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TITHING SHEDS AND HAY BURNED

Hot Blaze Saturday Night Licks up Three Thousand Dollars Worth of Property.

NO PART OF INVESTMENT COVERED BY INSURANCE

Fire Probably Result of Children and Matches, Though Some Think It Work of Incendiaries.

Last Saturday evening, shortly after seven o'clock, fire was discovered attacking the hay in one of the large tithing barns on lower Main street, and in an incredibly short time the two sheds with their contents had become a raging inferno of flame and re brands, which menaced all the surrounding dwellings and other property. When first seen by near neighbors the flame was small and it appeared as if it might have been put out by a little prompt action; but it sprang up like "wild fire" and the best the early arrivals could do was to carry two or three tons of baled hay beyond the reach of the fire fiend.

There seems to be no clue whatever as to the origin of the fire. Many persons are inclined to think that it was the work of an incendiary, as there were no campers or others having any business in the yard at that time and no one had been seen there, so far as can be learned. It might be the work of children with matches, possibly, but none have acknowledged to having been there and no one reports having seen any children there; it might be the deed of some religious fanatic, who imagined that he was destroying the property of the dominant church, when in reality the hay had been purchased by private individuals; it might be an act of treachery on the part of some German sympathizer, who saw an opportunity of destroying a lot of provender and valuable property, thus administering a set-back to the conservation program being so strongly urged upon the American people generally.

Whatever the motive, and whoever the culprit, the loss is a very considerable one, as there were approximately 200 tons of hay in the two sheds, worth now about \$15.00 per ton; and the sheds were of a very substantial character, being framed of heavy cedar posts and square timbers.

The fire was a very impressive spectacle, and served to remind us again that "Fire is a good servant, but a bad master;" and further, that we are still ill prepared for catastrophes of this kind. There was a large fire hydrant in the yard, placed there by some well-meaning city administration of the past, we have no doubt, but it is of a size than none of the present city fire hose will fit, and in addition to that the watermaster informed the frantic crowds that it was not connected with the city main, so that after the hose cart had been obtained and taken to the scene, it was found to be entirely useless, there being nothing in that locality to attach it to.

However, in this particular case, as it turned out, a fire hose would not have availed anything, as the surrounding property was all saved, even to two small stacks of hay in the yard outside of the sheds, by the use of garden hose and a limited amount of water available. It would have been an impossibility by the time the fire cart could have been gotten there to have saved either of the barns, and to have thrown water upon the banks of burning hay would only have preserved a pile of scorched and useless material to be hauled away after the fire was extinguished. By allowing it to burn up clean, this was avoided.

The total loss is estimated at over \$3,000. There was no insurance, the Church preferring to handle its own risks in this line. The heaviest loser among the purchasers of hay will probably be Mr. Arch Swapp.

NEW SCHEDULE OF POSTAGE RATES

Letters Now Require Three Cents, Domestic Postal Cards Two; Effective Nov. 2nd.

Today a new schedule of postage rates go into effect throughout the United States, which will add quite a little to the burdens of these war times, particularly with certain business establishments and persons having a heavy correspondence. The new rates will effect only mail of the first class, and will raise the rate for letters weighing up to one ounce from two to three cents each. The price of all drop letters, (letters for delivery at the office in which they are deposited,) will hereafter require two cents postage, regardless of whether the town or city is supplied with carrier service or not. All domestic postal cards will also require two cents.

Government envelopes bearing 3c. postage stamps are now being printed but will not become available until the present supply of envelopes of other denomination are exhausted.

The addition of one cent in postage to each letter and card may seem a trivial matter in the abstract, but it will increase the revenue from the post-office department by a good many millions of dollars annually and will convert a losing business into a highly lucrative one.

Do not forget to place the required amount of postage on your letters in future. It will probably avoid delay in the transmission of your mail, besides saving the postmasters a lot of work and inconvenience in listing up short-paid matter and collecting for same, as first class mail matter is not allowed to leave the office receiving it unless at least one first-class rate (3c. on letters) is paid. Leaving letters containing personal or individual correspondence unsealed, does not cheapen their rate, as many people appear to believe. Only circular mail, where 50 or more identical copies are mailed to separate addresses at the same time, are entitled to this third class rate, and even then they must be printed by some process that insures their being uniform.

