

MODOC NORTHERN MAY REACH HERE WITHIN YEAR

JOE STARR IN JAIL, CHARGED WITH ROBBING THE BYERS HOUSE AND THEN SETTING IT AFIRE

BREWBAKER AND LLOYD LOW MAKE SOME CLEVER MOVES IN THE CASE

Investigating Conflicting Stories Told by Suspect, Deputy Sheriffs, Just Cut Off Salary Roll, Found Photograph, Blankets and Other Goods Which are Identified by E. E. Byers as His Property.

That he looted the residence of E. E. Byers on Ninth street, and then set it on fire in order to hide all traces of his thefts and make it appear as though the articles were destroyed in the flames, are the charges against Joe Starr, arrested this forenoon by Deputy Sheriffs R. H. Brewbaker and Lloyd Low. A complaint has been made against Starr by Mr. Byers.

Starr has been a character around town for several months, and has been seen in a hangar on around saloons, pool rooms, etc. He usually had a mandolin, and played for whatever nickels came his way. Should they not come fast enough, Starr did not hesitate to ask for them.

Starr has made his home at an Indian camp, toward Upper Klamath Lake. The fire which completely destroyed the Byers home, broke out early on Tuesday morning, and shortly before the fire was discovered, Mike Lavenik, on his way home, accosted Starr near the scene of the blaze.

This information caused the author to make an investigation, and it was soon learned that a child had seen Starr around the Byers premises on several occasions. Tuesday Starr was questioned, but nothing developed sufficient to warrant his arrest.

Late Tuesday evening, after they were told that they had been stricken from the payroll of Klamath county, the deputies, after learning of the divergence in Starr's stories, began to suspect robbery. A search of the Indian camp revealed several articles, and Starr was arrested this morning.

The Byers family reside on a homestead near Olene, but had left practically all of their furniture in the house. This afternoon, Mr. Byers came in from Olene and identified a phonograph, several records, quilts and blankets, jars of fruit, a clock, electric flashlight and other things found in the search of Starr's effects.

Cattle Buyer Back.

Howard Van Valkenberg, with his wife and mother, returned last night from a six weeks' trip through South-

ern California and Arizona. Mr. Van Valkenberg says it feels mighty good to get back to Klamath Falls after wading through the floods and rains and storms that prevailed throughout the lower country.

BREAKS HAND AT MONDAY'S FIRE

Slap on the Wrist From Wringing Hose Has Serious Results for One of the Firefighters Taking Hose Into Blazing Residence

Ray Goddard is nursing a fractured hand, as a result of an injury received at the fire in Hot Springs Addition Monday afternoon. Goddard was taking the hose into the house through a window, when the force of the water pressure made the hose unmanageable, and he was struck a hard blow on the wrist by the gyrating nozzle.

Goddard paid no attention to the injury until yesterday afternoon he visited a doctor who discovered the fracture. Fire Chief Wakefield and Len Royce were slightly injured at the fire by being cut with glass.

EVANGELIST HAS PROGRAM READY

Services at Christian Church Are Attracting Large Audiences—Sermon Subjects Announced for the Week to Come by Melvin Putman.

Great success is attending the series of revival meetings being held at the Christian church. Evangelist Melvin Putman is an interesting as well as a convincing talker, and the attendance at each meeting is large. Musical numbers are a big feature of the meetings.

At this evening's meeting the evangelist's topic is "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." His topics for the remainder of the week are:

- Thursday—"A Friend to Christ." Friday—"A Brother to Christ." Saturday—"Why Jesus Came." Sunday, 11 a. m.—"Proof of His Love"; 7:45 p. m.—"Why Must Jesus Die?"

General Wilson Passes Beyond



Another friend of Abraham Lincoln, General James Grant Wilson, passed away just before the last anniversary of the war president.

General Wilson was 81 years of age, and he had been known to the public in military, social and literary movements for more than half a century. He was a friend of many prominent men and women of the nineteenth century, among them being Thackeray, Gladstone, William Cullen Bryant, Washington Irving, Dickens, Sherman, Farragut and Fitz-Greene Halleck.

SLEEPER COLD; SEEKS DAMAGES

Actress Is Preparing to Sue Southern Pacific for Sickness Alleged to Have Been Contracted While Train Was Held at Dunsuir by Washout

United Press Service SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Legal representatives here of May Irwin, the actress, today were preparing to bring suit for \$50,000 damages against the Southern Pacific.

This amount, it was claimed, is due the actress because of illness suffered while traveling over the company's lines and which, it was alleged, forced her to cancel a number of Pacific Coast engagements.

