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IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury of Six Women and Six Men Convict Orval Anderson in Five Minutes

Monday was a busy day for the sheriff's office here, owing to the necessity of securing six women jurors to sit on the case of the state against Orval Anderson, of the bay section, a man thirty years of age, who was accused of having wronged a young woman only 15 years of age.

The law provides that in cases like this involving minors, half the jury shall be women; and then there is another provision that every woman called to serve on a jury may be excused if she requests it.

Of the fifteen women drawn on the regular panel Mrs. Marian Clark, of North Bend, was the only one who was available to do jury duty in this case. Only three of the sixteen had appeared for service, Mrs. Fred Wilson, of Marshfield, and Mrs. Carrie Harnden, of Fat Elk, in addition to Mrs. Clark.

This made it necessary for the sheriff to secure five more women, and to get that number thirty-seven were summoned.

When this historical jury, the first mixed jury ever empaneled in the Circuit Court of this county, was complete, it consisted of the following ladies and gentlemen:

Mrs. Marian Clark, of North Bend.
Mrs. Virginia Craeger, of Coquille.
Mrs. Mabel Hazard, of Coquille.
Mrs. Eva Currie, of Coquille.
Mrs. Eula Schram, of Coquille.
Mrs. Maud Mast, of Coquille.
Earl W. Gates, of Marshfield.
John Haga, of Parkersburg.
Levi L. Bunch, of Coquille.
C. O. King, of North Bend.
Frank L. Lowe, of Marshfield.
Ray Miller, of Coquille.

It was so near night when the jury box had finally been filled that only the prosecuting witness was put on the stand before adjournment. Tuesday morning the case was taken up again and the prosecuting witness cross examined by Tom T. Bennett, attorney for the defendant. The first line of defense was an attempt to show a conspiracy on the part of the witness and another man to make the defendant the goat; but the witness denied every insinuation along that line in the questions that she answered before objections could be interposed by District Attorney Fisher; and the court sustained about all the objections. When it came, though, to inquiries as to her misconduct with other men beside the defendant, the girl admitted in two cases but denied it in others. Asked if one of these was her first offense, she naively replied, "The first in Oregon." She had previously testified that she would be seventeen next October and that she came here from Montana three years ago.

The court adjourned about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to afford the defense an opportunity to get additional witnesses from the bay by whom it was hoped to secure an alibi for the defendant as to the time when it was charged the offense was committed. The case was concluded and given to the jury at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and it took only fifteen minutes to agree upon a verdict, but two ballots being taken. The verdict was "guilty."

Two ballots were taken, the first standing 10 to 2 for conviction, and it is reported that the unanimous decision was reached within five minutes after the jury was locked up.

During the trial some one testified that Anderson was 30 years of age, but when he was arrested by Sheriff Ellingsen a year ago he gave his age as 35, which would make him 36 now.

Judge Coke fixed his bail at \$10,000, which he was unable to secure and he was placed in jail. He will be sentenced at two o'clock this afternoon.

The penalty the statutes provide for contributing to the delinquency of a minor female, as Anderson's offense is often termed, is from three to twenty years in the penitentiary. Does it pay to sow for that kind of a harvest?

Last Game Tomorrow Night

The last game of the high school basketball schedule will be played tomorrow (Saturday) evening between Coquille and Bandon. The opener, which starts at 7:30, will be between Bandon girls and the Coquille girls' team.

The Sentinel and the Oregon Farmer both for \$2.15 a year.

Wants Site for Shingle Mill

E. J. McLane, of Kelso, Wash., was in Coquille last week looking for a site for a shingle mill and cedar products factory which he desires to locate somewhere in this section. He is very favorably impressed with the facilities and opportunities in Coquille, and if a site can be secured at a reasonable figure he will very likely come here. He says he will employ at least ten men at the start, which is what he told the people up at Kelso a few years ago, but by the time he had reached his maximum output up there he was employing one hundred men.

S. M. Nealer, president of the Commercial Club, has been taking an active interest in the past week endeavoring to find a suitable tract of land at a reasonable figure.

Rescind Vaccination Order

At the meeting of the directors of School district No. 8 Tuesday evening the smallpox regulation regarding vaccination of teachers and pupils, adopted early last month, was rescinded.

