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IT GAGGED THEM

The Sort of Moonshine Sold Here Not Really Apetizing

If all the men who buy and drink moonshine could see how it is made and under what filthy conditions much of it is produced there would be a big drop in the bootlegging business.

Sheriff Ellingsen told the other day about a moonshiner arrested not long since who told of a cat getting into his barrel of mash and drowning. It was left there for a week or more until the fur began to slip from the fish, but the liquor was drawn off and saved without regard for the fine taste it might have acquired. He also said several rats had been drowned in his mash and gave the sheriff the keys that he might investigate and learn the truth of his statements. Mr. Ellingsen investigated and found the body of a cat and several rats lying on a shovel just as they had been dipped from the barrel of mash.

But the most wholesome and moonshine-inspiring story was of an event a couple of years ago, and which we have never seen published.

It was at the time when Jim Trojan and Emil Young were arrested for moonshining, their barrels broken up and mash destroyed. They paid their fine and a day or so later, Sheriff Ellingsen and Deputy Malehorn went down to their home near Cedar Point in the evening to see what was going on. As they approached the house they heard voices—at least one—and Ed slipped around where he could look into the shack between the curtains. Jim was holding a Bible up in front of himself, jabbering away in a foreign tongue, but Ellingsen got this much of his monologue: "I don't see where it says here," as he turned the pages, "that a man can't make moonshine."

The officers went in and found Jim was drawing off a small batch for his own consumption from a sauce pan of prune mash. Pretty soon the "Dutchman" came in with more mash, and the officers decided to investigate and find where they had their mash casked.

In an old chicken house they found a likely spot, where the earth had been recently disturbed and they began digging. They soon uncovered a board with a rubber coat underneath and an iron lid under that. Beneath the lid was a 60-gallon barrel of prune mash with an old union suit over it. The barrel lacked a foot of being full. With the idea of spilling the mash, they went to work filling the barrel. Sam shovelled in dirt and chicken manure and Ed tamped it down till prunes squirted out on all sides. They did a good job of filling the barrel with manure, but being buried, they did not try to dig the barrel out.

A day or so later they went back and found that the liquor had been drawn off notwithstanding their efforts to tone it, and had been peddled in Coquille. There were some wry faces and many stomach aches when the story got around as to what kind of mash Trojan and the "Dutchman" had been furnishing.

Killed in Logging Camp

Another of the seemingly endless and frequently fatal casualties in logging operations in Coos county occurred at Wm. Vaughan's camp near Delmar Tuesday morning. Frank Arnot, of Cooston, was struck by a falling limb while he was walking in the woods. His skull was crushed, his nose broken and some of his teeth knocked out. He was taken at once to Mercy hospital, where everything possible was done for him but he died at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. His funeral services will take place at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Truerwatcher funeral home and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Snyder, of North Bend.

Arnot was 33 years of age and had lived at the Bay for the past fifteen years, and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Arnot. What makes this case a peculiarly and one is that he leaves four motherless children, Florence, Vivian, Steward and Russell, the two girls being seventeen and fifteen years of age.

Sale of beautiful Christmas Gifts by Episcopal Guild Ladies at Coquille Furniture store, Dec. 16, 2 p. m.

Will Leave Next Week

Dr. V. L. Hamilton, who has been figuring for some time on going to The Dalles, said this morning that he intends leaving next Friday—the 15th. He has rented offices in the First National Bank building there and he and his brother, C. W. Hamilton, of Baker, will form a partnership. They have plans pretty well along, with substantial backing, for building a hospital there similar to the Keizer hospital at North Bend. When they get established it is probable that two more brothers, one of them a dentist, will also move to The Dalles, making four brothers in the company.

Dr. Hamilton says that he has three or four deals on for the sale of his hospital property here and expects one of them to be closed within a week.

You interested in next year's taxes—enough to come to Coquille two weeks from today, Friday, December 22, and attend the Budget meeting when the figures for all county expenses in Coos county for the coming year will be fixed by the county court?

WANT TO PLANK NORTH BANK

Chas. Hall and W. S. Wells were over here from Marshfield Wednesday. One object of their visit was to confer with the new members of the county court in regard to the planking of the North Bank road from Beaver Hill to Lampa, and the installing of a ferry at Lampa to carry for auto travel which will be blocked while work is in progress on the highway south of the river. Their contention is that the Bandon road would not be finished for two or three years and that the old scow, now tied up behind the bridge here, which was formerly used on the Coquille ferry, could be moved down to Lampa, and approaches built there on each side of the river.

They recommended the building of a double track roadway, with four planks in the center and two on either side for the ten miles from Beaver Hill to opposite Lampa. This would require a million and a quarter feet of lumber which would probably cost \$25 per thousand on the ground, or over \$30,000 in place. Add to this the labor of building and the preparation for ferrying, and the cost of making the North Bank road similar to the North Bend-Empire road would be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

It would be an excellent thing to have a road open to Bandon while the highway is building but what the court will want to know is how they can plank this road without raising taxes.

