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JURY CLEARS ATTY. CODDING

Accusations by Fehl and Banks Unsupported by Evidence

The grand jury investigation of the office of District Attorney Coddling, precipitated by repeated accusations against Coddling through the columns of the Medford Daily News and the Pacific Record-Herald resulted in a complete collapse of the charges, according to Tuesday's Medford Mail-Tribune.

Charges brought alleged miscarriage of justice, breakdown of law and order, and other just as sensational accusations.

Ever since the closing of the Pacific Record-Herald office by order of the court this spring after its editor, Earl H. Fehl, now nominee for county judge had been convicted of libel through its columns, both the Daily News, and the Record-Herald which has been published by the News, have been "bringing to light" many alleged instances wherein justice has not been shown by the courts.

One case the Pacific Record-Herald mentioned not long ago was that of F. A. Bates, Foothills Creek miner who had caused considerable trouble in that district for the last five years. Two cases in which Bates figured were heard in justice court in Gold Hill last March and it will be remembered that the matter was finally brought into court only after repeated attempts by the county officers to make a satisfactory settlement of the disturbances by just warning Mr. Bates that his threats against his neighbors should stop and that if he were to treat the men to whom he leased mining rights at all fairly he would have very little trouble. In the trial here numerous residents of Foothills Creek district testified that Mr. Bates, a man about 70 years old, was very irritable and that all were uneasy about their own safety and the safety of their children with him around. His last offense was to threaten one of his lessees with a gun because, according to Bates, he had stolen gold from the riffles.

The court again warned Mr. Bates and suspended sentence on good behavior. A short time later Bates again caused disturbances, and, rather than send the old man to jail, the authorities asked that he be kept out of the state and is now with relatives in Washington.

Many here who attended the trial saw that the court was as lenient as it could possibly be, for the good of the majority of the residents of the Foothills Creek district.

This case was one of those cited before the grand jury, and is typical of those used by Fehl and Banks in their accusations.

It was reported that among other cases investigated were: The Reese creek still case, wherein Everett Daback was slain; the Prof. C. Englehardt case, and the allegations that the district attorney's office had attempted to use its power to censor the Pacific Record-Herald, of which Earl H. Fehl is editor. These cases have been a storm center in the county for months.

The Grand Jury reported, in addition, that it had investigated charges against other county officers, and also finds them "unsupported by any incriminating evidence."

Among the witnesses called were L. A. Banks, publisher of the Daily News, Earl H. Fehl, publisher of the Record-Herald and republican nominee for county judge, Attorney Frank J. Newman, Deputy Sheriff Paul Jennings, Justice of the Peace, H. D. Reed of Gold Hill, and other citizens and officials. The quiz was thorough, and covered all angles.

Members of the grand jury were John G. Hibbard, Foreman, Irving Porter, Anne E. Carley, W. M. Barber, Leo B. Williams, Reed Charley and Howard A. Hill. Hill did not sign the report.

The I. O. O. F. held their regular business meeting at their hall Tuesday evening.

Gold Hill Wins from Hilt in Benefit Games Sunday

A good sized crowd was on hand at the Medford fairgrounds Sunday to honor the memory of the late Johnny Logan who once pranced around southern Oregon baseball diamonds and was admired by all who knew him. The Sunday efforts will place almost \$200 in the benefit fund for Mrs. Logan and sons. This amount was increased Tuesday evening when Stiens Melody Boys of Medford gave a dance at the county fairgrounds. The entire proceeds of both the dance and ball games will go to Mrs. Logan.

Gold Hill and Hilt opened the day's festivities Sunday with a close game in the morning in which Gold Hill nosed out the boys from the south by a score of 4 to 3.

The game was nip and tuck all the way through and many fans declared it to be the best of the day's program.

Clyde Kell did the burling for Gold Hill with Seth Coy serving as the receiver.

Grants Pass Trounces Medford Eagles battled for six innings in what looked like one of the best games of the season. However, the Grants Pass hitters finally started action and in the seventh and eighth innings pounded the ball all over the lot. When the scorekeeper added up the tallies the Cavemen were leading by a score of 12 to 3.

In the nightcap, the Jacksonville Pirates took Talent into camp after a hard fought contest. The final count showed Jayville to be victors by a one point margin, 5 to 4. The game was marred by a disputed decision of the umpire in the eighth inning which necessitated police interference before the turmoil could be straightened out.

