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## NEWPORT

E. H. Vader of Agate Beach was brought before Justice Berry's Court charged with a statutory crime committed on the person of his adopted daughter, a girl of about 13 years. District Attorney C. E. Hawkins and his deputy George B. McCluskey acting for the State. He confessed the crime and was bound over in the sum of \$1000. to appear at the Circuit Court that meets in August for trial. Charles Gardner and wife next went on his bond. George T. Smith of the same place was charged by the girl with the same. He waived examination and was bound over to appear in the Circuit Court at the same time, also. His bond was also fixed at \$1000. Otis Holgate going on his bond.

James McDonald, traveling salesman for Blake McFall Company, Portland, came to Newport on the 15th, and registered at the Abbey on Monday evening following he was last seen at Nye Creek by himself going towards the beach. This was at seven o'clock just about dusk, since then he has not been seen. Ted McElwain Deputy Sheriff, is in town looking the matter up but so far nothing is known of his whereabouts.

The Blake McFall Co. sent a representative in here this evening (Tuesday) to ascertain if possible, the fate of their popular salesman, James G. McDonald, who so mysteriously disappeared here a week ago last Monday evening. He was last seen by Miss Rhinard of McMinnville. Miss Rhinard is staying in her cottage at Nye Beach. She noticed nothing wrong in Mr. McDonald's actions.

Lemuel E. Davis was born in Indiana, September 5th, 1832 and died at his home on South Beach, March 22d, 1917, aged 84 years, 6 months and 17 days. Deceased came to Oregon with ox teams in a train of 47 wagons, October 15th, 1847 and took up a donation land claim of 640 acres three miles northwest of where Eugene is now located near the main road leading up through the Valley. It is said Mr. Davis was the second family to locate in Lane county. The Davis home at first was a log cabin nestled in a grove of gigantic fir trees surrounded with the wigwams of a hundred Calapooya Indians. And here the family commenced to build a home long before Eugene was thought of. As soon as L. E. came of age he took a claim of 320 acres adjoining his father's place. In August 1852 he was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary J. Ogle and in 1866 he disposed of his farm and moved to Yaquina Bay and took a homestead on South Beach where he lived up to the time of his death. Mrs. Davis died about three years ago since then he has lived on the old homestead with his son, Tracy. The Davis train came to Lane County through the Southern route via the Cow Creek Canyon and suffered many hardships and disappointments before reaching their destination. The train was in charge of Captain Benjamin S. Davis, the father of this sketch. The mother of L. E. Davis was a woman of remarkable courage and character. It can be said of her that none of that group of early pioneer women were held in higher esteem than Mrs. Davis. Among the people who she helped, she was called the "Good Angel." For many years she was the only physician in the country. Although she was not a graduate in medicine she had the natural gift of nursing and taking care of the sick and diagnosing diseases and good knowledge of the simple remedies and knew how to apply them. She seldom lost a patient. She did all the abstrical work for miles about and seldom had any bad results. Night or day, rain or shine this generous hearted woman never refused to attend the sick. Money in those days was scarce and but few could pay for her services, yet Mrs. Davis never refused to respond to the call of suffering humanity. The thought uppermost in her mind was to relieve the sick and with this feeling she rode across the valleys, through the dark forests and over the hills that she might keep some one from distress. Often this was done in the darkness of the night without an escort. Mrs. Davis with all the hardships she went through lived to a good old age 87 years, she having spent her life for the good of others. L. E. Davis had many of the traits of his mother, honorable, generous and hospitable. Few people lived better than he. Mrs. Davis was a good cook. His table was always set with the best the market afforded and after all is it not a fact that what we eat, drink and wear, with the kind associations of our friends, is about all we get in this life. The funeral ser-

ices were held at the home, conducted by Rev. George T. Pratt, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Newport. Although it was one of the stormiest days of the season, a good many of the friends and neighbors were present. The members of the family present were, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Davis, Tracy Davis, Z. C. Copeland and Kate Winant. The interment took place on South Beach in the family cemetery overlooking the Pacific ocean. Here these honored pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis rest from their labors. He is survived by two brothers and one sister, M. M. and Lycurgus Davis and Mrs. S. A. Huddleston of Eugene, one son, Tracy, who lived with his father, Mrs. Kate Winant who lives in Newport and three grandchildren and Z. C. Copeland and Mrs. Winnie Ross who lives in San Francisco. "Requiescat in pace."

