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GOLDIE BESTCOTT FOUND NOT GUILTY AT COQUILLE TODAY

Verdict in Murder Case Brings in Acquittal After 24 Hours.

SEVEN BALLOTS TAKEN; FIRST WAS DIVIDED

Man Charged With Murder of Chas. Murray Goes Free—Verdict a Surprise.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., April 27.—After going out almost twenty-four hours, the jury in the case of Goldie Bestcott, on trial for the murder of Chas. Murray, brought in a verdict of "not guilty" at 11 o'clock today. The verdict of not guilty came as a surprise as many expected that owing to the jury being out so long a disagreement would result. Seven ballots were taken. On the first ballot, the vote was seven for acquittal, three for man slaughter, two for second degree murder. The shooting occurred Marshfield a few days before last Christmas. Murray was a bartender. He had been a consort of Goldie Bestcott, who was the mistress of a North street resort. She met Murray on North Front street and after a few minutes' conversation, a pistol was produced, inflicting a wound from which Murray died later at Mercy hospital. At the time, it was claimed that jealousy prompted the shooting at the trial the principal defense was that the shooting was accidental. The jury in the Bestcott case composed of J. W. Gardner and Kern of North Bend, Mr. Hall Myrtle Point, Mr. Clark of Coquille, Mr. Everenden, who is a farmer near Coquille, W. H. Thomas Coquille, Mr. Noesler, who is a Coquille rancher, Mr. Young who is a sawmill at Dora, Engineer of Coquille, Geo. Gage of Riverton, Mr. Goodman of Riverton, Roy and Lela White of Marshfield.

NORTH BEND IS WINNER AGAIN

J. Van Zile Carries Off Coos County Oratorical Contest Honors.

Mr. J. Van Zile, representing the North Bend high school, won the Coos County High School Oratorical contest at Coquille last evening. Leonard Hanson, representing the Marshfield high school, carried off second prize. North Bend will be the host for the next year of the silver cup presented by Dr. J. T. Macneil and two more victories give it permanent possession of the cup. Other contestants were Miss Culin of Coquille, Lela Buckman of Bandon, and Dora Harrison of Myrtle Point. There was a crowd present at the contest and a good program was presented. Judges were Prof. Grubbs of Bandon, Supt. Tiedgen of Marshfield, Prof. Howard of Coquille and H. H. Cleaves of Coquille present.

NORTH BEND NEWS.

Mothers and Teachers' Club planning to have the church exercises May 12. Mothers' club of South Coos River, are having a house-warming tonight in a beautiful new home just finished.

Clara Peterson and children, of Marshfield, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. of North Bend.

H. Noble is expected to start repairing the North Bend wharf next Monday. The wharf was destroyed many of the making it rather shaky.

WED IN COQUILLE. At the parsonage of the Church, Saturday, April 20, C. Smith and Miss Daisy Taylor, Marshfield, Rev. E. R. Evans, Coquille Sentinel.

CANDY SALE at STAFFORD'S Saturday and Sunday PEANUT BUTTER and TAFFY at 20c per pound.

MEMBER the QUATERMASS for FINE PHOTOS.

NO REPORT ON EVANS PROBE

Coos County Grand Jury Files Partial Report today—All Blind Indictments.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., April 27.—The Coos County grand jury made a partial report this morning, bringing in a couple of blind indictments. The names will not be given out until after the accused are arrested. The grand jury did not make any report on the Jacob Evans murder case which it has been investigating. Neither did it file any report on the alleged investigation of the death of Harvey Metcalf of Empire who was found drowned near the mouth of South Slough sometime ago. The grand jury was not discharged and it is expected that there will be a further investigation of the Evans case, some new clues having developed recently. The old grand jury brought in a "not a true bill" against Bert Bellue, the Marshfield barber, who was brought back from Vancouver, Wash. a few months ago on the charge of having made away with diamonds belonging to his wife as well as some of her cash. "Not a true bill" was returned in the case of Bert Johnson, charged with a statutory offense.

