

# KNIFE BLADE IS THRUST IN BACK

### Greek Does Shylock Act in "Big Steve's" Back; North Front Coffee House Scene

Six inches into the back of "Big Steve," the Greek proprietor of a coffee house on North Front street, a knife was thrust last night by a drunken Greek cook, Z. T. Pangares, who quarreled over the payment of a 50-cent coffee bill. Today the injured man is under the doctor's care; Pangares is behind the bars in the city jail.

According to "Big Steve," as he told his story this morning in bed, Pangares returned only last night from two months' work cooking in a camp near Myrtle Point. With him he brought considerable money. At the Nutwood Saloon, in the possession of the proprietor, William Boreo, the Greek left \$40 in cash and a \$100 postal order. He then went to the coffee house for refreshments, being well acquainted there.

As he left he was presented with a bill for 50 cents, and Pangares, as the story is told by "Big Steve," protested that he had no money. He was drunk at the time. A few minutes later he drew out a \$20 gold piece and another yellow coin of \$5 and some silver. The proprietor asked for the silver, claiming he would make the change and Pangares is claimed to have demurred and a moment later flashed a knife, with which he proceeded to hack a Shylock portion from "Big Steve's" back. The duo were separated and the assailant escaped from the melee.

The injured man was at once removed to his bed. This morning Chief of Police Carter made the rounds on Front street and finally located Pangares in the Nutwood, where he had come to claim his money. He was immediately locked up on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

"Big Steve" was arrested in a raid by the police a month ago and later pleaded guilty to a charge of gambling and together with another Greek paid a fine of \$100 for the offense.

# MAKE STATE DRY AS BONE PLANNED

### Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist to Draw up Section of Proposed Statute

Legislative statutes drafted after the gist of the Coquille "dry as a board" ordinance and the Kansas liquor law will probably be enacted at the next session of the state Legislature, according to Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist who was here last evening. Attorney General-elect Brown, of Roseburg, is preparing a law to be introduced and one clause of this is being framed by Mr. Liljeqvist.

"If we are going to have the state dry now that it has been voted so," he said, "then we must make statutes that will cover bootlegging offenses. Only by doing this can we expect to carry out the spirit of the new law."

And knowing from experience in Coquille what is needed Mr. Liljeqvist will frame a clause that will be unique in state law. He would allow evidence of a second or third case to be brought in against a man in the first case who is accused of a crime similar to the others but with different individuals. For instance, a man arrested for selling liquor to John Doe might be able to squirm out of the charge by lack of incriminating evidence in his particular case. But should the officers be allowed to bring in evidence that the accused has sold liquor also to Richard Roe and several of his friends, then there is a chance of conviction.

Such a law, believes Mr. Liljeqvist, will do away with much red tape and get down to the justice of a charge and aid materially in proving whether a man is guilty or not guilty.

"Having had the experience in such cases, having been down the firing line of these criminal crooks and turns," he said, "why naturally I know how best to fix such a clause to do the most good. Very often we have known absolutely that a man has been bootlegging but have had to let him go from the grand jury room because our chair of evidence against him on the one particular charge has been slack."

The other section of the dry statute to be presented is the governing by law the amount of liquor to be received by one person within a stated period of time. All such packages sent into this state after January 1, 1916, will need to be plainly labeled as to the contents and the consignee.

### Work on Murder Case.

When asked regarding the West murder about nine miles from Bandon five weeks ago the Prosecuting Attorney declared that subpoenas have been issued for several appearances before the grand jury which meets on Monday.

Nothing definite would be stated but hints were dropped that an investigation has been carried on not only in this case but in the Brunner murder as well. West was a bachelor homesteader, about 45 years of age, who was found dead within 400 yards of his cabin by a searching party. There were two bullet holes in the body and though his rifle lay at his side the suicide theory was scouted from the first.

