

EAST FORK NOTES

Friday a car going up the road stopped in front of the barn, where I was doing some chores. When I went out to see what their needs were, the man driving said, "I am Jim Cole." And don't you forget it I was glad to see Jim Cole. His wife was with him, also Mrs. Charlie Harlocker and daughter, of Myrtle Point, and Hugh Harlocker, of Coquille.

He is over from the Islands for a short visit with his relatives and friends, and looking over the stamping ground of his youth.

Jim Cole was raised on Middle Creek. He commenced his law practice with his brother, John, in Marshfield in 1896. As I remember that law office it had a scant lot of kitchen furniture in the way of chairs and a table, and several shelves full of law books.

Jim went to the Hawaiian Islands in 1898. It is a long trail since that day to a United States judgeship in the Hawaiian Islands and a lecturer on law for the Japanese government in the University of Japan.

Regardless of a man's business, whether he does well, depends on whether he makes the grades when the going is rough or stumps on the trail. Jim Cole has made the grades and the three or four minutes visit we had in the road told me that the climbing of the trail has not lessened his interest in his fellow man, for he and his wife are comfortable kind of people to meet. In the Hawaiian Islands he is Judge James Cole. In Coos county he is Jim. He told me that his nephew, Frank Harlocker, who is with a sugar company in the Islands, has a responsible job with prospects that more responsibility will be placed upon him. And Judge James Cole seemed to be more proud of the fact that Frank and his wife named their boy for him than in his title of Judge. When the car rolled on I was surely glad that I had had a chance to exchange greetings with that car full of people.

In the Dora cemetery lie the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Cole and a daughter. On the gravestone of the girl is this inscription: "Fold her, Oh! Father, in thine arms And may she ever be A message of love, Bewixt our human hearts and thee." I like that verse. There is nothing dreary about it, nothing fatal. It is full of hope and cheer.

The Cole girl crossed to beyond the Range long before we came to the county and yet I picture it all: the roads, the funeral, and then their going home. Later the conferring as to the stone and the message to be on it. And it is that verse which has interested me in the Cole family. Who selected it? On a guess, it was the mother and father.

Saturday morning a car stopped under the maples for a few minutes. In it were Grant Harry, Joe Harry, his wife and baby, Margaret Wilcox and Aaron Wilson's girl, Erma. It is a long time I have known Grant and Joe ever since he was a little tad. And I am glad to see them so prosperous that they are able to ride in one of the newest and shiniest cars which I have seen on the road for some time, only four days old and they were bound for Brewster Valley to show the baby and the new car to Grandma Laird and the rest of their folks. As their wheels rolled on, more of the wealth of life is mine.

Sunday Adolphus and Harrison Hayes, of the South Fork, went down the road with a band of 800 sheep bought in Douglas county. Ernest Hammock was helping them. They staid at Mercy's that night.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Sherwood's father, Capt. Stephen Rogers, of Marshfield, who is nearly 91 years young, Mrs. Salkeld and Mr. Jennings, pastor of the Episcopal Church, Eugene, and son-in-law of the Sherwoods, came up to the club grounds for a couple of days camping. They stopped under the maples for a few minutes and I got an honor added to my life by the privilege of shaking hands with Mr. Rogers. It is a good many years since I have seen him and somehow when I did use to see him I felt like more of a man because I had met him. It is probable there is no other man in Coos county about whom so many good stories are told as of Capt. Rogers. And the beauty of it is the stories are good stories—the kind that make a man feel he must live a straight life and be on the square and not stingy if he is to be worthy of the companionship of Stephen Rogers; they are stories which cause a boy to stretch out to manhood and give him sweet memories throughout his life. These stories about Stephen Rogers reminds me of Henry Dedrick, who was one of our neighbors in Putnam, N. Y. when I was a boy. I don't know how old he was for he never grew old, and yet the years were not few which had passed over his head. We had no butternut trees on our place. On Mr.

Dedrick's place there were several and we boys used to gather butternuts on the shores—the halves— from his trees. We would take the butternuts to his woodshed and when we had the butternuts all gathered, we would ask Mr. Dedrick to come and divide them. He would divide them by taking for his share about one fourth and of the big pile he would say "Boys, those are yours." That was Henry Dedrick, a man who left a mark on boys and made them know and remember it throughout the years that men to grow in the stature and knowledge of God they must live like men, not with the appetites of swine. It is a loving remembrance which I have for Henry Dedrick. It is in the neighborhood of sixty years since those days of butternut gathering and yet as I write these lines I see his kindly face and hear his cheerful voice, and the tribute which I pay him this morning is that his way of dividing butternuts, his daily walk and conversation have been influences which have enriched my life.

These stories of Stephen Rogers which are told now will be retold in years to come and like Henry Dedrick, cast the good influence on youth which increases with the years.

In the days when a youth, Willis Neely, of Fairview, worked for Capt. Stephen Rogers on his Coos River ranch. He has told me that it was a good place to work and that if any of the crew got hurt or were sick that Mrs. Rogers would mother them by binding up the wounds or giving them some simple remedy.

In those days a muskmelon was a rare treat. One year a neighbor and relative of the Rogers, who lived below them on the river, raised some and one day after dinner he brought three to the Rogers', one for Mrs. Rogers, one for the hired girl and one for Nellie, the only Rogers girl at home. There was a man working in the house, painting and papering, and he heard some interesting conversation. After the girls had washed the dishes and slicked things up, one of the girls said, "now let's eat our muskmelons." Mr. Rogers said, "Girls, the boys are all out in the field, don't you think it would be better to wait till supper time, so each one may have a slice!" The girls protested that the melons were no big enough to make a slice for each one—there were 6 or 7 men. "We can cut them so each one may have a slice." The melons were served at supper time and "each one had a slice." You may imagine how big those slices were, for a dozen or more people, from three muskmelons which were a little larger than a man's fist, but each one had a taste, a "slice." And that night in the bunk house the painter told the boys how they came to have muskmelon for supper. I can see the whole thing and hear the conversation. Can you?

