

# SHOOK FIREBUG CONFESSES CRIME

CORA SEATON TELLS STORY IN  
JUSTICE MILLER'S COURT

## MRS. DEAL HELD IN \$1,500 BOND

Admits That She Started the Blaze  
That Consumed the Shook  
Residence

A large number of people were present this morning in the circuit court room at the opening of the state against Maggie Deal, for being implicated in the burning of the Dave Shook residence. When the court opened Attorney C. F. Stone appeared for Mrs. Deal, and said they were ready to proceed with the trial.

The first witness called was Dave Shook. He stated that he was a resident of this county and owner of the residence that was burned on April 17th. He said he was acquainted with the defendant, and that she was in his employ at the time of the fire.

On being asked if there was any money about the place he said there was \$25 in an old chest, \$29 in gold and \$5 in silver. After the fire they found part of the silver, but they never found any trace of the gold, although an expert miner searched several hours and panned the dirt. The money was in the trunk about a week before the fire.

The second witness called was Cora Seaton, who stated that she was acquainted with Maggie Deal, and that both were employed by Mr. Shook, and were both in the house the night of the fire. She said she and Maggie were washing dishes when Grandma Shook desired to retire; Maggie Deal went to help her to bed, while she and Chas. Welch remained in the kitchen. After a short time Maggie came through the kitchen, saying she was going out to get Grandma Shook a drink of water. It was while she was out, stated the Seaton girl, that Maggie Deal poured about two gallons of coal oil on the wood. This oil she had made ready some time that afternoon.

The witness admitted that she went into the dining room, where Welch and Mrs. Deal were, but soon made an excuse to go to her room to write some letters. She slipped out and set fire to the wood that had been previously saturated with the oil by Mrs. Deal.

She gave as a reason for setting the fire that they were both angry at the Shooks because they had been cranky with them, and to also cover up the theft of three and a half bottles of liquor and \$20 in gold.

One evening when they were wishing for some whisky Welch said there was plenty there, but they couldn't get it. He told the girls where it was, and Cora Seaton says that the first chance she got she tried to open the chest. She tried to fit a key in the lock, and then attempted to open it with an old horseshoe nail. Not being able to open it that way, she took out the screws in the hinges. At first she took two bottles of the whisky, and afterwards took the balance. Welch told her she ought not to get into that chest, for Mr. Shook often kept \$300 or \$400 in it. Soon after this, she says, she and Maggie Deal talked the matter over, and decided to find all the money they could, take it, and then burn the house. She says they searched one trunk and tried to get into another. The witness stated Maggie Deal said that they "would burn the old shack, and that it would make a damned good fire."

The witness further testified that Maggie Deal put oil on the wood three days before, but that she had no chance to get out and set it on fire. The girl admits that she first mentioned going into the chest because she wanted the whisky. She said she first took a lot of bank papers out of the box, and they looked through them, but could find no money, so they looked again and found the purse and took the \$20 gold piece, but left the silver, so that if Mr. Shook should lift the purse it would not be empty and he might not discover the theft. She said she gave the money to Maggie, and that Maggie sold her a bracelet and skirt for her half of the money. The bracelet and skirt she still has in her possession.

In the cross-examination it was brought out that she had gone to her

uncle's, Mr. Watson, and had finally told him about the fire. She says her uncle told her they would get \$1,000 for a conviction of the parties setting the fire, so she told him it was two of the Goodlow boys and two men they had hired. She also testified that her uncle had promised to get her out of the country if she would tell him, so when she found out the parties she had implicated were dead she changed her story and told that it was herself and Maggie Deal, and that a certain party had given her \$300 and was to give her \$200 more for doing the deed.

In the course of the cross-examination it was developed that the witness and defendant, Mrs. Deal, had received money orders from a certain source, but neither the state nor the defense seemed inclined to bring out all the facts connected with the transaction. An adjournment was taken until 1:30, at which time Mr. Stone asked that his client be released from custody on account of insufficient evidence having been introduced.

The court, however, could not see it that way, and bound her over to await the action of the grand jury, placing her bond at \$1,500.

The only evidence introduced by the state was that pertaining to the burning of the house. It has been learned, however, that the Seaton girl admits the burning of the barn, stating that she set a candle in the hay mow, afterwards untied the horses, expecting they would make their escape.

Her efforts to connect up the Goodlow boys with the crime would indicate that there is some shrewd individual back of the crime who hoped to shift the responsibility where it would be least apt to lead in their direction. The state may be acquainted with the identity of this person, for it was plain to be seen that important evidence was held in reserve.

