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WARE SUCCUMBS

Springfield Young Man Shot by Elderly Friend While Both Sleep

Frank Ware, 26, resident of Springfield, died at the Coquille Hospital last night as the result of being shot in the side while he slept in the open with his 78-year old companion, E. Roberts, also of Springfield.

It is an almost incredible case and yet the state police who have thoroughly investigated every angle are convinced that the gray-haired old man knew nothing of the shooting which he did in his sleep.

The two were on a trip down the coast and Tuesday night had made their camp by the roadside, half a mile below Port Orford. Roberts went to sleep with his revolver under his pillow.

Some time in the night Ware was awakened by a shot which he thought was fired some distance away. Suddenly, however, he felt a sensation on one side and rubbing his hand there found blood oozing from the wound. He immediately jumped into his car and drove to Port Orford to see a doctor and was then brought to the hospital here. The bullet had gone clear through his body and Dr. M. Wilson performed an operation, but without any hope of a success.

Same Ware, the young man's father, arrived here early Tuesday morning before the operation.

When Ware's story became known in Port Orford, state police officers hurried to the visitors' camp and found Roberts sleeping with the gun in his hand. When told what he had done he denied it and said, "If there are three empty shells in the cylinder I might have done it. Ware and I each shot once at a digger squirrel last night and there should be two empty shells." But there were three.

The old man insisted on being locked up and was taken to jail at Gold Beach, although the officers who believed his story have filed no charge against him.

Will Not Tear Up the Streets

S. L. Godard, of Cottage Grove, who has the contract for installing the modern lighting system in Coquille's business district, started a small crew to work Wednesday morning, digging holes through the pavement where the 45 new ornamental poles are to be set. When the poles arrive in about ten days a larger crew will be employed.

Mr. Godard will not disturb sidewalk surfaces but will cut through the pavement for a distance of about twelve feet where each post is to stand, and dig to the necessary depth. Between poles a pipe will be forced through the earth and in this way the under ground electric wires will be strung.

He estimates that it will require five or six weeks to complete the job.

88 In Shade Here Yesterday

Yesterday was the hottest day of the year in Coquille, the thermometer getting up to 88 degrees in the shade. Failure of the usual afternoon sea breeze to percolate was responsible for the greater heat, and two forest fires a few miles from town may have helped a little.

But it's a last despairing gesture of Old Sol for the nights are cool and the mornings are growing more fall-like every day.

J. F. Thompson Mill Closed

Labor liens aggregating \$22,000 have been filed by employees of the J. F. Thompson Logging Co., in the county clerk's office here, and R. T. Bourns, who represents them as assignee, states that the liabilities of the company probably total \$140,000. The plant at Englewood on the bay and the camp near Brookings have been shut down.

A Beautiful Sight Sunday

One of the most beautiful sky scenes ever witnessed was that Sunday evening when the smoke from the Ray camp fire, and the clouds which hovered across the sky were turned by the rays of the setting sun to a gorgeous pink. It reminded of the "pillar of cloud" which led the Israelites on their pilgrimage.

North Bend Boy to Asylum

Garold Herbert Hill, 18 years of age, was brought over from North Bend on Sunday. He was found insane by probate court and on Tuesday was taken to the asylum at Salem.

Ben R. Chandler Named State Senator Candidate

Ben R. Chandler, runner-up in the republican primary in May for nomination for state senator from Coos and Curry counties, was named by the committee of eight from the two counties Monday evening, at the city hall here, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jno. A. Biegger a few weeks ago.

At the primary Mr. Chandler received 1383 votes in Coos county, to Mr. Biegger's 1565.

Mr. Chandler is probably as able a man as the committee could have found in the two counties, and is exceptionally well qualified to serve in the capacity of senator at Salem. He knows the needs of southwestern Oregon as well as any man living here and has the backbone and fortitude to stand for what he believes is right.

