

S ACCUSED OF POLYGAMY

Prof. George Sawyer of Oakland, Ore., Charged With Crime at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 5.—Culminating from his mysterious absence from the 29th of last December to the 18th of this month. Prof. Geo. Sawyer, former principal of the Oakland schools, who was brought here from Glendale by Constable O. H. Mortensen, upon summons issued by the grand jury, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Long on a charge of polygamy, preferred by Galen De Vore, sister of Mrs. Sawyer No. 2, who is a teacher in the Oakland schools. De Vore is an electrician and in charge of the power plant at Centralia, Wash. Sawyer waived preliminary examination and was held to the circuit court for trial, with bail fixed at \$1,000, which he furnished through fellow members of the Masonic lodge at Oakland. He has engaged the local firm of Coshaw & Rice to act as his attorneys.

When brought before the grand jury, Prof. Sawyer asked for 30 days' time in which to answer the charge preferred against him. He explained that his physical and mental conditions were such at the present time that he might collapse entirely if subjected to a severe mental strain. The grand jury then decided not to press Sawyer, but De Vore determined to have the matter acted on at once, immediately swore out a complaint before Justice Long, and Sawyer was arrested and placed under temporary bail of \$1,000. This amount he could not furnish, but he was spared the humiliation of being in jail by Constable Mortensen, who took him with him to a local hotel for the night.

In his complaint, De Vore charges that at the time Prof. Sawyer married his sister (August 21, 1907), he had another wife living. He does not give her residence, but this, together with a number of other essential things he expects to bring out at Sawyer's trial.

One story, in effect, is that Sawyer, coming to Wilbur, Ore., six years ago, did so to rid his mind of the memory of the death of his first wife, who perished in a fire which destroyed an apartment house, in Matamoras, Pennsylvania, which they were occupying. Matamoras is in Pike county, and Sawyer, at the time of this alleged calamity, was the county superintendent of schools. The story goes on to say that Sawyer discovered that his first wife was alive when she wrote to him after he had sent back to Matamoras for a transfer card to the Oakland lodge of Odd Fellows.

The latter statement concerning the discovery of Sawyer's whereabouts by Wife No. 1 is probably true, but the story about him believing that his wife had perished in a fire is too incredible for belief by the District Attorney and De Vore. They consider that Sawyer deliberately deserted his first wife. Letters from her relatives and other people at Matamoras show that she is a very estimable lady, and that she has never instituted divorce proceedings. De Vore says that Sawyer told Wife No. 2 that he had never been married before. There are certain other circumstances that weigh heavily against Sawyer. One is that he caused letters to be written to Matamoras two years ago, saying that he had been killed in a hunting accident.

"In a western mining camp." District Attorney Brown says that shortly afterwards, on the strength of these letters, Sawyer's obituary appeared in a Matamoras paper. Mr. Brown says also that he is in possession of evidence showing that when Sawyer left Oakland December 29, 1908, he went east, and there is no doubt in his mind or in De Vore's either that the trip was made expressly for the purpose of making a monetary settlement upon Wife No. 1, to save off prosecution. De Vore learned that when Sawyer left Oakland he took with him about \$1,400, instead of \$2,000, as first reported, and that when he returned to Oakland he had but \$600, which is now said to be on deposit at Glendale. Sawyer's story that he lost his mind after leaving Red Bluff, Cal., and wandered from city to city, until he finally recovered his mental faculties in Cheyenne, Wyo., is ridiculed by Brown and De Vore. They think, however, that Sawyer has excellent reasons for worrying. De Vore says that in conversation with Sawyer last evening and today he found him perfectly rational on all subjects save that pertaining to his first matrimonial venture.

LARGE INCREASE IN CUT OF GOVERNMENT TIMBER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Uncle Sam's National Forests yielded an increase of 102 per cent in timber last year over the record for 1907, giving returns of \$849,027.24 to the government. Twenty-five per cent of this amount went back to the states in which the forests are located in lieu of taxes, in accordance with the provisions of the law. This revenue will be added to the state's fund for the support and maintenance of roads and public schools.

