

### LAND SWINDLERS SOLD LOCATION IN RAILROAD GRANT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—Following the arraignment in federal court here of W. F. Minard and H. J. Harper, who, with thirteen others, six of whom have been arrested, are charged with fraudulent use of the mails in selling timber land locations in the Oregon & California land grant, the contents of the indictments returned against them is known today.

Minard, Harper and associates are alleged to have induced a large number of Washington people, especially in Seattle and Tacoma, to buy valueless locations in the railroad grant lands. Some of the defendants, it is charged, represented themselves as agents of the Southern Pacific company and advanced the argument that the company knew it was going to lose the lands in its suits with the government, but was anxious to save the timber, and that options would be taken from people making locations so they could sell the timber at a handsome profit.

### DEATH CALLS TO PIONEER, ADAM SCHMIDT

John Adam Schmidt, age 84 years, for 50 years a resident of Jacksonville, one of the best known and beloved of Jackson county pioneers, called "Papa" by scores, died suddenly of heart failure in the county seat Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Last August Mr. Schmidt celebrated his golden wedding day, and sent tokens and received congratulations from hundreds.

Before the last summons Mr. Schmidt partook of a hearty dinner, and as was his custom went to town. Upon his return he took a seat in the yard where he was found dead by his wife. The news was a shock to his friends. Mr. Schmidt was of a friendly and fatherly nature, kind and fond of children who loved him. He was among the best known men in southern Oregon.

He is survived by a wife, Amelia, and two daughters, Mrs. Louisa Sutton of Port Orford, Ore., Mrs. Bert Haney of this city, and a son, Julius Schmidt of Cortland, Cal. The funeral arrangements will be made later.

The wedding of the Schmidts was one of the romances of pioneer history. The sorrow of the community rose with the news of the end.

Mr. Schmidt was born at Wurnes, Germany, and came to America when 16. He was a member of the I. O. R. M. No. 1, Jacksonville and Pochantas of this city, who will conduct the services, and the A. O. U. W.

### THEATER MAN HURT IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

W. J. Alberts of the It theatre was injured Monday afternoon as the result of being thrown from his motorcycle. Mr. Alberts was making a turn at the corner of Sixth and Fir streets just as an auto was passing. He saw that he could not make the turn without colliding with the auto so steered into the curb, thus being hurled from his machine. He hit on his neck and shoulders and received a badly wrenched back. He was knocked unconscious by the fall and was found by Chief of Police Hittson who carried him to a house nearby.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL BOOST ROAD MEET

At a meeting of the directors of the Medford Commercial club yesterday afternoon it was decided to solicit aid from the city council and county court for the tri-state good roads meeting to be held in Medford, July 17 and 18th.

Guy Connor was appointed a delegate to represent the Medford Commercial club, and George Putnam was selected to secure a telephone line to Crater Lake. Subscriptions will be asked for the latter and it is hoped that a new line can be constructed from Medford.

### DIED

EMERY—Mrs. Sophia Emery, or Grandma Emery, as she was familiarly known died Saturday, May 2, at the home of her adopted daughter, Mrs. James Davis, at Tolo. She was one of the early pioneers of Oregon, coming here in 1853. Her husband, Eber Emery, whose death occurred 20 years ago, was a founder of Ashland and built the old Ashland House.

Mrs. Emery had no children of her own, but adopted two, Mrs. James Davis and H. S. Emery. She was ninety-five years and two months old. The funeral service was held Monday at 3 o'clock at Central Point, where she was laid to rest by the side of her husband. She was the oldest living Hebrew in the state.

## NEWS FROM COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

### CENTRAL POINT POINTERS

One of the most noteworthy events of the season was a party given at Mrs. W. E. Kahler's home Saturday afternoon for her Sunday school class of young ladies. It was a children's party, each one dressing as a child. The children began to come about 2 o'clock, bringing their dolls, Teddy bears, rattles, candy and various other things that amuse children. After all of the children had arrived they began to play games, consisting of Froggie in the meadow, hide and seek, blowing bubbles and many other games too numerous to mention. Each child thought we should play the game they wanted to and by the time we did the afternoon was nearly over.

About 4 o'clock, the hostess, Mrs. Kahler, told the children to come and sit down and have a nice cookie. One of the little girls said, "My mamma said I could have two cookies." They were the largest and finest cookies we had ever seen. These large cookies, as they were called, consisted of chicken salad, two kinds of cake and punch. Some of the children, in fact all of us, had been told to only take a thing once, as it was not polite to have a thing more than once, but we could not resist the temptation and had to have some more.

Every child went home happy, remarking that they always knew what it meant for them when Mrs. Kahler was going to have a party, and would not miss it, no matter what happened, if they possibly could help it.

