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FOUND THE STILL

Moonshine Outfit Found Above Powers—Had Not Been Running For Months.

Clyde Gage tells a very interesting story about the discovery of that moonshine cave up on the west bank of the South fork five miles above Powers last week. The evidence that O. W. or "Whit" Morris, who is now running a pool hall at Powers had been running the still was so convincing that at Myrtle Point yesterday U. S. Commissioner E. A. Dodge bound him over in the sum of \$1,000 to the federal grand jury at Portland.

There have been unquestionable indications that somebody had a still up in the hills for a long time and some time, about a year ago, Clyde went out with some federal officers scouting around above Powers hunting for it. They got so warm at one time that they were within sight of the location and not more than 200 yards from it but it was on the west side of the South Fork and they were on the trail on the east side, with the stream running too strong to think of following so that they did not find it in full operation as it probably was then.

But what they did do was to put the fear of God into the man who was running the still, as all the indications are that it has not been running since.

Last Thursday Dr. F. G. Bunch, of Powers, who is a lieutenant in the U. S. Army, and expecting a speedy call to overseas service, was up the fork looking over the country with "Dude" King, Clare Swayne, "Sergeant" Carter and Harry Cardwell. When they came across one of the warning signs of which they had heard, they knew that were getting close to the object of their search. There were four of these signs in all, each reading:

WARNING
Gun Set Ahead
Go Back

But when the doctor got fairly into the narrow entrance of the cave and met that gun face to face he yelled to the men behind,

"Get out of that. Here she is."
The gun was not loaded though, and they returned safely, and reported to the Sheriff.

On Friday Deputy Sheriff Gage went out to investigate taking with him "Sergeant" Carter, "Kitty" Miller and Tom Hayes, who by the way is an uncle of the boy, who by some means became the owner of that Jersey heifer L. P. Branstetter gave our local Red Cross. At the scene they were joined by Clare Swayne and Fred Powers.

The trail up from Powers was a plain one, and after crossing the South Fork at the place indicated they were confronted with a rather steep hillside some 500 or 600 feet high, covered with rock and brush and debris which had been piling up for years. The point was nearly opposite the mouth of Elk Creek, which had been the rumored location of the still, but it was in so secluded a place that without a tip one might have hunted for it ten years without getting onto it.

The mouth of the cave was some 200 feet above the river, but the moonshiner had made no trail to it. Indeed, he had been very careful never to climb that hill twice in the same place as the footprints still in evidence plainly showed. There were two openings into this cave side by side, one a cleft in the rock two feet wide and fifteen or twenty feet in height. This narrow crevice extended for 20 feet when a projecting rock closed it to such an extent that it was necessary to lie flat and crawl on one's stomach to enter it.

On this flat rock lay the gun which guarded the fortress, pointed right straight along that narrow crevice about breast high so that when it went off it was sure to hit anyone coming in. On that rock, too, was a chair from which anyone coming could be seen and dealt with as desired if by any means the gun missed fire. The gun was not loaded when found, though there were cartridges in the magazine. With such defenses an attacking party would have had no more show than a rabbit. The gun platform was over three feet in height and the gun itself was a 45-60 old Winchester, so rusted that it could not possibly have gone off.

There was a boiling kettle for the

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Labor Day Proclamation.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the City of Coquille, I, E. E. Johnson, hereby earnestly request that the people generally recognize Monday, Sept. 2, as Labor Day, a national holiday devoted to the interests of the men on whom the country leans more heavily than ever before in this time of stress; that all business houses and offices be closed on that day; and that every one who can do so participate in the public exercises arranged for that occasion.

E. E. Johnson, Mayor.

Red Cross vs. Honor Guard

The committee appointed to handle the sale of tickets for the Chautauqua here on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September, met the first of the week and arranged for a ticket selling contest between the ladies of the Red Cross and those of the Honor Guard. All receipts above the \$550 guarantee will be donated to the local Red Cross. An active canvass will begin immediately to place the tickets. Adult season tickets are \$2.00 and those for children between 6 and 16 are \$1.00.

