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JAIL DELIVERY LOSES COUNTY ONE PRISONER

STEVENS QUILTS CELL AT MIDNIGHT

OTHERS STAY IN BEDS

Refuse Invitation to Accompany Confessed Assailant of Bend Women and Girls—Fugitive Planned to Leave City On Handcar.

Robert Stevens, confessed assailant of Bend women and girls, effected his escape from the Deschutes county jail here Friday night, prying open the imperfectly fastened door of the main cell, then squeezing his body through the aperture which he enlarged between one of the window bars and the concrete edge of a window in the outer wall. To climb the twelve foot stockade surrounding the jail was the last move needed in gaining his freedom.

Three prisoners sharing the main cell with Stevens refused to join him in the jail delivery. A. J. Weston, awaiting his second trial on the charge of second degree murder of R. H. Krug of Sisters, J. J. McCarthy who yesterday pleaded guilty in circuit court to a charge of forgery, and Henry Anderson serving a five months sentence for moonshining, were in their beds this morning when Jailer Beers discovered that his charges were one less in number.

Asked Cell Mates to Join

That Stevens had planned his escape for some time was made known today when prisoners reported that he had on more than one occasion made his boast that he could leave the jail in 15 minutes. Friday afternoon, according to Anderson, Stevens had rolled up a bundle of bedding and clothing. The actual escape occurred about midnight. Weston said. Prisoners agreed that had anyone been in the vicinity of the jail the noise made by Stevens in opening the cell door and in tearing out part of the concrete wall to permit him to leave the building, could not have failed to attract attention.

At the last minute, Stevens apparently weakened. McCarthy reported, apparently fearing to leave alone, "I know just where we can go," McCarthy quoted Stevens as saying. "We'll go to the tracks and get a handcar, and there won't be any pumping because it's all down hill."

Cars Are Searched

None of the prisoners was willing to take advantage of the opportunity, and finally Stevens called, "Well, if you don't want to go, I'm going. Good-bye," then made his exit.

An iron bar unbolted from a lavatory fixture was used in prying open the door, and this, with a timber found in the outside corridor, was used in pushing out concrete and in loosening the window sill. An old saw which Stevens had in some way obtained, was used with little effect.

Deputy Sheriffs George Stokoe and Tom Terrill were detailed for the search this morning by Sheriff Roberts. No freight went out last night, and the officers were going through all cars in the yards. No trace of Stevens' whereabouts had been found up to late this afternoon.

Brother to Help Hunt

The exploits of Stevens in this vicinity furnished one of the sensations of the year, lasting over a period of several weeks, and causing women to fear to leave their homes unescorted.

Two brothers of Stevens residing in Bend questioned by the sheriff, stated that they had known nothing of the plans for escape, and did not know of Stevens' present whereabouts. One promised to report at once if he should learn his brother's hiding place, declaring his belief that the fugitive is safer in jail than out.

Friends on the outside may have helped Robert Stevens to escape from Bend following the jail delivery here Friday night, Sheriff S. E. Roberts stated Monday. An automobile which was heard by a prisoner a short distance from the jail a few minutes after Stevens left, may have been waiting to pick up the confessed assailant of Bend women and

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SHIMA WITHDRAWS, BURTT ANNOUNCES

Ceases Development of Central Oregon Property On Account of Anti-Jap Agitation, Stated.

Declaring that he has been falsely accused of attempts to colonize Japanese in Central Oregon, George Shima, California Japanese potato grower, has completely withdrawn from Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties and has placed the land which he owned jointly with George Burtt, 17,000 acres, on the market. Burtt announced last week, according to the Redmond Spokesman.

All contemplated clearing of land and potato planting for the coming spring has been ordered stopped, said Burtt, and all of the land that is not sold or leased will remain idle. Agitation against Japanese colonization headed by the five American Legion posts of Central Oregon was given as Shima's reason by Burtt, who declared that Shima had never contemplated bringing Japanese farmers to his lands here.

STAGE BATTLES THROUGH HEAVY SNOW TO SOUTH

Conditions on the roads south of Bend are the worst in years, according to L. J. Harriman, driver of the Silver Lake stage, who started out again Tuesday forenoon with mail and passengers after an eventful trip which began Sunday morning and ended this morning at 4 o'clock. He was on the road from La Pine to Bend since 10 o'clock Monday night, ended Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock. The stage was only able to get as far as Summit station, 42 miles this side of Fort Rock, Sunday, but Harriman said he hoped to reach Fremont on the present attempt.

