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## DEATH REAPS ONE MORE OLD PIONEER

Captain W. S. Wheeler, Aged 81 Years, Succumbs to Long Illness

Captain W. S. Wheeler, one of Coos Bay's oldest pioneers, aged 81 years, died at his home on Ninth street Wednesday. For a month he had been ailing and an attack of pneumonia lately proved too much and he succumbed Wednesday. The deceased leaves a wife and three children. Of these three, George L. Wheeler and Mrs. Kate Hampton live in Marshfield and the second daughter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Stevens, lives in Portland.

For 51 years Captain Wheeler has been a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and last year when he reached the half century mark with that organization the members here presented him with a badge of honor. The local Odd Fellows will have charge of the funeral next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Despite the fact that Captain Wheeler sold a farm on Kentuck Inlet seven or eight years ago for about \$14,000, a great deal of this principal has been eaten up by expensive litigation, according to the deceased's attorneys.

The old pioneer was born in Pennsylvania in 1833. For several years he was a sailor on deep water ships to all parts of the world. On his return Captain Wheeler then became a railroad man and in 1856 came to the Rogue River. This was soon after the discovery of gold there. He became interested in mining and in 1859 returned to Pennsylvania, where he was married.

Again coming west, the Captain and his wife went to Nevada and later came to Coos Bay in 1868, where he has resided since that time. Mrs. Wheeler died several years ago and Captain Wheeler married a second time about three years ago. He and the second Mrs. Wheeler became dissatisfied and at the present time there is a case in the courts, brought by Mrs. Wheeler, asking for a monthly sum for her living expenses.

It is declared the Captain left a will. According to the Oregon law the wife will at least receive the benefits of the home for a year and also will receive a one-half interest in the income from the real property. Captain Wheeler owned a house and three lots in West Marshfield, estimated to be worth about \$4000. Tide lands opposite Empire are stipulated at \$150 and the personal estate at about \$2500. The launch Traveler, now run by the Captain's son, also belongs to the estate.

The funeral of W. S. Wheeler will be held from the Wilson chapel Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock and will be under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

## BULGARIAN IS RELEASED FROM THREATENING CHARGE

Tony Slauff Goes Free, Following Hearing in Justice Court.

Tony Slauff, a Bulgarian of North Bend, who was arrested on the charge of threatening to kill Nick Bitto, was released yesterday after a hearing before Judge Penneck in the justice court. The evidence produced tended to show that Slauff while in a North Bend saloon on January 3 had been invited to drink. He refused and Bitto and two other Bulgarians commenced a quarrel which resulted in Slauff's threats and the carrying of a revolver given him by Capt. Simpson.

John Saban, a friend of Slauff's, testified that the latter had been scared when two men jumped out of the brush on the evening of January 3 following the quarrel in the saloon and that Slauff then thought it was Bitto and his nephew seeking his life and so procured a gun and declared he would shoot to kill.

Edgar Simpson went the \$35 bonds for the appearance of Slauff. Trefore Jocheff, John Pencheff and Louis Patroff were witnesses. E. L. Powell, of North Bend, appeared for Nick Bitto, who must pay the costs.

## FIRE CHIEF'S VIEWS.

Editor Times: Sunday's fires both demonstrated that fact that people do not turn in proper alarms in case of fire. A great deal of unnecessary delay would be avoided if people would only use proper precautions in turning in an alarm. First of all you should know the district in which you live. Be sure to learn this and the street corner nearest to which you live. If you don't know this, in turning in an alarm always state whether north of Central or south of Central avenue, but always state the exact location if possible.

Many people are prone to blame the central girl for mistakes in alarms. Don't do it. She is not to blame. Blame yourself for not giving it to her properly. Don't just take down the receiver and shout "fire!" or "my house is on fire," but tell Central where the fire is, or whose house is on fire and she'll get the proper alarm all right.

Remember: call up Central and wait until she answers, tell her who you are, where the fire is, and the nearest street corner north or south, and the district, if possible.

Following are the districts as they are at present:

- No. 1.—All north of Market avenue, Seventh street to waterfront. One short blast.
- No. 2.—Waterfront on Market avenue to Fifth street; Fifth street to Central; Central to Fourth; Fourth to Curtis; Curtis to waterfront. Two short blasts.
- No. 3.—All of Railroad Addition. Three short blasts.
- No. 4.—South Marshfield. North line is Anderson avenue; east line is
- No. 5.—West Marshfield. Five short blasts.
- No. 6.—North Marshfield; or Ferndale. Six short blasts.

## MAY OPEN PRODUCE EXCHANGE ON BAY

Claude C. Thompson and C. H. Sproat, of Hood River, Investigate Business

Looking over the territory with a produce exchange a probability is the purpose here of Claude C. Thompson, partner in the Hood River Produce Exchange. With him comes Charles H. Sproat, a Hood River orchardist and capitalist, who is looking over business prospects with the idea in mind of investing here if satisfied.

Mr. Thompson came here about two months ago. Shortly after that his partner, C. C. Lemmon, came here for a visit. Both were so well impressed with the possibilities for their business on Coos Bay that Mr. Thompson has now returned.

For some time Mr. Sproat was president of the Hood River Apple-growers' Union. He owns a large apple orchard in that vicinity and in 1912 won the grand sweepstakes at the Spokane apple show with a carload of apples.

## LAWYERS TO ELECT.

Claim Latin Program is Mystery of Coos County Bar Association.

"E Pluribus Unum" stamped on the shekels of the realm is about the limit of the layman's Latin knowledge. This is just the reason, say that lawyers, that they have prepared the program for the annual banquet of the Coos County Bar Association at Coquille January 12 in the ancient language—it's a mystery.

However, it is known that Andrew J. Sherwood is toastmaster for the occasion and that Neil C. McLeod, vice-president, will give an address. Beyond this it is "Greek" to most of us.

Claude H. Giles will "Acti Labori Jueundi"; the subject for Cecil R. Wade is "Jus Dicere, et non Jus Dare"; William C. Chase will talk on the "Abst Invidiu"; J. C. Kendall on "Foenum Habet Cornu"; Austin S. Hammond, "Desperare in Loca" and the grand finale is to be brought out by Arthur K. Peck in "Finem Respite."

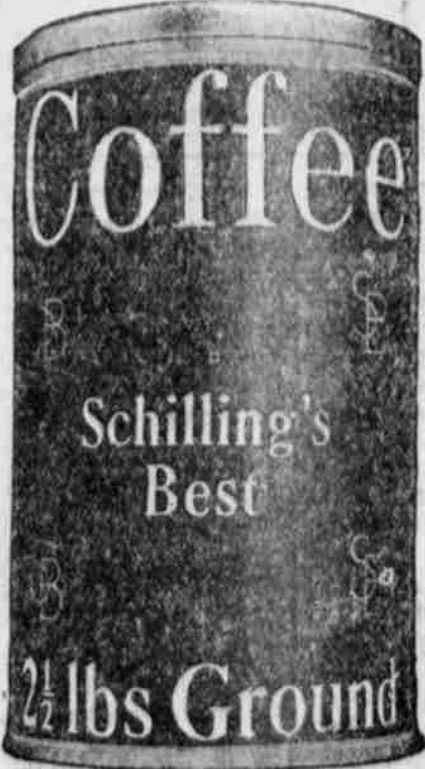
The annual election of officers will take place that same evening.

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