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FORMER SHERIFF A FEDERAL PRISONER

From the exalted position of sheriff of Washington county to the more or less disgraceful one of a prisoner in the Multnomah county jail is the price Jesse C. Applegate must pay for shipping liquor into dry territory. Two other prominent men of Hillsboro are in the same boat with Applegate.

The story is told as follows by Friday morning's Oregonian:

"Department of Justice operatives made a sensational 'catch' early yesterday morning when they nabbed Jesse C. Applegate, Sheriff of Washington county; John W. Bailey, vice-president of the Hillsboro Commercial Bank, and Charles B. Buchanan, a Hillsboro business man, in the act of loading a liquor consignment into their automobile at Fano, Or., a flag station on the Southern Pacific, not far from Hillsboro.

"Crockery," "Handle With Care," read two labels stenciled on each of the five boxes the prominent citizens were claiming. The boxes, all of generous size, were found to contain quantities of whiskey, gin and wine.

The Federal agents turned a deaf ear to the explanations of the men from Hillsboro and brought them to Portland. Here they finally confessed to United States Attorney Haney that the liquors were for their own use. News of the capture and confession remained only a mysterious rumor, however, until noon, when the three men appeared before Federal Judge Wolverton.

The trio waived reading of the complaint and entered pleas of guilty. Time for sentence was also waived and the judge immediately imposed fines of \$250 and 10-day jail terms upon the men.

As court reconvened at 2 o'clock prominent friends of the convicted men appeared before Judge Wolverton and made earnest requests that the jail sentence be suspended, even if it were necessary to increase the fines. Two of the pleaders resorted to the argument that "nearly everybody does it."

"That makes the responsibility of an officer, such as the Sheriff, for upholding the law all the greater," interrupted the judge as this argument was repeated.

Further pleas for clemency were cut short and Judge Wolverton announced that both parts of the sentences would stand as rendered. Later in the afternoon he issued a stay of execution until 10 o'clock Monday morning. Under this stay the men were permitted to return home on their own recognizance to straighten up urgent business and official matters before entering upon the jail terms.

The liquors, said to have been shipped from San Francisco, were billed to "James W. Hart," a fictitious name. The corresponding shipping bill was found in the pockets of Bailey, the Government agents reported.

Just how the Federal agents were "tipped off" regarding the shipment has been kept secret. Rumor has it, however, that suspicions had been previously directed toward Sheriff Applegate.

Applegate Resigns

Sheriff Applegate Saturday filed a written resignation with the County Court. He gave no reasons for his desire to quit, and none was needed. The resignation was accepted at a meeting held Tuesday and George Alexander, head deputy under Applegate, was appointed to fill the vacancy until Jan. 1, 1919, when a

new sheriff will have been elected.

Sheriff Only One Jailed

When Applegate, Bailey and Buchanan appeared before Judge Wolverton Monday, the court announced that the fines of Bailey and Buchanan had been increased to \$400 each and the jail sentence suspended. In the case of Applegate, the sentence stood as formerly announced, \$250 fine and ten days in jail. All three fines were paid. The ex-sheriff began serving his sentence at noon and he had not been in jail long before the prisoners organized a kangaroo court and found him guilty of breaking into a jail where he was not wanted. He was unmercifully roasted by the other prisoners and fined \$6.00.

Oakland Man Arrested

An Oakland, Calif., business man, named Ernest Konig, has been arrested and bound over to the grand jury for shipping liquor to Hillsboro, Oregon. He is probably the guy who furnished the "hardware" which got the three Hillsboro men into trouble.

More Facts About Hospital Appropriation

Last week's Express stated that the Commercial Club directors were trying to interest the Federal government, through Col. F. B. Maus, in a local site for a rehabilitation hospital. President Hoffman of the club tried to get in touch with Col. Maus by wire, but has so far failed to get a reply, but he has received from W. H. Crawford, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, a letter confirming the fact that Col. Maus was looking over Western Oregon for a site for such a hospital, to be built in case congress passes a bill appropriating \$10,000,000 for hospital development work. This work will be under the direction of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. Col. Maus was also inspecting the established hospital unite and has probably left the coast by this time.

