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TEACHER ACCUSED BY RACHEL TILLER

Girl Who Died Here Last Week Accuses Former Teacher, Whom She At First Tried to Shield; Parents Swear to Complaint Which Is Issued.

SCHOOLMASTER NOW OUT ON \$2,000 BAIL

Charles H. Zevely Principal of Oakridge School Is Charged With Statutory Offense; Mob Threatens to Lynch Prisoner When Deputy Arrives.

Charles H. Zevely, teacher of the public school at Oakridge, was last week brought to Eugene under arrest, charged with contributing to the delinquency of Rachel Tiller, aged 17 years, a former pupil of his, who died in this city on January 13, a few hours after she gave birth to a child. The warrant for Zevely's arrest was sworn out in Eugene after it was learned from the parents of the girl that she had told them on her death bed that Zevely was responsible for her condition.

Zevely, Monday furnished \$2,000 bonds and was released from the county jail. Isaac Hanner, C. D. Edwards and F. V. Hebert, all of Oakridge, are his bondsmen.

Rachel Tiller an attractive girl, attended the Oakridge school last year when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tiller, moved to this city last November. She entered the schools here, attended her classes, up to the day before she gave birth to the child. On that day, as she was making preparation to go to school, she was taken suddenly ill and was compelled to remain at home where the child was born. Miss Tiller died a few hours later.

Complaint was made by the parents of the girl to J. M. Devers, prosecuting attorney, last week. They told that official their story, of how the girl confided to them that Zevely had wronged her.

She related that he had kept her after school on a disciplinary pretext one day and that his attentions had followed. Oakridge is dazed at the occurrence. The girl was liked by the entire community. Zevely stood high, especially as a teacher. He was regarded as the best teacher the school ever had and his pupils progressed rapidly, according to statements made to the district attorney.

The action taken by the officers is believed to have prevented personal violence to the man. According to J. M. Devers, district attorney, a mob of some twenty enraged men was formed a few nights ago and lacked only a leader to direct them in taking the law into their own hands.

The school was closed Tuesday and the principal's resignation was received Wednesday night following investigation by the district attorney. He was found packing his household goods, having disposed of his property. He pleads innocence.

Prosecuting Attorney Devers said last week that Zevely will probably be charged with a more serious crime than that of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and that he would take the case before the grand jury, which convenes in Eugene February 15.

Zevely is a married man and is aged about 35 years. County School Superintendent Moore and the people of Oakridge say he is one of the best teachers that ever taught there and that he obtained almost wonderful results from his pupils. He came to Lane County from the Coos Bay country and it is said has always previously borne a good reputation.

Deputy Sheriff Croner arrested Zevely immediately after the officer's arrival at Oakridge last week and took him to the Wood hotel. It is stated that Zevely has quite a number of sympathizers in the village, who believe that he is innocent. It is also stated that another man may be implicated in the affair and that action may be brought against him in the near future.

BRITISH COLUMBIAN BUYS HOME HERE

Wm. Haupt of Wilmer, B. C., who had been in the city for several days looking for a location, closed a deal last week for the A. W. Lambert place east of the city, consisting of 12 acres. Mr. Haupt left this morning for his home in Canada and said before he left that he would return to make this his home as soon as he could wind up his affairs there. He has extensive farming and mining interests in British Columbia and also conducts a general blacksmith shop at Wilmer. It is understood that Mr. Haupt is to have the Lambert place on lease for one year.

Boone Shortridge Has Narrow Escape.

While he was digging out a pocket in the mine where he is employed, he noticed the roof begin to give in. As hastily as possible he ran for the opening of the tunnel. A moment later and he would have been crushed by falling debris. Just as he was reaching safety he stumbled and rocks and dirt fell about him. One rock as big as a wash tub just grazed his head cutting his forehead and lip. Another crushed one foot. He was able to crawl to daylight and succeeded in summoning help.

MANY GROUNDED ON 1915 JURY

Three Hundred Taxpayers From All Over County Including Many From Grove Are Check Up.

A list of 300 names selected during the past week by the county commissioners has been checked by the county clerk to form the 1915 circuit jury list. The jurors must be taxpayers and must be registered voters. Following are those selected from the Cottage Grove country:

Cottage Grove—Orlin W. Blackmore, Andrew Brund, Francis C. Coffman, Curran Cooley, Fred Heidler, S. O. Hamblin, Dave Sterling, Harry Short, R. E. Walker, Arthur J. Stewart, Harvey Taylor, W. B. Finney, Walter T. Garonette, Robert W. Kenady, Geo. M. Miller, Elmer Porter, John H. Bartels, T. G. Garrison, J. W. Harms, Chas. W. Caldwell, J. E. Ostrander, Worth Harvey, L. F. Orphard, C. B. Hays, S. C. Newcomb, N. H. Martin, J. H. Hull, Noras A. McKibben, Herbert Harrington, James D. Kippen, F. J. Ridings, Chas. A. Heidler, W. Almond Hemenway, William H. Medley, M. E. Wheeler, John H. England, Robert E. Lackey.

