

MEDFORD AUTO MECHANIC HELD FOR BLACKMAIL

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 7.—A blackmail letter received October 31 by John Siemens Jr., cashier of the First State & Savings bank, demanding immediate payment of \$2500 on threat of bodily harm, resulted in the arrest here of Raymond Moore, 24, an auto mechanic, formerly of Medford, who is also held on liquor charges, together with Ed James, identified today by United States District Attorney Maguire and United States Marshal S. F. Pace of Portland as one of the "Dusterhoff Twins," well known to Multnomah county authorities for their moonshine activities.

Maguire and Pace are investigating the blackmail case. Siemens says that he received through the mails the following unsigned letter: "Upon receipt of this letter take \$2500 in currency, bills of small denomination, and drive alone to the forks of the road leading to the old city dump. Throw the cash in the middle of the road and drive on straight ahead. You will be watched. Do not tell anyone or notify officers or harm will come to you. Follow directions closely."

Siemens at once notified the authorities, Sheriff Low and Deputy Sheriff Luke Walker crawled for a half mile to a vantage point within 100 yards from the point designated. At 1 o'clock, one hour later, Siemens drove to the spot, unaccompanied, and dropped the money as directed and drove on. About half an hour later, it is alleged, Moore appeared, first halting a short distance away, then driving to the appointed spot. Here, the officers say, he made pretense of repairing his car. At the same time glancing keenly around.

Then in an apparent rage, he threw the wrench some distance from the road. Remarking that a poor wrench was better than none, he went to retrieve it, consuming some time in the search. He did not pick up the money.

When arrested Moore denied all knowledge of the letter and maintains he is innocent of the charge. He probably will be taken to Portland to face charges of missing the United States mails.—No Raymond Moore is listed in the Medford directory and inquiry at local garages failed to identify him.

EARLY PIONEER PASSES AWAY AT B. FALLS HOME

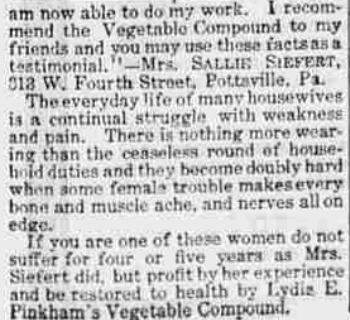
Benjamin Franklin Clark Edmondson, who died at his home in Butte Falls, Ore., November 6th of Bright's disease, aged 89 years, was a native of Georgia, born Aug. 3, 1832, and crossed the plains to California in 1853. On October 7, 1861 deceased was married to Anna Hale. The family came to Oregon in 1871, settling in Jackson county, and to the union were born nine children, of whom six are living, three sons and three daughters—W. L. Edmondson, Medford, Ore.; C. A. Edmondson, Butte Falls, Ore.; Benny Edmondson, Butte Falls, Ore.; Mrs. J. J. Patton, Butte Falls, Ore.; Mrs. J. M. Allen, Eagle Point, Ore.; Mrs. H. J. Gordon, Fort Klamath, and 22 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The funeral service will be held at the graves Tuesday at 1 p. m., Rev. Day of Butte Falls officiating. Interment in Butte Falls cemetery.

Mr. Edmondson was an honored and highly respected pioneer and leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.

ABLE TO DO HER WORK

After Long Suffering Mrs. Siefert Was Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Pottsville, Pa.—"I suffered with female trouble for four or five years and was very irregular. I was not fit to do my work at times and took medicine from a doctor and got no benefit. I saw Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound advertised in the newspapers and took it and got all right. I gained twenty pounds or more and am now able to do my work. I recommend the Vegetable Compound to my friends and you may use these facts as a testimonial."—Mrs. SALLIE SIEFERT, 212 W. Fourth Street, Pottsville, Pa.



Center of Odd Family Tangle



Mrs. Alice Prince

Charles Prince, New York art dealer, has filed suit against Joseph Paterno, his multi-millionaire brother-in-law, for \$100,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Alice Prince, Paterno's sister-in-law. Paterno's wife says she has absolute faith in her husband and believes that he is totally innocent of any wrongdoing with her young sister.

REPORT MEIGHAN, MOVIE STAR, TO FILM AT C. LAKE

Thomas Meighan, motion picture star, will head a company of film people who will come to Medford early in 1922 to take scenes near here for use in the production of "The Man From the North." With Mr. Meighan will come several other prominent players and Director Joe Ryan, who has made several other very successful pictures. The company will be sent north by the Famous Players-Lasky Motion Picture Corporation. These facts became known with the arrival here of several of the Lasky company. They are stopping at the Hotel Medford, but would not permit their names to be used.

