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BOY SLAYERS GO ON TRIAL

Killers of State Trooper
Baucom Plead Not Guilty
at Grants Pass

John Barrier and Harry Bowles, confessed slayers of State Policeman Milo Baucom, near Grants Pass on Mount Sexton a week ago Saturday will go on trial today (Thursday) at Grants Pass. When arraigned Monday morning in circuit court before Judge Norton the pair plead not guilty. The trial was originally scheduled to start Monday afternoon but was postponed until Thursday when word came from Los Angeles that Charles W. Dempster had been retained to defend Bowles.

Mrs. J. A. Barrier, mother of John Barrier, the youth that is alleged to have fired the shot that killed Baucom, arrived in the Josephine county seat Sunday. She retained J. N. Johnston, Grants Pass attorney, to defend her son.

After the surprise plea of "not guilty" was entered Judge Norton ordered the county clerk to call a special venire for prospective jury service in the trial Thursday, and indicated if the two slayers demanded separate trials upon Dempster's arrival, the case would in all likelihood go into next week.

Slayers Gun Found
National Guardsmen of Medford and Grants Pass, led by Major W. H. Ellensburg, and other state police officers, were successful Sunday in finding the gun which the slayers admitted using July 1 in killing Officer Baucom.

The gun was found about two hundred yards above the road and had one shell left in it. The gun holds five shells, the officers said. A package of cigarettes that had not been opened and a sweater were also found in the same locality. The articles were found in the vicinity where Bowles and Barrier pushed their car over the bank.

Hoss Explains How to Get New Drivers' License

The realization that all drivers licenses issued before July 1, 1931, will be automatically cancelled by law on September 1st has awakened active interest in many motorists, reports Hal E. Hoss, Secretary of State. The most common question asked at his office is "What must I do to get a new license?"

Anticipating that this information will be more in demand as the expiration date on all old licenses draws near, Mr. Hoss has issued a brief formula for obtaining a new-type license.

First, the applicant must obtain the standard application blank from the Secretary of State or from local examination headquarters, state police, or sheriff's office.

Second, he must fill out the form in full and sign it in the presence of a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths. All state examiners are notaries public and will perform this service without charge.

Third, the applicant must file the completed form before September 1, either by leaving it with an examiner or by sending it to the Secretary of State at Salem. In either case, a payment of \$1 must accompany the application.

Each of the requirements are provided by law and no license can be issued unless all are complied with, it was stated.

Rogue River Resident Involved with Minor

J. E. Corey of Rogue River, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was bound over to the grand jury Tuesday, following a hearing conducted in Justice of the Peace W. R. Coleman's court in Medford. Bond was set at \$1000 and Corey is being held in the county jail. He was arrested Monday by the sheriff's office.

Seth Coy played baseball Sunday at Roseburg with the Medford team.

Collision Here Brings Arrest of Car Thief

A collision on the Pacific highway near here about 2 a. m. Tuesday morning brought the arrest of Clifford Schock of Columbus, Kansas, for the theft of a car from Carl Rudke, the city dog-catcher at Salem. Rudke's car was taken Monday by "a man in a green cap," police were informed, and Schock, still wearing the cap, was apprehended here, when he crashed with a car driven by A. H. Coles of Clifton, Oregon. According to officers who made the arrest, Schock claimed that he had been picked up by a 15-year-old boy who was driving the stolen car, and that when the accident happened, the boy ran off through the filed.

The boy, Mathew Vanderbeck, was found some time later, but police say he is not connected with the theft. Schock was returned to Salem Wednesday by police from that city.

Hammersly Sets Leland Hitters Down As Local Nine Wins Game 11-2

With Pitcher Bill Hammersly in good form and the entire Gold Hill baseball team playing championship baseball the local outfit had little difficulty in trimming Leland Sunday by a count of 11 to 2. This was the twelfth straight victory for the Gold Hillites.

Hammersly allowed but eight hits, walked only one and caused 11 to strikeout without getting as much as a foul ball off his curves. Only four Leland players reached first base during the first six innings, the Gold Hill team retiring the Leland players in one-two-three order.

