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Hooper Again Flies the Coop

John Austin Hooper, whose sensational career of gentlemanly crime ranging from throwing ammonia in the face of the Rogue River bank cashier to forcing the manager of the Hornbrook store and his wife to help him rob the Jones store, with almost every kind of holdup and banditry to his credit up and down the coast, has again asserted his independence and escaped from the Missouri penitentiary, where he was placed for killing a policeman. Details of the escape have not been received, but Hooper is thought to be headed for the coast.

Hooper did not have any killings to his credit on the coast, holding them unnecessary in scientific crime. He claimed that at the time of killing the Missouri policeman he thought the policeman was going to hold him up.

At the time of his arrest in Missouri Hooper was being sought for having escaped from the county jail at Grants Pass in August, 1915. He was being held in the jail there upon the charge of robbery of the Southern Pacific depot and of a bank at Rogue River, and was also a parole breaker from Folsom prison in California, where he was under a sentence to the penitentiary for life. His escape from the valley jail was spectacular, and he has been implicated in a number of spectacular stunts since leaving Grants Pass, always finding some way to escape when taken by the officers. Hooper is considered one of the most daring desperadoes in the country.

Auto Thief Fails To Reach Oregon

A stranger driving a Hudson super-six roadster arrived in Montague last Thursday, says the Siskiyou News of Yreka, and made an attempt to sell the car, finally disposing of it to Dr. Dwinell for \$500, taking \$20 in cash and a check. A wire sent to San Francisco by another man to whom he had offered the car resulted in the arrival of word that the car was the personal car of the San Francisco Hudson dealer and had been stolen. The man was arrested and taken to San Francisco for trial. He was thought to be headed for Oregon but was out of funds and could not get gasoline necessary to make the mountain.

Wet Throats and Dry Throats Swell Total

Liquor imports into Ashland by railroad freight and express increased almost 100 per cent in November over the October totals. Two hundred and thirty-one quarts were shipped in during October for beverage purposes and 448 during November. In October 244 quarts of alcohol were freighted in to the drug stores for medicinal purposes as against only 18 quarts in November. The bone dry law and the fall rains, which have made the roads between here and the first California oasis, thirty miles south, practically impassible in the Siskiyou, are the main causes to which the increase is attributed. A peculiar phase of the proposition lies in the fact that beer shipments are increasing despite the cold weather, all out of proportion to the whiskey increase.

Ten hundred and thirty-five hobos were cared for at the local "hobo" hotel by the police during the past month, the majority remaining overnight in the quarters provided. Wood for a stove is furnished.

Three burglaries have been reported, the largest amount secured consisting of \$6 and a quantity of chewing gum. But two arrests have been made during the month.

One case of scarlet fever has been reported by the police.

Sixteen doors of business houses were found unlocked by the night patrolmen.

The summary of liquor importations is as follows:

By Wells-Fargo Express Company:	
Beer	195
Whiskey	150
Wine	4
Alcohol	1
	350
By Southern Pacific Company:	
Beer	96
Alcohol	18
	496

Will Teach Fruit Growing in Brazil

Horace Cardinell, a former Ashland boy and a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College, 1915, who has been working on local fruit ranches, has been appointed pomologist of the Brazilian government at a salary of \$2,400 a year, with transportation and expenses. He will be assisted by seven other American fruit experts. Their work will be to establish the apple industry in that country. According to reports received by Mr. Cardinell, there are only eight acres in Brazil planted to apples, the fruit selling there now at \$1 a dozen.

With one exception, all the members of the delegation, which sails from New York in a few weeks, will be made up of Pacific coast fruit men. On the seventeen-day trip to Rio Janeiro the members will have a Portuguese tutor to teach them the language.

Horace Cardinell attended school here a number of years ago and moved from here to Portland.

Tourist Rates Are Equalized

A matter of vital importance to the tourist ambitions of Ashland and the Northwest generally was settled favorably when the Interstate railroad commission in session at Chicago abolished the differential in tourist rates which have heretofore made traveling from the east to San Francisco cost \$17 more by the route through the Northwest than by the southern route. A number of public service commissions, state associations and Commercial clubs of Oregon and Washington joined in the protest against the differential.