His selection is not satisfactory to the Townsend group and reports from the Bay indicate that Mrs. Rhea Burkhardt, of North Bend, is likely to file as an independent candidate, but Townsend plan support is not as essential in the legislature as it is in congress, and in every way Mr. Chandler can be of benefit to southwestern Oregon as its representative in the state senate.

FLOOD CONTROL HEARING, SEP. 18

Col. Milo P. Fox, district engineer at Portland, has issued the following notice of the flood control hearing which will be held in Coquille on Sept. 18. That is only three weeks hence and does not give much time for raising the funds to pay expenses of collecting data and the assembling of the data to be presented at the hearing. If as complete a presentation can be made at this hearing as was made at the hearing in Bandon a few weeks ago, the engineer will be impressed with the interest of the whole valley in this matter which is of vital interest to every industry, business and individual living in this end of the county.

Notice of Public Hearing

1. Section 6 of the Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936, provides for preliminary examinations and surveys of a number of streams with a view to control their floods. Among the streams listed for report is "Coquille River and tributaries, Oregon."

2. In order that the matter of flood (Continued on Page Seven)

Miss May's Shop to Open

The remodeled room in the W. O. W. building, recently vacated by the Hand shoe shop, the floor of which has been lowered to the sidewalk level and with modern plate glass windows and recessed front installed, has been leased by Miss May Groshens, sister of Mrs. E. L. Vinton.

Next Wednesday she will open Miss May's Shop there with a well-selected stock of ladies ready-to-wear and popular priced dresses, and other items of ladies' wearing apparel.

20 Years Between Bridges

Two decades ago, on Aug. 24, occurred the railroad jubilee at Coos Bay which celebrated the connection by rail of the Coos country with the outside world. That mile long railroad was considered a wonderful structure at that time, but now we have two bridges across the Bay and automobile traffic speeds across Coos Bay more rapidly than do the railroad trains.

Fires Under Control Now

The fires near Coquille which were raging the first of the week, one at the Morris Ray camp, across the river from and a little below Riverton, and the other east of China Camp bridge in the old Baxter operation, have been pretty well checked and are not now spreading or threatening live timber.

Rummage Sale Scheduled

The Dorcas Society of the Seventh Day Adventist church will hold a rummage sale in the Sam Nosler building, beginning Thursday, Sept. 3. Included will be both used and new garments and a sewing machine in good condition.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Steward at their home at 374 North Heath street, yesterday morning, a nine-pound son, who has been named Harold Frederick. He is one of the city mail carriers.

SCHOOL, SEPT. 8

Supt. Lane Gives Information Concerning Opening of Coquille Schools

Coquille's public schools will begin their new year on Tuesday morning, September 8. The sessions will operate on the same schedule as before. High School: 8:45 to 12:00, 12:45 to 2:15; Lincoln School: 9:00 to 12:00, 1:00 to 3:00; Washington School: 9:00 to 12:00, 1:00 to 4:00; all Grades 1 and 2, 9:00 to 11:45, 1:00 to 2:30.

Pupils who have not registered in High School or who have any schedule changes to request should report without fail to the High School office Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, September 1, 2 or 3. No schedule changes or registrations will be accepted during the school day on September 8 until after 2:15 p. m.

The High School is prepared to begin its work promptly and any interruptions cannot be allowed. On September 8 High School pupils will report at 8:45 a. m. as follows: all Freshmen go to the study hall; Sophomores whose last names begin with A to and including L go to Room 20; Sophomores M to Z go to Room 11; Juniors, A to and including G, go to Room 15; Juniors H to O go to the Library; Juniors P to Z go to Room 24; Seniors, A to and including L, go to Room 10; and Seniors M to Z go to Room 12.

High School pupils will have the opportunity to purchase used texts in the High School or new texts of the usual Coquille merchants but no text books should be purchased until after the first day of school. Only the punched white composition paper with one margin line on the left, measuring 8x10 1/4, and containing 26 lines should be purchased for High or Lincoln School composition use.

