

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 40 and 80 years ago

Jan. 31, 1935

Stolen car, moonshine captured here

A story of a girl friend loaning her brother's car for a trip from Portland to Cottage Grove was told by a woman member of a party of four who were apprehended here Tuesday with a stolen car and a half gallon of moonshine. There were two men two women in the car, non married to any one of the others. The presence of the moonshine was explained by its alleged presence in the car when the car was borrowed from the sister of the man who owned it. Presumably the occupants of the car had not discovered the presence of the liquor.

The woman who claimed to have borrowed the car also claimed she brought the party here for the purposed of borrowing money from a relative, who is a well-known resident on Coast fork. None of the four had any money.

State officer Koepke took the quartet to Eugene for return to Portland.

Jan. 30, 1975: Fun in the snow — The snowfall last Saturday night offered South Lane residents, both young and old, an opportunity to play in the snow and show off their artistic abilities.



BIRTHS

Jan. 16, 2015

To Jessica Kittell of Creswell and Damien Henderson of Springfield, a son.

Jan. 19, 2015

To Tiffany Griffin of Cottage Grove, a son.

Jan. 23, 2015

To Kandice and William Kelso of Creswell, a son.

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Jan. 19

Criminal mischief, Anthony Ave

The caller said that her car was keyed at her residence. The officer reported that the word "hi" was scratched into the hood and "fag" was scratched into the driver's-side door.

Theft, Gateway Blvd

A reporting person said that a bicycle was taken from in front of the location. It was a 29" Kryptonite mountain bike valued at \$300.

Jan. 21

Drug — contraband seized, Row River Rd

The reporting person said that a staff member found drug contraband in a room at the location. Officers seized a set of digital scales, one glass pipe and several syringes.

Explosive device, E Washington and S 16th St

The reporting person heard a loud explosion near the location. Officers, who also heard the blast, canvassed the area but were unable to locate the source of the explosion.

Jan. 22

Suspicious condition, N 11th St

Caller said that she heard someone tapping at the window of her RV. She also said that she recently left Oakridge due to a stalker. When asked about the stalker, she could not give any information. A patrol of the area was negative.

Jan. 23

Theft, S 6th St

Caller said that the theft occurred at the location in the last couple days. Stolen prop-

erty included a five-gallon gas tank (\$14) and a 4D cell battery (\$190).

Jan. 24

Runaway juvenile, N 19th St

Caller said that her daughter never came home from school the previous day and has not heard from her. The case was taken as a runaway.

Mental, S 5th St

Caller said that she is a mental health patient; she is hearing voices and needs them to stop. Officers transported the caller to the ER for evaluation.

Burglary, N 9th St

Caller stated that her home was broken into within the last hour while she was gone. She believes that her daughter may have done it because the caller kicked her out approx. a week ago due to her drug use. The stolen property is a Playstation 4 valued at \$500.

Jan. 25

Theft from vehicle, S River Rd

A person at the station reported the theft of two sets of car keys and a Macbook laptop (\$600-\$700) from his vehicle

at the location at an unknown time.

Suicidal subject, S 10th St

A reporting person said that a female at the location was talking about killing herself. The subject was recently released from Johnson unit and needs to go back.

Suspicious condition

A complainant at the station reported she could smell a possible campfire inside the women's restroom at the location; she could not see any smoke or flames. Officers checked the location and found a small, extinguished fire inside.

OFFBEAT

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The express car

As you boys all know, the express car is where the good stuff is. Oh, sure, you can find some good cash and securities and other valuables in the mail car, but the real money in a train robbery is in the express car — if you pick the right train.

And you'd better be absolutely sure you do pick the right train. You want to pick a train that's carrying payroll cash, or maybe a big shipment of gold bullion. There's nothing more disappointing than going to all the trouble of robbing a train and finding out it's the wrong one.

Here's another pro-tip, gents: If you stick up a train, and knock on the door of the express car,

and the express clerk opens it, that means you got the wrong train. Shake his hand and walk away. There's no loot in the car: guaranteed.

You see, the good things in life don't come easy. The fact is, the more loot is in that express car, the harder the clerk will fight to keep you out. To get into the car, you're going to have to use your dynamite like a can opener, and after that you're probably going to have to use it to encourage the clerk to give up. And even then, it's not a sure thing, as my good friend Mr. X did when he knocked over the Oregon & California Fast Express in October 1901, just north of Saginaw; remember that job? X picked a good one; there was a lot of loot on board, but he didn't have enough dynamite with him. The clerk wouldn't give up, and he

didn't have enough dynamite to change the fellow's mind. Finally poor Mr. X had to slink off into the bushes south of Eugene with a couple hundred bucks filched from the mailbags, and half of the mail clerk's boiled-egg dinner. How much gold was on that train? I don't know, but they gave that clerk a \$1,000 bonus for defending it, so you can bet your bottom dollar it would've been plenty. Moral of that story is, bring enough dynamite.

Have a yegg on your team

Another thing you'd better bring, if you're gonna go after the big score, is a good box man — a yegg. That's because getting into the express car is only

the first step. There will be a world-class safe inside that car with the goods inside, and usually the express clerk won't even know the combination to it. You're gonna have to get into it, and do it fast before the bulls show up. You need a yegg on your team, a box man who knows where to drill the safe. And the smart yeggs who work train boxes use dynamite to get into 'em.

Keep your dynamite warm

One more tip: Keep in mind that dynamite doesn't work when it's cold. Don't make the same mistake my colleague Mr. Z made back in November 1906 — tying a few sticks of dynamite to the tracks on a lonely stretch

near Hood River and lurking in the bushes to wait for the explosion to stop the train.

You probably never heard about this job, because it didn't happen. The train just ran over the dynamite and kept on going, and some kid found the squashed-up sticks of blooey a few days later. Remember, dynamite freezes at 45 degrees. If you're going to try something like this, wait for a warm summer night to do it.

If you'd like to learn more secrets of the professional train robbers, send your check or money order for \$19.95 to "Course No. B-101: Dynamite-Enhanced Train Robbing Techniques," c/o Prisoner No. 7215, Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Oregon.

Do it today, and start enjoying the exciting lifestyle of a successful train robber tomorrow!

Sincerely,

BLACKIE DuQUESNE
April 1, 1916

(*All the train robberies mentioned in this column are real events from Oregon history, but Blackie Duquesne is a fictional character from E.E. Smith's classic pulp novel, "The Skylark of Space." However, the 'advice' he gives in this column would have stood an aspiring train robber in good stead back in the 1910s. Sources for info on the train robberies themselves came from back issues of the Portland Morning Oregonian, Oregon Journal and Bohemia Nugget, and from Oregon State Archives.)

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY Jan. 29 37° 56° Sunny	FRIDAY Jan. 30 35° 55° Partly Cloudy
SATURDAY Jan. 31 43° 57° Mostly Cloudy	SUNDAY Feb. 1 44° 58° Showers
MONDAY Feb. 2 42° 54° Light rain	TUESDAY Feb. 3 43° 55° Rain

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