Welcome Assistance

The French and Belgian Relief Sewers met Tuesday of this week instead of Friday, the usual meeting day, at the home of Mrs. Mary Thomas, the change of day for this week being on account of the school May Day exercises at the college on Friday. Election of officers was held, as follows: President, Mrs. Mary Thomas; Vice President, Mrs. E. F. Burlingham; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. Meresse; Publicity Committee, Mrs. W. W. Goff and Mrs. J. W. Macrum.

There is a very great need for the work the ladies are doing and an urgent invitation is given to all ladies to come and help. All clothing goes directly to France, and is there distributed to the needy ones. The next sewing day will be Friday, May 10th. Place of meeting Mrs. Thomas' home on First ave., corner 2d street, opposite city laundry. Any donations of money, new material or worn clothing very acceptable.

Washington County "Over Top"

Washington county "went over the top" at the State Sunday School Convention, held at Salem last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with a blue ribbon for having done its full share financially and a gold ribbon for having done a little extra. Five delegates were present from Forest Grove and eighteen from Washington county. Harold Humbert of Portland is the new state secretary.

At the annual spelling contest held at Hillsboro Saturday, April 27th, 970 children of the county took part; 270 were perfect and will receive championship diplomas; 83 were exempt from spelling in the eighth grade examination.

Local Club Women Entertain Guests

The annual "Guest-Night" program of the Forest Grove Woman's club was given last night at Marsh and Herrick halls of Pacific University and the affair was so enjoyable and cordial that even some of the men have been heard to say they enjoyed themselves, which is something unusual. (Isn't this true, ladies?)

The musical program was under the direction of Miss Weggener, director of the Conservatory of Music, and proved unusually attractive to music-lovers. The first number was a three-part piano selection by Miss Peterson, followed by a song and encore by the Girls' Glee club. Russell Beals gave a three-part piano number that upheld the young man's reputation as a brilliant performer and Mrs. Merle Reder gave a reading from Robert W. Service that earned the encore she received. The next number was a piano solo by Miss Peterson, followed by a "Serenade" by the Glee club. Miss Waggener and Mr. Beals then performed on two pianos in a manner to please the audience and the program came to an end with another reading by Mrs. Merle Reder.

From Marsh hall the ladies and their male appendages went to Herrick hall, where the refreshment committee—Mesdames Benfer and Whitehouse and Miss Abernethy—served punch and wafers while the members and guests chatted and became better acquainted. The attendance was about three score and the affair was not so stiff and formal as on former occasions.

CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Banzier of La Center, Wash., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Caples.

Found—On 4th street, near 1st avenue, south, a halter. Pay for this notice and claim property.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Guyton and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McAlear of Hillsboro visited Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Morris Sunday.

Koveralls for children. We carry all sizes in blue denim, khaki, blue and white stripe and light weight blue. A. G. Hoffman & Co.

People should do their shopping early (before noon) tomorrow, as the stores will close from 2:30 to 5 on account of the May Day exercises at Pacific University.

Dr. Pedley's visit to Pacific University has been postponed one week. Dr. Pedley will, therefore, give his address on "Lincoln and Lloyd George" in the College Chapel, Thursday morning, May 9, at 10 o'clock.

In honor of Mrs. L. C. Miz, who leaves soon for a visit with her husband, in Montana, Mrs. W. A. Ross Tuesday afternoon entertained at cards Mesdames Miz, C. O. Roe, W. B. Coon, C. F. Miller, W. H. Danser, Randall, Heath and Benfer. The guest's prize went to Mrs. Miz, the first to Mrs. Roe and the consolation to Mrs. Heath. Those privileged to partake thereof say that the lunch served by the hostess was so tasty as to be a masterpiece.

CLEAN-UP NOTICE!

Monday, May 6, has been designated by the City Council as Clean-up day. Have your rubbish properly sacked and tied and place it on curb line by Monday morning and city team will haul said rubbish away, without expense to you.

GEO. G. PATERSON, Mayor.

W. P. DYKE, Recorder.

Bert Simpson to Leave

After five years of faithful service as Southern Pacific agent at this point, Bert Simpson has asked for a transfer to Bay City, Tillamook county, and has been informed that he gets his wish. The desire to leave Forest Grove is prompted by two reasons, first, the health of Mrs. Simpson and, second, lighter work. Simpson is a very able railroad man, a good citizen and public-spirited to a marked degree. Never has there been a Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. or Liberty Loan drive in this city without Simpson well up in the lead, doing his share of the work and then some. Only a week ago he resigned as president of the Patriotic League of Washington county. His influence for good will be missed in Forest Grove and Washington county, but Tillamook county is entitled to congratulations on securing so valuable a man and a family like Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and their children. Just when he will be transferred has not been decided.