## TAFT SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

CANNON HANDS THE HOUSE A  
WARM DECISION

Asks That Railroad Bill Be Amended  
to Permit of Its Immediate  
Enforcement

United Press Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—Wild disorder was prevalent on the floor of the house this afternoon. It was the worst since the big fight on the 17th of March, when the Speaker came so near to being deposed. The row today came as a result of Chairman Mann asking for unanimous consent to take the railroad bill from the Speaker's table and have it go into the hands of a conference committee of the house and senate.

Congressman Lenroot objected, and the Speaker ordered the senate amendments be read for the information of the house. After the reading Mann moved to concur in the amendments, claiming that his motion took precedence over Mann's. Speaker Cannon ruled in favor of Mann. Mann then secured unanimous vote to close debate in two hours. Disorder immediately followed, the speaker pounding vainly with his gavel. Present in the house at the time were Senators LaFollette and Sulzer, and they were talking earnestly to a number of congressmen over the questions before the body. Looking squarely at them, the speaker said: "Gentlemen occupying seats by courtesy must not converse."

At the close of the debate the house rejected the senate amendment by a vote of 162 to 155, and asked for a conference. Several democrats voted in favor of a conference. All of the insurgents voted in favor of accepting the senate bill.

A special message was sent to congress today by President Taft, in which he urged that the provisions of the railroad bill empowering the interstate commerce commission to suspend rates pending investigation should become effective immediately. The message outlined the situation in the controversy between the railroads and the administration. It recited the history of the Hannibal suit, the conference yesterday and the agreement with the railroad presidents, adding:

"I only hope that all other railroads would take like action, in order that each should have the benefit of speedy determination whether the proposed increase is justifiable or not. Provision should be made to invest the commerce commission with proper jurisdiction as soon as possible."

# AN INDUSTRIAL WONDER AT WEED

WONDERFUL SYSTEM IN VOGUE  
AT LUMBER MILL TOWN

## PROGRESS OF A GREAT INDUSTRY

A Herald Reporter Describes His Impressions of the Biggest Mill in Northern California

Many Klamath Falls people know that at Weed, which is best known as the Southern Pacific junction for Klamath Falls, is one of the largest—some say the largest—saw milling and lumber manufacturing enterprises in California.

Few, however, know the extent to which the Weed Lumber company has perfected the art of getting the most doors, windows, boxes and planed lumber out of a pine tree.

A Herald reporter was at Weed recently. In addition to learning that the mills are cutting 10,000 feet of lumber more per shift now than they were cutting a year ago he learned that they cut 125,000 feet a day in each mill now.

The enlarged mills now keep 1,500 men busy in the woods and factories, over 300 of them being in the factories. What a prosperity producer that would be for the business section of Klamath Falls if we had such an industry located here or near here!

The Weed company now keeps four locomotives busy in the woods, and the mills have been running two shifts since March 1st. A thousand doors are being turned out every twenty-four hours, and one order of 29,000 doors is now being filled. The factory is a revolution in system and efficiency. Great blowers take the dust from each machine, and every possible precaution is taken for the health of the men and the safety of the plant. A fire drill is held twice a week, for two hours each, and watchmen are on duty day and night. All kinds of the latest machinery is in use. The show machine of the factory is a Linderman glueing machine, which cuts, grooves and puts boards together in any lengths so closely that but for the grain you couldn't tell the difference pieces.

The electric power plant of the company has two engines, one of 1,200 and the other of 800 horsepower, to run the generator which operates the factory and furnishes electric light for the plant and the town. A steam plant is also used for the saw mill.

Every economy that modern saw-milling has devised is in operation, and the plant is one of the wonders of industrial organization.

Some idea of its value may be had by quoting its initial capitalization—over a million.

If you can get a permit, go through the Weed mill the next time you are marooned on your way to Sacramento at that interesting junction for half a day.

You will hardly notice the time pass.

## PICNIC OUTING ENJOYED

The children and teachers of the Christian church enjoyed the hospitality Tuesday of P. J. Cline in a picnic at Island Park. Mr. Cline gave the island over to the merry-makers, the proceeds of the day going to the benefit of the Sunday school. The kindness of Mr. Cline was much appreciated by everyone. This is an ideal park, and its beauty should be seen and its bountiful shade enjoyed by all pleasure seekers.

## CARLISLE—COX

A quiet home wedding service took place Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of C. E. Huffman, when S. J. Carlisle and Miss Bertha May Cox were united in marriage by a short but impressive ceremony. Only a few of the friends and relatives were present. This young couple enters into their life's journey with the best wishes of their many friends. Rev. N. Vallandigham was the officiating minister.

Brass may be given a color resembling pewter by boiling it in a cream of tartar solution containing a small amount of chloride of tin.

