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## JAIL DELIVERY OF TWO PRISONERS BIG ADVANCES BY RUSS PROPERTY CENSUS SHOWS FEW TIMBER MEN

### Raicy and Weidner, Charged With Embezzlement, Walk Free From County Bastille—Not Yet Located

The first jail delivery from the Coos county bastille for many years took place last night at an unknown hour when F. W. Raicy and J. R. Weidner unceremoniously bade farewell to their quarters there and departed for unknown parts. The men unlocked their cell doors with a key manufactured it is supposed from an old composition comb and walked out while the other prisoners and the jailer were sleeping. They even went to the extreme of relocking their doors before departing. The wires were kept busy from the sheriff's office all day in an effort to locate the men without getting any trace up to time of going to press.

The men were confined in the jail awaiting trial on the charge of embezzlement placed against them by F. B. Cameron, of the Agitator, and have been confined for over three months up to the time of their escape. They were to have come to trial at the October term of court provided no further delays were caused.

The last delivery of prisoners from the Coos county jail occurred on February 7, 1907, when Ballard and Macausley, partners in a crime of felony, sawed their way to liberty. Both were caught a few miles above Myrtle Point after less than twelve hours of liberty and afterward served terms in the state penitentiary.

But two prisoners now remain in the county jail. They are A. M. Zevely, charged with bootlegging, and Jimmy Burns, the South Slough Indian charged with murder.

Raicy and Weidner, who last night escaped from the county jail here, have, during their confinement, perfected two or three patents which they have been working on for several years but which they have apparently not had time to complete before. One of them was that of the milk bottle holder which was credited to E. A. Beckett in these columns several weeks ago. Another, on which the patent was received by them last week, is a wedge to be used in the falling of big timber and is one which may come into universal use in the timber of this county at some future time.

It is thought by the sheriff's office that it was because of these patents and the desire to be free to push their sale that the men walked out of the jail last night. They have both been model prisoners during the period of their confinement and have been given some liberty inside the building as a result of the good behavior. However, there is no thought that they had any assistance in getting out either from an inside or outside source, though local parties were seen talking to them at their cell door yesterday.

### Much Money Spent Locally and Many Permanent Improvements Made by Present Manager

The editor was invited to accompany L. P. Branstetter on a tour of inspection of the Russ holdings Saturday morning and it was certainly a revelation to see the work accomplished by him as manager of the property since his management began two years ago. During that period over one thousand acres of bottom land owned by the Russ people has been cleared and practically all seeded down and is now being used as summer pasture for the eight hundred head of cattle owned here by the company. In addition to this pasture Mr. Branstetter expects to harvest over three hundred tons of hay for winter feeding this coming month.

This winter feed will be housed in four barns owned by the company, three of which have been erected this summer. The last of these barns is not quite completed but will be finished within a week and be ready for two hundred tons of hay. This barn is on what is known as the Chase place just below Cedar Point on the Marshfield road. In connection with this barn the largest silo in Coos county will be erected as soon as the barn is completed. This new silo will be sixteen feet in diameter and thirty feet high. It will be of the Wisconsin type and will have a concrete base four feet thick which will fully insure its stability even when loaded to the full or when perfectly empty.

The second largest barn is on the upper place until last year occupied by Glen Collier. This barn will hold several hundred tons of hay and there are stalls for over two hundred head of cattle. The smallest of the three new barns is on the old McAdams place on the Marshfield road and this will hold over one hundred tons of hay when filled. In connection with the latter barn Mr. Branstetter has just installed a modern scale for the weighing of his cattle, with the necessary yards and corrals to accommodate the herds both before and after weighing.

The company has at present over 800 head of cattle on their 2600 acres

of land in this valley. Of this number about one-half will be sold off before winter, but Mr. Branstetter stated Saturday that he will continue buying this fall and that he expected to have at least 600 head again by spring. He says he could easily handle 1500 head during the summer but the winter feeding problem is too great at the present time.

In this connection we were also shown the new tide gate installed this summer at the mouth of Fat Elk ditch which will do much to help out the hay and pasture next year. The new headgate, which, with another that they expect to install next year will virtually do away with the old headgates and which will absolutely control the water, is constructed of corrugated iron and the gate itself of steel, turned and emery smoothed on the face so as to be absolutely water tight. The gate and pipe is five feet in diameter and weighs over 5,100 pounds. It is installed at the east side of the old concrete gates and the second new gate will be placed at the west side of the old gates.

With these gates the water level on the entire holdings of the company as well as all other land on the south side of the river can be held to a desired inch thus insuring a perfect sub-irrigation of the entire tract and Mr. Branstetter estimates that it will mean the production of thousands of tons more feed for hundreds of head of cattle in addition to those it is possible to feed at present and will mean a far greater investment on the part of the company as well as other land owners under this drainage project.

