

# ARSON CONFESSED, ALSO DEPRAVITY ACTS BY RANCHER

Confessions of arson, and bestial acts that plumbed the depths of human depravity, were made yesterday by Daniel R. Watters, 42, a farmer, and his wife, 35, residents of the Thompson Creek district, and charges will be filed against both this afternoon by District Attorney Newton C. Chaney.

Written and signed statements have been secured from both.

The couple have four children, who will be turned over to a child's home. The parents are held in custody.

Watters, in his signed and sworn confession to arson, admits that on August 28th, he set fire to his home to collect insurance totalling \$500.

He states that a few days before the fire he said to his wife, jokingly: "I guess I'll set fire to the house and collect the insurance, but I had no idea of doing it."

He alleges that his wife acquiesced with "No ahead and go it. If you think you can get away with it."

The statement further holds that after "talking it over for a few days, I went into the attic, tore up a magazine, and stuffed it into a crack in the ceiling and ignited it. I then went down stairs, and went back and tried to put the fire out. I tore a shingle from the roof and burned my hand. I then went downstairs, and me and my wife picked out what we could. All of the children's clothing was burned. I was so nervous and excited I could hardly stand up."

Actions of Watters after the fire, aroused the suspicions of the authorities, and a week ago an investigation was launched by the district attorney's office, and the state fire marshal, H. H. Bonney, which culminated in the confessions yesterday.

The Watters were married in 1917, and for the past five years have been living on a mountain ranch on Thompson creek.

A second confession of the pair recites moral perversion beyond belief, and according to the authorities, will result in the Watters being directed to the attention of the state mental hospital.

The district attorney's office branded the case as the most revolting in the history of the county.

# APPEAL MADE TO JACKSON COUNTY FOR RELIEF AID

The following appeal from the Red Cross was received by the Medford chapter today:

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 24, 1928.

Jackson County Chapter, American Red Cross, Medford, Ore.

Authentic reports Red Cross workers in Florida state more than 1,000 dead, with 16,000 families needing Red Cross aid and 14,750 more being fed by Red Cross.

Serious health problems in Oklawaha district on account of continued presence of dead bodies buried in debris. American Legion members assisting Red Cross declare the situation surpasses the horrors of war.

Forty-five Red Cross nurses on duty inoculating refugees rapidly. It is estimated 400,000 people in Porto Rico must receive food, shelter and medical care from Red Cross for long period.

Urgent need of shelter on account of approach of rainy season. Red Cross pushing advanced iron and lumber to Porto Rico on trans-ports. Fifty-two municipalities furnished truckloads of food and clothing and medical supplies. The magnitude of the relief task makes it imperative the National Red Cross know the amount of money it may count upon. Until further notice please wire this office night letter every Monday and Thursday, stating amounts collected by your chapter.

J. ARTHUR JEFFERS.

To date exactly one dollar more than half of the \$750 quota set for the Jackson county Red Cross as its share in the drive for funds to aid victims of the hurricane hit districts in Florida, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, has been contributed.

As there is even greater need for money than was at first reported when the national Red Cross appealed to its chapters for assistance, the committee in charge of the drive here urges Medford citizens to turn their checks in as soon as possible to the Daily News, Mail Tribune or the First National bank. Checks should be made payable to the Red Cross and any amount is acceptable.

# JENNINGS HAS NEW IDEA FOR HALTING THEFTS

An interesting plan for the cooperative prevention of a number of automobile crimes in Oregon and California has been evolved by Sheriff Ralph Jennings, and submitted by him to the various theft bureaus along the coast for approval.

That most of the cars stolen in either state are taken across the border into the next state, suggested the necessity to the local sheriff for a check-up of cars at the border. Mr. Jennings' idea is to establish a station at the border line in the Sixtyfours where the numbers and descriptions of cars can be taken, by a group of three officers from each state, working two at a time on eight hour shifts.

