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PRELIMINARY HEARING OF SHOOTING

Eager Crowd of Spectators Fill Court Room—Deeply Interested in Case.

FUED DAYS RECALLED

Prowells, Kentuckians, Say Declaratory Statements Made by Plaintiff Cause of Trouble.

Judge Riddle's court room was crowded to capacity this morning when the Weber-Prowell shooting affair came up before the justice court for a preliminary hearing, the purpose of which was to fix the blame from testimony introduced. Attorney B. L. Eddy appeared in behalf of the defendants A. J. Prowell and his two sons, Smithy and George, who are accused by the plaintiffs Rowe Weber and his brother, Claude, of having threatened them with bodily harm last Saturday evening about 5:30 o'clock near the Green passenger station. District Attorney George Neuner is representing the state.

The Prowells, who are southerners, do not claim to be educated in the ways of the law and seem to be wholly satisfied that they were acting well within their rights to protect the family name from slander. One of the sons, Smithy, so they allege, had been marked a thief through the statements of Rowe Weber, who is further alleged to have circulated the story about the community in which the two families dwell, that Smithy Prowell had broken into his home during his absence. The Prowells claim these declaratory statements were directly attributable to the trouble that occurred last Saturday evening, and which eventually brought the principals into court.

Eager spectators attracted to the little court room interested in one way or another in the case, laughed and grew serious just as the testimony given by the accused and the accusers carried them along with the drift of evidence.

Rowe Weber, testifying as to his cause in the action, stated that he was attacked by the three Prowells on the night in question near the Green passenger station and that the defendants made some mention as to bodily injury they intended to inflict upon him. In the course of conversation that followed, Weber says he informed the Prowells that he did not want to get into a brawl with people of their class and started his team homeward. The Prowells followed and the team was again stopped and hot words ensued. At this juncture Claude Weber came up and inquired as to what the trouble was. Smithy Prowell is then alleged to have remarked: "This includes you too," and struck him. Rowe Weber, according to his testimony then told his brother to come on and remarked: "I guess we will have to clean them now." A fight followed in which Claude Weber and the two younger Prowells took part. Rowe Weber, who had remained atop his wagon up to this time, then started to climb down to lend assistance to his brother who was being roughly handled, and no sooner, so he alleges, had his feet touched the ground, when the older Prowell whipped out a .32-caliber revolver, aimed the weapon in his direction and fired point blank. When asked what took place then Rowe Weber stated: "I dodged behind the horses, thinking that the bullet had passed through my coat sleeve. Leaving me for the time being he (meaning Prowell) menaced my brother with the gun and attempted to shoot. I called my brother's attention to the danger of a knife, several times. My brother was knocked down and I was afraid he would not get up."

The witness was then asked to state the condition of his brother Claude after the fight. Mr. Weber described the progress of the encounter and said his brother's face was bloody, his lip cut and smashed. He was also bleeding from a knife wound in the head about 2 1/2 inches long. His head was smeared with blood and on it a lump about the size of a hen's egg.

B. L. Eddy, attorney for the defense, then asked that the wound be exhibited to the jury. Attorney Neuner objected to this evidence but his objection was overruled and the court examined the scalp of Claude Weber, which still showed signs of battle.

The case was then taken back to where the gun play was made and after answering several questions put to him by counsel, Mr. Weber, who evidently took every opportunity of a college education went on to say that he had played foot ball in earlier days and had it not been for the fact that he was a married man he would have attacked Prowell

when he raised his arm to fire. Mr. Weber said he saw one of the younger Prowells have a knife, the major portion of which was covered by his (Prowell's) hand.

Smithy Prowell then took the stand and after giving his occupation as that of a section hand, stated that he went to the depot on the night in question to meet the evening train as his brother, Joe, was to arrive. On discovery that the train was late and thinking that he would come to Roseburg on the following day he thought he would go to see his employer, Tom Haven, who lives a short distance from the station, and in going down the road met Weber driving a team. Smithy alleges that he asked Weber about the remark he made in regard to the accusation of house breaking. Weber is alleged to have replied "O now, I didn't say you did." Smithy speaking: "O yes you did, I can prove it." In course of the conversation Smithy alleges that Weber said "I don't want to have anything to do with you d—n low down class of people." Weber then noticed his brother coming down the road and said "Come on, Claude, we'll clean up on every d—n one of them." Claude is then alleged to have rushed in and struck the younger Prowell, knocking him down and a fight followed lasting several minutes. Smithy denies that his brother had a billy or a sling shot (after being told that these weapons were) and he further claims that no knife was used.