NEW REVOLT IN SOUTH AMERICA

Civil War Breaks Out in Paraguay Again—Warships Badly Damaged.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BUENOS AYRES, April 27.—Civil war again broke out in Paraguay. Telegrams from Asuncion today state that four government warships bombarded the revolutionists who are commanded by former President Jara at Villa Encarnacion, 175 miles southeast of Asuncion. The fire returned on the warships was so well directed that the warships were compelled to retire in a damaged condition.

DIRECT SENATORIAL ELECTION

House Postponed Action on the Constitutional Amendment. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, April 27.—The House will not act on the constitutional amendment for the direct election of senators until the postoffice appropriation bill is disposed of probably next week.

WATCH OUR WINDOWS FOR BARGAINS. COOS BAY CASH STORE.

NEW PASTOR TO COME TO BAY

Rev. R. O. Thorp, of Portland, Accepts Call From Norwegian Lutherans.

Rev. R. O. Thorpe of Portland has accepted a call from the Norwegian Lutheran churches in Marshfield and North Bend and will arrive on the Bay about July 1 to take up his new duties. He will fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Rev. A. G. Lind. Rev. Mr. Thorpe is about 35 years old and is a very able pastor and is highly recommended by the congregations he has served in the past.

EASTSIDE SNAP Seven of the best lots in Eastside, at \$225 each. Can be sold in pairs or all together. I. S. KAUFMAN & CO., 177 Front St.

SPECIAL CANDY SALE at STAFFORD'S SATURDAY and SUNDAY.

AMERICANS SAFE IN OLD MEXICO

Reports From Sonora Are That They Escaped Outbreak There—Buford Will Sail Monday.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, April 27.—Reassuring advices were received today by the State Department from Mexican points. Americans in Los Mochis and Peranza, Sonora, where serious conditions were reported several days ago are said to be safe. It is from this point that Americans will be taken by the army transport Buford. WILL SAIL MONDAY.

Buford to Leave for Mexican Coast to Get Refugees. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—The United States army transport Buford, which received orders from Washington yesterday to sail for points on the west coast of Mexico to take aboard American refugees, will leave port here Monday noon.

GAVE RICHES TO EDUCATION

D. K. Pearson, Who Bestowed \$6,000,000 on Small Colleges, Succumbs.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, April 27.—Funeral services for D. K. Pearson, the aged philanthropist who died today, will be held next Tuesday. Burial will be at Hinsdale. Before his death, he gave six million dollars to small colleges in different parts of the country.

GET READY TO RECEIVE DEAD

Arrange Blank Verdicts by Wholesale on Titanic Victims—Accident Verdict.

219 BODIES FOUND. By Associated Press. NEW YORK, April 27.—A wireless from the cable ship Mackay-Bennett announce that 75 more bodies, making a total of 219, were found at the scene of the Titanic wreck by the Mackay-Bennett and that many have been identified.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HALIFAX, N. S., April 27.—Documents giving verdicts of "accidental death" were prepared here today to be in readiness for the coroner's jury which will inspect the bodies of the Titanic dead now on the way here on board the cable ship Mackay-Bennett. The names of the drowned will be filled in later in cases where the names can be ascertained. The unclaimed and unidentified will be buried in the Halifax cemetery and stone cutters are at work preparing suitable headstones.

The Mackay-Bennett will arrive here Monday. Press reports today confirm the statement that the bodies of Astor and Strauss are on board. The vessel will bring 189 bodies here from which it is assumed that sixteen were so mutilated that burial at sea was necessary as she reported previously that she had picked up 205 bodies.

TRY AGAIN TO FREE H. K. THAW

Another Attempt Made to Liberate Noted Prisoner From Insane Asylum.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Apr. 27.—The fourth attempt through the agency of the law to liberate Harry K. Thaw from the Matteawan state hospital where he has been imprisoned for slaying Stanford White six years ago because of "insanity" was inaugurated today before Justice Keogh of the Supreme Court in New Rochelle.

GERALDINE McCLOY will sing Mme. Patti's great success, "Last Rose of Summer" in English and Italian TOMORROW night at the ROYAL.

PURE Swiss Aluminum Kitchen UTENSILS at COOS BAY CASH STORE.