The snow is 18 inches deep at La Pine, and deepens from that point, being from 4 to 8 feet deep in places. Mail is being taken in sleighs from Summit station to Fort Rock, and from there, up to this week, it has been possible to go by car, said Harriman.

Perry Smith, B. McGinty, M. Tello and Tom Petrich were the passengers this morning for Fort Rock and Silver Lake. Dr. R. A. Parsons started for Paisley.

HIGHWAY BOARD LACKING FUNDS

The possibility that the State highway commission will not have sufficient funds to complete the surfacing of the road from Sisters to Tumalo, now being graded by the county, was indicated to County Judge R. W. Sawyer by the commission at its meeting in Portland Tuesday. Chairman Booth said that the Sisters to Deep Canyon section of the road to Cline Falls would be surfaced.

An agreement to do both jobs was made by the commission in 1920 and it had been expected that the gravelling of the two roads out of Sisters would be done this spring under one contract.

The request made by the people of Redmond that the road between Cline Falls and Redmond be improved ahead of The Dalles-California was presented to the commission by Judge Sawyer. To this Booth's answer was that the commission would hold to its program of completing the north and south road first.

APPRAISALS BACK FOR BONUS LOANS

Two former sailors and one soldier, among the oldest ex-service men in Bend in terms of residence, are the first to receive their appraisals sent in on property offered as security for the state bonus loan. Ray Jackson is the first, John Steidl, jr., the second, and Fred Triplett third, according to the numbering of the appraisal papers, all of which were returned Tuesday morning.

WATER RIGHTS ON DESCHUTES TO BE SETTLED

ADJUDICATION URGED BY OSWALD WEST

PLANS FRIENDLY SUIT

North Canal Co. Secretary Here To Start Proceedings Toward Final Settlement—No Great Difference of Opinion.

Adjudication of all the waters of the Deschutes will probably be started in a week or 10 days, according to Oswald West, secretary of the North Canal Co., who arrived in Bend Saturday morning from Portland. He conferred with local by of Hood River was also here in connection with questions of water rights on the Deschutes, which have never been settled definitely by the state water board.

To Meet Tumalo Board
Friendly litigation which will settle the points in regard to water rights on the Deschutes which might be questioned, but which involve no great difference of opinion, is planned, said West.

West also conferred with directors of the Tumalo district in regard to his company's recent offer to complete the district's project. The report of Baar & Cunningham on the probable cost of the project is being awaited.

MCCARTHY GETS YEAR SENTENCE

COURT BLAMES MERCHANTS FOR FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE CHECKS—FINDS CRIME WAVE CAUSE IN PARENTAL NEGLIGENCE

J. J. McCarthy, who pleaded guilty last week to a charge of forgery, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary Tuesday when he appeared before Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy. McCarthy stated that he had made good the amount lost through his crime, but the court pointed out that no attempt at restitution had been made until after the arrest, and that in consequence this constituted no cause why sentence should not be imposed.

That the business man who accepts a check on which there exists any doubt, without investigation, is assisting young men to crime, was Judge Duffy's declaration when he passed sentence. Merchants have it in their power to prevent forgery and passing of worthless checks, he emphasized.

Later Judge Duffy expressed his belief that the wave of crime, chiefly involving the younger generation, is the result of parental negligence and lack of proper early training in the home.

WANTS SPARKS TO GIVE UP THEATER

Hugh O'Kane, manager of the O'Kane building, has brought suit against J. B. Sparks, demanding that he give up the use of the Grand theatre, located in the O'Kane building, alleging that Sparks has no contract and that he has failed to pay the rent. W. P. Myers is representing O'Kane. R. S. Hamilton, representing Sparks, has not answered.

CHIEF SOMERSAULTS WHEN AUTO HITS

Chief of Police R. H. Fox turned the prettiest somersault Sunday since the days of his early youth, when, in walking toward town from the railway station, he was struck from behind by the car of J. C. Wright, agent. The fact that the lights were coated over with frost accounts for Fox's failure to see the car behind him, he said. He struck his head on the hood in falling, but was not seriously injured.

