

Coquille Herald.

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Horrible Mal Treatment of Patients.

Below will be found a portion of the report of the Portland Evening Telegram in regard to what has been lately discovered at the Crystal Springs Sanatorium as regards to the treatment of a patient a former resident of Coos county, which reads as follows:

Brutally beaten and kicked by Walter Arnold, day head nurse at the Crystal Springs Sanatorium, until his body and arms were a mass of bruises sickening to behold, his eyes discolored and the bones of his lower jaw splintered, Dr. Laurel A. Stemler, a mentally weak patient, was strapped to a cot so tightly that the cruel thongs left vivid marks in his flesh, gagged with a towel to prevent his making an outcry and left in awful physical torture for three hours.

The frightful treatment accorded the unfortunate inmate of the institution conducted by Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, Dr. Robert L. Gillespie and R. M. Tuttle, which was investigated by the county grand jury and the United States Government about a year ago, was discovered yesterday by his brothers, H. E. Stemler, manager of the typewriter agency conducted by L. & M. Alexander & Co., and Attorney J. O. Stemler of Myrtle Point. At the very time they were demanding to see their brother, he was writhing in agony while bound to a couch in an upstairs room, and had their suspicions not been aroused by the nervousness displayed by Arnold it is probable the crime perpetrated—one of many which have caused the private madhouse to be called a "hell-hole"—might never have been discovered.

The maltreated patient was taken before the grand jury at noon today by Chief Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, and its members rose to their feet in horror when they saw Dr. Stemler's condition. Order were issued for an indictment of Arnold to be prepared immediately, and it was announced that a thorough investigation will be made of the shocking methods in vogue at Crystal Springs.

In the meantime, accompanied by H. E. Stemler, Mr. Fitzgerald hurried to the Police Court, where a charge of assault and battery, sworn to by Attorney J. O. Stemler, was filed and a warrant procured for Arnold's arrest on the charge. This procedure was taken in order to hold Arnold, who it is suspected might flee to evade the consequences of his deed, until the grand jury can file a true bill directly in the Circuit Court.

Despite the corruption of witnesses, who in previous cases have been hurried out of the state, despite the former apathy of officials and despite the white-washing administered to the institution as the result of political influence, it would seem that the whole truth, in all its naked details is now about to be made known as regards the practices pursued in the treatment of insane patients at the sanitarium. Both District Attorney Cameron and his chief deputy declared this morning that at last the scales have fallen from their eyes and they will do everything in their power to bring those responsible for wanton brutality to book.

"I have been beaten badly several times," said Dr. Stemler. "About a week ago I did not get out of bed early enough in the morning and Arnold came and dragged me out. He threw me to the floor and beat and kicked me in the manner you see and then tied me to the cot. Yesterday I stayed in the wash-room longer than he liked and he came and dragged me out. He handled me very roughly and told me to eat. The food offered me was putrid and I rejected some of it and refused to eat any more.

"Then he tied me down to the cot, after kicking me in the side and causing me to suffer terrible pain, and forced the rotten stuff down my throat with a big spoon. I was there for about three hours, I think, when Arnold came and released me and took me down to meet my brothers. On the way downstairs he told me that if I said a word to them of what had happened to me he would cut my throat, but that if I remained quiet and said nothing

he would give me a box of cigars. "They have kept me by myself most of the time and I never got to see how they treat other inmates there, but many of them have told me of awful things that have happened. I have been told by other patients that men have been killed there. They said a man was kicked to death in the bathroom a long time ago and that another was thrown down a stairway and injured so badly that he died."

On Dr. Stemler's left side, about midway between the arm and the hip is a bruise as large as the palm of a man's hand, where he evidently was kicked. The flesh is discolored, livid red showing against black and blue. His right side and his chest and stomach are also discolored. His arm is badly bruised and swollen to almost double its normal size at the elbow, these injuries, he says being received while the member was pressed against his side to protect himself from the kicks of the brutal guard. His left jaw has an indented wound, the bone probably having been splintered, which is covered with a large scab and the discoloration has only faded from under his eyes.

"Our brother was once a foremost dentist of St. Louis, Mo.," said Attorney J. O. Stemler, "but he had two strokes of paralysis, which affected his mind. In December, 1908, I went to St. Louis and brought him back here, where he could be under our supervision. He was placed in the Crystal Springs Sanitarium December 13, 1908. His age 29 years. For one year we paid Gillespie and Tuttle \$100 a month to care for him, and since that time we have paid them \$75 a month.

Big Scow Upsets.

Chas. W. Ashton's large covered scow which he lately put into his freighting service between Bandon and Coquille, sank near Hanley's landing last Thursday with a large cargo of freight on board. The cargo consisted of a mixed lot of merchandise, a part which was badly damaged, while a portion—canned goods—were not damaged except as to looks, the labels being soiled. A lot of barley was disposed to certain creamery men who can make good use of it feeding hogs as a matter of course, at a large discount.

The loss is variously estimated at from \$1000 to \$1500, which falls heavily on Mr. Ashton at the very outset of his enterprise.