LUMBER PRICE IS ADVANCED

Puget Sound Manufacturers Raise Quotations on Practically All Kinds.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Wash., April 27.—The price of virtually all kinds of lumber, except spruce, was raised fifty cents a thousand by the manufacturers yesterday. The price of shingles raised five cents a thousand, making the quotation the highest in two years.

OTHER SHIPS NEAR TRAGEDY

Captain of Mount Temple Says Ice Kept Them From Rushing to Their Aid.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, April 27.—Two steamers and a schooner were only a short distance from the Titanic when she sank according to testimony of Captain James H. Moore of the steamship Mount Temple today before the Senate committee investigating the tragedy. Ice was the barrier that held back the vessels from hurrying to the rescue and the Mount Temple did not arrive at the spot where the Titanic sank until two hours after she had gone down. The Mount Temple intercepted the Titanic's call for help, Moore said and immediately he turned his ship's course toward the crippled liner. On his way to the scene of the tragedy he saw the "raised" lights of a schooner within a few minutes' distance from the scene of the disaster and coming from that direction. When day broke, the Mount Temple discovered a tramp schooner close by. The identity of neither the schooner nor the tramp was fixed. Moore said he saw no rockets at all that night and did not send up any rockets himself because he feared he might divert other ships from hurrying to the Titanic. He said the Titanic, in his belief, was eight miles further east than the position given in the calls for help.

HOWARD'S HOT TAMALES AT LEWIS'

PORTLAND FINALLY TAKES GAME FROM OAKLAND—SAN FRANCISCO SHUT OUT.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 27.—Portland took yesterday's game from Oakland by a score of four to three. The scores in the Coast League were as follows: At Portland—R. H. E. Portland 4 11 1 Oakland 3 4 2

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

At San Francisco—R. H. E. San Francisco 0 3 1 Vernon 1 9 1

At Los Angeles—R. H. E. Los Angeles 9 13 3 Sacramento 8 13 3

"THE KID" is the COMEDY act TONIGHT at the ROYAL. Miss McCloy will sing by request "Those Songs My Mother Used to Sing." Summer SHIRTWAISTS. See the prices on them at COOS BAY CASH STORE.

WANT TO SHARE FRONT STREET WITH TERMINAL RAILWAY LINE

MIXUP ABOUT HARBOR WORK

Reputed Clash Over Appointment of Receiver Said to Be Cause.

A new mixup over the harbor improvement has come up and may impede the improving of the channel between the Cold Storage dock and Porter as was contemplated. The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce assured the agreement that the Port Commission had made with the government for defraying the expense of the improvement. Besides the fund of \$7,000 which the government required, plied and which was put up by the members of the Chamber of Commerce, the government required that the bulkheading, handling of the shore pipes, etc., be paid for by the Chamber of Commerce. President McCormac of the Chamber of Commerce thought that before this, the receivership proceedings would be progressed far enough so that the receiver could care for this out of the tax money.

However, J. W. Bennett is said to be insisting that he be allowed to select the receiver and the old port commission members are insisting that Dr. E. Mingo be named as receiver on account of his familiarity with conditions. This is said to have delayed the appointment of a receiver. Meanwhile, F. E. Leefe, the engineer in charge, has started to work. Guy Lattin in charge of the pipe gang is wondering where their pay will come from. Unless the matter is straightened out within a few days, Engineer Leefe says there will be nothing for him to do but to recommend to Major Morrow that the project be dropped. He is very loathe to do this. President McCormac may call a meeting to try and straighten this out again.

PETITION FOR ELECTION

New petitions to the Coos county court, which will meet next Wednesday, asking the calling of a special election for the reorganization of the Port of Coos Bay, will be circulated Monday or Tuesday. The date of the election has not been determined upon.

LEFT SMALL SHOAL

Engineer Leefe says that he wishes the attention of navigators called to the fact that a small shoal was left on the east side of the channel in front of the Alliance warehouse. Owing to encountering a large amount of coal and ballast that had fallen in the bay from overturned scows, he considered it dangerous for the Oregon to try and pump it out. The shoal is about 200 feet wide, seventy-five feet long and about five feet high. Mr. Leefe has asked Major Morrow's permission to have the Larson bucket dredge remove this shoal. Late this afternoon, Mr. Leefe received a telegram authorizing him to secure the Larson dredge to remove the balance of the shoal.