# EIGHT CYLINDER IS A WONDER

### New Cadillac Goes Through Mud and Over Hills Without Changing Gears

"The Cadillac engineers deserve unlimited praise when they can make the United States as level as the Sahara Desert," is the enthusiastic comment made by L. W. Grout after driving a Cadillac Eight from Buffalo, N. Y., to Springfield, Mass.

In his letter to the Cadillac Company Mr. Grout says that the first day's driving was through rain and over very bad roads, but the car performed wonderfully. Between Syracuse and Springfield many hard, steep hills were encountered. On several it was impossible to get any sort of start, yet there was never a time, he writes, when it was necessary to shift out of high gear.

Mr. Grout says accurate account was kept of the gasoline mileage, and the figures are particularly interesting in view of the fact that they are the first to be made public on the performance of an eight cylinder car on a cross-country run of this character. For the entire distance of 413 miles, the car averaged 13.2 miles per gallon.

Other features that made this mileage performance interesting are the adverse road conditions between Buffalo and Syracuse, the mud at times being six inches deep, and the hills on the latter part of the journey.

# WATER THREATENS ELDER IN AGAIN AND GONE AGAIN

### Short Meeting of Council to Canvass Votes—Mill Slough Cause of Protest

Three Councilmen and the Recorder, duly elected on Tuesday, were officially accepted by the City Council last evening following the canvass of the votes by precincts. The new additions to the fold of the City Fathers will be installed on the first Monday night in January when their terms of office begin.

S. B. Cathcart appeared before the Council pleading that something be done immediately to lower the water in the north arm of Mill Slough. Recent rains have filled it to a great height and it is still rising, he declared, and all exit of the yellow flood has been cut off by the grading along Eighth street.

In doing this Mr. Cathcart is in imminent danger of being cut off from his chicken coops which he now reaches from his home by way of a raised plank walk. This the water is covering every minute. He is afraid the fowls will either be drowned or starve to death.

Because of the equity suit which may involve the city for payment of damages—trouble which arose over the fill of Mill Slough, the Council refrained from any official action thereby not exposing themselves to the possibility of responsibility.

However, two or three days ago the attention of Street Commissioner Lawhorne was drawn toward the pond and the fact that the water's outlet has been cut off and he is now at work attempting to make a ditch through which at least the surplus water may be drained. In this way the chickens of Mr. Cathcart may be saved from a watery grave.

# DEVELOPMENT OF A HOME ENTERPRISE

### The Woodcraft Company One of Growing Manufacturing Concerns of Coos Bay

One of the modest, but substantial enterprises that is spreading the name and fame of Coos Bay as a manufacturing center is the Woodcraft Co., with a factory located on North Front street, of which E. B. Gehrke is manager.

Less than three years ago this concern was established at 246 Market avenue by Mr. Gehrke. In a small shop measuring less than 20x40, today it occupies a building 30x30 on Front street and is crowded for room. When started its sole equipment of machinery was a combination saw operated by hand and foot power, and a foot power scroll saw. Today the workroom is alive with the busy hum of ten machines operated by electricity. The equipment includes a 16-inch circular saw, 35-inch band saw, 30-inch sander, boring machine, lathe, scroll saw, glue press, kiln, combination machine, etc.

The products of this growing factory are store fixtures of every description, show cases, equal to the best made in San Francisco or Portland, cedar chests and wooden electric fixtures. So far as is known this is the only plant on the Pacific coast making a specialty of wooden electric fixtures.

The factory also carries an extensive line of special hardware, etc., used in its various products as well as a large stock of mahogany, oak, maple and myrtle woods.

Attention has recently been attracted to this growing concern by the shipment of three show cases to Bandon and one show case to Coquille. There are between 25 and 30 showcases in Marshfield that were produced in the Woodcraft Shop and the Coos Bay Stationery Co. and the Marshfield Baking Co. store fixtures and interiors are good examples of the artistic and serviceable products of the Woodcraft Shop.

It also does an extensive business in cedar chests, recently shipping one as far as Palestine, Texas.