At the same meeting School Clerk Sanford was instructed to prepare a protest against the assessment for the north end improvement which has just been proposed by the city council. The board feels that the assessment is discriminatory and unjust when compared with other property assessments in that section.

JUDGE WADE HAS RESIGNED

On Feb. 21st, County Judge C. R. Wade transmitted to Gov. Olcott his resignation as county judge of Coos county. The governor thereupon accepted it and immediately re-appointed Mr. Wade to serve until his successor is elected and has qualified as indicated by the following letter from the governor to Mr. Wade:

"Acknowledging your letter of February 21st I hereby accept your resignation as County Judge for Coos County, and am enclosing a commission of reappointment to yourself to serve until the next general election or until your successor is elected and qualified, as provided by law. This will permit bringing about the desired results of having the vacancy filled by the people at the coming general election."

This places the matter in such a position now that nominations can be made at the primary in May to fill the office or, as will probably be the case with one Coquille gentleman, leave it open for independent candidates to have their names placed on the ballot at the November election.

Coos' Silver Medal Jersey

Ralph M. Bunn, of Arago, was in town this morning. He was greatly pleased over having received a silver medal for one of his registered Jersey sifers. This medal is awarded by the American Jersey Cattle Club to register of merit cattle under five years old, who produce 500 pounds of butterfat in one year and carry a calf during 155 days of the time. Mr. Bunn's Jersey made her record as a two-year old, and has just completed her 305 day record as a 3-year old, during which she also produced 500 pounds of butterfat.

The medal is an attractive piece, about the size of a twenty dollar gold piece, on which the animal's name is engraved.

Gold medals are awarded for purebreds over five years of age, who make the necessary butterfat production.

Mr. Bunn says this is the first silver medal awarded in Coos county.

Will Start Improvement Soon

Mr. Page informs us that C. M. Brewer, of Albany, general manager of the Mountain States Power Company, says that the material for the new transformers and other improvements here in Coquille will be on hand in ten days, so that we will not have to wait a great deal longer for better service and an increased supply of juice.

Will Have to Ask for Them

About three months ago some one broken into Dr. Glaisyer's garage in the east part of town and stole a \$130 set of veterinary instruments. Monday night the garage was again broken into and the car searched, presumably for the specimen which was overlooked at the first robbery. The doctor says he keeps it in the house now so that whoever wants it will have to come and ask for it.

PLEADED GUILTY COQUILLE WINS

Beat Marshfield Last Saturday in a Very Fast Game 21 to 15

In one of the fastest and best played games ever witnessed in Coquille, the local high school basketball team took the Marshfield high team to a cleaning last Saturday night 21 to 15, thereby wiping out any pride which Marshfield might have felt the week before over the victory, achieved when the local boys had no spirit for the game.

The game last Saturday was a whitewash from start to finish, and to Don Pierce who got back into the game for the first time during the inter-scholastic schedule, belongs much of the credit for the win. He was pitted against Marshfield's star, Maginnis, and not only did he hold that peppery lad even, but he ran around the visitor, took the ball away from him and practically demoralized the whole Marshfield team by the brilliancy of his attack and the superb solidity of his defense.

But while Don was the outstanding star, the others on the team, Wilbur Howe, Cyril McCurdy, Albert Oarding and Jackson Knife, were all playing with a steadiness and efficient teamwork which kept the ball around the Marshfield basket most of the time.

One of the disgraceful exhibitions of rotten sportsmanship occurred toward the end of the game, when Johnson, the huskiest of the visitors, deliberately drove his shoulder into McCurdy as they were both attempting to hit the ball tossed by the referee, knocking Cyril down with a terrific thud. The offender should have been removed from the game.

The score by halves was 11 to 10 and 6 to 5, Coquille being on the long end of each.

It is the opinion of practically everyone who saw the game Saturday night that could the team as it stands now meet the North Bend five there would be a very different ending than were those heretofore recorded. Coquille has now won four out of seven games and tomorrow evening meets Bandon for the last game of the season. It should be a Coquille win. The main event will be preceded by a girls' game between Bandon and Coquille.