Two Gold Hill Youths to Attend Training Camp

Ten Jackson county youths are among those chosen to attend the 1932 Citizen's Military Training camp at Vancouver, Washington. With four weeks of outdoor living work and play scheduled to begin on June 17, Lieutenant Thomas J. Coss, C. M. T. C. adjutant has sent out to 590 young men the orders authorizing them to come to Camp Harburt. Those from Jackson county are:

Woodrow W. Sporer and Linsley E. Dornan, Gold Hill; Patrick H. Shaw, Frank E. Dudley, Walter B. Kindred, Albert C. Gaddis, Wendell T. Parrick and Phillip C. Jaisnberry, Medford; Jack W. Samuels and Eugene F. Scherrer, Phoenix.

Marshall Gray Winner of Speech Contest at O.A.C.

Marshall Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Gray of Gold Hill, and a sophomore in commerce at Oregon State college, won first place in the interclass extemporaneous speaking contest last week in library 100 with his topic, "Chickens and Ducks," according to word received here this week.

The contest, previously known as the Lions club contest, was held this term under the auspices of Delta Sigma Rho, national honor fraternity in forensics. A fountain pen and certificate of merit were presented to Gray for winning first place. Second place winner, Raymond Gallagher, received a certificate of merit.

Ferry Twins Receive Awards in Medford

Elizabeth and Frances Ferry, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ferry of Foothills Creek, who attend Medford high school, received several awards at the final assembly in Medford high school Monday.

The president of the Latin club presented awards to them for outstanding work in latin and the instructor of the public speaking class presented awards to them for their work as members of the second debate team.

Elizabeth and Frances are sisters of John Ferry, who was an outstanding straight "A" student at Stanford university. They attended grade school at Foothills Creek and were students during their freshman year in the Gold Hill high school.

WILL ELECT TWO NEW DIRECTORS

Cornutt and Dungey to Be Replaced; Ask Elimination of Coach's Job

Two school board members instead of one, will be elected at the annual school meeting, Monday, June 20, by virtue of a resolution adopted by the board at its regular meeting last Thursday evening. Notice of the meeting is published in this issue of The News.

The positions to be filled are the one held by Chairman J. N. Cornutt, whose three year term has expired, and that vacated by the resignation of Elmer Dungey, whose term was for two years. Mr. Dungey tendered his resignation at the day meeting of the board and it was formally accepted Thursday.

Bus contracts were discussed at length in the meeting, and the board signed the contract with Harry Childers, his salary to be \$50 a month. This is a reduction from \$75. Drivers for the other bus routes were re-hired, with the exception of Virgil Edington who did not apply for next year. All took substantial cuts in their salaries. Clyde Walker to receive \$80 instead of \$110, and Frank Childers' bid of \$30 a month was accepted. He formerly received \$75.

The board voted to buy the bus body belonging to Virgil Edington for \$50. They will mount it on a chassis for use next year.

A proposal was introduced by C. W. Martin to consolidate the duties of principal and coach. Mr. Martin stated that a great saving in salaries could thus be effected, and that he thought the board would be acting in accord with the wishes of the majority of the people if they took such action.

Chairman Cornutt stated that they had already accepted Wm. Kidwell's application for coach next year, and felt they should not alter the decision.

Thieves Steal Hammersly Car; Abandon Other Here

Some time Monday evening the Oldsmobile sedan belonging to John Hammersly was stolen from his garage in this city. They had pried the lock from the door according to Mr. Hammersly, who did not discover the loss until about six o'clock Tuesday evening.

What was believed to be an attempt to take the automobile belonging to Fred Eddings, was frustrated Monday evening when Mr. Eddings' mother heard a noise in front of the house and frightened the robbers away. The car had been pushed from its parking place in front of the Eddings home near the river for about a block up the street and left there. Marks in the dust on the back of the car indicated several persons had been pushing on the car.

Tuesday a Chevrolet car was found abandoned near the Pacific highway in the west end of town. It proved to be a stolen machine from Klamath Falls.

ENTERTAIN AT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dungey and Mrs. Daisy Gilchrist entertained a number of friends at a party at their home Saturday night. The guests enjoyed music and dancing and refreshments were served at a late hour.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson and family, Mrs. Doran, Mr. King, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Whitsett, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Millsbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Centers, Mrs. Belle Centers, Paul McKinnis, Mrs. B. A. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron, Miss Olive Turner and George Turner, Joe Pankey, Mrs. Daisy Gilchrist and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dungey and children.

