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TWO BOUND OVER

Lester Norton and Winnie Morgan Face Indictment for Grave Offense

Tuesday morning of this week, W. A. Hoover, of Myrtle Point, notified Sheriff Gage that his 14-year-old daughter, Fern, had not been seen since four o'clock the previous afternoon. He also gave an indication as to whom she was probably with.

Wednesday morning at ten o'clock Deputy Sheriff Malborn and Marshall Matt Coy, of Bandon, found her with Lester O. Norton and Mrs. Winnie Morgan, asleep in the brush about five miles southeast of Bandon. The evening before they had arrested Roy Shoemaker in Bandon, just as he was ready to leave to rejoin the party in the woods.

When found the trio was in a very small, cleared space, just large enough to spread their bed down. They had hung goat skins around their camp as a protection and so well were they hidden that the night before the officers had passed within a few feet of them.

Deputy Malborn, in telling of their journey, says that Monday night they were heading for the old abandoned Dufort mining camp, but a truck stalled in the road a few miles out of town, blocked their progress. They then went back to Eleventh street in Bandon and went out another dirt road to where the Hoovers formerly lived. From there they crossed over to the road they had attempted to take, but beyond the truck.

They slept in an old shed that night, which they reached after three o'clock, and next morning packed a part of the way to the mine. Shoemaker went in to Bandon Tuesday and hung around all day until arrested by the officers at five o'clock.

The girl was returned to her father and the other three lodged in jail here. This morning warrants were sworn out against the two men and the woman. Norton was charged with the crime of rape and the others with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

At eleven o'clock they were taken before Justice J. J. Stanley where Norton and Mrs. Morgan were found over to the grand jury and their bonds set at \$2,000 each, after they had waived examination. Shoemaker was given until this afternoon to secure an attorney before being given a hearing.

The Morgan woman is the wife of a man sent to the pen last year on a statutory charge. Norton formerly conducted a restaurant in Coquille. Not much is known about Shoemaker. He is 22 years of age and his mother lives in Oklahoma.

Mr. Malborn says that Marshall Coy knew the country like a book and that he guided him through the brush and woods to every shack in that section Tuesday night. The reason the quartet was not found Tuesday was that a man had seen them about two o'clock when they turned their auto around when halted by the mined truck.

Street Assessments Made

The assessments for the improvement work on Spurgeon and Spruce streets were turned over to the street committee of the city council Monday evening by City Engineer Vinton. They expected to examine them this week and have them ready for public inspection after next Monday evening.

Re-assigned to Coquille Field

Rev. J. S. Penix, who returned last Saturday from attending the M. E. conference at Eugene, was re-assigned to the Coquille field and will remain here for another year. His congregation, friends and acquaintances are pleased with the appointment and that he was not transferred.

Bandon Invites Coquille

Next Tuesday, Oct. 13, is the date of the annual meeting and banquet of the Bandon Chamber of Commerce, and a cordial invitation has been received by the local chamber to attend. It is probable that a number will go down from here.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.25.

Corn Show Dinner Tomorrow

The Corn Show benefit dinner to be given tomorrow night at Goshorn's Hall has been well advertised all over Coos county and the indications are that a record-breaking crowd will be in attendance. The committee, headed by E. D. Wolf as chairman, has planned every item in the county and everywhere the interest has progressed a large track to Coquille tomorrow evening.

A six-piece orchestra will furnish the music and no slight one being wanted to make it a great success.

Five Generations in One Family

The baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hellenbeck last week is worthy of more than passing notice. He is the fifth generation of a pioneer Coquille family. Mrs. Goshorn, in his great-grand grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Offord, now deceased, would have been a great-grandmother; Lee Goshorn is his great-grand uncle; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hellenbeck are his grand parents. And all of the young man's great relatives, now living, are in excellent health.

C. R. GABLER PASSES AWAY

Chauncey R. Gabler, a pioneer resident of the Coquille valley, died in the Deane Apartments here last evening at six o'clock.

The funeral will be held at the upper Filtration cemetery at ten o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mr. Gabler was eleven months and eleven days past 85 years of age. He was born in New York state and came to Coos county from Sonoma county, Calif., thirty-six years ago. For 34 years he lived on the Fox Hill ranch, just around the point at the Bandon highway from the Fox Hill bridge. Two years ago he left it and has since sold it.

Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his passing, one daughter Mrs. Frank Fish, of Astoria, and six grand-children.

While not having taken an active part in public affairs for many years, Mr. Gabler was a fine citizen, one who lived in his own business, was industrious, a good neighbor and friend.