Among those present were: Teeny Neal, Rosie Jones, Nellie Parker, Edie Creede, Cecil Creede, Ellie Hay, Bertie Martin, Norie Barrett, Vadie Altman, Inie Austin, Mertie Dunten, Kittie Ames, Gracie Miller, Blanche Miller, Andie Holmes.

Mrs. Sales of Ashland spent the first of the week here with Mrs. W. E. Price.

The many friends of Mrs. George Fox, who has been quite ill at the hospital at Grants Pass, will be pleased to know she is convalescing.

Mrs. Lizzie Ross and daughter, Edith, left for Canada Thursday evening to join Mr. Ross, where they will remain.

Miss Grace Purkeypie of Medford spent the first of the week here with her grandmother.

Rev. Smith of Ashland preached at the M. E. church here Sunday. Rev. Cressy not being able.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hanley spent Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. M. O. Broadbent, and family.

Miss Mabel Mann and Maude Lee left for Red Bluff, Cal., to spend the summer.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENC CHURCH INCORPORATED

GRANTS Pass, May 5.—Articles of incorporation of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Grants Pass, have been filed with the county clerk of Josephine county. The incorporators are: Lucy A. Lucas, P. A. DeGonault, James A. Peterson, J. A. Thomas and Alfons Wylberg. The articles set forth the purpose of the incorporation to establish the Christian Science church here, to conduct a reading room and circulating library and to otherwise conduct the business of the organization.

### EDEN PRECINCT

George Roberts came over from Fern Valley Sunday to visit his son, J. E. Roberts.

Mrs. Graves and Mr. McVeigh were Medford visitors Friday from North Talent.

T. F. Smith of North Talent is furnishing early vegetables to the Medford markets.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace of Yreka, Cal., are visiting Mrs. Lovelace's uncle, S. F. McDonald, of Talent, this week.

Mrs. A. B. Ferns and Mrs. William Ferns were visiting Mrs. Joshua Patterson Friday.

Mrs. G. A. Hover left Sunday for her new home at San Fernando, Cal., where she has purchased a small orange tract.

Joe Radge made a trip to Portland last week with some beef cattle.

There seems to be quite a number who will plant tomatoes between their young trees, judging by the amount of plants called for at C. Carey's.

Mrs. Nannie Wolf of Medford came out Saturday evening and visited with her niece, Mrs. J. E. Roberts, over Sunday.

Mrs. A. S. Furry and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Furry's mother, Mrs. M. Rose, of Phoenix.

Farmers are all agreed that the hay crop will be much lighter this year than usual, owing to cold, dry weather.

C. P. Good of Ashland was a pleasant caller at C. Carey's Sunday. William Brain is building a fine bungalow on his property in North Talent.

Those who were in Medford Saturday from Fern Valley were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Graffes, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Caster.

From Talent—Mr. and Mrs. C. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Daugherty.

From Phoenix—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rader, A. S. Furry, Mrs. D. Lenbers and daughter, Miss Rosie, Mr. and Mrs. Morse.

Died—Saturday morning, at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Calhoun of Tolo, Miss Anabelle Rice, aged 10 years and 9 months. Death was caused from blood-poisoning from an ulcerated tooth. Interment at Phoenix cemetery Sunday afternoon.

### ASHLAND NOTES

Misses Millie and Hattie Hodges of Gold Hill have returned home after a week's visit at William Myer's, of Ashland, and E. E. Gullis of Bellview. Thomas Devore of Jacksonville spent Sunday in our city.

W. L. Morthland returned home on Saturday morning after a week's absence at his mine near Hilt, Cal., but will go back to his work this Monday morning.

Mrs. Stannard has returned home after a few days' pleasant visit with her daughter, Miss Any, who is teaching.

Donald Walker, one of our brightest young men, who has been in the employ of a Portland piano house for the past year, has returned to the parental home for a short visit. His young associates are glad to welcome him back. Our sister city, Medford, must

have felt quite pleased Saturday night at the number of auto loads of pleasure seekers that went down from our city.

Mrs. Fenton and daughter, Nina, of Tacoma, are making an extended visit at O. E. Hurs's and also looking after their property interest at Ayer's Spur.

Mrs. Myer, Usher and Briggs gave a formal reception at the home of the former on High street, on Friday, May 1, both afternoon and evening, to 125 of their friends. The guests were grandly entertained and served with dainty refreshments by their hostesses in their usual charming manner.

W. J. Gregory and wife and Mrs. Lizzie Owens and daughter, Virgie, of Central Point, came up in their big Overland one day last week for a visit with relatives and friends.

C. C. Gall has been the guest of his son, E. E. Gall, and wife, of Bellview.

Miss Mary Hopper, who has just finished a successful term of school at Eden Valley, is visiting friends at Ashland and Bellview.

E. G. Roberts, wife and son, of Medford were Sunday guests of relatives in Bellview district.

The high school entertainment which was to have been held May 1 was postponed until the evening of May 7. An admission of 25 cents will be charged.

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