Ripe strawberries fresh from the vines have been on the market in our city groceries this week. After five months of almost unbroken drought this is remarkable.

MUST NOT LET IT SLIP

Ever since the state editors lunched in Lamb's myrtle grove and expressed so unanimous an appreciation of its beauty we have had it in mind to echo the words of Mr. Norton, the president of our Commercial Club, who says that under no circumstances should the city forego the opportunity it now has to secure that grove for a park. It would be little less than sacrilege to permit this delightful resort to be wiped out, to cut streets and build houses there. It would certainly be a sin which future generations could never forgive the men of today. The price asked for this grove is by no means prohibitive and the sooner the city clinches the deal the better.

With the constant increase in tourist travel Coquille must soon provide a place for parking the autos that would stop here and whose occupants would certainly leave some money with us if given the opportunity. No other possible site for that purpose would compare with the Lamb Grove, whose towering myrtle trees give it a unique distinction. This grove cannot be duplicated on any other highway in the United States, so it will always possess the attraction of novelty.

And it may not always remain in the hands of owners public-spirited enough to refrain from asking all the traffic will bear.

Schumacher Arrested.

George Schumacher, an enemy alien living at Sumner, was arrested when he went to Marshfield. He made the trip from his home to that city in a boat and violated the law by being on the waterfront, where the boat landed. Schumacher gathers plants for the manufacture of crude drugs and claims he is getting out chemicals for the United States government.

A year ago now Schumacher was advertising in the Sentinel for chittam bark, Oregon grape root, rose leaves and fouglove. He told us he saved seven-eighths of the freight charges in sending his drugs east by putting the juices in alcohol and making a tincture of them. Although an alien we hardly think he is in German employ.

Blaze in Rear of Postoffice.

A small blaze started last evening at the rear of the postoffice and the Brown confectionery in a barrel of tin cans and before being discovered had set one corner of a shed afire. A few minutes more start would have necessitated calling out the department. It occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock, though how the fire originated is unknown.

Playing For Time as Usual.

Our editorial on Germany truckling to Spain was written in view of current reports. Yesterday's dispatches, however, indicate that Germany is playing the game in the same old way—anything to gain time and keep Spain from declaring war. Meanwhile another Spanish ship has been sunk by a submarine and the day of reckoning draws near.

SIGN YOUR NAME SCHOOL TO BEGIN

Tell All You Know About Men in Draft, But Be Above Board.

Assessor Beyers as the man on the job all the time in the local military board, asks us to say a few words for him to those who know of cases where men have deferred classification for the draft when they ought to be in Class I and going to the front. It is the patriotic duty of every citizen who knows of such cases to inform the board. But he must be open and above board about it and sign his name to his communication. There have been too many instances where one person has had a grudge against another who is of draft age and has tried to get even by writing to the board and trying to get some one in bad, but at the same time playing the sneak by failing to sign his name. The board wants all the information it can get about men who have registered, because it is not possible for its members to go out and investigate every case right where the man lives. But it can make no use whatever of anonymous communications by people who are trying to stab some one in the back without getting into the limelight themselves. That is too much like Hun tactics. And in many such cases there has been absolutely no ground for the innuendoes. If you know of a man who ought to be at the front fighting for his country and is not, by all means write to the board, but if you are not on good terms with the man about whom you write, better leave the matter for some one else to report. You are prejudiced.

Another point, the man who has been examined and placed in some other class than I on account of physical defects does not always appear defective to others. In such a case the doctor may know a lot more than you.

Visit From Honor Guard Leader.

Miss Lila Dobell, assistant librarian of O. A. C. at Corvallis, and state leader of the Honor Guard Girls' organization in Oregon, is employing her vacation in visiting the companies throughout the state and has been in Coos county this week.

