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HALBACH AND MRS. SANDSTROM HELD FOR GRAND JURY

J. A. HALBACH, BROTHER OF THE ACCUSED, FURNISHES \$500 BAIL FOR EACH.

HUSBAND OF WOMAN WILLING TO LET LAW TAKE ITS COURSE

Two Who Lived Together at Bolton Say They Intended to Be Married As Soon as She Could Get Divorce.

Mrs. Bertha Sandstrom and Herman Halbach, arrested shortly after midnight Tuesday morning on a statutory charge by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Frost, waived examination in the court of Justice Slevens and were bound over to the grand jury. J. A. Halbach, brother of the man, furnished \$500 bail each for the two and they were released. George C. Brownell appeared for Mrs. Sandstrom and Halbach.

Halbach, who is employed by the Crown Willamette Paper company, was arrested as he was going to work at the mill. It is alleged that he had been living with Mrs. Sandstrom, the wife of Alex Sandstrom, at Bolton.

Alex Sandstrom is in Oregon City and is prepared to appear against both Halbach and his wife. The husband lives in Los Angeles and has spent two weeks in an effort to locate Mrs. Sandstrom, who left the southern California city for Oregon about five months ago.

Mrs. Sandstrom left Los Angeles in November for Oregon to visit and spent several months in a Yamhill street rooming house in Portland. It is there that she met Halbach and early in January the two are alleged to have come to Oregon City to live. They secured a house at Bolton and said to have told all the neighbors and relatives of the man that they were married.

In the meantime, Sandstrom in Los Angeles attempted to carry on a correspondence with his wife in Portland. Letters were addressed to the Yamhill street house but suddenly they were refused early in March and the husband left for Oregon to find his wife. He learned through acquaintances that she was in Bolton and Sandstrom came to Oregon City Monday night and turned all his information over to Chief of Police Shaw, who, in turn, gave his information to the sheriff.

Halbach said Tuesday that he and Mrs. Sandstrom intended to live together until the time came she could secure a divorce and then they planned to be married. Sandstrom declares that he will not intercede for his wife and that the law can take its full course.

MILL HAND FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Mrs. Bertha Sandstrom, aged 25 years, and Herman Halbach, an employee of the Crown Willamette mill, were arrested shortly after midnight Tuesday morning by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Frost on a charge of living together as man and wife. Alex Sandstrom, of Los Angeles, who has been attempting to find his wife for the last two weeks, is here and will probably appear against both Mrs. Sandstrom and Halbach.

Mrs. Sandstrom left southern California five months ago for Portland where she went to visit with friends and relatives. Early in the year she dropped out of sight and letters written by her husband were returned. It is alleged that Mrs. Sandstrom and Halbach have lived together at Bolton since January.

Halbach was arrested about a year ago for creating a disturbance on a Portland-Oregon City car.

WEST LINN HAS \$2711 CASH ON HAND

The prosperous condition of the city of West Linn is shown by the quarterly report of Treasurer Clancy which was read before the council at a special session Wednesday night.

In both the general and the road fund, the city across the river has \$2711 in cash. Of this sum, \$2371.20 is in the road fund and \$340.50 in the general fund. Although comparative figures are not easily available, it is considered probable that West Linn is in a better financial condition than any town in the county.

West Linn has a 2 mill tax rate, but this small levy with the proportion of general county road taxes allotted to incorporated towns will bring to West Linn several thousand dollars within the next few months.

State high commission has decided to build the mile of road at Mitchell Point, Hood River, to cost \$50,000.

LONG RACE AGAINST DEATH IS FAILURE

MILWAUKIE, Or., April 2.—A loser in a race against death, Mrs. Earl Dwire, known on the stage by her maiden name, Miss Ruth Lechler, formerly with the Baker stock company, arrived tonight from New York four days after the death of her father, Frederick H. Lechler. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Lechler received word of her father's illness by telegram Sunday at New York, as she was about to leave for Winnipeg to become leading down in a stock company there, and took the first train for Portland. She will temporarily give up her stage work and remain with her mother, Mrs. Laurie Lechler, at Milwaukie.

