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# A CHRISTMAS CUTTING FRAY

## Leo Lehman and Harry Anderson Have Misunderstanding.

Leo Lehman, better known around town as "Blackie", is suffering from cuts across the back and right side. Mrs. Ray Flanders is nursing a slight cut on the forearm and Harry L. Anderson is bound over under \$200 bond awaiting hearing by the Grand Jury, as the result of a Christmas morning cutty fray in the upstairs apartment of the Dufort building, on Filmore Avenue.

The story as it appears from the evidence given in the preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace C. R. Wade Saturday morning, and as it is related by Anderson, shows that Lehman started the affair that ended with Anderson to the good. It appears that Lehman, who was more or less familiar with Mrs. Flanders, was jealous of the attentions being shown the latter by Anderson.

Anderson, who is engaged in peddling meat around the city, occupied the room adjoining those of Mrs. Flanders and her sister, Miss Abble Post, in the Dufort building. He had asked the two young ladies, along with some other friends to take Christmas dinner with him.

"It was going to be some good meal, as I wanted to show them that I could cook," said Anderson in speaking to a reporter about this part of the story.

He did not think anything in particular was the matter when he awoke Christmas morning and heard Mrs. Flanders and "Blackie" in heated argument in the next room, as he said that it was the usual thing for them to quarrel over something. He proceeded to make preparations for shaving and was just about ready to begin when he noticed that he did not have enough wood in the room to keep the fire going. To get more wood he had to go to the wood shed in the lower part of the building, and as he left the room he slipped his razor into his back pocket.

"As I was returning with my arm full of wood, this fellow 'Blackie' came me at the top of the stairs," said Anderson. "He said, 'You are that meat peddling ————' and went on to curse me in every way he could think of. In answer to his assertions that I had made a certain remark about him, I said that there must be a mistake somewhere as I did not even know him and that if he would get the parties concerned together we could probably be able to get the matter arranged without any trouble. 'We can soon do that' was the answer he gave me."

Anderson then threw down his load of wood and the two men went down the hall to the room of Mrs. Flanders and her sister. Lehman threw open the door and at once demanded of Mrs. Flanders if Anderson was the man who had made the remark about him. Upon receiving an answer in the negative, Lehman said that she lied and went off into another tirade against Anderson.

"He made a move as if to attack me and I said to him 'You simply have got to have trouble haven't you' and as he made a movement with his hand towards his hip pocket I grappled with him and pulled the razor out of my pocket and started to work on him. Pretty soon he cried out to Mrs. Flanders and her sister not to let me kill him and Mrs. Flanders tried to separate us."

"I thought he was reaching for a gun when he made a move for his hip pocket and naturally I tried to beat him to it. I had heard something of the way he treated Mrs. Flanders and the way he acted in general and naturally, not knowing him, I thought he was a bad one."

It came out in the hearing before Justice Wade that Lehman has an empty beer bottle in his hip pocket and made a move to get hold of it when the trouble began. The evidence shows that Lehman charged Ander-

son with making a statement that he (Lehman) was catering to a fallen woman, but Anderson denies that he made any such statement or any other to that effect.

The only testimony taken at the preliminary hearing was that of Lehman and the physician who examined and dressed the wounds. While they are painful, the wounds are not considered serious. One gash was about half an inch deep and extended across the back from a point just below the right shoulder blade and shows that the razor just grazed the back bone. A second gash is on the right side, but is short and not so deep and Lehman's little finger on the right hand is also cut.

Anderson appears to be a peaceable sort of an man, and tells a straightforward story that is affirmed in every detail by both of the young women and only differs in one particular from the account given by "Blackie" when you that he did not make a move towards his hip pocket. It is not known when the Grand Jury investigation will take place, as the present jury has adjourned and ended in their final report, but may be recalled should there be enough business to warrant it.