Colleges Offer Assistance

President Clark of Pacific University returned Sunday morning from a business trip to Tacoma and Seattle, where he met with nineteen other college professors, who gathered to discuss ways and means for assisting the nation in its struggles against Prussianism. Thursday the presidents went to Camp Lewis for a conference with the military authorities and Thursday night they were guests at a banquet given by the Rotary club Friday was devoted to business, including a discussion of the facts learned at Camp Lewis and Friday night there was another banquet, given by the International Bureau, composed of representatives of 36 races. Here the college men learned the great amount of war work being done by the foreign born residents of the Northwest.

Saturday the college men went to Seattle, where they visited Bremerton Navy yards. The commander asked if the colleges could spare a man to teach mathematics and another to teach history and some of the colleges represented at the conference will release men for this work, just as Pacific University some time since released Prof. Handlin for physical culture work.

Mr. Clark says he had a fine time and is proud of the work the colleges of the Northwest are doing for their country.

H. F. Wilson, Harry Giltner, Art Caples and W. C. Benfer left this city at 2:30 Tuesday morning, via Ford jitney, arrived at Oregon City at 5 a. m. and fished for salmon until noon. While in Oregon City, as guests of Scott Nesbit, salesman for the Blake, McFall Paper company, the Forest Grove men visited the big Crown-Willamette paper mill and saw big logs converted into printing and wrapping papers. The members of the party brought home about 70 pounds of salmon, in spite of the fact that natives claimed the fish were not biting as well as the week before. Wednesday the season for netting fish opened, so fishing by hook and line has probably been spoiled for the present. While in Oregon City Mr. Caples visited his sister, Mrs. Walter Dimick, and on the way home Mr. Wilson visited his parents, near Tigard.

WHEAT MUST GO TO MARKET

Hillsboro, April 29th, 1918. To the Loyal People of Washington County:

In view of the gravity of the food situation as to wheat and flour, a special appeal is made to you to consider the facts.

The allied armies must have 75 million bushels more wheat between now and harvest. HUNGRY MEN WON'T FIGHT.

To furnish this we MUST eat only half as much wheat as we did a year ago.

Do you know that in many sections of the country patriotic people have pledged themselves to eat no more wheat until after harvest?

Don't you know, as a matter of fact, that you can eat potatoes, corn, oats, rice and barley with your garden stuff until harvest, and be just as well and just as strong as if you had eaten all the fine wheat flour and pastry you wanted?

The only place you will suffer will be in the gratification of your taste.

The person who insists on gratifying his palate without regard to our soldiers' needs in these times cannot be fittingly described in print.

The maximum amount of wheat flour that is allowed is one and one half pounds per week per person. Americans who want to DO THEIR ALL will get along on a half pound per week. EAT SPUDS.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

All stocks of wheat remaining in farmers' hands must be marketed through regular channels before May 15th. After that date wheat will be subject to requisition. Farmers having wheat on hand which they are unable to get to market before that time should confer with the undersigned with regard to deferred delivery.

The assistance and co-operation of all loyal citizens is asked in securing this wheat. WE MUST HAVE IT.

SUGAR FOR CANNING

The food administration has arranged to supply the needs of this great fruit producing country for sugar for canning and preserving. Dealers will be supplied with certificates to be signed by buyers, reading as follows:

"I hereby declare to the United States Food Administration that I have purchased from _____ at _____ an amount of _____ pounds of sugar to be used for canning and preserving purposes only.

I hereby agree in consideration of the above, that I will limit the consumption of sugar in my household for all other purposes, to three (3) pounds or less per person per month."

Not over 100 pounds may be purchased on any certificate. Special permit will be necessary for additional purchases, but will be granted upon proper showing.

These economies are vital. Every loyal person in Washington county owes the country a sacred personal obligation to help. The task is stupendous. No one should "side step" now.

Yours for our free country,
CHAS. E. WELLS,
County Chairman.

The members of the Washington County Veterans' association are holding their semi-annual meeting in Cornelius today. This morning they held memorial services and this afternoon they will elect officers and transact other business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dilley, Mrs. Harrison and Misses Esther Dilley and Mabel Adams autoed to Oregon City Sunday.