John Schroe Inherits Fortune

It isn't every day that a man falls heir to a million dollars, and there are millions of men who never do. Coquille, however, has been the home of a man who has just received notice that there is a considerable estate awaiting him in southern California and he has gone south to claim it. John Schroe is the name of this fortunate one. He has been working at Chauncey's camp as a partner.

Football Here Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p. m. the football game will be played at Myrtle Point. The team from North Bend last Friday, will oppose Coquille and both will be striving to chalk up their first victory. "Hick" Leslie will use the same team that played at Myrtle Point last Saturday. Game called at 2:30.

John Kief Dies at Lakeside

John Kief, 81-year old veteran of the Civil war and pioneer of Coos Bay, died yesterday at the home of his comrade, Robert Johnson, in Lakeside. The funeral services will take place at one o'clock this afternoon and interment will be in the Templeton cemetery.

County Budget Committee

The citizens budget committee for Coos county was organized yesterday by the county court. It will consist of H. A. Schneider, of Myrtle Point; M. R. Lee, of Powers; and J. A. Larson, of Marshfield.

City of Marshfield Sued

For failing to suppress a forest fire near Tar Hill, which occurred August 5, the state of Oregon filed suit in the circuit court here Wednesday against the City of Marshfield asking collection of \$20,000.

IS THE MILL SOLD? STANFIELD HERE

Back and Current Taxes Paid on Sinks Mill This Week

The Sentinel has no definite information that the Sinks mill has been sold, but we do know that the back taxes on both the mill and personal property have been paid. Last Monday, Ray F. Stanfield, a Portland attorney, gave the sheriff's office drafts totaling \$2,000. Whether these were from the Hibbard bank is, of course, not known, but coupled with Mr. E. E. Fair's statement that he would have to take the mill on October 1, it would seem that the mill has passed into his hands.

The taxes paid included all back taxes on the mill and land, and personal taxes on the equipment, except for this year.

The payment of the Sinks mill taxes will be a relief to Edward Stanfield No. 2, for there is somewhere between \$4,000 and \$5,000 of it which will be transferred to the district. Taking up outstanding warrants which have been issued because these taxes were not available, will close the district's annual interest payments, \$200 to \$300. It probably will not aid in getting the new grand building before next spring, however.

One critical reason why the construction bill so much above the architect's estimate was that it would cost more to construct the building in the rainy season, and they were playing safe.

Harold Richardson Resigns

At a meeting of the Bay Street committee at Marshfield Tuesday evening, Harold Richardson, who has made an excellent record as a committee member, resigned his resignation, and it was accepted. Lack of funds to carry on the work is the only reason for such action.

It was noted that \$2000 in taxes were to be paid for street work in Coos county where the legs are needed, but when consideration is given what it is worth to have legs taught principles which will make nearly men of them, \$20 per leg is not a high figure. It is worth many times that if the legs really absorb and profit by the loadings.

To arrange for further carrying on of the Bay Street work a meeting of the council and all members is to be held at the Chamber Hotel in Marshfield next Monday at 8:30 p. m. An effort will be made to secure a part time committee who can direct the activities of the streets.

Ned C. Kelly and H. C. Kelly attended the meeting from here last Tuesday.

In and Out of the Jail

Chas. Hansen was brought over here from Marshfield Monday to serve 30 days and pay a fine of \$250 for having beer in possession.

Pete Vagstad, a Greek, escaped from the night gang out on Coquille yesterday. He had been in jail since July 20, serving four months for having liquor in his possession. A fine of \$200 is still unpaid.

J. W. Babin was released from jail today after serving a 15-day sentence in Justice Kief's court for larceny.

J. G. Lee, under indictment for embezzlement, and held in jail since July 22, was taken over to Kaiser Bros' hospital yesterday for medical treatment.

"Raise Your Son on Cheese"

One of the attractive features J. L. Smith had arranged in the Coos county exhibit at the state fair last week was a Coos county one which radiated light while it was raising outside. Behind a background of other legs he placed a large cheese, with just a part of it showing, and with bright rays radiating from it in all directions. A slogan accompanied it: "Raise your son on Coos county cheese."

Two Move to Front Street

The Lewis Harker Garage and the H. H. Auto Toy Co. this week moved from the E. F. garage building to the Street Light building on Front street, opposite the Farmers & Merchants Bank. They will have more room in their new location and are better prepared to care for their increasing business.

Entertained With Dinner by Lions Club Yesterday at Hotel

Senator Robt. N. Stanfield, his private secretary, E. J. Adams, and a federal prohibition officer, R. H. Taylor, were visitors in Coquille yesterday noon, and were guests at the weekly dinner of the Lions Club, to which the business men of the city had been invited. There were about fifty in attendance.