SALARY EXCEEDED BY TIPS SAY TWO EASTERN PORTERS

ONE ON NEW YORK-CHICAGO RUN WITH \$27.50 WAGE HAS DIAMONDS.

RULES AGAINST SLEEP ON DUTY NOT ENFORCED SAYS WITNESS

"Knocking Down" on Seat Sales for Road Expenses is not Considered Dishonest—Gratuities Total \$75 a Month.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Pullman sleeping-car porters went on the witness stand before the United States commission on industrial relations today and told the commission just what the tipping system means to them.

The first of the porters to testify was Tom S. Crenshaw, who works on a sleeper running between St. Louis and Savannah, Ill., and has done so for 21 years. His salary is \$42 a month.

"Well, what do you make in tips?" asked Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission.

"About \$75 a month," replied Crenshaw.

"So altogether you get about \$117 a month?" calculated the chairman. "Have you a family?"

"Yes, sir; wife and four children; two married, and I take care of my mother. The children not married are in school."

"At first the tips were not so generous, perhaps," went on Mr. Walsh.

"No, sir. But as soon as they found out the kind of man I was—" Laughter interrupted the witness at this point and he did not finish. He explained that there were many wealthy people living along the line he travels.

"Treat them right and handle them right and they don't forget you," he said.

"Do you think any porter would get along as well as you do on this run?" asked Mr. Walsh.

"No, sir, Mr. Walsh. Some men would starve on that run."

The next witness was G. H. Sylvester, of New York, a porter on the Twentieth Century Limited of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern road. He wore a check pattern suit and two diamond rings. His salary, he said, is \$27.50 a month, and tips average about \$77 a month.

His train leaves New York in the afternoon and arrives in Chicago the next morning, and under the rules he is not entitled to any sleep except what he gets during the layover.

"But don't let any of them tell you they do not sleep," he said with a grin. "The man who tells you he doesn't sleep is a dangerous man. I don't mean that we go to bed, but we nod when we are supposed to be on guard in the aisle. All the superintendents know that."

180 PENDING CASES DISMISSED BY CLERK

CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS ARE CLEARED FOR PERIOD OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

County Clerk Harrington has prepared papers dismissing 180 cases in the circuit court that have been pending for the last 15 years. Circuit Judge Campbell will sign the documents within a few days.

Clerk Harrington checked over the list of unfinished cases and notified the attorney in every action in which there had been no appearance made since January 1, 1914. In case the attorney requested that the case be held, no order dismissing it was prepared but in many actions the attorneys even cooperated with the county officials in cleaning the record books.

District Attorney Hedges will probably check over the lists of criminal actions and a large number of them will be dismissed. The cases dismissed represent every variety of action.

NEW ROAD FROM GRANTS PASS TO OCEAN ASSURED

TWOHY BROTHERS, PORTLAND CONTRACTORS, WILL PROVIDE \$5,000,000.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS THOUGHT TO BE BEHIND THE PROJECT

Railroad of 91 Miles Connecting With Crescent City Will Open Vast Area Rich in Soil and Timber.

PORTLAND, Or., April 2.—Completion of the California & Oregon Coast railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City, Cal., at a cost approximating \$5,000,000 was assured today, when Twohy Bros., railroad contractors of Portland, arranged with the city officials of Grants Pass to finance the project and perform the work.

The people of Grants Pass already have bonded themselves for \$200,000 to pay for the first 10 miles of the work. This portion of the road, from Grants Pass to Wilderville, has been built. The remaining portion, from Wilderville to Crescent City, is approximately 81 miles long. It is estimated that the work can be completed this summer. Twohy Bros. are prepared to put a large force of men to work there within the next few weeks.

The road is bonded for \$5,000,000 and it is understood that Twohy Bros. have made adequate arrangements for disposing of the bonds, as a means of financing the project. It is reported that Canadian and European capitalists have agreed to take some of the securities, which, on account of the glowing reports regarding the territory to be served by the new roads, are expected to sell at a high figure.