### "TREY O' HEARTS."

Following their narrow escape from the train wreck on the bridge, Alan, Rose and Barcus scurry off and lose themselves from the sight of those aboard Trine's special. In this venture they are aided by the fall of light.

Meantime, the freight-train crew discover the loss of the cabooses. There is a stop at a telegraph office to report and receive instructions. Here the presence of Judith aboard the train is discovered; she is booted off onto the night, passing in her man's clothing, as a tramp.

Alan, Rose and Barcus emerge from the gully onto a wagon road. With the hope of securing horses, they had a horseman named Hopi Jim, a half-breed, cattle-rustler and general bad man. He is riding north to hold up the California Limited. Hopi directs the party to Mesa, a typical Western frontier town. Arriving here, Alan purchases three saddle horses and a trail outfit. They take lodgings in a hotel.

When Trine's special arrives at the telegraph station the engine is uncoupled; the Pullman is left. Judith comes aboard and goes into conference with her father and Marrowphat. While this is going on Hopi Jim approaches and pretends to hold up the party. Trine manages to secure his services as a guide in the proposed pursuit of Alan, Rose and Barcus. Judith expects to head this expedition off her dislike for Marrowphat causes her to hesitate. However, Hopi secures horses for the party and Judith is brought into the plan. Incidentally Hopi informs Trine of his meeting with Alan and his companions and of their intention of visiting Mesa. Trine's party directs their march in this direction. Hopi has been casting longing eyes toward Judith. Judith, to exasperate Marrowphat, encourages the half-breed.

It is in the cool of the dawn when Trine's party arrives at Mesa. Alan hears them coming and rouses Barcus and Rose. They steal down the back stairs and escape on their mounts. When Judith, Marrowphat, Hopi and Texas, the latter a friend of Hopi's, break in the door, they find they have leaved a blank. Rushing out they mount their horses and give chase. As Alan's party enter the foothills, Rose's horse stumbles and falls; Rose is thrown to the ground. Alan, following behind, catches her from the ground and lifts her to his saddle without stopping. Judith's party, having gained on their victims, open fire. This is returned. Hopi's horse is dropped and his friend, Texas, is shot from his saddle. The pursuers naturally pause. Alan, Rose and Barcus turn into a canyon and escape.

Hopi, after he has secured another horse, suggests a short cut and a method to annihilate the fugitives. He leads them through the mountains to a trail which overhangs the trail which Alan and his party are following. At the appropriate moment a ladder is to be thrown down on the fugitives. But Judith can't see Alan and she is shot to death; her love over-whelms her. She manages to warn Alan before it is too late. Alan, Rose and Barcus make a dash and go on. Au-

dith, in the meantime, parts company definitely from Marrowphat and rides on alone. Hopi Jim, after relieving Marrowphat of his valubles, pursues Judith. Marrowphat returns afoot to Mesa to await Trine in his motor car.

Alan, Rose and Barcus, by dint of forced marches, penetrate the mountains to the desert beyond. Judith's trail has paralleled that of the fugitives but on higher ground. About daylight Hopi comes upon Judith and attempts to kiss her. There is a terrific struggle. Alan sees it from below and recognizes Judith. Awaiting his chance, Alan shoots and brings down Hopi. However, Hopi has tied Judith to her horse; the horse bolts with Judith unable to prevent. Alan is horror-struck. He knows that Judith is his enemy, that he should hate and avoid her. Yet the sight of her in such a perilous position, induced a conflict of emotions hard to explain. Should he go to her rescue? He turned to his companions. They slept soundly.

(This installment of the 'Trey O' Hearts' will appear at the Grand next Thursday, Dec. 31.)

### COOS COUNTY GETS SMALL SHARE OF FORESTRY RESERVE

Coos county will get only \$693.38 from the United States forestry reserve fund. It has been announced at Salem that 25 per cent of the fund for the fiscal year ending June 30th is to be distributed.

There are 15,889,474 acres of forest reserve in the state and the total to be apportioned to Oregon counties is \$11,600,600.