The growth and development of this company is ample proof of the opportunity on Coos Bay for the development of other manufacturing concerns if started and managed by men who know the business. The success of the Woodcraft Co. is a tribute to the energy and enterprise of its manager, E. B. Gehrke, and it promises at no distant day to be one of the prominent factors in the manufacturing and commercial industry of Coos Bay.

Governor-Elect Withycombe says there will be no fancy trimmings during his term.

# ELDER IN AGAIN AND GONE AGAIN

### Steamship Arrives Early from Eureka—Takes 46 Passengers on Trip North

With seven passengers from the south, the George W. Elder arrived in this morning from Eureka and at 10 o'clock left on her way north to Portland, carrying a passenger list of forty-six persons and a miscellaneous cargo of freight. Officers of the Elder declare that train service out of Eureka gives good connections with their boat. This is the new schedule just put into effect: Trains leave Eureka at 7:15 a. m. and arrive at San Francisco at 7:30 p. m. of the same evening.

Those who arrived this morning from the south were: M. Glass, Otto Larsen, Chas. Larsen, Henry Parcel, G. H. Brewer, W. W. Stratton, Sam Smith.

The following sailed for Portland: Rad Allen, Y. Tanban, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Woolhouse, Eva Lapp, Jessie W. Long, Miss Jennie Bunch, Mrs. W. T. Ferguson, F. G. Buncce, J. H. Griffith, Oren B. Coy, Mrs. Geo. Handy, M. C. Jenkins, J. R. McLee, L. M. McGeorge, From Fransen, Mrs. From Fransen, Chris Michel, J. W. Ford, George Larock, Mary Larock, O. Carleson, Elias Eng, John La Muer, F. D. Hogg, C. F. Johnson, Mrs. C. F. Johnson, John Nielson, E. T. Crowswhite, Mrs. Anna E. Parker, R. O. Graves, J. A. Hybarger, Mrs. J. A. Hybarger, Abe Moyer, W. W. Logan, Frank Kardel, Ellis Johnson, Fred Brown, W. M. Flake, Henry Kaup, Alex. Niemi, Henry Pelsner, Everett Hill, J. McCloskey, Hanna Larson and Matt Ronnee.

# BREAKWATER BACK AFTER REPAIRING

### Loses Week from Schedule in Portland While She is Painted and Repaired

Having completed her first overhauling since being turned over to the rail lines of the Southern Pacific, the Breakwater arrived in from Portland. She lost exactly one week from her schedule and expects to leave out of here Saturday morning for the return trip.

The Breakwater is now operating from Portland under the direction of D. W. Campbell, assistant general manager, instead of through the San Francisco offices of the company.

Painters from the Southern Pacific yards in Portland repainted the interior of the staterooms, saloon and other parts of the superstructure, while all the sheathing has been replaced in sections in the hold, ballast rearranged and other changes made.

# EAGLE'S LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

### Annual Election Held in Their Hall Last Evening—Plan Banquet

At the annual election of the Eagles Lodge held in the Eagles' hall last evening, officers for the year were selected and plans were made for the installation and banquet on January 6.

F. R. Kirk was elected president; F. Magnusson, vice-president; A. McKay, chaplain; J. B. Sneddon, secretary; August Frizeen, treasurer; Charles B. Hill, inside guard; Fred Hill, outside guard, and Fred Johnson, of North Bend, trustee for the three-year term.

A big banquet, it was planned, shall be held immediately after the installation of the new officers on January 6.

### MAY CHANGE NORTH BEND AND EMPIRE MAIL DELIVERY

Plea to Postoffice Department Asking Quicker Service to Meet Trains. Asking that they be given quicker service in the delivery of Empire and North Bend mails in Marshfield to meet the trains from here to Myrtle Point a letter was addressed today to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General at Washington.

At the present time mail put in the offices at Empire and at North Bend in the evening or after the carrier for Marshfield leaves there in the afternoon, must lay over for more than twelve hours there and arrives here too late to connect with the mail trains, necessitating another delay of about a similar length of time.

