

HOOD RIVER "HERO" LEAVES DEBT TRAIL

Country-Wide Search Starts for Physical Director.

TEACHER SIGNS WARRANT.

Complaint Accuses R. Ray Crawford of Having Bilked Acquaintances of \$1500.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—Local authorities began a country-wide telegraphic search today in an effort to apprehend R. Ray Crawford, young physical director of the Hood River high school, on whom William Bailey, principal of the school, today swore out a complaint charging larceny by bailment. Crawford is accused of having bilked fellow teachers, acquaintances and students out of about \$1500. He claimed to have been a veteran British and American air pilot and to have won the distinction of "ace" on the western front. He also made claims of having been in the naval aviation corps for a time. A telegram from the San Diego police, which stated that the naval aviation school there had had an R. Ray Crawford, indicated that his aerial claims may have been authentic.

Hood River Agony. No recent happening has so set Hood River agog as the disappearance of Crawford, who left here yesterday, stating he was bound for Spokane, to return to Hood River with a French airplane owned by him and with which he planned to start a mid-Columbia aerial passenger service. Saturday Crawford journeyed to Portland by automobile over the Columbia river highway, but on his way to take a northbound train from there. Authorities have been unable to ascertain that he ever had an airplane shipped to him at Spokane. Portland police, however, have notified City Marshal Joseph Frazier that baggage, thought to have belonged to Crawford, has been traced to Fargo, N. D. Fargo police have been notified.

Rumors were current here this morning that the aviator had wrecked his machine in the hills and that a relief expedition had been started to aid him. This, however, was soon followed by news that Crawford had returned.

Recipient of Attention. Crawford, because of his clever stories of adventure, has been the recipient of much attention since coming here about five weeks ago. He was employed by the local school on the recommendation of a Portland teacher's agency. He had created general interest by his plans for utilizing the big airplane, he claimed to have owned, in local commercial service. Children of the school had been offered free rides in the plane, provided they sold a certain number of tickets to citizens.

Luring his brief residence here Crawford was accompanied by his wife and child. The latter left last week, supposedly for a visit with relatives. They carried along with them heavy baggage, and the husband took the remainder of their belongings. Crawford began his career here according to claims made to students and faculty acquaintances at the high school, with Villa. He took French classes at the Mexican consulate, he claimed, flying away to get an opportunity in the European war.

CAUTION CAUSES TROUBLE.

WIFE FINDS DOCUMENT AND IS NOW SEEKING DIVORCE.

Overseas Veteran Granted Freedom From Woman Who Concealed Previous Marriage.

While Mrs. Esther Hubbard was looking through her husband's desk in a local insurance office recently she came upon a typewritten notice signed by her husband to the effect that if he should be found dead the authorities would know that she had killed him, she alleges in a suit for divorce filed yesterday in circuit court against Horace L. Hubbard. The plaintiff says the note which was addressed "to whom it may concern" likewise stated that the public would know that she was not responsible for killing him because of her nervous condition. J. J. Russell asks a divorce from Nellie Russell on charges of both cruelty and desertion. They were married at Oregon City in 1919. Estelene Pederson wants a divorce from Charles F. Pederson on charges of cruelty. She says she gave her a severe beating last Monday. She wants custody of their three sons and \$150 as permanent alimony. Celia Kluge says Mrs. E. Kluge became habitually drunk after she married him and accuses him of other acts of cruelty.

WORKER DIES IN SIBERIA

Widow of ex-Pastor Gets Word of Death of Y. M. C. A. Secretary. HOOD RIVER, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. H. B. Emill, who has been residing here with her three small children since her husband left for service three years ago, today received word that the latter had died in Siberia where he was a Y. M. C. A. worker with the American forces. Mr. Emill was formerly pastor of the Kendrick (Idaho) Methodist church.

SOLDIER LEAGUE WARNS PRIVATES LEGION'S PRESIDENT REPORTS OPPOSITION.

Schism Likely, as Solicitation May Be Under Authority of Oregon State Organizer. G. T. Wilson, president of the private soldiers' and sailors' legion, yesterday notified the Portland Chamber of Commerce that it is reported to him that solicitors have been obtaining funds from business men, none of which reaches the treasury of the local post. In the situation looms the probability of a difference within the legion, for it is stated that the solicitation may be under the authority of the state organizer, but is opposed by the local post. This is a national organization, chartered by congress, says President Wilson, whose office is in the Chamber of Commerce building, and Multnomah post No. 1 has a membership of about 300. Post No. 2 is located

at Astoria and up to the present time these are the only ones that have been established in Oregon. He states that five men are said to have been engaged in soliciting and that probably a number of those desirous of helping the service men have contributed. Specific instances are cited of donations of \$25 by the proprietor of Wright's shoe store and \$15 by the Owl drug company. "It is with a desire to prevent contributions for the benefit of the service men, none of which reaches the local organization, that I have brought this to the attention of the chamber," said Mr. Wilson. "Multinomial post voted unanimously, or practically so, against any solicitation of funds, the majority of the membership standing upon the conviction that we should provide our own finances."