Pupils in the High and Lincoln Schools will be serviced by a new cafeteria. It is a modern, commodious, and important addition to the school system. Balanced meals at cost prices and served under attractive conditions are in prospect. In order to give parents some idea of its service the menus for the first week of school follows: Tuesday, tomato soup 5c, hot beef sandwich, gravy, and mashed potato 10c, vegetable salad 5c, French pastry 5c; Wednesday, vegetable soup 5c, sliced tomatoes, cottage cheese, and wafers 10c, deviled egg sandwich 5c, caramel fluff with whipped cream 5c; Thursday, hot chocolate 5c, tuna fish sandwich 5c, pineapple cheese salad 5c, creole spaghetti 5c, apple betty and whipped cream 5c; Friday, clam chowder 5c.

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Bought It for Investment

The sale of the Farmers & Merchants Bank building to Geo. A. Ulett, by the state banking department, has caused some speculation in Coquille as to what it is to be used for. Mr. Ulett is out of town this week but inquiry of his associates at the Smith Wood-Products plant, brought forth the statement that he had no definite idea of what use would be made of the old banking quarters. He considered it a bargain at the \$4100 or \$4200 figure at which he is reported to have purchased it and made the deal as an investment. Of the purchase \$1400 was for delinquent taxes.

From Dust-Blown Texas

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nosler and three sons arrived here Sunday from the panhandle of Texas. Mr. Nosler is a brother of Mrs. Lisle Goodwin and they are guests at the Goodwin home on Rink creek. They brought pictures of the dust storms in Texas which blot out the sun as effectively as it is done at night. That is the principal reason they have come to Oregon to make their home.

Dr. Rankin Returns from East

Dr. J. D. Rankin, who has been visiting in the east since attending the Eagles national convention in Chicago, came home Tuesday and immediately left with his family for a few days' outing in the hills. Dr. J. B. Gillis has substituted for Dr. Rankin at the Coquille Hospital during the latter's absence.

County Fair Opens Sept. 16

The Coos county fair opens its gates for the 1936 presentation of agricultural and industrial exhibits, and its entertainment program of horse racing, carnivals and shows, in less than three weeks. The dates are Sept. 16 to 19, inclusive.

SAM WHETSTONE

Died Alone Sometime Wednesday Night --- Found by Police Yesterday

Sam Whetstone, a resident of Coquille for nearly 50 years, was found dead in his bed at 2:10 yesterday afternoon by Police Officer Kermit Shaw who had to climb a ladder and open a window to get in. Death probably occurred some time Wednesday night.

A friend who took food to him Wednesday afternoon was not admitted, Sam accepting the food but refusing to open the door.

The deceased had been failing rapidly for the past year. He had a severe attack of the flu a year ago and since then had suffered with one cold after another.

The body is at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here. Funeral arrangements had not been made at noon today, awaiting arrival of word from the relatives in Portland.

Mr. Whetstone was born in Indiana, Feb. 28, 1866, being just two days younger than Geo. T. Moulton, who was a friend of Sam's and his amanuensis for years.

The deceased was a blacksmith, lock and gunsmith and for many years has resided with his faithful dog in the building between the railroad and the waterfront, southwest of the Coquille Laundry.

He was married in his earlier years but had been separated from his wife for many years.

He is survived by two brothers, James and Charles, and a sister, Mrs. Mattie Gilmore, all of Portland, besides nephews and nieces.

Walter Tooze Launches Republican Campaign Monday

Walter L. Tooze, assistant chairman of the state republican committee, addressed a largely attended meeting of republican candidates, precinct committeemen and party members in the Elks Temple at Marshfield, Monday evening.

