithmetic.
History—United States History, Mace.

Spelling—Hicks.
Physiology—Ritchie's Sanitation, Reading—Wheeler's Fourth and Fifth Readers; Elson's Readers; the Sloan method reader. Supplementary readers: The Aldine readers, Riverside readers. The grade literature readers: Baker's & Carpenter readers.

Writing—The Palmer system.
Drawing—The applied arts drawing book, by Atkinson-Mentner & Co.
Bookkeeping—Bessell's & Nichols' principles of bookkeeping.

Geography—Tarr & McMurray (one book series).
Civics—Reinisch.

Readoptions Elementary Schools.
Agriculture for beginners—By Burdett & Hill.

History—An elementary history of the United States, by Allen C. Thomas.

Physiology—Graded lesson in physiology and hygiene, by Wm. O. Krohn.

Reading—Wheeler's.
Music—New educational music course, first music reader, by McLaughlin, Veazie and Gilchrist.

Readoption High School.

Arithmetic—An academic arithmetic, by Webster Wells.

Bookkeeping—Office methods and practical bookkeeping, Powers and Lyons.

Botany—Elements of botany, by Joseph Y. Bergen.

Chemistry—An elementary study of chemistry, by McPherson and Edwards Henderson.

Geometry—Plane and solid geometry, by G. A. Wentworth.

History—Myers, modern.

Latin—Caesar's Gallic War, by Gunnison and Harley.

Physics—A first course in physics, by Milliken and Gale.

New Books Adopted, High School

Algebra—Wells and Hart.

Civil government, Forman.

English—Kimball's English Grammar.

Brooks' English composition (two book series).

Long's English literature.

Abernathy's American literature.

German—Spanhoff's elementary book.

Beck and Rhoades' element of German.

History—Botsford's Ancient World History of the United States, James and Sanford.

Latin—Essentials of Latin, by Pearson.

Bennett's Latin grammar.

Cheero, by Gunnison and Harley.

Virgil's Aeneid, Fairclough and Brown.

Physical geography—Hopkins.

Physiology—Conn and Badington.

AUSTRALIA LIKELY TO INCREASE IMMIGRATION

MELBOURNE, June 10.—Australia is likely to increase its immigration shortly by encouraging the entrance of time-expired soldiers from India. Proposals along these lines have been put up to the various state governments and it is generally believed that special assistance and land grants will be offered these men.

New Library Books.

The following books have recently been added to the public library, either by gift or purchase:

Annals of a quiet neighborhood. (Macdonald.)

Bush Fruits (Card).

Celebrity (Churchill).

Changeful earth (Cole).

Changing America (Ross).

Home games and parties (Mott).

How to judge of a picture (Van Dyke).

Hygiene for mother and child (MacCarthy).

Increasing home efficiency (Bruce).

Montessori mother (Fisher).

New creations in plant life, an account of the life and work of Luther Burbank (Harwood).

Poetry of the people (Gayley and Flaherty).

Prairie folks (Garland).

Principles and practice of poultry culture (Robinson).

Vegetable gardening (Green).

Woman's part in government (Allen).

World's minerals (Spencer).

DOLL SHOP, PAGE THEATER, ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE THE 13.



Colonial Dance, Misses Flynn, Coffin, Dahl and Estes. Messrs. Swarthout, Robinson, Howard and Bromly.

PELKEY, LIKELY TO GO SCOT FREE

Sporting writers of the United States are lost in conjecture as to what will probably be the sentence meted out to Arthur Pelkey, who killed Luther McCarty on May 24 at Calgary, Alta., in the first round of a scheduled 20 round fight.

While the laws of Canada are strict in every sense of the word, they are also tempered with an amount of reasonableness not found in the laws of any other country and it is almost certain that Pelkey will be acquitted. A precedent was established some years ago when at St. John, New Brunswick, in eastern Canada, Charley O'Reagan, a lightweight, was killed by Fred Northrup, Northrup being acquitted after a trial in the queen's court.

EARLY MORNING FIRE CAUSES \$500 LOSS

The residence of Smith Lewis at 319 South Orange caught fire at 1:30 this morning and suffered a loss of about \$500, covered by insurance. Only the back part of the house was destroyed, the furniture was removed and the quick work of the fire boys prevented further damage. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were awakened by a telephone call from Prof. Tallandier who told them their woodshed was afire. A call was sent to the station and the truck arrived in record time.

Mr. Lewis, who is an electrician employed at the California-Oregon Power company, could give no cause for the fire. The residence is owned by Mrs. M. J. Eates who is now in New Jersey.