## LOWER FARM

Several Lower Farm People attended Grange at Siletz Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crawford were at Siletz Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Crawford was hauling his potatoes from where he had them stored on up to town.

Joe Dowd and son, Joseph, made a trip to Siletz Saturday for a load of hay.

Master Matt Miller of Siletz has been visiting with John Savage since Saturday.

Matt Pompei made a trip to Upper Farm Sunday.

L. C. Mowery of Tidewater made a trip to Siletz Sunday after a load of hay.

A. C. Crawford made a trip to Siletz Monday.

Ernest Cook of Chitwood spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. James S. Goin.

## WINANT

We wonder! If it will ever quit raining.

About thirty friends and relatives of George Lewis went in and surprised him Saturday night, it being his and his little son's birthday, the evening was spent in playing cards and dancing. At midnight a delicious luncheon was served. Dancing was resumed until the wee small hours.

Mrs. Geo. King had the misfortune to fall and hurt her side Tuesday. Dr. Burgess is attending her.

Henry Shermer made his irregular trip up Poole Slough Sunday.

Miss Lillie Bain spent Saturday night with Misses Alma and Cara Boone. She also attended the dance.

Dick Huntsucker visited at home Sunday.

Everyone around our vicinity is preparing for the big masquerade. Lloyd Lewis and John Emerson made a flying trip to Yaquina Sunday.

Mrs. Dick Huntsucker called at the Boone home Saturday.

## ONA

The meeting of the Women's Club for the month of March was held at the home of Mrs. L. M. Commons on the 24th, which was fairly well attended in spite of threatening showers, eight members being present. The meeting was interesting and the afternoon pleasantly spent. Poems from Western poets were much enjoyed. Also proper foods for children by Mrs. Ohmart. Demonstrations in crocheting and a few selections on the phonograph were given by Mrs. Wolfersperger. Light refreshments were served after the meeting was closed.

Mrs. Lloyd Parks and Mrs. E. A. Simonson were with us as guests. What about a dry state, guess they forgot to knock wood when they said "dry", or is the weatherman keeping in readiness for Easter Day and the Easter bonnets.

K. D. Martin of Upper Beaver and Oscar Ryan of South Beaver each took a Jersey calf home from the A. H. Phelps ranch Monday.

Lloyd Parks and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weber were passengers for Yaquina Monday on the Rhoades launch.

H. H. Cook, editor of the Waldport Watchman, and Harry Nickelson were callers at the Wood's home Sunday.

Miss Helen Phelps and Florence Wood were the guests of the little Misses Rhoades Sunday.

A Stag party was given at the Gallagher home last Saturday night a surprise on Peter Byrne.

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## BROWN WAKEFIELD INJURED AT SAWMILL

Brown Wakefield of Eddyville had a narrow escape the first of the week while working at Clines' sawmill at the foot of Little Elk Mt. It seems that Mr. Wakefield was working on the carriage and attempted to jump across in front of the saw, when he tripped and his foot was thrown against the rapidly revolving saw. Fortunately he was far enough over that the saw just caught the bottom of his foot, sawing off a slice of his heel, the sole of his shoe and the under side of his toes.

Dr. Burgess was called and dressed the wound, and while the injury is not so very serious, it is very painful and will lay Mr. Wakefield up for some time.