The cause of the trouble was the working out of a plug below the water line which caused the scow which was heavily loaded to take water, a fact which was not noticed while the scow was under motion, being towed rapidly through the water by one of Mr. Ashton's heavy gasoline boats, until there was a considerable water in the hold when she took a lurch, the water of course running to lower side which caused her to take water on deck, and before it could be stopped the rush of water on deck carried away the hatch and as she filled she rolled over losing the entire load in the river.

S. F. Dow, the wholesale man, of Marshfield, was the heaviest shipper, his portion amounting to upwards of \$500, which was insured. There were a number of others having smaller amounts, the conditions as to insurance were not advised, but it is thought that \$1500 will cover the entire loss.

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DEER HERALD.
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Machado-Morris Wedding.

In San Francisco California, Oct. 2, 1910, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pepper, Mr. Jasen Machado and Mrs. Mary Morris, both of Myrtle Point were united in marriage by J. G. Smith J. P. The wedding which was carried on in perfect splendor took place at 8 o'clock p. m. in the handsomely decorated parlor, which told of the good taste of a bevy of girls led by Miss Yoakam, daughter of the bride.

Roses, carnations, sweet peas and chrysanthemums, with huckleberry and asparagus fern, was used in decorating. The bride wore a gown of cream crepe-de-chine, elaborately trimmed with costly lace, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The groom wore the conventional black. After the ceremony an elegant repast was served by the hostess which well befitted the occasion.

After luncheon was over the happy couple was taken in an automobile (which was in waiting) showed by old shoes and rice. They were driven to the Good Friend Hotel, where they remained until the following morning when they took an auto for San Jose and other parts of the state where they will spend a short honeymoon and will then return to their home in Myrtle Point where Mr. Machado is owner and proprietor of one of the largest mercantile establishments in Coos County and he with his estimable wife have a large circle of friends who extend to them their heartiest congratulations.

Quick Acceptance.

Comrades: In accepting the candidacy for the County Judgeship, I realize the struggle between the capitalist class and the farmer and laboring class and that their interests are not identical; that someone must be exploited to make interest and profit, therefore it falls on the producers of wealth to be exploited.

The capitalists own and control the greater part of the timber and coal lands as well as the machinery with which to operate them.

I will therefore pledge myself to use all my power to have the timber lands cruised and the coal lands appraised so there can be an equitable and just taxation placed upon them.

That there should be a systematic and uniform road building throughout the county under a competent superintendent. That I am in favor of a port commission when the timber and coal lands are paying their share of the taxes, the same as the farm lands are doing now, and the commissioners are elected by the people as the county commissioners are at present.
J. E. QUICK.

The Farmer's Union at this city had a very interesting session on Saturday. There was a fairly good attendance, there being several from the Fishtrap section. Eight new members were initiated and business of importance transacted. As the busy season for the farmers is drawing to a close and great attendance will be the rule in the future, as it should be. There is much to be done and this fall and winter will be the time to look after it. It is too bad that the marketing of apples was not looked after in time to have made better disposition of this fall's crop. There is no question but there are many hundreds of bushels here that could have been marketed to good advantage had they began a little earlier.

Gets His First Deer.—Deputy Game Warden Cal Wright has shot his first deer this season. As much as he has been out looking after his duties as warden he has not had a chance to kill a deer, in fact had not even seen one to shoot at. He moves about in different parts of the county and does not take the time to wait for a deer, so had missed the game all around. He had just returned from a trip to Haves slough with Jay Tower. They went after ducks and were armed only with a shot gun. They saw a deer near to them and killed him, it required shooting a number of times. Cal had his shotgun loaded with No. 7 shot and it required a good deal of shooting, but he and Tower finally got the deer. It was a fine, fat, three point buck.—The Coos Bay Times.

Additional Locals

The latests in pillow tops, ruffles and cords at Robinson's.

The Golden Rule has a splendid assortment of blankets. All prices.

A New stock of allover embroidery at Robinson's Store.

The Coquille foot ball boys have received a fine set of uniforms and are doing some good practice work.

Silkolones in dainty and beautiful designs at Robinson's.

G. W. Marshall, the genial representative of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co's interests in this section, made Coquille a business call last week.

New stock of ladies' and children's wool hose just in at Robinson's.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the M. E. Church on Friday at 2:30 p. m. Arrangements will be made for a silver medal contest at this time. A full attendance is desired.

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Flash Gun on Woman

A man named Pickett from Myrtle Point created some excitement this morning. A young woman who is understood to be his wife is working as waitress at the Chandler hotel. It seems that Pickett was angry and met her this morning on the street along the side of the hotel. He pulled a gun on the woman, so witnesses say. The gun was taken away from the man and nothing further happened.

It was understood that a complaint would be made against the man but no steps have been taken in the local courts this afternoon.—Marshfield Times.

Their first game was pulled off with the Myrtle Point boys on the 16th, and will meet the Marshfield gridiron on the 23rd.

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