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JURY DECIDES CASE IN FAVOR OF FEELY

Defendant Allowed Machinery and Damages

DIFFICULT CASE FOR JURORS

Tangles of Former Business Man's Affairs Aired in Court

The civil case in the circuit court, International Harvester Company against Roy Feely, was decided in favor of the defendant by the jury after a day and a half of argument and testimony by the attorneys and witnesses and a night of sleeplessness on the part of the jurors.

From the evidence brought out in the case it appears that Roy Feely when he was doing business as Feely & Co., at Grass Valley, and handling International Harvester Co., machinery gave to that company some $2600. worth of notes and accounts as collateral which they still hold. When his store was closed he still owed them $858.00 as yet unpaid.

At varying times during the past year and a half he had taken farm machinery to his ranch east of Grass Valley and paid for such machinery by giving notes to Feely & Co., which were transferred in the regularg course of business to the International Harvester Co.

As some of the notes on this machinery were past due the company attached this machinery last February and took it from the ranch.

The plaintiff contended that there was nothing in this case differing from many such replevin actions as the notes and accounts were held for the Feely & Co. debt and were not to be considered as belonging to Roy Feely until his store account had been settled.

The defendent alleged that some time in October 1930 he had visited the offices of the company in Portland and had made a verbal agreement with J. E. Self, assistant branch manager of the company, whereby the company was to credit him with $2000.00 and take the collateral previously given them and that for this reason there was nothing due on the machinery at the time they were taken by the company and that the machinery was therefore illegally held by them.

Witnesses for the plaintiff called to the stand were F. L. Tuell, J. E. Self, E. J. Walsh and J. M. Callahan all employees of the company. The defendant was the only witness in his behalf. The attorney for the plaintiff Bartlett Cole of Portland, tall, suave, thin, stooped and mustached in the latest style argued before the jury slowly and in a low voice while the defendant's attorney Frank G. Dick of The Dalles, active, self styled cockeyed, laud voiced berated the company in its tactics in dealing with this "humble man" and "poor creature."

The case went to the jury at about 4:30 in the afternoon of Tuesday after being before the court since Monday at one o'clock. At five o'clock Wednesday morning the jury announced that they were ready to give a verdict but were not allowed to do so until 7:30 when Judge Parker called them to deliver their verdict to them.

G. H. Root, of Wasco, as foreman of the jury announced that they had come to a verdict. It was passed to the clerk who read the findings. Roy Feely, the defendant was given possession of the machinery in question and was given damages of $300.00 to repay him for the loss of the use of the equipment and the loss of time occasioned by its being taken away from him.

In a special finding the jury found that the company, through its representative, J. E. Self, had made an agreement with the defendant whereby they had taken his collateral and agreed o give him $2000.00 credit for it as the defendant had held in his testimony.

Members of the jury were G. H. Root, foreman, C. S. Forrester, Bruce Kee, James Fox, C. H. Coats, S. A. Hall, George McDonald, Harvey Ferrell, W. S. Powell, C. A. Tom, O. A. Ramsey, and George Drinkard.

School Votes Against Bus

At a meeting of the voters of Rutledge school district last Saturday afternoon it was decided to not buy a school bus to carry the children of the district to Grass Valley school for the next year. The vote was 11 to 10 in faveor of continuing local school at present.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 20

DATE		MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
May	14	78	50	03
"	15	81	46	.00
"	16	70	47	.04
"	17	70	39	.00
"	18	59	39	.00
"	19	62	40	.00
"	20	68	40	.00
Total for week				.07

Grass Valley Nine Gets Sweet Revenge

The Grass Valley baseball team took their revenge on the boys from the south end last Sunday and evened the game score between the Kent-Shaniko team and themselves. With Barzee and Tucker, of Moro, doing most of the pitching with some relief from Rolfe they trimmed the visitors by the score of 16-4.

Jacob Young was not able to hold the local boys to a very low score as he has been doing in the past as the fortifications from Moro added to the batting strength. In addition to the pitchers, who played in another position when not in the box, Collis Moore played shortstop. Grass Valley feels able to make a good showing against any team in the amateur class with the present lineup and expect to schedule games with some Portland teams for the Fourth.