GOTTLIEB MAKES SHAW HUSTLE TO WIN GAME

Chris Gottlieb of Medford and Lou Shaw of Chicago met in a championship billiard game at Brown's pool room last night, that was highly entertaining to the spectators. When Mr. Shaw reached the 250 mark, ending the game, Mr. Gottlieb was only thirty points behind.

The longest run made was forty points, made by Mr. Shaw. After the game, in which both proved their mastery of billiards, Mr. Shaw gave an exhibition of fancy shooting.

TRAIN NEARLY DASHES INTO IDAHO RIVER

PENDLETON, Ore., June 10.—According to passengers arriving here today the only circumstances which saved an O. W. R. & N. passenger train from plunging, while going at full speed, into the Grande Ronde river, was the breaking of the electrical current which controlled the block signal, causing it to indicate "danger."

A portion of the track and a bridge had been washed away by a cloudburst, and with no thought of danger, the train was being driven rapidly forward when the red signal was seen by the engineer. The train was stopped at the river's edge.

The cloudburst which occurred in the vicinity of Perry, Ore., on the eastern slope of the Blue mountains, did considerable property damage.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO WEED NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 15

The Southern Pacific company will run a special excursion to Weed, Shasta Springs, and Dunsmuir Sunday, June 15th, one fare for the round trip to all points from Weed to Dunsmuir. The Medford baseball team plans to play Weed on that day at that city, and those not caring for the ball game can take in the Shasta resorts. The special will leave Medford promptly at 7 a. m., make Weed by noon, Shasta by 12:30, where one hour will be spent visiting the fish hatchery, then will go on to Shasta Springs where several hours can be spent sight seeing. The returning special should reach Medford by 9:30 p. m.

STUDENTS ON STRIKE TO PREVENT VACCINATION

PORTLAND, Ore., June 10.—Two hundred and fifty scholars of the Ladd school here are on strike today because the city health board has ordered all who have not been vaccinated to submit to the ordeal following the discovery of a case of smallpox.

This order was objected to by many parents who doubt the efficacy of vaccination as a preventative of smallpox and as a result they refuse to permit their children to attend classes.

WEST REMITS FINE OF PRISON GUARD

Salem, Ore., June 10.—F. H. Snodgrass, chief of the guards at the state penitentiary, is under sentence today to pay a fine of \$50 following his plea of guilty to a charge of assaulting a prisoner. Governor West has remitted the fine.

The prisoner assaulted was James Davis, who was out on parole. The Warden of the penitentiary was notified that Davis had violated his parole by becoming intoxicated. Several guards, including Snodgrass, were sent after him. Davis was located in a barn and after a chase of several blocks was overtaken. According to witnesses Snodgrass struck Davis in the face, knocking him down. The complaint against Snodgrass was made by Attorney L. H. McMahon.

A GOOD PANTAGES BILL IS PROMISED WEDNESDAY

Another rattling good vaudeville performance will be shown at the Page theater Wednesday and Thursday. The Pantages headliners, Bertee Beaumont and Jack Arnold, late of "Miss Nobody From Starland," will present a bit of musical comedy that is expected to be the

best thing in a vaudeville line ever shown at Medford.

Besides these, the Makaranko Duo, the well known Russian entertainers, Friscary, master of the Hats, Jewel and Jordan, whistlers and entertainers, and Miss Ruth Chandler, of the cleverest comedians in the United States today, will assist in making the evening a success.

GOTTLIEB HAS HARD LUCK IN MATCH WITH PROFESSIONAL

The billiard match last night between Chris Gottlieb the Medford amateur and Lou Shaw the Chicago professional, was one of the most interesting sport features of the season. Shaw was in excellent form and made a high run of forty-two at the ball line game. Chris who had lots of hard "breaks" made several good runs, the highest being 29. The crowd was strong for Chris and probably the "coaching" he received was too much for his nerves.

Mr. Shaw's exhibition fancy shots was the best seen here in years.

Professor Shaw will play a five-hundred point match at the University club tonight, making one hundred billiards or no count. He will also explain the different intricate shots to the members of the club.

Jake Gettman, who starred in the old Eastern league for several years, is doing his old-time heavy clouting with the Hastings, Neb., State league team.

RATE LAW DECISION VINDICATES GOVERNORS

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 10.—Former Governor Judson Harmon today declared that the United States supreme court's decision in the Minnesota rate cases is a complete vindication of the position taken by the governor's convention. Harmon, Hadley and former Governor Aldrich of Nebraska prepared the governor's brief which was presented to the court.

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