Mr. Branstetter stated Saturday that since he took charge of the holdings the company has spent over \$30,000, much of which is in the shape of permanent improvements and all of which has been spent in this section alone. As a whole the trip was a very instructive one and showed the writer what can be done on the bottom land of the Coquille valley even in a few years by intelligent and continuous work toward draining and clearing the land for occupation.

### Small Percentage Available for Timber Work if County Suspends Work on County Roadways

The census of road workers in Coos county is practically complete with the result that it is plainly shown there are but a small number of mill or logging men now employed on the county road work. In fact, but 9 per cent of the workmen at present employed would be available to the mill or logging men were the county work to be suspended.

The returns in late last night showed that out of 284 men employed all but 21 had definite reasons why they would not engage in work either in the mills or camps were they to be let out on the road work. The census also shows that there are about 200 of the men who have at some time in their lives engaged in logging or mill work but that all have since been engaged in other employment, as but 12 of them gave either logging or mill work as their avocation immediately prior to engaging in the road work.

The greater percentage of the men gave their regular calling as farmers and teamsters though there is a smattering of all the trades and callings on the calendar. There are miners, clerks, millwrights, draughtsmen, masons, railroad men, a photographer and even a printer on the county rolls and this miscellaneous assortment takes up 81 of the 284 men employed. There are 20 men in the various road camps who have at some time in their lives engaged in shipbuilding but none gave that as their regular employment.

One or two projects were yet to be heard from when the above figures

were compiled but they will but further augment the number of farmers and teamsters as both units are in rural sections where the most of the men employed live adjacent to the road work.

Tomorrow is the day set for the final hearing in the matter as it may affect the logging and mill men in the county. Speaking of the matter yesterday County Judge Watson said he had no thought of in any way obstructing the work of the industries of the county and that it was solely in the interests of the county as a whole that the census had been ordered, but that its result bore out the opinion he had formed at the outset of the controversy. Roadmaster Murdock expressed the opinion that when the logging and mill men saw the final figures in the census they would readily agree with the court that stopping the work would be foolishness in the face of the facts.

Gus Peterson was here today and stated that much interest was manifested in the proposed plan to stop all road work. He says that everyone out his way is hoping that the work will not stop for it gives the ranchers who have teams a chance to earn good pay during the summer months. So far as he is able to learn very few, if any, men employed on the Grant-Smith contract north of the bay would seek employment either in the mills or logging camps if they were thrown out of work. He considers it, as do all others out that way, the height of folly to consider stopping road work now.—Coos Bay Harbor.

### BACK FROM SALEM.

#### Hark Dunham Glad to Return to a Good Climate.

Hark Dunham, Coos County Probation officer, returned Thursday from Salem where he placed Geo. Lemon, a boy of about 15 years of age, in the state school. The boy is a son of John Lemon, of North Bend, and was taken in charge by county officials at Coquille several weeks ago for delinquency.

Hark has made his home or headquarters in Coos county for 44 years, while he has taken trips on the coast from Alaska south. He says this is the forty-fourth time he has decided Coos county is the only place in the world to live and has the ideal climate of the universe.—Coos Bay Times.

### Local Garage in Trouble

Last Monday J. J. Stanley began a case in the circuit court here involving the Gardner & Larsen garage on Front street and other properties. The case was begun by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnson and Chas. I. Kime who are the plaintiffs, and C. W. Gardner and Herman J. Larsen, who two years ago bought the garage, are the principal defendants. The lessees of the plant, Frank Schow, Geo. N. Battey and Burt Doyle are also made defendants in the case. A couple of years ago Gardner & Larsen bought the garage from Kime & Von Pegert for \$6,500 of which \$3,300 consisted of real estate and \$3,200 was for the machinery, stock on hand and good will. Of this \$2,000 was paid in cash, \$1,500 in mortgage on Gardner's residence property in Marshfield, \$2,000 on securities put up as collateral. The remaining \$1,000 was covered by a mortgage on the garage property which was to run five years.

The present suit is to foreclose the two mortgages mentioned.

The trade between Fred Von Pegert and H. L. Johnson and wife two years ago transferred his interest in the mortgage to them.

A few weeks ago Larsen sold his interest in the garage to Gardner taking a second mortgage for \$2350 in exchange for his interest.

In chambers last Tuesday Judge Coke at Marshfield granted the application for the appointment of a receiver for the garage and George T. Moulton was named for that position. He declined to accept it, however, and M. H. Hersey was subsequently named and is now in charge of the business.