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WARN AGAINST FIRE HAZARDS

Jackson County 1931 Burned Over Acreage Largest in State

Although 1932, with its late, wet spring, has cut down the summer fire hazard considerably, the fire season is approaching, and necessary precautions must be taken.

Many 1931 fires were maliciously set, especially here in Southern Oregon.

The following resume of the 1931 season is a timely warning:

There were 1,621 fires in 1931 on lands patrolled by the state and associations. This is the largest number of fires since 1924. Ninety-five per cent of the fires were malicious—an increase of 18 per cent over 1930. Only 85 fires were set by lightning. This is in contrast to 277 fires set by this agency in 1930.

The incendiary was the principal cause of fires. Five hundred and forty-eight or 34 per cent of the total number of fires were maliciously set. This is the largest number of incendiary fires on record for any one season. The incendiary situation was the worst ever faced by protection agencies, due primarily to the unemployment problem which was acute throughout the state. Incendiary fires were reported from parts of the state where ordinarily such fires rarely occur.

In southern Oregon, approximately 50 per cent of the fires were classed as incendiary. That part of the state was unfortunate in having several large fires early in the season. There was much publicity given them in the newspapers up and down the coast and scores of men flocked there in search of work. When the fires were under control, a large number of men were stranded without money and with no means of support. As a result, a great many fires were started for the purpose of getting work. Josephine county had 116 incendiary fires, Douglas 109 and Jackson 76.

There was a decided increase in smoker's fires over any previous year. Careless smokers were responsible for 415 fires or 26 per cent of the total. The majority of these occurred in southern and eastern Oregon where the roadsides and forest floor became highly inflammable and a discarded cigarette or match very easily started a fire.

The increase in the number of fires caused by brush-burning is accounted for by the large number of fires that escaped from ranchers during the early spring fire season. There was about the average number of camper, slashing, logging and railroad fires and those attributed to miscellaneous causes.

The total of 1,621 fires is listed by causes as follows: Lightning, 85; incendiary, 548; campers, 154; smokers, 415; brush burning, 161; slashing, 32; logging, 60; railroad, 27; miscellaneous 139.

The total area burned over during the season was 188,494 acres. Of this 32,007 acres were merchantable timber. Jackson county with 5,119 acres had the largest area of timber covered by fire. Deschutes county was second.

The loss for the season was \$885,322. The greatest loss incurred was in logs and logging equipment.

Drolette-Ray Nuptials Here on Saturday

John H. (Heinie) Drolette and Ella B. Ray were married Saturday afternoon in Judge Reed's office in this city with Miss Leona Wheatley and Howard Kell as witnesses.

The couple are both from Grants Pass and will make their home there in the future. "Heinie" is well known here, having been proprietor of the Nugget service station. He is now employed at the Richfield station on south Sixth street, Grants Pass with his brother Al.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaney of Klamath Falls spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hedgpeth in this city.

Council Cuts Marshal's Salary; Other Business

A ten per cent cut in the salary of Marshal Eber Davis was dealt by the city council at its regular meeting in the city hall Monday evening. Several members of the council advocated a heavier cut in view of existing conditions but when put to vote four were in favor of the ten per cent reduction, with two holding out against it. Marshal Davis has been receiving \$110 per month and will now receive \$99.

The delinquent water-user question again came before the council and was discussed at great length.

Several streets that need repaving were also discussed and some work was planned for the near future.

A number of complaints have been made to have the old theater building torn down as it is very dangerous to the children that are attracted to play around it. The building has been condemned by the council previously, but the owner has taken no action. An effort will be made by the council to have the hazard disposed of.

Bills were allowed and other routine business was transacted.

Ball Team Plays Butte Falls Today; Go to Hilt Sunday

The Gold Hill baseball team will meet Butte Falls on the local diamond this (Thursday) afternoon at 5:30. On Sunday the team will travel to Hilt for a game with the Northern Californians.

The Gold Hill aggregation has made a very good showing so far this season, having won five out of six contests. Inasmuch as the team is composed of all hometown material, fans are urged to attend the games and give their support. The club is in need of some new equipment and any contributions will be appreciated.

