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## LEGAL ETHICS

A day or two after Charles Skerrett had been discharged by Justice Pennock at Marshfield, after his preliminary examination on charge of setting fire to the boarding house in Bunker Hill, Skerrett's attorneys gave out through the Record a story of evidence which they claimed to have had at their disposal from the first to the effect that the fire originated in the room of a Greek named Skugg during his temporary absence, and was presumably caused by a cigarette which he had been smoking. Naturally, the Times, having been scooped, tried to refute the story. But the point that should be brought out for the attention of the taxpayers is the code of ethics which actuated the attorneys in holding back this evidence—it will be remembered no evidence for the defense was put in at the examination. Supposing the Skugg story to be true,it would appear that Skerrett could have been clearly proved innocent at the preliminary examination. Yet it seems as though his attorneys were willing that he should be bound over and should rest under the cloud until the next meeting of the circuit court, when they would come in on the trial and give him a triumphant vindication. In the meantime the taxpayers of this county would be footing the bills for all the expenses—and, presumably, Skerrett would have paid his lawyers a good fat fee for clearing him from the serious charge. Comment doesn't seem to be necessary.

## EUROPE KNOWS—NOW

(The Gold Hill News)

The Superdreadnaught "Pennsylvania" launched at Newport News this week—is the darling of Uncle Sam's Nav-e-e e, and the finest floating fighter anywhere upon—or beneath—the briney billow. Our bill for the mammoth murder machine will tap the national treasury for $14,000,000 and some few odd hundred thousands. One well directed torpedo, costing but an insignificant sum, would send the giant of the deep to Davey Jones' locker, beside the crumbling galleys of ancient Greece—if any were convenient. So much for the "Pennsylvania's" transitory worth in real war. In peace—ah, that's a different matter; dignity of the flag, international respect, all that sort of thing!—in peace the dreadnaught is a standing invitation to trouble. Europe knows. If it might be said that the "Pennsylvania" represented America's last investment in naval bluff and swagger,this nation, and the world, would take a stride forward.

## High School Principal

At a recent meeting of the school board Jesse W. Crites of Hood River was elected principal of the Coquille high school for the coming year. Mr. Crites comes originally from Pennsylvania but has been teaching in the Hood River high school for the last five years. Supt. McLaughlin of that place speaks of his work in the highest terms and estimates him as one of the best science teachers in Oregon. The local high school has been strong on science for several years past and the new principal will no doubt be a worthy successor to Mr. Robertson and Mr. Turnbull. Mr. Crites is also a good basket ball coach and has had charge of the athletics at Hood River. He is a married man and has two small children. The board consider themselves fortunate in securing so valuable a man for the high school work.

## May Open Business College

A. L Pearson, who has been conducting a business college in Marshfield for the past four months, is in the city and contemplates transferring his institution to this place. He spent several days in Bandon last week and says that he was offered good encouragement to go there, but he was of the opinion that Coquille, being a more central point would be a better location for such a school. He came up Saturday and has been interviewing the mayor and business men, with the results that he feels quite confident that he will be able to establish his school here. Mr. Pearson has been for many years in this line of work and has been an instructor in penmanship in many places in the middle and western part of the country. He teaches the Spencerian system in which he displays great proficiency, and he has a large line of samples of his work and that of his former pupils, the latter showing marked improvement. There is no question Coquille would be a good point for a small business college and that it would be a valuable asset for the community.

## Rev. Hisey Lectures

The third of the series of lectures which the Epworth League of the M. E. Church is giving, was given by Rev. A. S. Hisey, of North Bend, last Friday evening. All of those present enjoyed an unusual treat, for Mr. Hisey is a most fascinating speaker, and he instilled in his audience a new and greater interest in the Philippine Islands, so little known to most of us.

When a young man in college, Mr. Hisey joined the army and went as a soldier to the Philippines. He told many things of interest about the voyage and pictured vividly the arrival into Manila Bay, showing how strange and beautiful it all seemed to him. He spoke briefly of the Islands, their peoples, products and climate. Of special interest was the "camp life" as Mr. Hisey relates real and very amusing incidents which happened during his stay there. He finished with a few remarks concerning the peace, and of how happy our people should be to live in this free, peaceful land. The lecture as a whole was most instructive as well as interesting. We should like to hear more such lectures in this city.

## Mr. Barrows Explains

Quite a number of citizens, including many ladies, gathered at the court house last evening in response to a dodger put out by Rep C. R. Barrows, inviting them to come out and learn the answer to his question, "What is a Mutt." Mr. Barrows gave a forcible address of two and one-half hours' duration and explained several things of interest beside the latest use of the word "Mutt." He said that the name had been adopted by a Portland organization of persons c aritably and optimistically inclined, and they had possession of the State House for one afternoon during the session.