Bailey led the Gold Hill batters with three safe blows, followed closely by Shaver, Emory and Bill Force with a pair each. Gold Hill's clumsy firstbaseman was the only one to make an error.

Gold Hill will play a return game at Leland Sunday afternoon.

The complete box score for Sunday's game:

Gold Hill				
	AB	R	H	E
Shaver, 1b	4	2	3	1
Bailey, cf	6	3	3	0
C. Kell, 3b	3	1	1	0
Emory, lf	4	2	2	0
Nolan, ss	5	1	0	0
T. Kell, rf	4	1	1	0
Force, c	4	2	0	0
Gardner, 2b	4	0	0	0
Hammersly, p	5	0	1	0
39 12 11 1				

Leland

	AB	R	H	E
L. Goff, c	5	3	0	0
Williams, c	5	0	0	1
Parks, cf	3	1	0	1
G. Critzer, 1b	4	0	0	2
Schultz, ss	3	1	1	2
Espy, cf	1	0	0	0
Reed, p	4	1	1	1
R. Critzer, 3b	4	1	0	0
Whittacker, rf	4	1	0	0
Crouse, lf	2	0	0	0
Wallace, lf	2	0	0	0
37 8 2 7				

Summary: Struckout by Hammersly 11, by Reed 6. Walked by Hammersly 1, by Reed 5.

Olmscheid Keeps On As County Sheriff

The suspension of Gordon L. Schermerhorn as sheriff of Jackson county, ordered following the hearing to test his fitness in office called by Governor Julius L. Meier, expired Saturday night at midnight. Walter Olmscheid, appointed to succeed him, however, will continue as sheriff of the county, it was announced Saturday, until Mr. Schermerhorn is qualified to hold office.

His bonds as sheriff have been cancelled and whatever the outcome of his trial for ballot theft, he will be unable to serve as sheriff if Jackson county until bonds are produced, re-qualifying him to hold such a position. Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody announced when interviewed regarding the situation.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shaver went to Grants Pass Sunday to get their daughter Constance who has been visiting relatives there for about a week.

INSTALL LODGE OFFICERS TUES.

Medford Team Presides for
Double Ceremony; Large
Crowd Attends

The joint installation of Gold Hill Odd Fellow Lodge No. 97, held in the lodge hall here Tuesday evening was a success in every way, according to the large crowd of members and friends who attended the public ceremony.

The Gold Hill orchestra, under the direction of O. C. Purkeypile was the featured entertainment of the evening, and delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake, served by the Rebekahs, made a fitting climax to the fine evening of good fellowship.

Officers of the Odd Fellow lodge installed for the ensuing term are: Earl F. Moore, noble grand. Howard Dorman, vice grand. Toney Ross, secretary. J. J. Ritter, treasurer. Ernest Lyman, warden. Ray Thompson, conductor. T. J. West, inner guard. Warren Coppock, outer guard. Paul Thompson, right supporter to noble grand.

W. W. Hittle, left supporter to noble grand.

T. A. Henderson, r. s. s. George Haff, l. s. s. H. D. Force, right supporter, vice grand.

Fred M. Cornutt, left supporter vice grand. Merritt Hittle, chaplain.

Rebekah officers, installed Tuesday to serve during the next six months are:

Mrs. Wilbur Martin, noble grand. Mrs. George Haff, vice grand. Lucy Mee, treasurer.

Elinor Force, secretary. Ruth Lewis, inner guard. Mrs. Chas. Gray, outside guard. Lola Reed, conductress.

Maude Robinson, warden. Pearl Ferguson, left supporter, vice grand.

Rena Davis, right supporter, vice grand.

Madge Dorman, right supporter, noble grand.

Ada Cook, left supporter, noble grand.

Pauline Thompson, chaplain. Viola Moore, musician.

Carrie Publ, retiring noble grand. The Medford installing team, headed by E. F. Redden, district deputy grand marshal, and assisted by Lola Reed of the Gold Hill Rebekah lodge as district deputy president, and her staff, conducted the ceremonies in a very creditable manner.