## SHERIFF CAPTURES YOUNG DESPERADO

Sheriff Bert Geer has in custody Carl Don Tuell, alias Harry Smith, who was arrested at Albany Sunday by Sheriff Bodine of Lane county, by request of Sheriff Geer, the latter going after the prisoner Monday. Young Tuell who is only 15 is wanted for the robbery of several of the cottages at Seal Rocks, in company with Jess Hall an ex-convict. After the robbery Hall and Tuell divided the spoils and hid in the woods, when Hall gave his young partner in crime, the slip, and it is thought that he headed for Mexico. Tuell expressed his part of the plunder to Portland where it has been recovered and will be returned. Tuell's mother lives at Seattle.

Jess Hall was one of ex-Governor West's honor men while in the penitentiary, and it will be remembered that he escaped and was captured near Blodgett, West aiding in his capture.

Sheriff Geer informs us that one peculiar incident of the robbery is that Hall stole a .303 caliber Savage rifle out of the summer home of Joe Baker, and took it with him. Baker lives at Portland and was formerly a guard at the penitentiary, and although Hall does not know it this same rifle was used to guard him while he was serving time.

Young Tuell will be given a hearing Monday and will probably be sent to the reform school. When captured Tuell was wearing Hall's hat, which the latter wore while in the pen.

## METEOR STARTLES WITH LOUD EXPLOSION

Sunday evening, March 18th, the residents of this section were startled by a loud explosion. Upon investigation it was found that a meteor had paid us a visit, and it is thought to have struck in the ocean and exploded. The strange visitor was travelling very fast, going in a northwesterly direction and illuminated the night making it as bright as day. The phenomenon was viewed by quite a number who happened to be out of doors, and immediately after it disappeared the loud explosion was heard.

## ELEVEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. C. B. Croano went to Corvallis Saturday for a visit with relatives, returning Monday.

Al Waugh and family and Mesdames Job Arnold and John Turnidge are enjoying an outing at Otter Rock.

B. F. Jones of Independence was in the city from Saturday evening until Tuesday morning in the interests of his candidacy for the nomination for joint representative.

Messrs. John Fogarty and Charlie Loomis, the well-known Democratic party of Newport, were visiting Toledo friends Monday.

Peter Shermer, the Strawberry King was in the city Monday. He reports that the little cold snap two weeks ago gave the early berries a slight setback, but he has a big crop in sight.

## TWENTY ONE YEARS AGO

The Leader is now pleasantly domiciled in its own quarters next to the railroad depot, and invites its many friends to call and pay us a visit when in town.

Wm. Slavin and family left for their old home in Idaho yesterday morning. A couple of daughters of Mrs. C. C. Kubler are recent arrivals from the East.

A. R. Chapman is agent for the O. C. & E. at Corvallis.

Wm. Toner is developing strength early. He received five votes for coroner in the populist primary at Nashville.

## PATRIOTIC MEETING HELD LAST EVENING

This being patriotic week in Oregon a meeting was held at the court house last evening, in line with similar meetings held in other towns in Oregon. The courtroom was packed with enthusiastic and patriotic citizens, standing room being at a premium.

The first thing on the program was the song America by the audience.

R. H. Howell president of the Improvement Club presided and introduced the speakers of the evening. Mrs. Rose M. Schenck made the first talk which was certainly splendid. Mrs. H. H. Pratt then sang the Star Spangled Banner, after which J. F. Stewart, E. P. Currey and E. J. Clark spoke. Bert Geer ended the program of the evening by singing, "Don't Bite the Hand That is Feeding You," which was certainly very appropriate, and evoked much applause.

The room was decorated with flags and bunting and presented a very patriotic appearance.

## RED FEATHER FEATURE

The management of the Dime Theatre has made arrangements to secure the Red Feather Feature films to show here each Saturday and Sunday evenings. The service will start Saturday April 7th, when they will show the 5 reel feature, entitled, "The Black Sheep of the Family." An admission of 15 cents will be charged.

## CHEESE FACTORY READY FOR BUSINESS

A meeting of farmers was held at the Siletz Agency last Friday and the Siletz-Valley Co-Operative Cheese Co. was reorganized under the name of the Siletz Prairie Co-Operative Cheese Co. The new association is incorporated in the sum of \$1,800.00 and expect to be ready for business in ten days or two weeks.

