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THE GRAND JURY

Returns Three Indictments and Dismisses Many Cases This Week

The members of the grand jury, which convened here Monday morning were:

J. A. Lamb, of Coquille, foreman.
F. E. Allen, Marshfield.
J. A. Morrison, Bullards.
G. G. Stadden, Sumner.
F. A. Spencer, Myrtle Point.
Geo. A. Robinson, Coquille.
F. M. Hufford, Bandon.

About twenty cases were before them and they examined seventy witnesses, but found only three indictments, at least two of which were for offences at Powers and vicinity:

Floyd Barklow was indicted for selling liquor, it being alleged that his transactions were in the neighborhood of Powers.

Chas. F. McGrath, George Fitzhenry, Warren Levin, and John Darling were all indicted for assault and battery. They are now in jail. These were the men who attacked Constable Brown at Powers and whom it is alleged gave Brown a severe beating. They were arraigned Wednesday and pleaded not guilty and their cases were set for next Tuesday.

The third indictment was not made public, but is for a delinquent husband for non-support of his wife and child. A bench warrant has been issued for him.

In the case of Eva Lapp not a true bill was returned. She was bound over to await the action of the grand jury in connection with the disappearance of a watch.

Not a true bill was also returned in the case of John Beardsley. It was alleged that he made an attack on a Spaniard with a knife. The Spaniard is now said to be in Mexico, so there is no prosecuting witness.

There were two cases of non-support of wives. One was Richard Anderson and the other Percy Green. The grand jury decided to continue these cases.

In the case of W. E. Utterback, who was bound over to the grand jury, not a true bill was returned.

The jury returned not a true bill in the case of Ivan Paasch, who was charged with contributing to the delinquency of Dora Heckathorn, a 14-year old girl at North Bend. He was released for lack of evidence and it was recommended that she be made a ward of the juvenile court.

Walter Wallace, who was charged with the theft of an auto which he had taken apart, was released when J. W. Mitchell, the owner of the auto, testified that Wallace had paid all damages and requested that he be discharged.

New Plan for Paving

The plan decided upon by Engineer Chandler for paving the three mile stretch of the Marshfield road that yet remains to be done the other side of Overland, is to lay down 3500 feet of plank on one end of the unpaved section and pave back to the paving already laid. The planking will be taken up as the work is done. Then it will be removed to the other end of the unpaved section and this process will be repeated. By this time the 3500 feet first laid will be hard enough to be used, and the plank will be taken to that end of the unpaved stretch. Thus the five sections to complete the three miles will be laid—if we have any fair weather at all during the next three months.

Death of Mrs. Payne

Mrs. Melinda Clinton Payne, 87 years, lacking only four days, died here last Saturday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. L. A. Detwiler, near the Christian church, and was buried Tuesday with funeral services at the church conducted by Rex Dallas, its minister. The interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Payne came out here last June from St. Clair county, Illinois, to make her home with her daughter, but contracted a cold on the way out, which developed into pneumonia. This and her advanced age were the causes of her death.

They all thought she was a thief—even the man she loved. And she bore it because she was shielding another. See "The Brat" with the amazing Nazimova in the stellar role, at the Liberty Theatre Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18 and 19. It will please you. It will make you think.

First Number October 28

The price of adult season tickets for this year's Lyceum course was fixed by the Commercial Club Wednesday evening at \$2.00 and for children at \$1.00. Every child who sells five season tickets will be presented with a complimentary season ticket free.

The course includes five numbers, the first of which comes on Thursday, Oct. 28th, and makes the very small cost of 40 cents for each one of the splendid entertainments which are to come.

J. J. Stanley, who resigned from the Lyceum committee, has consented to handle the first two attractions of this year's course, and a ticket selling campaign will soon be got under way.

Not Yet Finished

The statement some papers are making that Coquille's new high school is completed is far from the facts. Four rooms have been put in condition to be used for high school classes, and the high school began its sessions there last Monday, but several weeks work will yet be required to complete the rest of the building.

D. O. K. K.'S PAY US VISIT

The residents of this community were somewhat surprised Wednesday morning by a visit from the D. O. K. K.'s, or the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan. The Brigand team and band of Abdul-Ataf Temple No. 117, of Portland, broke away from the Grand Lodge Convention at Marshfield and called forth to Coquille where they formed a parade and at the strains of the music by the band, the Brigands put on a fancy drill. Then they went forth to serenade the sheriff, who was reported sick, at his home. They next visited the public school where the band, Brigands and all, marched through each school room, afterward gathering in the yard outside, where the Brigands gave a fancy drill for the entertainment of the children. All sang "America."