As the central route is slightly shorter it may be that rates over the central route may be left slightly lower than the northern and southern routes, but at any rate the chances are that a great proportion of the tourist travel which has been kept away from the Northwest by the additional cost of railroad fare, will now come or return by the northern route.

The commission in its investigation found that a passenger traveling from Chicago to San Francisco over one of the central routes and returning by way of El Paso and New Orleans must pay an all-year passenger rate of \$110 for the round trip, while if he goes west over a central line and returns over a northern road, or vice versa, the fare is \$128. For summer excursion round trip tickets the fare has been \$72.50 by the southern route and \$90 if a northern route is used either way.

While this is true of round trip fares, the commission found that the one-way fare between Chicago and San Francisco is the same whether by central, southern or the northern route.

Shasta Route Only Reason.

Investigation further showed that the \$18 discrimination against the northern routes was made by the carriers in order that the Southern Pacific might receive \$20 from each round trip ticket to cover travel over the Shasta route, the only rail connection between Portland and San Francisco. The railroads at the hearing admitted that this was the only reason for the differential.

The commission found no support for the railroads' contention that half the Pacific Coast travel is by way of northern roads. On the contrary, the most reliable figures it could obtain that only from 5 to 15 per cent of travelers going from Chicago to San Francisco and return went by way of the northern routes. This it held was a clear evidence of discrimination in routing.

The commission specifically holds that the Southern Pacific cannot elect to concur in the lower excursion fare by its southern route and at the same time refuse to concur in the lower excursion fare via its Shasta route without violating section 8 of the interstate commerce act.

Jarvis For Springs Water Commission

Dr. Jarvis has been urged by many to allow his name to appear on the ballot as a candidate for springs water commissioner, and petitions are out today and being generally signed. B. R. Greer is the retiring member and will not be a candidate.

County Budget of 16 Mills Adopted

At a meeting of the county court held Thursday protests were received from members of the Jackson County Taxpayers' League concerning the proposed levy for the coming year. The recommendations of the league are printed elsewhere in this issue. The tentative budget was adopted by the court for the coming year.

Medford District Election Dec. 27

The election to establish the Medford irrigation district has been called for December 27 and an active campaign is being waged by the irrigationists of the valley. The newspapers of the valley are a unit in recognizing the necessity of irrigation. Medford has been practically insured of a beet sugar factory should the district be formed and water placed on the land.

Park Lighting Bill Problem

Who will pay for the lighting of the parks, is the question with which the council wrestled over a half hour Tuesday night and finally dropped until after election. The present arrangement includes leaving a few lights on around the Butler-Peruzzi fountain and the drinking fountains and one or two down through Chautauqua park.

Briefly stated, the situation in regard to park lighting is as follows: The electric light department has charged the lighting up to the park board until, to quote Superintendent Strickland, the light department is "the goat to the extent of \$750." The park board has refused to pay this and, according to Mr. Ashcraft, threw the keys down in the office and refused to have anything to do with the park lighting. A motion to charge the park lighting to the general fund was lost because it was deemed that the general fund would have a hard time meeting its other obligations. The light department therefore remains "the goat" until after election, when things will have settled down so that a definite arrangement can be made.

Lights are necessary at the fountains so that vandals will not steal the money from the cup vendors or break the glass. The Butler-Peruzzi land was deeded to the city and the fountain erected with the provision that the fountain be lighted, and the donors state that rather than run the risk of having vandals mutilate the fountain, they will fence the whole works up. Residents of the Granite street neighborhood go home at night through the park and, as Mr. Lamb expressed it, "put up an awful howl when the lights were turned off altogether."

Mr. Strickland stated that the lights could be turned off at 10 o'clock, after a suggestion by Mr. Banta, by installation of an automatic switch, thus effecting a small saving, but Mr. Poot called the council's attention to the fact that the switch would cost more than the saving made between now and election. Mr. Banta in the course of the discussion ventured the opinion that "anyone who went up there after 10 o'clock wouldn't want lights."

At present standing most all of the lights in the park are turned off and enough burning to protect the fountain and light the main patch. The cost of the current is about \$13 per month under the present arrangement.

The whole argument revolved around the fact that the park board had refused to pay for the lighting and that the electric light department was determined not to be "the goat," since it was the goat last year for several thousand dollars of street lights and the impression was liable to be gained that it does not cost anything to manufacture current.

