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## BIG STILL AT LEE

### 300 Gallons of Mash Spilled— J. L. Rider Gets 6 Months in Jail and \$500 Fine

J. L. Rider, of Lee, was arrested early Wednesday morning by Sheriff Ellingsen and Deputy Sheriff Malhorn who went out there the night before so as to catch the early worms of the still.

Rider, who is 41 years of age and has no family, had located his distillery either on or a few feet from the E. D. Myer's ranch and was doing a wholesale business, having six full barrels of mash on hand, containing 30 gallons, which were emptied and completely destroyed by the officers. The moonshine from two more had apparently been recently taken away.

The outfit that was brought in here with the culprit consisted of a cast iron paraffine tank, which was reclaimed by the Standard Oil company, connected up with a second drum, then a small keg and finally a worm, which was of copper, was tacked on. The cooking was a continuous process, but the iron and lead pipes that were used were not calculated to promote the longevity of his patrons. A little moonshine was also found.

When he was brought into Justice Stanley's court yesterday the charge against Rider was "making and possessing intoxicating liquor in his possession." He at once pleaded guilty, taking upon himself the entire responsibility for the outfit, and declaring that no one else was implicated.

He was sentenced to six months in jail and given a \$500 fine. He began doing time yesterday afternoon.

Rider is an old resident of Coos county, where he worked for years in the lumber mills and logging camps, but had recently returned after several years absence.

### Bids on Street Work

The council opened bids at the regular meeting last Monday night for the planing, curbing and crosswalks on the improvement in the north end. There were three bidders, Pearl Bros. and Jas. L. Stevens, of Coquille, and M. W. Payne, of Marshfield. The latter is the man who has the grading contract out there. Their bids were as follows:

M. W. Payne—Planing per thousand feet in place, \$30; crosswalks, per thousand feet in place, \$30 curbing per thousand feet in place, \$40. Lump sum, \$9,330.12.

Pearl Bros.—Planing and crosswalks, each \$34.50 per thousand in place; curbing \$35 per thousand in place. No lump sum mentioned.

Jas. L. Stevens—\$25.35 on both planing and crosswalks, and \$31.55 in curbing. Lump sum bid, \$7,855.43.

In order to give the engineer time to figure the lump sum on the Pearl Bros.' bid, all bids were laid on the table until next Monday evening, when another session will be held.

For the improvement of portions of Holly and Bush streets, which were not included in the original north end improvement, the council passed a resolution declaring their intention to make such an improvement. The engineer's estimate of the probable cost is \$1412.74.

The city engineer was instructed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for a suitable improvement on Third street for the block between the Taylor street part of the highway and the T bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Molliver were made happy last Tuesday morning by the arrival of an eight and a half pound boy.

### West Case Wednesday

Wednesday of next week is the day Judge Coke has set for the argument on the demurrer in the case of Ex-Governor Oswald West against Coos county for about \$20,000 claimed as commission on the half million taxes, interest and penalties paid by the government on the Southern Oregon lands in this county. The former Governor will be represented by Peck & Brand and Attorney Hampton, of Portland, while Attorney John D. Goss will appear with District Attorney Ben S. Fisher for the county.

### Dear Hunters Fined

Monday Deputy Game Warden McDaniel arrested Bruno Lange and James Wadman, whom he found on the North Fork near Myrtle Point, on the charge of hunting deer with dogs. With a search warrant he found the parties in the possession of five or six green deer hides.

They were brought before Justice Stanley and Lange pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs, which he paid.

Wadman pleaded not guilty and his case was set for yesterday, when another charge was filed against him, that of hunting deer without a license, to which he pleaded guilty. He was fined \$50 and costs, which he paid, and the other charge against him was dismissed.

### Eleven Teams on the Job

M. W. Payne, who has the grading contract for the north end improvement, has eleven teams on the job and is cutting into the dirt in front of the school house where so much will be moved to the gulch just east of there. Yesterday afternoon he took a new scraper, capable of holding a cubic yard and drawn by tractor, out on the job and will soon have the dirt moving faster yet.

## THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

Plans for the 1921 Coquille Chautauqua, Cadmean or Westco circuit, are nearing completion and the ticket committee expects to begin active campaign next week, which will give every man, woman and child in Coquille and the surrounding country an opportunity to purchase a ticket. The advertising committee have this week gotten out the auto stickers, placards and dates and programs will be distributed later.

The Chautauqua has established itself as the great popular teacher of education and progress in America, and it affords an opportunity for pleasure and entertainment as well as for the advancement of higher and nobler thoughts.

The program this year is, we believe, one of the best ever offered. It is chock full of sparkling humor, inspiring instruction, surprising novelty, and charming music. Plan your work so that you can enjoy it to the full. You'll be better and happier and more efficient all the year for the companionship of your neighbors and the rest and recreation of the program during the big assembly week.

Among the headliner numbers which are coming to Coquille for the six days, July 12-17, are Dixie Doll, the marvel child movie star; Bland's Orchestral Band; Thornton A. Mills, international orator; The Virginians, colored jubilee company; J. D. Botkin, former war hero at the Kansas penitentiary; W. E. Thompkins, deputy relief commissioner to the Balkans; and many other attractions of national note.

Just a word as to the price of tickets. The single admission rate for each one of the twelve numbers on this big Chautauqua program is \$6.20. Season tickets are sold for \$2.50. The difference of \$3.70 is all in your favor. Even if you cannot attend a single afternoon session, you will save nearly a dollar on the evening sessions by purchasing a season ticket. Let's all unite in making the Chautauqua this year the best and most successful ever held in Coos county.

### Girls' Bath House Ready

The girls' bathhouse, which the Woman's Club last spring inaugurated a movement to have built, was completed yesterday and towed across the river to its permanent location. That for the boys is promised to the Club to be done by Sunday evening. This is something which has long been needed for the bathers in the river here, and especially this year since the Olcott barn, which had been used as a dressing room, has been forbidden the swimmers. The Woman's Club is to be commended for the public spirit which prompted it to secure these bathhouses.

### He Was Sent For

James Templeton was arrested last Friday and placed in jail on a telegram from Umatilla county, charging him with desertion and non-support of his wife and four children. (Incidentally he ran away with another woman.) The sheriff of Umatilla county came over here Tuesday and took him away.

## SOLDIER'S HOMES MORNING PARTY

### Maris Looking for a Location for a Score of Them in This County

C. Homer Maris, of Seattle, was here Monday looking after ex-servicemen and their needs in connection with the state aid in securing farms that the people of this state have voted to extend to them. He is district special agent of the agricultural training and rehabilitation division of the Federal Board for vocational education. It was his object to see to it, if possible, that ex-soldiers in selecting the farms the state is to aid them in purchasing, should settle near each other, so that one supervisor can look after the agricultural training of a considerable number of them. For Uncle Sam is not going to forget the boys who have come back from overseas; if they launch out into a business with which they are not familiar.

It is expected to locate as many as twenty of the veterans on farms in Coos county. Mr. Maris' plan is to combine the amount the Oregon boys are to receive from the state with the \$100 a month those who have been injured receive from the federal government and enable them the sooner to build up homes.

Mr. Maris, while here Monday inspected the Russ lands to see how well they might be adapted for soldiers' farms; and on Tuesday went down to Bandon with J. L. Smith to look over some tracts below that city with a view to their adaptability to berry culture and poultry farms.

Yesterday he went over to the Bay with County Agent Farr to inspect some tracts on Coos Bay, including the Adlesperger holdings.

When lands have been tentatively selected a state board of appraisers will pass on the offerings. It is, of course, hoped that a bunch of the Legion boys can be located on Coos county.

### Dairy League Notes

James T. Jenkins, director of the Oregon Dairyman's League and a member of a special committee to secure a new manager for the organization, passed through here yesterday en route home to Bandon. He and others of the committee, Directors Baker and Johnson, had the matter up with Mr. Eldredge, for twenty years a successful creamery operator at Independence, Oregon. Mr. Eldredge is now receiver for the Columbia River or Howard Milk Products Co. at Vancouver, Wash. He had taken the offer under consideration. Mr. Jenkins is in hopes he will soon accept.

