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NEILON CASE AFFIRMED

The Supreme Court Affirms the Lower Court's Decision in the Case of Ex-Sheriff Neilon

District Attorney L. F. Conn, received two dispatches Tuesday to the effect that the Supreme court had that day affirmed the lower court in the case of the State of Oregon vs A. J. Neilon.

C. M. Crawford, Attorney general, wired from Salem as follows: Neilon case affirmed by Supreme court.

Deputy District Attorney C. S. Bennet of Jackson county also wired: State vs Neilon affirmed.

This case came up at the May term of circuit court in 1901, and the case was set for trial at the following term in October. The jury disagreed and a new trial was granted at the term following, when A. J. Neilon was convicted of embezzling \$3000, of county funds while tax collector and sheriff of Lake county. The case was appealed to the supreme court, and has just been decided as above. Mr. Neilon has been lying in the county jail since last October. The sentence pronounced upon him is imprisonment in the penitentiary for four years and a fine of \$6,000. Twenty days are allowed in which to file a motion for a new trial.

The case of the State vs Neilon's bondsmen is still before the Supreme court, and it is expected will be decided in the same way. A great many things are being done.

Bonds Were Burned.

The Southern Oregon Chautauqua Association at Ashland celebrated its emancipation from bonded indebtedness by publicly burning the evidence of its debt before a large audience at the Tabernacle last Thursday. Twenty-five hundred dollars in bonds were burned by the association at the time of the organization ten years ago, to buy and improve grounds, which bonds have been cleared along at 8 per cent interest until last year subscriptions were added to raise this indebtedness, the completion of which was celebrated with much enthusiasm.

The Association now owns its beautiful grounds and buildings unincumbered. Letters were read from many prominent men in different sections of the United States who have lectured from this platform, congratulating the assembly upon its success and its freedom from indebtedness, and short addresses made by people from different parts of Oregon who were present, interspersed with fine musical numbers.

Mrs. Moore Paralyzed.

Mrs. E. F. Moore suffered a stroke of paralysis on the left side last Tuesday evening. She had gone to the home of her daughter Mrs. W. Z. Moss, to feed the chickens, and in attempting to pick up a bunch of keys she had dropped, she fell to the ground paralyzed. Neighbors soon discovered her serious predicament, and she was carried to the home of M. A. Striplin. Mrs. Moore suffered intense pain, and was unable to move or talk until yesterday morning, when she was moved to her own home, and has since been resting comparatively easy. It is not known whether she will recover from the paralytic stroke or not, but for one of her age it is extremely doubtful.

HOT SPRINGS OF OREGON

The Many Hot Springs in Oregon Equal to if Not Superior to The Ones in Arkansas.

The hot springs of Oregon are among the state's most interesting features. Like many of the resources of the state, these are undeveloped, and with the development of the Pacific Northwest, they may be found to be the most valuable features of the country. They may be found boiling from the earth at many points in Eastern Oregon, and the crude experiments that have been made so far bear out the theory entertained by many that they are equal to the famous hot springs of Arkansas. Imperfect analyses have been made of water from many of these springs, and many of the elements contained in the Arkansas hot springs are found in the water from the Oregon hot springs. The water in many of these springs sustains a heat superior to any, possibly in the world. They pour forth a constant flow, year in and year out, and the fountain head is considered inexhaustible, says Paul De Laney in the Portland Journal.

FOUND AT MANY POINTS.

These springs are found in many of the counties of Oregon, but they are more generally distributed in Eastern Oregon. Only two of the vast number have been improved to any considerable extent. Ashland, on the Oregon coast, and Malheur, and Hot Lake, on the O. R. & N., have been arranged for the reception of visitors, and are regarded as valuable institutions of the respective places. They are more numerous in the interior of the state, and Klamath Lake, Harney, Crook and Malheur abound with them. Only slight improvements have been made on a few of the springs in these counties, and yet many of them are the finest yet discovered.

AT KLAMATH FALLS.

In the immediate vicinity of the town of Klamath Falls, in Klamath County, there is a "nest" of these springs which is unimproved and is claimed to be superior to any in the state. They vary in temperature, and the highest temperature is said to be reached at this point by one of these springs. It is a very large spring, and has a strong flow of water, and its temperature is so high that it has been named the "Devil's Tea Kettle." The springs throughout Eastern Oregon are used by the ranchers and butchers for scalding hogs, and were used in early days by the Indians for boiling their meats, but the "Devil's Tea Kettle" is too hot for all practical purposes. The ordinary springs are just the right temperature for scalding hogs and the ranchers bring them to the springs and plunge them into the water for a moment and draw them out and the hair slips off readily. But the "Devil's Tea Kettle" sets the hair and makes it almost impossible to remove it from the hogs. The experienced rancher no longer takes any chances on this spring unless it is to dip the water from the basin and let it cool until the proper temperature is reached.

LAKEVIEW SPRINGS.

There are also a number of hot springs near Lakeview, in Lake county. Most of these have been taken up by settlers on their homesteads, but they are lying idle, waiting the



PRINCE FERDINAND OF BULGARIA.