On being questioned regarding the gun involved in the case, Smithy Prowell told the court that his father was in the habit of carrying the weapon and on this occasion had taken the revolver to keep the boys from using it for the purpose of hunting. He stated that his father warned Mr. Weber to keep away from the fight saying "Stand back, old man, stand back," and when Weber advanced as if to take part in the fracas, Smithy testified, that his father fired in the earth about three feet in front of the plaintiff merely as a protection and to keep Weber out of the fight. After the shot was fired the quarrel and struggle ended and the parties departed for their respective homes.

J. A. Prowell took the stand early (Continued on page 6.)

OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE AT EUGENE

Local Boys Attend as Representatives From Various Churches of the City.

GOOD TIME PLANNED

Roseburg Delegates Will Endeavor to Bring Convention Here Next Year—Will Remain in University City Until Monday.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 29.—Rev. E. H. Price, of Portland; Rev. W. H. Davis, director of religious work at one of the Y. M. C. A. buildings at Camp Lewis; J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction; H. C. Seymour, of Oregon Agricultural College and John H. Matthews, Northwest superintendent of Congregational Sunday school work, will be among the speakers on the program of the older boys' conference of the Y. M. C. A. for the western district of Oregon, which will convene in this city Friday and continue in session for three days.

Governor James Withycombe has offered a flag to the city sending the delegation that shall report the greatest aggregate mileage. In order to compete the city must be 125 miles from Eugene.

A "Hoover" banquet will be one of the entertainment features provided for the visiting boys. It is estimated that 400 visitors will be in attendance.

Delegates to the conference from this city left this morning for Eugene and 23 young men from the various churches and the Boy Scouts organization will represent Roseburg. The boys expect to remain in Eugene until Monday evening and are anticipating a delightful occasion and will endeavor to bring the convention to this city next year.

Presbyterian church—Ray Lenox, Edward Kohlhagen, Colin Macnab, Methodist church—John Frye, Lyle Perrine.

Methodist church, South—Wesley Ashworth, Richard Ashworth, Christian church—George Houck, Harry Wilcox, Clarence Church.

Baptist church—Leslie Butler, George Hopkins, Wesley Meredith. Episcopal church—Cecil Jackson. Boy Scouts—Reginald Ashworth, Joe Deets, Max Butler.

High school—Allan Oden, Edwin Booth, James L. Pearson, Ralph Buckingham, Roy Patrick, Edwin A. Smith.

FAVORS IMPROVING THE COURT HOUSE

Sutherland Editor Cannot Understand Roseburg's Attitude.

UNSANITARY, UNSAFE

A Movement That Should Have The Undivided Support of Every Progressive Citizen in County—Why Delay the Matter.

Will J. Hayner, editor of the Sutherland Sun, was a business visitor to Roseburg today and while here dropped into The News office to extend fraternal greetings.

Mr. Hayner is one of the aggressive newspaper men of the county who has his city's welfare and best interests always uppermost in his mind and has been a great factor in the upbuilding of his city. He knows that when the citizens of any community lose faith in their own home town and fail to keep pace with the ever increasing demands, either public or private, right then that city begins to sink into oblivion, and when it once gets on the downward grade the "skidding" is mighty fast.

Mr. Hayner wants to see Roseburg have a modern and up-to-date court house, though he does not live in this city, and is of the opinion that the county court has taken the right steps in the matter. The dilapidated and unsanitary condition of the county jail, the very obsolete arrangement of the interior of the court house and its lack of safety for the valuable records kept therein are matters that should have the first consideration from the taxpayers of the county and it is his opinion if they all fully understood the proposed improvements they would heartily endorse the step forward in the county's progress. Many people have been entirely misled in the matter and the work that is to be done. The county court does not propose to spend \$50,000 in any "hatch work"—very much to the contrary—when the proposed improvements are made the court house will equal and surpass many such buildings in larger cities than Roseburg. In fact, it will be modern in every particular and a credit to the taxpayers of the county—an enterprise that they should take a pride in furthering, rather than using their influence to retard its community's progress.

A whole lot of people are already beginning to look at this matter in the same light as Mr. Hayner. Of course, there will be petitions circulated and presented to the county court asking that nothing be done. There seems to be a spirit prevalent in this city and county that every time a step forward is suggested there are a few who want to "back up" about sixteen to one in the way of advancement.