TWO KINDS OF ICE CREAM ON COOS BAY—LEWIS' AND THE OTHER KIND.

CLEANUP DAY BIG SUCCESS

Vast Amount of Debris Removed Under Direction of Improvement Club.

"Cleanup Day" started with a grand rush this morning and the crusade against garbage and unsightly accumulations in lots and alleys continued with vigor all day. Scores of school boys and men under the direction of the special committees of the Marshfield Improvement Club accomplished a vast amount of work. A little stroll around town will convince anyone of this. The amount of refuse and debris gathered will run into the scores of cartloads. Although many teams are busy hauling today, there are many piles of rubbish on the sidewalks around town that await hauling away. The Cleanup Brigade generally met with hearty cooperation. Some few places that could not be reached today, will be cleaned up Monday. Early next week Mayor Straw says he will begin the rigid enforcement of the city ordinance prohibiting the accumulation of garbage at any place inside the city limits.

WANT TO SHARE C. J. Millis and C. A. Smith Have Conference About Right of Way.

NOTHING DEFINITE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED YET

Said to Be Willing to Take Same Kind of Franchise as Terminal Has.

Coos Bay railroad news today seemed to center around the negotiations between the Terminal railway and the Southern Pacific relative to right of way through Marshfield. Conferences between C. J. Millis and C. A. Smith and later a call upon Mr. Millis by J. W. Bennett and Tom Bennett caused much of the discussion.

However, nothing definite has been done so far and just what may materialize is difficult to say. It is understood that Mr. Millis in his conference with C. A. Smith stated that his company would be willing to accept a franchise allowing them one track on Front street and to accept a franchise imposing the same conditions as the Terminal railway's. In addition to this, it is said, that he stated that they would be willing to have the Terminal railway designate which side of the street they wished.

Whether there will be other conferences between Messrs. Smith and Millis about the matter is not known. What materialized at the conference between J. W. Bennett and Mr. Millis is not known.

W. S. Chandler, of the Terminal railway, is expected here within a few days from San Francisco and his arrival may mean some developments in the situation.

The railroad committee of the Chamber of Commerce was discussing the calling of a special election to vote on the matter of right of way for the Southern Pacific through Marshfield but nothing has been done. Furthermore, it is claimed that the Terminal company's franchise covers all the direct routes through the city so that unless some arrangements between the Terminal railway and the Southern Pacific is made, it will be difficult to do anything.

C. J. Millis was very reticent about the situation today. He said that he was simply "waiting."

Tom Coke, in charge of the construction work on the Terminal railway, said today that he expected more rails and material on the Redondo tomorrow. He is holding back on the work until W. S. Chandler arrives as there is some question whether piling should be driven at certain points along Front street.

FIELD MEET DATE MAY 10

Coos County Track Contests Postponed Week—Plans for it.

The date of the Marshfield High School track meet has been changed from May 3 to May 10, the latter day being more satisfactory as it will give more time for training. Arrangements will be made to close the business houses from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the meet and if possible the band will be gotten out to help make this year's event the greatest high school attraction ever pulled off in this part of the state. A special train will be run over to the valley in order to accommodate a large number from Bandon, Myrtle Point and Coquille.

Marshfield's prospect for winning honors seem very bright and Coach Grannis will have a strong team representing the purple and the gold. S. Clarke, Larson and Stutsman are all doing some good work in the short sprints and Larsen, Lecocq, C. Clarke and Capt. Harrington will be entered in the runs. In the high jump Marshfield will enter S. Clarke, and Lecocq, and in the broad jumps, Harrington, Stutsman, Larsen and S. Clarke.

Bandon will bring over almost the same team that won last year's meet. Bowman, Laird and Gallier, being a hard trio to beat and Bandon is pinning its faith in them.

Little news can be gotten from Coquille but North Bend is training hard and is confident of winning. Hodson, Van Zile, Grout, Golder, Hanson and Conroy will probably constitute North Bend's team. While the recent rains have somewhat delayed work on the track, it will be pushed rapidly so that everything will be in excellent condition for the meet.