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## EARLY ROBBERY

### Thief Steals 600 or 700 Two Bit Cigars This Morning

A sneak thief entered the Holy-cross cigar store sometime between four and five o'clock this morning and made away with 600 or 700 cigars. Mr. Holycross could not tell just how many were in the show case, but he estimates that about 350 Robert Burns were taken, 100 Chancellors, 100 Roi Tans, and 150 Van Dycks. Not all of the cigars were lost, however, for the thief in his hurry to get away dropped five boxes just around the Busy Corner when he saw Fred Evernden up the street. The latter ran down to the corner and heard another clatter down back of Geo. Moulton's office, but the thief evidently stopped to pick those up.

Entrance had been gained at the rear door of the cigar store by pushing the door in, after an attempt to jimmy the window proved fruitless.

The thief also jimmied a rear window of the Hudson Drug Store and had raised it about a foot, but when he knocked a bottle off the window sill he evidently became frightened and left. Nothing has been missed at the drug store.

About a quarter of five Wm. Donaldson entered his restaurant, next door to the cigar store, and slammed the front door, which must have been the cause of the thief's alarm, as it was only a couple of minutes later that Mr. Evernden brought in the five boxes found near the Busy Corner.

He could give a very meagre description of the thief to Deputy Sheriff Malshorn, who started to work on the case this morning, but stated that it was an overgrown boy or a man, from his size.

## Three Frosts and Rain

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday were fine days with heavy white frosts each morning. According to the old rule, they were followed by rain Sunday evening, and damp weather prevailed for the four following days. Yesterday was the most disagreeable day of the month so far, with raw winds and rain, and a couple of sleet showers at five o'clock and later to vary the monotony. This morning, however, it is fine again, with the sort of fog betokening abundant sunshine later. It is still wintry though, and there was some ice on the walks at eight o'clock.

We could hardly expect this month to give us as many fine days as February but vegetation is coming on apace with berries in leaf and pear blossoms showing white already and only waiting a few warm days to open. We're going to have a phenomenally early spring, notwithstanding the ground hog—and any way that ban will be lifted next week.

## Home Talent March 15

At the business meeting of the Coquille Fire Department last evening it was decided to stage Capt. Crumley's play, "Over the Ridge," at the Liberty Theatre here next Thursday, March 15.

The cast will be the same one which recently put it on at Myrtle Point. The proceeds are to be used for purchasing the new fire siren which the department expects to purchase soon.

All of the members of the cast are local people who have so successfully staged home talent productions heretofore and it can be truthfully stated that every one attending will get his or her money's worth.

The admission will be 25c and 50c and it is hoped that every one will purchase a ticket and be on hand. Doors open at 7:30 and show starts at 8:00 o'clock. Don't forget Thursday night, March 15.

## Mere Manslaughter

Editor Sentinel:—The Sentinel and other papers always speak of L. W. Pearce of "Catching Creek." He never lived on Catching Creek; he lived on the Floras Creek hills, miles from Catching Creek. We should take off our hats to the jurymen who indicted him for manslaughter. After a man has abused his wife for forty years and then choked her to death, that is manslaughter. Is it any wonder the women are getting divorces from their men?—Subscriber.

## For Zimmerman's Recall

A petition, asking for a recall election for Carl Zimmerman, justice of the peace at Powers, and signed by 126 residents of that district was filed with the county clerk yesterday. At the same time a nominating certificate for W. H. Kirby to run against Mr. Zimmerman at the election was filed. Mr. Kirby's acceptance was endorsed on the certificate.

The reasons stated for asking for Mr. Zimmerman's recall are as follows: "That said Carl Zimmerman in the capacity of Justice of the Peace of District No. 11, has not made a satisfactory record for enforcement of the law.

"That he has not administered justice impartially.

"That by reason of his training and disposition he is not qualified to hold this office as is shown by his record for the past four years.

"That he has failed to co-operate with the present constable of said district in a satisfactory manner for law enforcement."

## WORKING ON HOTEL PLANS

The hotel directors have held three sessions this week to receive and consider plans for the new building. Monday evening, A. C. Jenkins, of Albany, met with them to submit his plans, and Tuesday evening J. E. Tourtelotte, of Portland, sat in the conference.

There was quite a difference in the estimates submitted by the two as well as in their plans, and the directors have decided to get further estimates before accepting any plans.

No work is to be begun at once, although the excavation job will probably be let locally, for the reason that the rains which can be expected for two or three months yet, might cause the walls to cave in, if done now and the building cannot be started for two or three months yet.

The material to be used has not been decided upon, but Mr. Jenkins stated that a concrete building could probably be put up somewhat cheaper than a tile structure.

