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## SPENCER IS BOUND OVER AND IS TAKEN TO COOS COUNTY JAIL

To Appear Before April Term of Grand Jury in Sum of \$1000.

### PERHAM DECLARES CHECKS FORGERIES

Howard Brett, Friend of Prisoner, Testifies in Justice Penneck's Court

C. W. Spencer, bound over to the April grand jury at Coquille in the sum of \$1000 by Justice Penneck yesterday on the charge of forgery, was taken to the county jail in the afternoon by Marshal Carter, of Marshfield. District Attorney Liljeqvist, who was over here yesterday and this morning looking after the prosecution of the case, returned to the county seat on the same train. Spencer was unable to secure bail.

The detention of Spencer in the county jail, or at least his arrival there, will be within one week of the time during which he is alleged to have passed five forged checks on Marshfield merchants aggregating the sum of over \$200. Of this amount nearly \$40 was spent with the merchants and the cash found on the prisoner when he was arrested at Loon Lake amounted to about \$65.

### Some Money Missing.

What became of the rest of the money alleged to have been secured by the defendant is a question which the authorities are trying to figure out, as Spencer's expenses in making his escape to Loon Lake were slight, and he was not seen spending any of the sum either in Marshfield or North Bend. Another odd feature of the case is that the prisoner purchased considerable female clothing, according to the authorities, as well as male apparel, when the checks were passed. It was thought for a time this morning that further developments in the case might be sprung, but nothing definite on this point can be ascertained, if such is the case.

### Brett is a Witness.

During the latter part of Chas. Spencer's trial for forgery in Justice Penneck's court yesterday, a subpoena was issued for Constable Cox, who brought Brett over from North Bend. After his arrival court was called to order and Brett placed on the stand.

He was asked his connection with Spencer by District Attorney Liljeqvist and told of finding his check books in the top drawer of Spencer's room in the Palace Hotel of North Bend. He denied any knowledge of who it was that had phoned to the merchants in Marshfield before Spencer appeared to cash the forged checks on E. G. Perham. He said the last he had seen of Spencer on December 24 was between 1 and 3 o'clock, when the prisoner had appeared with a slicker and old clothes, stating that he was going to work and would not be back until 7 or 8 o'clock on Christmas Eve. Brett declared that was the last he had seen of him until he visited him in the city jail Monday to provide some magazines for Spencer.

### Evidence Introduced.

The three fictitious checks made out on the paper in Brett's check books, which were not passed, but were found by Brett and turned over to the police, were introduced in evidence and the District Attorney asked Brett if he had signed them. Brett declared that he had not, although they were made out in his name.

Brett, on being shown the checks passed in Marshfield by Spencer, declared he did not recognize the handwriting and did not know who had written them. On being asked if he and Spencer had ever discussed the forging of checks, or had planned any such scheme, he replied in the negative.

### E. G. Perham Arrives

By this time E. G. Perham had arrived and he was called to the witness stand. The forged checks were placed before him and he was asked if the name "E. G. Perham" signed to them had been written by him. He declared they had not. Neither did he recognize the names of the person or persons to whom they were made out. He said he had never met Spencer, but had

## POLICE COURT FINES GROWING

Total Amount Taken During Year is \$2,019.35, Double That of Last Year

Fines taken in the Court of City Recorder John W. Butler during the last year were almost twice as high as in any other year in the history of the city, according to figures compiled today. The total for 1913 made the substantial sum of \$2,019.35, compared to the previous highest record of \$1110 in 1912.

The principal amount of the fines was received from those found guilty of drunk and disorderly charges, vagrancy, minor offenses against city ordinances and petty violations.

The court records indicate that the class of men drawn to this section through railroad building operations and other projects are recruited from the drifting population of workmen, causing a change in the type formerly engaged in the work on different projects here.

