

Bandon Recorder

OLD MURDER IS REVIVED

Arrest Suspect in San Francisco.

CRIME 14 YEARS OLD

Aaron R. Cooley is Alleged to Have Murdered Thos. Van Pelt.

Aaron R. Cooley, a hewer, was arrested in San Francisco Monday as an alleged fugitive from justice on a warrant issued by Judge W. H. Wood of Gold Beach. The crime which Cooley is supposed to have committed is told in the following dispatch from Salem.

Salem, Or., Dec. 15. Aaron R. Cooley, under arrest in San Francisco for a murder committed in this state 15 years ago, is alleged to have shot and killed, from ambush, Thomas Van Pelt, Sr., a pioneer saw mill man of Curry county, and it is barely possible that his arrest will involve prominent families in this state and Washington.

Van Pelt was murdered in 1898, and ever since the crime was committed it has been one of the unsolved mysteries. Just a week prior to his murder he had been arrested for the murder of Al Coolidge, who, it is said, was a relative of the Coolidges of Silverton. When shot, he was returning home from what was known as Fred Blake's store. The assassin had hidden behind a thicket on the road leading from the store to Van Pelt's home, and, just as Van Pelt passed it, the slayer opened fire with a rifle. He fired twice, one of the bullets passing through the body of Van Pelt and another through his head. Johnnie Van Pelt, a relative, and a man named Savage were at work a quarter of a mile from where the shooting occurred, and upon hearing the shots rushed to the scene, where they found Van Pelt dead.

Immediately after the murder justice of the Peace John Cooley was summoned and a coroner's jury sworn in. The jury brought in a verdict that Van Pelt had come to his death by two rifle shots fired by some unknown persons. Since then the murder has been a mystery. A year or so ago District Attorney Brown, of Roseburg, interested himself in the case, and he and Stephen Doyle, who arrested Aaron R. Cooley in San Francisco, have worked up the evidence which brought about Cooley's apprehension.

Aaron R. Cooley was a neighbor of Van Pelt's living but a few miles from the Van Pelt home.

The course of the bullet, which took effect in Van Pelt's head, indicated that when it was fired, he was looking into the muzzle of the rifle. Van Pelt, according to information given by pioneers here, was married to an Indian woman, that Van Pelt and the Coolidges of Silverton, crossed the plains together and the Coolidges were interested with Van Pelt in the sawmill business.

While Van Pelt was arrested and accused of the murder of Al Coolidge in Curry county, he was released, and this crime is another of the unsolved murders of the state, the murderer never having been apprehended.

A request for requisition papers for Cooley is en route and it is expected they will be honored today by Governor West.

TELEGRAPH LINE HERE

Western Union Starts Building from Eugene, South Along the Coast.

There is a well grounded rumor that the long desired Western Union Telegraph office in Bandon will be a reality in a short time as a dispatch from Eugene says that the Western Union Company has received two car loads of construction material at Eugene and preparations are being made to build a line along the route of the Willamette Pacific Railway Co. to Marshfield and on down the coast and that offices will probably be established at Bandon, Coquille, North Bend and Myrtle Point.

The line will carry four telegraph circuits more than is needed, but the company anticipates a rapid growth of business in the territory along the coast after the railroad is built.

Although the line is being built jointly by the railroad and telegraph companies, arrangements are being made whereby the Pacific Telephone Co. will probably use the same poles for a line from Eugene to the coast.

ELKS OWN THE CITY

Put on Big Minstrel show at Grand Wednesday Night

The Marshfield Elks lodge which is composed of men from all sections of the county, held sway in Bandon Wednesday night when a bunch of the big fellows swooped down upon the town and took it into captivity.

The main feature of the occasion was an Elks Minstrel show at the Grand Theatre, which was one of the hits of the season, and say, the way some of those big birds performed wasn't slow. The dancing, comedy stunts and in fact every part of the show was a bunch of screams from start to finish.

After the show the visiting Elks were treated to a big feed by their local brothers and everybody had a good time.

There is always something doing every minute when the Elks are in town and you get the worth of your money if you happen to be in the bunch.

Along The Waterfront

The Speedwell sailed yesterday with 285000 ft. of lumber, 95 cords of match wood, 2400 iron poles, and the following list of passengers: A. Mardison wife and child, Lillian King Julia Gassell, J. E. Lawsen, Paul W. Paul, Edna McDonald, O. E. Williams, Sid Williams, Mrs. Callery and children, Mrs. Catharine Ashley R. P. LeBlanc, August Strauss, John B. Callery, Ruth Callery, Helea Callery, O. Bachman, Geo. Lee, J. Hudson, J. H. Humphrey, C. F. Barrows, L. Ballard, E. E. Clayberg Henry Grady, J. W. McLeod, J. L. Lynn.