While traveling from California over the Southern Pacific, Miss Irwin's train was held up by a washout near Dunsuir, California.

It is charged that the sleeper in which Miss Irwin was required to remain twelve hours carried no heat and as a result she was seized with an attack of neuritis.

E. B. HENRY IS OUT FOR OFFICE

County Surveyor Files His Petition for the Nomination on the Republican Ticket at the May Primaries. Has Held Office for Several Years

E. B. Henry, county engineer, seeks another term of office. This morning he filed his petition for nomination on the republican ticket.

Henry has held this office at different times for several years past, being elected for some terms and appointed for others.

WESTERN FUEL CO. IN MORE TROUBLE AND BOOKS TAKEN

NEW CHARGES ARE MADE BY OFFICIALS

Latest Allegation Against Fuel Concern Is That It Defrauded the Government out of \$50,000 by False Affidavits in Regard to the Weights of Importations of Coal—Also Said to Have Evaded Taxes.

United Press Service SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Officials of the United States revenue service today seized the books, accounts, etc., of the Western Fuel company. This was done in connection with a new charge against the concern, that it defrauded the government out of \$50,000 in customs duties.

Officials of the revenue service allege that this was done through false affidavits concerning the weights of coal importations.

In addition to the above, there is also a charge that for five years, the company has been evading just payments of corporation taxes in proportion to its income.

ASHLAND BANKS TO CONSOLIDATE

United States National Bank Will Be Merged into the First National Bank of Ashland, Increasing the Capital Stock to \$100,000.

ASHLAND, Feb. 16.—Announcement was made here today of the proposed consolidation of the United States National and First National banks. The United States National, a pioneer bank under the name of the Bank of Ashland, will liquidate, the stockholders receiving stock in the First National, which will increase the capital stock to \$100,000, and start with \$20,000 surplus.

E. V. Carter, president of the United States National, is to be president of the new bank; C. H. Vaupel, president of the First National, is to be vice president; J. W. McCoy, cashier; Clark Bush, assistant cashier, and Mayme Grainger, stenographer, will hold the same positions in the new bank. A. J. McCallen, assistant cashier of the First National, is also to be assistant cashier.

Quarters of the new bank will be in the First National bank building, and the Granite City Savings bank will probably move into the United States National building.

EARTHQUAKE IS FELT AT RENO

Shake Lasted Half a Minute, and Was Felt in Virginia City, Carson City and Verdi as Well—No Damage Resulted, Except Broken Windows

United Press Service RENO, Nev., Feb. 18.—An earthquake shock was felt in parts of Nevada this morning. The tremor began at 10:17, and lasted thirty seconds.

At Virginia City, Carson City and Verdi the shake was also felt. It was much lighter there.

ELKS MAY GO TO FAIR ON HORSES AND IN STAGE

"NINETEEN-FIFTEEN CLUB" IS BEING TALKED

According to Plan Being Outlined, Members of the Antlered Herd Will Ride to San Francisco From Klamath Falls, Camping Along the Way, and Hoisting for This Section Wherever They Stop

"An overland trip to the Panama-Pacific Exposition," is the slogan of the "Nineteen-Fifteen Club" being talked by members of the local Elks lodge. The members plan to make the journey from Klamath Falls to San Francisco, a distance of 400 miles, in the Western fashion, horseback for the active fellows, and stage coaches for the older chaps.

It is stated that there will be between fifty and 100 mounted men in the party, and several stage coaches loaded to their capacity. A uniform of purple flannel shirts with the lodge numerals on the back, white chaparrals and rodeo sombreros will be adopted, while the saddle blankets and sides of the stages will be utilized for advertising Klamath Falls.

In addition to the members of the party, the equipment will include an auto truck to carry tents, etc., and a well organized commissary, with a force of employees sufficient to have camp in readiness for the Elks each evening. A number of stops will be made, and all the Elks lodges along the route will be visited.

The members of the local lodge are enthusiastic over the plan. In addition, it is believed that there will be a large delegation of riders from Lake county.

The club is being organized at this time in order to start early the raising of funds to defray the expense of the trip, and to perfect all arrangements. A plan is being worked out whereby each member of the club will pay small monthly dues, which by the time the trip is taken will amount to a fund sufficient to pay the expenses of the journey.

JUVENILE PLAY PLEASURES CROWD

Affair was a Success Financially, and the Christian Endeavor Society's Treasury is Enriched by Support Given by People

Before a crowd of 300 people, youngsters yet to reach their teens last night produced "The Marriage of Tom Thumb and Miss Midgett," a playlet that provoked much laughter from the audience. The kiddies were all dressed as grown-ups, and the manner in which they conducted themselves tickled everybody.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Christian Church gave the entertainment. As a result, a considerable sum was added to their treasury.

