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COULDN'T FARM

Orie Johnson Met With All Sorts of Bad Luck As a Renter.

An interesting case was decided in the Circuit Court here Monday by Judge Coke. In December, 1916, Thor. J. McAdams rented his 80 acre ranch on the Marshfield road to Orie Johnson with a bunch of cows and a brood sow, for \$250 a year, \$50 of which was to be paid by the slashing of five acres of willow land. As security for the payment of the rent Johnson gave McAdams a bond for \$900 with his mother, Amanda M. Johnson and W. J. Benedict as sureties.

About 8 months later after the house on the place burned the Johnson family deserted it, leaving the cattle to the care of a neighbor until McAdams should call for them.

Johnson had paid McAdams \$51.52 in rent meantime. But he had used up the \$240 worth of hay McAdams had turned over to him on condition that he should pay for it or replace it. He had neither paid anything for it nor had he harvested any more hay. He also owed McAdams \$21.60 for a brood sow and \$40 for some calves he had bought and there was another \$40 charge against him for letting one of the cows die.

All these items, with the \$140 still due on rent, amounted to about \$582, and McAdams also wanted \$20 for damage to a buggy and \$70 on account of Johnson's failure to breed the cows, but the latter items were not allowed by the court, although Johnson claimed the rent was too high.

Mrs. Amanda Johnson had given a mortgage to secure the bond and the court in holding her and Benedict liable for the \$582 on the bond also ordered the mortgage foreclosed.

McAdams was also allowed \$50 for attorneys' fees and costs of suit amounting to about \$50 more. Attorney Stanley was attorney for the plaintiff and S. D. Pulford for the defendant.

Johnson had been divorced by his wife and remarried to her since the lease was made and her testimony that he had worked faithfully every day slaved to make something to pay the rent given in this case, contrasted very strangely with her testimony in the other case, where she accused him of spending his time "running around" and said she did all the work on the place.

Invite Them to Valley.

This year's meeting of the Oregon Editorial Association will be held at Marshfield Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9, 10 and 11. We have not yet received a copy of the program but suppose that, as usual, Marshfield has got it fixed so that no opportunity will be afforded the visiting newspaper men to see the Coquille valley.

We would suggest, however, that the Coquille Commercial Club invite the country pencil pushers and their families to come over here on one of those days, take a picnic dinner in the park and enjoy a ride up the valley to Myrtle Point. Although they may not be able to accept it we are sure they will appreciate the invitation.

Dr. Boyl Lectures Here.

At last the Ellison-White people sent a lecture here Saturday night to fill that belated engagement in the person of Dr. Elliott A. Boyl, who was down in this section to fill Chautauqua engagements at Myrtle Point and North Bend. If his excellent address had been delivered on time it would no doubt have been greeted with a packed house as were the other numbers of the course, but as it was this out of season entertainment was only attended by about one-fifth of the holders of season tickets and the doctor talked about "The Advantages of a Handicap" largely to empty benches.

Neckties Match Aprons.

The ladies of the Moosehead Legion will hold a necktie and apron social at W. O. W. hall on Friday next, July 26. There will be a Hoover lunch, each lady bringing a box. The neckties will be sold in envelopes unsight and unseen. They will be sold for 50 cents each and for every necktie some lady will wear an apron that matches. That is the way in which supper partners will be identified.

Dance for Cow Wednesday.

The Home Guard dance for the benefit of the Red Cross at Anderson's Hall next Wednesday evening, July 24, bids fair to be the largest and most successful ever held in Coquille. The tickets, which include a chance to win the \$100 Jersey cow, are going rapidly, gold sales being reported from the rural districts as well as from this city. One Red Cross member has sold about 40 tickets since they were put on sale this week and many others have sold their quota and gone back for more.

The Honor Guard has been requested to take charge of the decorations of the hall and they will also have charge of the refreshment stand.

Buy a ticket whether you can dance or not. You will be aiding the Red Cross and you may draw the cow.

State Engineer Approves It.

Judge Watson is in receipt of a letter from State Highway Engineer Nunn in regard to that much abused road from North Bend south. He says Mr. Dunn from his office was sent out to inspect that road and finds it on good grade and alignment. Also that the workmanship is good, and that is adapted to meet its present purpose. The only criticism he makes is that the second course of rock is so coarse that with only automobile travel over the road there is no grinding action on the road and screenings must be applied occasionally to keep it from getting too rough.

BOY MAKES HIS GETAWAY

Last Monday Hark Dunham went over to Marshfield with Arthur Johnson, the automobile kleptomaniac, who had consented to enlist in the navy. But he was too young and the navy wouldn't have him, so Hark took him to the Dew Drop Inn and let him go out in the kitchen to talk to the cook. The next Hark saw of him he was showing a clean pair of heels as he flashed up the street. The probation officer is not as agile as he used to be and Johnson made a clean getaway, nor have the police been able to locate him since.