After three cheers and a little "Tiger" for the children they repaired to the court house where Judge Coke was holding court which the Brigands soon took into their own hands and conducted for a short time. After leaving the courthouse they marched back on the street giving more fancy drills and holding a street dance where with the aid of some of Coquille's fair ladies the boys all had a very enjoyable time.

The Knights of Pythias of Coquille served a hot lunch in their banquet hall for the visitors. After the lunch, the Knights of Pythias of Myrtle Point had automobiles to convey the visitors to that city where they had another series of visits.

The schools of this city enjoyed the visit of the Knights and the children will long remember the D. O. K. K.'s.

Master of Ceremonies, Martin C. Larsen, and Royal Vizier, Harold E. Sellwood, in behalf of the Knights, expressed their appreciation for the hospitality extended them by the people here and promised to come again at some future time.

The Brigands carried away three of Coquille's fair daughters, but returned them safely.

Ten Perfect Children

A children's clinic was held here Tuesday at the city hall by our county nurse, Elizabeth Campbell, who was assisted by Drs. V. L. Hamilton, G. E. Low and C. W. Endicott. The ladies, who also assisted at this clinic, were Mrs. Ida Faustman, Mrs. Susie Folsom, Mr. Ida K. Owen and Miss May Habegar. Of the twenty-five or more children under eight years of age who were examined, the following were pronounced perfect:

Robert McGilvery, Margaret Belloni, Anne Barton, Georgianna Johnson, Mary Lou Nosler, Stewart Endicott, Jesse Barton, Pearl Burnett, Mamie Johnson, Frances June McCool.

The others were almost perfect, having only minor defects.

Condensed Milk Cheaper

The Carnation milk company has reduced all its condensary products 50 cents a case. Why does the Bandon Condensary increase its milk prices at the same time? Simply and only to try to put the Dairymen's Co-operative League out of business. Do the interests of the dairymen lie with the Condensary or the League? That question ought to answer itself.

TAX VALUATIONS IS SHUTTING UP

Assessor Beyers Adds Over Three Million Dollars to Tax Valuations in Four Years

Assessor Beyers is compiling the totals for the assessed valuations in Coos county for the year 1926, and in comparing with those of 1916, the year before he became assessor, he finds that the increase in the assessment in this county during those four years amounts to over three millions of dollars. This is not a net gain, however, as the removal of the Oregon and California railroad land grant and the Southern Oregon Landings (Coos Bay Wagon Road Land Grant) in that time took about two and three quarter millions of dollars from the rolls. To be exact these land grant valuations amounted to \$2,714,855.

So the amount Assessor Beyers has added to the rolls is more than the amount Uncle Sam has taken off the rolls in the past four years.

Mr. Beyers, of course, does not claim that if he had not been assessor there would have been no additions to the tax roll during the past four years, but judging from the past, we consider it probable that if Mr. Thrift had been continued in office during that period the increase, instead of being three millions of dollars would have been less than one quarter that sum.

In fact, it required the creation of a special board to classify and equalize the values of the real and personal property of the county to secure the "just and equitable" assessment Mr. Beyers promised the people. Just where all this increase in tax values has been made, the figures have not yet been completed to indicate, but for over five-sixths of the three millions we give them below.

Here are seven items on the list, and after reading them over we leave it to the reader if he has been long a resident of Coos county to judge whether these increases would have been made if Mr. Beyers had not been made assessor four years ago.

Merchandise stock in trade raised from \$244,040 to \$1,069,340, an increase of \$725,300 or nearly 300 per cent.

Lumber and logs raised from \$7,450 to \$41,550, an increase of \$34,100 or four thousand, one hundred and eighty-four per cent.

Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery were raised from \$426,310 to \$930,415, an increase of \$504,105, or more than 118 per cent.

Logging roads and rolling stock were raised from \$79,550 to \$179,590, an increase of \$100,040 or more than 125 per cent.

Smith Powers Logging company (personal property) from \$74,400 to \$213,800, an increase of \$139,400, or more than 187 per cent.

The Buehner Mill Company's property at North Bend was raised from \$65,780 to \$257,275, an increase of \$191,495 or 290 per cent.

The North Bend Mill & Lumber company's property at North Bend was raised from \$13,150 to \$192,995, an increase of \$179,845 or 1367 per cent.

These seven items aggregate an increase of TWO MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS over the assessment made the year before Assessor Beyers went into office.

The survey and classification of bottom land made in 1919 and placed on the tax roll early this year, covered only one-third of the bottom lands of the county, but it gave an increase of 2270 acres of tilled lands at an increase in valuation of \$279,000; and also an increase of \$141,628 on untitled bottom lands, or a total increase of \$420,628 on this class of lands. Twice as much further increase may be expected on this class, if Mr. Beyers is retained in office and the survey and classification of this class of lands is completed.