Tillamook county with \$305.94 gets the smallest appropriation of any county in this section of Oregon while Lane county, with \$6,109.52, gets the largest apportionment. The total appropriation and acreage of several counties in this section of the state are as follows:

Coos, 152,602 acres, \$493.38.
Curry 579,438 acres, \$2,255.49.
Douglas, 1,179,521 acres, \$4,663.79.
Lane, 1,567,914 acres, \$6,109.52.
Jackson, 681,660 acres, \$2,695.25.
Tillamook, 92,550 acres, \$365.94.
Josephine, 642,029 acres, \$2,338.56.

### Golden Wedding.

Among the Christmas cheer which comes year by year we noted at the G. A. R. hall, besides the usual greens there was an abundance of golden color and on inquiry we found truly the red holly of youth was here turned to the gold of age, that real gold which comes of a happy blending of a union of two hearts for half a century.

Fifty years ago, on December 25, in Sparta, Wis., in that memorable year of 1864, W. A. DeLong and Evelyn Wilcox became man and wife. Mrs. DeLong is a veteran of the Civil war and his friends of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. on learning of this, resolved to celebrate the occasion and the result was one of the most happy social events of the year. At 3:00 P. M. the bride and groom renewed their vows, Rev. C. Mayne Knight performing the ceremony.

The bridal party were arranged on the platform which was beautifully decorated.

Mrs. Faulds and Mrs. Tyler accompanied the bride who carried a bouquet of white roses tied with gold ribbon.

Mr. Faulds and Mr. Tyler, both veterans and old friends, appropriately acted as escort to the groom as they also were both married about fifty years ago in the same city and state.

Among the fifty guests were many whose silver hairs gave evidence of years which were in sympathy with the occasion and called up many reminiscences of olden time which gave an added interest to the occasion, yet the laughter was as ready as ye old time custom of first to kiss the bride, which honor fell to Mr. Faulds, but others seemed willing to follow.

Lunch was served in the dining room which was lavish in gold and a typical of life as the rays of the setting sun clothe a peaceful day, and here the real gold of the occasion shined in the form of two purses of twelve and one-half dollars each presented by their children and members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C.—contributed.

A few days at the guest of Mrs. C. B. Zeek.

### NEW RAILROAD RATES WILL HELP LUMBER BUSINESS

That the granting of a five per cent increase in railroad freight tariffs will help the lumber business is the opinion of many who are acquainted with the lumber and railroad situation.

The railroads of the United States use about one-third of all the lumber that is manufactured and the new increase in freight rates will add from fifty to fifty million dollars to them annually and will enable them to build more new road and repair their old stock. This will of course create a new demand for lumber which cannot help but stimulate the lumber business throughout the country.

Mr. J. L. Kronenberg, of this city, says that he thinks business should pick up now in the lumber line, and as soon as the war is over, there will be a greater demand for lumber than for many years.

Cel. R. H. Ross says that there should be a revival in the lumber business from the fact that the railroads use such a large percentage of the lumber manufactured and that they will certainly do some building now they have their desired increase in freight rates.

With these various facts before us there is certainly reason to feel hopeful over the outlook for this section of the country during the next year.

### BANDON MAN GETS OFF EASY AFTER THEFT AT COOS BAY

The following article from the Marrowphat Record is of interest to Bandon newspaper readers in that the principal character is the father of a family which is destitute and who are at present living in this city, the mother recently out of the hospital and the children being taken care of by friends. The father is said to be a habitual drunkard and is said not to have contributed to the support of the family for some time.

"A James thought to make himself a Christmas present, being in the city without any friends, and short of funds besides, James had been helping about the Union Meat Market and for two or three days had acquainted himself with the shop and learned where the money was kept. In the Thursday noon rush James made his haul. The first learned of the affair was when E. Anderson came into the market and wanted to know what James was doing with the firm's cash box out on the Terminal dock. Investigation developed the cash drawer in the safe was missing and Pete Dungee, one of the employees, hurried out after the self-made Santa Claus. Mr. Dungee found James with the drawer in his hands and made him "fish" himself. The amount of money in the man's possession was somewhere between \$50 and \$60, but somewhere round \$3.00 was missing. James was fairly well intoxicated and begged to be let off from prosecution and since he was one of general good feeling, no complaint was filed against him.

### SAYS THERE IS GOOD PAY SAND ALONG COAST

F. B. Fields, who has been operating a black sand mine along the beach on the coast, says there is some good pay sand in that section, there being both gold and platinum in good paying quantities, but that it will take careful work to extract it. Mr. Fields' brother, Geo. E. Fields, was here visiting him for a short time but returned to San Francisco last Saturday on the Nann Smith from Coos Bay.

The Field brothers were formerly construction contractors and have built a number of big bridges throughout Oregon and other points in the United States.

Mr. Field is very enthusiastic over the black sand mining in this section and says they are finding some good pay sand near the old Lane mine which could not be saved with the progress they had a number of years ago when this mine was worked for the first time.

### G. A. R. BALL WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

The Grand Black Religion at the Grandstand pavilion by the Bandon Camp Sons of Veterans, Christmas

eve, for the benefit of Bandon Post G. A. R., was a success in every particular. There were about 40 or 50 maskers representing as many different characters, many of whom were about as perfect as could be imagined.

There were thirteen prizes awarded to maskers, all of which were donated by Bandon merchants. The music was furnished by Kausrud's orchestra, which is always a sure recommendation. Several restaurants served midnight suppers and the ladies of the W. R. C. served sandwiches and coffee at the pavilion.

The committees left nothing undone that would insure a good time for all present and the evening was one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The winners of the prizes and their donors follow:

Prize No. 1, Won by W. P. Griggs; character, Abraham Lincoln; \$5.00 in cash, donated by Bandon Camp Sons of Veterans.

Prize No. 2, Zoe Forshay, representing Mary Todd Lincoln; a pair of lady's slippers, donated by M. Brewer.

Prize No. 3, Mrs. Sadie Shields, representing Indian Squaw; box stationary donated by D. M. Averill.

Prize No. 4, Wallace Carpenter, representing Indian; box of cigars donated by Bowman & LeGore.

Prize No. 5, C. R. Bmgarten, U. S. soldier; umbrella donated by Golden Rule Store.

Prize No. 6, Mrs. Ora Garton, representing Evening Star; hand mirror donated by Bandon Dry Goods Co.

Prize No. 7, Mrs. B. I. Randleman, lady of all nations; umbrella donated by O. A. Trowbridge.

Prize No. 8, Miss Oullic Lewin; souvenir spoon, donated by Joye Jewelry Co.

Prize No. 9, Mrs. J. T. Mars, high and lassy; cake plate donated by the McNair Hardware Co.

Prize No. 10, Miss Alice Gallier; souvenir spoon donated by Sabro Bros.

Prize No. 11, Carl Averill, best dressed gentleman, four pairs men's socks donated by J. Ira Sidwell.

Prize No. 12, J. L. Conger, Indian; dress shirt donated by Hub Clothing & Shoe Co.

Prize No. 13, name of winner not known, character "the devil"; prize a book donated by C. Y. Lowe.

### G. A. R. OFFICERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1915

Bandon Post G. A. R. elected officers at their last meeting for 1915, as follows:

C. A. Rodgers, Commander.  
R. F. Shannon, Senior Vice Commander.  
C. B. Zeek, Junior Vice Commander.

J. A. Faulds, Quartermaster.  
H. A. Cox, Surgeon.  
A. M. Sumner, Chaplain.  
J. W. Felter, Officer of the Day.  
Avery Tyler, Officer of the Guard.  
W. F. Kennedy, Delegate to department Encampment.