November second was the date fixed for the law to go into effect.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The Parent Teachers Association holds its first session Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7:30, at the School Building. A discussion on Live Stock Judging will be the thought of the evening.

Prizes may be offered for the best method of:

- (1)—Curing flowers.
- (2)—Improving cabbage heads.
- (3)—Resurrecting dead beats.

Got a minute to spare, or is it a child to spare?

To best care for 548 children the teachers need the assistance of every parent of Cedar.

Let's talk the matter over Thursday at 7:30 at the School Building.

Activity for the future
—Parent Teachers' Association.

Failure to Dim Lights Causes Wreck.

A stranger coming into town from the south last evening with a Ford car, met a large car going south on Main street at the intersection of Main and Center street. The big car had bright lights and did not dim them on meeting the other car. The result was that with the glare of the bright headlights in his eyes, the stranger failed to notice that the culvert did not extend all the way across the street, and ran into the deep canal, completely demolishing the front of his chassis.

Accidents of this kind are quite common, and there is altogether too much carelessness about the observance of the state law requiring drivers of automobiles to dim their lights when meeting and passing other automobiles.

A few wholesome prosecutions for failure to obey the law might have a good effect.

BIG MUSICAL ATTRACTION COMING TO CEDAR NOV. 10

The Cherniavsky Trio Has Toured the Principal Cities of World for Fifteen Years.

Probably the most eventful concert of the season will be given at the B. A. C. auditorium Saturday night, Nov. 10th. The Cherniavsky Trio, violin, cello and piano, is acknowledged supreme in this field of musical activity. The three brothers who compose this organization have played together and have toured all principal countries of the world for fifteen years. The press notices of their appearance in the great cities of the world all acclaim them as the most enjoyable musical attraction now on the concert stage.

It is interesting to note that a fourth brother accompanies the trio to play accompaniments, to complete the perfection of this notable organization.

Inasmuch as this attraction appears only three times in Utah—at Salt Lake, Ogden and Cedar City—the people of this community feel very fortunate, and it is certain that the B. A. C. auditorium will be crowded to its capacity.

The ticket sale begins Wednesday, November 7th, at the Cedar Mercantile. Price of tickets will be 75c.

DISTRIBUTION OF SHEEP

CO.'S LAND AND LIVESTOCK

Superintendent M. D. Higbee of the Cedar Sheep Association, spent one of the busiest periods of his life during October, and has not entirely extricated himself from the toils yet. The dissolution of their sheep interests and the division of their flocks and land among the shareholders has entailed an immense amount of work, both within and without the store building. The figuring of the interests of the small stockholders in sheep and land is a matter that was worthy of the best efforts of a banker. When the outside interests are finally all disposed of as they soon will be, Mr. Higbee and his force of clerks can settle down to real store-keeping, and hopes to evolve many new systems and improvements for the good of the institution.

A committee comprised of Rd. A. Thorley, Bengt Nelson, Jr. and M. D. Higbee, appointed by the Board, and James Smith, George Urie and David Hirschi, chosen by the other stockholders, are now engaged in appraising the range land owned by the company which is to be issued to the stockholders. It is expected that this work will be completed by tomorrow evening.

The prices obtained by stockholders for their sheep, ranged from \$15.50 to \$16.00 per head, and for lambs, \$9 to \$12.

GIVE US THE NEWS AND

WE'LL ALL BE BENEFITED

See here, young ladies: If you are interested in seeing a good live social column in The Record each week, it is up to you to do something to help it along. We are not a mind-reader, and we are pretty darned busy with the problems of the mechanical department of the paper and the question of making ends meet in the business department, and cannot spend all our time nor any considerable portion of it in quest of social news. When you know of items it is your duty to report them. As already stated, we have the telephone in our office; there is a letter box attached to the front door of our business office, and the latch-string is always out for the bearer of a news item. Don't be a clam—give us the news, and we will all be benefited.

Homer Jones, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Jones, fell from a horse last Monday, breaking his elbow. Dr. Macfarlane set the limb and states that the little fellow is doing as well as could be hoped for under the circumstances, a fracture of the elbow being a difficult thing to cope with.

LAST CONTINGENT IRON COUNTY MEN DEPART

Final Fifteen Per Cent of Draft Will Leave Cedar City Today for Training Camps.