MT. HOOD ROAD LIKELY RAISING OF TAX LIMIT WILL ASSURE LINK, SAYS LETTER.

County Fund of \$85,000 to Be Met With \$170,000 in State Funds if Measure Passes. Should the bonded debt limitation amendment carry at the coming election, the state highway commission will see that an appropriation of \$170,000, half state and half federal funds, is made to meet the sum of \$85,000 from Multnomah county for construction of the worst section of the proposed Mount Hood loop road from the county line in Clackamas county to Zig-Zag, according to a communication received by county commissioners yesterday. The county pledged \$85,000 to loop road enthusiasts at the budget meeting in December, 1919, making one third of the expense of the road in Clackamas county. Only necessary repairs are desired for the Hawthorne bridge, pending final plans of the city zoning commission which provide for a raising of the spans and approaches over streets near the river, at a cost of from \$350,000 to \$400,000, decided the county commissioners. Eric Hauser, chairman of the financial committee of the Road Festival, conferred with the commissioners regarding the use of the \$30,000 appropriation made in the 1920 budget for the celebration. Only one bid was received for the rock and macadam on the Greeley street extension of the St. Johns road, that being from the Star Road company and totaling \$46,293.10. The section on which work is to be done is two miles long and 35 feet wide.

CONVENTION ENDS TODAY

BUSINESS OF CONTRACTORS' MEETING CONCLUDED.

Programme for Day Includes Tour of Columbia Highway and Luncheon at Latourelle Falls.

Contractors attending the first annual convention of the Associated Contractors of the Pacific Northwest closed the business and educational portion of their programme yesterday, with a series of addresses on technical subjects in the morning, an excursion over Portland harbor and to the municipal terminal at St. Johns in the afternoon and a banquet at the Multnomah hotel last night. Today, the closing day of the convention, will be given over to entertainment entirely, a tour of the Columbia highway having been arranged for the guests by local members of the association. Cars will leave the Multnomah hotel at 10 o'clock and luncheon will be served at Latourelle falls. An inspection of the fish hatchery at Bonneville will be a feature of the trip. Yesterday morning the delegates considered technical problems presented in five addresses, and considerable time was given to discussion. The speakers were C. C. Bechtold, J. C. Baxter of St. Paul, W. A. Winston of St. Paul, George C. Mason and C. C. Chapman of Portland.

STRAUSS QUITS U. S. JOB

New York Member of Federal Reserve Board Resigns.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Albert Strauss of New York resigned today as a member of the federal reserve board. Mr. Strauss said he had accepted appointment to the board with the understanding that he would be allowed to retire when his work was finished. Mr. Strauss declared there had been no friction in the board. Mr. Strauss came to Washington soon after the United States entered the war, acting as adviser to Secretary McAdoo on international finance. When the war trade board was organized he became a member, taking on also the exacting task of advising the censorship in regard to all financial cables. In October, 1918, he was named by Mr. McAdoo to accept a place on the federal reserve board.

PROSECUTOR YIELDS TO BAR.

TILLAMOOK, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—Because of the small salary connected with the office of district attorney, the incumbent, Thomas H. Goynne, had decided not to seek re-election, but the members of the Tillamook Bar association petitioned him yesterday, requesting him to take the office. Having the endorsement of the association, Mr. Goynne has consented to make the race. He has given general satisfaction as district attorney.

KNIGHTS TO MEET SATURDAY.

Knights of Pythias, district No. 1, Grand Domain of Oregon, will meet for their annual district convention in Moose hall on Oregon City Saturday night, March 6. The band and that famous bunch of stonemasons, the brigand team of the same order, will take part in the programme. This will be an open meeting and all knights, Pythian sisters, their families are invited. The programme will be followed by dancing and refreshments. A special train will leave First and Alder streets at 6:29 P. M.

JUDGE J. W. BELL LIKES JOB.

District Judge J. W. Bell has given his declaration to be a candidate to succeed himself as presiding officer of department No. 1. His slogan is, "Justice and courteous treatment to all—special privileges to none." Since the office was created, Judge Bell has been the incumbent, and before that he was justice of the peace.

GIRL WIFE ASKS DIVORCE.

The Dalles, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—Married when she was not yet 16 years of age and without the consent of her parents or any other person authorized to give legal consent, Mrs. Mabel Seifert, now 18, is suing through local courts for divorce from Carvel Seifert. The couple married at Vancouver, Wash., October 12, 1917. The plaintiff asserts that her marriage is illegal and void and wishes a decree of dissolution on this basis. She asks for her maiden name, Mabel Darland.

