

JUDGE MADE A SPIEL

Tried to Make a Thief Believe He Was Not Much Guilty.

Took Half An Hour of His Valuable Time in Trying to Convince Him of It.

Judge McDonald tried very hard Tuesday morning to prevent a man from breaking into the penitentiary. A few days ago Charlie Maynard of Pullman had a \$40 saddle stolen from him. Deputy Sheriff Steward soon captured the thief riding the saddle. He proved to be Ira Frazier, a man of about 30 years. When Frazier was brought before the superior court Saturday on a grand larceny charge, which is a penitentiary offense, he pleaded guilty. Then the court postponed sentence and inquired of Sheriff Canutt the particulars of the crime. The sheriff told him of the stolen saddle and Frazier's claim that Maynard owed him \$15. When passing the ranch Frazier found no one at home and appropriated the saddle, leaving an old one in its place. The judge remarked then that he had a notion to have Frazier reduce his plea of guilty of grand larceny to guilty of petty larceny only. When Frazier came up for sentence Tuesday morning the judge made one of his characteristic spiels of half an hour's length in an attempt to induce the prisoner to withdraw his plea of guilty of the higher crime and gain the consent of the prosecuting attorney to his little scheme to save the man his citizenship and his vote. But Frazier would not withdraw his plea for the stated reason that he would have to lay in jail until June for trial, and then, in all probability, be convicted of grand larceny, as the prosecuting attorney refused to reduce the charge, and it would only be time wasted. He preferred to receive his sentence and begin serving it out as soon as possible. Then the court took a new tack. He asked R. L. McCroskey, who was in the room, if he would act as Frazier's attorney. Mr. McCroskey said he did not want to do so, but was of course subject to the order of the court in the matter. The judge appointed him and the prisoner and attorney went out for a private conference. The prosecuting attorney still refused to consent to a plea of guilty of petty larceny only, and for this reason Frazier would not withdraw the plea already made, even to please so great a man as the judge. Frazier was finally sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Two Other Sentences.

Frank Leonard, who was brought down from Tokon last week on a charge of selling liquor which he had stolen without a license, entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to four months in the county jail. Joe Casey, his partner, was sent up for three months and thirty days for carrying concealed weapons.

Another Case Against Clifford.

Wm. Clifford, who is charged with the big wheat steal from the Shawnee warehouse, and who was already in jail awaiting trial, was given further trouble Monday afternoon. He was arraigned before Justice Kirkland on a separate charge of larceny by embezzlement of 805 sacks of barley from the warehouse, the property of J. D. Evans.

Clifford waived examination on this charge and was remanded to jail. Chas. De France was held in \$700 bonds and Ross Rupert in \$500 to appear as witnesses in the case.

Another information was filed against Clifford Wednesday morning, charging larceny by embezzlement of the Strieb wheat. This is a part of the wheat originally charged as taken. Other cases will be filed from time to time, until there will probably be ten or twelve segregations of the original charge. The date of pleading on the Strieb charge was postponed until March 28.

The O. R. & N. agent has been summoned to produce the shipping records from the Shawnee warehouse in court.

A Colfax Boy.

A. C. Keiser, a Colfax boy, was arrested at Kendrick, Idaho Saturday morning on a complaint filed in the court of Justice McDowell at Oakesdale by J. Woolever, a hotel proprietor, who charged him with obtaining money under false pretenses by securing his endorsement of a draft for \$35 which was worthless. Keiser waived his extradition rights and came to Colfax with Sheriff Canutt Sunday, where he was at once set at liberty on \$500 bonds, furnished by his father, J. L. Keiser, and P. Lefrancs. Monday he was taken to Oakesdale for trial and quickly exonerated and turned loose.

Keiser says the draft was drawn upon a Chicago firm for which he was traveling upon telegraphic authority of the house, and that it was good and would be paid. There was no evidence that it had been dishonored, and that Mr. Woolever had frightened into making complaint by a Mr. Schaub, an agent for a coffee and spice firm for whom he had formerly worked, and with whom he had trouble over a settlement. The complaint was made only two days after the draft had been cashed, before it was half way to Chicago, where it was to be paid.