Mr. Nininger made a positive stand on the matter, advocating "since the park board had agreed to run the park for a two-mill levy, make them do it."

The school board of Paisley, Ore., has let the contract for a \$36,000 school.

Oregon City has contributed \$3,000 toward building a \$16,000 armory.

Firemen Pass Engineer Exam

At the examination held last week in Superintendent Metcalf's office at Dunsmuir, the following firemen successfully answered all questions and were promoted to engineers of the Shasta division: T. Lafferty, G. F. Irvine, E. F. Young, J. A. Carey, S. R. Stanley, E. P. Webster and J. M. Rogers.

Holstein Bull Sells For \$21,500

Finderne Mutual Fayne Valdness, a junior yearling Holstein bull, consigned by Bernhard Meyer of Finderne, N. J., Friday sold in the ring at the sixth Pacific International Livestock Show at Portland for \$21,500, the highest price ever paid on the Pacific coast for a single animal. He was purchased by John von Herberg, owner of ninety head of pure Holsteins at Kent, Wash.

Taxpayers' League Recommends Changes

The Jackson County Taxpayers' League met last Thursday at Medford and presented the following recommendations to the county court, who placed them upon file, receiving them with thoughtful consideration: To the County Court, Jackson County, Ore.

Gentlemen: We, the budget committee of the Jackson County Taxpayers' League, to whom has been referred the matter of tax levies as advertised in your budget for 1916, ask that special consideration be given by you to the matters herein suggested, with a view to reduce the tax levy for this year.

The financial condition of the county and of the individual property owners is such that taxes are a heavy burden and must be reduced to a minimum.

We believe from our investigation, that the following recommendations will meet general approval of taxpayers:

While it appears that county school, high school, general road, tax collecting and assessor's expense is in excess of what should be required, we believe the levies advertised can well be reduced below the amount asked for.

For circuit court expense we find the actual expense has been below \$4,000 and recommend that this levy be reduced to this amount.

For county court general expense and traveling expenses we believe a reduction of \$1,000 should be made. For juvenile court expense also a reduction of \$1,000. We believe by a rigid curtailment of expenditures these amounts can be saved to the taxpayers.

For county advertising purposes we recommend the elimination of \$1,000 for promotion expense.

The levy for the care of the poor should be materially reduced. We recommend the adoption of methods by which a saving can be made, and suggest that this levy be reduced at least \$5,000.

Court house expense can be reduced by the reduction on incidental expenses and by the consolidation of janitor and jailor. We recommend that this be done and that this levy be reduced at least \$500.

We ask that a reduction of at least \$800 be made in the levy for county surveyor, \$1,000 for school superintendent's expense, and \$1,000 for the enforcement of the prohibition law.

While there is a vague possibility of a special election being called during the year, such an election is very improbable. We believe the levy of \$2,500 for this purpose should be eliminated.

Very respectfully,
THE TAXPAYERS' BUDGET COMMITTEE,
By Denton Bowers, Chairman.
Medford, Ore., Dec. 7, 1916.

Edwin Dunn, son of G. W. Dunn of Ashland, was a member of the O. A. C. stock-judging team which won first place in a competitive stock-judging contest held at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland. Teams from the University of Idaho and Washington State College competed with the Oregon boys.

Blachley, Ore., is to erect a large union graded school.

Horses Killed Rider Unhurt

J. M. Dodge of Medford, while returning from the soda springs above Ashland Friday evening, very narrowly escaped death and suffered the loss of his team of horses at a crossing about a mile this side of Medford when struck by No. 16. Dodge had hauled a well-drilling outfit to the springs and was taking his team home, riding one of the horses. The horse he was riding was thrown twenty feet and the other thrown some distance. Dodge escaped without serious injuries and rode the horse home, a distance of nearly a mile. Upon arriving at home he fainted. An hour later one of the horses died and before morning the other succumbed. The team was valued at \$400.

Dodge stated that he heard the whistle but thought he had plenty of time to cross the track. The fact that he was not killed he attributes to lighting on a soft pile of dirt.

Grahling Players At Lyric This Week

A bill of exceptional excellence will be given at the Lyric theatre on Wednesday and Thursday nights, December 13-14. The Grahling Players, composed of former members of the Orpheum, Sullivan & Considine and Pantages circuits, will be heard in two sensational tabloid dramas—on Wednesday night "Vice and the Woman," the play that has created a furor wherever heard, and on Thursday night "Watch the Watch," a comedy which contains a laugh in every line.