Fenwick-Hewitt Marriage Announced

Announcement was made last week of the marriage of Miss Edith Fenwick, English teacher here last year, to Ted Hewitt of San Francisco. The date of their marriage was not disclosed.

Both young people attended the University of Oregon, where Miss Fenwick was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and Mr. Hewitt of Phi Delta Theta. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt are at home on the ranch near Medford recently purchased by Mr. Hewitt and Paul Angstead.

E. S. Ellis Buried at Rogue River

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:00 p. m. at Rogue River cemetery for E. S. Ellis who died at Richmond, California.

Mr. Ellis was the father of Mrs. Soren Christensen of this city. He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Ellis of Gold Hill. Funeral services are being directed by the Grants Pass Masonic lodge.

REEDS ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reed were host and hostess at a dinner at their home here Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Morrill as honor guests. The Morrills arrived in Medford recently from Honolulu where they have spent some time.

Other guests for the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames A. H. Hauk, Everett Brayton, A. E. Orr and C. T. Baker.

LADIES AID MEETS

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church in this city held their regular semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. George Meisinger last Thursday. They attended to their regular business and spent a social afternoon, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Those present were Mesdames Minnie Stickel, Lucy Mee, Chas. Carter, George Huff, George Dorman, Maybelle Dotson, J. D. Hedgpeth and George Meisinger.

PARENT-CITIZENS COUNCIL The Parent-Citizens council will meet Monday, June 13 at eight o'clock, at the usual meeting place.

SURVEY SAMS VALLEY ROUTE

State Highway Men Inspect Cut-off on Official Tour Sunday

Chairman L. M. Scott of the state highway commission, State Engineer R. H. Baldoek of Salem and Division Engineer Bromley of Grants Pass made an official visit to Gold Hill last Sunday morning on a tour of Southern Oregon preparatory to completing plans for the highway construction program for the next few years.

Members of the Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce accompanied the state men over the proposed Sams Valley cut-off to the Crater Lake highway and report that they feel that the state commission is quite favorable toward completing the road. But five miles remain to be constructed and has already been surveyed and the estimated cost of completion is \$30,000.

A caravan of ten cars of Medford, Grants Pass and local men made the trip and at various points the group stopped to consider minor changes in the route or improvements on curves.

The cut-off is 15.8 miles long and would connect with the Crater Lake highway above Eagle Point near Dodge bridge across the Rogue. The entire distance is through scenic hills and would open new country for the enjoyment of visitors to this section.

Another road proposed for Jackson county is the Butte Falls route to Fish Lake and Lake of the Woods, a \$600,000 project, much of which would be new road. There has been some discussion of diverting funds from the Sams Valley route to this project, but it is not thought this action will be taken by the state board.

A formal hearing of the county courts of Josephine, Jackson and Klamath county is being held before the state board today, and announcement of the plans adopted following consideration of suggestions offered by these representatives is expected through state papers soon.

The Sams Valley cut-off project has been supported heartily by the local commercial club because of the publicity which Gold Hill will receive as being the junction of the Pacific highway and the Crater Lake cut-off. If the route is finally adopted plans to advertise the saving in mileage to visitors from the north will be made and signs will be posted giving Gold Hill as the junction city.

Auclair, Mine Promoter Meets Partner at Redding

E. Auclair, who last week announced plans to develop the Hazel mine on Birdseye creek, left Gold Hill Thursday to meet A. R. Spaulding of Long Beach at Redding, California.

At Redding the men are planning to develop a 1000-acre placer ground and operate a dredge. After completing the set-up there they will both come to Gold Hill to develop the Hazel mine which belongs to Mrs. Eda Hodes of Corvallis.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. May Logan and Miss June Moore were honor guests at a birthday party at the home of Mrs. Aletha Robbins Wednesday evening, June 8.

The guests played ping-pong and bridge and a huge birthday cake featured the evening's refreshments. It was beautifully decorated with pink candles and the first names of the honor guests.

Ray Thompson and June Moore won high score in bridge and Earl Moore received the consolation.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Paul Thompon, George Meisinger, Ray Thompson, Earl Moore, H. D. Force, R. E. Blankenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan and Happy Lentz of Bonanza; Mrs. Etta Carter, Mrs. Joe Blair, Mrs. May Logan, Miss June Moore and the hostess.