Two days later, on Wednesday, Hark made another start with Bessie Phennegar, of Bandon, and Frank Maupin, of Powers. The girl had been an inmate of the Industrial School for girls at Salem before, but had been paroled in care of her father, Edward Phennegar. He had placed her in charge of Rev. A. A. Baker, of Myrtle Point, but she fell into wild ways again and drifted back to Bandon into the company of her old associates and now, at 16, goes back to the Girls' school.

It's much the same way with Frank Maupin, of Powers, who was in the Training School four years ago but was paroled, and couldn't resist the temptation to steal again.

Only 39 Are Promoted.

Of the 450 men below Class I whom the attorneys boosted into that class, Assessor Beyers, of the local board, says that only 39 have staid there. The cases of thirty more who in part applied for industrial exemption and in part have been appealed by the local board as really belonging in Class I go to the district board for review and decision.

Not more than 20 of the young men of the class of 1918 listed elsewhere in this issue still remain to undergo medical examination.

Apple Jack Peddler.

Last Monday W. C. Bostwick, a decent creek rancher, was arrested by an officer of the Spruce division at Powers, on a charge of bootlegging. He was at once taken before Justice Zimmerman, pleaded guilty and was fined \$200. He raised the amount by mortgaging 8 head of cattle and went on his way. The stuff he sold was a sort of apple jack with a great kick, and it was thought he had distilled it on his place but no still could be found. He had five gallons and was asking \$18 a gallon for it.

Dam May Be Raised.

Major Johnson informs us that the plan of raising the dam at the head of the Rink creek pipe line is under consideration. The Walker creek intake is as much higher than water from the joint pipe line backs up into the Rink creek spur now and retards the flow. A higher dam would also mean more water stored there for a dry season like this.

THE EARTH SHOOK TWO FINE TALKS

Distinct Quakes Felt Here in Coquille Last Sunday Afternoon.

Three distinct earthquake shocks were felt here at 5:17 last Sunday afternoon, the principal one lasting about five seconds. Lamps in chandeliers were noticed to swing several inches, doors were swung open as houses rocked and crockery rattled on sideboards, while people who were taking an afternoon siesta were awakened with the idea that someone was shaking their beds. E. E. Fredrich, who was reading a story of a storm at sea, wondered if he was getting nutty when he began to sense the rolling movement of the house.

This was a comparatively new sensation in Coquille as the most recent of which we hear reliable stories occurred 25 years ago. Sunday's shock was also felt in Eureka, California, a few minutes later, though if it was manifest about San Francisco bay, they kept still about it in all the languages they knew. Indeed, it is nothing short of high treason to mention such a shock down there.

We have later read of tremblers experienced down in South America the same day, so the rumbling of the globe's innards then must have been quite extensive.

The most generally accepted theory of earthquakes is that they are due to the gradual shrinking of "this terrestrial ball" as it cools, everything in the earth being a melted fluid except a crust of less than 200 miles thickness—a smaller proportion of the whole than the rind is of an orange.

We are reminded, too, that among the portents of the final end of things cosmic, as foretold in the Scriptures, are not only "wars and rumors of war," famines and pestilence, but also "earthquakes in divers places." How uncertain and transitory all things seem now compared with conditions four short years ago.

Spruce Production Pictures.

Under the auspices of the L. L. L. there will be shown at Anderson's Hall on Saturday evening, July 27, several reels of motion pictures depicting life in the cantonments here in the U. S. life in the trenches on the western front, as well as actual fighting scenes, and the various phases of aeroplane manufacture from the spruce in the forest to the flights from the aviation fields. Lieut Jones, who showed a similar assortment of spruce division pictures at the Masonic Hall here last winter, will again have charge of his entertainment. On account of the limited seating capacity of the hall the Loyal Legion members and their families will have the preference in admission to the show, which will be free.

Sugar For Everybody.

L. A. Liljeqvist, food administrator in Coos county, states that there has been much confusion throughout the county about sugar for canning. Without permit and merely on the statement of the buyer, a housewife is entitled to 25 pounds of sugar from her grocer.

When this is used up she may secure more by going to the chairman of the council of defense in her city and from him securing a permit for another 25 pounds. At this time she swears that the first 25 pounds has been used for canning and the next 25 pounds will be used for canning. She may secure as many more 25 pound quantities as her canning needs require. There is no limit so long as the sugar is used for canning.

Only Pioneer of 1842.