# SATURDAY WILL BE BUTTON DAY

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE  
WILL "TAG" EVERYONE

## MEET THE GIRLS WITH A SMILE

Buy the Button From Her and Show the Public That You Are a Good Fellow

Saturday is to be Button Day—the day on which every man, woman and child in the city will be branded as a booster—or otherwise. That is the day selected by the Fourth of July committee on which a bevy of the prettiest girls in the city are going to sell buttons for the benefit of the celebration fund, and it is expected that when the day closes everyone in the city will have purchased a button.

One of the first rules to be adopted in the morning is that no grouch will be permitted to make its appearance in public. Should one come up by mistake it is to be fined to the extent of having to buy buttons until it makes its disappearance. If you do not smile when the girl asks you to buy, then you are fined to the extent of two buttons. It must be a smile or a fine. It is only compulsory to buy one button, but if you should purchase more there is to be no penalty attached to such generosity—aside from the fact that it shows you are made of the right kind of stuff. There is only one thing to remember, smile or pay a fine.

## GODDESS OF LIBERTY

The indications are that the contest for the Goddess of Liberty will be one of the most spirited events of the kind ever carried off in this city. It is recognized that the celebration on the Fourth is to be one of the most successful ever held in this city, and the honor of being queen of the day will be one much sought for. It is rumored that Miss Goldie Barnes will again be backed by her friends. A number of the friends of Miss Pearl Bolvin are also talking of her, and there is no doubt but that her name will be among those first voted for in the contest. Other young ladies equally popular are being talked of, and the probabilities are that the list will contain a large number of the city's most popular young people.

## KLAMATH PIONEERS. TAKE NOTICE

The badges and buttons for those of the pioneers whose names and the dates of settlement in this county were known, are now at the hardware store of George Hurn, where you will please call and get them at an early date, as we have them to pay for this month.

It is also desired by the celebration committee that the pioneer organization, as such, take part in the exercises of the day on the 4th of July, and to take some steps to have a suggestive float in the procession.

In order to do this it will be necessary for a sufficient number of the society to get together at an early date to decide what action, if any, we will take in the matter.

It is therefore suggested that an informal meeting of the pioneers be held in the courthouse on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, for that purpose.

By Order of Executive Committee.

## BANK BUYS \$5,000 WORTH OF ODD FELLOWS' BONDS

The members of the I. O. O. F. of this city are feeling jubilant today over the announcement of the decision of the directors of the Klamath County bank to purchase \$5,000 worth of the bonds of the Odd Fellows' Building association. A meeting of the directors was held yesterday, at which the decision was reached.

## HONKERS ARE PLAYMATES FOR THE CHILDREN

On one of his trips to Clear Lake project Engineer Patch captured two young honkers and brought them to his home in this city. They were the pride of the children, and soon the youngsters and the honkers became fast friends. As time passed more liberty was given the captives, until

they were finally given the run of the premises. At no time did they evince any desire to make their escape, and seem to enter into the fun of the children with great earnestness, and make a practice of following them wherever they go. Mr. Patch says it may be all right now, but when the time for migration comes around he is going to see that the wings are so fixed that they will not take Dutch leave, for he might have a hard time explaining the circumstances to his little girls.

## GAS PLANT FRANCHISE TO BE ASKED FOR

If the plans of Frank Smith are carried to a successful conclusion Klamath Falls will have a gas plant added to its other lighting and heating institutions. Mr. Smith will make application to the council this evening for a franchise for the installation of a gas plant. He proposes to manufacture the gas out of the garbage of the city. The mayor has heretofore expressed himself as favoring such an enterprise, and he will no doubt lend his influence in pushing through the council the measure asked for by Mr. Smith, unless he has received his orders to do otherwise.

## W. P. JOHNSON STRIKES HOT EARTH IN BASEMENT

Excavation work for the basement of the handsome bungalow that W. P. Johnson is erecting in the Hot Springs addition had not progressed far before the workmen encountered a strata of the hot earth that has made that section of the addition so famous. As a consequence Mr. Johnson has decided to install the coils for the heating of his premises in his basement, instead of on the spot now known as the devil's teakettle.

## WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$35,000

## PROPOSE THE ERECTION OF HOTEL ON HAMAKER PROPERTY

Consummation of Plans That Have Been Under Way for Some Time

The Ward Hotel company is the name of a new corporation that will make its appearance within a few days. This company has been organized for the purpose of erecting a hotel at the corner of Third and Main streets, on what is locally known as the Hamaker property. This property was recently purchased by Charles Graves and Frank Ward, and it is mainly through their efforts that the new hotel will be erected.

