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## 'GUILTY,' VERDICT

### W. E. Hassler Convicted Twice for Violation of Corrupt Practices Act

Found guilty on both indictments returned by the grand jury last June, W. E. Hassler, Coquille publisher of the Coos County Courier, faces a fine of from \$10 to \$1000 on one, and a penitentiary sentence up to three years on the other. The jury, however, in the second, or libel case, recommended that he be paroled.

Both cases grew out of the fight Hassler made on Frank B. Osmond, candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff at the May primaries, and were violations of the state's corrupt practices act, designed to protect candidates for office from vilification and slanderous attacks.

The first case tried was finished Monday and the jury brought in their verdict after being out five or ten minutes. The violation of the law in that case consisted in printing and causing to be distributed cards bearing the words, "Vote for Jim Jinkins for sheriff on the Frank Osmond ticket," without the cards bearing the name of their author or the print shop from which issued.

Hassler attempted to testify that a printer in his office got the cards out without his knowing much about it, stating that the order came from some one in Salem, but under cross examination by J. B. Bedingfield, admitted that he had given the printer the job after receiving the order from a local source.

J. W. Leneve testified that Hassler had admitted to him that he had printed the cards, which Hassler could not remember having said to Mr. Leneve, and L. A. Liljeqvist's attempts to shake Mr. Leneve's testimony were fruitless.

In the libel case which started Tuesday morning a jury was secured by mid-afternoon, some veniremen or women being excused apparently because they took some other newspaper than the Courier, or were friendly to other newspaper men than Hassler. Mr. Bedingfield succeeded in having excluded from consideration the introduction of testimony which might have been given by former deputy sheriffs, which would have dragged the case out for two weeks and only resulted in one man's evidence being given in opposition to another's.

This refers particularly to the charge in the Courier that Osmond received double compensation for a couple of months prior to his becoming a full-fledged deputy sheriff several years ago.

It was a nice point of law which Judge Brand decided, giving the prosecution authority to proceed with but one point in the Courier's article of May 7, 1930, while admitting the entire article to evidence as a means of explaining what the particular item meant.

This special point was in regard to a payment of \$100 to Mr. Osmond for damages when he collided with the Buick of Alex McLeod between Coquille and Myrtle Point, while the former was seeking a booze-laden car.

Mr. McLeod's damages were \$300 and Mr. Osmond's \$105. The \$100 was paid from the prohibition fund of the county and Mr. Osmond used it in the repair of his car. He also told Mr. McLeod that he (Osmond) was covered by insurance, and that repair costs of the McLeod car could be obtained in the usual manner, i. e. by suit.

Mr. McLeod swore that he had never told Hassler that Osmond refused to pay him the hundred dollars, and there was no evidence to show that it was given Osmond to pay to Mr. McLeod.

The jury was out about four hours, bringing in their verdict at 7:45, Wednesday evening.

Mr. Osmond stated that evening that he was entirely satisfied with the jury's recommendation of leniency; that the verdicts were a complete vindication for him, and his only thought in having the cases carried through was to make it safe in the future for candidates who might be attacked by unscrupulous editors.

Before adjourning court until next Monday morning Judge Brand announced that sentence would be passed on the defendant next Monday morning.

## Lions Plan Swimming Pool

The Coquille Lions are working on a project which, if put over, will give Coquille a fine outdoor swimming pool in the old Dutch John reservoir which has not been used by the city as a source of water supply for many years.

The few acres at the head of First street where the dam and reservoir are located, of course belong to the city, but the conversation with members of the council presages that the matter will be arranged if the Lions desire to go through with it.

There is a fairly good flow in Dutch John creek which would provide fresh water all summer, and the Lions propose to lengthen the present pond, deepen it at one end and gravel the bottom to furnish more solid footing than the present soft mud.

Bath houses will also be built, if the program is carried out, and a more satisfactory place than the river, and less dangerous, will be ready for use next summer.

