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PARSONAGE BURNS; ROBBED SAME DAY

A fire and a robbery on the same day was the dual misfortune that fell to the lot of the Rev. P. H. Davies Thursday. The Baptist parsonage was broken into in the afternoon by thieves, and partly consumed by fire a little after midnight.

About \$5 was taken from a Sunday school bank by the thieves, and \$7 from a cash box belonging to Mr. Davies. The vandals destroyed Mr. Davies' ordination certificate as a Baptist minister, and his commission from the Baptist Mission Society, both of which documents were framed and hanging on the wall.

Leaves were torn out of the minister's Bible, and other papers defaced. Mr. Davies was offered a reward of \$50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty persons.

The robbery was discovered late in the afternoon. A little after midnight, Mr. Davies awakened to find his room full of smoke. He summoned neighbors, but the fire was beyond control. The Lynden Volunteer Fire Department succeeded in checking the flames, and saved the building from complete destruction.

The building was insured for \$800 and the contents for an equal amount. Insurance companies made a prompt adjustment this week.

"Many wild statements have been circulated about the robbery and the fire," said Mr. Davies today. "We have no clues to the thieves, and have no idea how the fire started, in spite of these fanciful tales. I am offering a reward of \$50 for information leading to an arrest."

"I wish to thank the Fire Department for its splendid work, and the many friends who so kindly offered assistance. Their service and generosity is deeply appreciated."

CAPTAIN AND MERRY CREW DELIGHT LYNDEN

Lynden entertained the jollies party of mariners Friday night in its history, when Capt. Mark Hammond and his shipload of singers on H. M. S. Pinafore entertained the city.

Solo and chorus work, scenic effects, and acting combined to make the opera one of the most delightful performances Lynden has known, and great credit is due Director J. A. Van Pelt and the group of Lynden singers who made the evening possible.

Stars in the play were many. Mrs. Mark Hammond made an attractive Josephine, and sang a difficult part splendidly. R. R. Heide, as Ralph, won many rounds of applause, and aided much in the success of the performance. As Little Buttercup, Mrs. D. Mulder proved excellent, scoring in acting and solo and duet numbers.

Mark Hammond was a "right good" captain of the Pinafore, "right good" in acting and vocal work as the applause testified.

The bulk of the comedy of the opera was furnished by C. Spaan, as grumpy Dick Deadeye (very grumpy he was, and very fine was his voice in his songs) and by J. A. Van Pelt as the Admiral. Mr. Van Pelt acted his part splendidly, and was most enjoyable in his solo work.

Mrs. L. C. Wright, as Cousin Hebe, led the crowd of sisters and cousins and aunts most pleasingly. Henry Lindhout made his debut as a singer in the part of the Boatwain, and sang the famous "Englishman" song in a fine baritone.

The chorus was excellent, and added much to the success of the performance. An effort was made to have the play repeated at Everson, but the cast decided against it.

Mrs. Ray Slade and Mrs. W. Vander Griend were at home to a number of their friends last Thursday afternoon. Wild roses in the living room and dining room formed artistic decorations. Eight tables of five hundred were at play, prizes being won by Mrs. Wilder Jones and Mrs. Carlson. After the game dainty refreshments were served to Mesdames Serrurier, McLeod, Beach, Knapp, Loring, Wood, Beckes, J. Zylstra, De Long, Jones, Engle, H. Slade, Baldwin, Bender, Horton, Le Cocq, Frasier, Frick, Geo. Waples, Hemmingway, Busard, Dunker, Carlson, H. McDonnell, Gerlach, P. A. Wright, Hall, Feehey, Bay and Ehle.

County News

Fire destroyed the mill building and contents of the South Pass Shingle Co. located about six miles east of Everson last week. Fire originated under the mill, supposedly from a hot-box and before the crew could get action on the water system.

An order was received at the Everson condenser last week for 8,000 cases of condensed milk to be shipped to New York. The statement is not authentic, but it is thought that the shipment is a "War order." If so, it will be the first one that has yet reached this section of the state. The cases are to be wired and they are being shipped, one thousand cases to the car, with a car leaving each day for New York.

The Attorney-General's office handed down the following opinion this week:

"In rural precincts the registration books must be kept at the home or place designated by the registration officer. To permit the books to be carried from place to place would probably result in barring some who applied for registration from signing and if this were done it would probably invalidate the election. Therefore the books must be kept at the place of registration even though it may work harshly on some voters."

F. J. Barlow, 309 Commercial St. Bellingham, is the deputy fire warden in charge of the Lynden district, and permits for burning sawsheds must be obtained from him in person, as he will issue no papers by mail.

The State Highway Commission has refused to sanction the plan for concrete paving on a section of the Blaine-Ferndale road, known as the hill route. He also frowns upon the alternate route along the river. Political reasons have been assigned for his refusal.