Mr. Jenkins said that there were some other changes which would aid which are being considered.

One is the promotion of N. A. Loucks, who has accomplished so much for the league in Coos county, to general plant manager with headquarters at Portland. Of course, this will have to wait on the selection of, and approval by, a new general manager.

In case Mr. Loucks is promoted, Mr. Jenkins said the plan is to promote J. A. Larson, who has been manager of the Marshfield creamery and cheese plant of the organization, to manager of this zone. Mr. Larson would continue as head of the creamery, with which he has been most successful, and have general supervision in Coos and Curry.

Mr. Jenkins said the outlook for the league is now better than ever.

Clarence Zumwalt of Curry county, who represented Director Capps of Denmark at the meeting, owing to Mr. Capps being kept at home by the illness of his son, also returned yesterday.

### For Educating Soldiers

A Salem dispatch sent out a couple of days ago says that estimates have it that money, either in cash bonus or loans, will be available for Oregon men and women who are veterans of the world war in about four months. Because of the necessary organization and the assembling of the needed machinery it probably will be impossible for any money to go into the hands of the qualified persons in less than that time.

The prodigal's return, marked by total absence of the fatted calf in "BEHOLD MY WIFE" at the Liberty Theatre June 23 and 29. See the program on Page three.

### Sheriff Brought in Five Men Monday And Judge Stanley Did Them Justice

Just before daylight Monday morning Sheriff Ellingsen received a telephone message from parties living out on the Marshfield road that a party of men were holding a noisy demonstration out there; and with Deputy Malhorn he at once went out to gather them in.

They were five, Emil Young, who lives in a shack out there, and his four callars, H. E. Leitzel, H. F. Moody, F. W. Crants and Wilbur F. Aber. Young, it seems, had been doing business as a moonshine peddler, but had only a gallon left when the other men made a late Sunday evening call and took the gallon away from him, paying him \$5 for it.

Young pleaded guilty to selling intoxicating liquor and was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Aber pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs, making \$14.50, which he paid. The other three pleaded not guilty and were tried without a jury and fined \$40 each and costs, and given 30 days in which to dig up.

### Coos Bay's Memorial

The Coos Bay Memorial to Congress in the interest of the harbor there and to enforce the application for further government appropriations in its aid, is a very comprehensive exhibit of the resources and shipping possibilities of this portion of the coast. It is finely printed on tinted paper and a credit to the Portland homes from whose presses it came. The bill for the printing was \$1700 and its payment is being held up pending a decision as to whether Lew A. Cates or the Southwestern Oregon Daily News is entitled to receive a \$174 commission for sending in the job.

We note that small maps of this coast are presented in one of which neither Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille or Myrtle Point appears, Bandon and Powers being apparently the only towns in the county.

Accompanying the book is a large scale plat showing the government owned land adjacent to Coos Bay, which seems to include all the territory this side of Roseburg and the main line of the Southern Pacific. An inspection of this map indicates that about one-third of the acreage in Coos county is now owned by the United States government. It is a regular checker board of alternate sections in most of the county.

### Problems at Bridge

The county court expects to go out to Bridge as early as possible with Mr. Chandler, resident state highway engineer, to settle the right of way question there.

According to the state highway's survey it will be necessary to move Murphy's store. This building and the Claude Noleser barn on the other side of the street are less than thirty feet apart and the question is whether to move one or both the buildings or to take a new route entirely, nearer the river. The viewers' report on these questions is deemed insufficient. If the damages asked or awarded on the line of the survey are deemed excessive it may be decided to adopt the new route. Various buildings, fences and orchards are involved and the location will have to be carefully considered.

### Perrotts Buy Racket

The deal which we mentioned last week as pending for the sale of the Racket Store was completed and Tuesday morning the store was opened under the new proprietorship, J. E. and E. L. Perrott. They have, however, changed the name and the business will hereafter be known as The Variety Shop. They intend enlarging the stock and will add some new lines as soon as they can be secured.