In addition, two complete changes of vaudeville will be presented. Graham & Norton, harmony singers (formerly of the S. & C. circuit), will give twelve minutes of splendid song and rapid-change chatter, while Kubiak and Vickroy (formerly of the Orpheum circuit) will render violin and saxophone numbers.

Five reels of photo-plays will complete the bill—one of the best that has ever graced the boards of the Lyric.

Chaplin and Sweet At Vining Tuesday

Charlie Chaplin in "The Vagabond" and Blanche Sweet in "Public Opinion" will be the two pictures which will combine to make an exceptionally big and good show at the Vining theatre Tuesday night. Charlie needs no introduction and as the vagabond he is at his best. Miss Sweet appears in an exceptionally gripping and appealing film play.

Tonight.
A road show, not a motion picture, is at the Vining tonight. "The Winning of Barbara Worth," from the famous Harold Bell Wright novel.

Representatives Confer at Pass

The Jackson county representatives are in Grants Pass today meeting with the other southern Oregon solons in a conference from which much good is expected to emanate. The closing of the Rogue river and many other questions will be discussed, and it is said that the representatives from this section will also decide upon the stand which they will take in the fight for the speakership of the house.

Lithia Bakery Changes Hands

R. C. Jorgensen, baker at the Lithia bakery, and who is well known in this city, where he has made his home during the past seven years, has purchased the Lithia bakery and restaurant and took charge last week. Messrs. Rinehart & Taylor, the former owners, are undecided as to future plans. Mr. Jorgensen's ability as a baker and cook is too well known to require introduction, and patrons of the Lithia are assured of even better service and food in the future than in the past.

Eugene: The Booth-Kelly Company has let contracts for 7,000,000 feet of logs.

More Publicity From Railroad

The Southern Pacific Company is issuing to its agents all along its lines, both in the big cities and the smallest villages, letters describing the things which may be seen from the Southern Pacific trains between Portland and San Francisco. Two of these were issued some time ago and the third, describing, in the order in which they are seen, the attractions which will be seen from train No. 13, has just been issued.

Ashland is given a prominent place in this letter, receiving the greatest amount of space of any of the descriptions, which are necessarily brief, owing to the fact that the letter is written on a single sheet of letter paper, one-third of which is taken up with pictures of points of interest along the Shasta route. A picture of the lithia fountains at the S. P. station and of the mountain scenery on the Siskiyou grade are among the seven views shown.

The letter says of Ashland: "Ashland, railroad division point, fruit and agricultural center, is better known as 'Oregon's Famous Spa.' Mineral springs gush eternal from mysterious mountain depths, bringing a message of health and rejuvenation to all mankind. Several of Ashland's springs play through the fountains on the Ashland station grounds, and every passenger must have at least one drink of refreshing mineral water.

"Ashland is a natural resort, 1,890 feet above sea level, with an even, invigorating climate. Beautiful for situation at the upper end of the Rogue River valley and surrounded by wooded, picturesque mountains."

These letters are a guide to every Southern Pacific agent in describing the attractions of a trip over the Shasta route, and Ashland is bound to receive a great deal of publicity from them.

Carload of Bad Ones Bound North

Wednesday a government prison car passed through Ashland from San Francisco en route to McNeal's Island. The windows of the steel car were covered by iron bars. The transport prison was comfortably filled with opium smugglers, white slavers and others charged with defrauding U. S. postoffices. The prisoners were safely shackled and the car was well guarded. The unfortunate included all colors from white men to negroes and Chinese. One "chink" who commanded attention was over six feet tall.

Seattle Pastor Accepts Local Call

Rev. G. S. Brett of Seattle has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Congregational church of this city. He will preach next Sunday morning and evening.

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- ◆ their Christmas packages for ◆
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- ◆ parcels. ◆
- ◆ Address parcels fully and ◆
- ◆ plainly. ◆
- ◆ Place name and address of ◆
- ◆ sender on all matter. ◆
- ◆ Pack articles carefully and ◆
- ◆ wrap them securely, but do not ◆
- ◆ seal them, as sealed parcels are ◆
- ◆ subject to postage at the letter ◆
- ◆ rate. ◆
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