DELTA & SUNSHINE

Mrs. Baldwin visited Mrs. C. Axling at North Prairie Friday.

Miss Ellen Anderson has returned from Tracyton, Wash., where she taught school the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Crozier and children spent Sunday at the H. Keller home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Markstrom attended church at Badger Sunday. Miss Julia Gutknecht left last week for Bellingham where she will attend the Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ericson, and daughter, P. Axling and Mr. and Mrs. B. Axling and son, were Sunday guests at the John Axling home.

It is announced that the Sunshine library will be open on Saturdays from 1 to 4:30 p. m. For particulars see Ruth Jackman, librarian.

P. Axling was taken suddenly ill one day last week but is able to be about again.

Mrs. Selma Ekenbeck returned to her home in Seattle Sunday after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Froberg.

No Sunday school will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday but the following Sunday it will be held as usual.

Albyn Christopherson returned Monday from a business trip to Everson and Seattle. He was accompanied home by his sister, Mrs. John Soderberg of Seattle who will visit here.

Messrs. H. Berthussen, John Axling, Fred Lash, C. Ericson, and Frank Weidkamp were among those who attended the meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Co. at Bellingham Monday.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. P. O. Berthussen last week and a large number were present. It was planned to hold the annual picnic June 24th but the place for holding it has not yet been decided upon. The Aid meets next Thursday with Mrs. Vander Mei.

An enjoyable surprise party was given by the young people at the Joe Helgath home Saturday evening. The loft in Mr. Helgath's large barn was swept clean and here the time was spent in playing games, after which a nice lunch of ice cream, cake and sandwiches was served in the house.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Christian Reformed Church for Mary Brink, the little daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Brink. A large representation of the many friends of the Brink family was present to express their grief and sympathy. J. Slotemaker conducted the services at the Church and at the grave, and H. Jager spoke at the Brink home.

Colleges Should Teach the Youth That He Belongs to His Country

By President CHARLES ALEXANDER RICHMOND of Union College

THE colleges can serve the country in better ways than by giving the time and energy of their young men to military training. Every year of general college training adds value to the man, and this value should be conserved to the country.

What we need more than anything else is a preliminary training in patriotism which shall establish the principle in the heart of every young man that he belongs to his country and that THE COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO LAY ITS HAND UPON HIM AND CLAIM HIM FOR SERVICE.

A universal system which would assert this principle from time to time would be of immeasurable value. As between the individual for the state and the state for the individual we have chosen the latter policy and chosen wisely. But there are millions in America whose idea of liberty is one of privilege and not one of obligation. There must be some true middle ground between the two theories of the state.

CERTAINLY WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO STRIKE A RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN THE FAIR DEMANDS OF THE STATE AND THE DEMANDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

HAWLEY WILL LEAVE CO-OPERATIVE STORE

Warren Hawley, manager of the Lynden Cooperative Co., today announced his resignation to accept a position in Seattle.

Ray Slade and James D. Zylstra will succeed him in directing the affairs of the company. Both have been connected with the firm for a long time and are thoroughly equipped to handle the work.

"Having accepted a new position, I am leaving Lynden and the Company I have been connected with for the past few months," said Mr. Hawley today. "It is with a feeling of regret that I leave this Company and those that have placed so much confidence in me.

"I wish to take this means of thanking those who have done so much for the Company. Mr. Slade and Mr. Zylstra will take the responsibilities of this Company and as they have been with the firm for several years, holding responsible positions, they will be able to handle its affairs and continue building up the business.

"If they have the support that belongs to them by the stockholders, they will make this concern one of the greatest in the northwest. The location and the facilities for handling feed are without doubt the best in the country. I trust you will assist them in building up an immense business in their lines."

SKAGIT DAIRYMEN UNITE

At Everson, June 10—Pinch of hard times in the dairy business caused by unprecedented high prices for milk feeds and roughage and low prices for milk and cream, has forced a union of Skagit county dairymen and there is in sight an amalgamation of the milk producers of King, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties for collective sale of their product with a determination to secure a greater share of the profits of the business than has been received by the dairyman in the past year or two.

This movement is taking the form of a joint stock company in each county, with all stock held by the cow owners, under identical articles of incorporation and generally under the same management, so that, if at any time it is desirable, the companies can be amalgamated and the organization extended. Collective sales will be made to existing condensers and creameries, and if necessary the dairyman will be in a position to erect their own condensers, establish their cheese factories and operate their own creameries.

W. H. Paulmann, manager of the Puyslip and Sumner Fruit Growers' association, is largely directing the affairs of the dairymen. He was here today when 700 dairymen became members of the temporary organization of the Skagit Valley Dairymen's association. A similar organization has been formed in King county. Snohomish county will perfect its organization one week from today, and Whatcom county already has an organization that readily can be converted into a joint stock concern.