The amount of timber cut from all the National Forests was 302,792,000 feet, board measure, as against 194,872,000 feet in the previous year. This figure for 1908 does not include the 131,482,000 feet given away to settlers, schools and churches under "free use" permits. This increase of 102 per cent shows a far better use and increasing productivity of the forest under conservative methods of cutting. There was a marked increase in small sales last year, resulting in an increase of 230 per cent in the number of sales, notwithstanding the fact that the timber contracted for was far less in the aggregate than in 1907.

In making timber sales the Forest Service seeks small in preference to large sales, and aims to safeguard a supply for future needs rather than to swell the immediate receipts. Where it desired, the present receipts from timber sales could be quickly doubled. During the year, it was found necessary in the interest of a continued supply to restrict sales on many forests. Nevertheless, use of the national forests as a source of timber supply was more general than ever before.

The total receipts from timber sales each year have been as follows: 1905, \$60,136.62; 1906, \$245,013.40; 1907, \$668,813.12; 1908, \$849,027.24.

Payment for timber is always required in advance. In large sales, however, and in small sales on occasion, payment is made in installments so arranged as to protect the government against loss without imposing unnecessarily severe burdens upon the purchaser. Thus the receipts of each year represent substantially, but not exactly, the value of the timber sold and removed during that year.

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NEW SALARIES TO APPLY LATER

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tha S. Lane, of Lake county.

H. B. 258, Campbell—Request Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, making signature of husband or wife necessary to the valid execution of contracts or agreements of suretyship by a married person.

H. B. 259, Clackamas county delegation—Providing an eight-hour day for mechanical and manufacturing establishments.

H. B. 260, Abbott—Preventing participation in primary nominating elections of one political party by members of another political party.

H. B. 261, Barrett—Request Grain Growers' Association of Umatilla county, fixing warehouse charges on grain at 50 cents per ton from time of its delivery until following July and 5 cents per month per ton thereafter.

H. B. 262, Barrett—Request of Umatilla Bar Association, authorizing executors, administrators and guardians, not versed in the law, to employ an attorney.

H. B. 263, Barrett—Request of Umatilla Bar Association, prohibiting justices of the peace from appearing in their own courts.

H. B. 264, Barrett—Request of Umatilla Bar Association, prohibiting persons not admitted to practice law to appear before Supreme, circuit or county courts of the state.

H. B. 265, Clemens—Providing for 2,400 volumes session laws.

H. B. 266, Bedillion—Limiting election precincts to a total of 300 voters.

H. B. 267, Hughes—Requiring use of automatic safety devices where liquid or gaseous fuel substances are used.

H. B. 268, Bean—Creating State Printing Board.

H. B. 269, Josephine county delegation—Fixing salaries of county officers of Josephine county.

H. B. 270, McArthur—Creating Commission of Highways of nine members appointed by the governor to report to next legislature needs of state as to road construction carries an appropriation of \$5,000.

House Kills Bills.

With little or no discussion the following bills reported unfavorably were indefinitely postponed in the House:

H. B. 54, Farrell—Creating a board of control.

H. B. 149, Miller—Creating the county of Nesmith.

H. B. 38, Brady—Appropriating \$10,000 for the sufferers in the Southern Italy disaster.

H. B. 56, Farrell—Investing the title to real property in receivers.

H. B. 129, Mahone—Establishing a two-commissioner district in Lincoln county.

H. B. 74, Campbell—Fixing the time in which deeds and other instruments may be recorded. A hard fight was made by Campbell to save the last measure, but the opposition, led by Bean and Brooke, was too strong for him to overcome.

House Passes Bills.

Bills were read a third time in the House and passed, as follows:

H. B. 98, Farrell—Requiring all doors of public buildings to swing outward.

H. B. 85, Bean—Amending section 55 of the session laws of 1903, relating to the laying out of county roads.

H. B. 132, Purdin—Amending section 66 of the session laws of 1903, relating to laying out and constructing county roads.

H. B. 155, Dodds—Permitting

members of the Railway Commission to ride on any engine or car of any train in the state.

H. B. 200, McCue—Amending the code relating to depositions.

H. B. 201, McCue—Amending the act empowering an executor to execute deeds.

H. B. 187, Buchanan—Appropriating \$4000 to pay the remainder on claims found due, and that may yet be filed by surviving veterans of the Indian Wars of 1855 and 1856.