### Dance Nets \$40

The Woman's Club cleared about \$40 from the dance and the lunch served in the Betaspell Wednesday evening. There was a very good crowd in attendance, many auto loads from Marshfield and Myrtle Point being in evidence. Everyone had a good time as they always do when the ladies give the dance.

The wholesale price of sugar dropped to \$6.45 in Portland Wednesday.

### Very Slim Attendance

The school meeting on Monday was probably more thinly attended than any one held here for many years, only about a dozen people. The new law made it impossible to act on the budget the directors had prepared, so all that could be done was to listen to the annual report, elsewhere published and elect a director and clerk.

For the position of director A. T. Morrison, present incumbent, had announced that he would not be a candidate, but there being no other aspirant for the place he was induced to accept a unanimous re-election.

The same was the case with regard to clerk, for which position O. C. Sanford was re-elected.

As soon as the new budget law gets in working order and the blanks are received another meeting will be called to take action along that line.

### \$2,000 a Month For Rent

Among the liabilities of the Coquille Lumber Mills, there is, it seems, a charge of \$26,000 for thirteen months' rental at \$2,000 per month by the Sitka Spruce Co., and a large bill for directors' salaries, which have been stated at \$20,000. There is talk, though, of these being considered as "deferred accounts."

## MANY LABOR LIENS FILED

The parties who have filed labor liens against the Coquille Lumber Mills here during the past ten days are C. W. Ashton, Harold Ashton, Roy Noel, C. Peart, W. J. Miller, George Miller, A. W. Elliott, J. E. Posey, Carl Carlson, Charles Morgan, F. W. Barker, A. E. Watson, Earl Spaight, J. D. Chamberlain, Mrs. J. M. Elwood, Willis Oddy, Perry Elyms, Ed Faustman, John Martin, Anton Jacobson, C. A. Boyrie, Harvey Morgan, Chappo Fustilla, Maudie Barnes, Ivan Gregory, Milo Dunham, A. J. Johnson, C. V. Smith, D. A. Wood, John Harney, L. W. Tapp, Frank Thirlif, W. H. Wiggins, Alex Bandon, Samuel Arnold, Robert Goodrich, Felix Johnson, H. T. Hansen, C. H. Lane, H. B. Paxton, Horace Mitchell, O. Lucas, Arthur Peart, A. Linde, H. F. Kintner, A. J. Hoover, T. W. Shucks, R. M. Noah et al, Ray Goodrich, Frank McNair, W. A. Bell, Ed Brodie, Wm. G. Shields, Jos. Varney, H. Haraldson, E. M. Emstrum, John Dolman, E. D. Haines, J. E. Stinson, R. E. Matney, J. A. Yates, W. O. Finley, John Krivnick, C. K. Leitzel, John Salopek, B. C. Stone, E. Jenson, Lawrence Haughton, George Haughton, G. C. Feldman, Frank Leitzel, Frank Sisco, A. W. Edmunds, J. A. Miller, Wm. Lambert, George Askew, D. Bushnell, John Hickam, H. T. Finley, George Simmons, Carl Flaatten, L. C. Call, A. L. McNeil, John F. Stanley, Geo. Bartlett, August Peterson, W. H. Purdy, A. B. Jollier, Howard C. Getz, Alpha Pederson, Herbert Haughton, Howard H. S. Conville, D. E. McDuffee, L. N. Gregory, H. W. Pierce, August Johnson, John Kacic, Emil Young, W. R. Austin, C. C. Price.

### Road Location

In our Randolph letter this week will be found the information that the county officials have decided to extend the North Bank road beyond Rocky Point to a terminus at Bullards. This will probably mean that some day a bridge will be built on the lower river, which owing to the obstruction it will be to navigation, will have to be a very expensive one. It would, though, serve the Seven Devils route from Bandon, as well as the North Bank road. This decision will also render very improbable the construction of a river bridge between Coquille and Prosper.