He also gave a brief account of the fights and compromises by which the present prohibition law was finally patched up and enacted. This was followed by an argument in favor of prohibition and more accounts of the happenings during the late legislative sessionin which the speaker took a prominent part.

## "The Pennant"

The football play of the above title will be given at the Masonic opera house this evening under the auspices of, and for the benefit of the M. E. Church South. A laugh every minute. The Jewish Peddler, with a schemeto finance the English Lord in the conquest of an heiress, the willingness of the socially ambitious Mrs. Bond to fall for the bait of a title and sacrifice her adopted daughter, and the little scheme worked by Jack and Doris to outwit them, keeps interest at a high pitch throughout.

Reserved seats are on sale at Fuhrman's store.

## Another Cup

Not at all crestfallen over the fact that they didn't receive the "Fred Gilbert Cup," the Coquille Rod and Gun Club has struck upon another plan that will evidently make the members get out their "Shooting Irons" and burn gun powder to beat the band. Ten years ago the Coquille Club won a silver loving cup from the Myrtle Point Gun Club. This cup is now to be shot for among the members of the Coquille Gun Club. One member has to win the cup three successive times in order to be entitled to keep it. At this rate the club is liable to shoot forever, because it will be no easy matter for one man to win it even twice straight. The shooting tournament will start next Friday, and will take place every week till some one wins the Cup.

## Marriage Licenses

Thomrs T. Tennison and Mabel K. Stevenson.

## Post Office is Moved To Its New Quarters

The Coquille post office is at last located in its new quarters in the building constructed for that purpose by the Odd Fellows. The office was moved Sunday afternoon, after all the mails were in and distributed and the public was put to no inconvenience beyond the necessity of hunting up the new location of their boxes. The old key and call boxes were all discarded, and the office equipped throughout with combination lock boxes.

D. E. Wood, postal inspector, was here Friday and formally accepted the new quarters. He expressed himself as highly pleased with everything about the place, and said that this is now undoubtedly the best third class office on the coast. It may be said that the plan of the fittings was first roughly sketched by Postmaster Linegar and was afterwards approved in toto by the inspector. The office force now have a splendid, well-lighted room in which to work, and the arrangements are such as to allow them to attend to the manifold duties of the office with the least possible number of steps. A private room for bookkeeping and accounting work is also provided and will prove a great convenience, as it will allow one to do that part of the work without constant interruption, while another waits on the public.

Of the manner in which the place has been finished up by Contractor Harry Clouser too much can not be said in praise. No better or more workmanlike finishing work will be seen anywhere, and the lobby is a decidedly handsome place. The cement floor is a great improvement for a place so much frequented by the public. In fact, the whole building is one of which the Odd Fellows have reason to be proud. The long delays in its completion were the result of causes over which the contractor had no control, including such acts of Providence as high water in the river which covered up the beds from which gravel must be obtained for concrete work—and such acts of the Old Scratch as failure on the part of the North Bend factory to deliver the finishing materials when expected

The new arrangement of the office is naturally confusing to the force until they get used to it and makes the work of distributing the mail a little longer, but in a few days everything will be working nicely again.

## The Russell Case

The preliminary examinafion in the Russell murder case which was set for Thursday before Justice J. J. Stanley did not proceed far but was postponed at the request of the defense, a new date not being set. The defense had four witnesses on hand, but on District Attorney Liljeqvist objecting to a postponement on the ground of making more expense, they agreed not to call these witnesses again. As the district attorney wanted some testimony from one of these witnesses, W. A. McNair, that gentleman's evidence was taken, to the effect that he had been with the Russell body after death, and that it was not embalmed. This was to head off the defense if any attempt should be made to show that the presence of arsenic could be accounted for by the embalming process. The report of the chemist who analyzed portions of the body exhumed was positive as to the presence of arsenic. Russell has obtained bail, but Mrs. Russell's attempt to find bondsmen has been unsuccessful.

## Athletic Sports

Every boy who plays baseball and who has a secret longing to come under the eye of a scout from the big leagues, ought to have The Youth's Companion, and read the articles on baseball and other sports on the Boys' Page. Some of these are illustrated with moving pictures of pitchers and other players taken in action, so that one can follow every motion of a "crack" player even better than with the eye. This is just one feature of the Youth's Companion If you don't know what it is like, the publishers will send you sample copies. The Companion is $2.00, a year—52 weekly issues—and gives more reading than any monthly at double the price.

