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Mystery in Death Of Bert Lawton Unsolved

Murder Is at First Suspected When Naked Body Found Near Lonely Cabin.

Mystery surrounds the death of Bert Lawton, trapper, aged about 35 years, whose naked body was found yesterday forenoon about a quarter of a mile up the Shappa creek road from the lonely Bert Cline cabin, where Lawton was making his home during the winter. Murder was at first suspected, but this theory was discarded late yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Van Naveur, Coroner Branstetter and Deputy District Attorney Wells, who visited the scene of the tragedy.

With this theory discarded, there is yet to be solved the mystery of a breakfast left uneaten, set for three persons. So far as known Lawton was living alone. The mystery may have been partially solved by the finding of a quantity of marsh. This led to the belief that Lawton might have become mentally disarranged from drinking, might have set his table for three, although alone, and might have himself removed his clothing, which was found scattered around a short distance from the body. There was no sign of violence and the clothing was not torn. It was believed that a murderer would not have removed the man's clothing. Mr. Lawton was well known in this section, was not known to have any enemies and was highly regarded by those who knew him.

Lawton was last seen alive Monday. He is believed to have died Tuesday, possibly from exposure after his clothing was removed. He leaves a brother in Mexico and a sister in California.

That something had happened to Lawton was first suspected Tuesday when John Coffman, superintendent at the Musick mine, on his way here found the cabin deserted under the circumstances related. Lawton's dog was tied in the cabin, but that was the only sign of life. Coffman reported his suspicions when he reached the Potter store at Culp Creek and yesterday he, Potter and others formed a party that went to the cabin and found the body, which was left as found and word sent to the sheriff's and coroner's offices.

'TIN HATS' MAKES BIG HIT WHEN SHOWN HERE

"Tin Hats," shown Tuesday and Wednesday at the Arcade theater for the benefit of the American Legion drum corps, played to packed houses both nights. The picture is a real comedy filled with laugh provoking situations and good gags. Adventure, romantic flavor and some pathos hold the interest of the audience.

The story is of three doughboys, who, while looking for their detachment, are taken for the American army of occupation by a German village. They have in interesting time until the top sergeant arrives.

A short stunt was put on by the drum corps. Several songs were sung and musical numbers given. "Hinky Dinky Parlez Vous," with some verses applied to local characters, was a big hit.

Machine bookkeeping equipment and supplies. The Sentinel.

MICKIE SAYS—

NEWSPAPER MEN ARE RARELY GIVING, BUT EVEN THE MOST GENEROUS EDITOR GETS OUT OF PATIENCE WITH THE BIRD WHO COMES IN REGULAR FOR A "SAMPLE COPY" OF THE PAPER, WHICH HE PAYS FOR WITH "MUCH OBLIGED."



City Treasurer Tries Marshal's Shoes

Whether or not Herbert Eakin, city treasurer, is able to fill the shoes of Green Berry Pitcher, city marshal, came near being settled this week. It would be well to have this point settled, as Marshal Pitcher may have a sick day some time, and there's no telling what might happen to the old town under such circumstances. It would be reassuring to know that Eakin could take his place.

The way it happened that the test came near being made was that the two had taken shoes to Doc Guff's for repairs. By error the shoes belonging to the city treasurer, who discovered the substitution when he tried to put them on and found them to be too small. As Eakin stepped into the shoe hospital to return the wrong footwear, the city marshal arrived to claim his property and there is no telling what kind of a calamity was averted by the fact that all the shoes were there from which the two could make their selection.

'Men of Steel' Coming To Arcade Theater

"Men of Steel," First National's big steel special, which has just been released after being in production almost a year, will be shown Sunday and Monday at the Arcade theater. The picture boasts a splendid combination of motion picture talent, with Milton Sills in the starring role.

Sills needs no introduction, as his work in other pictures has stamped him as one of the screen's finest actors. Doris Kenyon is featured in the leading feminine role and others of the cast are Mae Allison, George Fawcett, Frank Currier, Victor McLaglen, Taylor Graves, John Kolb, Evelyn Walsh Hall, Harry Lee, Henry West and Nick Thompson.

The picture is filled with magnificent sets, gripping scenes and difficult feats. The great Ensey mills and the open red iron ore mines of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company were used. Women were admitted to the company's yards for the first time in filming scenes for a "steel funeral."