The speaker declared that this fall's contest was not between the outs and the ins—the republicans and the democrats—but a contest to decide whether the United States should continue with a representative form of government, or whether it should junk the constitution as a "relic of horse and buggy days," as Roosevelt referred to it, with the gradual substitution of the soviet or communistic system of government with a dictator and regimentation of (Continued on Page Nine)

Progress on Flood Control

J. A. Lamb and J. E. Ford have been named as Coquille members of the executive flood control committee which will meet with similar members from Myrtle Point and Bandon at the city hall here this evening. It is hoped to have the commissioners of the Ports of Bandon and Coquille river also in attendance, and it requires some sponsoring municipal body to act as intermediary between the government and the property owners in the district where flood control is instituted.

Mrs. Sickels Named Chairman

Mrs. Catherine Sickels, of this city, has been named as Coos county republican women chairman by Harry A. Slack, chairman of the county central committee, and will act as assistant to the county chairman in this fall's campaign.

The office is one of those recommended by the state republican committee, word to that effect being brought by Walter Tooze who was in the county last Monday.

Left Here 64 Years Ago

Visitors in Coquille last Friday who left here 64 years ago were C. R. Evens and his sister, Mrs. Lavina Wilkinson, of Waldport. They were accompanied by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mattie Horsford. The father of the first two mentioned was Chas. Evens, who lived on Bear creek. The party returned to Waldport the same day.

Chas. Stauff Moves to Coquille

Chas. Stauff, county treasurer, and wife are moving to Coquille soon and will occupy one of the Gould apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Oerding returned Tuesday evening from a two weeks' trip on which they spent several days in San Francisco and a week at Lake Tahoe.

Rev. T. R. Jackman to Show Holy Land Pictures Sunday

The many readers of the Sentinel, who enjoyed reading the letters of Rev. and Mrs. Ted Jackman, written from Palestine, during the last several months, will be interested in knowing that they will be privileged to hear Mr. Jackman and enjoy seeing motion pictures that he took while in Palestine, at the Pioneer Methodist Church on next Sunday evening. The entire evening service will be given over to the showing of these motion pictures, with, of course, the special music by the choir and on the organ.

The recent riots between the Arabs and Jews had broken out before the Jackmans left Jerusalem, and they have some real action scenes of the Arabs in their wild revolt. Scenes of the Arabs in their sword dances and demonstrations of hatred for the Jews and British, make the pictures intensely interesting. There are also many views of the ancient sites that are dear to the Christian world taken around Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gallilee.

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Band Meeting Tonight

A Coquille band organization meeting is to be held in the city hall next Monday evening, Aug. 31. All musicians and those interested in a band for Coquille are invited and urged to attend.

J. C. ALMACK WILL RECOVER

A. L. Beck, Coquille junior high school principal, and Mrs. Beck, returned Sunday evening from their summer vacation, most of which was spent at summer school at Stanford. They visited down in Mexico for a short time before going to Palo Alto.

Mr. Beck brings the first definite word the Sentinel has had about Dr. J. C. Almack, former superintendent of schools here, who was so seriously injured in an auto accident near Scotts, Calif., several weeks ago, and in which Mrs. Almack was fatally injured. She passed away two days later.

Dr. Almack is still confined to his bed and will be for a month yet. Due to the crash his heart was moved from its normal position and the physicians are still working to move it back to its proper place. Probably due to the terrific blow on his forehead which rendered him unconscious for several days, his eyes became crossed, but the doctors think they can be straightened out in time. He also suffered several broken ribs and other bruises and lacerations.

Mrs. Almack was driving at the time of the accident. They were looking at and enjoying the scenery when their car left the highway at an unexpected turn.

Dr. Almack, through Mr. Beck, sent greetings to old friends here, all of whom are hoping for his complete recovery.

Odd Fellows to Picnic Sunday

The southwestern Oregon annual I. O. O. F. picnic will be held in the Coquille myrtle grove park next Sunday, Aug. 30. All Odd Fellows, their families and friends are invited to attend. Bring your basket lunches. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished by the lodge. Every Odd Fellow should be there.