Since the above was written we have taken with Judge Wade about the matters and he says there has been no decision by the court about the route of the North Bank road from Rocky Point to Bullards; but that the route chosen will probably be the one over the hill to the Seven Devils road, as that will be cheaper than a direct road.

It is reported that work on the paving of the "No Man's Land" section of the Coquille-Marshfield highway between the Sentinel office and the Burkholder corner will be begun in about three weeks.

Myrtle Point is cleaning up this week for the Fourth of July.

## GIRLS AGAIN LEAD

### The Annual Report of the Coquille School District For 1920-1921

The annual report of the Board of Education of Coquille school district No. 8 was read at the meeting held at the high school Monday night, but as so few people were there to hear it we are sure a great many of the voters will be glad to have an opportunity to peruse it in these columns.

The number of children of school age in the district at the enumeration last October was 694, an increase of 56 over the previous year. There were 271 boys and 323 girls, the girls more than holding their own, with a majority of 52 over the boys, where it was 45 the previous year. Evidently the stock has faith that a league of nations or some such device is going to prevent wars for a long time to come.

The number of teachers employed during the past year was 17, three more than in the year 1919-1920. Two of the teachers were men and 15 women. There were 15 school rooms in operation during the year; and all but one of the teachers attended institutes during the year. School was taught during nine months of the year.

There are two school houses in the district, one of which was built during the year. The number of legal voters in the district is estimated at 90 of which less than 2 per cent attended the annual meeting.

There are 1220 volumes in the school library, of which 48 were added during the year.

Following is the financial statement of Treasurer O. C. Sanford for the year ending June 30, 1921:

| Receipts                 |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand a year ago  |             |
| In Building Fund         | \$36,727.24 |
| In General Fund          | 3,082.91    |
| State District Tax       | 17,742.50   |
| From county School Fund  | 5,140.20    |
| From state School Fund   | 3,004.00    |
| From Tuition             | 78.50       |
| High School Tuition Fund | 2,629.10    |
| Elementary School Fund   | 1,448.40    |
| From all other sources   | 140.00      |
| Total                    | \$87,974.79 |
| Expenditures             |             |
| Teachers' wages          | \$12,688.51 |
| Rent of school rooms     | 205.00      |
| Fuel and Supplies        | 2,300.30    |
| Repairs & janitor work   | 1,848.78    |
| Site and school house    | 45,101.83   |
| Bonds and interest       | 3,852.14    |
| Insurance                | 685.89      |
| Clerk's Salary           | 262.50      |
| All other purposes       | 887.18      |
| Cash on hand             | 147.78      |
| Total                    | \$87,829.00 |

The total amount of outstanding bonds is \$54,000. The amount of outstanding warrants is \$2320.17. The estimated value of school houses and grounds is \$89,000, of which \$73,000 is for the new high school and \$16,000 is for the grade school. The estimated value of furniture and apparatus is \$5,000. The insurance carried on school property is \$53,000.

The average monthly salary paid to all male teachers was \$450. The average monthly amount paid to all female teachers was \$1762.05. The amount of special tax levied was \$31,551.56. The valuation of the taxable property of this district is \$1,192,403.

### Those Highway Rules

The county court met Wednesday to consider the matter of protecting improved highways, and a decision was tentatively arrived at, though no order has yet been made in relation to it. It is proposed to prohibit the use of chains on improved roads in the summer season, and to limit the speed of all trucks to 15 miles an hour. Also to order them to keep off the roads after rains and showers until the pavement dries off.

As to the weight of truck loads permitted, only the state law will apply in summer, which fixes a speed of 3 miles an hour for all metal tires, no matter what the weight of the load. Solid tire trucks range from 12 miles an hour for weights of 22,000 lbs. down to 24 miles for 4,500 lb. weight. Pneumatic tire trucks are graded from 18 miles an hour for 22,000 lb. weights up to 30 miles an hour for 6500 lb. weights.

Remember the dates for the Westco Chautauqua here—Tuesday, July 12 to Sunday, July 17.