So far we have accounted for \$2,593,913, of increase in the assessment rolls in the last four years, and covered but a very small portion of the real estate of the county. We will now give a few more examples of the increases made in assessments since Mr. Beyers came into office:

The old Woolen Mill block at North Bend was assessed for \$3200, \$1200

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That Is What an Oregon Condensary Is Doing in Washington County

The League dairymen of this valley, who a month ago were beginning to become uneasy because they had received no money from the League, are seeing the situation in a different light now that they have received their checks for the first payments for July and August. We are informed that the first checks for September will also be sent out in a few days and the July pool will close shortly and the final payment will be made.

The situation here as far as the Bandon condensary is concerned remains practically unchanged. A few dairymen have thrown up their league contracts and are shipping milk to the condensary at the price it has been paying up to today, which is far above the market. The great majority of the dairymen are sticking to the League, which is the only way they can possibly win out.

The Bandon World prints the following item which illustrates very clearly the tactics of the condensary people:

"The management of the local condensary states that no information regarding the reported drop in condensed milk has been received from company headquarters and as far as is known here there is no change in the price of milk paid here."

This is, of course, an attempt to throw dust in the eyes of the dairymen on the part of the condensary managers who are pretending that they don't know what all the world knows about the condensary situation in the nation.

Some facts about condensary tactics in other parts of Oregon are pertinent here now and will give our dairymen additional light on their problems.

The Carnation Milk Products Co., which has been operated in Washington county in this state for 25 years with two big plants, one at Forest Grove and the other at Hillsboro, announced that on October 1st a cut in price of milk to \$2.50 per hundred pounds. The Carnation Milk Products Co. are the only market for milk in Washington county. Every cheese factory and butter factory in that county has long ago been junked and moved out, with the exception of one little plant in an isolated part of the county. As a consequence, the dairyman has no other market, and they can cut the price as low as they want to without fear of disturbance.

They have even gone farther and announced that they will close the plant at Forest Grove on the 30th of October, giving the dairymen 30 days only to prepare another market.

We learn the Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative League expects to be able to take care of the milk product that has been going to the Forest Grove condensary; but where could the dairymen there have looked for a market if the League had not come to their aid?

Woman's Club Plans

An unusually interesting session of the Woman's Club was held Tuesday evening. Plans are under way for a dance in Goulds' Hall Saturday evening of this week and also for a Halloween dance, Oct. 30th, the proceeds from both dances to be used to help pay the debt on the Rest Room.

The club has invited the American Legion, the G. A. R. and all ex-service men to a dinner on Armistice day and they will probably arrange for a dance in the evening, to which all veterans will be admitted free. All other citizens will be charged the usual prices.

The club is very grateful to Mr. M. O. Hooton for offering his services in building a fire in the Rest Room. Everyone seems eager to do their bit toward making the Rest Room complete in every particular, and the Club thanks them one and all.

O'Brien Still Promising

A. E. O'Brien has written the sheriff's office here giving his word of honor that the delinquent taxes on the Record property will be paid in a few days. We understand that the taxes for 1913, 1914 and 1915 still remain unpaid.

A pocket knife lost in the street has been left with us to find the owner.

Dr. Hamilton to Run

A petition was being circulated yesterday to place the name of Dr. V. L. Hamilton on the city ballot as a candidate for mayor at next month's election.

There was some question whether the name of any candidate for city office could be filed after Oct. 5th, but City Attorney Stanley gives the opinion that as this city does not come under the provisions of the state law relating to primary nominating elections, having less than 2,000 population, there was nothing to prevent nominating petitions being filed up to within ten days of the election.

There is some talk of another councilmanic candidate and a petition may be filed for that office.

Brown Now Supreme Judge

Attorney General Brown, who recently was appointed justice of the Oregon supreme court to succeed A. S. Bennett, who resigned, qualified yesterday. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice McBride. Immediately upon Mr. Brown's official acceptance, I. H. Van Winkle assumed the attorney generalship. Mr. Van Winkle has been assistant attorney general for several years.

RED CROSS DRIVE SOON

The American Red Cross will hold its Fourth Annual Roll Call during the two-week period beginning with Armistice Day, November 11th, and closing with Thanksgiving day, November 25th. This is not a "drive" like the campaigns carried on during the war. It is simply the annual enrollment and re-enrollment of members in this great humanitarian organization.

Last year nearly 10,000,000 persons responded to the Roll Call and of this total number nearly 115,000 were residents of Oregon.

