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FAMILY MIX-UP CAUSE FOR SUIT

Complicated Case Results From
Marriage at Salem

TWO CHARGES OF PERJURY

Father, Son and Witness All Become
Entangled in Case—Stone Convicted
of Assault and Battery—Other
Cases Are Pending.

One of the most peculiar and complicated justice court cases in the history of Polk County was tried Wednesday afternoon before Justice Winn of Independence, when Lester Stone was tried and found guilty of assault and battery. It was not however, until the case was well under way that evidence gathered in the testimony resulted in the arrest of G. S. Conkey, charged with kidnapping his daughter; J. Sloan charged with perjury, and a second charge against Lester Stone of subordination of perjury.

During the month of December, 1912, Lester Stone married Violet Conkey. The marriage was performed in Salem and at the time of the ceremony, an affidavit was made by Sloan that the girl was 18 years of age. Evidence submitted in Wednesday's hearing established the age of the girl as 15 years.

After leaving Salem, it is alleged the young couple visited various places in Southern Oregon and only a short time ago returned to Monmouth. The young bride often visited the home of her father, G. S. Conkey, and it is said stayed with her parents the greater part of the time. On one of these occasions, it is alleged, a sister of her husband induced her to leave the house saying she wished to speak with her. The prosecution in the case at Independence set forth the fact that at that time Stone captured her and took her to the house of his father. Learning of his daughter's captivity, Conkey, armed with a base ball bat attempted entrance to the Sloan home and was evidently successful.

Several days following the loss of his young bride, Lester Stone appealed to Sheriff Grant and asked for his wife's recovery. It was then learned of the girl's age and that Sloan was implicated as a witness to the ceremony.

As the result of the trial Wednesday, Lester Stone was convicted of assault and battery, it being shown in the evidence that he struck his father-in-law with his fist. The case against his father on the charge of kidnapping his daughter and against Sloan for perjury is expected to be tried before Judge Holman in the near future.

DIRECTORS WILL MEET

Officers of Polk County Fair Association Will Outline Program for Exhibition.

For the purpose of completing all arrangements for the Polk County Fair, a meeting of the stockholders and board of directors has been called for Saturday at 1:30 and 2:30 o'clock at the county courthouse. The directors' meeting will be first called, after which will gather the stockholders.

"A general outline of the fair will be carefully gone over Saturday afternoon," said Secretary Miles this morning. "There are certain arrangements which cannot be settled until the board has passed upon them. This will include the features of the fair which will make up the entertaining end. The matter of exhibits, general and individual will also be discussed. By Monday morning the association will know definitely what is expected of them."

Secretary Miles has recently completed another tour of the county and finds conditions much to his liking. While it is yet too early to predict the quantity and quality of the exhibits, the association has been assured that every assistance will be given.

To Increase Capitalization.

One of the main objects of the meeting of the board of directors will be to vote on the question of increasing the capital stock of the association from \$1,000 to \$5,000 at \$1 per share.

Harvests Greatest Crop.

What is believed will prove a record crop of barley was harvested recently from the farm of County Commissioner G. N. Wells, the entire crop averaging 82 bushels to the acre. It is understood that the crop in general in Buena Vista is big, but Mr. Wells' record is likely to stand for a long time.

Big Yield in Polk County Predicted by Observer Writers

From Every Section of Big Grain Belt Come Encouraging Reports; Record Yields Made Near Monmouth; Best Fields of Wheat and Oats Yet Unthreshed.

For the purpose of ascertaining as near as possible the crop conditions in Polk county the Observer has requested each of its correspondents to make a careful report of the crops in his or her locality. The result has been even better than anticipated as the reports have been carefully compiled. They show that while Polk county will not reap a "bumper" crop, present conditions point to a yield which will exceed any previous crop yield of the past five years. Owing, presumably to the busy season, several correspondents have failed to report, yet the reader may obtain an excellent idea of conditions by the following reports:

Eola.
Larkin Grice, a well known farmer and fruit grower who lives a few miles north of Eola and who has threshed several of the largest fields in that vicinity, finds crop conditions excellent. T. W. Brunk's field yielded a little over 25 bushels to the acre, and his oats a little better than 42 bushels to the acre. Hay averaged 2 1/2 tons. The oat yield at the Cronley farm was 49 bushels. Approximately 5,000 bushels of oats were taken from 100 acres. His hay averaged three tons to the acre. Hops in the Eola district are exceptionally good, although there are a few fields where the yield will not be above the average.