Maynard Shipley, author, editor and dramatist, will give an illustrated lecture at the Electric Theater Friday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Impending Crisis, and he will illustrate it with 100 stereopticon views, showing world problems in cartoons. The lecture is said to be highly amusing, as well as instructive. Mr. Shipley will speak under the auspices of the local Socialist organization. The admission charge will be 10 cts.

EDSON AND JACKMAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORS

Ed Edson and S. T. Jackman were elected directors of the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Co. at the annual meeting of stockholders in Bellingham Monday.

Mr. Edson was named director at large by a fine vote in a field of four candidates, receiving 53 votes out of a possible 108. Mr. Jackman was re-elected unanimously as director of the Lynden district.

Other directors named were N. P. Sorensen, Alki; J. A. Lochbaum, Sumas; James Milbolland, Blaine; David Long, Custer; J. L. Bailey, Nooksack; T. P. Riley, Ferndale; and F. E. Pebley, Deming. The directors after the meeting re-elected Mr. Sorensen president and Mr. Lochbaum vice-president.

A vote was taken on the question of discontinuing the tolls to Bellingham, and the measure was overwhelmingly defeated, but five voting in favor of it.

The meeting reversed the penurious ruling of the 1915 session, which limited the salary of the secretary and hampered the work of his office, by voting to permit the directors to allow him adequate help. The Tribune pointed out last year the folly of such a restriction, and advocated a more generous policy.

STATE CROPS BACKWARD

Washington, D. C., June 15, 1916.

—A summary of the June crop report for the State of Washington and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

OATS
State:—June 1 forecast, 11,400,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 13,750,000 bushels.
United States:—June 1 forecast, 1,250,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 1,540,362,000 bushels.

BARLEY
State:—June 1 forecast, 6,320,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 7,263,000 bushels.
United States:—June 1 forecast, 182,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 237,000,000 bushels.

HAY
State:—June 1 condition 88, compared with the eight-year average of 95.
United States:—June 1 condition 90.3 compared with the eight-year average of 87.6.

PASTURE
State:—June 1 condition 90, compared with the ten-year average of 96.
United States:—June 1 condition 93.4, compared with the ten-year average of 89.0.

APPLES
State:—June 1 forecast, 2,590,000 barrels; production last year (final estimate), 2,433,000 barrels; production last year (final estimate), 76,670,000 barrels.

PRICES
The first price given below is the average on June 1 this year, and the second, the average on June 1 last year.

State:—Wheat, 84 and 106 cts. per bushel. Corn, 112 and 75. Oats, 44 and 48. Potatoes, 89 and 87. Hay, \$18.70 and \$12.20 per ton. Eggs, 22 and 19 cents per dozen.

United States:—Wheat, 100 and 131.5 cents per bushel. Corn, 74.1 and 77.9 cents. Oats, 42.1 and 51.3 cents. Potatoes, 95.8 and 50.8

LYNDEN TWELVE YEARS BACK

From the Pilot, June 16, 1904
While attending the gas machine that lights the Kilcoll store, Gerrit Veleke met with a serious accident Monday. The machine wasn't working right and exploded, throwing considerable of the carbide-charged water into his eyes. Dr. Mulder is taking care of him.

G. E. Dickinsen was in Lynden Saturday selling the first home grown strawberries of the season.

B. P. Sroemaker has opened a store in his building on Front St. He has a stock of confectionery, sporting goods, wall paper, etc.

Chas. Roo accidentally cut the index finger on his right hand Friday while working at Roo Bros. and Van Leeuwen's saw mill.

A bicycle party was enjoyed last evening by a number of Lynden people. After the ride, refreshments were served at the Stark home.

Mrs. Herman Pen was taken to St. Luke's hospital Monday for treatment. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery to health.

EVERSON

Miss Edith Jones, who has been teaching at Van Wyke the past school term has returned to her home to spend her vacation.

Sunday morning was Children's Day at the Presbyterian church. A nice musical program was prepared by Mrs. J. Reid.

A large number of young people had a picnic at the Nooksack. Mr. P. D. Harkness donated his team for the occasion.

Misses Esther Enger and Nellie and Louise Jones were Sunday guests at the Cornelius Den Adel home on Route 1.

Mrs. George Lott and baby daughter, Bernice, are visiting at the William Warner home this week.

Miss Gladys Gerke of Route 1, spent Sunday with Miss Mary Bush.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Johnson and Dr. and Mrs. H. Shyrock attended "The Birth of a Nation" on Friday night.

The dance given by the Woodmen of the World on Friday night was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Iverson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hoff and Hubert Hoff of Lawrence spent Sunday at Skookum creek, near Sedro-Woolley.

William Lunger and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Wood Warner home.

Archie Germain and family of Anacortes visited friends and relatives on Sunday.