The Red Cross comes before the public with a program of vital importance to every community. The organization is committed by the terms of their Congressional charter to continue to act as a medium of communication between the American people and their Army and Navy. It has pledged itself to stand by disabled ex-service men and their families until they are re-established in civil life. Realizing that the health of the people is the greatest asset of the nation, the Red Cross is entering actively into the field of public health activities. Health centers and clinics are being established in communities throughout the country.

Nurses are being trained and furnished to towns and counties; and women in all walks of life are being instructed in the principles of home hygiene and care of the sick. Social service, similar to that rendered to the families of service men during the war, is being extended to all persons in need of friendly assistance.

At least one half of the money paid as membership dues will, therefore, be spent in the home communities of the members. The remaining portion will be used in relief work, in work where in certain sections the need is still appalling, especially among the children.

Jeters Stay Another Week

There was so much interest manifested last Sunday night at the tabernacle revival services that Mr. and Mrs. Jeter, at the request of so many people, decided to remain one week longer. A large number have responded to the calls made by the evangelists. It is much regretted by Mr. Jeter that the rain and bad roads have kept the people who live in the country from attending.

Mr. Jeter will speak Friday night on: "A Mother-in-law, her sons-in-law, how she got them and what became of them."

Sunday morning his subject will be: "Powers that Lift Men." At night he will speak on: "The Greatest Detective Story in the World."

Mrs. Jeter will give her last Bible reading here Sunday afternoon.

Society sat in the front row—with lognottes leveled at the nameless girl who danced in the desperation of despair. It was her great chance and she failed. What happened next? If you want to know, see the superb Nazimova in "The Brate," her latest and greatest screen vehicle, at the Liberty Theatre, Monday and Tuesday, October 18 and 19.

\$100 FOR EXHIBIT

Commercial Club Appropriates To Send Jerseys To Livestock Show at Portland

Another enthusiastic meeting of the Commercial Club was held Wednesday evening about 15 members being present.

Probably the most important matter done was the donating of \$100 towards the expense of sending Coos county cows to the International Livestock Show in Portland next month. It is estimated that \$500 will be required to send the entries from the Jersey Club to Portland and it is expected that the other towns in the county will also contribute. It cost the members of the Jersey Club about \$20 apiece to make exhibit of their stock at the state fair last month, and as the Jersey Breeders' association has but little money on hand, it was thought best to insure good Coos county exhibits by raising popular subscription sufficient to pay expenses.

For the Corn Show the tent committee was instructed to order the 50x100 tent shipped by express from Portland on Saturday, Nov. 6th, so that it could be erected the next day.

The following additional committees were appointed by the chair for the Corn Show:

Sports—E. J. Page, G. E. Low, Harry Oeding, V. L. Hamilton, J. P. Beyers.

Publicity—H. A. Young, Jno. E. Ross, Owen H. Knowlton.

Entertainment—J. A. Lamb, J. E. Norton, A. L. Simpson, F. G. Leslie, S. M. Nealer and A. A. Selander.

An amendment to the By-laws prepared by J. J. Stanley, was accepted providing that no portion of the income of the Commercial Club should inure to any individual member. Of course, that practice has always been followed, but to relieve the club of the necessity of paying internal revenue on the Lyceum course ticket sales, the by-law was amended to recommend by the internal revenue collector's office.

Taxes To Be Much Higher

Assessor Beyers informs us that taxes in Coos county will be about 50 per cent higher this year than last—due, of course, to the fact that the people of the state last spring voted very large tax increases along many lines at the time of the primary election. Though this increase is pretty general in this county there are some school and road districts which have just received considerable sums in back taxes from the Southern Oregon lands where the increase will not be felt. The levy for all purposes will be about 75 mills in Coquille, 70 in Bandon and North Bend and 68 in Marshfield. In the cities the average levy will be over 65 mills, and in the country districts fully 35 mills, so that the average for the whole county will not be far from 50 mills or five per cent.

County Library Association

At the recent annual meeting of the Coos County Library Association held here, Mrs. William Candlin was appointed chairman of the local membership committee, the only requirements for membership being that each person subscribing his name should pay the yearly dues of twenty-five cents and be favorably inclined toward the establishment of a county library system.

In one week after commencing her campaign, Mrs. Candlin, with apparent ease, accomplished the feat of securing one hundred signatures in Coquille from persons anxious to see a county system established. This puts Coquille in the banner class in the county, and should be an incentive to all other places to strive toward their goals.

Showers and Sunshine

We are having sunshine and rain here this morning in alternation as we did half a dozen changes Tuesday morning. The indications, however, are now better for clearing weather than for a good while. Monday morning gave us a tremendous downpour, probably the heaviest of the year.

No one has been placed in jail here since Sept. 15, though there is no doubt some who would have been if they had got what was coming to them. Certainly the man who at tempted to dynamite Cameron's office at North Bend is in that category.