The guests were welcomed by C. J. Stanfield, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who told the senator that Coquille had no special request to make, but would leave anything of that nature to our sister cities of North Bend and Marshfield, the senator's destination after leaving here.

Mr. Adams, in a few minutes' talk, touched on what he termed the "wheel of government." The committee which pass on all proposed national legislation and which have the power to prevent any measure from ever reaching the floor of the deliberative bodies.

Just now Oregon is in a better position on these committees than it ever has been before and especially in the public lands committee, of which Mr. Stanfield is chairman, is the senator, and N. J. Simons is the boss.

From a political viewpoint, Mr. Adams remarks indicated that Oregon was as well up in the machinery of government at Washington that it would be a mistake to make any changes in the legislative bodies where precedence is given the first consideration.

Senator Stanfield spoke at greater length on the conservation and public lands question. He by no means opposed conservation as enunciated by Theodore Roosevelt, but he did not and has not opposed it as practiced by the bureaucracy at Washington. With half of the land in the Coos Pacific coast states under government control, and the bulk of all sales accruing to the government, instead of to the states where the proceeds rightfully belong, the present plan is an absolute brake on the progress of these states.

Where Oregon now receives 25 per cent of the receipts for sales of timber and the federal government 65 per cent, he would reverse the figure and give the state and its counties the 65 per cent.

The senator declared that he would, so long as he was in office, oppose the existing bureaucratic plan. The eastern section of the country is not so much affected for there is public lands here practically all become private lands, where they pay the state and county tax.

Senator Stanfield and his party, which here for a few hours, enjoyed their visit and were warmly greeted by their audience.

R. F. Frey Drops Dead

Benjamin Franklin Frey, son of M. L. Frey of Myrtle Point, and brother of Otto Frey of Reedsport, dropped dead Monday while working with a team on his ranch at A. A. Oregon. His home was at Lone Lake. Hiram Edwards was working with him when he died. The body was brought to Marshfield and his funeral services occurred yesterday at 11 o'clock.

Davis Inlet Ranch Sold

Mrs. Mary A. Fox has sold her ranch in Davis Inlet to Mrs. Genevieve Eppington and her two children, Lucie McCray and Abbott Masters. The ranch consists of about 120 acres. The price, it is understood, was \$4,000. Mrs. Fox plans to go to Portland to make her home there.

186 Enrolled in New Department

A total of 186 students of the Marshfield public schools have enrolled in the week day schools of religion being conducted in the Methodist church and the Episcopal church. Superintendent C. A. Howard announced. This includes nearly 50 per cent of the Fourth grade students.

There were nearly 125 school children from the age of 3 to 12 who entered the free skate contest at the Coquille Hardware, when the numbers were drawn at 4:30 Wednesday. Aubrey Aasen was the lucky winner.

Exhibit Hall Started

The lumber is now on the ground for the exhibit hall which the Chamber of Commerce will have erected for the Corn Show this year and Messrs. Miller and Perrott have agreed to have the building up by Oct. 20.

Funds have been raised in sufficient amount by Jas. W. Laird, chairman of the finance committee, to assure that the \$500 needed for the building and the other Corn Show expenses will be available. Contributions from city, county and individuals now total over \$1000 and the chamber is pledged for \$200 more if needed. Then it is hoped that another \$200 will be raised by tomorrow night's dance.

The only business transacted by the Chamber directors was to further arranging of details for their year's big show.

American Legion Raised \$550

Coquille escaped this week from the clasp of six which had not raised a cent for the American Legion endorsement for orphaned ex-soldier children, when \$550 was raised by the local post.

COQUILLE LOST FIRST GAME

Coquille, as a team, played better football at Myrtle Point last Saturday afternoon than the score indicates. The final count was 22 to 0 in favor of the up river boys.

Only in one department were the winners superior and that was in completing long passes. Their heavier line was no more impregnable to Coquille's plunging backs than was the Coquille line to their back field men, and they made little more yardage either through the line or around the end than did Coquille.

Where they were successful was in grabbing off fumbles by local players. Time after time when Myrtle Point had booted the ball into Coquille's danger zone a fumble reversed the play and it was Coquille desperately striving to defend their line.

Within four minutes of the game's opening Royce Richmond at safety had dropped a long kick which was recovered by Myrtle Point and the ball carried over in another play.

One beautiful exhibition by the Point team was a pass from Coquille's 20-yard line past the goals. Bruce Neuler threw it and Keltner made the touchdown.