More significant than these facts, however, is the possibility that the new road will become a future link in through traffic between Portland and San Francisco. For this reason, it is believed that the road eventually will pass into the hands of the Southern Pacific company. Twohy Bros. it is understood, are acting for the Southern Pacific. They have done much work for the Southern Pacific in the past and are not apt to engage in railroad operation themselves.

When the road is completed to Grants Pass a link of only 75 miles between Crescent City and Trindad, Cal., will remain to be built to give the Southern Pacific a new through line between Grants Pass and San Francisco.

APPORTIONMENT OF HIGHWAY FUND MADE

CLACKAMAS COUNTY IS OMITTED IN TENTATIVE PLANS OF COMMISSION.

SALEM, Or., April 5.—The state highway commission held a meeting today with S. Benson, of Portland, and John H. Albert, of Salem, members of the advisory board, and tentatively agreed upon the following apportionment of state funds to be expended on highways:

Douglas county, \$20,000; Hood River county, \$50,000; Clatsop, \$35,000; Columbia county, \$50,000; Jackson county, \$50,000; Josephine county, \$50,000; Washington, \$10,000; engineering and other expenses, \$20,000.

The Columbia county apportionment, as proposed by Major Bowly, was reduced from \$60,000 to \$50,000, the Clatsop county from \$40,000 to \$35,000.

In arranging the Jackson county apportionment it was pointed out by State Treasurer Kay that no provision had been made for an apportionment of \$10,000 pledged by the state highway commission last year. This was, therefore, included, and \$5000 was switched to Josephine county.

Kay told a Rex-Tigardville delegation that the balance of \$12,000 promised for that highway would be forthcoming.

A delegation from Yamhill county was present, and was assured by Kay that it was physically impossible for the highway commission to make any further pledges for assistance to counties. He declared that it would be necessary to scale down the apportionment proposed by Bowly.

M'MANUS INCIDENT ENDS

WASHINGTON, April 2.—No further action will be taken in the matter of the insult offered the American flag when John McManus was killed under its folds at Mexico City. Secretary of State Bryan announced late this afternoon that, on advice of the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, who investigated the affair for the United States, the department had decided to drop the case.

"Plant all the flax seed," advises the Salem Statesman, "and it will become the seed of the linen manufacturing industry in the Willamette valley—destined by nature to become Oregon's greatest asset."

COMIC SUPPLEMENTS ARE WELL RECEIVED

The new comic supplements of The Morning Enterprise, which made their first appearance Sunday morning, were well received. The popular stories of Slim Jim, the close escapes of Hairbread Harry, the happenings of Mrs. Rummage and the adventures of the rest of the characters proved entertaining to both young and old.

Judging from the remarks received in the office from Enterprise readers.

The Enterprise has been fortunate in securing a comic supplement of the quality of those put out by the World Color Printing company of St. Louis. The pictures are drawn by the highest paid artists in their line in the country.

SENATOR BURKETT AND COLONEL BAIN ARE ON PROGRAM

NATIONAL CELEBRITIES WILL BE AT GLADSTONE CHAUTAUQUA THIS YEAR.

COMPLETE LIST OF ATTRACTIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MONTH

Secretary Cross, Now Serving His 22nd Year as Officer of Association, is Optimistic Over Outlook for 1915.

Newell Dwight Hills, Senator Burkett, Colonel Bain and several other lecturers of national repute will appear at the Gladstone Chautauqua next July, according to Secretary Cross, who, with the executive committee, is busy shaping the 1915 program.

Aside from the national celebrities on the lecture platform the coming program, which will be published in full in the near future, is replete with musical and other interesting features. One of the big headlines will be Cirillo's Italian band, which ranks second to none in the country.

Other big musical features will be Witepskie's Royal Hungarian orchestra, the Schumann quintette, known from one end of the United States to the other, the famous Buckner's Jubilee company, the Saxony opera singers and the Adelphi male quartet. An other treat will be the original Swiss Alpine Yodlers, made famous a year or so ago through the indiscretion of Secretary Bryan, who happened to appear on the same program with the yodlers at a time when affairs of state were sorely troubled, resulting in a nationwide wave of caustic comment in the press of the country.