This afternoon the last of Iron County's conscripted men, the remaining 15% required to make up our quota of 46 men, leave Cedar City for Camp Lewis.

As reported by the County Board, the men to leave today are as follows: Albert S. Benson, Parowan. Wm. B. Hogan, Modena. Wm. Ernest Sylvester, Heist. Roscoe Merrill Hailey, Sahara. Robert Corry, Cedar City.

There will be no especial demonstration, so far as learned, but there will doubtless be many of the friends and acquaintances of the men out to see them off.

Of the former contingents sent, only one man has been returned as physically unfit, or for any other cause. Guy Caldwell of Beryl was found to be physically unfit for service.

There still remains some six or seven of the men certified by the exemption board who have not been required to fill this draft.

FIRST CLASS CHORAL

SOCIETY FOR CEDAR

A movement is on foot for the organization of a first-class Choral Society in Cedar City. The initiative is being taken by Prof. Soderlund, and as soon as sufficient people have signified their willingness to join, a meeting will be called and the society organized.

Cedar City has already shown its ability to appreciate music. Nearly all of the larger towns have their choral societies, which once or twice a year put on an oratory or other choral work, and are available on special occasions to produce first class vocal music. Let us show that Cedar City is not behind in this respect.

Quite a number have already expressed their willingness to take part in this work, and Mr. Soderlund offers his services free. Practically all the expense there will be for members is for their individual music. The instruction is strictly gratis.

All singers of both sexes interested are requested to give their names to Mr. Soderlund, either by telephone, mail or personal call at his studio in the Mercantile block. It must be understood that members of the society are not necessarily limited to those who have taken vocal training. Everyone having any ability whatever in a musical way is invited to join. Everyone who can sing a tune will be welcome as a member. The more the better.

Do not hesitate about giving in your names. Time is important. Do it today.

Dr. Macfarlane was called to Modena Sunday night to see Mrs. Morrell, who was suffering from puerperal infection, following child-birth, the only attendant being a neighboring woman. The patient died a few minutes after the doctor's arrival. Mrs. Morrell leaves five orphan children, the father having died a few months since from cancer. The case is a very pitiable one.

A big "hike" and chicken roast is planned for this evening by the faculty of the B. A. C. and a few of the district school teachers and county superintendent. It is the plan to take cars and go out to Lunt's well on the west side of the Quitchapa lake, where large bonfires will be made and a large number of the feathered tribe will be roasted with their jackets on—we mean to say that "more potatoes" will be roasted in their jackets, and the "chuckens" baked in butter, with onions, pickles and other delicacies. After the supper is over, there will be a "high jinks" led by Jack Christensen during which everybody, and especially the girls, will get their faces smuted. They are "going to have" a rip-roaring good time—but don't "let on" that we told you about it.

NEW FAD IN AUTO CRUISING

Strange Vehicle Passes Through Cedar City on Long Coast to Coast Tour.

One has become used to seeing almost every kind of a vehicle imaginable propelled by the means of a gas engine, but today a conveyance appeared on the street which was so out of the ordinary as to create a lot of interest. It was a veritable schooner on wheels, arranged for the most comfortable and convenient method of traveling and camping. It was a sort of a compromise between a house and a yacht, and was constructed to order for Mr. Robert E. Magner of Boston, who is among other things an enthusiastic yachtsman. The foundation for the turnout is a one-ton Denby truck, fitted with Goodrich Silver Cord pneumatic tires, and is loaded, we were informed a ton and a half.

The arrangement of the interior of the car is fashioned somewhat after that of a ship, with suspended births, steel range for use with prestolite gas, will carry 60 gallons of gasoline at one filling, has full sized bath tub in the bottom of the box, has water tank and force pump for making it available at sink by turning faucet, and in short is as conveniently arranged for housekeeping as most homes.

The touring party left Boston Sept. 4th, via the Lincoln Highway and will wind up at Seattle, Washington. The itinerary will include New York, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle. At present the speedometer has registered 4,152 miles and the total tour is estimated at between seven and eight thousand miles, and was to consume 90 days, but will, from present indications, run over that time, because of so many side trips being taken. For instance, as the party neared this locality they learned of Zion Canyon and decided to visit it while passing.

The party is composed of Mrs. Rose E. Magner, Mrs. Maud E. Fenne!, Mr. Wm. P. Lesning and Robert E. Magner, all of Boston.