Chris Larson, A. C. Crawford, L. C. Mowery, Ralph Hamar and John Waino were elected directors of the company for the ensuing year, Chris Larsen being chosen by the directors as president.

## INTERESTED IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Haywards, California, March 22, 1917.

Mr. F. N. Hayden, Publisher, Toledo, Oregon.

Dear Sir: Inclosed please find P. O. order for the Lincoln County Leader. I am much interested in the welfare of Lincoln County and Leader is like a good letter.

Yours Truly, Mr. A. K. Forden, Hayward, Alameda Co., California.

## MOVES TO JEFFERSON

Eddyville, March 27, 1917.

Lincoln County Leader, Toledo.

Dear Sir: I am leaving Eddyville for Jefferson, should like to have the Leader at my new home. So please send me statement of what I am in debt to you and one year in advance and I will send you money order for the amount. Please send me this week's Leader—my address will be,

Hans Albertsen, Jefferson, Ore., R. R. 2.

## WOMAN'S RIGHTS WIN ROBERTS IS LEGAL

New York, March 17.—A wife whose husband withholds a sufficient allowance on pay day has a perfect right, according to a decision by Magistrate Cornell, of the New York court of domestic relations, to go through his trousers pockets when he is asleep.

## MRS. HORLOCHER SEEKS DIVORCE

Oregon City, March 26.—Charges of cruelty are the basis for the divorce complaint filed here Saturday against Harry V. Horlocher by Iva Horlocher. The husband accused Mrs. Horlocher of infidelity, the complaint alleges. They were married at Portland on March 12, 1912. The Horlochers formerly lived at Toledo.

## RESOLUTION PASSED BY SILETZ VALLEY GRANGE NO. 558, MARCH 24, 1917

In as much as the Bonding of the County is to be voted upon at an election on May 1st, 1917, for the purpose of raising money to improve the Yaquina River and Bar, the Siletz Valley Grange in regular session on March 24, 1917, adopts the following:

Siletz Valley Grange hereby resolves—That it is for the best interests of the people of Lincoln County to favor the bonding of said County for the purpose of improving and deepening the Yaquina River and Bar, and that the Siletz Valley Grange, one and all, are in favor of such a bond, providing, that Bond should not run to exceed twenty-five years, furthermore that this resolution be given to the press for publication. Signed by, M. A. King, Secretary.

## "THE LAUGHING CURE" DRAWS GOOD HOUSE

The High School play, "The Laughing Cure," was staged at the Dime theatre Tuesday evening before a well filled house. This play was to have been given Friday evening, but owing to the storm was postponed until Tuesday night.

The play was laughable indeed and the parts well chosen. Those taking part were: Molly Ross, Doris Elder, Margie Ball, Irah Sherwood, Winifred Swearingen, Clayton Dickson, Herman Greenhagen, Terrence Gaither and Norman Stewart. Music was furnished by the orchestra. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$39.25 and will go toward the publishing of the school annual, "The Blue and Gold."

## NEW ROAD DESIGNATIONS

The State Highway Commission has designated several more roads to be included in the State System of Permanent Highways among which are two that elect Lincoln County, to-wit:

Post Road from Albany west through Corvallis and Benton and Lincoln counties to Newport.

Military Road from Florence in Lane county north along Pacific ocean through Newport and Lincoln county and Tillamook county to connect with Post Road from McMinnville to Tillamook.

These roads will do much to develop Lincoln county, one traversing the county east and west, and the other running through the county north and south, thus benefitting all parts of the county.

## STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

At a meeting of interested parties last week the "Lincoln Permanent Road Club," was organized for the purpose of building and repairing permanent roads in Lincoln County. The first object of the Club is to repair the Siletz and Newport roads by the use of crushed rock to be obtained from the Christiansen place. The rock is free and the Club is in hopes of getting enough labor and cash donated to put the above mentioned roads in first class shape this year.