Lorane—John D. Humphrey, Irving W. Petrie, Edmund S. Addison, Herbert M. Doty, Martin Foster, John V. Jenkins, Andrew Allen.

London—John W. Massey, Samuel P. Shortridge, George A. Small, Henry C. Combs.

Dorena—N. A. Bales, A. Land, W. A. Ward, David L. England, Frank Kelly, Saginaw—John W. Bates, C. H. Haight, Arthur C. Curtis, M. C. Horn, Fletcher C. England, Thomas Hartley.

Wildwood—James Carter, L. W. Hunt.

Disston—Benj. Pitcher.

Grove Men Pass Exams.

M. L. Scovell, who took the coast artillery examination Friday for first lieutenant of sixth company, and Bert Richmond, who took the examination for second lieutenant, have been notified that they were successful and will probably receive their commissions Friday.

COMMISSIONERS WOULD GO BACK TO FARM

Officials Oppose Salary Cut; May Go On Strike—Can Make More On Farm

"There's likely to be a strike of the Lane County commissioners if the legislature should cut the salary down to \$3 a day as has been proposed," George Hawley, county commissioner, stated, in commenting on the bill of Senator Bingham of Lane County. He was corroborated by Commissioner M. H. Harlow.

"I can make that much on the farm," continued Mr. Hawley. "Huh!" exclaimed Commissioner Harlow, "I can beat that on my ranch."

"We only get \$5 a day when we're actually working, at that," rejoined the first. "But if they'd take care of our paupers, if they'd put in a commissioner to take care of the poor, we'd be able to get along on less money."

"It takes just about half our time fighting over pauper cases and deciding who are worthy and deserving poor. If the county gave something to every 'poor' case that came along, would cost more than \$3 a day. Ten or fifteen days is long enough to actually take care of the county business each month, if the pauper business was out of the way."—Guard.

RANGERS PREVENT MANY FIRES IN FORESTS

Report By District Forester Shows Good Work By Rangers During Past Year.

The District Forester at Portland reports that in the season of 1914 there were 1300 fires in the National Forests of Oregon, Washington and Alaska; 972 were extinguished by rangers or guards before any appreciable damage had been done. Each of the remaining 328 burned over 10 or more acres. 1914 weather conditions were the most favorable against the spread of fire since 1910. In spite of extreme dryness, only about one-fifth as much timber was burned as in 1910. The Service has six times as much telephone line as in 1910, nearly two and one-half times as much trail, and many more high peak lookout stations. On the Fremont Forest last summer the ranger at Silver Lake R. S. received a telephone message of a fire 12 miles away. He went on horseback three-eighths of a mile to Silver Lake, collected a crew of ten men and took them to the fire in automobiles, arriving there forty-eight minutes after the fire was reported. This would have been impossible in 1910. Analysis of causes shows that 150 fires were started by railroads or by others along their rights of way, 327 by lightning, 93 by incendiaries, 127 by brush burners, 319 by campers, 9 by sawmills, and 275 are charged to miscellaneous causes. The community loses six to eight dollars in wages on every thousand feet of timber destroyed.

Baptist Church Installs Bell

A new belfry has been built on the Baptist Church and a bell installed. It was reported some time ago that a new church was to be built, but the congregation decided to remain in the old building a while longer. The building has recently undergone considerable other repair in addition to the belfry.

S. R. Smith Now Sole Owner of Cottage Grove Mfg. Co.

A deal was consummated Monday by which S. R. Smith became sole owner of the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Co., plant, taking over the interest owned by Harvey Armstrong, who, because of ill health, was forced to discontinue in business. Mr. Armstrong came here from Colorado about a year ago, purchasing a half interest in the concern, and at the time of locating here thought he had found the climate in which his health would be benefited. Mr. Smith who was half owner and manager of the plant, has been very successful in the three years that he has been connected with the business and has built up a large outside trade, doing a large annual business in California as well as in this state. During Mr. Smith's management of the plant several changes have been made and many improvements have been added. Mr. Smith is now in Portland on a business trip. Before leaving he said to a Sentinel representative: "Just say that on my return we will be better equipped than ever and we expect of keep running on full time."

Mr. Armstrong has not yet announced his plans for the future, but said he may rest up a while before seeking a new location.



Cottage Grove Manufacturing Co. Plant

CLINT STEWART IS MEMORY RETURNS AFTER 4 YEARS LAPSE

—People Around Junction City Are Willing to Cooperate.—Two Cases of Blight Found There.