Two of the Blind Indictments

The case of R. G. Annin, of Myrtle Point, will come up today in Circuit Court as soon as the Wallace Crouch shooting case is finished. Annin's trial for larceny by bailer was to come up again at this term of court, but at the meeting of the grand jury last week he was again indicted on the same charge, this time being called larceny by embezzlement. This was one of the secret indictments returned and Mr. Annin was notified by the sheriff last week to appear here.

Another of the blind indictments was against Earl Smith, of Myrtle Point, for larceny. He broke into the Harlock Pharmacy there before Christmas last, and although he is under parole from the juvenile court, complaint was made to the grand jury and he was indicted. His case will come up next Monday. The defense will be that the Circuit Court has no jurisdiction while he is under parole from the juvenile court for the same offense.

Auto Grinds His Ear Off

Andrew Erickson, of Marshfield, sustained a serious and very unusual injury Saturday night, which will disfigure him for life. He had got out of a car, in which six men, who were going north on Front street, had been stalled in the sands and was trying to help start it. The driver unexpectedly reversed the car and having caught hold of a rear wheel the car backed over him and pinned him beneath it. This lifted the car and the wheel went on spinning in the air while his head was crowded close against it. The car was so badly mutilated before he was released, that it had to be amputated.

County Health Nurse Resigns

Miss Elizabeth Campbell, who has been an earnest worker and deservedly popular as a health nurse in this county, has resigned that position to accept a similar one in Hood river county. There she will be provided with a car and will have only 16 schools to visit. Her many friends in Coos county will regret very much to see her leave.

Deputy Assessors Named

Assessor J. P. Beyers has selected the following as special deputy assessors for this spring's field work and they have been confirmed by the county court.

J. N. Hosking, who will assess in North Bend and from Coos Bay south to the Coquille river.

Geo. W. Hoffman, South Fork, Middle Fork, Catching Creek and above Myrtle Point.

Z. C. Strang, Coquille river from Coquille to Bandon.

Arthur Brown, East Fork and North Fork.

Louis St. Dennis, northwest part of the county from the Bay.

L. D. Smith, Coos river and Catching Slough.

A. V. Allen, the city of Marshfield.

Mr. Beyers will assess in the cities of Coquille, Powers and part of Myrtle Point. He has secured no one yet to do the work in Bandon.

Sell Stock Rapidly

E. J. Page, local manager of the Mountain States plant, says that he and A. F. Blanchard, the Marshfield agent of the company, sold \$10,000 of gold notes of that company in a week; and that only \$40,000 of the \$300,000 issue now remain unsold. It is expected they will all be taken within another week.

NEAR EAST LECTURE TONIGHT

Portland, Ore., Feb. 28, 1922

Dear Mr. Young: I am looking forward with much pleasure to my visit to Coquille on Friday of this week when I am to tell of my trip through Southern Russia and the Near East and to bring the motion pictures, "Alice in Hungerland." The meeting will be at Goulds' Hall and no admission will be charged.

The three weeks I spent out there last summer were in many ways the most interesting weeks of my life and I am anxious to tell you and others of my Coquille friends of what I saw. Everywhere I went I saw American relief workers rescuing children from the streets and transforming them from sickly little waifs to happy, hearty, healthy youngsters. If I saw much of sorrow outside the orphanages I saw also much of joy inside the same buildings.

I want to bring to you something of the thrill I felt when I saw "Old Glory" floating over the largest group of orphans in the world, more than 12,000 at Alexandropol in Southern Russia.

I talked with several Oregonians, who are in the lead in relief work and they gave me messages to the "home folks." One Oregon woman is in charge of 1,000 children, another of 2,000. One Oregon boy has just gone out to conduct a great farming enterprise of more than 15,000 acres, where the refugees will be trained in scientific methods of agriculture to bring them to self support as soon as possible.

These are just a few of the things I saw and heard and felt. I believe I can make you more glad than ever to help in Near East Relief at the meeting Friday night. Cordially yours, J. J. Handsaker.

Many Want to Adopt Baby

Considerable excitement was occasioned in Myrtle Point yesterday when it became known that a newborn babe was placed on the doorstep of an elderly couple there at two o'clock that morning. The main part of the excitement was caused by those who desired to adopt the baby, Judge Wade having at least a dozen applications from Myrtle Point and one from here yesterday to be awarded the child.