## POINTS IN LAW ARE CONFUSING

District Attorney Decides It is Lawful to Fish, but Not to Catch Salmon

A new charge was filed in Justice Penneck's court yesterday afternoon by District Attorney Liljeqvist against C. L. Maudlin, charged with using a seine out of season and also with fishing without a license. Maudlin failed to show up for trial yesterday and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The new charge against Maudlin is that he used a seine in South Slough capable of catching salmon out of season. The district attorney gave a decision that it was not unlawful to fish for flounders without a license, and yet if a man caught a salmon while fishing he would be liable to a penalty. The arrest was first made by Water Bailiff Nicholls.

seen him a number of times on the streets of North Bend.

Upon his conclusive testimony that the five checks passed in this city on Christmas Eve had been forged, the paper was turned over to the custody of Marshal Carter to be used as exhibits in legal proceedings.

This concluded the testimony and Judge Penneck declared that the evidence introduced placed no doubt in his mind that Spencer had committed a crime. He bound him over to the grand jury and fixed his bond at \$1,000.

### "Slim" Undisturbed

"Slim" Spencer did not appear to be disturbed at the prospect of spending several months in the county jail awaiting the meeting of the grand jury on April 20. He lit a cigarette and when Judge Penneck spoke to him and said that it was a shame that so young a man should come in conflict with the law, he replied:

"Oh, that's all right, judge. We'll show 'em. We'll show 'em."

He appeared quite cheerful over the prospect of showing somebody something, but he did not intimate what it would be or what it would be about.

He was taken back to the city jail to await the time for the departure of the train for Coquille. He was to have been taken over this morning, but for some reason the trip was not made and further developments in the case were expected today.

DANCE TONIGHT EAGLE'S HALL

## BLANGO'S GALE DOWNS WIRES

Storm Delays Alliance Twenty Hours and Puts Western Union Out of Joint

Cape Blanco's gale, as reported yesterday in The Times, reached Coos Bay last night and passed on up the coast, putting the Western Union wires out of commission at several points, with little prospect of being in readiness to allow any dispatches as to what is going on in the outside world to reach here before The Times goes to press.

The aerial of the wireless plant on the hill was blown to the ground about 4 o'clock this morning and Wireless Operator Williamson had a force of men busy making repairs, which were completed by 10 o'clock this morning. The wind here shortly after midnight is estimated to have blown at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

Wireless Operator Williamson reported that the Alliance, which was due in port this morning from Portland, would not arrive off the bar until about midnight because of the storm. He reports a heavy sea running from the south and that the wind has lightened. It is probable that the steamer will not attempt to pass in over the bar until daylight tomorrow morning.

No word was received from the Redondo, which was due to arrive here tomorrow morning from San Francisco, but it is not expected she will be delayed, as the storm was in a favorable direction for her except off Cape Mendocino, where the wind blew from the west.

The long distance telephone lines between here and Roseburg were put out of commission by the wind last night, but the rest of the lines to outside points stood the strain.

## CHURCH DEBT IS WIPED OUT

Marshfield M. E. Congregation Will Celebrate at New Year's Service

The congregation of the Marshfield M. E. Church will this evening celebrate the wiping out of the last vestige of debt on their church. The celebration will be united with the special New Year's services. About \$300 remained unpaid on the church and during the last few days members of the congregation started a campaign to wipe it out before 1914 and at noon today it was stated that they had practically succeeded.

The following will be the order of services there tonight:

8 o'clock—Annual meeting and election of officers of Sunday school board.

8:30 o'clock—Meeting of Board of Stewards.

9 o'clock—Jubilee over raising of church debt. This will be followed by night watch services which will include the following:

- Social hour and refreshments by Epworth League.
- Song service by M. E. Brotherhood.
- Sermon by Rev. Joseph Knotts.
- Old-fashioned M. E. altar service.
- Ring out the old and ring in the new.

**Fine Program.**—The literary program given by Prof. Reddie of Oregon Reddie gave readings from the "Tale University at the Baptist church Monday evening was well attended. Prof. of Two Cities" and also French-Canadian selections from Drummond. He is one of the best readers that has ever appeared on Coos Bay. It was given under the auspices of the College Women's Club who will also have Dr. Hodge of the State University speak here January 26 on "The Conservation of National Health and Vitality." Prof. Reddie is making a tour of the Coos county towns, as will also Dr. Hodge.

