

Registration Books Are Open. Voters Must Be Registered Before Signing the Road Petitions.

COOLEY HELD
FOR MURDER

Relatives of Cooley Furnish
\$50,000 Bond For His
Release.

Gold Beach, Or., Jan. 13.—A R. Cooley, arrested last month in San Francisco and charged with the murder of Thomas Van Pelt, who was shot near Chetco, Curry county in February, 1890, was held to the grand jury on the preliminary hearing here yesterday under a \$50,000 bond. Cooley has furnished \$50,000 bail and has been released. His bondsmen are Alf Gauntlett, John Miller, Elmer Colgrove, John D. Cooley and Will Cooley. Whether Cooley will remain here or go to California until court meets is not certain, but he will probably stay here.

District Attorney Meredith, who ably presented the case against him, wanted Cooley held without bail, but was defeated. Cooley did not offer any evidence against it.

The sensation of the hearing was the testimony of J. H. Higgins, an accountant of Spokane, who testified that while serving as assistant cashier in the Second National Bank in Colfax, Wash., in 1897, Alfred Coolidge, president of the bank, declared he would gladly pay anyone who would go to Curry county and kill off the Van Pelt, the sum of \$500.00.

John Van Pelt testified substantially as follows: That Thos. Van Pelt, his father, was shot from ambush near Chetco, in Curry county, Oregon, on February 19, 1893, shortly after noon, he having heard three shots fired, and rushed to the scene of the shooting. Two 40 65 Winchester shells were found near a clump of bushes behind which the assassin had taken ambush. The track of the assassin going over the hill was found and measured by a string, and later compared with size of boot and found to be about number 7 or 8. Riley wears that size footgear.

John Lopes, aged 58, and born and raised in that community, testified that Riley Cooley was passing down the beach in Northern California about 6 p. m. that same evening, three-quarters of mile off main road, about 11 miles from where the shooting occurred, and asked Lopes a short cut to the Smith River ford. Lopes knew Cooley well. He never before had seen him afoot. He always rode a horse.

J. H. Higgins, who was assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Colfax, Washington, in 1898, of which bank Alfred Coolidge was president, testified that Alfred Coolidge said to him and others late in the fall of 1897, after returning from Oregon, where his brother Al Coolidge had been shot that he would pay anyone \$500 to go down to Oregon and kill off the Van Pelt.

That was about March 1, 1896 Higgins received clippings from his relatives in Portland telling of the shooting of Thos. Van Pelt near Chetco. That was about the 10th of March, 1898, A. R. Cooley appeared at the Second National Bank at Colfax in his mountain clothes and with a Winchester rifle. Alfred Coolidge introduced him to the witness and paid him \$100 in his presence. He then took Cooley over to a clothing store and bought him a new suit of clothes. Cooley spent some time around the bank and left

his rifle there. Coolidge later gave Higgins a package of money and the rifle, and told him to send them to A. R. Cooley at a certain address in Spokane, stating the value of the package and rifle was \$600. He asked Higgins to ship the gun by express, as he did not want Cooley seen carrying it. The witness asked Coolidge if that was the party who "got" his man in Oregon, to which Coolidge made no reply and turned away. Higgins positively identifies the prisoner as the man to whom the money was paid in Colfax, Washington. And when Higgins spoke to Cooley in Roseburg and said to him: "I met you in Colfax, Washington, in the spring of 1898," Cooley replied: "I am not talking."

Stephen A. Doyle, who brought Cooley from San Francisco on a requisition from the Governor of Oregon, testified that Cooley stated to him, when first arrested, that he was in Alaska at the time of the shooting of Van Pelt.

The state has other strong links in this chain of evidence which it will not introduce at the preliminary nor divulge at this time, deeming the foregoing entirely sufficient to bind the defendant over to the Circuit Court, which convenes here on the second Monday in April, and will be presided over by Judge John S. Coke, of Marshfield. The preliminary hearing was before County Judge W. A. Wood.—Coos Bay Times.

BANK ELECTS
NEW OFFICERS

Officers and Directors of
Bank of Bandon Elect-
ed Tuesday.

The Bank of Bandon held their annual stockholders and directors meeting Tuesday evening at which time officers and directors were elected as follows: J. L. Kronenberg president; T. P. Hanly, vice president; F. J. Fahy, cashier; R. H. Rosa and C. Y. Lowe. Under the new law it is also necessary for the state banks to appoint two examiners to examine the condition of the bank between times of the regular bank examiner's visit. Geo. W. Moore and J. W. Mast were appointed and Geo. P. Topping was appointed attorney.

The financial condition of the bank is perfectly satisfactory and the volume of business increasing constantly.

The new currency law was discussed and the bank will apply for membership in the new concern in due course of business.

The outlook for the future was never brighter than it is today.