This plan, according to Mr. Jennings would not only check the bulk of car thefts and transportation evils, but would increase the efficiency of police departments of both states in using justice in these cases.

Among the authorities who have looked into this plan and have voiced approval is J. E. Keller, special agent in charge of the National American Theft Bureau.

# MEDFORDITE IS HIT OVER HEAD, ROBBED OF CASH

As the result of giving a stranger a ride last night on the Jacksonville highway at 11 o'clock, G. E. Shell of East Main street, is without his watch today and in addition to that lost all the money he had with him, which amounted to six dollars.

After picking up the pedestrian they had not gone far when the man ordered the driver to stop, hit him over the head with a small weapon and ordered him to get out of the car. Mr. Shell reported to the police early this morning.

Mr. Shell told the police at 5:20 this morning that he had been slugged and knocked unconscious, thrown over the fence and left there. He claims to have slept from 11 p. m. until nearly 5 o'clock a. m. and then to have walked to Medford, the stranger having taken his car. Members of the police force located the missing Ford coupe, a model of several years ago and instantly as to fenders and wheels, on Eighth street sometime before 10 o'clock today.

# VISITING ENGLISH AUTHORESS HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Mrs. Leslie Wiltshire, English writer who has been in Medford the past week in search of local color for a novel, is in the Sacred Heart hospital as a result of a collision between her Buick roadster and a Buick Brougham driven by John Madden of Venice, Cal., at Fifth and Bartlett this noon.

Mrs. Wiltshire, who was picked up unassisted from the street by Jailer Leo Dunford, and who suffered a deep laceration in the back of her head, and other minor body bruises, was said by witnesses to have attempted to jump from her car, which was going north on Bartlett in the school zone. The other Buick was coming east on Fifth when the two crashed.

Rushed to the Sacred Heart hospital by Dr. Inskeep, a stitch was taken in the injured woman's head by the county physician, after which X-rays were taken of the skull by Dr. Stockley. No serious conditions were found.

While the front left wheel was completely ruined and both fenders bent and other damage was done to the roadster, the Buick Brougham was said by Sheriff Jennings to be only slightly damaged.

Classified advertising gets results.

Padlock Suits Filed. PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 25.—(AP)—Two padlock suits have been filed in federal court as a result of liquor law cases in Klamath county.

One statement suit was filed against J. R. Martin, owner and Hugh Hankins, occupant of premises at Fort Klamath, and the other against Leland Parazo, owner and Ben Mitchell, occupant of premises in Chiloquin.

J. T. Zimmerman, who underwent a serious operation at the Sacred Heart hospital Friday, is reported as doing nicely.

# 11 AUTO THIEVES ARE SENTENCED

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 25.—(AP) Eleven men drew sentences in federal court today for auto thefts.

Edward L. Kirby, 35, got three years in McNeil Island prison. He also faces a charge of robbing the residence of Phil Metchen, Portland.

Ernest Turner got three years in McNeil.

James Fisher, 19, got two years, and Rudolph Beer, 21, drew 18 months.

Clayton Merrill, 27, Milton Carlson, 28, and Elmo Hill, 25, drew 15 months each.

Wesley Woolver, 25, got a 10 months jail term, and Clarence Brown six months.

Roy Reese, 19, and Victor Reynolds, 18, of Vancouver, Wash., were given four months each.

# CAR STOLEN IN ALBANY IS RECOVERED HERE

A Chevrolet touring car, stolen last week from D. E. Gibbs, farmer of Albany, was recovered here Saturday by the sheriff's office. The machine will be reclaimed by the northern man, who is on his way to Medford this afternoon, following a wire from Sheriff Ralph Jennings yesterday.

The car was abandoned at the north end of the city, and when found Saturday by the police, it was thought at first to be a transfer case, no date of its loss having appeared in the theft bureau bulletins. Wires were sent by Sheriff Jennings to the various bureaus and police stations, until the fact was established that the car was a stolen one. Gibbs expressed enthusiastic appreciation of the efficiency of the local office.