Coming over here from Marshfield Tuesday she spent the morning visiting the Sitka mill, the creamery and the Salvage Shop. In the afternoon Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman took her and some of the girls here to Myrtle Point. At seven in the evening the Guard entertained her at a picnic lunch in the Lamb grove, followed by a visit to the Belgian Relief sewing class at the Liberty Temple in the evening.

Miss Dobell told the girls about the work done by the guards in other towns and of her plans for state work in giving aid and comfort in furnishing help and comforts to the enlisted men in the camps and mills in this state. She praised the girls here very highly for the work they had done. Her brief visit was greatly enjoyed by the organization here. Wednesday morning Miss Dobell went down to Bandon to help organize an Honor Guard company there.

Machinery For New Mill.

About ten auto truck loads of machinery for the new Schroeder & Aasen mill at Norway was landed here at the dock yesterday and Fred Noller is busy engaged in transporting it to the mill site. Most of it came from the Rosa mill at Bandon, although a portion was bought from the old Lakeport mill. Good progress is being made at the new mill and the cutting of lumber will be begun next month.

Might Be Much Warmer.

Talk about its being warm these late summer afternoons. Say, where we used to live it is our candid opinion that a fund of \$10,000 could have been raised in about twenty minutes just to secure such sea breezes as we enjoy every afternoon without money and without price. And the mornings have been so cool here that we have wanted a fire in the office at the start every day. Of course, these are old stories to Coquille people but our eastern friends read them with envy, even if they do sometimes characterize them as "hot air." They are connoisseurs in hot air, you know.

The Oregon Farmer for three years and the Sentinel for one year for only \$1.65, strictly in advance.

SCHOOL TO BEGIN

Bells Ring Monday Sept. 9—Information For Parents and Pupils.

The city schools here will open at 9 a. m. Monday, Sept. 9.

Superintendent Baker will be in his office at the High School building on Friday and Saturday of next week to meet out of town pupils, and those who have not been regularly promoted should see him during that time.

The corps of teachers is as follows, except for one vacancy in the High School which yet remains to be filled: Raymond E. Baker, superintendent. Mr. Baker will devote part of his time to the elementary teachers' training class.

High School

Harold S. Tuttle.
Miss Mabel Bay.
Prof. Tuttle will have the commercial department, for which he is exceptionally well qualified; and Miss Bay will teach music. Other departments cannot be definitely assigned until the vacancy here is filled.

Grammar School and Grades.
Miss Gladys E. Treadgold, 7th and 8th grades.

Miss Elizabeth Griffin, 7th and 8th grades.
Miss Winifred Spencer, 6th grade.
Mrs. C. E. Mulkey, 5th grade.
Miss Joan Fitzgerald, 4th grade.
Mrs. Catherine Dungey, 3rd grade.
Miss Emma Kennedy, 2nd grade.
Miss Rosine Kaldor, 1st and 2nd grades.

Mrs. Inez Chase, 1st grade

These assignments are provisional and may be changed later.

The High School will be open all day, the sessions beginning at 9 a. m. and closing at 3:15 p. m.

The program will be arranged to accommodate pupils who come from out of town.

Pupils who are to take up work in new grades are advised not to secure text books until their teachers give them a list.

Children coming from other schools should bring their report cards or other credentials showing what grades are entitled to enter.

Arrangements have been made to give military drill to boys in the High School and in the seventh and eighth grades, whose parents do not object.

The co-operation of the officials of the Home Guard has been secured for this work. These drills will prove an excellent thing for all who are in need of physical culture.

A new floor has been built in the upper part of the play shed at the Academy building and a stairway to reach it. This will be used by all the grades at the Academy and the teachers will take their pupils there for a few minutes' exercise several times during the day, to do away with the injurious effects of remaining too long in constrained positions. At recess during rainy weather the girls will use the upper floor of the play shed and the boys the lower.

Parents are urged to have all children who possibly can be present enrolled at the beginning of school. Those who begin later are necessarily handicapped. Children of six who are eligible to enter in the first grade should enter not later than Monday of the second week, as after that the rolls will be closed until the second semester.