LOCAL MEN
ARE OFFICERS

At the Coos County Hardware men's convention which was announced in Tuesday's Recorder, was held in Commercial Club Hall last Tuesday, honored two Bandon men, by making them officers of the organization. Ray McNair of the McNair Hardware Co. was elected president and T. M. Nielson of the Bandon Hardware Co. was elected secretary-treasurer.

The banquet at the Hotel Gallier in the evening was a very enjoyable affair.

NEW REAL
ESTATE FIRM

H. C. Dippel and E. T.
Wolverton Form Business
Partnership.

A new firm was formed in Bandon this week by H. C. Dippel and E. T. Wolverton, to be known as Dippel & Wolverton, and to have for its purpose the buying and selling of real estate, writing insurance and handling investments.

Both are experienced real estate men, Mr. Dippel having been a member of the recently dissolved firm of Straubal & Dippel, and Mr. Wolverton having engaged in that business in Colorado for several years.

Both members of the new firm came to Bandon to try its climate and were so pleased with the result and so impressed by the possibilities of this section that they have become enthusiastic boosters and have decided to make this their permanent homes.

Mr. Wolverton was county clerk of Lake county, Colorado, in the days when Leadville was at the height of its boom, and later was in the banking and real estate business at both Cripple Creek and Leadville. For the last ten years he has been a fruit grower.

Mr. Dippel came to the coast from Idaho, and after investigating all the favored localities in California and other points decided in favor of Bandon. He has recently completed a fine home on Ocean Drive.

The Recorder welcomes the new firm to Bandon business circles.

CITY COUNCIL
HELD MEETING

Special Meeting Discusses
Better System of Street
Lighting.

The Bandon City Council held a special meeting at the City Hall Wednesday night. The meeting was called mainly for the purpose of considering a bill of \$175.00 in favor of J. C. Shields for work done on First Street and was allowed.

The council also took up the proposition of better street lighting facilities, and the subject of cluster lights was discussed also that of arc lights, and Recorder Kausrud was instructed to communicate with other cities regarding the rates for arc and incandescent light.

A few other items were taken up, the city engineer was ordered to establish a grade Fifth Street from Elmira to Grand Ave.

After the session, the council went into executive session and visitors were asked to leave.

The chief business of this session was the discussion of a bill for \$250 handed in by a Marshfield attorney for services claimed, but as such services were never authorized the bill was turned down.

An investigation in certain matters of the police department was also made, with the result that Chas. Hubbard of the night force, tendering his resignation as an officer.

P. H. Pool has been in Coquille a few days on business.

PYTHIANS
INSTALL

Also Held Banquet at K.
of P. Hall Wednesday
Night.

The Pythian Sisters held installation of officers and a banquet at the K. of P. Hall Wednesday night.

About six months ago the lodge divided into two teams and the agreement was that the side which had the least number of absences for six months should be served with a chicken supper by the other division. This served to keep up a good attendance, but of course one side had to lose. Mrs. Lewin was captain of one team and Mrs. J. H. Shields of the other. Mrs. Shields' team being the winners and the banquet Wednesday night was on the losers, about sixty being present.

One of the big features of the banquet was the music by Kausrud's orchestra which is always a welcome adjunct to any social event.

The officers installed were, Mildred Coumerilh, P. C.; Sadie Shields, M. E. C.; Bertina Kausrud, E. S.; Ada Bane, E. J.; Jennie Bowman, Mang.; Bettie Mitchell, M. of R. and C.; Julia Pape, M. of F.; Anna Jones, P. C.; Anna Tucker, Guard; Roberta Hoover, pianist.

Adolph Johnson is at home again, having arrived on the last trip of the Grace Dollar. He has been sailing on the Robert Dollar for the past four months, between San Francisco and Hong Kong as apprentice quartermaster.

DEBATE AT
HIGH SCHOOL

Bandon and Marshfield Will
Settle Coos County
Championship.

As has been announced in previous issues of The Recorder the Coos County High School championship debate will be decided in this city this evening when the Bandon team composed of Jack Kronenberg and Pearl Craine will meet the strong team from Marshfield high school.

Bandon has already defeated Myrtle Point and Marshfield has defeated North Bend so that the debate tonight is between the two winning teams and will settle the question of supremacy in Coos county for this year, and the winning team will have a chance to debate the winners of the Southern Oregon District and there successful will get a try at state honors.

The question for discussion is one that is of much interest at present as there is considerable talk in national circles of changing the term of office of the president to one six year term and there are many leading minds of the country who are advocating the proposition very strongly.

Come out tonight, at the High School Auditorium and help cheer the home team on to victory.

Ralph W. Rounds of North Bend was a Bandon visitor Wednesday.

Pythian Improvement Club.