## EGG & POULTRY SHOW PROGRAM

"Knights of the Roost" is the name of the organization at Bandon which will manage the entertainment features of the Egg and Poultry show to be held there Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The Knights of the Roost will also sponsor the grand ball to be held in Dreamland hall Tuesday evening.

A parade headed by city and county officials and including floats and tableaux in keeping with the poultry display will march to the display room at one o'clock Tuesday noon for the opening ceremonies.

Following is the complete program for the two-day event:

Tuesday, December 2  
8 a. m. until 11 a. m. Registration and placing of entries.  
11 a. m.-1:30 p. m. Judging of entries.  
1:30 p. m. Parade.  
2:00 p. m. Formal opening of show.  
2:30 p. m. Opening of Cooking school.  
3:00 p. m. Coast Guard boat drill and stunts by Knights of the Roost.  
5:00-7:00 p. m. Special chicken dinners at all restaurants.  
7:00 p. m. "Leathernecking," Hartman theatre.  
7:30 p. m. Wool demonstration—under direction county agent.  
9:00 p. m. Grand Ball Knights of the Roost.

Wednesday, December 3  
9 a. m. Opening of Poultry display for visitors.  
10:30 a. m. Baby Clinic.  
2:30 p. m. Cooking School.  
5:00-7:00 p. m. Special chicken dinners at all restaurants.  
7:00 p. m. "The Pay-Off," Hartman theatre.  
8:00 p. m. Lecture, Prof. A. G. Lunz, head of Poultry Department O. S. C.  
9:00 p. m. Old-Fashioned dance.  
—Hostess House open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. each day.

## Christmas Seal Sale Is On

The annual Christmas Seal sale for 1930 will start immediately after Thanksgiving and will continue until the first of the year. Stamps are being mailed out to every family and it is hoped that there will be a generous response.

The total sales in Coos county last year amounted to \$1496.04 and this year's goal has been set at \$1800.00; however, in order to raise this amount it will be necessary that everyone respond liberally. Since the funds are used for the prevention of tuberculosis, the prevention of communicable diseases, physical defects, sickness, etc., it is to be hoped that the goal of \$1800.00 will be reached.

The average sale of stamps in each community is 9 seals per capita and if this average is reached in Coos county, 65 per cent of the total sales remain in this county and will be used for such purposes locally. You are urged to do your share.

## I.O.O.F. Equipment Arrives

The handsome dishes ordered by the Rebekahs for the new Odd Fellows hall kitchen, and the rugs and carpets for the lodge room arrived Wednesday and are being installed. Whether this will cause the dedication of the building to be held during the fore part of December, or whether that will be an event in January, has not been decided by the committee in charge.

Christmas gifts from the Oriental Art Shop in Eugene will be on display at the home of Mrs. J. A. Lamb, December 1st. Public invited.

## H. T. WIMER GONE \$15,000 CAPTURE

### Death Sunday Night Follows Stomach Operation Early Last Week

H. T. Wimer, one of Coquille's most prominent and best known citizens, passed away at Keizer Bros.' hospital shortly after midnight last Sunday. His death followed an operation the fore part of last week for ulcers of the stomach from which he had been suffering for some months. It was thought at first that his chances for recovery were good, but a change for the worse Saturday was followed by death early Monday morning.

Funeral services were conducted at the chapel here at 10 a. m. Tuesday, by Rev. S. D. Walters, which were attended by a congregation of his sorrowing friends, neighbors and associates which completely filled the room, and with a large display of floral offerings and pieces.

The same afternoon the family left with the body for Kirby, in Josephine county, near Mr. Wimer's birthplace and where the outpouring of old friends testified to the esteem in which he was held. Interment took place at Kirby.

Huey Thomas Wimer was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam A. Wimer who died at their Fishtrap ranch about 33 years ago. Tom Wimer, as he was always known, was born at Murphy, in Josephine county, April 25, 1881, being six months and 29 days past 49 years of age at the time of his passing.

When nine years of age he came with his parents to Coos county and lived at Fishtrap for ten years, after which he returned to Josephine county.