A tryout will be held February 28 to determine what state university students can compete in the cross-country run, which is to be held on March 7. Track work at the university will be in full swing within a week.

Among the many definitions of genius, that of Thomas A. Edison has the virtue of brevity, not to say wit: "Genius is 2 per cent inspiration and 98 per cent perspiration."

Switzerland has eighty silk mills.

Two Nominees for Interstate C. Com.



Henry Clay Hall Professor Winthrop M. Daniels

Henry Clay Hall and Professor Winthrop M. Daniels have been nominated by the president for members of the interstate commerce commission. Both men have high reputations, which has led the president to believe they will add to the knowledge and ability of the commission.

Examining Cattle.

Drs. Prentiss and Mitchell left this morning for Merrill, where they go to examine cattle soon to be sold at an auction.

A student of statistical mind computes that 5,000,000 words were written during the recent mid-term examinations at the state university.

MONEY ASSURED BY SALE OF BOND ISSUE IN GOTHAM

WORK ON ROAD WILL BE RUSHED ALONG

Materials and Supplies Are Now at the Terminus of the Line in Quantities Sufficient to Extend Railroad into Big Valley, Sixty Miles Away. Construction Outfits Spending the Winter in Lassen

SUSANVILLE, Feb. 18.—Permission by the state railroad commission to the Southern Pacific company to borrow \$55,000,000 provides for over \$2,000,000 for the extension of the Fernley and Lassen line from its present terminus twenty-four miles north of Susanville.

Coupled with the statement of the railroad officials that the loan is floated, this makes a certainty the completion of the Southern Pacific to Lookout from Susanville, Modoc county, and possibly even as far as Klamath Falls by this time next year.

Materials and supplies are at the end of the line beyond Susanville to carry the line into Big Valley, sixty miles further, and work will be crowded the minute weather will permit. Construction outfits and teams have wintered in Lassen county, to get an early start in the spring.

EXAM INCLUDES IRON AND BROOM

University of Oregon Co-eds Will Not Only Be Told How to Use These Utensils; They Must Demonstrate Knowledge to the Faculty

United Press Service

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Students of the home economic department of the University of Washington are not only going to be taught how house-keeping ought to be done, but how to do it themselves, according to announcement just made by Professor Frederick Osborne. The right way of handling flatirons will be illustrated and then the students will be required to prove with brooms in their own hands that they have understood the directions. Among many other courses there will be one in cleaning and in the bearing wallpaper has on lighting effects.

Screeching Sox Worn

Variegated Hosiery Drape High School Pedals

Today was "Bright Sox" Day at the high school, an annual event, on which day all the upper class men wear multi-colored socks with bright red, blue and glaring green predominating. Usually the noisy coverings for the pedal extremities are not mates, each foot vying with the other in trying to imitate a rainbow. Today the boys added to the general effect by appearing in oddly knotted bright ties, as well as variegated hose.

And thereby hangs a speedy tale of an expulsion and a reinstatement. As seven or eight of the "bright tie" brigade entered class room, one of the boys was singled out by the instructor for a severe criticism regarding taste in ties. After a short wordy conflict the boy was told to get his books and go home, which he did.

Later the student was reinstated by Principal Faught, who did not see the justice of inflicting punishment on one and not on the others similarly attired.

Young ladies of the high school are now planning to have a "Perfumery" day soon, each girl to splash herself with the rankiest smelling musk that can possibly be obtained.

All of which is a diversion from the monotony of text books, and tends to add to the gaiety of school work.

Merrill vs. K. C. H. S.

Alfalfa Town Students Are Here With Good Team

Basketball teams of the Merrill and Klamath Falls high schools will battle for the county championship at Houston's opera house tonight. On account of the intense interest manifested over the coming struggle, the management has added to the seating capacity of the house.

Principal Blake has been coaching the Merrill team regularly for the past month. It is reported that he has them in the very best possible condition. Mr. Blake is an all-round athlete himself, and it has been only a short time ago that he was creating

quite a sensation in different athletic sports. Nobody seems to be able to advance any "on-the-level" stuff about the weight, ability and experience of the Merrill aggregation. It seems a safe tip, however, that they will make the Klamath county high school players extend themselves to win. The local lads are in fine shape, and should win on their confidence alone, if they mean all the assertions made by them. Mr. Blake will referee the contest and Coach McCall will umpire.