As soon as acquitted of the first charge, Keiser was again arrested on complaint of Mr. Schaub, the agent of Dieter & Co., who charged him with utterance of forged orders for goods, upon which commissions for their sale were drawn. Of this charge, Mr. Keiser says he left the employ of Dieter & Co. about December 1. The house claimed then that he owed it \$185 for money advanced, while his accounts showed that the house was indebted to him \$115 for commissions on goods sold. The firm demanded the \$185, which he refused to pay and asked for his \$115. Now the company charges him with forging orders for goods which he sent in, which he protests is untrue.

McDonald's Arraigned.

James and Dan McDonald were arraigned in the superior court Tuesday morning on a charge of burglary for the theft of a load of wheat from John McCance. P. D. Kimball of Pullman was appointed attorney for Dan. James will be represented by E. K. Hanna. They were given until Friday to plead.

Stole Beer and Eggs.

The bright weather has brought with it the hobo and the tramp and the burglary season is again opened. Gentry of this stripe broke into the O. R. & N. freight depot Monday night, effecting entrance through a window. A case of

bottled beer and a case of eggs were stolen. While searching for the plunder Sheriff Canutt Tuesday morning found hidden under the wagon bridge near the residence of Wm. Codd a box each of dried apples, dried prunes and raisins. These were not stolen either from the freight house or from a car on a sidetrack which had been broken open, and the officers are at a loss to know where they came from. One box of these goods was marked for Fort Benton, Montana, and this plunder was no doubt thrown from a through train. Though the hiding places in a large radius of town have been thoroughly searched for the beer and eggs, no trace of them or the thieves has been obtained.

Lecture on Africa.

Chas. A. Barry, professor of modern languages at the Agricultural college, was greeted with a full house and an appreciative crowd at his lecture on "Africa, North and South," last Saturday evening. He dealt historically with the South African war and in an entertaining manner. As a noted linguist, Prof. Barry is familiar with the Boer language and gave his audience the proper pronunciation of the barbed wire words so often seen in the dispatches. While at Colfax, the professor organized a class in French, which will meet each Saturday afternoon at the Main street school building.

FARE TO ELLENSBURG.

Delegates to State Convention Given a Reduced Rate.

J. W. Lysons, secretary of the republican state central committee, has notified Chairman Pickrel of the county committee that for the republican state convention at Ellensburg April 5 a round-trip rate of one and one-fifth fare has been secured over the principal railroad lines of the state, for the benefit of the delegates. This rate can be obtained only upon the certificate plan. That is, those going to Ellensburg to attend the convention must purchase single trip tickets going (not more than three days before the date of convention), paying full fare, but obtaining certificate receipt therefrom from the agent from whom ticket is purchased. This certificate must be countersigned at Ellensburg by the secretary of the state central committee, and will then on presentation to the Northern Pacific agent at Ellensburg, entitle the holder to return ticket for one-fifth the regular fare. It is important to obtain this certificate at time of purchase of ticket to Ellensburg, as without it full fare must be paid for return ticket.

Those delegates residing on other lines than the Northern Pacific will purchase one-way ticket in the same manner from their station to junction point with the Northern Pacific, taking receipt as above; then purchase a ticket from the Northern Pacific agent to Ellensburg, and proceed as outlined above, taking certificate receipt in each instance.

ASSESSMENT NOTES.

One Deputy Has Thrown Up His Ill Paid Job.

W. A. Wyer, field deputy assessor for Tp. 16, R. 38, 39, 40, 41, has resigned his position. No appointment has yet been made to the vacancy and probably none will be made. Some one or more of the other deputies who first get through with their assignments will probably be sent to this field, as it is becoming too late to break a new man in.

Since the refusal of the commissioners to confirm the appointment of George W. Case, Jr., as superintendent of the field work of assessment it has been necessary for Assessor Siler to leave his office work frequently to answer the calls at different points of the field deputies and keep their work up to the efficient and equal standard laid down. Monday he went to Garfield and Tuesday evening was called to Uniontown. There is small wonder that the board of equalization often finds complaint of unequal assessment when there are 25 deputy assessors in the field, all with different ideas as to values. For instance, Deputy I. N. Nye of the Whelan country reported that he was listing wild oat land at a reduction of \$1 an acre, while J. V. Crisp of Garfield says a man should be assessed \$1 higher as a fine for permitting the wriggly things to overrun his fields.