Mail Tribune ads are read by 20,000 people every day. If

# WOMEN OF D. A. R. UNVEIL INDIAN BATTLE MARKER

With appropriate ceremony and in the presence of the members of the local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter, their invited guests and the public generally, a monument was unveiled by the chapter this afternoon in the Table Rock vicinity, marking the spot where the Indian peace treaty was signed between the Rogue River Indians and General Joseph Lane in 1852.

Although there is some dispute as to the location of the exact spot, the monument is placed on the north end of the Wykoff ranch, as that place is regarded as the most suitable site.

Senator Samuel M. Garland, of Lebanon, Ore., arrived in Medford this morning in preparation for the unveiling ceremony this afternoon, where he gave the chief address, speaking on the subject of "The Indians: A Vanishing Race." Others present for the same purpose were J. O. Stearns, president of the Historical association at Portland and the Hon. M. R. G. R. Arthur Lane, of Portland, grandson of General Joseph Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shelby, of San Francisco, were also expected. Mr. Shelby is another grandson of General Lane.

# JANE SNEDECOR IS NAMED ASSOCIATE MAGAZINE EDITOR

The September issue of Garden Homes, a magazine for nature lovers, published in San Francisco, announces that Miss Jane Snedcor of Medford has been added to the staff in the capacity of associate editor.

For some time Miss Snedcor has contributed articles concerning the scenic beauty of southern Oregon and in the last number appears a story on "Native Planting for Oregon Roadside."

In the article referred to the local writer describes the activities of the Greater Medford club and the Garden club, giving special mention to efforts made by the members to beautify the highways in this valley.

"For trees we recommend the evergreen of every variety, the black walnut, dogwood and maple, wild roses, azaleas, rhododendrons and even the wild blackberry. For annual planting along the highways there is nothing equal to the single petunia, gladiolus and cannas," Miss Snedcor writes.

# Rheumatic Neuritis

It is now absurd and preposterous to suffer rheumatic pains from muscular inflammation, sciatic neuritis, lumbago, or any form of rheumatism.

Frank's Prescription does not depress the heart nor ruin the stomach, and no dieting is necessary to make it effective. Frank's Prescription contains no harmful drugs, but combines ingredients designed to positively overcome any kind of rheumatism. It is impossible to get something better. What more do you want? An ideal Urac Acid Solvent and Liver Medicine anyone can use with safety and satisfaction; manufacturers established 35 years. Frank's Prescription is sold by reliable druggists everywhere, like James McNeil's Pharmacy.

# Rosa Blackmore Willett

ARTISTE—Teacher of Piano-forte. Diplomee of Leipzig Conservatorium, Germany.

For Appointments  
Residence Telephone 403-R-4  
Studio: 146 South Ivy

**A NATION-WIDE INSTITUTION**

# J.C. PENNEY Co.

**Successful Men**

**Dress Well to Succeed**

The man who neglects his appearance is overlooking a most important item in his climb to the top. Ability, Personality, Appearance, always go hand in hand. He is wise indeed who cultivates all three.

Our men's department is completely equipped to give you helpful and prompt assistance in the selection of your clothes. In this connection may we call your attention to the latest Fall styles in Single and Double-Breasted Suits which we are now showing at our very low price of

**\$24.75**



**New Styles for Fall**  
In Marathon Hats

Every man wants to look his best. There is no better aid to good looks than the jaunty model Marathon shown here. Like all Marathon Hats, it is an exceptional value.

**\$3.98**

"The Target," is a raw edge curl, snap brim. It is richly satin lined and comes in smart tan and gray shades, also black. You will like the style and the wear you will receive. This is truly a hat of quality and individuality.

"Let Us Be Your Hatter"

**College Men**  
Like This Shoe



Plenty of campus style in this Oxford, yet not too dressy. Solid leather heel with unusual trim on vamp. Comes in Gun Metal or new Autumn shade of Tan.