There are, of course, many details yet to be worked out and the directors are going to proceed slowly until they are certain they have gotten the best they can for the money, after which they will push the work as rapidly as possible.

## Fords in a Smash-Up

Two Fords crashed together on the Cunningham bridge on the highway last Friday evening, one of them being badly damaged. The injured car belonged to Geo. W. Maben, of Portland, who had been down in Curry county on black sand mining business, and was on his way to Marshfield to secure a permit to go over the Coos Bay highway. The other car was driven by L. B. McCool, of this city, and he was taken before Justice Stanley by Traffic Officer Williams, where he was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to ten days in jail, on the charge of reckless driving, to which complaint he pleaded guilty. The jail sentence was suspended, however, on condition that he put Mr. Maben's car in as good condition as it was before the collision.

## Pearce Trial Starts Monday

The trial of L. W. Pearce for murdering his wife and Jas. Culver last December is scheduled to start in Circuit court here next Monday. It is the only criminal case ready for trial.

That it is going to be hard fought is evidenced by the fact that both the state and defense asked the court to permit them to introduce ten additional witnesses to the five allowed by law. The request was granted.

It is reported that Geo. Neuner, of Roseburg, will assist District Attorney Fisher in the prosecution. C. F. McKnight and John D. Goss have been retained for the defense. It is said that the defense will be insanity.

## To Dissolve Partnership

Marwin Sardoni has filed a suit in equity against J. W. Devos. It is stated in the bill that the two men were in partnership in the logging business at Allegany. The plaintiff claims that the defendant would not allow him to come on the premises or have anything to do with the conduct of the business. In the suit it is asked that the partnership be dissolved and that a receiver be appointed and an accounting made.

## WM. RICHARDSON IS WORKING WELL

### Eighty-one Years of Age, Passed Away at His Home Yesterday

Coquille lost one of her older citizens when Wm. Richardson, an octogenarian, passed away at 2:05 P. M. yesterday at his home near the Academy at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 30 days. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy about a year ago and had been quite feeble since. For several weeks past he had been an invalid, his pulse growing gradually weaker. For the past seven days and nights he had been sitting propped up in a chair; because of discomfort in lying down. Yesterday he grew faint and wanted to lie down but as his chair was being moved toward the couch, he slipped down on his knees and breathed his last before he could be placed on the couch.

Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Richardson's grandson, Glenn W. Richardson, of Portland, who has been here for some time helping care for him, will start east with the remains this afternoon, taking the night train for his old home at Kingsley, Iowa, where the funeral services will be held. Mrs. Richardson expects to return in about two weeks.

William Richardson was born in Manchester, England, and came to America in 1870, living for a short time in Wisconsin and then removing to Iowa, where he remained for thirty years. There he married Mary Roberts. Of this union three daughters survive and a son who is deceased.

On account of his first wife's health he came out to Oregon fourteen years ago, settling at Fargo in the Portland neighborhood. She died in 1916 and about a year later Mr. Richardson came down here and purchased the home in which he has since lived.

November 11, 1918, he married Mrs. Viola Collamore, of Portland, who survives him.

The surviving daughters are: Mrs. Annie Larson, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. Ellie May, of Iowa.

Mrs. Minnie Antrim, of Canton, South Dakota.

Besides the grandson before mentioned, in Portland, there are five grandchildren and one great grandchild living in Iowa. He had been for fifty years a member of the United Brethren church and was highly esteemed by all who knew him as a neighbor and a citizen. The sympathies of all their friends will be with Mrs. Richardson in this great bereavement. It seems as if she has had her full share of affliction in recent years. Since coming here she has lost two sons, one of them in the world war, and also a son-in-law, Mr. Jessup, of Boston, who was killed by a street car a short time after his marriage to her daughter, Lorna Collamore.

## Edna M. Olson Has Gone

Her many friends here were shocked to learn that Edna M. Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Olson, of the Fat Elk section, had passed away at 7:30 yesterday morning at the Smedburg Sanitarium at Marshfield where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last Friday. She was taken ill with influenza about three weeks ago; but the immediate cause of her passing was pneumonia following the operation.

She was 22 years, six months and fifteen days of age, and was a graduate of the Coquille high school and was a member of the Girls' Honor Guard during the world war.

The funeral service will take place Saturday (tomorrow) morning at the Undertaking parlor and the interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

She leaves to mourn their loss besides her parents, two brothers and two sisters: Elmer, Basil and Myrtle and Mrs. Lavina Bogard.

After her graduation she was employed in the office of Dr. Geo. E. Dix at Marshfield. She then went to San Francisco, where she had a position for a year in the office of the Massachusetts Bonding company; and then returned to Marshfield, where she has been for several months an assistant for Dr. C. L. Brown.