THESE MAY TEACH.

Successful Applicants for Certificates at the Examination.

The result of the recent teachers' examination has been received from the state superintendent of public instruction by School Superintendent Roberts. Forty-seven teachers took the examination, of whom three were granted first grade, 16 second and 12 third grade certificates. Sixteen failed. Following are the names of successful applicants:

- First grade.—Margaret Davidson, Winona; Mrs. Julia Smith, Garfield; Nelle G. Wilson, Pullman.
Second grade.—Ralph Aiken, Colfax; Delia Crawford, Colfax; A. C. Fonda, Garfield; T. O. Greene, Farmington; Mattie Johnson, Guy; Maud E. Mix, Moscow, Idaho; Rosa Murphy, Colfax; Lillie Privett, Colfax; Alice C. Ryan, Pullman; W. M. Savage, Uniontown; J. W. Sherley, Colfax; Phoebe Smith, Garfield; Mabel Taylor, Pullman; Ethel M. Thompson, Farmington; Elmira White, St. John; Naomi Williams, Oakesdale.
Third grade.—S. Bachmann, Colfax; Margaret Callison, Garfield; Gussie Clark, Palouse; Ellen M. Dorman, Oakesdale; Mabel L. Greer, Colfax; Kitty E. Hooper, Johnson; Carrie B. Johnston, Elberton; Lora Dell Malone, Moscow, Idaho; J. C. McAninch, Pullman; Mayme T. O'Neill, Colfax; Fannie Savage, Pullman, W. T. Walker, Oakesdale.

Homeless Children.

The local advisory board for the Northwestern Home Finding Association, organized and incorporated to provide select family homes for homeless children and youth, graduates of industrial schools, mother and her child without separation, and employment for paroled and released prisoners, met at the home of Mrs. Woodley, March 19. The general superintendents reported homes provided for four children since the last monthly report and employment found for one released prisoner. Any one wishing to open their home to homeless children or others under the care of the association, may address the president, Mrs. Jas. Woodley, or secretary, Mrs. Cal. M. Boswell, of the local board at Colfax, or Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams, general superintendents, 119 E. Third Ave., Spokane. The work is supported by voluntary gifts.

TWO RUNAWAY BOYS

Stole Horses from their Fathers and Skipped Out.

Captured Tuesday By the Sheriff of Lincoln County at Davenport.

Napoleon Haynes of near Johnson was at Colfax Monday endeavoring to get on the trail of two runaway boys—his own son and Charlie Henderson, a neighbor's boy. Both are about 16 years old. They left home Sunday at noon on horseback, but their flight was not discovered until 3 o'clock Monday morning. The parents of each thought their boy was at the home of his friend. The Haynes boy's mother worried so greatly, however, over the failure of her son to return home that Mr. Haynes went over to Henderson's at 3 o'clock in the morning, when it was found that they had gone out into the wide world to seek their fortunes.

Captured at Davenport.

The boys were heard of Monday evening from St. John, which town they passed through at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The sheriff's office was notified Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Gardner of Lincoln county that he had the runaway pair in jail there and the horses taken from their fathers in a livery stable.

Mr. Haynes and Mr. Henderson were at Colfax when the news came and sent a deputy sheriff after their sons, with instructions that when they arrived here to let them know that they were not to let them sweat for their misdeeds and the anxiety caused their parents.

The runaways were last summer taken by their fathers on a trip to Lake Chelan, and they were undoubtedly headed for that country.

LEVI BOUGHT A BANK.

Mr. Ankeny and Associates Control First National of Pullman.

The controlling interest in the First National Bank of Pullman this week sold by J. J. Humphrey, Alfred Coolidge and A. F. McClaine to Levi Ankeny of Walla Walla, B. Lombard, Jr. of Boston, and Jno. W. Stearns of Tekoa. This change in ownership will also result in a change of management, the directors, in meeting Thursday evening having elected Levi Ankeny president, Gay Lombard vice president and Jno. W. Stearns, cashier. The board of directors is also changed by the addition of these three names in place of those of Messrs. Humphrey, McClaine and Coolidge, says the Pullman Herald.