**\$4.98**

# GLENN TAYLOR NOT JUDGE CANDIDATE

Glenn O. Taylor, Judge of the city court and justice of the peace for Medford, and deputy D. S. court clerk for the southern Oregon district, smiled when he read in yesterday's Mail Tribune his own name mentioned among those of possible appointees to the position of county judge, and declared today that he would not have the office under any circumstances.

"I have no idea how any one could get the impression that I am even a tentatively mentioned candidate for that office," said the judge, for I favor Alex Sparrow for the appointment and for election as county judge—in fact, I am one of the original Sparrow men.

# Are You Ready



# When your Children Cry for It

Baby has little upsets at times. All your care cannot prevent them. But you can be prepared. Then you can do what any experienced nurse would do—what most physicians would tell you to do—give a few drops of plain Castoria. No sooner done than baby is soothed; relief is just a matter of moments. Yet you have eased your child without use of a single doubtful drug; Castoria is vegetable. So it's safe to use as often as an infant has any little pain you cannot pat away. And it's always ready for the cruelest pang of colic or constipation, or diarrhea; effective, too, for older children. Twenty-five million bottles were bought last year.

**Fletcher's CASTORIA**

# PHONE 474 CITY CLEANING & DYEING CO.

**ONYX POINTEX HOSIERY**  
For Women \$1.95

*The Poggery Co. Inc.*

WE DEVELOP **FILMS FREE**  
West Side Pharmacy  
"The Rexall Store"

**RIALTO TODAY AND WED.**

All the World Loves a Lover

**FAY WRAY and GARY COOPER**

The Two Great Stars of "The Legion of the Condemned" Are Back Again in

**"The First Kiss"**

From the Saturday Evening Post Story of Youth and Honor, "FOUR BROTHERS"

ALSO

STAN LAUREL, OLIVER HARDY, those two funny boys, in a riot of mirth,

**"Should Married Men Go Home?"**

Admission Mats 10 and 25 Eves. 10 and 35 Rothermel's Music

**QUALITY Field Seeds**  
FOR FALL PLANTING

BUY ADAPTABLE FIELD SEEDS "KNOW WHAT YOU SOW"

**Monarch Seed & Feed Co.**

**DODGE BROTHERS NEW VICTORY SIX**

A Car of Striking Originality Now More Luxurious and Comfortable Than Ever!

**NINE** distinctive new body styles advance Victory smartness and luxury to still higher levels.

All dimensions that affect the comfort and convenience of passengers are now more generous still. Bigger bodies, wider doors, greater head room, increased vision and extra broad, luxurious, deeply-tufted seats, reveal the sweeping nature of these latest Victory refinements.

You will also discover a rakish new sweep to the lines—a dashing new flare to the fenders—an arresting new massiveness in the height and breadth of the hood.

Add to all these the far-famed originality of Victory design—

Body mounted directly on the chassis without sills, materially lowering the center of gravity and increasing the head room. Chassis the full width of the body, eliminating body overhang and side-sway along with it.

These and many other revolutionary features result in a character of roadability, performance, interior comfort and beauty of line that is utterly unique, superior and exclusive to Dodge Brothers brilliant Victory Six.

PRICES—Touring Car, \$995; Roadster, \$995; Coupe, \$1045; 4-Door Sedan, \$1095; DeLuxe Sedan \$1170; DeLuxe 4-Door Coupe, \$1170; Sport Roadster, \$1245; Sport Touring Car, \$1245; Sport Sedan, \$1295; f. o. b. Detroit.

ALSO **DODGE BROTHERS STANDARD SIX \$895**

Smarter in every detail. Richly equipped. Fast and dependable. See these cars and you will concede that Standard Six is beautiful and Standard Six performance is now distinctly in harmony.

PRICES  
Coupe . . . \$875  
4-Door Sedan \$955  
Cabriolet . . . \$945  
DeLuxe Sedan \$970  
f. o. b. Detroit

**Eakin Motor Co.**  
16-18 South Fir Phone 304