"Men of Steel" shows the transformation of a raw bit of humanity working as a "hunk" into a polished man just as iron ore is changed into highly finished and polished steel.

LAND OFFICE TO SELL RED, YELLOW FIR FEB. 7

More than 7 million feet of red fir and almost 10 million feet of yellow fir, with some white cedar, hemlock, red cedar and white fir will be sold February 7 at the United States land office at Roseburg. It will go to the highest bidder at not less than appraised value.

The timber is located on government land in township 21, range 3, section 15; township 21, range 4, section 17; township 27, range 11, section 5; township 29, range 10, section 29; township 14, range 6, sections 17 and 18, and township 18, range 7, section 11.

Situation in China Serious.
(Special to The Sentinel.)
SHANGHAI, Jan. 6.—(United Press.)—The foreign colony here is preparing accommodations today for hundreds of British men and women who are refugees from rioting Hankow and other cities where an anti-foreign feeling holds sway. Three hundred left Hankow in two steamers this morning.

Carbon paper, \$1.75 the box. The Sentinel.

Keaton Picture Already Shown at O. A. C. City

There Is Slip Up Somewhere in Contract With Film Exchange.

Because of some slip up in arrangements with the booking exchange, "The General," Buster Keaton picture produced here last summer, has been shown in several cities ahead of Portland, where the Majestic was to have it a month ahead of any other city in Oregon. In a telephone conversation yesterday, Manager Couche, of that theater, was unable to explain the fact that the picture already has been shown at Corvallis. He said that his understanding with the booking exchange was exactly as has been stated several times in The Sentinel, that Portland was to have it first and Cottage Grove was to come next. The Majestic has been advertising the production as a premier one and there is disappointment that apparently there has been a break in the contract given by the booking exchange.

Due to this slip-up in plans it is probable that the trip of a Cottage Grove committee to Portland Saturday for what was to have been the first regular showing of the picture in the state will be given up.

Fines Totalling \$2100 Imposed on Thompsons

Keepers of Resort on McKenzie Receive Heavy Penalties for Illegal Hunting.

Carey W. Thompson, his four sons and another man paid a total of \$2100 in fines in Justice Wells' court Tuesday for hunting deer out of season. The men had pleaded guilty to this charge and several other charges against them were dismissed upon motion of the district attorney.

Carey Thompson Sr. was fined \$300, Milo, York and Carey Thompson Jr., \$350 each, Dayton Thompson \$400 and F. G. Clark \$350. All paid their fines.

These are said to be the heaviest fines ever assessed in Lane county for violation of game laws. The Thompsons conducted a resort on the McKenzie and were arrested by operatives of the state game warden's office after nine years had been spent in an effort to catch them with game in their possession.

A report has reached here that some of the meat disposed of as "jerky" was in reality only smoked horsemeat, but that there was no reduction on this account in the price of \$1.50 the pound.

Eugene May Take Over Local Cannery Plant

Whether an effort shall be made for better financing of the local cannery, or whether the local plant shall be turned over to the Eugene Fruit Growers' association is under consideration. On Tuesday a committee composed of George O. Knowles, who has been superintendent of the cannery for a number of years, O. H. Hine and Charles Stevens went to Eugene and held a conference with officers of the Eugene association. Mr. Holt, manager of the Eugene concern, will be a member of a party that will come here from Eugene tomorrow to look over the local plant.

One condition made by the committee from here, in case the Eugene concern should take the local plant, is that it shall be operated every season for the canning of blackberries, beans and prunes.

PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL REOPEN NEXT MONDAY

The city library will open Monday afternoon, after being closed since the middle of December while books were being reclassified and recataloged. Miss Hout of the state library was here for several days directing the work. The cataloging has been completed but new books ordered have not yet arrived.

Much of the work was accomplished by women of the community who gave their time.

The library board has issued the request that all borrowers re-register and fill out new application cards in order that a check may be made of the number of active borrowers.

The library will continue in its old location until further notice, as the new library room in the city hall is not yet ready.

Olson Says Company Is In Shaky Condition

Assessment of Stock Is Illegal but Someone Must Put Up More Money.

The plan of assessing stock 5 per cent, proposed at a recent meeting of the Guaranty Oil company, was declared illegal by David Eugene Olson, president, at a special meeting held Tuesday night in Eugene.