THE YOUTHS COMPANION,
142 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

New Subscriptions received at this Office.

## YOUNG OFFENDERS ARRESTED

(Continued from page 1)

On Monday morning young Gardner was brought before Judge Jas Watson in the juven le court, where he was tried and convicted of the crime charged, and Judge Watson sentenced him to the reform school till he shall reach the age of 21 years.

MORE THIEVING

Last Wednesday night while Sheriff Johnson was on his way home he noticed a couple of boys in considerable haste, going up the street. It was rather late for boys of their age to be out and the sheriff scented something wrong, at once. He followed them up and saw them go into a hallway in the W. O. W. building. Just as he got close to the hallway they emerged and hurried on up the street. The sheriff entered the hallway and found an empty candy box. The next morning he found that it had been stolen from Leneve's Confectionery. He had recognized the boys the night before as Will Vowel and Harold Darling, and Thursday morning he got them before the juvenile court, and the Darling boy confessed that Will Vow l had taken the candy while he was purchasing peanuts from Mr. Leneve. He said that while Leneve's back was turned young Vowel grabbed the candy and concealed it under his coat and that it was later divided between them. The boys were turned loose on promising to be good hereafter and to go to their homes at an early hour every night.

TOO MUCH THIEVERY

For a long time there seems to have been a growth of the moral degradation of the boys, which has resulted in a lot of petty stealing. The cigar and confectionery stores have all been sufferers.

E. A. Folsom states that his confectionery store has been entered twice in recent months, but the amount taken was very small. He also has suffered from the depredations of sneak thieves in the daytime. At least one of these, who was caught in the act and whom Mr. Folsom was obliged to prohibit from entering his place again belongs to an excellent family.

C. A. Machon has also found it necessary to keep a sharp lookout, and he early found it necessary, when a number of boys entered, to call his wife to his assistance, so that one could watch while the other waited on the customer. It seems to have been the custom for the boys to work in pairs or gangs, and while one demanded the store-keeper's attention the others would manage to sequestrate some small article, as was d ne when the box of candy was taken from Leneve's place, as above related.

It would seem that some decisive messures are called for, to meet these conditions, before the honesty of all the young and impressionable boys is corrupted. "Talking to" the boys and turning them loose without any other punishment may be a fine elocutionery exercise for the officers, but it has no deterrent influence on them or on others who are inclined to follow their example.

## The Johnson Funeral

The funeral of Alfred Johnson, Sr., which was held here Sunday afternoon, is said by an old citizen to be the largest ever seen in this place. The Masons had charge of the exercises and escorted the body from the M. E. Church South, where the religious services were held, to the Masonic cemetery, where the remains were interred with the impressive ceremonies of the order. Somewhat over 125 members of the order were in line in the procession which followed the hearse, forty of them being in the uniform of the Knights Templar, whose handso e uniform and white plumes made an impressive sh wing. A long string of automobiles and several carriages drawn by horses carried the relatives and friends, while many foot passengers took the long walk to the cemetery. During the services at the church the edifice, which is the largest in the city, was crowded to its capacity, while a large crowd, besides the Masons in line, stood on the outside. Many words of highest praise of the deceased citizen were heard, all in line with the one: "If all men were like him there would be no penitenti ries and no need of Yale locks." The pall b arers were N. Lorenz, Adam Pershbaker, J. S. Lawrence, T M Dimmick, R H. Mast and T. M Hermann.

## An Embarrassing Position

It is really amusing to see the antics of the fishermen, that line the banks of the river every day, when O. F. Smith, the Garage man, is seen approaching. Fish of all descriptions and sizes are either concealed or hastily thrown back into the river, as he approaches. The reason for all of this is that Mr. Smith is thought to be a game warden He states that it is a rather embarrassing position to be placed in and that he most certainly is not one. He points out that the position of game warden and the business he is in wouldn't go together very well as a sportsman wouldn't feel inclined to purchase ammunition out of season, from a game warden

## CURRY COUNTY CULLINGS

(From the Port Orford Tribune)

Chas. Doyle, of Wedderburn made a business trip to Coos county since our last issue.