The little principality over which this fine looking gentleman is regent has been for weeks the center of interest for European diplomats. He rules the most turbulent of the Balkans, that tinder box which for years has threatened to set all Europe ablaze with war. Personally Prince Ferdinand is not to blame for the present disturbed conditions. His people have been inflamed by the Turkish outrages on their kin folks in Macedonia, and he could not avert an outbreak if he would.

time when it may pay to improve them. In passing through the country on a cold day the steam rising from these springs give out the idea from a distance that a great fire is raging at that particular place. All vegetation is killed near the springs, but as the water flows away in the distance and the temperature is reduced a heavy growth of grass is produced, and winter and summer stock come to these places to graze. In one case near Lakeview two fire-bred bulls engaged in a fight near one of these springs and fell into the spring and were both scalded to death together. They were valued at \$200 each, and the loss stimulated the owner to construct a fence around the boiling cauldron for the protection of stock in the future.

A CRUDE BATH HOUSE.

A crude bath house has been constructed near Lakeview that is taken advantage of by the citizens of that town, and is regarded as a sort of sanitarium also. The owner, an old-time rancher of the country, built a "vat" 20x30 feet and four feet deep some distance from the spring and also constructed a rough shack over the vat. He then dug a trench in a roundabout way from the spring to the shack, giving the water, which comes from the earth at a boiling heat, time to cool off. After the "vat" is filled, the water flows out through a notch at the top of the "vat" and joins the main stream in the channel below. By this means, the water in the "vat" is kept at a proper temperature at all times and a fresh flow is kept running through the "vat." In winter time the doors are kept closed to the shack, which keeps the water at the proper temperature, and they are kept open in summer, which gives the same results.

The people from Lakeview visit the place and pay a small fee for a swim, and this is not only pronounced a great pleasure, but is said to be very exhilarating, and the sick find relief here. A small room, just large enough for a man to stand up in, has been constructed over the spring, and this is called the "sweat box."

It is claimed that by taking the "treatment" in this crude box and the baths in the "vat," many cases of acute rheumatism have been immediately relieved. The rancher has a string of names of those who have been scalded out to his place in wagons and have gone away as juveniles.

IN MALHEUR COUNTY.

Malheur County contains some remarkable hot springs. Near Vale, the county seat, a geyser of boiling water and steam was created in a very unexpected way. Along the banks of the Malheur River on the opposite side of the stream from the town a number of hot springs boil out of the banks and run into the river, making a great foam and smoke where the hot and cold water come together. It struck an enterprising citizen that by boring a well back from the river he might find hot water, and the point selected being above the level of the town, he expected to establish a hot-water works to supply the town. After drilling about 45 feet he was surprised to have a hot stream of water follow the augur as it was drawn from the hole and spurt 32 feet above the opening. It required all of the energy of the workmen to get out of the way of the stream to keep from being scalded to death.

Other holes were bored in the neighborhood and the whole hill was converted into a bed of these geysers. No further improvements has been made, and the settling up of the country is awaited to justify the conversion of this water into useful purposes.

WHERE THE TIMID TREMBLE.

O'Neal's, 16 miles from Vale, on the Westfall road, tests the nerves of the timid. At this point a large hot spring boils from the earth and flows down into the gulches in a large stream, a cloud of steam rising along the channel for a long distance. The stage road passes this place and O'Neal's is a stage station. For a distance along the road for a half mile or more, small hot springs boil out from the side of the hill that borders the road. These flow into

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GIVEN UP TO DIE.

William Chambers is Fatally Injured and Now Awaits the End Without a Murmur.

William Chambers, who has been herding sheep for Thos. Flook, at Rock Creek, about 75 miles east of here, came to town on the Plush stage Tuesday in a dying condition, and suffering a thousand deaths. A week ago he was riding a horse and lending another horse, when the one he was riding began to buck, and he was thrown violently against the saddle horn, causing a rupture and strangulated hernia. All the physicians visited the doomed man and they all agreed that his case was fatal. An operation was talked of, but he said he would rather not undergo it, as he had suffered enough, and the doctors said he would not survive it anyway.

Mr. Chambers is 59 years old and served four years as cavalryman in the Civil war. His home is in Virginia. When he dies—which may be in 24 hours or may be several days—he will leave this earth without home, family, friends or money. The last few remaining hours on earth is the only time he has ever had to ask for charity, and that seems to be his greatest worry. The Examiner reporter asked him if he wished a minister to visit him, but he said he did not.

Bennie Beall Almost Drowned.

Another accident happened last Friday that would have ended fatally had it not been for the timely arrival of Elmer Ahlstrom. Little Bennie, the 2 year old son of Leo Beall, while playing in the back yard became over balanced in a half barrel filled with water, and was hanging on with one hand sufficient to raise his face out of the water and yell. Not knowing of any danger, Mr. Ahlstrom heard the little fellow scream, and at first thought that the children were playing, but on opening the door to go in the house he glanced over to Beall's and saw the predicament little Bennie was in. He instantly ran, and leaping over the two fences that intervened, rescued the little fellow just after he had released his hand and given up. The boy was resuscitated without difficulty, and was alright the next day.

Accidentally Shot.

Dudley, the 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dodson, who are living at their summer home in Big valley, was accidentally shot by an older brother, Byron, Monday afternoon. The boys in some way had gotten hold of a Winchester 22 special rifle, and were playing with it, when it was discharged, taking effect in the left hip, and passing clear through the body, coming out in front. Dr. E. H. Smith who is camping at the upper end of Big valley, was summoned and dressed the wound. It was thought advisable to bring the patient to town, and starting at 9 o'clock at night they arrived here at 3 a. m. Dr. Steiger has been attending the patient since. The boy has suffered no pain since the accident, and it is thought that no vital organs have been injured. It is expected that the wound will not prove serious, but a certain length of time is required before the fatal period is passed.