

PSEUDO COOK IS BAD CHECK ARTIST

Ollivant & Weaver Cash \$15 of Worthless Paper—No Trace Found

Posing as a camp cook and declaring his intention of opening a large account, a young man answering to the name of Joe Nelson entered the grocery store of Ollivant & Weaver, corner of Central and Third street, last evening, a few minutes before closing time, purchased a small order of goods and passed a spurious check for \$15, receiving in change \$11.75. The man left the store and it was not until he well out of sight that the partners became suspicious and called the officers. No trace of the man has been found, though a search of all the saloons was made last evening.

At 10 minutes to six, the man entered the store. He is described as about 26 years of age, dark complexioned and he wore a blue suit with a cap of some dark material. Going up to the counter the pseudo cook told Ray Ollivant that he was cooking for a gang of 40 men in a railroad camp near some tunnel and that he was about to open an account with the grocery firm and would probably need about \$300 worth of groceries every month.

"I need a few things to take with me now," he told Mr. Ollivant, "my boss, R. M. Anderson, will be in here pretty quick to make out the regular order for the camp. He has the boat and can take the things back with him."

The story was told in a plausible manner. The partners' suspicions were not aroused at the time though they did ask the man where he had been trading before. He told them, mentioning the name of another grocer, and was asked why he made the change. "Well," he said, "the last order they sent out to the camp was not satisfactory and so we thought we had better change."

Purchasing goods amounting to \$3.25 the man threw down a \$15 check made out to Joe Nelson on the Flanagan & Bennett Bank, and signed by R. M. Anderson, the supposed boss of the railroad camp. In the hurry of attending to their trade just before closing time neither Mr. Ollivant nor Mr. Weaver questioned the check and the balance of \$11.75 in cash was handed over to the man. He walked out leaving the groceries on the counter, declaring the boss would take them.

A few minutes later the grocery-men called up the firm with which the man declared he had formerly traded.

"We know of no Joe Nelson or R. M. Anderson."

A call was immediately made to the police station and a search for the man placed on foot, but no trace of him could be found. The fact that when he left the store the bad-check man walked out Central avenue has led to the belief that the young man left town at once.

This is the third time in the last two months that spurious checks have been passed on local business houses, all of the checks being for amounts under \$15.

PALACE MARKET IMPROVES SERVICE

Adds Special Delivery Wagon to Its Equipment to Better Serve Marshfield People

As evidence of its desire to improve the service that it is rendering to its customers the Palace Meat Market has put on their own delivery wagon which will greatly facilitate this branch of their business. Since this establishment passed into the ownership of N. D. Oswald last October there has been much improvement in both the service and the quality of the meats with the result of a steady and appreciable increase in the business. In line with this advancement the new delivery wagon will increase their ability to give adequate and satisfactory service. In addition to prompt delivery of telephone orders, parties without phones may give orders to the driver for delivery and if parties without phones will let us know we will be glad to arrange to call regularly for their meat orders.

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BASKET BALL GAME TO OPEN NEW GYM

Marshfield Independents To Stage Struggle—Women Form Athletic Club

Marshfield's new \$10,000 High School Gymnasium will be initiated to its duties Friday evening when a basket ball game scheduled between the Marshfield and the North Bend Independents will officially start the season. The building is not yet completed, and will not be thrown open for regular use probably until the latter part of next week.

This morning the finishing touches to the swimming tank were made when the outer coat of cement was put on the entire surface of both tanks, giving them a smooth surface. It is not expected that this covering will be dry for at least eight days and not until then will the water be turned in.

The first definite step toward utilizing the gymnasium through athletics clubs was made last evening when 27 young women of the city met in the offices of George Watkins, elected officers and made preparations for regular gymnasium practice.

Miss Ruby Watkins was elected president of the organization which is now known informally as the Girls' Athletic Club, Eliza Ayre, vice-president; Alice McLain, secretary, and Madge Simpson, treasurer. A committee consisting of Ellen Rudnas, chairman, Mary Haley, Margaret Devine, May Evans and Helen Harrington was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

An initiation fee of 25 cents will be charged all members who may join the club and Professor Tiedgen has declared that the monthly dues will not amount to more than 50 cents. Plans are under way to form basket ball teams and to make use of the swimming tank with the idea of teaching all members how to swim. Gymnasium and bathing suits will not be selected until a further meeting of the club. Tuesday and Thursday evening will be petitioned of the school board.

The young men of the city are already signing for a Men's Athletic Club, their purpose being the same as the girls' organization, to use the gymnasium for games and exercising certain nights of the week.

Professor Tiedgen is now preparing a schedule of hours when he believes will be satisfactory to the students of the high school and the members of the athletic clubs as well.

With the opening of the gymnasium floor, which is 44x76 feet, the high school team will have a chance to practice, their first two games this year having been undertaken without any previous preparation. The gallery has a seating capacity of 290 spectators.

At the same time it is expected that the Independents will be stimulated in their league and probably will schedule many more games with teams of the Valley now that they have a floor upon which to practice. The members of the Marshfield team are Niles and Otis, forwards; Fisher, center; Buffington, Landers and Morrow, guards.

SAFETY FIRST SLOGAN SPREADS TO BOATS

Government Steamboat Inspection Service Sends Cautioning Cards.

"Safety First" a slogan arising prompted by the prevalence of accidents on streets and railroads and a campaign for which has been waged from New York to Portland in the last few months—this slogan has also spread to the boat service as well as the street cars and railroads. This morning Harry Kimball, Jr., revenue collector, received large red placards bearing this slogan to be placed in all boats on Coos Bay of more than 15 tons tonnage.