Several hundred dollars in labor have already been subscribed and a campaign is under way to raise several thousand dollars.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year. President and Gen. Mgr., Conrad Christiansen; Secretary W. A. Cooper; Treasurer, C. O. Hawkins; Roadmaster, J. W. Parrish; Executive Board, J. W. Graham, E. P. Currey and G. K. Freeman.

The Club will hold its next meeting at the Court House at eight o'clock Saturday night. Everyone interested in good roads is cordially invited to attend.

## ON GROWING SMALL FRUITS

Growers of small fruits who are interested in varieties best adapted to their part of the State may secure late and reliable data on this and other important phases by sending for either or each of the three bulletins, Small Fruits, just issued by the O. A. C. Extension Service, No. 146 is on strawberries, No. 165 on loganberries and No. 192 on the brambles. They cover the subjects of soils, soil preparation, fertilizers, varieties, planting, propagation, cultivation, pruning, trellising, marketing, cost, insects, and diseases, as well as other problems of successful growing and marketing.

## LINCOLN COUNTY FINALLY RECOGNIZED

Oregon State Highway Commission, Salem, March 26th, 1917. Honorable R. R. Miller, County Judge, Toledo, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

At a recent meeting of the State Highway Commission it was definitely decided that a road from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay should be included in the State Highway program, and some time in the near future some one from the Engineer's Department will come down to consult with you and learn what the requirements will be.

There will be little, if any, work done this Summer as we can not submit the plans and road program required by the Secretary of Agriculture for Government Aid until after our bond election.

Yours very truly, S. Benson, Chairman State Highway.

## IMPROVEMENT OF YAQUINA BAY BAR AND JETTY

I wonder how many of our Lincoln County Citizens have given this proposed enlargement of the Newport and Toledo Port Districts, the deep thought that it deserves.

Have you, who perchance, may read this little article, ever given it the analysis that it deserves, do you realize that this is the Red Letter Day in the history of Lincoln County, if we all stand together and shoulder to shoulder to put this matter through.

Have you stopped to consider the manifold advantages to be derived from this project?

Let us have a little heart to heart talk in this matter and get down to the possibilities that are in store for us, when this project is an assured proposition.

In the first place this County has untold wealth in natural resources; with no market; inadequate Rail Transportation, practically no Boat service and the poorest of County Roads.

With the inception of this project a Railroad will be built to the timber, mills will be built on the Bay, a demand locally, will be automatically created for all of our farm products and prosperity dawn upon Lincoln County.

The argument will probably arise as to the ability of the Rancher to haul his produce to the market on account of the poor condition of our roads, point well taken, but in the building of the Railroad, mills etc., it will be absolutely necessary for us to improve our highways and that will simply be an automatic proposition, through the law of absolute necessity.

In the matter of the taxes in this undertaking, it is an absolute fact that the timber in this County pays over sixty percent of the gross taxes; and it would seem to me that the natural enhanced value of all of the property in this County, owing to the influx of settlers and home makers, will more than offset the small additional individual tax.

In the Siletz District at the present time the Allied Tribes of Indians own five sections of timber land; several years ago a law was passed by act of Congress to sell this timber, but owing to the condition of the lumber market this property has never been offered for sale; with an assurance that the Yaquina Bar will be improved another, automatic transaction springs up, that is, there will be a big demand for timber and this Indian property can be sold and another quarter million taxable property is added to our rolls.

Dwelling upon the Siletz County with the removal of the timber, several hundred square miles of the finest kind of farming land will be added to tillable area.

## KELP BEDS APPLIED FOR

Salem, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—E. V. and E. M. Sherlock, of Portland have filed application with the State Land Board for the purchase of kelp beds 80 miles long and three mile wide stretching 40 miles north and 4 miles south of the Yaquina River, in Lincoln County.

The application is made under law of the last Legislature, which make the sale prices of such land discretionary with the board. As the law does not become effective until May 21, the application will be held in abeyance.