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WAS WELL HIDDEN

Still and Two Men Captured Yesterday Afternoon on Isthmus Slough

One of the most cleverly concealed and best hidden stills which any of the raiding officers had ever seen was captured yesterday afternoon by a party consisting of Sheriff Ellingsen, Deputy Malehorn and two federal prohibition officers.

At the same time they captured Wm. E. Lingo, and last night Arthur Hart, both of Marshfield. A dozen empty barrels, a 25 and a 12-gallon still, 50 gallons of mash, a sack of sugar, a sack and a half of corn, and one quart of moonshine were in the cave.

The still was located across Isthmus Slough from the Ross place and on a tract adjoining the Watson ranch. A room 12x20 feet in size had been dug out in the hill with two narrow tunnels leading to it. They opening on opposite sides of the hill. A third tunnel or elevator shaft led straight up, and this was what led to the men's capture. They had the top of this shaft well concealed but the officers had discovered it last March. They did not find the other openings at that time.

The four officers went to the place yesterday morning but could not get in. They had started back to their car when they heard another car, which sounded as though stuck in the mud.

Well hidden, the officers waited till Lingo and Hart went up the trail they had just come down, and then followed them.

Arrived at the cave they discovered footprints and were talking about it when the officers broke cover. Hart jumped into the creek side opening and lay hid for an hour or so, then crawled out the other end and escaped but he was picked up last night in Marshfield.

Lingo, wearing rubber boots, started to run. The officers fired several shots and he squealed and yelled like a shot man but kept going through the dense brush. Malehorn finally slipped up on him when he stopped to take off his boots under a log.

The two men were taken before Justice Stanley this morning where they asked for time to secure attorneys, and their hearing was set for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

There is no fine under the new law for the offense of moonshining. One to five years in the pen is the only penalty allowed, and the fact that very few stills have been captured lately is probably due to the officers' desire to have the violators given the penitentiary sentence.

The men who were captured had been watched by the sheriff's force for some time and Lingo was known to have been peddling booze. He is a printer and has worked in the Sentinel office this spring on three different occasions.

Lots of work was required to fit up their Cudjo's cave, and the elevator for taking stuff in and out was a neat contrivance.

On the slough side of the hill the tunnel opened directly on the creek so that the men could wade up to it, after rowing across the inlet and leave no marks whatsoever. Ferns and brush covered the small opening.

At the other end the opening was so well covered with logs and brush that it was difficult to find even when the officers knew it was there.

Not until yesterday did the officers know of any other opening than the one on the hill. They found one while searching for Hart and Sheriff Ellingsen eventually found the other while searching the cave.

It was an ideal place for moonshining, but the man who attempts to evade the law usually leaves some tell-tale clue as the elevator shaft was in this case.

Baseball Dance Wednesday

A benefit dance for the Coquille baseball club will be given in Graham's Hall next Wednesday evening, June 17. The ball club is winning games right along now—their first two starts being victories—and the attendance is very fair, but the interest and taxes require considerable money for the season and it is to help the club pay the rent that the dance has been arranged for. Tickets will be \$1.10. The Cornfield Danes are billed to entertain the dancers with several selections.

Warranty and Bargain & Sale Deeds for sale at the Sentinel office

Chautauqua Guarantors to Meet

A meeting of the guarantors and those who signed for tickets for this year's Chautauqua has been called to be held in the city hall next Tuesday evening, June 16, at eight o'clock.

The Chautauqua will appear here June 26-30, inclusive, and it will be held in the Community Building.

The time is getting short to get out the advertising and make arrangements for this year's program. Admission will be free, as it has been for two years past, but reserved seats will be provided for those who finance the Chautauqua.

Police Light Is Hidden

Just why the police signal light, recently installed on a pole at the W. O. W. building corner, where it is more or less obscured by the street light just below it, should not have been placed in the middle of the intersection, where it could be instantly seen from anywhere on Taylor or First street, is a mystery to the police department, and to anyone who has noticed the retired situation in which it is located.