Movies and Papers Necessities.

It is reported that the government officials have concluded that the people need recreation during these war times and so have decided that moving pictures are one of the nation's essential industries. This puts the movies in the same class as the newspapers about which a similar decision was recently reported. The result will be that men in these lines of business will not be told they must "work or fight," as bartenders and loafers are.

South Slough to the Front.

With two holdups of the Sunnet stage in the past two weeks the South Slough country is still maintaining its reputation as the favorite resort of the most lawless of our people, which was particularly emphasized when the Santa Clara went ashore on Bastendorf beach a couple of years ago. In one case it was only a maul sack that was taken and rifled in an old shack; in the other a couple of boys went for a lot of bread and meat.

Call on us for Stationery.

The Fourth Liberty Loan.

Leo J. Cary has been appointed chairman for the Coquille district for the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign which is expected to start the latter part of September to continue for three weeks. Associated with Mr. Cary on the committee will be L. H. Hazard, J. E. Norton, A. T. Morrison and H. A. Young.

The amount of bonds to be sold in this district for the fourth loan has not yet been announced but as the national loan is reported to be twice the last one, or \$6,000,000,000 for this campaign, it is safe to predict that Coquille will be asked to subscribe twice what she was for the third, or about \$80,000.

There is no money available for necessary expenses incidental to the preliminary work of this campaign and volunteer stenographers who will assist the committee in that capacity are requested to notify Mr. Cary of their willingness to serve.

All Agree to Observe Labor Day

In the first time in the five years the writer has been a resident of Coquille Labor Day will be observed here as a holiday next Monday, business men having unanimously agreed to shut up shop. The celebration will be at the Bay, however, and our Coos Guard company is expecting to take part in the exercises over there.

BID THEM GODSPEED

The tables in the basement of the Methodist church were crowded last Monday noon with the fifty-seven men of the National Army who left for Camp Lewis Tuesday morning, and the chicken dinner served by the ladies of the local Red Cross was one which the men will long remember. It was a first example of how these angels of mercy will be on hand to minister to their well being as well as in their sickness and injuries as long as they wear the khaki uniforms of Uncle Sam; and as Mrs. L. P. Branstetter so well expressed it in the talk she made after the meal had ended, it was a labor of love on their part which they were glad to perform for the men going forth to fight for the principles of democracy.

This was the largest contingent which the Red Cross has entertained with a dinner since the plan was inaugurated a month ago, and about a dozen of the ladies were in attendance. The board of instruction were all present except H. O. Anderson, whose place Dr. Jas. Richmond took. The talks made by those already referred to and by Mrs. W. G. Brandon, C. R. Barrow, A. T. Morrison and R. E. Baker beside, were full of earnest thought and sensible suggestions for the young men, some of whom were leaving home for the first time.

Such a demonstration of interest in their welfare cannot fail to make a beneficial and lasting impression on the minds of these embryo soldiers.

Runs a Hotel at Reedsport.

William Pugh was a caller this morning on a business trip to River-ton. He has been running a hotel at Reedsport for the past month and reports everything booming there. In their new mill C. McC. Johnson is slipping from two to five cars of lumber a day. A third mill is now being built and he says that Gardiner is moving up to Reedsport. Mr. Pugh is running a restaurant in connection with his hotel and says he is going to put in a butcher shop the first of the month.

Bound to Go to War.

We met a man at the court house last Saturday morning who was hunting the military board. He had registered in Colorado, and was in Class IV on account of the poor health of his wife. His wife had recovered, he said, and wanted to be put in Class I and get a chance at the Beast of Berlin. He has seen service in the army, and had just returned from a trip from San Francisco where he had tried in vain to enlist.

Delightful Nights Here.

Yes, we have had some warm days this week, but it has been very comfortable in the shade, and what delightful nights there have been to sleep under blankets, as everyone always does in this coast section. We speak from only five summers' experience, however, during which we have always wanted something more than a sheet over us at night.