ESPEE OFFICIALS ARE HIGHEST SALARIED OF RAILROAD GROUP

Washington, July 10—Officers of the Southern Pacific company are highest salaried among the railroads of America, according to a list which Representative Ludlow of Indiana has inserted in a post-session issue of the Congressional Record. The list is drawn from information supplied by the interstate commerce commission.

In the Southern Pacific group are the chairman of the executive committee at \$135,000 a year, vice chairman at \$76,000, president at \$90,000 and general counsel at \$45,000. Ludlow explained that he brushed aside the "chicken-feed" and disregarded anyone paid less than \$40,000.

The president of the Great Northern is down for \$60,000, the president of the Northern Pacific for \$50,000, the president of the Milwaukee for \$67,000, the president of the Union Pacific for \$90,000 and the vice president of the Union Pacific board for \$54,000.

These salaries are understood in most cases to be suffering from the depression. One, two or three years ago they were much higher.

Presidents of the two great Eastern systems, the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio, are paid almost the same, \$121,000 and \$120,000, respectively. These are the only ones except the Southern Pacific, paid over \$100,000.

To Establish Park at Blackwell Summit

A spot where tourists and other weary travelers may stop to picnic or to rest, and where they can gain a beautiful view of Rogue River valley while doing so, is to be provided this summer through the cooperation of the state highway department, and the Jackson county committee on highway beautification, it was announced here this week.

The point to be beautified is located at the summit of Blackwell hill, where one first gets an inspiring view of Mt. McLoughlin. District Engineer Bromley has agreed to build a road onto the hill, safely out of the line of traffic, and the county committee on beautification will plant shrubs and flowers for the enjoyment of visitors. If water can be reached the highway department will also build a roadside fountain, similar to the rustic fountains for which Oregon highways are already famous.

The view to be obtained from this vantage point is unusually beautiful at any time of the year.

From there the valley stretches for miles in an attractive vista, rimmed by Table Rock and the Cascades to the left, Mount McLoughlin on the eastern horizon, Roxy Ann and Wagner Butte to the south,

with many rich acres between, through which flow Rogue River and Bear creek.

At all seasons, the view from Blackwell Summit is well worth pausing for. In the spring, with snow-capped McLoughlin towering above the snowy-blossomed pear orchards, through the green of early summer, till fall paints the valley all colors of the rainbow, there is no sight which can quite compare.

In addition to affording an enjoyable resting place for visitors, the developing of this viewpoint will doubtless attract many prospective home owners to settle in the valley.

Another project which the highway department and the beautification committee will complete this year is the erection of a fountain at the spring on the Pacific highway in front of the old Schefflin place near Rogue River. Engineer Bromley will erect the fountain, and the committee plans to provide some rustic bower to invite travelers to the spot.

Funds for beautifying these spots were won by the committee in a contest last year participated in by all the counties of the state, through which the Pacific highway passes.

Eagle Point Man Killed in Dance Hall Fight

Albert Tingleaf, 45, of Eagle Point died at a Medford hospital Sunday, and Earl Hanscom, 29, of the same town is in the Jackson county jail held on a first-degree murder charge, as the result of an affray at an Eagle Point dance early Sunday morning, in which Tingleaf received a nine-inch break in his skull.

Hanscom, arrested by Marshal Paul Haffard of Eagle Point, was taken to Medford about 1 a. m. His clothes were stained with blood and smeared with gray hairs, believed to be Tingleaf's. About the same time Tingleaf was taken to a Medford hospital, unconscious, his head badly mutilated and streaming with blood.

Fight Starts Over Girl

The fight is alleged to have started over a woman named Irene Gerome, of Portland, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Botts, Medford musicians. Her identity was not revealed until Sunday evening when she was taken in Portland by state police after she had left for the north on the Sunday morning train. She will be returned as a witness it is said.