Fred Schaefer,
Walter F. Oerding,
Committee

Wade Arstill Here on Visit

Wade Arstill, former principal of the Lincoln school here and now superintendent of schools at Forest Grove, accompanied by Mrs. Arstill and the children, came in Wednesday evening for a few days' vacation. He has been engaged through the summer in attending summer school and getting ready for the opening of school next month.

Don Farr Going to Northwestern

Donald Farr is leaving Monday to enter Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, where he has received a scholarship in "Marketing." He graduated from the University of Oregon last June.

Opens New Barber Shop

Jack Page, formerly of Page & Townsend, is opening a new barber shop on Front street in the room formerly occupied by Joe Esser's paint store.

Buy local bread and support home industry. \$17

DOWN 940 FEET

Drill Should Hit Gas Structure Within Next Hundred Feet

The well which W. E. Marrion is drilling over beyond Fat Elk is down 940 feet at three o'clock yesterday afternoon and at the rate they have been punching the hole into the earth—about 35 feet a day—it should not be more than three or four days until they reach the same place in the formation as a good flow of gas was struck in the old well, a quarter of a mile or more to the east.

Due to the slope of the formation and a comparison of the logs of the former drilling and this one, it is quite definitely determined that the same formation is encountered at a 340 feet shallower depth in this hole than it was in the old one.

The heavy gas flow was encountered in the first Fat Elk well at about 1350 feet.

Mr. Marrion has a smooth-running bunch of equipment going now for 12 hours each day. The derrick is 64 feet high and is set on the apex of the structure.

Beside building a road into the site of the operation last spring, Mr. Marrion piped water from a nearby spring but now that has gone dry and he is compelled to haul water in by tank.

The pipe at the bottom of the well is eight inches in diameter; all the water is cased off and everything is in the best possible condition for continuous drilling until the gas reservoir is tapped.

Corn Show Is Not Wanted

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce laid on the table for the present the question as to whether Coquille should hold a Corn Show this fall. The general sentiment of the twenty business men present was that the Corn Show, as such, had served its purpose and that Coquille's annual celebration, if one is to be held, should be at some other time and not a corn show.

To that must be added that in a large degree it is the same individuals who have done all the work on corn shows for the past 20 years, and they are not enthusiastic about doing it again.

At the meeting E. D. Webb tendered his resignation as director and treasurer of the Corn Show association.

Bee Inspector Busy

Clarence S. Hatcher, of Fairview, bee inspector for Coos county under authority of appointment by the state agricultural department, says that he has inspected about half the plants of bee owners in the county, about 72 prior to this week. It surprised him to find that there are 150 bee raisers in the county. The purpose of the inspection is to help eradicate diseases such as took four-fifths of A. E. Seaman's stands on Coos River a while back. The latter now has the largest number of stands in the county, 55, followed closely by Mr. Armstrong's 50 on the Sumner-Fairview road.

Inspection fee is 50 cents for anything up to ten stands.

Yula Minard to Be Married

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Minard, formerly of this city, write to the Sentinel, announcing the engagement of their daughter, Yula, to Ray W. Tospel, of Spokane. The Minards are making their home in Spokane. The wedding is to take place in the early fall.

Miss Minard is at present conductor for the Washington Motor Coach system. The groom-to-be will soon finish his course in the Kinman Business University where he is studying for a certified public accountant degree.

He Has Plenty to Talk About

The fellow who thinks Alf Landon has nothing to talk about in this fall's campaign has another thing coming. You can't build prosperity by continually spending money you haven't got and Alf has been a whiz at budget-balancing in Kansas.

Notice to W. R. C. Members

Regular meeting Sept. 1. The inspector will be here and we will have a pot luck dinner at noon. All members are urged to be there.—Press Correspondent.

Mrs. T. H. Mehl, of Mabel, Oregon, was in Coquille last week-end visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnson.