

### Theft in the night - cont.

estates, 1903-1913.

Census records have never been a county function. Old census records can be located in libraries, the Coquille Library or the Genealogical Library in North Bend. School census records, sometimes used when birth records are not available are housed with ESD in Coos Bay. The clerk has two old school record books in the vault.

Old criminal records are under the jurisdiction of the state. Election records are in the election department although there are some older books in the vault.

The most used records in the courthouse are probably the deed records and mortgages of land used by attorneys, title companies and the general public daily. They are now computerized, with the older transfers still in book form.

Want to know who is buried in the cemeteries? There is a deed record book for all Coos County cemeteries in the clerk's office. The WPA did an interesting history and inventory on Coos County. There is a copy of the history located in the clerk's office in deed records.

Marriage records begin in 1854 when Mathias Laren married Katherine Noble. Marriage records to date are still recorded in the clerk's office and are public record.

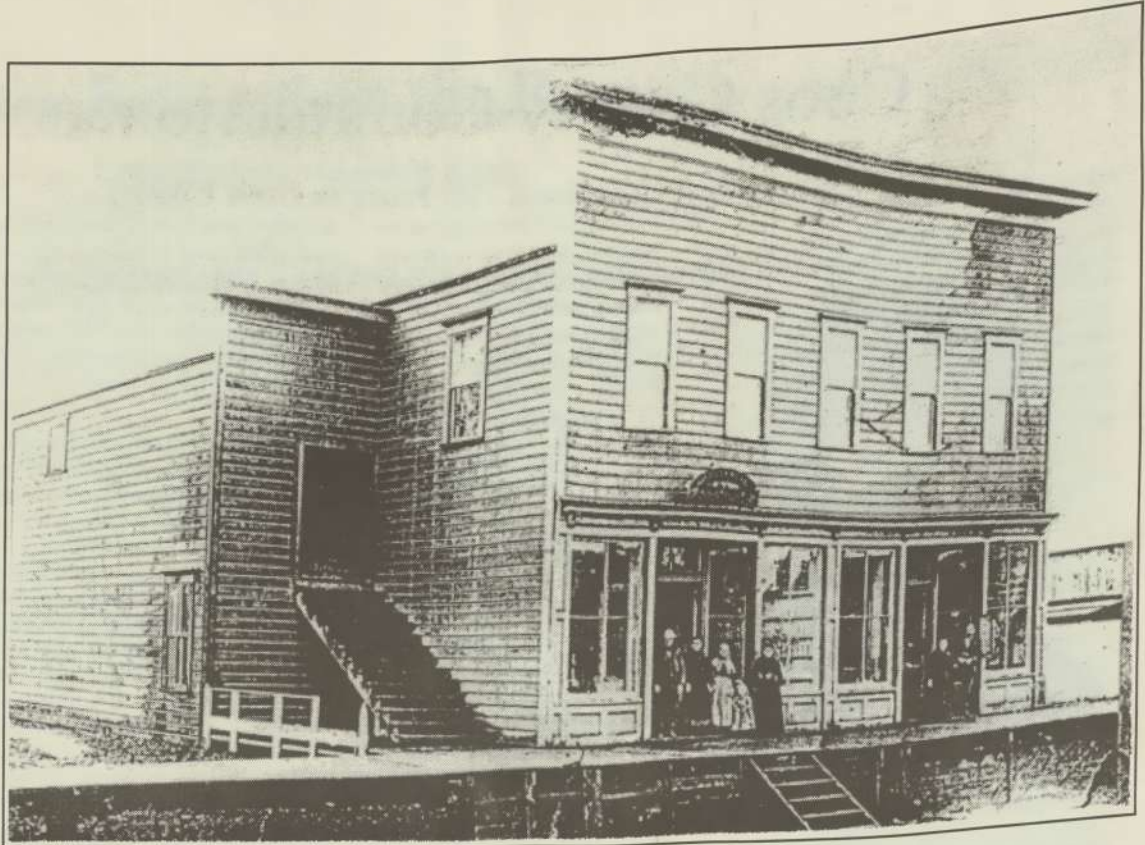
The assessor's office also has land records. They are computerized but there are still 'packets' with information on buildings, land, etc.

What do you think the farmers hid that never came back?...not opium permits, game permits, stock brands, or marriage licenses, or any listed above.

Spoils a good story doesn't it?



COOS BAY WAGON ROAD



## The Truth

Frank Ross, great-grandfather of Gordon Ross, was hired to move the records from Empire to Coquille City for the sum of \$100. **IT WAS A DAIRY FARMER!** (He didn't steal

the records. He was paid to move them.) See page 361, County Court records for 1896-98. "And B.F. Ross, having received and accepted a proposition from R.A. Graham to remove all the

effects of Coos County from the wharf at Empire City to Coquille City for the nominal sum of \$100."

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