H. B. 205, Lane county delegation, fixing the compensation of the county commissioners of Lane county, was read a third time and passed. The same action was taken on H. B. 234, Bedillion, amending the general laws relative to corporations.

NEWS OF COQUILLE.

Events of Interest There As Told By The Herald.

Born—In Payette, Idaho, January 26, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baxter, a daughter.

Mr. T. M. Dimmick came over from Marshfield last week and spent a few days visiting with her husband, the new county treasurer.

Thomas McGovern, who has been working at Dashney's camp for some time, was struck in the face by a hook last Wednesday and several teeth knocked out.

George A. Hansen, until recently connected with the W. T. Kerr Company, will leave for points in Mexico and the southwest by the steamer Elizabeth via San Francisco. Mr. Hansen is enthusiastic over the outlook in that country and expects to make his permanent home there.

David McNair of near Myrtle Point, was a passenger to Bandon by Saturday's boats. He came down on the Echo in time to catch the Coquille on her return trip, thus making the run from Myrtle Point to Bandon by noon, something this pioneer never did before.

The city council met in regular session Monday evening and transacted the usual routine business, also some special work, among which was the passage of the saloon ordinance to the effect that no saloon would be granted a renewal of license where they had been convicted of any infringement upon the law.

The coal business seems to be improving. Everything shows a lively industry in our neighborhood. There is now in actual operation six coal mines working around our town. D. S. Rouse and George Gage each are working mines below town, while Adams, Peterson & Co. and the Eureka Company are above town. Just back or east of town; W. W. Knight operates one mine and Vowell and Harrington another.

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VALENTINES at Coos Bay Cash Store.

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Coos Bay's Social Side

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the Colonial Social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Marsh Friday evening. About thirty-five were present, many in the powdered wigs and costumes of Colonial days. A delicious luncheon was served. Special numbers by Miss Nellie Tower, Miss Mable Clare Mills and Sam Marsden contributed to the evening's pleasure.

The Assembly club will hold its masquerade hall next Friday evening.

ing. Great preparations are being made by the members and an unusually pleasant time is anticipated.

The Swastika Club will have a Valentine ball at the I. O. O. F. hall next Saturday evening.

The Women of Woodcraft are planning for a big social in North Bend on the evening of Feb. 12.

Mrs. H. S. Tower has issued invitations for a Bridge whist party for February 14.

Sunday Services in Coos Bay Churches

Lincoln Memorial.

Next Friday, February 12, will be the centennial birthday of Abraham Lincoln. There will be a lecture on Lincoln Friday evening in the Baptist church by Rev. G. S. Clevenger. There will be a solo by Miss Mabel Mills and music by the orchestra. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular services Sunday at the Presbyterian church by the acting pastor, Rev. W. Alex Smith. Subject, morning service: "Christianity In Families"; evening subject: "Want, Waste, and Woe."

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. Father DONNELLY. Mass will be celebrated in the Marshfield Catholic church at 10:30 Sunday morning and in North Bend at 8:00 o'clock. The Rev. Father Curley celebrant at both places owing to the absence of the Rev. Father Donnelly.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. G. S. Clevenger, Pastor. Morning service 11 a. m., topic, "Lord's Supper, Its Purpose and When Does One Partake Unworthily." Evening service, 7:30 p. m., topic, "Disciples Responsibility to the World." Sunday School, 10 a.

m., music by orchestra. Young People's meeting 6:30 p. m. Class in Life of Christ Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting and teacher's meeting Thursday evening.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Services will be held in the Christian Science hall, Third street, between A and B Streets, Sunday, at 11 a. m. Subject: "Spirit." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Rev. H. I. Rutledge, Pastor. Services at the Marshfield Methodist Episcopal church will be held Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 10 a. m.; morning service at 11 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:30; Evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

I. J. Porter, Minister. Church of Christ meet every Lord's day in Swedish Lutheran Hall. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Teacher training class 6:30 p. m. Bible study Thursday 7:30 p. m. Praise service Lord's day 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Morning topic: "Winning Men to the Church, or to Christ, Which?" Evening topic: "Be Ye Sober." Everybody invited to these services.

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