The Navy Accepts Him

The Sentinel stated last week that Judge Wade had committed Earl Phillips, of Myrtle Point, to the state training school for his theft of an auto belonging to Jas. L. Ferry, of Marshfield on Nov. 11, but later the judge changed his decision, after being interviewed by a delegation from Myrtle Point, and agreed to give the boy a chance to make good in the navy if he was acceptable. Accordingly Traffic Officer Williams took him out to Salem Monday where Phillips' enlistment was accepted by the naval recruiting officer. It will be much better training for the lad than would a term in the reform school.

Mr. Williams returned from Salem yesterday afternoon.

Mill Again Running

Following abundant rains on the west slopes of the coast range early this week an ample supply of logs from the East Fork reached Coquille on Wednesday, the river running almost full of them. The boom at Cedar Point was filled as were most of the booms on the river and the welcome sound of the Johnson Mill whistle has been reverberating through the city for the past two days. It is not probable there will be another shut down this winter to wait for logs to come out, as there are millions of feet up the forks waiting for a little more of a rise.

Mrs. Beale M. Jones is the new teacher in the third grade at the Grade building, succeeding Mrs. Frank Dungey, who resigned Nov. 20. Mrs. Jones is a teacher of several years' experience, whose home is in North Bend.

SHOT FOR A DEER? Joseph Huff Shoots Joseph West—Is Out on Bail

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Talking with Deputy Sheriff Malehorn this morning about the shooting of Joseph West by Joseph Huff in the woods near Myrtle Creek Tuesday afternoon, a Sentinel representative learned several peculiar facts in connection with the case. It seems that Huff was standing on a ridge in sight of Bridge and says he shot about a hundred yards up hill at the deer. West was standing about 65 yards from where Huff says he was standing and directly south of Huff and down hill, while the deer was due west of Huff. He also says that when he saw Huff first the latter had his rifle pointed directly at him and he was hit almost instantly.

Deputy Malehorn, Coroner Wilson and District Attorney Fisher were up there this week, going over the ground and they say that Huff could not have possibly seen West from where he was standing, a slight elevation preventing, and that the farthest point from which he could have seen West was about 30 yards.

After he shot West, Huff returned to his sister-in-law's and said he thought he had shot a man, but he did not go to his relief. After being closely questioned by the officers he finally dug around in the ferns under the log and found the shell which was dry and unburnished after being out in the rain for two or three days.

Huff was released Sept. 23 last after serving time from May 6 on a moonshining charge and Deputy Malehorn says he was a trouble maker the whole time.

He was bound over to the grand jury yesterday by Justice Dodge at Myrtle Point and is probably out under \$1,000 bonds, J. O. Farmer and Jas. Houser having indicated their willingness to go his bail.

West is doing very well in the hospital at Myrtle Point and seems to be in a fair way to recovery.

Is Brode Insane

On complaint of his wife last week, D. S. Brode, of Bridge, was arrested Saturday by Constable Endicott, for assault and battery. Sheriff Ellingsen was up there Friday learning what he could about the case but Brode had hid out. He left the warrant, however, and Endicott got Brode the next day and brought him down to jail. He has had one or two hearings as to his sanity but up to noon today Judge Wade had not made a final decision. If he is not insane he will be taken to Myrtle Point for a hearing on the assault charge.

For several months past Brode is accused of striking and beating his wife and of keeping her locked up, and from what the sheriff could learn, without the slightest excuse.

In Circuit Court

Judge Coke was over Tuesday morning to hold a session of the Circuit court, but in the absence of Mrs. Scott, court reporter, no divorce cases were taken up.

He sentenced Thos. Morris, convicted of stealing about \$70 and burning a logging camp building near Hauser to two years in the penitentiary.

There is considerable business coming up at the session starting next Tuesday. The contested divorce case of Koski vs. Koski, from Marshfield, will be started Tuesday and the case of the Bank of Myrtle Point vs. Spencer is set for trial on Thursday.

Not a Cutting Scrape

D. Dempsey, of Beaver Hill, was before Justice J. J. Stanley Tuesday, where he pleaded guilty to being drunk in the hotel over there, and was fined \$10 and costs. He made arrangements to have it taken out of his next pay check.

The story in a Coos Bay paper that he was guilty of using a knife on another miner there was incorrect, as it is thought the other man received a gash in his back from falling on a broken bottle, but this happened the day before Dempsey got into trouble.

Wednesday night was the coldest so far this winter, and the snowfall that whitened the ground made it seem like real winter. Yesterday was a day of sunshine, however, but another storm seems to be brewing today.