MOVIE TROUPE HERE THIS WEEK

Coquille and the Coquille Valley have been visited this week by the Irwin Willard troupe of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, who began making a Paramount picture yesterday at dam three on the Middle Fork on Coos Bay Logging Co. property. They were taking scenes for the James Oliver Curwood picture, "The Ancient Highway," which is dated for a September release.

Only logging scenes, the log drive and such pictures are to be shot on this trip, but the stars who will perform in the emotional part of the film will be here the first week in July. That troupe will include Jack Holt, Florence Vidor, Raymond Hatton and Montague Love.

Those who have been stopping at the Hotel Coquille here this week were Irvin Willard, director; James Shelley Hamilton, scenario writer; Frank Blount, location manager; Otto Brower, assistant director; Alfred Gilks, Frank Titus, Cliff Blackstone, L. Owens Huggins, Geo. Hollister Jr., Russel Harlan, camera men; all from the motion picture capital at Hollywood; and Jay A. Haas, exploitation representative of the company, located at Portland.

The latter has been here several times during the past few weeks making arrangements with Al Powers for shooting the picture which will later be shown in every city in the U. S. and advertise Coos county to the whole country. A truckload of "property" was brought over from Roseburg Tuesday by Farr & Elwood. It included a fourteen foot canoe and other props.

Object to the Flagpole

Judge Mast is in receipt of a literary anonymous communication protesting against the location of the flagpole in the southwest corner of the court house block, claiming that it would spoil the landscape and that the flag should be on the court house. Being anonymous, as a protest it has no value.

The court was induced to set the pole up in the corner by the suggestions of citizens. They also wanted it far enough from the building that it could not catch and tear while being raised and lowered. That was one objection to having the flagpole on the building. The flag would receive great tears when it touched the roof while wet.

Business Is Improving

The low point in the past year's depression seems to have been passed locally and this week things have seemed to have a little brighter tone.

On some grades of fir lumber there has been a small advance, and it is reported that the Coos Bay Lumber Co. has just received a very large order which will necessitate opening their Cunningham camp about July 10.

It is also expected that Geo. Chaney will resume operations at his Glen Aiken creek camp immediately after the Fourth of July.

Ball Team Goes to Marshfield

Next Sunday, June 14, Coquille will play a return game with the Marshfield ball club, going over to the Bay for the game. With two star alahemen—Zosel and Gilbert—in top form, the team should give the Bay home guards another hard game.

SCHOOLELECTION UP TO THE COURT

Next Monday at High School—All Voters Should Attend

At the school election next Monday evening in the high school building, all voters, whether property owners or not, are qualified to vote for school director, but only free holders, or those owning stock in a corporation which owns real property, are eligible to vote on the budget.

Both matters are of the greatest importance to Coquille and it is to be hoped that a large attendance will be on hand at eight o'clock to decide who shall serve the district for the next three years.

The chairman of the board, who has served his time, is going to retire.

There has been some talk of D. F. Thompson for the position. Mr. Thompson is a man of ability, business experience and is level headed and would make a splendid officer if chosen.

There may be other candidates in the field but they have not been mentioned to this scribe.

As to the budget, the total special tax which the board asks the voters to levy, is practically the same as it was last year, and includes an item of \$6000 which will be necessary to complete the new grade building. Inasmuch as the voters approved a \$10,500 bond issue in April for this purpose there is little question but that the \$6000 will also be voted.

The total amount of the budget as submitted by the budget committee is \$40,208.88.

Personal services, including teachers, janitors and clerk, accounts for \$37,895 of this.

Of the \$108,967.63 estimated to be necessary to run the schools next year, \$68,763.75 it is estimated will be received from the following sources:

High School tuition fund, \$4,048.70
County school fund, \$12,107.30
State school fund, \$1,102.26
Elementary school fund, \$3,453.45

From taxes not yet paid or disbursed to the district and from all other sources, \$48,042.10.

Road, Rail and Sail Banquet

The "Road, Rail and Sail" banquet, to be held at the armory in Marshfield, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, will occur next Thursday evening, June 18. The date was changed from Tuesday because Engineer Purcell of the federal road department in Oregon, was unable to come before Thursday.

Citizens of Coquille, Myrtle Point, and Bandon are cordially invited to be present, and it is their intention to make this the largest get-together meeting ever held in southwestern Oregon.

Members of the State Highway Commission will be present and a number of good talks are on the program.

Tickets for the banquet may be secured from Ned C. Kelley, secretary of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce.

Gone to Grand Lodge

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Leslie left Sunday morning for Portland where he was one of Chadwick Lodge's representatives in the grand lodge A. F. & A. M., held there this week. They stopped over night in Eugene to visit their son "Spike" Leslie, and wife. Mr. Leslie is master of Chadwick lodge.

Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Glaisyer also left Sunday in their car for the sessions of the grand lodge and grand chapter. He is senior warden of Chadwick lodge and also Worthy Patron of Beulah Chapter, O. E. S., of which Mrs. Glaisyer is worthy matron.

Mrs. J. W. Miller, associate matron, left Saturday to attend the meeting of the grand chapter.

All of the delegates expected to be gone all week.

Alpine Stockholders' Meeting

A meeting of the stockholders of the Alpine Paper Mfg. Co., has been called by the president, Wm. T. Alpine, to be held in the city hall at eight o'clock this (Friday) evening to discuss and decide on what action shall be taken in regard to the paper mill.

If you want to subscribe for the daily and Sunday Oregonian you can still save half the cost of the Sentinel subscription by taking the two papers together.

Lost \$350 Diamond Ring

For ten or fifteen minutes before the fire siren sounded Tuesday evening, people in town had been watching a black column of smoke which arose on the hill back of Knowlton Heights. And when the department did get the alarm they tried to go out over the Knowlton Heights bridge and were forced to come back and go out the Myrtle Point highway.

The fire destroyed an old Aasen bunk house on the hill, in which Jos. Claphaw lived, but with no water there the department would have been helpless, even had it been called in time.

Mrs. Claphaw and a girl friend were in the kitchen when another friend of theirs, Elin Sidam, from Curry county, started to throw some old engine oil in the heating stove where he had just lighted a piece of paper. There was sufficient gas on the oil to cause it to explode, burning him on the wrist and arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Claphaw lost everything they owned, including a \$350 diamond ring, a couple of watches and other jewelry, furniture and dishes. Search of the ruins has not yet recovered the ring, which would not be much damaged by the fire.

GRANT DANCE HALL LICENSE

At the session of the county court last Saturday, Dr. P. M. Drake, county health officer, was appointed a Tourist Camp Inspector. This is required by a new law, which demands that auto camps be inspected regularly as to cleanliness and sanitary conditions.

The court passed a final resolution establishing as a county road, 60 feet wide, the road from the end of the drawbridge across the mouth of Catching Slough, to Ross Slough and along the foothills to a point 500 feet north of the old Ross Slough school house. The district patrolman was instructed to open it to traffic.

The first rural dance hall license was issued to the Summer Community Hall on petition of the Summer school district board, No. 30.

The requirements under the law which went into effect May 23, are that the request for a license must be accompanied by the petition of twelve freeholders in the school district; a bond of \$500 must be filed, no liquor can be allowed in or about the building; no dancing permitted between midnight and 6 a. m., and those operating must conduct an orderly house. These provisions apply to halls licensed by the county court and not to halls operated in incorporated towns or cities.

Decided for the Defendant

The case of Geo. T. Cook against Jos. Nilsen both of Riverston, in which the former was suing for \$1350, began in Circuit court here last Friday and was concluded Wednesday when the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant.

Cook was suing for damages caused by drift and logs left on his place during the high water last November and December. He claimed that the ditch dug by Nilsen caused the current to set across his place but this was not proved.

It was proved, though, that Nilsen had had a very good burn on the scores of acres he slashed last year and the jury took the position that Nilsen was not the man who damaged Cook. That he was damaged there was no question.

June Is Wet so Far

So far June has given us rain almost every day—and plenty yet to keep upland farms and gardens thoroughly saturated. All of which is thankfully received by farmers and gardeners—though those in the river bottom realize that there can be too much of a good thing, so far as they are concerned. The hay crop ought to be immense this summer if we ever get sunshine enough to make it without starting wood fires.

Mrs. Fred Shilke Passes Away

Her many friends in Coquille will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Fred G. Shilke, of La Grande, which occurred Tuesday. Mrs. Shilke has visited in Coquille several times, the last when she was worthy grand matron of the Eastern Star for Oregon. The funeral was held yesterday, interment being in Portland.

Dairymen—Ship your Cream to the Coquille Ice Cream Co. for best results.

WATCHDOG TIMES

"Let Him Who Is Without Sin Cast the First Stone"

With its customary disregard for accuracy when it thinks it is putting some one in the hole, the Coos Bay Times last Saturday stated that the Sentinel was paid \$239.10 for printing 30,730 ballots for the bond election, which was not held in May by order of Judge Kendall, who granted an injunction against holding it.

The Sentinel's bill was not \$239.10 for printing the ballots, but \$180 which was a very reasonable price, considering the number of impressions, stock, and time required.

The Times did not mention it but the Sentinel was also paid \$35 for printing the election notices, the total still being less than that sheet declared.

The Daily News' bill of \$150 for printing and the bill of Peck & Brand for \$200 for legal services were also mentioned in arriving at a total cost of somewhere near \$500.

Whom the Times thought to put in the hole by publishing these items is not clear. Certainly not the firms mentioned, who attempted no collusion in forcing exorbitant prices. Nor could the fault be laid at the door of the county clerk for the law safeguards very clearly and carefully the calling of an election and when once ordered only a legal injunction could stop it, and Mr. Watson had to be prepared in case the judge found no authority in law for calling it off.

But Mike Maloney was once apprehended in holding the county up for \$9,000 or \$10,000, in collusion with Law A. Cates and A. R. O'Brien, for publishing a tax summons, which appeared in the Evening Record, which nearly any paper in the county would have been glad to publish for \$2500 and it has hurt him ever since to see newspapers paid only a just price for work performed. Jim Watson was recalled as county judge for his part in refusing to pay all of the \$9,000 or more. That was the real cause of the Times' attacks on Watson.

Tom Bennett Wins Again

T. T. Bennett, with his Portland associate, won another victory for the Brookings State Bank in Judge Wolerton's Federal court this week. The verdict was for \$1 actual damage and \$17,500 punitive damages, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco being the defendant.

The Brookings bank claimed it suffered from practices of the reserve bank in forcing it to comply with the rule for par collection of checks. The Brookings bank had been charging a small fee for cashing out-of-town checks, when the Federal Reserve bank established the system of making no charge for this service. A controversy arose between the Brookings bank and the reserve institution. Another damage to the plaintiff was the notation on a check that the Brookings bank was closed.

When the small bank refused to accept checks from the Reserve bank at par, the larger institution sent a man to Brookings and kept him there to cash checks. Sometimes he would have a large bunch of them, and once it took all the nickels and dimes in the Brookings bank to cash the checks the fellow presented.

The attorney for the Reserve bank has given notice of appeal, but he has to far lost in every court.

Street Improvement to Start

The United Contracting Co. wired Engineer Vinton that their equipment would arrive in Coquille either today or tomorrow for the resurfacing job on Second street and the improvement of Spurgeon.

It is to be hoped that the city officials will have them at the same time repair the breaks in the pavement where the highway from Marshfield intersects Second street, at the Sentinel corner.

An even worse place which the company might repair is the bad hole on Front street where the pavement and the bridge join. The jolt strangers receive there when coming into town must create an even more unfavorable impression of Coquille than does the high grass.

Don't worry about your battery when you can take it to an expert at the Coquille Service Station and have it inspected.