

J. W. MERRITT PASSES AWAY AT GOLD HILL

One of County's Best Beloved and Most Respected Citizens Goes to Final Reward— Was Widely Known as a Teacher and Business Man.

John W. Merritt, one of the most beloved and respected citizens of Jackson county, passed away at his home in Gold Hill last evening. Mr. Merritt was born on a farm near Syracuse, New York on October 30, 1846, of old New England stock. He received his public school education in the public schools of Oswego, later attending the Syracuse Normal, from which he graduated. Later Mr. Merritt attended and graduated from the University of Syracuse.



J. W. Merritt.

principal of the public school, which position he held for a period of nine years, during which time he maintained a very high standard of discipline and mental training, and was beloved by all who attended the school. During the time he was principal of the Jacksonville school, he was offered a chair as an instructor of mathematics in the University of Oregon, but the board of directors at Jacksonville would not release him from his contract and he was forced to decline the position.

Mr. Merritt entered into the mercantile business in Jacksonville in the year 1887 where he conducted much business for a period of four years with good success. Later Mr. Merritt moved his business to Central Point, Oregon, where he conducted a very successful business until the year 1918, at which time he closed the business in Central Point and gave his full attention to his general mercantile business in Gold Hill. Mr. Merritt was a very successful business man, and during his life owned many farms and orchards throughout Rogue River valley.

Politically he was a republican and in the year 1890 was elected to the state legislature, where he served on committees of commerce and engineering. In the year 1892 Mr. Merritt was re-elected to the legislature and again served in the same capacities as in the former term.

In the year 1891 Mr. Merritt was married to Miss Jennie E. Moore, and in the year 1893 they were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Esther Louise, who is now Mrs. B. L. Sanderson, and who was with Mr. Merritt at Gold Hill until the time of his death. Mr. Merritt leaves to survive him his wife, his daughter, Mrs. B. L. Sanderson and one grandson, John Merritt Sanderson, and George H. Merritt, a son by a former wife, Ila McCulla Merritt.

Mr. Merritt was beloved by all who knew him, there being many within this county having attended school to Mr. Merritt, who mourn his death as they would a father.

Funeral services in charge of Weeks Conger Co., will be held at the family residence in Gold Hill Saturday, June 19, at 1 p. m., with Rev. R. Hutchinson officiating, assisted by the Central Point Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M. Interment in Jacksonville cemetery.

CARL TENGWALD TO BE MARRIED

Carl Y. Tengwald, manager of Crater Lake lodge, and prominent in local civic and fraternal affairs, left Tuesday evening for San Francisco, where he will be married Saturday to Miss Edna N. Alexson of Chicago, Illinois. Tengwald departed without even telling his uncle, J. A. Westlund the object of his mission. The wedding was formally announced last January in Chicago papers. The ceremony will be performed in the parlors of the St. Francis hotel, San Francisco.

The wedding is the consummation of a war romance the groom meeting the bride when he was stationed at Chicago as a lieutenant in the ordnance department. Mr. Tengwald is active in the Shriners, Elks, and American Legion, and was recently appointed manager of Crater Lake lodge where the couple will spend their honeymoon. He will be accorded the matrimonial decree of the above named organizations upon his return.

ESTABLISH MAIL SERVICE CRATER L. FROM MEDFORD

Welcome news to tourists and local visitors to Crater Lake is the fact that the postoffice department this week authorized Postmaster Warner to establish a temporary star route daily mail service, except Sunday, for all classes of mail between Medford and Crater Lake, which means a daily week day mail service between this city and the lake, whereas heretofore Crater Lake mail had been routed from Medford via Klamath Falls and Ft. Klamath, taking from three to five days for a letter to reach the lake, as there was only twice a week service to the resort from Ft. Klamath.

The contract for the new service has been awarded the new Crater Lake company, and the mail from Medford will be taken up every morning on the company stage, and mail from the lake will leave there for Medford on the stage every morning. This new deal gives further importance to Medford as the gateway to Crater Lake.

Local Briefs

The remains of Artemus Spooner, another of the Medford boys who lost their lives in army service in France, arrived in Portland from overseas today and will reach Medford tomorrow morning on the 9:05 train from the north. The funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Perl funeral home.