C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector, spent yesterday around Junction City, inspecting orchards and looking for fire blight among the pear trees. He said last night that he and Deputy Inspector Young, of that city, found two places where the blight existed and immediate steps will be taken to eradicate it by cutting the trees down and burning them.

Mr. Stewart said that the farmers of the country are just beginning to spray their orchards for the spring. The weather has been too cold lately to do anything of the kind. He finds the fruit men generally willing to comply with the order to spray.

"Around Junction City the farmers are particularly careful about spraying their trees," said Mr. Stewart. "Some of the cleanest orchards in the state are to be found around that town. The people living in the Danish colony near there are especially careful not to neglect their orchards and they have some of the finest looking trees in the county."

Inspector Stewart has just received a copy of the second biennial report from the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station, showing pictures and descriptions of the various pests that infest the fruit of the state. Of interest in his work right now is a paragraph about pear blight:

"This disease continues to be our most important disease of fruits in Oregon. It was particularly severe in the summer of 1913 not only in southern Oregon but also in all sections of the state where the disease is present. In 1914, the trouble was not so generally serious as in 1913. During this year, however, some very important observations were made regarding its distribution. Although no authoritative report of fire blight had been secured in any previous year from Wasco County, there occurred a severe outbreak of the disease in the summer of 1914 in the vicinity of Dufur. The serious importance of its presence in this locality may be appreciated when it is considered that if the trouble should become established there conditions would be favorable for its spread to the fruit districts of The Dalles, Mosier and Hood River."

In Western Oregon for a number of years fire blight has been known only as far north as the Umpqua Valley. During the summer of 1914 the disease was discovered in the Willamette Valley for the first time at Cottage Grove by C. E. Stewart. These facts indicate that the fire blight is gradually spreading into all sections of the state where it has not previously been known to occur."

Mr. Stewart said that with vigilant inspection and immediate action wherever the blight is discovered, its further spread in any community may be

BILL TO ABOLISH COUNTY COURTS INTRODUCED

Provisions Provide for Redistricting of The State and Enlarge Circuit Judge's Duties.

A bill for the material revision of the judicial system in the lower courts of the state has been introduced by Senator Lair Thompson of Lake County. It proposes to abolish the office of county judge, and substitute for him a third commissioner at the salary of commissioner. It would transfer to the circuit court all legal business, such as probate, juvenile, insane matters, and would revise the circuit court districts in the state. In addition it would create two appellate courts, one in Eastern Oregon with a center at Pendleton, and one in western Oregon, with the bench in Portland. These courts are to be composed of three judges selected by the chief justice, and are intended to handle cases under \$500, thus relieving the supreme court of this business. Their decisions, according to the provisions of the bill, would be final.

The Thompson bill to revise the judiciary system of the state of Oregon would materially affect the present districting of the judicial circuit comprising Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Lincoln, and Benton Counties. It would place Douglas County alone in one district, presumably under Judge Hamilton. It would place Coos and Curry Counties in one district, presumably under Judge Koke, and Lane and Benton would form another district under judges, of which Judge Skipworth presumably would be one. Lincoln and Polk Counties would be combined.

"I'm in favor of doing away with the county judge and having the judicial work done by the circuit court," Judge Thompson stated this week, after hearing of the proposed bill. "I believe that if my judicial duties are given to the circuit court that there would be ample business to keep two judges busy in these districts. I have not studied the details of the bill, but I do not favor the court of appeals."

WEST WORKS OVERTIME GRANTING PARDONS

Fifty-Nine Receive Executive Clemency During Last Thirty Days of Ex-Governor's Term

During the last thirty days of his administration, former Governor Oswald West conditionally pardoned fifty-nine convicts, eight of them convicted of murder, according to a compilation of records on file in the capitol. Those receiving pardons included men and women convicted of highway robbery, burglary, criminal assault and horse thievery.

J. A. French, former county judge of Wasco County, who pleaded guilty to stealing \$2800 from the county, was among the pardoned. Upon his arrival here he was committed to the feeble minded institute. Others to receive executive clemency were Fannie McNulty, convicted of forgery; Richard Thompson, assault with a dangerous weapon, and Virgil Oden, criminal assault, all of whom were sentenced from Jackson County.

After you have read this copy of The Sentinel, pass it along to a neighbor, if you have one who doesn't take the paper and you don't wish to keep it for reference.

EDITOR SAYS TREAT FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE

Tells Students That News Should Be Written With Disregard of Friendship or Enmities

Elbert Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel addressed the students of the journalism department of the University of Oregon in McClure hall Friday afternoon. His subject was editorial independence.