Moses Wilson, Alternate delegate.  
C. B. Zeek, Adjutant.  
Hiram Fish, Sergt. Major.  
Autie Henry, Q. M. Sergt.  
R. H. Ross, Patriotic Instructor.

### COOS AND CURRY TELEPHONE CO. ENTERTAINS EMPLOYEES

The Coos and Curry Telephone Co. entertained its employees throughout the two counties, to a banquet and dance at the Chandler hotel in Marshfield Saturday night. The banquet was served at 7:00 o'clock, after which dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

Those who went from Bandon were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Langley, Misses Clara and Christina McIntosh, Miss Flora McLeod and Miss Alta Willard. They report a most enjoyable time and state that their employers are royal entertainers.

### ELIZABETH ARRIVED FRIDAY AND SAILED AGAIN SUNDAY

The Elizabeth arrived in port Christmas morning with a large cargo of freight and ten passengers. She sailed again Sunday morning with a full cargo of lumber and freight and thirteen passengers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Auer and family were Christmas guests at the home of J. B. Phelps, at Myrtle Point, according to the Myrtle Point Enterprise.

# STATE AID FOR LAND CLEARING

## Portland Man Has Suggestion Which Would Help Coos County.

Portland, Oregon—State and county cooperation in financing the clearing of logged off lands in the state is suggested in a letter written by O. W. Lamar to C. C. Chapman, manager of the Portland Commercial Club.

Mr. Lamar contends that the state owes this aid to the pioneers as well as to the many others who would like an opportunity to possess cheap agricultural lands. He proposes that the state and county should buy the tump lands, clear them and then sell them to actual settlers on a 10 or 20 year payment plan. He wants the Commercial Club to take the matter up with the next legislature. His letter is as follows:

Having given the question of how best to bring about the immediate development of our logged off lands some thought, and not being a member of your organization, I am taking his means of bringing to the attention of your body for its consideration plan which may be a workable one, and in so doing would call your attention to an article in a recent issue of the Timberman.

There is no reason why we should not seek the state's aid for this purpose. It is as much the duty of this state to finance for the benefit of its pioneers for the purpose of reclaiming its stump lands as it has assumed to be its duty to purchase back its waterfront and tidelands for the benefit of its commerce; nor should our legislature hesitate in granting such assistance any more than it would expect the national government to re-use aid in the state's effort to reclaim its desert wastes. Vast sums are apportioned by both irrigation projects, and vast sums must be forthcoming for our logged off lands, for it has been demonstrated that these lands can be reclaimed only by brawn muscle and dynamite.

The settler must be extended the same opportunity in his choice of farm and that he is given in our dry regions and the legislature must assist the country to solve this problem that he settler may be given the benefit of cheap lands. The fact that our legislature will meet the national government half way in its appropriations for irrigation purposes establishes a precedent, and it should make itself ready to meet the county half upon request.

Let us take the matter up along these lines. I would suggest that your organization appoint an able committee for the purpose of drafting a bill for the ratification of other commercial bodies of the state and after the approval of the legislature now about to convene, said bill to provide for the purchase of logged off lands of agricultural value from private owners, the state to furnish half and the county half of the necessary amount of purchase, together with the amount that would be considered necessary to partly clear the land. (The settler should be willing to finish what the state and county had started.)

Let the cost of this improvement be added to the original cost of the land and then sell to the settler at that price, he to have 10 to 20 years in which to pay for it. The interest rate should be as low as consistent with the first payment of the principal to be made at the end of two years, he to make certain valuable improvements in the meantime.

If we had such a law as this in force now, we would be able to give employment to the thousands that are now starving for it and the state would be benefited, besides it would be satisfying a persistent demand for cheap agricultural land.

Every fall we have several thousand men come into the city from logging and construction camps which could be drawn upon for labor for this character and they are growing in numbers every year—but they should be paid a wage somewhere near what they would earn in our mills or construction camps.