Three touchdowns and a safety was the scoring record. The safety resulted from a low pass to Wilson back of the line, who could not pick it up in time to escape the tackling pointers.

Every man on the Coquille team was tackling well. Floren and Powell making several that stopped the ball before it got started.

Lester Wilson was in good form with his toe and outkicked his opponent on an average of five to ten yards.

Coquille suffered less from injuries than did Myrtle Point, Call being the only one bumped so hard he had to leave the game. The team gained a lot of experience and will make a better showing from now on.

Has Exhibits for Corn Show

Dr. J. P. Easter, who is now living at the M. O. Hooton home, this morning brought in some samples of a cross between the Golden Bantam and Oregon Evergreen sweet corn, which he has been raising on new ground there this summer, without irrigation, and which he is going to exhibit at the Corn Show, as well as some remarkable specimens of the lemon cucumber.

It Was Too Late

Hulbert Hoyt, of Bandon, and Miss Ruth Packard, of Bandon, secured a marriage license at the courthouse here Tuesday. Their witness swore that the girl was of age but this proved untrue when a few hours later a long distance call came from Mrs. Packard asking if her daughter had secured a marriage license. She stated that her daughter was underage and that she wanted the marriage performance stopped if it were not too late.

Rev. F. E. Finley, who supplied in the M. E. South pulpit during Mr. Hill's absence in Texas, was given the pastoral of the church at Junction City.

TAXES WELL PAID

Larger Percentage Than for Years Past--Back Taxes Raise Total

Monday was the last day for paying taxes and the clerks in the sheriff's office have been busy since entering the last few days' payments. Just how much has been paid in they are unable to state but Nels Osmundson says the amount will be nearer the 100 per cent mark than it has been in many a long year.

Since W. W. Gage took office Sept. 10, the total receipts have been \$350,000, and among the stack of remittances in the vault which have not been checked nor entered are three, aggregating nearly \$180,000. These are from the Southern Pacific, the Pacific States Lumber Co., and the Menasha Co.

Back taxes have been coming in in greater volume the past few months than ever before. One reason for this is the law passed by the last legislature in the interest of eastern Oregon farmers. The last legislature enacted a law remitting the interest and penalty on all delinquent taxes. This could apply to only the year 1920, 1921 and 1922 in Coos county, for all taxes delinquent prior to 1920 had been wiped out when the property they were levied on had been sold.

There is some doubt in many quarters as to the constitutionality of the law, but while it stands the collection department had no alternative but to accept the taxpayments offered, without the penalty. A great many in Coos county have availed themselves of this opportunity to clean up their debt to the county without having to pay the penalty and interest.

Practically all the property offered for sale by the county this fall has been sold, and tomorrow Mr. Osmundson will sell the balance.

Business Women to Organize

All business and professional women of Coquille are invited to attend a banquet at Hotel Coquille next Monday evening at six o'clock. Mrs. M. C. Maloney, of Marshfield, who has been prominent in the state federation of business and professional women's clubs will be present to assist in the local organization of such a club. All who are interested in seeing a club of this character formed are urged to be present Monday evening. All who know in advance that they will be able to attend the dinner are requested to leave their names at Gould & Gould Furniture store. This is for the convenience of Mr. Compton, that he may know the approximate number for which to prepare.

H. S. Times Again Appears

The second issue of the Coquille High Times appeared this week and it is a very creditable school paper, full of interesting high school news and information, well arranged and interesting.

Clarence Bean is editor of the Times, Clarence Barton, business manager; Jean Young and Lois Morrison, associate editors; LeNorme Poynder, sports; Josephine Torres, features; Bill King, exchanges; Alice Collier, headline writer; and Clare Bean, Fern Houdyshell, Beryl Fish, Clara Brockman and Marvin Hawkins, reporters. Miss Bertha Atkinson is faculty adviser.

Planning Christmas Seal Sale

A party composed of Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Drake, Miss Mabel Eismann, A. T. Morrison, Mrs. Bert Kay, Mrs. H. C. Getz, Mrs. Ida Owen and Mrs. John L. Aasen went out to Roseburg yesterday morning to attend a Red Cross meeting which was to plan for the annual sale of Christmas seals in southwest Oregon this year. It was in the nature of an institute with the counties of Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath represented.

Grand Jury Next Tuesday

The grand jury will meet here next Tuesday, the October session of the Circuit court opening the following Monday. Many cases against men now in jail will be heard, and there is likely to be an investigation of conditions where the perpetrators of crime have so far remained unknown to the officers.