VALUABLE PROPERTY SOLD

NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHEN SITE WILL BE DEVELOPED.

CONSIDERATION NAMED IN TRANSFER IS PURELY NOMINAL, BUT GOOD PRICE WAS OBTAINED.

ASTORIA, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—The sale of the mill site at what is known as Daggit's Point on Youngs bay has been put through, but whether the property is to be developed immediately has not been announced. A deed arrived today whereby August McCormick Ryan and Hugh J. Ryan of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Ida McCormick Scott and Owen M. Scott of Canby sell to L. Hawley Hoffman lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 of section 29, township 8 north of range 9 west. The tract comprises about 75 acres and includes the point as well as the frontage on lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 of section 29. The consideration is purely nominal, but the actual selling price is understood to have run well into the thousands of dollars. Who the real purchasers are is a mystery, but it is known that the name in the deed is simply that of a holder for the owners. Several months ago a company composed of holders of large timber interests, was being organized to erect a sawmill at that point, and some believe the purchase of the property means that the plans have been completed.

DRIVE ON VOTERS NEXT

AD CLUB TO SEEK TO ENCOURAGE REGISTRATION.

Matter of Retaining Community Service Also Considered at Regular Luncheon Meeting.

Oregon will have a state-wide registration week, as a special step to bring about the registration of thousands in Portland and elsewhere will be arranged for the week of March 23 to April 3. County officers are said to be in harmony with the movement and will keep registration offices open evenings during the week and it is probable that Mayor Baker and Governor Olcott will issue official appeals. The matter of retaining the community service work in Portland was discussed by W. F. Woodward, head of the directors of the organization, and a delegation of Ad clubbers volunteered to aid in a brief campaign Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week to extend the membership of the community service, and by securing sufficient funds to place the organization on a permanent financial basis for the year. There are over 25,000 citizens in Portland otherwise qualified to vote who have not yet registered, declared Mr. Strandborg, in explaining the need for such a movement. It is probable that the registration week will be arranged for the week of March 23 to April 3. County officers are said to be in harmony with the movement and will keep registration offices open evenings during the week and it is probable that Mayor Baker and Governor Olcott will issue official appeals.

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Other Men's Shoes. Admission 25c including war tax. Columbia Orchestra. Today and Friday only.

Knights to Meet Saturday. Knights of Pythias, district No. 1, Grand Domain of Oregon, will meet for their annual district convention in Moose hall on Oregon City Saturday night, March 6.

New Perkins Hotel. Washington and Fifth Sts. PORTLAND, OREGON. Rates From \$1.00 Per Day. Special Weekly and Monthly Rates. Excellent Restaurant.

TACOMA IS GOING AHEAD. Building Permits for Month Show Hundred Per Cent Increase. TACOMA, Wash., March 3.—(Special.)—Tacoma building permits for the first two months of 1920 are more than 100 per cent greater than for the same period last year.

MARY PICKFORD IN THE THIRD GREAT PICTURE FROM HER OWN STUDIO. YOUR LAST CHANCES ARE TODAY AND FRIDAY IF YOU WANT TO SEE. Admission 25c War Tax PAID.

"HEART O' THE HILLS" "SLAVES OF PRIDE" CHAS. RAY in "Alarm Clock Andy" HIS LATEST, FASTEST AND PEPPIEST. COMING SATURDAY The Liberty's Fastest, Peppiest Programme WALLACE REID in "SOME SPEED"

Her Job! What Would You Do, Friend Husband? If you had a mountain of soiled clothes put up to you to get clean some way every one of the 52 weeks of the year—would you break your back over a washboard? No!

Blue Bird ELECTRIC CLOTHES WASHER. Phone now and arrange for a Free Demonstration. Only \$11 Down and the balance in easy monthly payments. Electric Service Co. 128 1/2 Tenth St. Phone Main 7370. Just a step south from Washington.

The Tragedy of Gray Hair Need Never Come to You! When you find the first few gray hairs, don't despair! Laugh instead! For Co-Lo will outwit the passing years. Prof. John H. Austin's Co-Lo Hair Restorer. Restores the color, life and luster to the hair in a mild, healthful manner.

Driven Wild by Eczema. The lotion for skin disease. PISO'S D.D.D. THE Lotion for Skin Disease. OVI DRUG CO. REDMORE DRUG CO.

ASPIRIN SHOULD BE TAKEN RIGHT. Bayer Company, Who Introduced Aspirin in 1900, Give Proper Directions. "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" can be taken safely for Colds, Headache, Toothache, Earache, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Rheumatism, Joint Pains, Neuritis, and Pain generally.