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## ESCAPE FROM JAIL

**Prisoners Overpower Deputy Sheriff Crawford and Four of Them Escape but Two Are Captured and Returned.**

### TWO ESCAPES STILL AT LARGE

Jacksonville was thrown into an excitement Thursday evening quite equal to pioneer days when an Indian attack was expected, with men, women and children racing through the streets with the county jail as the rallying point. And all this commotion was caused by the report that a jailbreak was on at the county jail and that Deputy Sheriff Oris Crawford had been killed and the prisoners had broken out and were fleeing to the hills.

There were six prisoners in the jail and at 7:00 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Crawford took them their supper. Mrs. Crawford accompanied him to the door of the jail and to her lusty scream for help when the prisoners attacked Mr. Crawford is probably due that he was not seriously hurt or killed. He went into the outer corridor and, ordering the prisoners into their cells, pulled the lever that throws the bar that locks all the cell doors, and went into the inner corridor to place their food on the table. No sooner had he stepped inside the room than four of the prisoners threw open their cell doors and sprang upon him and tried to force him into a cell and lock him in, they being able to open the cell doors by preventing the bolts from locking, in some unaccountable manner yet a mystery, when Mr. Crawford threw the bar to lock the doors. However, he did not notice anything unusual and supposed the cell doors to be securely locked. Mr. Crawford is a young and powerful man and he fought them off and in the struggle closed the door of the cell they were trying to force him into. Not making good progress locking him up and fearing his wife's screams would bring others to the scene, the prisoners fled out of the door, and, fearing they might be intercepted at the jailyard gate, they scaled the rear fence.

James A. Wilson who lives across the street east of the jail, hearing the commotion at the jail, secured his revolver and rushed for the street just as one of the escapes ran south for the hills. Mr. Wilson shot at him but missed him just as he crossed the railroad and stumbled and fell. However he was up in an instant, and with flying bullets to accelerate his speed fled towards Gus Newbury's and ran between it and Mrs. Dox's place up to California street where he landed up to the muzzle of the guns of Patsey Donegan and Chas. Campbell, who were returning from shooting doves. The young men's guns were unloaded but they looked loaded to the frightened jailbird and his hands went up in a hurry. Clarence Reames was with Donegan and Campbell but had left his gun at his house and ran back and got it and assisted in escorting the escape back to the jail. Mr. Donegan, after the fellow had been made to walk up near, lowered his gun and loaded it telling Mr. Campbell as his gun was loaded to hold a bead on the fellow. His gun back in line with the trembling prisoner's heart Campbell then lowered his gun and loaded it to the astonishment of the jailbird at the cool bluff that had been played upon him.

Two other of the prisoners fled east on

the street from the jail and disappeared between the railroad woodpile and the Kareuski barn. Deputy Sheriff Crawford saw them as they disappeared and following up he saw one running for the hill south. The other one had disappeared. Mr. Crawford thinking he had hid in the barn left him and pursued the one making for the timber. He had no revolver, but hoped to overtake him, but though Mr. Crawford gained on him he had too much the start and reaching Rev. Ennis' yard he jerked off a picket from the front fence and passed through the yard going likewise through the back fence disappearing in the dense growth of chaparral and madrona. Mr. Crawford, from his struggle in the jail and the long run was too exhausted to follow the man, and he returned to the Kareuski barn to search for the other man. The fellow had hid in the hay and told afterward that Mr. Crawford stepped over him, but not finding the man he returned to the court house for his revolver and help. Henry Orth and Peter Deisch driving up Fifth street by the court house heard the shots and the shouts that marked the progress of the flight of the prisoners drove up town at a furious pace and secured a revolver at Neuber's saloon and hurried back to the scene of action. They went to the barn where they were soon joined by Prof. G. R. Carlock, who came at a college track gait, though he weighs 200 pounds. They not finding their man, Henry Orth returned to the court house for more help the two with Chas. Paine watching the doors of the barn to see that the prisoner did not escape. Orth brought a big crowd back with him among them big Marshal W. G. Kenney and Deputy Sheriff Crawford who had just gotten back from his chase and with the aid of a lantern brought by Jas. Wilson, the prisoner was soon located up on the beams under the roof. By the persuasion of half a dozen revolvers the fellow climbed down begging his captors not to shoot. He was soon in jail and locked in a cell. No trace could be