The boats receiving these cards are the Transit, Nann Smith, Alert, Powers and the Redondo. On the Coquille the Charm, Dispatch Coquille, Dora, Favorite and the Klinsyam will bear the slogan.

ELKS DANCE TONIGHT

All members of Marshfield Elks Lodge and visiting brothers and their wives and sweethearts are invited to be present at the monthly dancing party in the Masonic Hall Wednesday, January 20.

COMMITTEE.

The Art Needle Shop
has moved from Central Ave. to O'Connell Bldg. Market St.

LABOR UNIONS ELECT OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of Central Labor Council of Coos Bay Held Last Evening

The annual election of officers of the Central Labor Council of Coos Bay and vicinity was held last evening at the Labor hall. The following officers were elected:

President—Andrew Landles.
Vice-president—Ed Lund.
Secretary—Chas. Kellog,
Treasurer—Geo. Kohl,
Conductor—H. N. Ryan,
Warden—Geo. B. Hughes.
Trustees—Earl Chisholm, Dan Orr and Mr. Warner.

It was decided to hold the annual installation of officers February 2, to be followed by a banquet to which all union men will be invited. It was also decided to give a dance on Washington's birthday, February 22, at Eagle's Hall.

It was also voted to throw the meetings open in the future to any union man of any trade, these members to be admitted simply as spectators.

WAR PICTURES SHOW AUTO CARS

Belgian Battle Scenes Show Overland Cars in Use in European War

Graphic portrayal of the work being done by American motor cars on the actual fighting front of the European war, is found in the moving pictures of battle scenes taken under the auspices of the Chicago Tribune by special permission of the Belgian authorities.

The films, which were made under fire in various parts of the extensive Belgian battle front, give remarkable action views of the injured being taken from the field by Red Cross attendants and moved to the base hospital in the Overland cars sold to the Belgian government at the opening of hostilities. One particularly vivid incident is shown in which an Overland ambulance is used. The entire action is within fifty feet of the camera.

An armored motor car is guarding the retreat of a division of the Belgian forces through a small village near Antwerp. While two of the three men who form the crew are engaged in aiming and firing the rapid fire gun mounted in the small revolving turret, the driver is struck by a bullet and severely wounded. Under a deadly fire the Overland ambulance dashes up to the car, the wounded soldier is lifted from the driver's seat, placed on a stretcher and rushed away while his companions calmly continue the fighting.

Although practically all of the Overlands purchased by Belgium were originally with flat wooden bodies for transportation of ammunition and supplies, many have since been converted into ambulances to care for the enormous number of wounded. So great has been the need for additional ambulance space that a wooden superstructure was added to the original bodies, giving room for four stretchers placed in decks of two each.

Several interesting views of these cars are given at close range, showing the unique method taken to obtain this additional space. The wounded men are guarded from the elements by weatherproof curtains which drop from the top of the superstructure and are fastened to the sides of the body.

The Overlands were purchased from the stock of the Willys-Overland, Limited, London distributors of Overland cars, by a commission of Belgian army experts after a series of trials in which a number of motor cars and light trucks figured.

A large shipment of Overlands for sale abroad, which had just reached the establishment of the London distributor, made immediate deliveries possible. Within a single week after the big order had been received, all of the cars had been equipped with special bodies built for work on the field and officially turned over to the Belgian government at Antwerp. Dispatches from abroad stated that these cars practically made possible the withdrawal of the Belgian troops from the beleaguered city when escape seemed impossible.

In addition to the views of the Overlands, the Tribune pictures also show several action views of Willys-Utility trucks on the firing line. These pictures will be shown in Marshfield at Lemanski theater tomorrow evening and in North Bend at the Star theater Friday night.

See John L. Koontz for prices and specifications on the 1915 Overland cars and Willys-Utility trucks.

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BANDON WINS IN NOTED ROAD CASE

Judge Coke Sustains District in Controversy Over Dividing Ten-Mill Levy

(Special to The Times.)
COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 20.—Judge Coke, before adjourning circuit court handed down a decision in the noted Bandon road case in which he upheld the district.

The case has attracted much attention over the county and stirred up much feeling at Bandon. It seems that at a special election a couple of years ago, the road district voted a ten mill tax levy. After the election was held, it was claimed that the tax was voted to be spent entirely on what is known as the Two Mile Road, instead of on the main road south from Bandon. The Two Mile road is a branch of the main road and rather important, but the Bandon people claimed that they meant the ten mill tax was to be used principally on the main road leading to Curry county. After considerable controversy a second election was held and the people voted to expend eight mills of the special levy on the main road and two mills on the Two Mile road. The road district includes the town of Bandon.

Col. R. H. Rosa began action attacking the validity of the levy and Fred N. Perkins intervened, insisting that the whole ten mill levy be expended on the Two Mile road as it was first voted. Others also were dragged into the case. Sheriff Gage, as tax collector, was made defendant, representing the district.

In his ruling Judge Coke held that the first election was valid, but also that the people had a right to change and specify where the special taxes should be spent, declaring that since they had created the fund they certainly had the power to direct its expenditure. This sustains the second election and means that the funds will be divided, the Two Mile road getting two mills and the main road eight mills.

Gets Second Divorce.

A rather unusual divorce case was heard this week by Judge Coke, the action being that of Crockett vs. Crockett. About a year ago he divorced the couple, but they made up in a few months and were married again in the fall. This time the wife sued and the decree was granted. The couple originally lived at Bandon, but recently Mrs. Crockett has been conducting the Vendome rooming house at Coquille. She was given the custody of a minor daughter, while neither parent was given custody of the two boys, who are about eighteen and nineteen years old and whom, Judge Coke held, are old enough to look out for themselves.

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