The coming session will be the 22nd annual assembly of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua. Secretary Cross, who has been in the harness during most of this time, is optimistic over the outlook for 1915 and predicts a most successful assembly. A wealth of talent is being secured and the entire program will be in shape for publication by the first of May.

OF 31 ON NEW JURY LIST, 19 ARE FARMERS

NAMES ARE DRAWN THURSDAY FOR HEAVY CRIMINAL DOCKET THIS SPRING.

Farmers predominate in the jury list which was drawn Thursday. Out of the 31 names, 19 are tillers of the soil, three are merchants and two, barbers. There are one laundryman, real estate agent, retired farmer, contractor, electrician, teamster and one abstractor.

Summons are now being prepared by Chief Deputy Sheriff Hackett and will probably be sent out before the end of the week. The new jury will report at the court house April 13. The heavy criminal docket of this month and the first of next will be tried before this jury.

Those drawn are: G. Hanson, Clackamas; R. Freytag, Gladstone; S. B. Berg, Barlow; Fred Gerber, Logan; John G. Mochne, Beaver Creek; Thomas E. Gault, Gladstone; F. C. Burk, Oregon City; Mark Seely, Pleasant Hill; John F. Gibson, Harmony; H. S. Gibson, Eagle Creek; W. C. Green, Oregon City; J. C. Lisberg, Oregon City; A. S. Thompson, Needy; P. J. Winkle, West Linn; Bill Marshall, Estacada; James Pegles, Mill Run; C. C. McLoughlin, Milwaukie Heights; Ed. Bates, Barton; William Bonney, Evergreen; John P. Risley, Oak Grove; A. M. Kirsham, Viola; Frank Parker, Maple Lane; A. W. Cook, Damages; W. H. Connel, Milwaukie; C. E. Mel-drum, Jennings Lodge; Thomas Fox, Oswego; Edward Leek, Abernathy; F. F. Stanton, Kilfin; W. A. Wood, Molalla; O. P. Fretress, Canby, and Ward R. Lawton, Mt. Pleasant.

BEST SPELLER IN COUNTY WILL BE PICKED APRIL 17

ALL-COUNTY BEE WILL BE HELD IN OREGON CITY WEEK FROM SATURDAY.

VOTE OF SCHOOL TEACHERS IS OVER 2 TO 1 IN AFFIRMATIVE

Winners of District Bees Will Compete for High Honor—Superintendent With Supervisors to Direct Match.

The interesting question, "Who is the best speller among the thousands of Clackamas county grammar school pupils?" will be answered Saturday, April 17, when the winners of the district bees will gather at the Oregon City high school at the all-county spelling bee.

School Superintendent Calavan was not inclined to favor the all-county spelling bee as he believed that the purpose of the schedule of spelling matches had been answered but he decided to leave the matter with the teachers of the county. Letters were sent to every teacher in whose school there was a district champion and, contrary to the expectation of Mr. Calavan, the vote was two to one for an all-county match. Satisfied with the verdict of the teachers of the county, Mr. Calavan is now sending out formal announcements of the bee.

The big spelling match, the second of its kind in the county, will be held in Oregon City high school building under the direction of the county superintendent and Supervisors McCormick and Vedder. Every one of the district winners will be expected to attend and take a part in the championship contest.

The spelling bee schedule began the first of March and ended on the 17th of that month. The county was divided into districts of from three to nine schools each and a bee was held at a centrally located building in each district. If the county superintendent himself was unable to be present, a supervisor presided and acted as judge but at a majority of the bees, both the superintendent and one of the supervisors attended. Each school turned out two spelling teams of five members each. One team, called the first division, was formed of pupils from the fourth and fifth grades while the sixth, seventh and eighth grades were represented by another team, known as the second division. In each district bee, there were always two spelling matches, one between the teams of the first division and one between the teams of the second.

The idea of a county spelling bee schedule in which all schools would be contestants was first carried into successful completion a year ago by Superintendent Calavan and Supervisors Vedder and James. The latter is now connected with the Silverton public schools. This year, Mr. Calavan, encouraged by the success of the original venture, made several changes in the plan and has carried it out with as much if not more success than ever.