On April 5, 1924, he was united in marriage to Miss Mae Knighten, in Grants Pass. Three children were born to this union, two passing away in infancy. Delbert E. Wimer, who was associated with his father in conducting the machine shop on Hall street here, and the widow, survived him.

He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Veltum, of Coquille, and four brothers, Geo. W. E. A. and W. H. Wimer, all of Coquille, and J. D. Wimer, of Leland, Ore.

Nine years ago last September, Mr. Wimer and his family returned to Coquille where he first opened a blacksmith shop in partnership with his brother, Will. The latter left the firm later, and taking his son into partnership Mr. Wimer fitted up and has operated the machine shop on Hall street under the name of H. T. Wimer & Son.

Mr. Wimer has served the city of Coquille as councilman very ably the past year, during which time he devoted considerable time and thought to city affairs. He was a progressive and substantial citizen, one who never hesitated to take a stand which he thought was right, and he then stood like a rock of Gibraltar in upholding those convictions.

## Camps Have Shut Down

At Camp Three on Cunningham, as well as at the Coos Bay Logging company camps near Powers, everyone is to be laid off tomorrow night for an indefinite period. The buckers, fallers and construction crews were laid off last Saturday and after tomorrow there will be no activity in any of the camps.

Geo. Chaney's camp on Rink creek is also closed, the Coquille Lumber Co. plant here is running with a skeleton crew of about 35 men, and the unemployment situation which had not affected this section heretofore is becoming serious.

The construction company which has been laying the gas line here for the past month or more has also finished its work, except for replacing concrete where the pavements were ditched, and this has released upwards of a hundred men from employment.

## Students Home From School

Lester Wilson was the first of the Coquille student contingent coming home for Thanksgiving. He arrived Monday evening from the Normal at Ashland. Others from there who arrived Wednesday were Jean Pierce and Helen Mast.

Misses Barbara Richmond and Gertrude Mehl, and Clarence Barton are home from Willamette university. Misses Gretchen Mehl and Pauline Ellingson from the normal at Monmouth; Misses Fredah Baxter and Alice Fish from Oregon State College, and Miss Jean Young from U. of O. There are probably other students home for the week end whose names have not reached the Sentinel.

## Dr. Glaisyer Lost Damage Suit

Dr. W. V. Glaisyer lost his damage suit against Harvey S. Hale, former county agent, when the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant last Saturday morning. One peculiarity of the case was the clearness with which the defense witnesses recalled any incident which might be construed as reflecting on Dr. Glaisyer, but how hazy their recollection was of any matter pertaining to the brutal assault of the plaintiff.

One witness this reporter heard reversed himself on cross examination. Under direct examination he swore that Glaisyer and Hale struck so simultaneously that he couldn't say which struck first, but under questioning by L. A. Liljeqvist admitted that he did not see the doctor strike a blow.

Safety First! Use Cow Bell Dairy's Pasteurized Milk and protect your health.

## Boat and 374 Cases Liquor Seized by Coast Guard Last Evening

What is probably the largest cargo of liquor ever captured in Coos county was that on the fishing boat, Maine, taken after dark last evening by the coast guard at Empire.

Three hundred and seventy-four cases of hard liquor, whiskey, gin, champagne, etc., consisting of twelve quarts to the case, was captured, the boat has been seized by customs officials, and John Olsen, the only man aboard at the time, is in jail.

The coast guard were suspicious when the Maine went out yesterday morning, and when she came into Coos Bay, apparently loaded, the coast guard men boarded her, and took her to Marshfield where the liquor was unloaded and stored in the city jail. Sheriff Hess was notified about 11 o'clock and taking Deputies C. W. Hunt and Harold Varney, went over to the Bay and spent the night unloading the stuff, getting home about five this morning.

A conservative estimate of the value of the catch is \$6000 or \$7000.

The Maine, a very fine fishing boat, is valued at \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The liquor was undoubtedly transferred from a large boat coming down from the north and the transfer was probably made outside the 12-mile limit. Whether or not it was liquor from Canada was not known at the sheriff's office this morning.