McNary.
The McNary correspondent writes that winter oats in his district will average about 30 bushels to the acre and White spring about 50 bushels. Wheat will average 25 bushels and hay is running about 1 1/2 to 2 tons per acre.

Monmouth Yields Big.
This is what the Observer's Monmouth correspondent says:
The farmers are well pleased with their crops this year. Oats run from 25 to 60 bushels per acre and wheat from 20 to 30 bushels. Vetch will average 25 bushels per acre and clover seed that is threshed at about 8 bushels per acre. Grain is coming

ROAD OFFICERS TO INSPECT LINE

OFFICERS OF SILETZ VALLEY
HERE TODAY

Crew of 100 Men Now at Work Near
Airlie-Hoskins Saw Mill Will
Furnish Material.

To inspect the progress already made on the Valley & Siletz railroad, President F. J. Cooper and F. S. Belcher, secretary-treasurer are expected in the city this afternoon and will leave for a complete trip of inspection of the line which will last several days. Mr. Clark, the right-of-way agent will accompany the party. According to advice given yesterday by Mr. Clark, who is now in the city, a crew of 100 men are now working on the first unit of the road. The Hoskins mill number of years is now being refitted and modernized and will be in operation by the first of September. This plan is expected to turn out all of the ties and other necessary building equipment for the use of the road.

Will Go As Delegate.
John Foster, the well known Polk county rancher living near Rieckreath has been appointed by Governor West as a delegate to the National Conservation congress which will convene in Knoxville, Tenn., during the latter part of September. Speaking of his trip to the East, Mr. Foster says: "I will probably be the sole delegate to the congress from Oregon. Whether or not I am alone, I shall do all in my power to gain attention of the congress to the needs of this state."

Scouts Near Home.
A telegram was received here yesterday that the Dallas Boy Scouts had reached Eddyville on their homeward march from Newport to this city. The message says that the boys are weathering the trip nicely, that all are well and expect to reach Dallas some time Saturday.

NEW SEPTIC TANK WILL COST \$1,000

CITY NOW FACES PROBLEM OF
CHANGING SEWER SYSTEM

Present System Must Be Discontinued and Council Investigate—Dr. White Expected Here Soon.

Now that the city of Dallas stands face to face with the problem of establishing a septic tank for the disposal of the city sewage, the question naturally arises, "Where will the tank be and what will be its cost?"

HARD WHEAT IS SUCCESS

Experimental Crop on Grant Farm Proves That Best No. 1 Can Be Raised Here.

Number 1 hard wheat, the best bread wheat in the world, can be raised successfully in the Willamette Valley. This fact has been successfully established by U. S. Grant of this city and any skeptical person with nerve to deny Mr. Grant's assertion is likely to meet certain bewildering facts—facts that are proofs. After being repeatedly informed that any effort to raise hard wheat in the Willamette valley would meet with failure, Mr. Grant decided to experiment for himself. On a few acres of low land which was considered poor wheat, but fair oat land, Grant sowed some hard wheat. From the same land which harvested 18 bushels to the acre of White wheat last year Grant harvested 29 1/2 bushels to each acre of the finest hard wheat produced west of the Rocky Mountains. "There is absolutely no reason in the world why the best grade hard wheat cannot be raised in the Willamette valley," said Mr. Grant. "My experiment has proved beyond a doubt that No. 1 hard wheat can be raised successfully and that the yield will prove larger than the present wheat crop. This should revolutionize farming in the Willamette valley."

Goat Meat

Great Food,
Says Grant

Recent Oregonian Editorial Brings
Comment from Raisers in This
Vicinity—Tastes Like Venison.

Appropos to the editorial clippings from the Oregonian which was published in Tuesday's issue of the Observer, concerning "Goats as Human Food," considerable interest has been shown by goat raisers in Polk county. "I consider goat meat the finest in the land," said U. S. Grant. "If the goat is properly killed the meat is sweet and tender and tastes not unlike venison. Of course the meat of a young goat is more tender. The assertion that goat meat is unfit as human food is absurd."