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## LIGHT AND WATER

**Council Meets Last Tuesday Night To Consider Light and Water Propositions--Meet Again Early Next Month.**

### DEFINITE ACTION IS DEFERRED

Another special meeting of the council was held Tuesday evening to consider the light and water question. Mayor Britt and Councilmen Cameron, Orth and Huffer were present. Councilman Nunan was absent but will return from Cinnabar Springs the last of this month and be present at the next meeting. A. E. Reames stated he had no new proposition to offer, but reports are out since the meeting that Dr. Ray will have a bid in at the next meeting of the council. Mayor Britt then read the amended proposition of the Gold Hill Development Company. The first offer of this Company was to furnish to the town, light current at three cents per kilowatt hour delivered direct to wires of the town lighting system without extra charge and power current at \$5 per horsepower for 24 hours service to a pumping station. The second offer was that the company be given a 10 years franchise for a light and water system. For the light service they would maintain 46 incandescent 32 candle power lamps and two arc lights on the streets for \$16.66 per month and additional street lights at the same rate each. To individuals the rate to be 10 cents per kilowatt hour the minimum price to individuals to be \$1.00 per month. They would put in a water system and maintain 10 hydrants for \$20 per month and additional hydrants at the same rate. The rate to individuals to be \$1.00 for the first 3,000 gallons and 10 cents for each additional 1000 gallons. Streets to be left in as good repair as when found.

The company in consideration for

these franchises would give to the town for the first two years 5 per cent of its gross receipts; for the succeeding three years 10 per cent of the receipts and 15 per cent for the last five years. Payment to be made on the 10th of each month. E. B. Dufur, of Gold Hill, attorney for the Company then made a short statement in which he said his Company would give ample and well secured bonds to carry out the terms of their contract. He recommended that the council take ample time to look into the standing of his Company and of the condition and terms of their offer they having no desire to rush matters. Manager H. Schaeffer of the Company made the same statement and in reply to a question by the Mayor in regard to when he could begin light and water service said they would put in light before the expiration of four months but as to water could not say as he had not investigated the source of supply but would be prepared in the near future to give a date when the water service could be supplied. E. L. Gurnea electrician for the Company was then asked to explain the technical terms and the manner of installing the light service which he did in reply to questions by members of the council. No further discussion of the subject was had and the whole matter postponed until the regular council meeting the 6th of September.

### Teachers' Examination Being Held.

The August examination for teachers began Wednesday and will close this Friday. As his assistants on the board of examiners Supt. Daily has Prof. A. J. Hanby, of Central Point and Prof. G. R. Carlock, of Ashland.

The following teachers took examination for state papers:

Loleta Norton, Alma Gilham, Ida Stewart, Echo Nason, Della Steward, Olive Pohland, Floy McNeill, Olah Mickey, Delia Tibbetts, Ida Meyers, Gertrude Engle, Mabel Mickey, Laura Allen, Nettie McIntyre, Esther Jarvis, Olive E. Huffer and Zudie Owens.

The following are the applicants for county certificates:

Lorena Shuck, Anna Colvig, Jennie Churchman, Mary Ashurst, Edith Dungey, Maud O'Brien, Nina Kame, Grace Gibbon, Stella Purkeypile, Bertha Peachey, Beulah Kincaid, Clara Terrill, Jessie Ashley, J. C. Barnard, Addie Hay, Kate Broad, Alfie O. Freel, Sarah Law, Leila L. Prim, and Flora Thompson.

### Justice Dox Performs Ceremony.

Justice Henry Dox performed his first marriage ceremony this Friday morning, the happy couple undergoing the trying, but presumably pleasant ordeal being O. R. Hayes and Miss Sadie Heffner. The Justice, realizing that this was a most auspicious beginning to his official career, put on his most winsome smile, and refreshing memory, and not his inner self as was the wont of pioneer justices of Jacksonville, from a book and not from a glass, tied the knot in the good old style, even putting in the obey clause, and with his best wishes and,—but the Justice would not acknowledge whether he kissed the bride or not, though it is hinted that Governor Beekman, who acted as best man, did that with all the gallantry of his youthful days—started them on this new section of their life's journey for happiness or sorrow as they and the fates decree. The young people reside on Big Butte creek and are both highly respected and energetic and are quite sure to win success in life.

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