At a special meeting of the Commercial club last evening, the first gun of the 1915 Agate Carnival was fired

The Tramp is due from the bay with some freight for this place, but it is understood that the greater part of her load is fishing supplies for a company that is going to fish on Rogue river in opposition to the Wedderburn Trading company with headquarters at Gold Beach

County Attorney W. H. Meredith was called to Langlois during the latter part of last week to investigate some tro ble between neighbors over stock, line fences etc. After investigating the matter Mr. Meredith effected a settlement, whereby the parties agreed to go home and make their fences a little tighter and attend to their own business. In several instances like this Atty. Meredith has shown good judgment in reaching a compromise, and thus has saved the county considerable needless expense. Mr Meredith and family will leave Wedderburn shortly after May 1st for their old home at Poplar Bluff, Mo., where Mr. M. has been offered a lucrative position. During the five years that they have resided in Curry county they have made many friends who will regret to see them leave

At a meeting in the school house last Friday afternoon the young people of Port Orford organized what is perhaps the only club of its kind in America. While the club will assist in the development and betterment of its town and community, yet the novel part of the organization will be the welcome that it will extend to tourists who visit Port Orford during the summer months Arrivals at the hotels will be noted, and members of the club will be ready to show such visitors the places of interest in and about the town free of charge.

## East Fork Items

A new baby arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs Crowly, recently.

Marion Miller has the contract for furnishing and laying 25,000 feet of road lumber.

James De Vault and Col Harry have the contract for grading a piece of the Coos Bay wagon road near the Dora school house and Pearly Crowly and Fred Baker have the contract for new work in Brewster valley.

Why did not the county court give the "contractors" $4 a day jobs? It may be that County Judge Watson is not in favor of fake contracts.

When Lee Weekly was assessing on the East Fork he was asked if he got the "four dollar a day" contract, he said "No, I never have had a pull with the county court."

Ed Abernethy is cutting logs, getting ready to start his mill.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harry, a daughter.

Fred Baker is pushing work on the "Gold Brick" road.

J. D. Laird and Mrs. Laird attended the funeral of Mrs. Bettys at Fairview.

The Olinds, who have been living at Ed Abernethy's saw mill, have moved to Bandon.

R. A. Easton.

### Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos.

In the Matter of the Estate of Francis Marion Sanderlin, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executrix of the last will and testament and of the estate of Francis Marion Sanderlin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at the office of Geo. P. Topping, Bandon, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this the 2nd day of March, 1915.

Zanta E. D. Callaghan
Executrix.

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### In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Coos.

Rufus M. Cranfill,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Creed Cranfill, (Before his adoption, Patrick D. Clark) and Fanny P. Clark; A. L. Nosler and his wife Annie R. Nosler, Marinda J. Bryan and her husband Samuel H. Bryan,
Defendants.

TO, Creed Cranfill, Fanny P. Clark, A. L. Nosler, Annie R. Nosler, Marinda J. Bryan and her husband Samuel H. Bryan, the above entitled defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby notified that you are required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within six weeks from the 16th day of March, 1915; and if you fail to appear and answer on or before the 27th day of April, 1915 that date being the last date of the time prescribed in the order of publication, judgment will be taken against you for want thereof, for the relief demanded in plaintiff's complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows:

That plaintiff's title to the lands described in the complaint, to-wit: the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter, and the north-east quarter of the south-west quarter of Section 12, in Township 28 south of Range 13 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Coos County, Oregon containing eighty acres of land, more or less, be quieted and that you, the defendants, and each of you, be forever enjoined and restrained from setting up any claim of right, title, interest or estate in or to said described real property or any portion thereof; for his costs and disbursements in this suit, and for such other relief as the Court may deem meet and equitable in the premises.

Service of this summons is made by publication in pursuance of an order made by the Honorable James Watson, County Judge for Coos County, Oregon, dated the 16th day of March, 1915, directing that service thereof be made by publication thereof in the Coquille Herald, a weekly newspaper, published at the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, once a week for a period of six weeks.

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and L. A. Liljeqvist
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN COQUILLE CHURCHES

**M. E. Church**

Sunday school at 10 a. m
Preaching at 11 a m.and 7:30 p.m.
Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.
Bible Study at the Parsonage Monday evenings.
Prayer meeting Thursdays at 7:30 p m. C. H. Bryan, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Christian Endeavor 7:30 p. m.
Morning subject "Lifting up Christ.
Evening. The New Testament Church Its Organization.
The Public is cordially invited to all of these services.

John F. Leggett, Minister.

**Christian Science Society**

Corner Third and Hall streets.
Services at 11 a m next Sunday, subject "Reality."
Sunday School 10 a. m
Wednesday evening meeting 8:00

**M. E. Church South**

Sunday school at 10. a. m.
Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Epworth League at 6:45 p m
Prayer meeting Wed. 7:30 p. m.
Choir practice Thurs. 7:30 p. m.

J. E Walbeck, Pastor.

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL.**

Services first and third Sundays of each month. Sunday schoo every Sunday at 10 a. m.

You are hvartily wlcome.