A Corvallis man in writing to the Oregonian says:
"With reference to your editorial in the Oregonian Sunday, 'Goats as Human Food,' I should like to say a few words. The Polk County Angora goat is certainly good to eat if he is a young goat. If he is not a young goat he can be better fed his mission in life in some other way. The strong taste which has prejudiced people against goat meat does not develop during the first year or two years of the animal's life."

"In the past years the farmers of Polk county have raised large flocks of goats for the purpose of keeping down the sprouts on oak stumps and cut-over land. Without such range the goat is not a profitable animal and is sure to find your young orchard unless he has suitable forage. Now that the land is pretty well cleared the supply of goats is exceeding the demand and they are becoming a drug on the market. Last summer I spent a few days in Polk county and found that goats were selling at 75 cents per head with few buyers. As a result, the farmers were eating their yearling goats, and I enjoyed the novel experience myself. The meat is excellent. Anyone not being informed to the contrary would mistake it for young mutton."

SEEKS AUTO THIEVES

Sheriff Grant Fails to Locate Auto
Robbers from Portland.

Word was received yesterday morning by Sheriff Grant to keep a close watch for automobile thieves who are supposed to be in the vicinity of Dallas.

While in the vicinity of the boat-house near the Riverview cemetery at Portland, Dr. H. R. Cliff, county physician and Henry D. Griffin, of the county relief department, of Portland were compelled to walk back to the city, because their machine was stolen. The car was a 1910 Cadillac with a red cross on the radiator.

The machine was last seen near Oregon City, and it was the belief of the officials that the thief was on his way down the Willamette Valley. Yesterday morning Sheriff Grant made several short trips in the county but could not locate any machine answering the description sent him from Portland.

The machine of H. A. Anderson, bearing license number 2941, of Portland, was also lost Monday and descriptions were sent out at the same time. It is a black car with grey wheels, left-hand drive and new tires on all but the left front wheel.

Little Children of the Poor Taught How to Avoid Danger



Photo by American Press Association.

This picture illustrates a splendid educational project. It shows children from the poor districts of New York city being taught all about street cars—how to get on and off without falling, how to avoid being run down and in general how to take care of themselves when playing or walking in the street. The picture was taken during a class object lesson at the American Institute of Safety in New York, an organization for the benefit of the poor in which Andrew Carnegie and other philanthropists are interested. The tots are taught by means of a model street car. They are also taught what kind of street games to play and other things of a practical nature.

FARMERS FAVOR TESTING STUDY

NEW PLAN MEETS WITH GREAT
SUCCESS IN COUNTY

In company with H. C. Seymour, county superintendent of schools, N. C. Maris, state worker of industrial fairs, and W. A. Barr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, left this morning for Perrydale on their tour of inspection and education. In connection with the new plan of providing for herd tests throughout the county.

In speaking of the work which was carefully outlined in the last issue of the Observer, Mr. Barr said: "We are meeting with unlooked for success, as every school district so far visited has joined in hearty co-operation. It is my duty to see that the preliminary work is done properly and after that, Superintendent Seymour will look after the work."

So enthusiastic has State Superintendent of Schools Churchill become with the new move in dairying education that he will visit Polk county personally during the latter part of the week or the first of next and will take a trip through the county. Mr. Maris, who is also an enthusiastic worker in this direction will spend a great deal of time in Polk county.

While it will be rather late before the preliminary work is completed, it is hoped that the test will be in operation by the middle of October.

MONMOUTH POSTOFFICE SUFFERS ANOTHER LOSS

Burglars Enter Office and Take Large
Sum of Money and \$500 in Stamps.

Monmouth, Aug. 28—(Special) For the second time in the past two months the postoffice of this place has been broken into and robbed. The latest burglary was committed sometime during Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning and was first reported to the postal official by B. F. Mulkey. When Mr. Mulkey visited the office Wednesday morning he noticed that a number of the postoffice boxes were open. He reported the incident to the postmaster and it was found that the big safe had been blown and \$280 in cash and \$500 in stamps were missing. Nitroglycerine was used in blowing off the safe door.

