

POLICE CLOSE ROEDER PROBE, DOUBT ATTACK

Police have closed their investigation of the case of Mrs. Marietta Roeder, who, with a wound on her head, was taken to the Klamath Valley hospital following a report to police that

she had been attacked and robbed by an unknown man. Police officers said relatives had suggested it was unnecessary to go farther with the probe. Investigating officers, in written reports to Chief Merrill, suggest the possibility that Mrs. Roeder may have struck her head on a window sill in a fall, although they said relatives believed she was beaten by a marauder in her house on Crescent avenue. Police were inclined to doubt the attack theory. Mrs. Roeder, the police stated, at first said she was beaten by a large negro, but later has been less certain in her description of her alleged attacker. In view of Mrs. Roeder's serious injury, the officers stated, they were unable to get a coherent story from her as to exactly what hap-

Tammany Chiefs



Accused of grand larceny in appropriating to their own use the interest on official funds, Sheriff Thomas M. Farley (left) and former Sheriff Charles W. Catkin (right) of New York have been indicted by a grand jury. The ten Tammany leaders were accused on the basis of evidence presented before the New York City investigating committee by Samuel Seabury, its chief counsel.

Rogers Employed To Laugh Nation Out of Hoarding

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, (AP)—Will Rogers, humorist, has been appointed a quoniam commission by President Hoover to laugh the American people out of the idea of hoarding. He announced his appointment after a visit with the President at the White House. His jokes will be used in Mr. Hoover's anti-hoarding campaign. "I am the only member on the commission, so I know it will be run right," Rogers said upon leaving the executive mansion. "I intend to appoint a lot of sub-committees. "It is a real honor. I am to go out and fix up some jokes to make folks laugh so much they will put their money back in the banks."

Missionary of Early Days Tells of Hard Struggles

(Editor's Note—With the passing of Mrs. J. W. Bryant it leaves D. A. McComb the oldest (from point of service) pioneer minister in Klamath county. This article is printed in connection with the pioneer dinner at the Presbyterian church Thursday night.) By D. A. McComb The writer came to Klamath Falls in March, 1891, and spent two years at "pick-and-shovel" work, carpenter and mill work and school work. Began work as a Presbyterian Sabbath school missionary May 1, 1892. At that time there were three churches in Klamath county, and three in Lake county; no preaching services between Klamath Falls and Lakeview, and only two Sabbath schools. There had been missionary work former years by the Christian, Baptist, Congregational, M. E. south, but they had abandoned the field. The churches in Klamath Falls had been barely existing for several years. Lakeview and Silver Lake about the same. Klamath Falls had two churches, Presbyterian and Methodist. Bonanza, a Methodist church without a preacher; Lakeview had a Methodist and a Baptist, and Silver Lake a Baptist church. Merrill had a Christian Science church, Langelle Valley a Congregational church without a minister. Better men than the writer had worked the field and abandoned it, but the mission boards kept on sending men into the work, and so the writer took his turn at missionary work, and also in turn becoming discouraged and throwing up the sponge. I find, on looking over my old record book, that in eighteen months I traveled the team, on horseback and on foot, 5423 miles, made 793 visits, preached 161 times, distributed 39,154 books of tracts and periodicals, organized eight Sabbath schools, witnessed three conversions, and while not completing the task, was a factor in the founding of the Merrill Presbyterian church. The chief difficulty in establishing schools was to find someone who could be persuaded to act as superintendent. This is still generally true in the rural districts. My superintendents were nearly all women, and most of them were the school teachers, many of whom were the most loyal workers, and without whom the missionary would have been hopeless. Another difficulty lay in the fact that many of the people had not become reconciled to the idea of making permanent homes, but were waiting for a chance to sell out and go some where to live. They did not wish to make any more ties to hold them back when the opportunity should arise for them to get away; one lady saying she had lived on the ranch 15 years without unpacking her trunk. Lake county was worse than Klamath, because most of the country was occupied only by vaqueros and sheep herders. My most effective method of securing a congregation was to drive into a settlement on Friday or Saturday, secure a stopping place, and make flying visits to every house in the district, and invite everybody to the services on Sunday. In this way I never failed to get a congregation, while if I made an appointment for some future date and came from a distance, quite likely I would be disappointed, sometimes driving 30 or 40 miles to fill an appointment and find an empty building. While the people generally were not church members, and not openly religious, I found many who were playing the game better, living closer to the golden rule than the average church member. I was surprised a few by telling them that they were Christians, but did not know it. While I heard stories of how former missionaries had ruined the fur the wrong way and had received scant consideration, I met nothing but the most courteous and friendly treatment everywhere in meeting in homes, in sheep camps, vaquero camps and logging camps. Perhaps one reason why the pioneers tolerated me more than some other and better preachers was because I, too, was a pioneer, and the son of a pioneer preacher on the wild prairies of Northwest Iowa, and followed the reeding frontier to the Pacific a half century ago, so have always been at home among pioneers, and have lived in towns and thickly settled communities only long enough to make me homesick for the wide-open spaces of the great outdoors and among the pioneers, who are trying, most literally, to fulfill the commission given to Adam and later to Noah: "Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it." In passing let me mention a few warm personal friends, pioneer preachers or local preachers, like the writer, becoming a part of the soil, weeding their living