The Fielder sailed from San Francisco for Bandon last night. Her entire passenger capacity has been sold for this trip.



ORGANIZED ASSOCIATION

Builders and Tradesman Unite on Plans for Eight Hour Day.

A new organization was launched in Bandon last night which was named the Bandon Builders and Trades Association, and is composed of the carpenters, plumbers, painters, and brick layers.

The main object of organizing was to get together on a proper schedule of time for a day's work and other points of vital interest to the tradesmen.

O. W. Gibson was elected temporary chairman and Mr. Gregory, temporary secretary, after which they proceeded with the permanent organization, and Claude Starr was

chosen president, and E. B. Fish, secretary-treasurer.

At the business meeting which followed, it was decided to have a universal eight hour day for all tradesmen, and other points of interest were discussed and will be taken up at the next meeting, which will be in the City Hall, next Tuesday evening December 23rd at 7:30 o'clock.

There were 18 present at the meeting last night and there will be still more coming in at each meeting as several more have signified their intention of joining.

Coquille Pioneer Dead

Myrtle Point, Or., Dec. 17.—A. H. Snyder, an old resident and pioneer of Coos county, died Monday night near Coquille at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Bunch. The funeral will be held at Myrtle Point today at 11 a. m. and the services were conducted in the Brethern church by T. G. Bunch of the Seventh Day Adventist church of which he was a member.—Coos Bay Times.

BIG CLASS JOINS LODGE

Pythian Sisters Initiate Ten At Meeting Wednesday Evening.

At the regular session of the Pythian Sisters lodge Wednesday evening a class of ten were initiated into the mysteries of that order.

Following the initiation a bountiful banquet was spread to which all did justice. The new members are: Dr. Gale, Sherman Hufford, Sam A. Briggs, Chas. P. Kidd, Mrs. Rebecca Kidd, F. T. Engelke, Mrs. Josephine Engelke, Mrs. Rebecca Briggs, Mrs. Mamie Clinton and E. O. Clinton.

Mrs. M. Danielson of Myrtle Point was in Bandon the first of the week.

MAY IMPORT HOLSTEINS

J. L. Kronenberg Will Finance Movement

DAIRYMEN WILL HELP

Plan is to Get at Least Two Carloads of Famous Cattle From East.

A plan has been suggested by J. L. Kronenberg of this city, which if it materializes will be one of the greatest moves for the development of the country that has yet been thought of.

Mr. Kronenberg proposes to finance a movement to bring out at least two carloads of the famous Holsteins cattle to this country. The plan is to send some competent judge of stock east, to Wisconsin, Minnesota and perhaps other states to buy the cattle and ship them out here. This plan has been suggested to a number of the dairymen of the community and some of them are very enthusiastic over the proposition and will undoubtedly take hold of it.

The Holstein breed of cattle are the greatest milkers on record and at the same time are a good beef cattle, so the combination is one that will be a good one and if the proposition gets a good start it will no doubt develop rapidly as the people will soon realize great returns.

The Star Ranch near Langlois which is now being operated by Dr. Wetherbee has been breeding Holsteins for some time and now have a very fine strain of cattle. Dr. Wetherbee recently went up to the Sound country and bought a fine pedigreed bull and a heifer of the very best strain of Holsteins that can be had and will head his herd with these.

Mr. Kronenberg's plan is to let each rancher have any amount of cattle he may want at just the price of getting them here, so this will be an excellent opportunity for the rancher, and at the same time will bring a race of cattle into the country that will be second to none.

Coos and Curry are essentially dairy counties and in the future a large amount of the development of the county will depend upon the dairy business and with the proper start in a well known breed of milk cattle there is sure to be rapid development.

Ends Life in Railway Camp.

Myrtle Point, Or., Dec. 17.—Daniel Rakovsky, of Medillon, U. S. of Colombia, South America, who has been working in a Willett & Burr camp on the Smith-Powers line on the South Fork, shot himself with a 32 revolver, the bullet entering the mouth and coming out at the top of the head. He is reported to have said: "Life to me is not worth the struggle." On his person were found two letters of recommendation in Portuguese and \$1.15 in cash. He had the appearance of some degree of culture. Interment will be by the county.—Coos Bay Times.

Mrs. M. B. Callery and family left on the Speedwell for River Gardens, Calif. near Sacramento, where they will make their future home.