VOTE TO ADMIT BEGINNERS TO CITY SCHOOLS

LITIGATION AVOIDED BY ACTION

TO HAVE ONE CLASS

All Pupils Starting Work In Mid Year Will Enter At Kenwood—Economy Prevents More Than One Class.

Rather than plunge the district into additional litigation, the school board is opening a beginners' class at once for children desiring to start the work in the grades. This was the decision reached at an adjourned session of the directors last week resulting from a reconsideration of the decision which had been virtually reached a few hours earlier.

In the interest of economy, the board had decided before the opening of the school year to admit no mid year beginning pupils. A threat to start mandamus proceedings to force principals to admit children to classes at once, made by W. P. Myers attorney for parents whose children had been denied entrance to beginning classes, resulted in reconsideration of this decision. At Thursday's noon meeting, the directors were ready to reaffirm their previous stand, but at the later session the change was favored.

One Class Authorized

The decision of the board, however, does not establish beginning classes in all the city schools. The need for drastic economy, coming from the defeat of the district budget late last year, is still recognized, and because of this, the Kenwood school, where the greatest amount of room is available, was selected as the building in which one large beginners' class would be located, rather than having several small classes scattered among the various grade schools of Bend.

Mrs. J. C. Hill will be the teacher.

CRITICISM OF BEND ALLAYED

REDMOND ROAD DELEGATION LEAVES WITH ASSURANCE OF FAIRNESS IN THE USE OF ROAD FUNDS.

With the feeling that there has been no endeavor on the part of Bend to secure an unfair share of road construction and improvement in the county, Redmond roads enthusiasts who met here Monday afternoon with highway committee members of the Bend Commercial club, returned to their homes Monday. Bend members of the conference expressed their surprise at the existence of any feeling that Bend might have been favored, stating that criticisms which they had heard were to the effect that Redmond had been given the better of it.

M. A. Lynch of the Redmond delegation, stated that as a last result in securing construction of the four mile stretch of highway between Redmond and Cline Falls, he would advocate the use of funds intended for The Dalles-California highway.

County Judge R. W. Sawyer, who attended the meeting, left Monday for Portland to submit the question of whether The Dalles-California work should be continued, or the Redmond-Sisters road finished, to the state highway commission.

BIN INSPECTION OF SPUDS LONG DELAYED

Final bin inspection of potatoes whose owners have applied for seed certification was started in Deschutes county Sunday by County Agent D. L. Jamison and G. R. Hyslop, of the Oregon Agricultural college. The inspection, originally planned for November, was delayed by the storm which resulted in a three weeks rail tieup preventing the O. A. C. expert from reaching Bend.

DECISION ON PHONE RATES REAFFIRMED

Evidence In Support of Petitioners Insufficient, Public Service Commission Rules.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

SALEM, Feb. 22.—Reaffirming in every particular the order of February 28, 1921, which increased the rates to patrons of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., from 30 to 200 per cent, the public service commission yesterday declared that no sufficient evidence to justify any changes or modifications had been produced at the rehearing conducted during July and August.

Attorneys and others who represented the petitioners were criticised in yesterday's ruling for "wasting the time of state officials" and imposing upon the people of the state.

SCHOOLS HOLD OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOTIC DAY

Washington's birthday was celebrated Wednesday in the Bend schools with patriotic and historical programs. At the high school, programs were held in each of the history and English classes, so that all of the students took part, both in the junior and senior high grades. No classes were held in the afternoon. The banks and postoffice were closed, and most of the employees of the railroad companies were given a day of rest.

The following program was given at the Kenwood school; Flag Salute, all rooms; song, "America;" "Washington and His Hatchet," Robert Johnson; "Washington's Marching Song," by second and third grades; "Life of Washington," by Dixon Poole; "Little Boy of Long Ago," by Clyde Henry; "Boston Tea Party," by Gay Hamilton; "Story of Washington and the Colt," Clifford Brown; cornet imitation, "The Star Spangled Banner," first and second grades; patriotic songs on phonograph; patriotic charades; "Dramatization of Washington," a tableau by the first grade.