Mr. Haubrauk and family moved to Blaine, Monday.

Messrs. Scott and Longwood have purchased the Lewis Bushby store. They will take possession Wednesday.

Misses Beatta and Emma Vinger and as their Sunday guests Misses Bertha and Jessie Simpson.

Miss Evelyn Burman of Route 3 is visiting in Seattle this week.

Messrs. P. D. Harkness, E. D. Knapp and H. Iverson attended the meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company in Bellingham Monday.

Little Miss Althea Jones spent the week-end with her grandmother at Geneva. She attended the circus in Bellingham on Thursday.

Several Lynden herds will be given the tuberculin test by the State Veterinary, according to arrangements being made this week. The examination will be made at the request of the owners. No charge is made by the State.

The Lynden Holland band will give a street concert Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wright left Saturday for their new home at Duval, Wash.

Mrs. Elizabeth Finse of San Francisco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ripperda.

Miss Lois Payne, who has been studying music at the College of Puget Sound during the past year, returned to Lynden Saturday to spend the summer vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Marion Biehler and Miss Bessie Biehler returned Sunday from Tacoma, where Miss Biehler attended the Annie Wright Seminary.

cents. Hay, \$12.50 and \$11.96 per ton. Cotton, 12.2 and 8.6 cents per pound. Eggs, 19.0 and 16.6 cents per dozen.

PICK OCT. 9 TO 14 AS FAIR DATES

The Whatcom County Fair will be held October 9 to 14 this year, according to a vote of the directors taken this week. The first week in October, which had been selected first was taken by the Skagit County Fair, and it was necessary to change the local schedule.

The directors had the option of picking the last week in September or the second week in October. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the later date, on account of the backwardness of the season and because the October schedule would give the schools a better opportunity to make preparations.

The premium lists will be printed at once, and will be ready for distribution shortly. It is now being revised, and a host of prizes will be offered for the best productions in all lines.

VAN BUREN

Mrs. Andy Kirkman and daughters, Myrtle, Minnie and Olive, spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. O. A. Kirkman.

Mrs. Harry Hinton spent Friday with Mrs. Clara Perry and Mrs. Warren Smith of Sumas.

Mrs. O. Wilcoxon and children Mabel and Merwin, were Lynden visitors Saturday.

Miss Oillyssum Perry entertained Margaret Kirkman, Saturday in honor of her sixteenth birthday.

O. Wilcoxon left Monday for Bellingham, where he will serve on the jury for a limited time.

Miss Mary Perry and Mrs. A. White were Sumas visitors Monday.

A. S. Kirkman and family and O. A. Kirkman and family were out autoing Sunday afternoon.

Ruth and Edna Corfee of Davenport spent Sunday with their cousins Helen and Edna Hinton.

Mildred and Mabel Wilcoxon were Lynden visitors Saturday afternoon.

F. H. Larson spent a couple of days in Sumas last week.

Mabel Sturgeon of Strandell and Mrs. Fred Manus visited at the O. Wilcoxon home Wednesday afternoon.

NORTHWOOD

Mrs. E. L. Finch and son of San Francisco are visiting at H. Ripperda's.

Mrs. C. C. Sincer and son spent Thursday at E. J. Kamm's.

Mrs. Hansard and Vivia O'Brien returned from Bellingham Tuesday.

John Bradley has moved to Dr. Mounter's place.

Chas. Kamm took part in a program given in Bellingham by J. A. Van Pelt last Tuesday.

Grace Black returned to Seattle Wednesday.

A. N. and Ray Snider and families visited in Bellingham recently.

L. Ellers of Arlington has been visiting Chas. White and family. Elmer White went home with him.

Miss Gertrude Ripperda of Spokane is spending her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. S. N. Smith of Bow is visiting with Mrs. O. F. Madsen.

Pearl Stremler gave a birthday party Thursday. A number of her friends were pleasantly entertained by her.

Sunday visitors were: Chas. Jacobson and family at Schein's, M. O'Brien and family in Lynden, F. M. Bloom and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Egley at Singer's.

Mrs. Tracy Riddle and children spent Monday at M. H. O'Brien's home.

Those from the Lynden district who attended the State Grange sessions at Bellingham last week were Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. George Zurn, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Knutzen, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Close, Mrs. Emma M. Allen, Mrs. W. H. Dorr, A. F. Knutzen, and N. P. Sorensen.

Mrs. P. M. Serrurier broke her left arm near the wrist Monday evening, when she fell from the porch railing at her home. She had been tacking up strings for vines, and her heel caught in getting down, causing a fall.

Five Wrights will be in attendance at the University of Washington Summer Session, which opens next week. They are P. A. L. C. Sid, and Misses Lula and Anna Wright. They will leave Friday for Seattle.

The L. T. L. will meet Tuesday at 2:30 at the old school house.