COUNTY EDUCATIONAL BOARD TO MEET HERE

RETENTION OF SUPERVISORS DURING 1915-16 TO BE DISCUSSED.

A meeting of the county board of education will be held Saturday in the office of County Superintendent Calavan to consider ways of securing an expression from the district school boards in regard to retaining school supervisors during the year 1915-16.

The letter of Superintendent Calavan, who called the meeting, follows in part:

"The recent legislature, as you know, amended the supervisory law so that it is now optional with the members of the boards of directors whether or not it shall operate in this county. The recent ruling of the attorney general on the amendment provides that the directors may petition the educational board at any time to dismiss the supervisors and is a majority favor it, it becomes the duty of the educational board to dismiss them immediately. Under these conditions, I do not believe any schoolman would care to contract for the position."

The meeting will be called 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The members of the board are Superintendent Calavan, Henry Babler, of Logan; H. G. Starkweather, of Concord; John R. Cole, of Molalla, and E. E. Brodie, of Oregon City.

LEVINGS COLLECTS EVIDENCE

L. L. Levings, the Portland detective who has a suit for \$2000 damages this county pending in the Washington county circuit court, was in Oregon City Tuesday to collect evidence in the case. The date for the trial has not been set although it is understood that it will come up the latter part of this month.

WALKS THREE MILES WITH HAND CRUSHED

After having his hand crushed under a street car Monday night Charles White walked from Gladstone to his home at Clackamas Heights, a distance of three miles, with his hand tied in a handkerchief.

He was getting off a morning car at Gladstone when he slipped, and, in trying to save himself from falling he stuck his hand under one of the wheels of the moving car, crushing it badly.

White tied his hand in a handkerchief and walked from Gladstone to Clackamas Heights before receiving medical attention.

The hand was amputated Tuesday by Dr. Meissner with the assistance of Dr. Strickland.

HIGHEST HONORS AT MILWAUKIE GO TO OREGON CITY

MISS SHIRLIE SWALLOW AND MISS GLYDE SCHUEBEL ARE WINNERS.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR HERE TAKES THE FIRST PLACE IN ORATORY

Milwaukie City Hall Well Filled at Annual Contests of the Clackamas County School League.

The Oregon City high school distinguished itself Friday night at Milwaukie at the annual oratorical and essay writing contests of the Clackamas County School League when Miss Shirly Swallow won first prize in the oratorical contest and Miss Glyde Schuebel first in the essay writing competition.

Miss Swallow's subject was "The Salt of the Earth" and the topic selected by Robert Barnett, who won second place, "The Call of the Soil." Miss Swallow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Swallow, of Maple Lane, and is a senior in the local school. She has been a student at the Oregon City high school or the last four years and won a place on the debating team this winter. Mrs. H. B. Cartledge, head of the English department, was her coach.

"The Panama Canal" was the subject of Miss Schuebel's prize winning essay. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Schuebel and is a freshman in the local high school. Miss Maude Beatty, of the Canby high school, won second place with an essay entitled, "Thoughts on Reading Good Books." Frank Paul, principal of the Willamette school, was judge of the essay writing contest and S. F. Ball, of the Franklin high school, Portland; B. B. Goin, of Troutdale, and Miss Bailey, of Concord, were the judges in the oratorical contest.

Henry F. Pflingsten, principal of the Oregon City high school and president of the Clackamas County School League, was the chairman of the meeting which was held in the Milwaukie town hall. The program was opened with an instrumental selection by Miss Dorothy Wisinger and closed by a second selection by Miss Rachel Birkenmier, J. V. Fike, of Oak Grove, is the secretary of the league.

\$377,622 PAID TO COUNTY IN TAXES

HALF OF P. R. L. & P. ACCOUNT WITH COUNTY IS \$68,105; S. P. PAYS \$13,000.

M. E. Dunn, county treasurer and tax collector, is just emerging from the rush of tax paying the last few days of last month before the 1 per cent interest charge became effective.

Up to the present time, \$377,622.07 has been entered on the county's books although between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in checks, drafts and money orders, that came in by mail the last few days of the rush, are held by Mr. Dunn and are yet to be entered.