He refused to take snap judgment and instructed the juvenile officer, Miss McDonald, to go up there this morning and place the infant with some competent woman for a week or so, until he had had an opportunity to make a selection of a home for it.

Johnson Mill Making Repairs

The E. E. Johnson mill here has been closed down since Tuesday while the machinery and equipment was undergoing a general overhauling and repairing. Some new improvements are also being made. A new 160 horsepower motor has just been installed at the edge and a crew is now at work installing a "power-set" on the carriage which will eliminate one man from the operation of that piece of machinery. It is expected that the mill will be going full blast again next Monday.

CROUCH CASE ON

Wallace Crouch Being Tried for Shooting Roscoe Hart Last Year

Yesterday morning the Sentinel reporter heard some of the testimony of Roscoe Hart, of Haynes Inlet, the young man, who was shot down two or three months ago by Wallace Crouch, one of his neighbors and middle-aged. The parties were both in the public road, adjoining the Crouch land and the affair began with Crouch calling Hart the vilest names one man can apply to another—names that are almost sure to provoke a fight. But Hart appears to have been unarmed and by his own testimony he seems to have been no whit behind Crouch, giving him back the same as he sent—maybe with interest. This angered Crouch, who has the reputation of being of a quarrelsome disposition, and certainly looks the part—and here we are judging him from a back view only.

Crouch was armed and made the retort to have been expected when Hart threw his own epithets back to him, implying that Crouch's lineage had the same bar sinister that he had intimated could be found in Roscoe's maternal strain.

The latter at once pulled his gun and, aiming at Hart's head, fired. Hart naturally ducked and his enemy missed for that time. Another shot and he ducked again, but this time Crouch aimed low enough to hit a less vital part, and the bullet struck the young man in his right leg, passed clear through it and penetrated the left leg. Afterwards it dropped out when the clothing was removed or one of them did. For after Hart crumpled and fell Crouch fired a third shot, which penetrated his already wounded left leg as he lay on the ground and later one of the bullets was cut out of his flesh. Hart had a companion in a young man about his own age, but being presumably unarmed, he didn't mix in the affray.

Hart then got up and with his shoes rapidly filling with blood from his wounds, walked about 150 yards towards the landing, going across the yard of Elmer Crouch, because he was afraid he would be shot again if he set his bloody feet on Wallace's ranch. By the time he reached the boat, his steps having by that time become so uncertain that he feared he might fall in the inlet if he tried to walk farther.

We did not hear Crouch's story, and so this account is necessarily one-sided. But taking it just as Hart tells it, with his own admissions of verbal assault he flung back at Crouch, how easily he might have weakened him all his life and will very likely cripple him in his old age and shorten his life.

All he needed to do was to heed Solomon's injunction in the book of Proverbs:

"He that is slow to wrath is better than the mighty and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

The case occupied all of yesterday and this morning the attorneys are arguing it. John D. Goss assisted County Attorney Ben Fisher for the prosecution and C. F. McKnight appeared for the defendant.

Two women are on the jury, which is trying this case, of which the following is the roster: Carrie Harnden, of Coquille; John Haga, of Bandon; Frank Lowe, of Marshfield; John Merchant, of Marshfield; A. J. Macy, of Bandon; L. L. Bunch, of Coquille; Mrs. Marian Clark, of North Bend; R. F. Miller, of Coquille; W. A. Letts, of Bridge; J. F. Kronenberg, of Bandon; Warren Painter, of North Bend; and C. O. King, of North Bend.

Coos Committee Members

President Chas. A. Howard, of the State Teachers' Association, has appointed the following teachers and former teachers of this city on the committees of the association for the current year:

On Resolutions: Mrs. Ida Gambie, of North Bend.

On Teachers' Tenure: J. C. Almack, of Eugene, and Mrs. Inez Chase, of Coquille.

On Reorganization of Institutes and Reading Circle Work: L. W. Turnbull, of Tillamook.

On Teachers' Councils in Rural Schools: Lynn A. Parr, of Coquille.

On Rural School Consolidation: C. E. Mulkey, County Superintendent.