The Pythian Improvement Club met at the home of Mrs. Effie Mullin Tuesday Jan. 6th 1914 and had a very interesting and good meeting.

It being the regular time for electing officers for the next six months, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Eliza Rasmussen, pres.; Mrs. Annie Jones, v. p.; Mrs. E. Lewin, sec.; Mrs. Ada Bane, treas.; Mrs. F. Mullin, p. c.

At the close of the meeting dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and all went home feeling better for having been there. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. B. Coumerilh on Tuesday January 20th, 1914.

City Transfer Changes hands

R. M. Boller has sold the City Transfer Line to S. D. Kelley who has already taken possession and is operating the same. Mr. Kelly is experienced in this line of business and will no doubt give entire satisfaction. He has a new ad in this issue of the RECORDER that it would do well for everyone to read.

Register Now

B. B. Zeek is prepared to register all voters and as all must register before they can sign the good roads petitions now being circulated it is up to everybody to get in and register at once as the time is short.

GRAND JURY
INDICTS TWO

Marshfield Man Who Passed
Worthless Checks is
Indicted.

Coquille, Or., Jan. 14.—The Coos county grand jury today brought in two indictments, one against Mr. Cappious of Marshfield, charging her with assault with a dangerous weapon. She is a woman who lives on Commercial avenue in Marshfield and who took a shot at waiter Parkinson in the Right Cafe. C. W. Spencer was indicted on two counts, one for forgery and one for obtaining money under false pretenses. Both will be arraigned Friday.

Gustaf Essentis, whom Justice Shuster of North Bend bound over to the grand jury on the charge of being a degenerate was turned loose by the grand jury.

Herbert Smith, a woodsman from Bandon who was charged with assaulting some little girls there, was also discharged.

The grand jury is now probing the case of Miller, the cook, who is charged by W. G. Borneo and Jack Elwood with having confessed to the Myrtle Point bank robbery. No new evidence in the case has been found the officials say.

Vaughn, the man convicted of horse stealing, who is alleged to have told that he knew where the money was buried, will be put in the "sweat box" today and grilled as to what he actually knows.

With the bringing in of a verdict for \$300 for the plaintiff in the case of Crouch vs. Bestul today, the jury work was concluded and Judge Coke discharged the jury until Friday.—Coos Bay Times.

B. Struble and wife have arrived from Portland and are now stopping at the Hotel Bandon and are looking over the situation here with a view to locating.

FIRST NATL.
NEW OFFICERS

Bank Holds Annual Meeting
and Elects Officers
and Directors.

The stockholders of the First National Bank of Bandon held their annual meeting Tuesday evening and elected officers and directors for the ensuing year. The officers and directors are the same as last year: Dr. H. L. Houston, president; C. Y. Lowe, vice-president; E. D. Webb, cashier; E. E. Oakes, assistant cashier; Elbert Dyer, A. McNair, J. Ira Sidwell, E. B. Thrift and Thos. Devereaux.

The financial condition of the bank was found to be better than at any former time in the history of the bank, and the business for the past year has been greatly increased over any former year.

The bank also adopted the new currency bill and will operate under that bill from this time on.

The stockholders were very much pleased at the progress of their new bank building although they have been delayed considerably in getting material owing to irregular sailing of boats, however they hope to be in the new building by March 1st. This will give them large and commodious quarters and will no doubt be a great stimulus to future business.

The suit of Rexford Starr vs. Conlogue Bros. which resulted in a jury disagreement in December was again tried at Coquille Saturday, and a verdict was found for the defendants. Starr was suing for \$50,000 damages, having lost a leg at Conlogue's camp.

BANDON GETS
4 PRECINCTS

The voting precincts of Coos county have been entirely re arranged so that the county now has 56 precincts instead of 39 as before. This has been done in order to expedite election work because of the increased number of voters as the result of the enfranchisement of women.

With the new arrangement Bandon gets four precincts instead of two as heretofore, and they are outlined as follows:

No. 38, BANDON NORTHWEST
All that part within the city limits of Bandon lying w of the tp line between tp 28 s r 14 and 15 w and n of the 1/4 sec line running e and w through the s 1-2 of sec 25, 28, 14.

No. 39, BANDON NORTHEAST
All that part within the city limits of Bandon lying e of the tp line between tp 28 s r 14 and 15 w and n of 2nd street Woodland Add and 1st street in Woolen Mill Add to Bandon.

No. 40, BANDON SOUTHEAST
All that part within the city limits of Bandon lying e of the tp line between tp 28 s r 14 and 15 w and s of 2nd street Woodland Add and 1st street in Woolen Mill Add to Bandon.

No. 41, BANDON SOUTHWEST
All that part within the city limits of Bandon lying w of the tp line between tp 28 s r 14 and 15 w add s of the 1/4 sec line running e and w through the s 1-2 sec 25, 28, 15.