SPECIAL TAXES

Amounts Just Voted in Road and School Districts

The following road districts in Coos county have each voted a ten mill tax for road purposes for next year the amount to be raised in each district being also shown:

- 2, Hauser—\$1500.
- 3, Lakeside—\$1090.50.
- 5, South from Allegany—\$2358.
- 6, Allegany—\$4000.
- 8, Empire—\$6174.
- 11, Coos River—\$11,500.
- 12, Fairview—\$9500.
- 14, Brewster—\$4679.90.
- 15, Lee—\$4909.
- 16, Larson & Haynes Slough—\$2,000.
- 19, North Bank—\$14,000.
- 22, Two Mills—\$2173.55.
- 23, Parkersburg—\$6418.25.
- 25, Four Mills—\$1637.
- 28, Powers—\$10,500.
- 34, Eastside—\$2,000.

No. 25, Bridge, voted a tax of \$7,500 but specified that unless the money was to be spent by a committee named by the meeting the vote should be considered as null and void, and District Attorney Fisher holds that this qualification in the minutes renders the vote invalid, inasmuch as the law provides the money shall be spent under the direction of the county court.

The following is the special tax levied by cities, so far as reported to the county clerk:

- Coquille—\$13,264.64.
- Eastside—\$4,500.00.
- Empire—\$518.20.
- Myrtle Point—\$7,500.00.
- North Bend—\$40,550.20.

The following is the tax levied by the larger school districts in the county as reported:

- 8, Coquille—\$28,820.94.
- 9, Marshfield—\$62,523.93.
- 13, North Bend—\$49,188.
- 31, Powers—\$19,976.23.

The Port of Coquille River has levied a tax of \$10,302 for port purposes.

Taxes Very Unequal

Many Coos county districts, says County School Superintendent Mullett are unable to provide sufficient money for their schools, even though they levy an unbearable tax, (Bridge with 32.4 mills and Lakeside with 38.6 mills are examples), while others are able to support an excellent school with a comparatively low tax. Consequently, if a district is rich, it usually provides money for good schools. If it is poor, the opposite is the case. Whether a child attends a well-equipped school, a poorly-equipped school, or no school at all is therefore purely accidental.

The following will show enormous difference in the ability of local districts to support their schools:

District	Taxable wealth
Glenn Junction No. 76	\$78,278.12
Coos River Con. No. 36	11,861.67
Lakeside No. 666	2,935.88
Coquille No. 77	1,621.84
Two Mills No. 29	1,376.90
Sugarloaf No. 37	1,068.66

To raise a certain amount per centus a child requires seventy-three times as great a tax rate in Sugarloaf as in Glenn Junction, or seven times as great in Bridge as in the Coos River district.

Eighteen of our teachers are drawing salaries of \$800 or less while many are getting \$1200 or more. Are all our children getting an equal educational opportunity when their teachers command this difference in salary?

Some of our children attend school eight months, some nine. Is this equality?

Fell 20 Feet Unhurt

Julius Ruble had a bad accident with his Ford Wednesday morning, but was very fortunate in coming out of it without a scratch for himself.

The rear of his car, however, was badly mashed.

He keeps his car in the old Lyons' barn near the north end of the I bridge, and as he backed out yesterday, for some reason, he kept right on backing and went off the opposite side of the bridge from the barn. The car turned completely over and when it settled down twenty feet below, all four wheels were in the air. How he escaped injury Mr. Ruble does not know for he was under the car when it struck the ground.

Up to Attorney General

Being unable to come to any agreement with the Russ Investment Co. regarding the right of way from the bridge to the Hathaway place on Fat Elk, the county court this week decided to place the matter in the hands of Attorney General Van Winkle, for such action as is necessary to acquire the desired right of way.

The court at its session this week also passed the second reading of the Fairview relocation of road petition and it will come up for final hearing next week.

The rest of the two day session was spent in allowing bills and cleaning up odds and ends. The court will meet again on the 22nd for the public hearing on the budget and its final adoption, and to open bids for the Coal Bank Slough bridge, and it is expected now that the present court will transact but little business besides that, says Judge Wade.

The Western Union last Friday installed full 24 hour telegraphic service from Coquille by sending an operator here temporarily. A new night man will be here to take the position permanently within a month.

LESS THAN ESTIMATE

City Engineer Gould made a report to the city council Monday evening on the work done on the Kink creek dam, and the amount due Mr. Gidley on his contract. The dam is now well above the water line and only requires three or four more feet to complete it. The concrete work on the tower and spillway is all in place, but the heaviest work yet to be done is the clearing and grubbing. However, the dam is ready to hold water, or will be as soon as the gates arrive and are installed.

Mr. Gould says the entire cost of the project, including contract and extra work done on force account, will be under the \$33,800 estimate, unless the shrinkage of earth work is greater in excess of what was anticipated.