At the Reid school the following program was given in the assembly room; Flag salute and song "Star Spangled Banner," by the school; dialogue, "The Flag," by Vernon Carlson, Isabel Allen, Marian Staats, Donald Bradbury, Mary Taylor and Jack Staats; Folk dance, by 1A and 2B classes; reading, Robert Ryan; song, "Soldier Boy," 1A and 2B classes; class recitation and song, third and fourth grades; dialogue, "The Good George Washington," by Robert Gould, Sylvester Staats, Gordon Hughes, Howard Whitsett, Harry Miller; "Stories About Washington," by Lucille Blanchard, Leonidas Byers, Harlow Allen; recitation, "George Washington," by Jean Goodman; dialogue, "I Want to be Like Washington," by Vernon Buegler and Leonard Eberly; "Events in Washington's Life," by the 5B class; song, "America," by school.

HALL THROWS HAT IN RING

Definite announcement that he is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor or Oregon is made by Charles Hall of Marshfield in a telegram to The Bulletin received last week.

Within 10 days, Hall states, he intends to submit to the voters a summary of the principles on which his candidacy is based.

TRUSTEE ASKS SALE OF BANKRUPT ESTATE

On the petition of Frank M. Davis, trustee of the estate of the Farm Products Distributing Co., bankrupt, a hearing will be held March 4 in the offices of G. C. Morgan, referee in bankruptcy, in the Miner building, to pass on Davis' request for an order to dispose of part of the estate at private sale.

ACTIVITIES OF CIVIC LEAGUE ARE OUTLINED

PLANS FOR FUTURE TOLD TO FORUM

IMPROVEMENT IS AIM

Undesirable Magazines To Be Attacked, Announces Mrs. Manny, President—Work of Various Committees Told By Leaders.

Cooperation and good will are the watchwords of the Woman's Civic League of Bend, and its aim is to make Bend a better place in which to live, said Mrs. Carrie D. Manny, president of the league and chairman of the Commercial club forum meeting Wednesday. The league is the representative here of 2,077,000 women, banded together in the National Federation of Women's clubs, she stated.

The league is heartily in sympathy with The Bulletin's editorials in regard to undesirable magazines, she announced, and has appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. J. J. Clapp, Mrs. Horace Richards and Mrs. A. Whisnant to investigate the matter and to cooperate with other organizations which plan to make a fight against the sale of such magazines.

Obtained City Park

Mrs. Manny mentioned the city park as one of the things which the league has obtained for Bend. While it is interested in all of the things which the Commercial club favors, questions of moral, social or aesthetic welfare are of first importance to the league, she said.

Mrs. S. A. Lucas told of the work of the rest room committee, which with the aid of the city and Commercial club it is maintaining in the Miner building; a location which has many advantages over the former ones, she said. A telephone, sanitary conveniences and a reading table with a supply of magazines have been provided, she said, and other things will be added as soon as funds are available.

The child welfare committee has not as full a program as might be wished, said the chairman, Mrs. C. P. Niswonger, but it has held several child clinics, with the cooperation of Miss Julia D. Clock, county nurse, and local physicians. These clinics have been of great benefit to the mothers in keeping their children in good health.

Duffy Will Speak

Judge T. E. J. Duffy will address the Civic league open meeting next Tuesday night on the subject of jury duty, particularly mentioning the interesting feature of women's service on juries, announced Mrs. J. Edgar Purdy, chairman of this feature of the league's work. The citizenship study of the league has been carried on during the past year, with great value to the members. Meetings having to do with millinery, dressmaking, dietetics and kindred subjects have also been well attended, she stated. Meetings on "The Town Beautiful" will be held later in the year, she said.

Cooperation between teachers in the Bend schools and parents has been sought through the receptions held at the beginning of the school year, said Mrs. R. S. Dart, who was chairman of the committee in charge. She assured the Commercial club of the league's cooperation at all times.

The Armenian drive and the Christmas tree, community affairs in which the league has had an active part, were mentioned by Mrs. J. F. Arnold. The Oregon Products dinner, held last year, will be an annual affair, Mrs. Arnold said.

Mrs. W. P. Myers told of the valuable assistance to flower culture which had been given by the league in holding the annual flower show, of which she was chairman. The last show was a financial success as well as a community asset, she stated. An added feature this year will be a prize for the most artistic and best kept lawn, she announced.

The high school girls' glee club sang two pleasing selections as a part of the forum program this noon. A. G. Clark announced the poultry show to be held Friday and Saturday.