Mr. Bede described some of the ways in which attempts are made to bring pressure to bear upon the editor. He maintained that news should be written in absolute disregard of friendship or enmities, and without any consideration of the editorial beliefs of the editor. He declared this was doubly difficult upon a country paper where much of the news had to be written by the same man that writes the editorials. On the editorial page he said the attempt should not be to "reflect the sentiment of the community" but to create sentiment. The editor should say what he thought regardless of whether the community liked it or not.

"I appeal to you young men to make up your minds right now that when you get into the newspaper business even your worst enemy is going to get a square deal—that you are not going to take advantage of your position to treat anyone under foot. Your opportunities are going to be great, but they are going to be greater as the newspapers of the country increase their reputation for fair dealing and honesty."

Mr. Bede was accompanied by Mrs. Bede, who was a guest at the gathering of faculty women at the bungalow during the afternoon.

Mrs. J. P. Graham arrived last week from Wauna and is making preparations for moving onto the Cates place, south of the city. Mr. Graham remained in Wauna to look after the shipment of the household goods and is expected to arrive in the city within a few days.

FIRST TIME IN LIFE MAN IS SICK; SUCCUMBS

John N. Stoneburg Passes Away Saturday at the Family Home in This City After Long Illness.—Was Well Known Character for Years.

DEATH RESULTED FROM A COMPLICATION OF DISEASES

Had Been Resident of Cottage Grove About Twenty Years.—Hauled Lumber from Mill with Which to Put up Building He Occupied for 16 Years.

With the passing away of John N. Stoneburg at the family residence on North H Street Saturday, January 23, at 5:45 p. m., Cottage Grove loses another well known citizen of twenty years' residence. Mr. Stoneburg had been ailing about a year although he had been able to look after his business up to about the middle of December. When taken down to his bed about two weeks before his death, Mr. Stoneburg expressed the expectation of being back to his business within a few days, but he continued to grow weaker each day until the end. Death resulted from a complication of diseases.

Deceased had never before been sick a day during his lifetime and was aged 63 years at time of death.

Mr. Stoneburg came to Cottage Grove with his family about twenty years ago from Wisconsin, locating near Walker Station, where the family remained for two years, after which they moved to this city. Mr. Stoneburg was for a time employed at the Owens mill west of the city, leaving that position he hauled in the lumber from the mill with which he built the building on Pacific Highway at the bridge, in which his business had been conducted ever since. He first opened a barber shop in the building, which he conducted for four years, after which he turned it into a cigar and confectionary store, which he conducted up to the time of his death.

John Nelson Stoneburg was born in Percy Township, Ontario, October 27, 1851, where he lived with his family until he reached the age of 7 years, leaving with his family for Prince Edward, Ontario, where the family remained until he was 19. His wife, who was Miss Phoebe J. Rusah lived with her parents, just three miles from the Stoneburg farm in Ontario and the Rusah and Stoneburg families were neighbors for a number of years prior to the marriage, which took place in Ontario in 1875, and where their only child, a girl, was born. Mr. Stoneburg left Ontario with his family in 1877 for Greenwood, Wisconsin, where he conducted a barber shop until coming West, as stated above.

Besides the widow, the deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. C. F. Coffman of this city, three brothers and two sisters. They are: Daniel M., W. R., S. S. all of Greenwood, Wis., Mrs. Cassie Pringle of Trenton, Ontario, and Mrs. J. A. Heath of North Bend, Oregon. Five grandchildren of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Coffman also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the family home at 2:00 under the direction of the I. O. O. F. lodge. Interment was made in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Sentinel Ad. Brings Inquiry From Minnesota Man.

Just ten days after placing an ad. in The Sentinel to dispose of his property here, A. E. Whitbeck received a reply from a man living in Minneapolis, Minn. The man who answered the ad. is not a subscriber to the paper, but stated in his letter that he had seen the ad. in The Sentinel.

Last week a four-line classified ad brought to the owner a gold watch fob lost the week before. Want ads in The Sentinel invariably bring results.

GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM WINS HARD GAME

The Cottage Grove high school girls basket ball team won from the Oakland girls Friday evening by a score of 8 to 5. The game was a hotly contested one and the local team won on its merits. A preliminary game between the faculty and the sophomore team of the local high school resulted in a 8 to 0 victory for the faculty.

The high school boys' team journeyed to Yoncalla Saturday evening where they trimmed the Drain team to the tune of 15 to 13. The Drain team has been denied the use of the I. O. O. F. hall, where they had been playing previously, hence the game was played at Yoncalla.

A double-header basket ball game is scheduled in the armory Friday evening, when the local girls play the Creswell girls and local boys play Creswell boys.

Postal Telegraph Opens Office

F. M. Harrison has been assigned the management of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company formerly located in the Wells Fargo office, now located in the office of Brainerd & Harrison, Oregon Hotel Building.

Mr. Harrison wants to meet all former patrons of the Postal and says he is equipped to meet all requirements that go with the telegraph business, i. e., quick service.