Mr. Stearns, who will take the place of Mr. Gaddis as cashier of the bank, is at present cashier of the bank of Tekoa, with which institution he has been connected for many years, making an excellent reputation as a business man and financier. Mr. Gaddis will remain with the bank for the present, however, having been requested by the new officers to retain his position at least till they could become acquainted with the workings of this institution. Mr. Gaddis has with the bank five years, during which time he has given the equal of a reputation of solidity and stability in the northwest, and the new owners are to be congratulated upon obtaining a property so firmly and permanently established.

Mr. Stearns, the new cashier, will remove to this city on the 24th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns have many friends here to welcome their coming as residents of Pullman, as they are far from strangers in the city. Mr. Stearns having been a regent of the college for many years, having taken a lively interest in the welfare of that institution. He is the present treasurer of the board.

UNIONTOWN REPUBLICANS.

Preparing for the Organization of a Strong Club.

In the earlier days of Whitman county Uniontown was a great democratic stronghold. Not until 1898 did the people there take kindly to the light of republicanism, casting 23 republican votes in the city and 39 in the country precinct, as against 12 in the city and 20 in the country in 1896.

While the two precincts gave the fusionists on the state ticket a few votes the best of it in 1896, the republicans of that vicinity are a wide awake and enterprising lot and propose to give the democrats a race for their money, as the following announcement from these shows:

"There was an enthusiastic meeting of republican voters in Uniontown last Saturday evening for the organization of a republican club. They elected temporary officers and there was much interest taken at the meeting and arrangements made for an organization of a permanent republican club there next Saturday evening, when every republican of the vicinity is requested to be present.

"Uniontown, although the center of the stronghold of the democratic party of this county, has a number of thoroughly wide awake republicans who calculate to look out for the interest of the republican party in this part of the country."

Times Are Changing.

The number of farmers' institutes being held throughout the country and the general trend of discussion at the gatherings, argues well for the agricultural industry in this section, says New West Trade. The conviction is gaining a hold on all minds given to serious consideration, that wheat raising is not the profitable pursuit that it once was and that farmers will have to look to something else. The institutes and the experiments at the agricultural college have been instrumental of late in disseminating much valuable information among the tillers of the soil. The influx of eastern farmers is also making itself felt. With the improved methods that will before long be in vogue, it is not unreasonable to predict that the next two or three years will find the farmers of the inland empire supplying the home market with most of its needs and the people of our towns and cities no longer dependent upon the somewhat stale products of the east.

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CURRENT PERIODICALS.

In the March Century, Ernest Seton-Thompson begins a story of "The National Zoo" at Washington, in which he shows wild animals to be as interesting in captivity as in their natural state of freedom. Dr. Weir Mitchell, in "Dr. North and His Friends," presents the opening chapters of the most important serial he has written since "Hugh Wynne." Frederick A. Cook, continuing his account of the Belgica Antarctic Expedition, writes of "The Giant Indians of Tierra del Fuego." No one will be surprised to learn that even this race of remote and hardy aborigines is dying out before the advance of civilization and the rifle.

The nineteenth century will leave behind a great legacy of mysteries which it could not solve, and which probably remain mysteries to the end of time. The most notable of these are to be recalled in detail in the April Ladies' Home Journal in an article on "The Mysteries of the Century." Each one set the whole world agog with excitement and speculation in its day, but has faded almost completely from the mind of the public.

Relief for Puerto Rico.

Washington, March 16.—After a debate, at times spirited, extending over parts of two days, the senate passed the Porto Rican relief appropriation bill. As passed, the measure carries \$2,095,000, the president being authorized to use that sum "for public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes," in Porto Rico. Mr. Allen of Nebraska, offered an amendment to the bill, declaring that the constitution extends over Porto Rico by its own force, but it was lost by the decisive vote of 36 to 17. Mr. Jones of Arkansas, withdrew a free trade amendment offered by him, and that proposition, therefore, did not reach a vote. Other efforts to amend the bill were fruitless.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) druggist called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by all druggists.

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