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## NO TRACE OF MISSING MAN

Umbrella Owned by Arentzen Discovered Near Where He Fell in Harbor

No trace of Fireman A. Arentzen, of the dredge Seattle, who is believed to have fallen into the harbor at the coal bunker on Sunday night and drowned, had been discovered up to noon today except his umbrella, which was picked up near the coal bunkers by the employes of the dredge who have been dragging for the body.

It is believed that Arentzen slipped from the planking alongside the pipes and fell between the piling of the coal bunkers, striking his head on some of the timbers. The body may have caught on some projection out of the way of the hooks used by those dragging the bottom of the harbor at that point.

The missing man had been with the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging company for fourteen years and was a trusted employe. He did not drink so far as can be learned and the accident which caused his disappearance was not due to alcohol.

Arentzen is said to have no relatives in this country. His parents came from Norway or Sweden and settled in Scotland, from which country he came to America. He was married twice. His first wife and a child died and he is reported as having said he divorced his second wife.

He had saved enough money to settle down for the rest of his life and had intended to resign his job with the dredge Seattle and buy a little place in Marshfield to spend his declining years, as he had taken a great liking to this locality.

## HOME BURNED BY EXPLOSION

Lamp Blamed for Geo. Wheeler's Loss at Ekblad Place at Millington

The home of George Wheeler at Millington was totally destroyed by fire last night. The house was owned by Nels Ekblad, father of W. N. Ekblad, of the Ekblad Hardware Company.

The fire was discovered about 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and their son, after finishing their supper, let the fire go out, and with their son went to call on Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sicker, who had just moved up near them. A lamp was left lighted on the dining table for convenience when they returned.

Mrs. Pugh, who lives about 100 feet from the house, was the first to discover the fire and sent the boys to call neighbors. When the latter arrived, the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be done and practically nothing could be saved. Most of the effects were upstairs and the blaze was worst near the stairway, the lamp and table having been near it.

Mrs. Pugh says that she is convinced from the appearance of the fire when she first saw it that it originated from the lamp and that there had evidently been an explosion of the oil.

Mr. Ekblad resides further up Isthmus Inlet on the Smith place. Mr. Wheeler had just taken out \$500 insurance on his household effects and just received the policy. Mr. Wheeler is connected with the Mill Company which took over the Courtney property and was formerly in charge of Nasburg's grocery. He recently moved his family here from Portland.

It is understood that Mr. Ekblad did not have the house insured. It was a story and a half structure. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler's little son is heartbroken because all his toys and Christmas gifts were destroyed.

Dance the OLD YEAR OUT at EAGLE'S HALL TONIGHT. Music by KEYZER'S Orchestra.

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## FELLOWSHIP CLUB DECIDES TO HELP MEN STRANDED IN CITY

### NEW YEARS AT MILLICOMA CLUB

Innovation in "At-Home" Tomorrow Afternoon Proposed by Committee

The Millicoma Club will introduce something new on Coos Bay tomorrow in the formal observance of New Year's Day at the club rooms. Invitations have been issued for an "At Home" from 2 to 5 o'clock for the members and their ladies. The Dances, which has been introduced in Southern California, will be introduced here and the innovation is expected to be one of the most popular in a long time.

A musical program has been arranged and the hall rooms have been beautifully decorated for the afternoon and it is expected that there will be an unusually large turnout of the members, their wives and lady friends. A number are expected from Coquille and North Bend.

## LOWER FARES TO NORTH BEND

Southern Pacific Expected to Reduce Rate on Motor From Marshfield

According to an unofficial report here, the Southern Pacific is planning to institute a ten cent fare between Marshfield and North Bend on its motor car service in the near future. The change, it is said, will be made within a short time.

One reason for the change is that with the fifteen cent fare the automobiles continue to handle the bulk of the traffic because they take passengers direct to the North Bend business district and also pick them up there at more convenient points than the motor car does.