This garage and the extensive and well equipped machine shop in connection with it has always done a good business, and the trouble appears to have been in extending too much credit to irresponsible joy-riders. Mr. Gardner came down from Powers Thursday and is quite confident that he will be able to adjust everything satisfactorily and go ahead with the business.

Saturday afternoon the interested parties got together and adjusted matters temporarily by Mr. Gardner pay-

### Local Ferry Report.

The summer auto season is now at its height as is evidenced by the accompanying report of the local ferry business for the month ending July 24. That tourist travel through Coos county is of considerable importance is proven by the statement made by Logan Kay, the ferryman, that, aside from the local stage cars between this city and Bandon, over twenty per cent of the cars that cross the river here are California cars. All that does not take into consideration the Oregon cars from outside points, as there is no way of identifying them unless the ferryman was personally acquainted with the drivers of local cars.

For the thirty day period ending July 24, 5,221 footmen, 121 single teams, 364 double teams, 2,932 automobiles and 50 head of live stock were ferried over the river. And there are two or three months of summer yet to come which will swell the grand total of traffic to enormous proportions.

### Fat Hog Shipment.

One hundred and nine fat Curry county hogs were shipped from the local loading yard last Saturday morning. The hogs were purchased in Curry county by J. F. Ford for his Marshfield business and represented over \$3000 in value on foot. They were brought up from Bandon by scow and were in prime condition for the market. It took quite a crew of men to handle the shipment, even Marshall Epperson being called in with the city water works to furnish water and wallows for the porkers and keep them from over heating in the squale of loading.

### Dr. Low To Enter Army.

Dr. G. Earl Low, who went up to Vancouver last week returned Wednesday evening. He went to take the examination for the Medical Reserve Corps, and according to the statement of the examining officer he passed a good test and will probably receive an appointment on the active list with the rank of first lieutenant. He wanted to get into the regular army service which means signing up for five years and while at Vancouver made application for that branch. He expects to receive his commission in ten days or two weeks and be called within six weeks.

ing the interest on the outstanding indebtedness against the garage and the receiver was discharged and the plant is in Mr. Gardner's possession. Just what disposition will be made of the business none of the interested parties seems able to say but it is thought that the plant will again be leased and put in full operation.

The coasting steamer, Del Norte, went on the Point Arena rocks Sunday morning and is a total wreck. The passengers and crew were rescued with great difficulty.

## MEN WANTED FOR NAVAL SERVICE

The Navy wants men and more than ever has opportunities for certain trade lines which should offer hundreds in the next few weeks.

Owing to the fact that certain ratings are closed, the impression has gone out that the Navy is restricting enlistment generally, but the Portland office wants it particularly understood that only certain lines are closed and that many men are needed to fill ratings which offer good clean men splendid opportunities.

It is only the following classifications that enlistments are not being made in at present: Landsmen for Electricians, general; yeomen; plumbers and fitters; shipwrights; shiplifters; blacksmiths; boilermakers; painters and printers. However, many men fitted under those branches might very often take a rating under other branches which are now open and in which men are needed badly.

There is a big need today for apprentice seamen, machinists' mates, first and second class. There is a special opportunity for musicians and almost every town in the state has a band which could send a representative to the Navy. This particular need is most urgent and because so much of the spirit and morale of the men on board ship depends on their band, musicians everywhere are being urged to consider the call.

It is the band which gives the men their daily entertainment and relaxation from stern duty. The band helps the sailors in their drills, and in general is recognized as a big factor in the building up of the organization of the ship's crew. In this connection every rating is needed and musicians will find unlimited opportunity.

Those who have a desire to see service in the air also have an excellent opportunity at this time, for the Portland office has an opening for rating as Landsman for Quartermaster in the aviation section. This is a job of some responsibility and the man who is enlisted under such service will be extremely fortunate.

Another interesting place in the same section is Landsman for Machinist's Mates, aviation. This will include the building of airplanes, instruction in the case of engines and handling, and in other ways studying

the interesting phases of air navigation. Those two fields should attract hundreds and the man who for such service can count himself quite lucky.

In addition to those posts, several cooks are needed and mess attendants which is a field of utmost importance to the Navy. Through the many modern appliances which the Navy supplies for the use of cooks, this phase of ship life ranks well forward in the need of capable men who can take over the responsibilities of feeding hundreds.

In brief, the ratings which are today open to the right young men are as follows: Apprentice Seamen; Machinist's Mates, first and second class; Coppermiths and sheet metal workers; Firemen, first, second and third class; Hospital Apprentices, first and second class; (incidentally only two a month can be enlisted); Landsman for baker; Baker, second class; Mess Attendants, third class; Landsman for ship's cook; Ship's Cooks, fourth class; Landsmen for musicians; Musicians, first and second class; Landsmen for Quartermaster, aviation section; and Landsmen for Machinist's Mates, aviation section.