The promoters of the enterprise are very reticent about their plans, but they have made public enough to warrant the statement that the hotel will be under the management of Messrs. Anderson and Postlethwaite, two gentlemen who came here about two weeks ago for the purpose of interesting local capital in such an enterprise. They are particularly well fitted for the management of a hostelry of the character to be erected, and it was this fact that was successful in bringing the local capital necessary for the promotion of their plans.

It is proposed to expend in the neighborhood of \$35,000 on the building and furnishing, and it will be one of the best appointed caravansaries in the state.

Arrivals at the Lakeside Inn: Carolyn Pachini, Everett, Wash.; F. P. Galagher, San Francisco; H. A. Hamlin, Seattle; Geo. A. Sprague and wife, Phoenix, Ariz.; L. H. Henderson, Fred Westrich, Merrill; S. H. Williams and wife, Klamath Queen Dredger; C. H. Hargadin, Ashland; H. G. Wilson, Roseburg; Edson Watson, Klamath Agency; L. A. Fitzpatrick, Marysville; L. H. Benway, Seattle; L. S. Parrish, Merrill; Ed Laughlin, Mrs. Chas. Umbach, Mrs. Arthur Florence, Mrs. Harry Yount, Lakeview; E. H. Loftus, Plush; Bert Harber, R. L. Gritton, Lakeview.

Attorney D. C. Lewis left Tuesday for Phoenix, Ariz., where he was called by the serious illness of his daughter Dixie. Mr. Lewis says he is greatly pleased with the great Northwest, and thinks it the best part of the United States, with a wonderful future. He continually speaks of the beauties of the mountains, the lakes, the rivers and the richness of the valleys. He thinks the future of Klamath Falls is very bright.

# SHIP EQUIPMENT THROUGH HERE

OREGON TRUNK CONTRACTOR  
SENDS FORTY CARLOADS

## NOW PREPARING TO RUSH WORK

Freight Will Be Unloaded at Upper Lake and Shipped by Water to the Landing

The first big shipment of freight for the Oregon Trunk railroad arrived in this city today, and will consist of forty carloads of teams, wagons, scrapers, camp equipment and everything necessary to rush the work on forty miles of construction that has been sublet to C. J. Young.

H. A. Hamlin, a representative of the railroad, and Mr. Young arrived in the city Tuesday for the purpose of making arrangements for the shipments of the freight from this city to the various points on the right of way. The freight will be unloaded from the cars at the upper lake and loaded on boats and barges and transferred to the Agency landing, where the wagons will be assembled and used in transporting it to its destination.

All of the freight for the construction of the southern half of the contract recently awarded to Mr. Henry will pass through this city, it being the most convenient point of shipment.

Plans have been perfected to rush the work on the lines as fast as possible. Nothing has been done toward letting the contract for the work south of the northern line of the reservation, although the permanent survey has been completed almost to the crossing at Spring creek. It will not be long before the definite announcement will be made as to which side of the lake the road is to take.

## REVOLUTION IN YUCATAN

United Press Service.  
MEXICO CITY, June 7.—Believing enemies in Yucatan assisted the daimis in their uprising, President Diaz decided to personally direct the campaign. The government is preparing to rush the entire standing army into Yucatan. It is feared the government is facing the worst revolt since 1840, when this province nearly won liberty. It is reported that ten thousand Maya Indians are on the warpath, and that hundreds have been massacred.

## LARGE REAL ESTATE DEAL

A. Y. Lindsey of Montana and C. S. Henson of Portland purchased the Marion Hanks property on the corner of Eighth and Pine streets. This is one of the best sales made in the real estate business for some time, and was made through the agency of the Home Realty company. This is a very valuable piece of property, and the gentlement purchasing it may build in the near future. The price paid was in the neighborhood of \$7,000.

Mr. Ernest Griffith arrived Monday night from Ellensburg, Wash., and will locate here. Mr. Griffith has for the past four years been musical director of the Ellensburg theater orchestra, and previous to that traveled with the leading theatrical organizations of the United States and Canada. He is a graduate of the National Conservatory of Music, New York city, and has studied under Buiatrago, Schradak, and studied harmony and composition under Dr. Dvorak. Mr. Griffith will soon open a music studio, and will teach, beside the violin, any band or orchestra instrument and he will also conduct a first class orchestra. Because of Mr. Griffith's wide experience he will be a valuable addition to Klamath Falls' musical circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward left on Wednesday for Portland, where they will join the Klamath Falls delegation at the Rose Carnival. Mrs. Ward is a delegate to the state gathering of the Eastern Star. While in Portland Mr. Ward will examine into the various pavings that have been laid in that city, and will make a report to a number of the interested property owners in this city.