It's a mighty poor municipality that doesn't take a just pride in its proposed achievements for the betterment of its people.

SERGEANT JOE DENN AT CAMP MILLS

In the ordnance department of the U. S. army at Camp Mills, Mineola, Long Island, is stationed a Roseburg boy, Sergeant Joseph E. Denn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Denn, of this city. Sergeant Denn was attached to the state ordnance department until his entrance into the University of Oregon, where he took a special course in the branch and recently receiving his call to active service, was sent to Mineola. According to word received from Camp Mills the ordnance department is being worked night and day supplying old men and recruits with needed articles. It is also thought the trip to France will occur in the near future.

COAST ARTILLERY MAY BE ORDERED TO FRANCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—Orders to headquarters of the western army department to prepare the Presidio for the accommodation of coast artillerymen in numbers today gave rise to the belief in army circles here that the coast defense men have been picked for service in France. In training coast artillerymen, it is pointed out, Uncle Sam has taught them as much about siege guns as coast defense guns and it is the siege guns training which prepares men to lay down batteries on the European battlefields.

WILL COAST ARTILLERY BE MOVED

Roseburg Boys Have No Idea How Long They Will Remain at Columbia Forts.

CONSIDERED EFFICIENT

Chance for Advancement in This Branch is Good and Boys From This City May Return After War With Shoulder Bars.

"How long do you think you boys will remain at the forts on the Columbia river?" seems to be a very popular question that is put to the soldiers who have been visiting with friends and relatives in this city over Thanksgiving. One fellow stated to a News representative this morning that nearly every boy in training at the Columbia forts is anxious to be moved nearer the "fighting front" and speculation among the soldiers as to the probability of an early move offers a popular pastime that aids in a great way in driving away the blues.

The Oregon coast artillery is recognized by authorities as being among the best trained troops in this branch of the service and it is very probable that when national guard units of the coast artillery division are moved that the Oregon boys will be among the first to go. News coming over the wire today is indicative of such a move and within the next two months it is thought that some definite word to this effect will be received.

The 4th company coast artillery from Douglas county has been receiving some excellent training in guard duty and this company may be in the first battalion to be moved from the state.

It is possible that a large number of companies may be transferred to heavy field artillery, owing to their previous training on the large coast defense guns. According to word received in this city a number of the officers there have already received instructions in heavy field artillery work and the enlisted men may soon be trained along that line. There is a great need in France for companies of heavy field artillery and other troops who have not received as much training as the Oregon boys will undoubtedly be placed in charge

STEAL CHEWING GUM FOR SOLDIER BOYS

Special Officer James Money, of the Southern Pacific Company today two Ashland youths giving their names as Guy Walcott and Albert Foster, charged with having entered the Rose Brothers confectionery store a few nights ago absconding with a quantity of gum.

The officer encountered the lads who are still in their teens in the local railroad yard about noon and after much questioning was fully convinced that the boys were responsible for the Ashland crime.

When searched, five boxes of gum were found in their belongings and when asked what they intended doing with this supply of chewing material, the youths quickly displayed a patriotic spirit by replying that they were taking the packages to the soldier boys at Fort Stevens. The older of the lads, Guy Walcott, stated that his father was mess sergeant of the Ashland company and had been stationed at Fort Stevens since the artillery was mobilized at that point some time ago.

Both boys strongly maintain that they entered the warren of the Rose Brothers confectionery store through a side door that had been carelessly left open and that not force of entry was necessary. Neither deny taking the gum found on their persons, but both are plainly effected in the outcome of the case and pleadingly requested that their names be withheld from publication, owing to highly respected parents, who would be deeply grieved to learn of their sons' predicament. However, these things should have been thought of before gaining the interior of the building.

Officer Mahoney turned the youths over to Sheriff Quinn, who in turn telephoned the Ashland authorities and an official will arrive here tonight to take the wanderers back to face the charge.

THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVED IN CITY

King Turkey Reigned With Pomp Assisted by Queen Chicken.

MANY ARE THANKFUL

Religious Circles Celebrated With Union Services at Methodist Church—Theatres Jammed Last Night.

Thanksgiving day was observed throughout the city yesterday in true American spirit of appreciation and hundreds of festal boards were adorned with steaming viands of unquestioned excellence. King Turkey reigned in his usual lordly manner with pomp, and sharing equally the glory was Queen Chicken, who though lowly set upon the royal throne and participated with tremendous importance in the festivities.

The H. C. of L. and food conservation tendencies played a serious part in the day's observance and this year's festivities were kept within bounds of reason as to quantity at least, however, nearly all fared well and expressions of satisfaction at the multitude of blessings were heard on every side. The thoughts of many were drifting toward the forts and cantonments where our soldier boys are preparing for the mighty struggle for the preservation of democracy and though an inner feeling of sorrow somehow oppressed the spirit a mighty sense of pride and respect filled our souls for the gallant soldier lads and because of their great sacrifice we marveled and prayed that their day be filled with blessings.

Withal, the day was replete with appreciation of the bountiful gifts that nature bestows upon the people of our freedom loving nation and although we are engaged in war a stupendous our fields have been fruitful, our coffers are overflowing, our praise is always open to the suffering and oppressed of other lands and our hearts are beating universally for humanity and peace everlasting. Gratitude is a virtue often inadequately expressed but on the lips of every Roseburg citizen yesterday was thankfulness acknowledged for our abundance of blessings for our splendid share of sunshine along with the shadows.

Despite the downpour of the angry elements despite old Jude Pfluvius's wrath when every weather imp conspired against Mother Earth and the rain poured in a continual sheet, many informal dinner parties were scheduled and gayeties galore were featured. In the evening the Antlers and Maestric theatres were jammed with pleasure seekers who braved the elements to view the ever popular movie.

On Wednesday evening the religious circles celebrated with true Christian spirit and union services were observed at the Methodist church, representatives from every denomination in the city attending.

It could truly be said that Thanksgiving day in the year 1917 was a splendid success in every way and from the inner tabernacles of our soul we sang praises for our showers of blessings.

OREGON AGGIES BEAT ORE. VARSITY 14 TO 7

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—Oregon was beaten by Oregon Agricultural College 14 to 7, today.

Oregon Agricultural College scored twice in the initial period. Ronald, of the Aggies, took Steers' 40-yard punt and carried it sixty yards for a touchdown. Lodell kicked goal. Lodell then went 63 yards and Bissett carried the ball across. Lodell kicked goal. O. A. C. fumbled later on Oregon's five-yard line. The period

of the Columbia yards if the move is made.

Not only have the coast artillery boys been trained on the big guns, but they have also been given infantry work and bayonet drill. The value of the skillful use of the bayonet in the present war and in case the Huns trench they will no doubt give the Germans a good taste of "cold steel."

The chance for advancement in the coast artillery branch is very great and no doubt a number of the boys from this city who at present hold non-com titles will be given an opportunity to obtain shoulder bars before the war is ended.

od ended with O. A. C. carrying the ball.

Score—O. A. C. 14, Oregon 0. In the second period O. A. C. fumbled on Oregon's two-yard line. The Aggies continued to tear through the Varsity line for frequent gains. Lodell missed an attempted place kick from the 35-yard line. O. A. C. was twice penalized for holding. Capt. Newman went into the game, replacing Bissett at fullback. Oregon attempted several forward passes with little success.

The period ended with the score unchanged. Bissett went back into the game in the third period. Oregon made yardage for the first time in the game and followed with a thirty-yard forward pass. On an intercepted pass, however, Rose of O. A. C. took the ball 35 yards to Oregon's 30-yard line. The remainder of the period was featureless, the score remaining O. A. C. 14; Oregon 0.

"NIGHT RIDER" HITS BILL BOARD IN FACE

Driving west on Douglas street some time last evening a car, endeavoring to make the turn into Main street took a course directly across the sidewalk and struck one of the large bill boards of the Umpqua Advertising Agency, splintering the lower part of the board to quite an extent. That the impact did considerable damage to the front end of the automobile is quite evident by the condition of the wrecked bill board. The party who met with the accident backed out of his predicament and probably went on rejoicing—thankful that Clark Bargar, the local bill poster, wasn't hanging around with a bucket of red paint.

Rev. W. H. Eaton and family departed this afternoon for Bremerton, Wash., where Rev. Eaton will be resident pastor in that city. Rev. Eaton has been pastor of the Baptist church in this city for a number of years and his departure is greatly regretted.

PERMIT RUSSIA TO ASK PEACE TERMS

The German Chancellor Says Germany Will Listen to Proper Delegates.

OTHERS SHOULD HEED

Intimates Allies, by Continuing the War May Be Compelled to Bow in Humility—Lansdowne Wants Peace.

(By Associated Press.) ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD. Nov. 30.—Count von Hertling, imperial German chancellor, today told the reichstag that Germany was ready to discuss peace with Russia if envoys with full power to act are sent to Berlin. The chancellor declared that the central powers are not responsible for the prolongation of the war, and held out the "glorious advance into Italy" as a warning to the allies of what they may expect if the struggle is continued, practically intimating that now is the time for the enemies of Germany to secure peace on the most favorable terms.

Throughout England much discussion has been provoked by the publication of a letter from the Marquis of Lansdowne, a veteran political leader, pleading for a revision of the allies' war aims, and bespeaking another attempt to secure peace before the great war leads to the utter ruin of the civilized world.

Repudiate Lansdowne. LONDON, Nov. 30.—Chancellor Bonar Law, in an interview today, positively repudiated Marquis of Lansdowne's letter, in which he pleads for peace. Premier Bonar Law, referring to the letter, said it was "a disaster."

COUNTY JUDGE MARSTERS TO SPEAK

County Judge R. W. Marsters has been asked to deliver an address on "Juvenile Court Work" at Portland during the Judges' and commission-ers' convention, which will convene there from December 11 to 15. Judge Marsters today accepted the honor and will participate in the program at that time. Because of his familiarity in this branch of court work Judge Marsters is in a position to give some valuable information to those who attend the convention which will be largely attended by representatives from all parts of the state.

TROOPS EACH STATE ARE NOW IN FRANCE

Training Within Sound of the Big Guns at the French Front.

COMFORTABLY HOUSED

French People Admire Athletically Poised Young Men in Uncle Sam's Army—Boys Take To Work Aply.

(By Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 30.—National guardsmen from every state in the Union have arrived in France. This much has been permitted to be made public. The troops so far have all been safely transported across the water, but the identity of the units is withheld for military reasons. Some have but just lately reached the French camps, while others are in active training within sound of the guns on the French front. In the camps the Liberty boys are quartered in low wooden houses specially constructed for their use, or are domiciled in houses in towns near the camps. Every unit arriving on French soil has been given a most enthusiastic welcome by the people of that country, who show every possible courtesy upon the soldiers from the United States. The many thousands of clear-eyed athletes set up young men from the far away shores of America, every one of whom is clothed and equipped to the last word in military necessities, have captivated the French by their aptness in acquiring knowledge of European warfare. The men of the various contingents are in the best of health and spirits, sickness among the troops being reduced to the minimum.

Will Hasten Movement.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Arrival of United States guardsmen in France in the past few days covers a large movement of troops that has been progressing for several weeks. Those guard units to be sent later will be more sectional in character, and Secretary Baker announced this morning that additional forces will be sent across just as fast as the men and ships are ready. Those guard divisions first to show themselves fitted for service will be the first to go. It was also stated that possibly a regrouping of the national army divisions made necessary by the use of drafted men to fill guard divisions, will determine the order of the first national army units to be sent to France.

Hasten to Accept.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 30.—The Austro-Hungarian government, according to Vienna dispatches received here today, has sent an official reply, accepting the Bolsheviks' proposals for peace and signifies willingness to enter into negotiations for an armistice and general peace treaty separately with Russia.

Lenin's Deposed, is Alleged.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—According to Petrograd dispatches received here this morning, the government undertaken by Nikolai Lenin, radical leader of the socialist party, has fallen, and was succeeded by a coalition cabinet composed of advanced socialists, in which the Bolsheviks is represented.

SUGAR CAMPAIGN UTMOST IMPORTANCE

The sugar saving campaign will be taken up by the teachers throughout Douglas county with the hearty cooperation of Superintendent O. C. Brown and the supervisors with a view of curtailing as much as possible the waste of this much needed commodity.

Well organized schools such as we have in this community can accomplish the desired results as the pupils come in contact with nearly every home in the county. This fact was fully demonstrated in the drive for food conservation, which reflects much credit on our educational institutions.

The teachers are urged to take the sugar campaign seriously, as the national leaders have informed us that this work is of utmost importance and should be at once advocated and carried out with unremitting vigor, thus insuring success. Undivided we come out of this war of frightfulness, victorious. Divided, we stand to see the Germans perched upon the high pinnacle, they so relentlessly and barbarously choose.

During these war times we, as a people, should cultivate a ready response to all appeals of our national leaders, simply because Germany is yet undefeated.