Hanscom was seated in a car outside the dance hall, it is said, when Tingleaf approached and said "This is our dance Irene." Hanscom then told Tingleaf to mind his own business and the fight started. Hanscom was believed to have struck Tingleaf with the handle of an auto jack as his hands did not show any marks and Tingleaf's skull was broken open. Hanscom denied using anything but his fists however.

Mrs. Botts was also said to have been seated in the car when the fight started and Mr. Botts was in the dance hall. Irene Gerome had been their guest at the dance.

Mr. Botts is instructor of music in the Gold Hill schools.

Seek Lost Plane In Table Rock District

Having heard an airplane fly low over Table Rock the night of June 16, when William B. Young left the Medford airport, and has not been located since, a group of Table Rock people, headed by A. L. Smith of Medford searched through that district Friday, but were unsuccessful in locating any evidence of the plane's wreckage.

The group reported that they heard the motor stop twice, but the third time it did not start again. Those helping in the search were Bert Chapman, Joe Bunch, Clayburn Glass and Thea Glass.

Signed statements that they heard the motor, were obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Thea Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Clayburn Glass and Frank Williams.

Ruth McCay of Medford was visiting Gracia Zumwalt here Sunday.

SHERIFF TRIED IN BALLOT CASE

Conversation with Sextons
Is Important Link
in Evidence

The state will rest its case today in the trial of former Sheriff Gordon Schermerhorn—the fourth of the series of cases arising from the theft of the general election ballots last February.

Two defendants in the case, Arthur La Deu and Walter Jones, have already been convicted, while Deputy Jailor John Glenn was acquitted, in a surprise verdict by a jury of six men and six women last week.

Forty-eight witnesses have been called by the state to testify concerning Schermerhorn's part in the theft, and today an alleged conversation between Schermerhorn and the Sexton brothers who are star witnesses for the state, will climax the prosecution.

The Sextons took active part in the theft, removing the pouches from the vaults and helping to dispose of them. They have since turned state's witnesses.

The conversation which promises to play such an active part in the case, took place at the Sexton's cell after Schermerhorn's arrest, and a written report of it was read to the jury yesterday.

The sheriff, according to the report, talked in whispers when urging the boys to "keep quiet" and in loud tones when denying accusations of the state.

At one stage of the conversation, he stated, Burley Sexton declared: "Whoever planned the ballot theft did a d— poor job," and Schermerhorn replied, "It can't be helped now; we're in here now."

In loud tones Schermerhorn he stated, denied any knowledge of Jailor John Glenn's promise of \$10 to the Sexton boys for stealing the ballots. He also declared that he had had nothing to do with the theft and would have a short story to tell the officers.

Others Wait Near Cell

Schermerhorn also told the boys, Looker's testimony showed, "don't talk so loud. There may be a dictaphone in here." During the conversation, allegedly heard, James O'Brien of the state police and Deputy District Attorney George Nielson were also stationed, state counsel said.

Officer James O'Brien, the last witness of the afternoon, and the 48th called by the state, denied emphatically, under cross examination, that Sheriff Schermerhorn participated in any way in the investigation of the ballot theft.

"Schermerhorn did not assist in any way," he declared, when defense counsel asked him if he would be willing for the jury to get that understanding.

He also denied that Schermerhorn had ever informed state police that the hammer, which broke the vault window, had been found.

Asked if he would have welcomed Schermerhorn's aid in the case, had it been offered, O'Brien answered "under the circumstances I would not." Prosecutor Moody then asked him why and O'Brien answered, "I had gathered evidence then to show that he was involved."

An objection was voiced by the state and the court ordered the answer stricken from the records.

Fear of "Squawking" Held

M. B. Sexton, father of the Sexton boys, also testified today that "Schermerhorn was afraid the boys would squawk" and that their conversation in the jail cell had been overheard.

Sexton also quoted County Judge Earl H. Fehl, also indicted, as saying the night of the ballot theft, "I'd hate like h— to see that vault was broken into and the ballots taken." The same night, he said, Fehl said, "If that old bunch get back in, we will all be out. I will show them something yet." The recount in the ex-Sheriff Jennings vs. Schermerhorn election

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