Government officers were on the scene early the same day and a thorough investigation is being made of the case. Several weeks ago the same postoffice was broken into and two mail sacks opened, but the loss was small.

NOW IS CORPORATION

Falls City Banking Institution is no
Longer a Private Concern.

Falls City, Aug. 29—(Special)—Incorporated under the Oregon state laws, from a private to a state institution, the Bank of Falls City yesterday entered upon its new and proud career. The bank's capitalization has been raised from \$10,000 to \$15,000. It will continue on its same sound footing, and will, as before, do a general banking business. The incorporators are: R. E. Williams, O. Williams, Walter F. Nichols, M. L. Thompson and Ira C. McLaughlin. The stockholders are those mentioned as incorporators and Ed. G. White, Charles F. Vick and C. C. Gardner.

NEWS OF COUNTY TOLD IN BRIEFS

Items of Interest in Country
Districts Interestingly Told

OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

Observer Representatives Keep in
Touch With All Matters of Importance
in Their Part of the Famous
"Blue Ribbon" District of the
State of Oregon.

MONMOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Colson, of Spokane, was the guest of Mr. Colson's mother, Mrs. Catron, the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Craven returned home from their visit at Bandon, Oregon, Sunday, where they had been visiting Mrs. Craven's parents for several weeks. Alva reports having a good time but said he preferred the valley in preference to that country.

Mrs. Ida Goodnight and two daughters, of Vancouver, Washington, but formerly of Monmouth, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith. Her husband is associated with a bank in Vancouver.

Mrs. Ruth Murphy, of Corvallis, formerly a citizen of Monmouth for a good time but said he preferred the her many friends.

Mrs. Bonn, of Walla Walla, Washington, was here last week visiting with the Stump family.

Mrs. Powell, of Falls City, was the guest of the Stump family Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craven and Mrs. F. Bowersox and children, left for Newport, Monday to be gone about two weeks.

Miss Retta Smith left for Newport Monday to get ready for her school that begins in September. She has been teaching there for three years and gives perfect satisfaction.

Mrs. J. Berry and sister Miss Emma Kramer, and Misses Maggie and Alice Butler returned home from Newport last week. Miss Alice is much improved in health.

Miss Opal Hall after about a visit of a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hall, and her sister, Mrs. C. E. Herrin left for New York City, Monday.

Mrs. Erma Wither left for Portland, Monday where she will reside for the present. Her husband is in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawling, of Coquille, were in town Monday.

It seems that the bee industry pays. Mr. Miller tells us since June 23, he has sold 36,000 pounds of honey from 20 stands of bees for which he received 25 cents a pound.

C. E. Herren began picking his good crop of hops Thursday morning.

A. F. Huber will begin picking his hops Monday, and report says he has fine hops. Hop picking will be in full blast next week.

Brick laying was begun on the Mulkey brick building, Tuesday and the plumbers are busy putting in new water pipe.

The work on the Goodman house is progressing nicely.

C. C. Lee went to Dallas Wednesday on business.

Hugh Halleck, of Newport, is the guest of his grandparents and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Poole.

Roy Smith, of Eugene, was visiting friends in town Tuesday. His folks formerly lived here.

Mrs. Susan Lanktree, of Lebanon, was visiting friends in town this week. She was formerly a resident of Monmouth.

OAK DALE

Joe and Will Dennis have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. T. Skipton, of Salem, and while there visited the big circus.

J. W. Robinson is having a siege of lumbago.

Mrs. Malinda Kimball has been quite sick but is improving.

Newman Dennis has gone on a camping trip to Siletz with Frank Campbell, Estley Farley, Will Boydston and Hershel Pritchard, all of Dallas.

Thos. Butler is building a new dwelling house for Hugh Smith.

Picking commenced at the Hubbard hop yard Friday, at the Farley yard Saturday and at the Halleck yard Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ellingsworth went to Salem to see the circus, Saturday.

A merry party of picnickers spent Sunday at Teal's Lakes, from this place and Antioch. Those in the party were, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and children, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Card, Mrs. McDonald and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murphy and sons of Oak Dale; Clyde Robbins, of Pioneer; Mr. and Mrs. C. Nelson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore

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