The special need as outlined is for musicians and machinists, first and second class.

There is a real live opportunity for some band from a live Oregon town to win a name and real fame.

The Portland recruiting office of the Navy is trying to persuade some band to enlist as a whole, taking in 22 men, the number of a full Navy band.

While the Portland Musicians' Union is co-operating with the Navy office in this endeavor, the opportunity is still open, and if some crack organization from some Oregon town gets on the job first, the honor will be theirs.

All branches of the Navy have an especial need of good musicians, and the organization that gets this honor will indeed be an exceptional one. If such a band is taken in, it will include the ratings of one bandmaster, one chief musician, and one bugler, all of which will be quite worth while to the leader of any organization which is taken in its entirety.

### Comparative Figures.

So much has been said about the expense incurred in the County Roadmaster's office that one is induced to believe that office is one of the real burdens of the county. Investigation reveals, however, that the entire expense of the Roadmaster's office for the first six months of this year is \$4,770.16. The expense of the County Surveyor's office for the same time and the exact number of days is \$5,660.71 or \$890.55 in excess of the expense of the Roadmaster's office. We believe that in justice to Mr. Murdock they should be clearly stated and widely published.

In addition to the above statement which was published in the Coos Bay Harbor last week, Roadmaster Murdock wishes us to state that the Ford car which was purchased for his office this spring had not been charged to his office at the time these figures were compiled. The machine cost \$504 which, added to the above figures, still leaves a margin of \$386.55 in favor of his office.

### Coos County to Win the War.

The following from the Portland Journal is of interest as showing how important a part Coos county products are going to play in the great war:

"It seems to be up to Oregon, the volunteer state, to win the war."

"More definitely it may be that Coos county, Oregon, will win the war."

"Why?"

"Because the experts tell us that the war will be won in the air, and that to win the United States must equip the allies with a preponderating fleet of war airplanes."

"The finest grade of spruce is needed to make airplanes and the supply is limited, in America the supply being largely confined to Oregon and Washington, and Coos county has a considerable part of Oregon's share."

"Five mills in Coos county are cutting spruce now, and the best of the produce is being sold to the United States, to England and to Italy."

"So maybe the salvation of humanity and the democracy of the world depends upon the resilience of a stick of Coquille valley spruce."

### No Use For Them Yet.

Nobody having been drafted in Coos county the shipment of about ninety different forms of application for exemption from military service just received from Washington by County Clerk Oddy is of no immediate use. Some persons named as the first who will be drawn in the county are applying for these exemption blanks to fill them out in anticipation of what may come, but so long as there is no draft here none will be given out.

### HOME-MADE EVAPORATOR.

#### Producers May Save Surplus Products by Drying, Rain or Shine.

Growers of win-the-war crops may save the most valuable part of their surplus products by evaporating them at home in a simple and cheap home-made evaporator designed by the O. A. C. Hort. department and fully explained in Extension bulletin 213, now ready for distribution. The title of the bulletin is, "A Moderator-sized Evaporator for Fruits and Vegetables." Photographs and drawings are used to make plain the text, and by means of these almost any one who cares to undertake it may build at home an effective evaporator.

The capacity of this evaporator is six bushels. Since most of the evaporated products can be dried out to a good keeping stage in about six hours, it is readily seen that the products may be handled in commercial quantities if two or more families go in together and build and operate one of these evaporators in common.

By following the ideas of the bulletin in a general way it will frequently be possible to construct the drier out of such materials as are at hand, or to remodel some unused building, such as the smoke-house, with heat produced by the idle heater or the laundry stove.

Men and women who used to sundry their fruits and keep off the flies by mosquito netting for several days to each batch find great satisfaction in drying their fruit and vegetables in a few hours, rain or shine.

### Opening in September.

Geo. W. Zurr, a mechanical expert from Portland, came in Wednesday from Portland to install the steel furniture in the Hall of Records for the contractors who furnish it. The material had not yet arrived, however, and is not expected until the middle of August, so Mr. Zurr has gone out to Brewster Valley to take a vacation and do some fishing. When the furniture arrives it will be about a two weeks' job to set it up, so there is no prospect of County Clerk Oddy and Sheriff Gage being able to move into fireproof quarters before September. We are informed that the furniture for these two offices which was bought last summer on the basis of the prices for steel prevailing in the spring of 1916, at an expense of about \$10,000, would cost double that amount at figures prevailing now. This furniture includes the shelving and cases for county records that it would be impossible to replace in case of fire and whose loss would entail an expense of probably a million dollars on the people of Coos county.

General Harrison Gray Otis, owner of the Los Angeles Times, died in that city Monday morning of heart disease.