The liquor and boat were turned over to Customs Officer Clark at Marshfield, and Olsen will be prosecuted in federal court.

It requires more than one man to operate the Maine and it is probable the rest of the crew escaped before the boat's capture.

## To Start Drilling Soon

After the resignation of H. T. Wimer as head of the Fat Elk Oil & Gas Co., J. F. Ewell, who had served in that capacity previously, was elected by the directors as president of the company. To succeed him on the board, Mrs. Mae Wimer, was chosen.

Speaking of the resumption of drilling operations, Mr. Ewell said this morning that in a few days, when the casing arrives, the bit will begin again punching down through the earth and rock, with a continuous, 24-hour a day operation.

At present the crew, under the direction of Mr. Hagen, head driller, is moving the water line nearer to the derrick.

Mr. Ewell returned recently from attending an oil men's conference in Seattle, and says that reports there showed that 36 oil wells are now being drilled in the state of Washington, and that the investment in oil well drilling operations in the Pacific Northwest has reached the enormous total of \$10,000,000.

## Like Coming Home Again

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hearing, now living in Corvallis, spent from Tuesday evening until Thursday morning in Coquille. While Corvallis was their home until 15 years ago, they say it is like coming back home to visit Coquille, and they put in the day yesterday calling on friends. Mr. Hearing came down for the game protective association meeting Tuesday evening and to enjoy a couple of days rest from the duties which have kept him on the jump, seven days a week, since he became head of the game district north of Coos and Douglas counties.

## Transferred to Corvallis

Ralph Noah, who has been in charge of the ticket office and agency here of the Pacific Greyhounds stage office for the past year and before that with the Coast Auto Lines, has just received a deserved promotion and leaves today or tomorrow for Corvallis where he will have the company's agency in that city. His mother, Mrs. Myrtle Noah, will not accompany him now but expects to join him later.

## Smashed in a Dense Fog

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paulson returned yesterday morning somewhat the worse for an accident he had six miles north of Vancouver, Wash., in a very dense fog early Tuesday morning. He had been up in Washington looking at cedar timber and got an early start for home. Coming up behind an open Ford, going about 15 miles an hour, he started to pass, but an approaching truck caused him to jam on the brakes of his Buick, in order to get back of the Ford. On the slippery pavement his car skidded sideways into the truck, causing, as the insurance man who phoned to N. C. Kelley here, about a thousand dollar damage to both.

Besides bruises Mrs. Paulson was not injured. Mr. Paulson received cuts about his head and suffered dislocation of his right arm at the shoulder.

## CONSIDER GAME CODE CHANGES

The new fish and game code which L. A. Liljeqvist is preparing for introduction in the January session of the legislature had not been completed in time for the meeting of the Coos & Curry Game Protective Association at the city hall here Tuesday evening, but the hall was well filled with sportsmen who spent nearly four hours discussing various phases of game and fish legislation.

Some of the changes contemplated look to confiscation of cars or trucks carrying bootleg fish, similar to the bootleg liquor law, and a general strengthening of the law and tightening down on game law infractions are bound to result.

L. A. Liljeqvist, president of the association, outlined many of the proposed changes and in his remarks relative to a different hunting season for deer on the east side of the Cascades and those west of the mountains, he was supported in his contention by Game Warden A. M. Fish.

The recommendation for a change of the coast hunting season, to open at July 15, and close Sept. 15, with a one deer limit was agreed to by the meeting. Mr. Fish said the commission's records showed about 10,000 deer to have been killed in Oregon the past season.

Heavier penalties for flashighting deer are also to be advocated, and the path of the game law violator is to be made more rocky at every point.

Others who spoke were Ed Gallier, of Bandon; L. L. Thomas, and Dr. C. W. Endicot, of Marshfield; H. A. Slack and A. N. Gould, of Coquille.

## Deepest Well in S. W. Oregon

Tuesday night, during the boxing card at the Community Building a young boy fell from the roof, landing on his head, and might have suffered more serious injury than he did.