Another reason, it is stated, is to placate the feelings of many about the railroad company. There has been much protest over the fifteen cent fare and some went so far as to propose a protest to the Oregon Railroad Commission against it. However, no action in this direction has been taken and the company's officials are desirous of maintaining better relations with the Coos Bay public than such a controversy would incur.

When the fifteen cent fare was fixed, it was with the understanding that coupon books would be issued later reducing the fare and that the fare would probably be cut. The extra five cents is for a haul of about 100 feet separating Marshfield and North Bend, the franchises in the two cities requiring a five cent fare within either of them.

**Raspberries Ripen.**—Mrs. D. C. McCarty has a vine of red raspberries that is heavily laden with fruit, part of which has ripened. This is something unusual even on Coos Bay, to have berries ripening on New Year's Day.

**SUSLAW JETTY REPORT.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—The war department has ordered Major Morrow at Portland to forward his report of the Siuslaw jetties direct to Washington, in order that no time may be lost in deciding what should be done.

**FIREMEN NOTICE.**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Marshfield Fire Department will be postponed from Thursday, January 1, to Friday evening, January 2, 1914. Also the regular annual election of officers will take place and a full attendance is desired.  
HOMER MAUZEY, Pres.

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### Committee Appointed to Arrange for Feeding Them and Providing Quarters

### ACTION IS KEYNOTE AT LIVELY MEETING

Problems Facing City During Growth to be Handled by Revived Organization

More action and less discussion was the keynote of the meeting of the Marshfield Goodfellowship Club following its monthly banquet at the building in the rear of the Swedish Lutheran Church last night. Stirring talks were made towards broadening the objects of the gathering and to aid in any movement for the good of the community. The result was the appointing of a general welfare committee which will look into the matter of establishing a Men's Resort in this city. Preliminary arrangements were made for providing immediate relief to men now in the city out of employment and in need.

### Many At Banquet

Over forty of the leading citizens of the city sat down to the banquet, which commenced at 7 o'clock. Superintendent Fred A. Tiedgen was the toastmaster and at the end of the meal he made a short introductory talk on the object of the gathering and the great work which the organization could accomplish. He called on Hugh McLain for a speech.

"There is no question," said Mr. McLain, arising, "that an organization of this kind can aid a community in very many ways in problems brought before such a gathering." He drew attention to the growth of the goodfellowship movement in commercial circles, reading an editorial from the Wall Street Journal which indicated that even that commercial center believed itself to have a heart.

### More Feeling Needed.

"The foundation of all government is in the human heart," he declared, "and we should be more in touch with our fellow men, no matter of what station. We should go to the workmen and tell them they are welcome to join us in this good fellowship movement. The only criticism of a gathering of this kind that I have to make is that we should have more of the producing classes with us."

Toastmaster Tiedgen spoke of the professions and the service rendered by the workers, stating that all honor should be accorded the men who worked with their hands as well as those who worked with their brains. He introduced R. M. Jennings, of the Oregon Power company.

Mr. Jennings told a little story of the man who thought it was lucky to pick up a pin, although he lost his hat and broke his spectacles in doing the picking. He declared he did not believe there were many people in Marshfield who believed in luck, but that they got busy and accomplished great things. He told of the improvements he had noticed since he was here two years ago, and how some projects then under way for the improvement of the harbor and the completion of a railroad were still incomplete.

### Must Keep Busy.

"There is only one way to get anything," he declared. "That is by such a gathering as this going after it. We should also do our best to be pleasant with all those we have any dealings with. I think the feeling in the Goodfellowship club is to send a man away with a smile instead of a scowl."

C. R. Peck was next called upon by the toastmaster. He responded with a strong talk which put some ginger into the meeting.

"There is no question but that such a body of men as you have assembled here could do a great work in any community," he declared, "but you have to have some definite object in view aside from the same talks from the same people to avoid making a failure. You have to get something to stir the grey matter of the members, some definite organization and purpose. There is no better time than the present, with a new year ahead

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