

**LAND FRAUD CHARGE
LEADS TO ARREST**

W. L. Diel wanted in Hood River because he has failed to pay a judgment for \$4600, taken against him by heirs of W. G. Pillow, whom he is charged with having defrauded in a real estate deal, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Scott Stevens, and is being held in the county jail pending the arrival of Hood River officials. The judgment was taken against Diel March 6, 1911, and was affirmed later by the supreme court.

According to the story of the Pillow heirs, Diel, and associates maneuvered a deal by which Diel finally traded a laundry in Woodlawn for a Hood River farm. Diel claimed that the laundry was free from debt and brought in \$30 clear a month. After the deal had gone through Pillow found that the laundry was heavily mortgaged and the mortgages tied the place up.

He at once sought judgment against Diel, but died before the case was heard, and his heirs continued the battle. Diel sold all but 40 acres of the Hood River land within a few weeks of the deal.

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