The following is Mr. Gould's report as to the various items connected with the construction of the plant; and its cost to date:

Clearing grubbing and stripping	\$ 4,460.80
Earth excavation, 15,700 yards at 55c	8,635.00
Rock excavation, 900 yds. at \$1.50	1,350.00
Reinforcing in spillway, 200 sq. yds. at \$2.75	550.00
Plain concrete, 64.05 cu. yds. at \$28.00	1,793.40
Gate Tower	4,645.68
All other work	1,200.00
Force account	1,098.26
Total completed Nov. 1.	\$23,732.64

More About Their Case

A. J. Mayse was in from Dors Wednesday and was a caller at this office. While here he threw some additional light on the suit he has in court against S. L. Leatherman for ejectment.

He says that since he paid the taxes on the 116 acres in question, he has spent about a thousand dollars in fencing, clearing and grubbing and that Mr. Leatherman's improvements have been small.

When the Southern Oregon Co. let their taxes go delinquent some ten or more years ago, Mr. Mayse tried to pay the taxes on about 64 acres of the tract under contest, but the collector's office would not accept a portion of the tax, so he paid it on the entire 116 acres, and later got a sheriff's deed for it.

About six or more years ago Mr. Leatherman built a house across the lane from his large house and moved into it, with the intention, evidently, of claiming settlers' preference rights when the land was opened for sale by the government, but according to Mr. Mayse, the house he built was on a forty-acre tract not included in the 116 acres and about 100 feet away from the larger tract.

The \$2,000 named in Mr. Mayse's complaint, is for rent of the land for six years and as payment for about 100,000 feet of timber which Mayse says Leatherman cut on the 116 acres.

Mr. Mayse has been improving the east end of the tract and Mr. Leatherman the west.

Keith Leslie has purchased the residence property E. W. Gregg is just finishing on Second street across from the grade school building. The consideration was \$4,000.

COUNCIL NOTES

Twenty-Five Tracts May Be Sold—Spurgeon Hill Bridge

It was anticipated that the question of where to build the bridge—Moulton or Fourth streets—for a connecting link between Spurgeon Hill and the rest of the city would come up for settlement at the regular meeting of the city council Monday night when the generally signed petition, asking that it be built to connect with the highway, was read.

But at the suggestion of Councilman Mansell that bids be asked for on both routes the council postponed action until the next meeting, at which time the city engineer is to have plans, specifications and estimates on file for two bridges—one each way.

Mr. Gould told the council that for the Moulton street route the estimate would be about \$81 less if the bridge was built from Spurgeon street clear through to the end of the paving on Moulton, than if the fill was made from the paving to the north side of Third and the bridge built from that point to a junction with the present Spurgeon Street bridge.

After these plans have been filed and considered the council will be in a position to advertise for bids and then determine which way the bridge shall go.

The street committee through its chairman, reported that after considering the delay caused W. M. Payne by failure to receive material for the Sherwood Heights improvement last summer, and for which \$150 was deducted from his contract figure in settlement, they would recommend that he be paid the \$150. This brought O. C. Sanford to his feet with the statement that he considered he had been damaged at least \$50 by failure to have the job done in August or September, and he considered Mr. Payne had not used proper diligence in prosecuting the work and in seeing that his subcontractors rushed their parts of the work.

After hearing Mr. Sanford's statement, Mr. Mansell stated that he would withdraw his motion that Mr. Payne be paid in full, and asked that the matter be referred back to the street committee for still further examination, which was done.

The city attorney spent over an hour in reading ten resolutions by which fourteen property owners are notified that improvement taxes are delinquent on about 25 different pieces of property in the city, and that unless these assessments are paid the council will instruct the city marshal to proceed to advertise and sell the property as provided by the city's charter.

Two Industrial Fatalities

The death of Joseph Kronsteiner, the Beaver Hill miner who succumbed suddenly while at work November 5, was due to natural causes, according to a decision reached yesterday by the State Industrial Accident Commission and State Labor Commissioner Chas. Gram, following a hearing there.

Many witnesses were heard and the mine examined. Commissioner Will Kirk said that no evidence was found of gas and all of the witnesses who could be secured could not prove indications of it. He said 67 had signed the petition for the investigation.

The ruling that death was due to heart disease and natural causes will mean that Kronsteiner's family will not get an award from the state.

In the case of Fred Butterfield, who died of gangrene and other complications a month or so after he suffered the loss of a toe in an accident at the Smith mill, decision will be reached later. A transcript of the evidence will be taken and the whole commission and the experts will go over it. This is a peculiar case.—Coos Bay Times.

Bishop Sumner's Schedule

The schedule of services of the Right Reverend Bishop Sumner on his annual visitation will be as follows:

- December 16th, a. m., Marshfield.
- December 19th, p. m., Coquille.
- December 11th, p. m., Gardiner.
- December 14th, p. m., Port Orford.
- December 17, a. m., Bandon.