The next meeting of the Public Health Association here will be held Tuesday, March 20.

### The New Dam Gives Promise of Being Perfectly Satisfactory

A. N. Gould reports this morning that he began to fill the big dam on Rink Creek this week and that it is holding water just as well as he anticipated. In fact the test wells from the top of the dam to the bottom show less water from seepage than they did before the gates were closed.

In the 24 hours from Thursday to Friday morning the water in the reservoir raised two feet, and was standing at the 368 feet elevation. The spillway elevation is 399 feet, but Mr. Gould intends holding the water at the 380 foot level when that is reached. Of course, the rains yesterday caused a more rapid rise than will be maintained and as a greater area is covered the rise will be lessened.

Mr. Gould is very enthusiastic over the way things are going up there and says he is absolutely satisfied that Coquille will have a great abundance of good water this summer.

Pollution, though, is one thing which must be guarded against, for picnickers are very careless and leave their trash and refuse, either on the bank or throw it into the reservoir.

But there is no fear of contamination from above for the sides of the gulch are precipitous and there is very little probability that any human habitation will ever be built between the reservoir and the top of the hill.

## County Court in Session

The county court in session this week made a deal with J. M. Wagner for about 15 acres of gravel bar in the South Fork, a couple of miles above Broadbent. The consideration was \$7000 and the deal includes a perpetual right of way for either a railroad spur or a wagon road, and for the use of standing timber around the bar for high line purposes. Drag buckets can be used in getting the gravel. This is as good a gravel for road purposes as there is in the county and the court is fortunate in having secured it.

Bids were called for to be opened March 27 for the construction of bridges across South Slough on the Empire-Sunset Bay road, and across Catching Slough on the Eastside-Coos River road.

Permission was granted Edward M. Paulsen and J. R. Hultin to construct a standard gauge logging railroad through the town plat of Lakeside.

The application of Bean & Martin at Riverton, and Carl C. Wilson at Coaledo for dance hall permits were denied, but one was granted to the McKinley Community Club.

Payment of \$21.60 for right of way parcel of land on the North Bank road to Allan and Mary Randleman was ordered.

The county surveyor and viewers—M. T. Clinton and T. P. Hanly—were instructed to view and appraise the right of way for the section of the Roosevelt Highway between Fat Elk and Lamps, and the former to lay out, survey, mark and monument it.

Delegations from Arago and Fishtrap asked for road improvement in their sections, and the court will use what market money they have for the Arago district in graveling toward Myrtle Point. The court will also endeavor to scrape money from somewhere to gravel the road from Fishtrap to the union high school at Arago.

The McKinley delegation in Wednesday thought they had not received all the money they were entitled to on the road in their section, and the court set next Tuesday as the date for the threshing this matter out. At that time the county's auditor, W. H. Wann, will have his figures completed, showing just what has been spent in that district.

## The Eclipse Last Friday

That eclipse of the moon last Friday was well staged here, the skies being clear so that everybody interested could keep tab on the passing show. When we first glimpsed the moon coming up over the eastern hills, though, we wondered what had got between us and its northern segment, it was so long since we had seen an eclipse. The earth did not get out of the moon's sunlight until about ten o'clock.

## Will Send Exhibit to O. A. C.

Fred A. Wimer, the Coquille Commercial Club's representative at O. A. C., has notified the local club of the opportunity to advertise Coquille and the Coquille valley by making an exhibit at the O. A. C. Business Show which will be held in Corvallis March 30 and 31. Thousands of people are expected to be in attendance at that time, and the club decided to go to the expense of sending an exhibit. The Oerling Manufacturing Co. have signified their willingness to furnish a myrtle-wood exhibit, and as the space allotted for each club is only six by six feet, it is expected to make the myrtle the principal display for this club.

Fred says that Fred Harlocker, Lorin Schroeder and Arthur Hooton have expressed a willingness to assist in preparing the booth.

The letter brought forth considerable very favorable comment at the meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening, where it was read. Fred said that he expected to be home March 17 and take the matter up at greater length.

## TO CONDEMN FOUR TRACTS

Assistant Attorney General Devers was down here from Salem on Wednesday conferring with the county court regarding the right of way troubles on the Coquille-Bandon section of the Roosevelt Highway. Before he left he made all arrangements for filing condemnation suits against the Hathaway, the Russ, the McAdams and the Connick properties. These are the four who have not accepted the limit set by the court as to what the county can afford to pay. There is really no difference between the court and Mrs. Connick, although the deed has not been received for the right of way strip.

Between the country and Hathaway there is only the possible damages which the renter may claim; but the court is unwilling to assume any such possible liability and after offering \$300 an acre for damages, where the benefits will far exceed any damages they are standing pat and will let Mr. Devers file the suit.