The scenes will be filmed on a 1400-acre ranch near Prospect, Ore., and active work will commence as soon as the snow falls, it was learned.

Most of the actors and actresses to be used in the scenes here will be brought up from California. It was said that 50 "extras" already at work on the picture in the California studios, would make the trip north to Medford. It is expected that about a month will be consumed in work near Prospect.

The work at Prospect may be a forerunner of other motion picture activity in Southern Oregon, the men already here intimated to friends a special company may be formed and several complete photodramas snapped around Prospect and in the Crater Lake district. Crater Lake, it was said, had never been used as a background for a motion picture play and that it would make a big appeal to the public and especially to those of the east, was forecast.—Portland Journal.

No confirmation of this report, other than rumors prevalent for many months to the effect some movie crusaders were this way, could be secured today.

N. Y. Stocks

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including American Oil, American Can, American Car & Foundry, etc.

DOKEY CEREMONIAL HIT HIGH SPOTS FOR SUCH EVENTS

Probably the most unique parade ever seen in the valley was put on by the D. O. K. K.'s of Medford, last Saturday at 2 p. m. The parade was led by the splendid local band and by the officers of the local temple in their magnificent costumes. Then followed the Brigand team in full regalia, marching with that precision and snap that indicated long practice and training.

One of the distinctive features of the affair was the Pythian Sisters in bright new uniforms. The team from the ladies branch was evidently selected because of their beauty and style and they made a real hit. The side-show features of the parade rivaled the fun features of a highly paid circus.

Many of the prominent business and professional men of Medford were in line and hundreds of out of town people were on the streets. The kangaroo court held in the temple caused much merriment after the parade and in the evening the ceremonial was put on with all the elaborateness of the Dramatic Order of the Rank. Probably never before has the local team been in such fine fettle. Everything moved like clock-work and the long pageant was put on without a hitch. Many of the visitors who have seen the work in Portland and large cities say that the work of the Medford branch was the best they had ever seen.

The banquet in charge of the Pythian Sisters was served at midnight and was of the kind that will be long remembered by those who had the good fortune to partake of it. After the banquet all returned to the hall where the Famous Eight Order of Business kept candidates and Dokes in merriment until the wee small hours of the morning.

Altogether it was something that the local lodge may well be proud of and was also a credit to the town and to the officers and workers whose painstaking attention made it possible.

Zbyszko to Meet Caddock. DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 7.—Stanislaus Zbyszko of Poland will defend his world's heavyweight wrestling title here tonight in a contest with Earl Caddock of Walnut, Iowa, former champion.

NORFOLK, Neb., Nov. 7.—The Farmers State bank of Winfield, Neb., was closed today. Bad loans and constant withdrawals are given by the state bank examiner as the cause of the failure. He estimated the loss at about \$200,000.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including General Motors, Goodrich Co, Great Northern, etc.

To Probe Ku Klux HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 7.—Probe of the Ku Klux Klan was ordered this morning by Judge C. W. Robinson in his charge to the new grand jury in the criminal district court.

AUCTION SALE at CENTRAL POINT NOVEMBER 10TH

TERMS CASH I will sell at auction for Mrs. J. W. Merritt, at MERRITT BUILDING, on South Main Street, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, at 10 A. M. SHARP, from the Merritt Store at Central Point, comprising: Store, Fixtures, Remnants, Notions, Boys' Furnishing, Misses and Children's Hose, Remnants of Dress Goods, Odds and Ends of all kinds of goods. Also Typewriter, Cider Mill nearly new, Broadcast Seeder. Other lots include odd pieces for the kitchen, living room and dining room; and also as a special feature some smaller articles which will make suitable Christmas presents for the family or your friends. AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: These goods are worthy of your attention. Come and be convinced of the bargains you can secure. Auction on Thursday, November 10, at 10 a. m. GEO. L. NEALE, Auctioneer

Advertisement for California Citrus Washing Powder, featuring an illustration of a woman and a box of powder. Text includes 'CALIFORNIA CITRUS WASHING POWDER', 'Fragrant', 'PLEASANT to work with is Citrus—the unique powdered soap product.', and 'Remember the LEMON'.

Large advertisement for Chalmers cars. Text includes 'Chalmers Now Reduced to \$1295', 'Nothing in the field—either six or four—can compare with Chalmers value at its newly reduced prices.', and 'A. W. Walker Auto Co. West Main St., Medford, Ore. CHALMERS'.