Monday J. J. Morse and Mr. Abner, from south of Bandon, were on the East Fork and took back a Shropshire ram which Mr. Morse bought. In the talk about taxes and some other things, we had a good laugh. The yeast is working and in time we will get rid of useless tax-eating parasites.

Mr. Ford of the Union Meat Market, Marshfield, was on the East Fork buying lambs. Frank Henshaw, who drives his truck, was with him. They got 20 at Mountain Glade, were to get four of Jack Mease and then pick up more at Fairview. I like to see Mr. Ford, he is willing to pay a fair price and give honest weight. That kind of a man is the kind with whom I like to deal.

We are thankful that those who escaped from the penitentiary are caught. I do not want the warden's job, but if I were warden I would have a police whistle in my pocket and I would not have to run a block to get a gun. I do not want the job of a guard, but if I were a guard, I would have a police whistle in my pocket and I would not be separated from a gun. R. A. Easton.

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FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That under and by virtue of an Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos on the 12th day of August, 1925, in a certain cause in said Court pending wherein G. Russell Morgan was Plaintiff, and F. M. Conrad and Cynthia Conrad, his wife, are Defendants, Case No. 7074, of said Court and commanding me to sell the hereinafter described real property, to satisfy the sum of \$169.92 with interest at 10% from July 28th, 1925, until paid, and Attorney fee of \$40.00, and costs and disbursements \$10.20, together with accruing costs, I WILL ON SATURDAY, THE 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, all

the right, title and interest of the said Defendants in and to the following described real property, to-wit: Beginning at a point 1222.9 feet west and 464 feet North of the Quarter Section corner on the East Boundary of Section 36, Township 27 South of Range 13 West of the Willamette Meridian, running thence East 115.5 feet thence North 290 feet, thence West to the Center of the County Road in a Southwesterly direction to a point due North of the place of beginning, thence South to the place of beginning, containing 0.37 acre, more or less, all in Coos County, Oregon. Said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law.

Dated at Coquille, Oregon, this 18th day of August, 1925.
E. P. Ellingsen,
3125 Sheriff of Coos County, Ore.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Coos County Board of Equalization will meet at the Court House at Coquille, Oregon, on Monday, the 14th day of September, 1925, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, and correct all errors in valuation, descriptions or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by me. It shall be the duty of all persons interested to appear at the above place and time stated. Petitions or applications for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by oath of the applicant or his attorney and be filed with the board within fifteen days from the time it is required to meet, and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the Board.

J. P. Beyers,
3113 Assessor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County, Administratrix of the Estate of George H. Sell, deceased, and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them with proper vouchers within six months from the date of this notice to the undersigned Administratrix at the Law Offices of J. J. Stanley in the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon.

Dated this 31st day of July, 1925.
Elizabeth Sell,
Administratrix of the Estate of George H. Sell, deceased. 2815

NOTICE
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in and For the County of Coos

C. A. Keltner and Clara A. Keltner, husband and wife, Ada Smith and W. E. Smith, wife and husband, Lena Byers and J. M. Byers, wife and husband, James Anderson Lamb and Virginia Lamb, husband and wife, Marvin Lyons and W. H. Lyons, wife and husband, Irene Jones and F. W. Jones, wife and husband, Plaintiffs,

vs. Sarah J. McCulloch and C. S. McCulloch, wife and husband, Mary Howell and Oliver Howell, wife and husband, James L. Koons, Dan B. Koons, George W. Koons, John Koons, Clarice or Clarissa Koons, Christie Ann Koons, Jane Doe Koons, Phoebe Bennett and John Doe Bennett, her husband; the unknown heirs of James Koons and Fannie Koons, his wife, both deceased; and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

Summons
To James L. Koons, John Koons, Clarice or Clarissa Koons, Christie Ann Koons, Jane Doe Koons, Phoebe Bennett and John Doe Bennett, her husband; the unknown heirs of James Koons and Fannie Koons, his wife, both deceased; and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint of the plaintiffs in this suit, Defendants:

You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within six weeks from the 31st day of July, 1925; and if you fail so to appear and answer on or before the 11th day of September, 1925, the same being the date of the last publication of said summons, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their said complaint a succinct statement of such relief so demanded is as follows: correcting the description of the premises intended to be conveyed by the said James Koons and Fannie Koons, his wife, (sometimes known as James Counts and Francis Counts) to John J. Lamb and decreeing that the land and premises intended to be conveyed and which was actually conveyed thereby is described as follows: Commencing at a point on the West bank of the Coquille River at low tide line 37 rods and 2 links North of the section line between sections 24 and 25 in Township 28 South, Range 13 West of the Willamette Meridian and running thence West 6 rods; thence North 30 feet; thence West to the section line between sections 23 and 24 in the Township and Range aforesaid; thence South along said section line to the section corner common to sections 23, 24, 25 and 26 in the Township and Range aforesaid; thence East along the section line between said sections 24 and 25 above mentioned to the West bank of the Coquille River at low tide; thence down stream along said West bank of said River at low tide to the place of beginning; for a further decree quieting the title of the said C. A. Keltner and Clara Keltner, in and to the said premises; for such other and



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