MORE BOYS GOING

Those Registered Saturday and Those Who Will Start Next Week.

The following is a list of the young men in Coos county who have passed their 21st birthday since June 5 and who registered last Saturday, Aug. 24, all being white:

Louis Loreine Ross, Marshfield.
Chester Arthur Krewson, Sitkum.
Ralph Sigby, Myrtle Point.
Charles Lucas, Marshfield.
Thomas Wilson, Marshfield.
Geo. Leonard Corbin, Myrtle Point.
Elbert Van Massey, Broadbent.
Earl Howard Kelley, Powers.
Paul Thrush, Eastside.
William Ray Humbert, Eastside.
Elton Cyrus Spires, Myrtle Point.
Warren Lavin, Powers.
Andrew Clarence Cotton, Gravel Ford.

Marcus L. Brown, McKinley.
Charles H. Oerding, Coquille.
Wilbur Wagner, Marshfield.
Martin Barber Piekens, Allegany.
Robert Wales Wilkinson, Allegany.
William Morton, Marshfield.
John Harold Anderson, Marshfield.
Howard Elmer Pike, Coquille.
Aubrey Neish, Marshfield.
Leslie Clarence Horton, Marshfield.
Arthur August Holm, Marshfield.
Geo. John Falander, North Bend.
John Rider, Broadbent.
Wm. Edwin Renchusen, N. Bend.
Glenn Ray Hart, North Bend.
Earl Nelson McDonald, Coquille.
Homer Harold Colvin, Gravel Ford.
Homer Calvin Gant, Myrtle Point.
Gus Carlson, Lakeside.

The following are the names of the 32 men who are called to go out to join the colors next week sometime between Sept. 3 and Sept. 6. The exact date is not yet known even by the local board.

These are all young men of 21 years except Mair A. Dano:
James Steinlechner, North Bend.
Ching Wing Dong, Marshfield.
Robt. J. Sandine, North Bend.
Frank W. Bullard, Bullards.
Edgar Ralph Sudyam, Powers.
James Peter Stinson, Lakeside.
Philip Lennan, North Bend.
Harry S. Krantz, Prosper.
Harry Wm. Smith Jr., Coquille.
Oliver S. Almie, Marshfield.
James O. Foster, River-ton.
Otis A. Barnett, North Bend.
Stanley Griffin, Marshfield.
Birt Short, Bandon.
Lorenzo W. Hollenbeck, Laneve.
Andrew T. E. Hendrickson, N. Bend.
James J. Steele, North Bend.
John M. Darling, Powers.
Earl Lincoln Smith, Marshfield.
Frank Gunnell, Marshfield.
Geo. A. Burch, Powers.
Harold Cole Elmore, Marshfield.
Archie A. Butler, Bandon.
Andrew E. Storgard, Marshfield.
Jack L. N. Raymond, Lakeside.
Oliver A. Myers, Arago.
Frank Earl Dye, Marshfield.
Lionell Landers, Marshfield.
Mair A. Dano, Marshfield.
Samuel J. Root, Grenada, Cal.
Romeo M. Carter, Corvallis, Ore.
Gee Moon Jew, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Passing of W. J. Moon.

W. J. Moon, a brother of P. U. and E. N. Moon, of this city, died at Roseburg last Monday and his body was brought over here for burial at the Fairview cemetery Thursday afternoon. He was 47 years of age at the time of his death and was a former Coos county man; having moved to Roseburg over twenty years ago. The Loyal Order of Moose had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Churches Will Federate.

The agreement for the federation of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches here for an indefinite period—for the duration of the war and probably longer, was approved by both churches last Sunday, the new arrangement to go into force October 1. Who will be the pastor of the federated church will probably be decided before that time.

Rogers Will Be Chaplain.

We learn that it is practically certain that Rev. S. G. Rogers, who went out to the Louisville training school a couple of months ago will get a commission as a chaplain in the army over seas, although he labors under the handicap of being slightly underweight.