The Portland Railway Light & Power company paid half of the taxes of that corporation just in time to escape the interest. The half payment was \$68,105.87. The Southern Pacific has paid half of its taxes on rights of way and rolling stock, amounting to \$13,520.87. These are the heaviest taxpayers in the county.

The total amount of taxes to be collected in Clackamas county is \$784,000. Of this sum about half has been received.

DECISION PAVES WAY FOR WORK ON SOUTH FORK LINE

SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN RULING IN FOUR DAYS' TIME.

LAST LEGAL OBSTACLE REMOVED WITH FINDINGS OF HIGH TRIBUNAL

Members of Water Commission Are Elated Over Verdict—Early Decision Means Saving in Freight.

The vote of the people of Oregon City for the South Fork water project is valid; the South Fork water commission is empowered with the authority to construct the 25-mile pipeline to the South Fork of the Clackamas and the \$375,000 bond issue, approved by a vote of almost eight to one, is legal according to a decision of the supreme court Friday. C. Schuebel and L. Stipp, attorneys for the South Fork commission, received word Friday afternoon by telephone from Salem.

The decision of the supreme court removes the last legal obstacle to the construction of the big pipe and insures that the bonds will be sold at once. The commission has awarded the Sweet, Causey, Foster & company the \$375,000 bond issue for 95.56 cents on the dollar. The transfer of the bonds to the banking house has been held back until the decision of the supreme court was received, but the commission had signed an agreement with the bonding house. Under this agreement the city will receive cash for the sale of \$200,000 of the issue within 30 days, the money to be delivered to either a Portland or an Oregon City bank.

The decision of the high tribunal came really sooner than was expected here. The case was submitted on briefs Monday afternoon and it was thought that a decision would be made next Tuesday, but the supreme court, realizing the importance of the decision, did not even wait for the usual day to hand down its findings.

It was only about 12 days ago that the validity of the water election was questioned. Storey, Thorndyke, Palmer & Dodge, Boston bond experts employed to approve the legality of the issue sent word here through Morris Bros., of Portland, that in their opinion a clause in the city charter had been violated in calling the election. Their point was that the charter provided the resolution calling the election should be filed with the council 21 days before the date of the election. They argued that 21 days should have passed between the final passage of the charter amendment and the date of the election. The language of the amendment, however, provides that the election may be held within 21 days from the date of the filing of the ordinance and the records show that the ordinance was filed under orders of the council February 8 and the date of the election was March 5. It was contended, however, by the eastern attorneys that the date of the final passage of the ordinance in the council was February 19 and that it could not be legally filed until that date.

As soon as the question was raised, Mr. Schuebel and Mr. Stipp began to work on abstract and brief for the supreme court and Monday the documents were taken to Salem by Mr. Schuebel.

Naturally, members of the South Fork water commission, of the Pure Mountain Water league and other organizations that have taken a prominent part in the fight for the water bonds were considerably elated Friday over the result of the decision. While the court was deliberating, Chairman Andresen, of the commission, and Engineer Rands have been in the field and secured a large part of the right of way so that work cannot be further delayed on that account.

Aside from the fact that the decision of the court will hurry the construction of the pipe, it will probably mean money saved to the water commission. The steel pipe will come from the Atlantic seaboard by rail and a new freight rate becomes effective the first of next month. Crane & company, representatives of the manufacturers, planned to ship the pipe to the coast at once so that the commission could secure advantage of the low rate. A decision from the court a week or two weeks later would probably have made this impossible.

OREGON SCHOOLS STANDARD

SALEM, Or., April 6.—Albany college and McMinnville college have advanced sufficiently in the last two years to meet the requirements of the bureau of education of Washington, D. C., of institutions that shall be known as standard, according to information received today by State Superintendent Churchill from Dr. S. P. Capen, who inspected the institutions in March.

DENVER, Colo., April 2.—The federal grand jury today indicted C. C. Slaughter, resigned cashier of the Pueblo Mercantile National bank, on a charge of making false entries, Slaughter's shortage, it is rumored, may amount to \$150,000.