As a way out of the financial difficulties of the company Olson and his colleagues contributed \$100,000 worth of escrow stock to be put in the treasury and sold. About \$6000 worth of stock was subscribed but only after considerable discussion and hesitation. Three pledges of \$500 were made.

The Guaranty Oil company is shaking, according to Olson, as creditors are insistent. The work is now at a standstill pending the securing of funds. Big oil men have frowned on the undertaking. Olson said, so original stockholders are faced with the necessity of raising additional capital or seeing their investment vanish.

Dr. Simons, Ben Conger, Louis Johnson, W. A. Elkins, A. Laverie, Richard Royce and E. A. Maltman were chosen as an advisory committee.

Whippies Take Another Drop.

The Nelson Motors company reports another drop in the price of the popular Whippet car, the fifth drop since July and a total drop of \$114, all due to quantity production and quantity sales.

HOME, DAD AND THE BOY

By FRANK H. CHELEY

The Alibi Dad

HIS stock excuse is "too busy." He is a good friendly fellow, but he never delivers. His intentions are good, but his self-starter is out of fix. He always finds himself engulfed in an emergency and so begs off with the kid until a later time. He belongs to forty-nine committees for the deaf, dumb and blind; serves on the Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home; but his own boy gets his inspiration and man-contact with a "total stranger." There is one committee he falls on utterly—the committee of one to give his own boy a square deal. He is the Dad who "Could tear down the world And build it up new, If he did half the things He intended to do." He is High Past Master at the Good Intentions Association. "Mother, tell me a funny story, please." "Wait, son, your father will be home by and by and he will tell us both one." Father was the Chief Alibi!

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Public to See Week Day Religious School

First Demonstration of Work Is to Be Given Sunday at Baptist Church.

The first of a series of three demonstrations of the work being done in the week day religious school will be given at the Baptist church Sunday evening by children of the first and second grades. The fifth and sixth grade children will appear January 16 at the Methodist church and the third and fourth grade children January 23 at the Christian church.

For this Sunday a review of work will be given by 140 children under the direction of Pastor J. D. Chappelle, instructor in the first and second grade. A talk on "Early Impressions about the Bible" will be given by Pastor Chappelle.

The demonstrations are an effort on the part of pastors of the city to correctly bring before the public the work of the week day religious school. More than 350 attend the school, which is held Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Only those children whose parents have authorized their being excused from regular school work may become pupils.

It is the hope of Pastor Duncan P. Cameron, dean of the school, that parents of the children will attend the church where their children appear regardless of denominational affiliations.

KNOWLES MAKES HIS COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

Mayor G. O. Knowles, at the meeting of the council Monday night, announced the following committee appointments: Streets—Durham, Lebow, Mackin. Water—Bede, Harvey, Metcalf. Finance—Harvey, Bede, Durham. Fire and building regulations—Metcalf, Trask, Harvey. Lights and city property—Trask, Lebow, Durham.

Sewers—Lebow, Metcalf, Bede. Mayor Knowles also announced the personnel of the park and library boards as follows, most of the members being holdovers: Park board—Mrs. Schofield Stewart, Mrs. G. B. Pitcher, Mrs. William Thum, S. L. Mackin, Nelson Durham.

Library board—Miss Lula Currier, Mrs. D. D. Roberts, Mrs. B. R. Job, Mrs. Elbert Smith, N. E. Glass and S. L. Mackin.

Letter Promises Free Delivery Wine

The mouths of many residents would be made to water by a letter received this morning by a prominent business man of the city in which champagne, Duce de Marne, was advertised at \$4 a bottle or \$40 the case, delivered "to your home free of cost."

The letter contained a long list of beverages which ended with gin at \$2 the bottle, or \$20 the case, also delivered free.

The return card on the envelope said that the letter was from Walter Pitt, Diplomkaufmann, Vienna, Austria. How the delivery was to be made free of charge was not indicated. Delivery charges from Vienna would be more than the price at which the goods were to be sold, even were there no prohibition against such delivery. The thirsty person receiving the letter was requested to forward a cheque for half the price of the goods ordered.

Mr. Pitt must be a Scotchman. His letters arrive in the United States with the entire amount of postage to be paid by the receiver of the letter, an item of 12 cents on each letter.

Postmaster Smith has received word that thousands of these letters have been received in the United States and the postmaster was instructed to gather in all received here. The person to whom the letter was addressed paid the postage in order to get legal possession of the letter and then returned it to the postal authorities.