The members and friends of the Epworth League will have a picnic in the park at Ashland Friday evening. All planning on going are urged to meet at the chamber of commerce promptly at 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Louderback and baby of Pocatello, Idaho, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Perkins for a few days. Mr. Louderback is with the Oregon Short Line. They are in love with the city and valley.

Among the Oregonians registered at the Holland are John P. Tuley and Frank J. Neuner of Salem, Jack Crowley of Corvallis, George P. Bancroft of Grants Pass, O. E. Eckstrom of Gresham, Jack Ross of Central Point, and A. L. Pellou, Ira Gabrielson, D. R. Campbell and A. S. Weir of Portland.

Because of the illness from rheumatism of John Kado, the steward, the Elks restaurant which has been closed all week will remain closed until next Monday. The magnificent new dining room of the Elks will be formally opened a week from today, according to present plans.

Wm. C. Johnson of Medford stopped in Sacramento during his present trip to California and visited a number of places of historical interest including Sutter Fort, the first interior settlement by white men in California, and center of activities in the gold rush days of 1849.

The Tri-U club of the Y. W. C. A. will have a swimming party at the Natatorium at Ashland Saturday evening. All girls wishing to go are requested to meet at the Y. W. C. A. house at 6 o'clock.

Strawberries are becoming quite scarce, as most of the early crop has been harvested. There was a scant supply at the public market this morning.

Despite the generous offer made by the American Express company early this week to transport money, food, clothing and other supplies free of charge to the flood stricken people of the Pueblo, Colo., vicinity, the local agent of the company reports that up to this forenoon no money, food or supplies had been received at the Medford office for this urgent and worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Kennedy have arrived from Okmulgee, Okla., and will make Medford their home. They will teach violin and piano and have taken apartments in the Mail Tribune building.

CURRAN STARTS FIGHT

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Carpenter's fights, Descamps will be in Georges' corner to direct the battle. It is understood that each fighter will be permitted to have three men in his corner.

Arena Nearly Finished
JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 16.—The bowl-shaped wooden arena for the Dempsey-Carpenter fight here July 2 will be finished next Tuesday, says Allen O'Brien, the chief engineer of the construction work. It will seat sixty thousand persons and will cost approximately \$250,000. More than two million feet of lumber have been used.

Grading of the ground was begun April 27. The city has put in extra hydrants and water mains for fire protection. There will be twenty exits.

A portable ring of steel construction will be used for the battle. The work of installing the ring in the center of the arena will be started within the next few days. The ring will measure eighteen feet square inside the ropes and will have a two foot extension on all sides. The padding will be covered with a tightly stretched canvas.

Swinging stools for the boxers will be provided. A hinge in the arm will permit the seat being dropped below the floor level during the periods of boxing.

List of Medford Boys in Co. A. Now at Camp Lewis

The complete roster of Separate Co., 1st Inf., O. N., now attending Camp Lewis, Wash., is as follows:
Captain.
Canaday, Hamill A.
First Lieutenant.
Wright, Marion C.
Second Lieutenant.
Marshall, Vern E.
First Sergeant.
Lindley, George E.
Sergeants.
Tyrell, John R.; Lewis, Oscar C.; Chapman, George R.; Redden, Frank L.; S. Pankey, Clarence; Clark, Herbert B.
Corporals.
Hess, Arthur D.; Kingery, Ben L.; Wilson, Willard T.; Pendleton, Ern H.; Vincent, Joseph E.; Braag, Fay M.; Lewis, Daniel H.
Privates 1st Spec.
Iverson, George; Reynolds, George; Willis, Amos R.; Draws, John.
Privates 1st.
Berry, Raymond L.; Blackburn, Gilbert A.; Earhart, Frank L.; Gentry, Jess L.; Pitz, Reuben H.; Singler, Richard H.; Tex, Guy; Worsham, Jack M.; Wright, Ray E.
Privates.
Abrahams, Dale; Anderson, Wil-

MAIL BANDIT SURRENDERS

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he obtained only \$42 from the officers when he escaped at Castle Rock. At the city jail Gardner talked freely. He ate dinner in his cell and then had his picture taken in company with Sonny. Gardner declared that Muhlall, the United States marshal from whom he escaped was one of the nerviest men he ever "stuck up" and that he was a "nice fellow."