from the soil, and preaching the gospel for conscience sake of the world. In this way I never failed to get a congregation, while if I made an appointment for some future date and came from a distance, quite likely I would be disappointed, sometimes driving 30 or 40 miles to fill an appointment and find an empty building. While the people generally were not church members, and not openly religious, I found many who were playing the game better, living closer to the golden rule than the average church member. I was surprised a few by telling them that they were Christians, but did not know it. While I heard stories of how former missionaries had ruined the fur the wrong way and had received scant consideration, I met nothing but the most courteous and friendly treatment everywhere in meeting in homes, in sheep camps, vaquero camps and logging camps. Perhaps one reason why the pioneers tolerated me more than some other and better preachers was because I, too, was a pioneer, and the son of a pioneer preacher on the wild prairies of Northwest Iowa, and followed the reeding frontier to the Pacific a half century ago, so have always been at home among pioneers, and have lived in towns and thickly settled communities only long enough to make me homesick for the wide-open spaces of the great outdoors and among the pioneers, who are trying, most literally, to fulfill the commission given to Adam and later to Noah: "Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it." In passing let me mention a few warm personal friends, pioneer preachers or local preachers, like the writer, becoming a part of the soil, weeding their living

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opened. Blood marks on the wall near a window, and marks on the floor, led to the possible theory she struck her head in a fall. Mrs. Roeder has been removed from the Klamath Valley hospital. Police have in their files a note written by Mrs. Roeder, which gives what is purportedly the substance of a note written her by her husband, who was killed by a railroad train a few weeks ago. Roeder, investigators said at the time, apparently leaped in front of the engine.

Fire Alarm Signal System Installed

The fire alarm signal system has been moved from the city hall to the new fire station at Wall and Broad streets, and fire alarm boxes are again in working order, the fire department announced Thursday. Less than 24 hours was needed to install the system, which completes the removal of the fire station from the city hall to the new station. No fires have been reported since the department moved to the new station.

Big Game Pictures Will be Exhibited

Moving pictures of caribou and other big game hunting in Northern Canada, will be presented before the local Sportsmen's association Monday evening, February 15, at 8 o'clock, in the basement of the Klamath county court house, by Grover A. Youngs of Barkersville, British Columbia. Youngs is the proprietor of a hunting and fishing lodge where several local sportsmen have made their headquarters while hunting in the north.

"Red" Keagle Asks For Time to Plead

E. R. "Red" Keagle, 2124 Reclamation street, arrested by state police officers Wednesday on charges of possession of moonshine whiskey, was arraigned Thursday before Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes. Keagle asked for additional time to enter a plea, and his bond was set at \$100 by Barnes.

New Members Join Foreign War Vets

Veterans of Foreign Wars initiated Rev. Eugene W. Lee and H. Fox into the organization at a meeting held Wednesday night in the court house. The relief committee reported that all calls by needy people had been answered and relief given to those in the organization in distress. The funds of the organization, however, are getting low and veterans have been requested to pay their dues, in order that the relief work may be continued.

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