This incident caused the Building committee Tuesday morning to decide on a course contemplated for some time. Briefly, it is to have warrants sworn out for the arrest of any boy seen on the roof in the future. The boys are trespassing when they climb up there to look through the windows, they have repeatedly damaged the roof by walking on it, and when the glass was coated inside so that they could not look through, they have not hesitated to break out the panes.

The committee intends to put a stop to this practice and boys may know what to expect if they persist in getting up there.

## Former Teacher Here Passes

Coquille residents of 20 years ago remember as a very popular teacher in the Coquille schools, Mrs. Ellen N. Beamis. She was a teacher at the time Mrs. Emma Piech, Mrs. Amy Aasen, Hal Pierce and Alton Grimes graduated from the eighth grade. She was also the aunt of two other popular teachers—the Dudley sisters.

This is brought to mind by the announcement of her death, in last Sunday's Portland papers. She had married since teaching in Coquille, her husband being Albert J. Friday, of Forest Grove. Funeral services were held in Forest Grove Sunday, with interment at Banks, Ore.

## Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

## COURT OF HONOR

### Bronze Eagle Palm Awarded Fred Fuhrman Here Wednesday Evening

Thirty-seven Boy Scouts from Troop No. 14 of Coquille, and from Fairview were present for the Court of Honor, held in the city hall Wednesday evening, and presided over by C. C. Farr, N. C. Kelley, D. L. Hackitt and Wade Arstall, and with Scout Executive E. A. Britton assisting.

Fred Fuhrman, who successfully passed the merit badge tests in Animal Industry and Conservation, was presented with the bronze Eagle Palm, the next step in advance for an Eagle Scout.

Others awarded merit badges were: John Unsoeld, cycling. James Robinson, carpentry. Keith Holverstott, bird study. Kenneth Arrell, cooking. Lyndon Keown, cycling, bird study, camping.

Harold Berry, foundry practice. He was also awarded the Star Scout emblem.

Very few people know for what Scout emblems are awarded and the following tells how many merit badges are required for each emblem: A Star, 5 badges; Life, 10; Eagle, 21; Bronze Palm, 26; Gold Palm, 31; Silver Palm, 36. There are some of the older Scouts in Marshfield who have received Gold and Silver Palm emblems.

Those who were advanced to the rank of second class Scouts were Tom Stacer, Howard Keown, Powell Yarbrough, and Francis Arrell.

One of the noteworthy events of the evening was the presentation by Troop 14 to Dwight L. Hackett of a fine tooled leather bill fold in recognition of his services as scoutmaster. Mr. Hackett is resigning the position due to his departure early next month for Lakeport, Calif., where he will be minister of the Church of Christ.

## Roy Wernich Made Receiver

The bankrupt West Coast Lumber Co., whose organization followed an "inside" bankruptcy death blow to the former Wernich-Finley Lumber Co., is going to be freed from the influence which put the first company on the rocks.

Last Monday Roy A. Wernich was appointed receiver for the West Coast concern by Referee E. H. Joehn at Marshfield, and if the plant is ever operated again the names of A. C. Ruby and Geo. W. Finley will not appear in the list of stockholders.

It is fortunate that Mr. Finley's connection with the mill is ended. He was the man who told local creditors of the old Wernich-Finley company that they would be paid in full. But most of them were not.

Under present lumber market conditions, Mr. Wernich has no intention of operating the plant, but when conditions return to normal there may be a different story to tell.

## Prosecute Trespassers on Roof

Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Graham came in from their ranch near Ashland Tuesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Howe.

Mr. Graham reported this morning the striking of water on his place at Ashland in the deepest well ever drilled for water in southwestern Oregon. The water was tapped at a depth of 344 feet at a cost of over \$1300. At the 150-foot level crude oil was struck in a large enough quantity that it could be skimmed off the water with a teaspoon.

The water is to be used for domestic purposes but was necessary in connection with the many modern improvements Mr. Graham intends making on the ranch.

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