"They (the guards) treated me fine," Gardner declared. "Yesterday morning Gardner bought a suit of clothes at the Golden Rule store here. The bandages were bought at a local drug store."

Lying in Brush.
Gardner said he was lying in the brush close to the engine as the freight train on which he later escaped, pulled into Castle Rock Tuesday evening and made up his mind that there was his chance to "make my get away."

"The engineer got down out of his cab to oil his engine, and two special officers came forward and talked to the engineer. They then walked back along the train with him. "I made a rush for the tender and crawled underneath," said Gardner. "Just as I crawled under the officers came back, they were within three feet of me. I thought I was gone, but they didn't see me."

Gardner said he read the first newspaper account of his escape yesterday morning in Centralia.

Gardner Tells Story
PORTLAND, Ore., June 16.—In an interview with the Portland Telegram by long distance telephone, Gardner explained his movements from the time he escaped from a train at Castle Rock, Wash., last Saturday morning after holding up his two guards, to the time of his arrest. He declared he had boarded a train at the Castle Rock depot the night following his appearance at the Royal restaurant Tuesday morning.

"It was a good chase, while it lasted," said Gardner, "only it was too short."

"I'd like to have kept it up for a couple of months, at least."

"I was never more than a mile from Castle Rock from the time I left the train there with Pyron, after we got the drop on Muhlall and that other guard."

Ate at Restaurant.
"That was me, all right, in the Royal restaurant the other morning. "I had nothing to eat for three nights and two days and I just had to take a chance."

"I had been lying out a short distance from there and I was forced to eat. When I saw that fellow looking in the window at me, I knew he had me spotted, so I had to leave my grub and beat it."

"I beat it to that high rocky knoll and hid in the bushes. I lay there and watched the officers and other men searching for me."

"When night came I went to the depot and caught a train for Centralia. I've done nothing since coming here but just rest."

"I didn't steal any bacon, either—be sure and say that."

"I never was at Kelso either and all those reports about me going down that way are bunk."

50 Years Next.
Asked what he was going to do next Gardner replied cheerily, "fifty years at McNeils. I'm done with the escape stuff."

"Just got word to my wife that I love her still."

"I'm going to take my medicine now; go to McNeils tomorrow, I guess."

"And say, just so the people will know, that I always played square. "I never hurt a man in my life—and I never will."

"Why man, you know I took off the Oregon boot from Muhlall and that other officer when they said they hurt 'em, I took 'em off, then jumped off the train."

"I can't tell you where I got the gun that I had when I escaped—that would be telling you know."

steam pipe in the drawing room of the car they occupied. They also took from their guards \$220. Gardner and Pyron left the train through a window for the water stopped at Castle Rock for water. The guards said they had not searched Gardner while he was in their charge as they had been told he had searched in the jail in San Francisco. Gardner told his guards he had obtained the pistol in the San Francisco jail.

Gardner's wife and baby live in Napa, Cal.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 16.—Roy Gardner was as delighted as anyone that the chase in which he had been a central figure had come to an end, says a special from Centralia to the Telegram.

When United States Marshal J. B. Holohan, who rushed to Centralia from Castle Rock on hearing of the capture entered the jail Gardner exclaimed: "Hello marshal, it's been a good joke on you."

To Special Agent Coturri of the Southern Pacific lines, a former friend of long standing of the bandit's, Gardner said: "Why, howdy, Coturri. I was within forty feet of you last Monday near Castle Rock. I looked you over but you did not see me. I wanted to speak to you but you didn't have time."

"Hello, hello, George," Gardner greeted Postal Inspector George Lewis of San Francisco, whom he has known for years. "This is a regular family reunion."

The federal officers are to keep the strictest watch over Gardner for they believe he will make another attempt to escape at the first opportunity.

When news of the capture of Gardner circulated through Centralia, hundreds of persons crowded about the jail. The crush became so great that the windows of the jail were smashed by the crowd.

BELEFAST, June 16.—When King George comes to open the north Irish parliament here June 22, it is planned to have a fine body of men as a guard of honor for him. One hundred men have been drawn from the royal Irish constabulary for this purpose. None of them is less than six feet in height. All are from the Ulster counties. The men are in training for the occasion.

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—ELIZABETH G. CORLEY, care of A. P. Corley, Edmund, S. C.

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