Wm. Russ' attitude is a little difficult to understand, for he stated before a meeting of the Commercial Club here a few years ago that there would be no trouble over rights of way if the highway was built back from the river. The court agreed to give him three approaches from the highway to his land, but he comes back and asks for another one, that they all be gravelled and the right of way fenced. It makes at least \$800 or \$1,000 more than the county court is willing to pay and condemnation suit will also be started against him, unless he accepts their offer, or possibly the ditch might be moved to his side of the highway. This would eliminate the building of bridges on the ranchers' side of the highway and would probably make the right of way cost less, even if it was necessary to pay Mr. Russ for the full 150 feet needed.

There is an Oregon law which prevents the court from figuring benefits to the Russ tract, from the location there, in estimating the value of the land, but the benefits can be used to offset damages only. This law works a hardship in the present case on the county, but notwithstanding, the court will not yield and pay more.

Mrs. McAdams is the fourth owner whose property will have to be condemned.

## A Peculiar Ruling

The latest inspector at the post-office here warned Postmaster Leneve against accepting checks for stamps and newspaper postage, and even went so far as to refuse to accept as cash those that were on hand. It seems a little strange for one whose checks go at their face value at Portland, San Francisco and New York—as well as in the office of the U. S. collector of internal revenue for the Oregon district—to learn that they won't go at the local postoffice. That rule is on a par with the infinity of red tape the government requires to be unwound before it will cash baby bonds after the owner has passed away.

All the old papers you want for kindling fires, or any other purpose, at 5 cents a bundle at the Sentinel office.

## COUNCIL SESSION

### Enacts Pool Hall Ordinance—Sells Old Hook and Ladder Truck

Mayor Noel and all councilmen were present for the regular meeting of the city fathers Monday evening. The principal business transacted was the adoption of the pool hall ordinance, which while it permits the playing of pool on Sunday, has claws in it which will operate against any proprietor who disobeys the law.

One of the provisions is regarding the loitering of any minor around a pool hall and the penalty for both proprietor and minor is sufficiently heavy to render one offense sufficient.

More than that the council alone has power, under the new ordinance, to grant a license and as it is discretionary with them whether they grant a license and as they also have the power to revoke one, the offender who permits minors to play pool or billiards is pretty apt to find himself obliged to close up for lack of a permit.

No card playing on Sunday is permitted; the presence of liquor is forbidden, and altogether it is the strongest piece of legislation on the subject ever enacted in Coquille. A printed card is to be furnished each pool room whereon the ordinance appears in full.

Another ordinance adopted was one authorizing the issuance of \$2300.50 in bonds for the Sherwood Heights improvement. Notice of a call for bids for these bonds appears elsewhere.

Besides allowing the month's gist of bills, A. B. Gidley was paid \$226.69 on his Rink creek dam contract.

The old hook and ladder truck which has stood in the city hall for 10, these many years, and has probably not been used twice in the past dozen years, was sold to R. B. Rogers for the amount he offered—\$29.

The city recorder was authorized to audit the claims of men employed by the water superintendent, who may then be paid without waiting for a regular council meeting. Mr. Faustman has found it difficult to secure help when he needed it because the laborers were unwilling to wait a week or two for their pay.

Another matter brought up by Water Superintendent Faustman was the rotten condition of some of the wooden pipe, laid in 1915, between the Rink creek dam and the junction of the Rink and Walker creek pipe lines. The council decided to take a half holiday Sunday afternoon and make a trip of inspection over the line to decide for themselves what should be done toward repairing the city's water conduit.

## Circuit Court Cases

Judge Kendall granted three divorces here on Tuesday. One was to Wm. D. Livock separating him from Mabel Livock. The plaintiff was given the custody of the minor child.

Ira Anderson was granted a decree of divorce from Geo. F. Anderson on the grounds of desertion.

Suzanne Geddes, who complained that her husband, George Geddes, was in the habit of getting drunk three or four times a month, each debauch lasting from a week to ten days, and that she could stand it no longer. The divorce was granted.

In the case of Minnie H. Sharon vs. Walter E. Sharon the court was not entirely satisfied with the testimony given and continued the case for further hearing.

Manning and Vangnes, the I. W. W.'s, indicted by the grand jury for violating the criminal syndicalism law, have been released under \$200 cash bail each, put up by the former's brother.

Lem Cochrane withdrew his plea of not guilty to the bribery charge and entered a demurrer to the indictment.

## More Pheasants Coming

Lans Leneve received word the first of the week from A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, that he was shipping him several pairs of Chinese pheasants to be liberated in the Coquille valley but Leneve stopped the shipment by telegraphing him that it was too early in the season to release the birds owing to the lowlands here being still covered with water.