Vail N. Perry, who claims to be the only living Oregon pioneer who came to the state in 1842, and who looks younger than his 78 years would seem to warrant, was here Monday and spent the night with his brother-in-law, J. F. Schroeder. It was a remarkable fact that three of Mr. Vail's sisters married three of the Schroeder brothers in this valley. Mrs. Emily Schroeder, the deceased wife of J. F., being one of the trio. Both she and Mrs. Gus Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, were born at the mouth of the Columbia river. Mr. Vail, who now resides at Clallam, Wash., a few miles east of Cape Flattery, was the first Mason to be initiated in Coos county and was a charter member of Chadwick Lodge here.

He Was Hit Hard.
T. J. Thrift suffered a painful but fortunately not serious accident at the Sitka mill Tuesday. He was turning the crank which raises and lowers the carriage to fit to the size of the log when the clutch slipped and the handle spun around striking him on the shin. That his leg was not broken is a wonder.

Huns Headed for Home.

The following associated press dispatch from London yesterday makes it look as if the tide had turned at last and the American were getting the Huns started toward Berlin:

London, July 18.—The Americans west of Soissons have taken four thousand prisoners, thirty guns and much other material.

The Americans have captured the town of Vierzy, six miles south of Soissons and have advanced three miles beyond the town.

The French on a five mile front gained the ravine at the river Crise running into Soissons which means a maximum advance of five miles at this point.

The French also progressed to a hill within one mile of Soissons.

Court Didn't Incur Bill.

A Bay paper abuses the County Court and charges it with trying to "get even" in instructing the district attorney to sue the bondsmen for the expenses of surveying the Daniel's Creek road. There was no feeling of enmity on the part of any member of the court in any way responsible for the fact that the viewing and survey of this road cost \$1354.25. The law makes it the duty of the viewers of whom the surveyor is one, to view and survey a proposed road and the court has no power whatever in connection with the survey, further than to pay the bills properly rendered.

MILL WILL BE REBUILT

With an inaccuracy which is not unusual where Coquille matters are concerned, the Coos Bay Times stated last night that the Johnson mill here would not be rebuilt because the Mehli tract of three and a half acres could not be secured. The statement is entirely erroneous. Mr. Johnson said last evening that the piling for the new mill is expected this week. Furthermore the loading of machinery, which went through the fire, for shipment to the Bay where it will be trued up and repaired, will begin at once. There has been some delay in this work because of the desire to obtain the additional land if it could be secured at a price Mr. Johnson could afford to pay. That hope has practically been given up and the plan is now to rebuild as quickly as possible on the old site.

If the location had been changed, Mr. Johnson was figuring on running all the machinery with motors which would have made a difference in what he sent to the Bay for repairs.

The insurance adjustment is nearly complete, there only being one policy on which figures have not yet been received, but no differences are expected to develop on that.

It is hoped to resume the cutting of lumber at the mill within 90 days.

New Christian Minister.

Rev. Walter L. Straub preached his first sermon as pastor of the Christian church last Sunday morning and again in the evening at the union services at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Straub is a strong and forceful speaker and made a favorable impression on those who heard him.

Rev. Mr. Straub comes highly recommended by the church at Meridian, Idaho, which he has just left, by the state missionary boards of Idaho and Washington, and by the Organ-Mell evangelistic company. He evangelized for two years with the famous Webb singers and is the author of nine tracts which are used by many pastors and evangelists. He is equipped with complete stereoptican machine and several hundred slides. Mrs. Straub is also an ordained minister and she and the two children will arrive soon.

Julius Larson's Bunco Suit.

Julius Larson, the king bee of Larson Inlet, is suing Coos county for \$2,500 damages caused by taking a right of way for a road across his land. The entire place from which a strip is to be cut for the road is assessed for only \$350. By the way we have long favored a tax system under which every man would assess his real estate at any sum he pleased, and the county should have the option to purchase it at the assessed price plus ten per cent. Under such a law Coos county could take Julius Larson's ranch by paying him \$385. As it was the viewers only allowed him \$1 for the right of way, which seems inadequate.

ORDER NUMBERS

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| 17 | John S. Hurd, North Bend | 4 |
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| 136 | Lloyd B. Heas, Bandon | 6 |
| 145 | Elmer A. Miller, Bandon | 7 |
| 57 | E. B. Sjoyer, North Bend | 8 |
| 76 | M. H. Chappell, North Bend | 9 |
| 78 | Stanley Clausen, Coquille | 10 |
| 122 | Wm. J. Blake, Marshfield | 11 |
| 67 | Daniel D. Turpin, Marshfield | 12 |
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| 4 | Jas Steinlechner, North Bend | 14 |
| 130 | F. C. Merrill, Marshfield | 15 |
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| 153 | Wm. I. Anderson, Myrtle Pt. | 37 |
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