So far no one has reported delivery of any of the wet goods, or of return of any of the money sent in advance.

Auto Thieves Handled Roughly by S. T. White

One of Boys Who Would Have Taken Teacher's Car Is in Hospital.

The story has just leaked out here that S. T. White, teacher of agriculture in the high school here, probably owes to his rugged physique the fact that he is in possession of his automobile. While spending the holidays near McMinnville he was out alone one evening when he was stopped by two boys who apparently wanted assistance. As White stepped from the car he was struck over the head, but the blow did not greatly affect him and he shoved his good right hand forward with such effect that he knocked one of the boys to the pavement and to the other he applied a headlock while he kicked in the ribs the one he had jarred to the pavement. Passing traffic resulted in breaking up the little party and the boys were taken to McMinnville, the one who had been kicked being taken to a hospital for treatment for his injuries.

Mr. White was certain that the boys intended to steal his car but he did not prefer charges against them.

Bean Is Chairman.

Louis E. Bean, of Eugene, who has qualified for public service commissioner, to which position he was elected in November, has been elected chairman of that body. This is the first time a new member of the commission has been elected to that office. Ordinarily the chairman is elected for two years but Mr. Bean was elected for one year, after which time he will be succeeded by Edward Ostrander.

Why this unusual arrangement was made could not be ascertained, according to word received at Eugene.

E. J. Adams Boosts Coolidge and Stanfield

Former Highway Commissioner Is Speaker at Annual C. of C. Banquet.

E. J. Adams, former secretary to Senator Stanfield, made a stirring address Tuesday night at the annual banquet of the Cottage Grove chamber of commerce in which he praised the work at Washington of his former chief and characterized Calvin Coolidge as one of the country's greatest presidents. Adams gave an insight as to how some things are done at Washington and gave new ideas upon cooperation by communities. Brief speeches were made during the banquet by members of the chamber and fake telegrams from Governor Al Smith to Mayor George Knowles, from Buster Keaton to the chamber and from Senator Stanfield to E. J. Adams caused many laughs. W. H. Daugherty, retiring president, presided.

Following the banquet, at which strawberry shortcake decorated with home-grown strawberries was a feature, the following officers were elected: M. C. Bressler, president; J. T. Smith, vice president; F. E. Mendenhall, secretary; T. C. Wheeler, treasurer; H. B. Griggs and R. S. Trask, members board of directors. Vocal numbers were given at the banquet by a quartet composed of Mrs. George Matthews, Mrs. Roy Short, Mrs. Victor Kem and Mrs. C. C. Cruse. They were accompanied by Miss Esther Sibley. Mrs. E. J. Adams accompanied Mr. Adams here.

The banquet and meeting were held at Hotel Bartlett. An interesting feature of the banquet was a wall display drawing of the Cottage Grove circle which it is proposed to use in the chamber's literature. Chamber members will be requested to use the circle on their stationery.

County Clerk's Receipts Increase.

Total receipts for the office of R. S. Bryson, county clerk, set a record during last year, being a little higher than the total for 1925, which was the best previous year.

The total for 1926 was \$19,553.09. The previous year the total was \$19,430.38. In 1924 the total was \$16,869.15 and in 1923, \$15,114.90. The records show that a total of 9898 mortgages and deeds were filed for record, although this was only a part of the total number of legal papers of various kinds filed at the office.

March was the record month for 1926 with total receipts of \$1,833.60. For the past year recording fees were \$9839.64, circuit court fees, \$5225, probate court and county court fees, \$1950.50, marriage licenses, \$1395, miscellaneous fees, \$1142.95.

Brownlee Boy Is Known Here.

The Brownlee boy who has been lost for a number of days on the snowclad slopes of Mt. Hood, is known to a number of Cottage Grove people. He is a nephew of James Brownlee, former resident here who now lives in southern Oregon, and Brownlee is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lew McCoy, well known residents of this section.

Red Cross Demonstration Friday.

A demonstration of first aid work and life saving will be given at 10 o'clock Friday forenoon at the high school under direction of the Red Cross. The meeting is for the public as well as the high school. Dr. W. J. Fenton, employed by the Southern Pacific and the Red Cross, will demonstrate first aid methods and show methods for resuscitation from drowning and from electric shock.

THE FEATHERHEADS



Some Guys Are the Noisiest—