The postmasters at Empire, at North Bend and at Marshfield are desirous of the change and Captain Dave Holden, who has the Empire contract, has expressed himself in favor of the move.

At the present time Editor McDaniels of the North Bend Harbor, runs a private mail service, each noon bringing over a box full of letters in time to catch the afternoon train.

**These Are Busy Days at Hub Dry Goods Co.**

**Sharply Reduced Prices on Ladies' Coats, Suits and Dresses**

These cut prices are particularly opportune, coming in the midst of wintry weather and before Christmas. Whether you desire to purchase or merely "shop," your time will be well spent at "THE HUB." This is just the right opportunity to supply your Holiday suit or coat at a remarkably low price.

**These \$4.00 Shoes for Women Will Not Lose Their Shape**



Nearly all shoes can be made to look well in a window, but it takes good material and good workmanship to make footwear retain its original style. These \$4.00 Krip-pendorf-Dittman Shoes possess a charming style and retain that style. They fit the arch. Others at \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

Many hundreds of appropriate Christmas Gifts now on display here. Make your selections now and avoid the rush of the last few days.

**The Best WINTER FOOTWEAR**

For growing Girls, Boys and Children Awaits Your Selection at Hub Dry Goods Co.

The importance of proper shoes for growing feet cannot be overestimated. These shoes are made on nature lasts and are selected with special care in order to stand the wet weather wear of this climate.

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# BIG CROWD AT THEATRE OPENING

### Large Audience Enjoys Initial Performance in Noble's Edifice—Praise Given

A crowded house, last evening greeted Manager Lemanski's opening bill in the new Noble Theater on Central avenue. A fine show and the elegantly appointed new showhouse brought much applause and praise from the audience for Mr. Lemanski and the Noble estate, builders of the new theater.

In addition to some fine pictures, the grand opera selections by Madame DeWitt scored a great hit. She is a vocalist of unusual ability and seldom if ever has a regular theater audience in Marshfield heard a better one.

Burbank and Danforth scored well in their musical comedy stunt.

The acoustic properties of the new theater are good and this, with the fine furnishings and appointments, makes it a joy to theater goers.

# ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Resplendent in a new coat of paint, inside and out, completely overhauled and with electric lights installed on board, the Millicoma was today back on the Allegany run to take the place during the winter of the Alert.

Tomorrow morning the Redondo is expected to arrive in from San Francisco.

The Paraiso is expected in Saturday morning from San Francisco with a cargo of freight and a passenger list.

**NORTH BEND NEWS**

Anderson & Klockers have taken the contract to repair a break in the Kentuck Inlet dike which resulted in flooding the Gilbertson ranch and other lowlands.

# E. E. BLANCHARD IS OUT FOR SPEAKER

### Grants Pass Man on Coos Bay Reported to Be Seeking Honors in Legislature

E. E. Blanchard of Grants Pass, Josephine County, member of the State Legislature, who was here yesterday, is reported to be a candidate for speaker of the Oregon House at the next session of the State Legislature this winter. Mr. Blanchard was reticent when asked about the matter. It seems that Mr. Eaton of Eugene and Ben Selling of Portland are the present active aspirants and that neither of them has a sufficient number of votes pledged to land the place. Mr. Blanchard has quite a following and it is barely possible in the shakeup that he will land the place. It is known that distance phone concerning the matter and was also trying to get in touch with C. R. Barrow.

Mr. Blanchard arrived here today to attend the taking of nominations in the case of Franson in Bandon. Mr. Franson, who needs this section some time ago, is willing for money which he claims Mr. Hamilton, who lives at Grants Pass, has him on a land contract. It is reported that Franson paid down a substantial amount on a tract near Grants Pass and made no further payment. The Hamilton Hamilton cancelled it. The positions were taken before by Frances McLeod.

The cost of school books will be investigated and an effort will be made to reduce cost to the people 10 per cent.

**Something New**

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