On account of the bad roads on the Lincoln Highway the party took to the Arrowhead Trail to reach California.

As to expense, Mr. Magner stated that while, if the depreciation on the car, etc., were considered it would be considerable, yet it was nothing to compare with what it would take to make the same tour and stop at hotels along the route. He is of the opinion that this type of car and this style of touring are bound to become far more popular in future.

ATTENDANCE AT THE B. A. C. IS GROWING RAPIDLY NOW

The attendance at the B. A. C., which appeared a little slack at the opening of school this year, due to the elimination of the first year students and the enlistment of a number of young men in the army who otherwise would have registered for instruction, is growing in a very satisfactory manner, it being reported that not less than 20 students have either just registered or will do so within the next few days. Reports also come to the school of other students coming from the surrounding towns, and it is confidently expected that Parowan and Paragonah will be well represented in the higher departments of high school work and in the college department before the winter is over.

The school is located here for the benefit and convenience of the entire southern portion of the state, and the people should not fail to take advantage of the splendid opportunities it affords.

Conjoint meeting of the Mutual Improvement Associations of both the Cedar wards will be held in the tabernacle next Sunday evening. An interesting and instructive program will be rendered.

Send The Record to absent friends.

WATERS CHARGED WITH ASHBY'S DEATH

Wife of Supposed Suicide Gives Damaging Evidence Against Neighboring Settler.

MADE PREVIOUS ATTACK ON LIFE OF DECEASED.

Love and Intrigue May Have Furnished Motive for Slaying of Homesteader in Lonesome Cabin.

Filled with remorse for the part she had taken in concealing the facts at the coroner's inquest, and feeling that she could not permit her husband to be buried as a suicide when she was convinced that he had been murdered, Mrs. H. J. Ashby, widow of the man who was found dead in his cabin near Mud Springs, this county, on the morning of October 23, has unfolded a story to the county sheriff sufficiently inriminating to warrant the arrest and plading on trial of Steve Waters, a neighboring homesteader, for the murder of the deceased.

Waters was placed under arrest last Saturday and is being held by the Sheriff in the jail at this place pending the preliminary hearing, which it is understood will be held at Lund before Justice of the Peace, Harry J. Doolittle some time next week, probably Tuesday or Wednesday.

Other settlers, notably Mr. Fox, who has a homestead in that locality, and a man named Clark, who was a guest of Mr. Fox Monday evening, when it is supposed the murder was committed, and with whom Waters took supper, also give damaging testimony. They report that Waters appeared ill at ease and departed without finishing the meal.

Mrs. Clark testifies to Water's infatuation for her and repeated attempts to induce her to desert her husband and go with her; also of a row which occurred at the Ashby cabin some time previously, during which Waters seized Ashby's gun—the same gun that incited the fatal wound—and attempted to use it on Ashby. The woman and the two men all grappled for the gun, and Waters agreed to desist and give it up. On the night before the murder, Mrs. Ashby stayed at the Waters cabin with Waters and his sister, the following day accompanying Miss Waters to Parowan to do some shopping. During the evening Mrs. Ashby testifies that Waters tried again to get her promise to desert her husband with whom she was to go to California within a day or two, and stay with him. Saying that if she refused he would pick a quarrel with her husband.

Attorney E. H. Ryan has been employed to defend Waters and his brother residing in Oklahoma has also been sent for to look after the interests of the accused man. As the evidence is all circumstantial, the case will be bitterly contested and will be the most important one in the criminal annals of this county in many years.

HOME ECONOMICS ASS'N MEETS

The Home Economics Association met in the Domestic Science lecture room at B. A. C., Friday, Oct. 26.

President, Mrs. Nuttall, presided.

Prin. Roy F. Homer made several announcements, after which Mrs. Maycock gave a splendid talk on the subject, "Eat More Potatoes and Save the Wheat."

The winter's work was taken up by Pres. Nuttall and several club members gave their ideas on the same. The club decided to hold meetings every week at the usual time.

The Demonstration Com. served a delicious luncheon while the Victrola was played. The same committee had on display twenty-two different ways of using potatoes and these were sampled by the fifty ladies present.

Meeting adjourned.

Next issue The Record will print the recipes used in preparing the above mentioned dishes.