Farmer's Union Head To Speak in The Dalles

John A. Simpson, national president of the Farmer's Educational and Cooperative Union of America, commonly shortened to the Farmer's Union, will be the main speaker at a meeting held in the Auditorium, The Dalles, Friday, May 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The general public is invited to attend and hear this speaker and members or former members of the union are especially urged to be present.

Mr. Simpson is accompanied by J. J. O'Shea, national secretary, who is well known in this county for his ability to speak wisely and humorously. Mr. Simpson has just returned from a tour of Europe where he observed the conditions of the farmers there especially in regard to their wheat growing and marketing.

A membership banquet will be held in the Auditorium at 12 o'clock for all members of the Union and invited guests.

Gresham Youths Visit Experiment Farm

Twenty six students of Gresham High School were here Wednesday on a trip that required three days and covered the territory from the Wapinitia cutoff to Redmond, thru Jefferson and Sherman counties to the Columbia river and down the highway to their homes.

The boys were Smith-Hughes students and were especially interested in the agricultural resources and practice of this part of the state. The Smith-Hughes instructor Glenn L. Weaver, was in charge of the party assisted by Lyle Mason another instructor. Benjamin H. Davies, agricultural reporter of the Gresham Outlook, accompanied the boys and expects to write a series of articles about the farming conditions observed on the three days jaunt.

The party spent three hours at the Experiment farm here where they were shown the different exhibits by D. E. Stephens.

Moro High School Prepares For Final

The baccalaureate exercises of the class of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one were held in the Methodist church, May 17, at 8:00 p. m. with Rev. R. A. Hutchinson of the First Congregational church of The Dalles delivering the sermon, and Rev. Ginn assisting.

During the course of the evening a duet was given by Misses Scruggs and Thomas, and the girl's glee club contributed "Lullaby Moon." Rev. Hutchinson spoke on the inspiring subject of the four "V's," signifying "vision, volition, venture and victory." Rev. Hutchinson has the the ability to put his subjects to his interested congregation with great emphasis.

Members of the Torch Honor Society held a meeting May 13 to elect the first officers of the organization. Lois Bryant was unanimously chosen president and Doris Amidon sec-

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MOST OF WAREHOUSES IN NATIONAL HANDS

Farmer's Elevator Sells Last Week To Complete String To Erskine

GRASS VALLEY STILL HOLDING

Changes in Personnel Are Made in County Officers

The Farmer's Elevator and Supply Company of Moro sold their warehouses and elevators to the Farmers National last Friday morning and have retired from the storage business. This was an expected sale as the two companies have been dealing since the national company began its attempt to buy up the storage facilities of Sherman county.

The sale price of the three elevators and nine warehouses belonging to the Farmer's Elevator Co., was $67,825.00 according to an announcement made the day of the sale.

This completes the string of nationally owned warehouses from the river to Erskine a few miles south of Moro. The Grass Valley Elevator company have not sold and it is not thought that they will sell this year. The Kent and Wilcox houses that are locally owned have not been sold so far and will probably remain in the same hands for another year at least.

Changes are being made rapidly in the management of warehouses throughout the county. Linden Lucas, formerly manager for the Wasco Warehouse Milling Co., has been appointed Field Manager for the Farmer's National in this county and Glenn Maurer formerly of the Independent Warehouse Company of Wasco, has been made office manager. The offices will be moved to the Wasco Warehouse buildings in Wasco that was purchased by the co-operative company and that town will be the headquarters of the Farmer's National in this county.

B.H. Grady and W.T. Balsiger will remain as the local grain growers manager in Wasco and Moro respectively.

Henry W. Collins, manager of the Farmer's National in the northwest will move his headquarters to Portland in the near future and Charles M. Cook, at present manager of the Pendleton Grain Growers, will be the new manager of the Farmer's National in the Pendleton office.

Miss Norma Powell, who has been in the office of the Farmer's Elevator Co., in Moro for several years, will go to Pendleton to assist in the warehousing department of the Farmer's National office.

Glenn Rhyn, present elevator foreman of the local company will probably have charge of the elevators of the national in this county.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATIONS

The Uniform 8th-grade Examinations will be held June 4th and 5th in the school houses where their were failures or conditions as a result of the examinations in May.

Lawrence W. Rakes,
County Superintendent.

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Memorial Day Plans Discussed By Legion

Memorial day will be observed in this county a patriotic program given by the four American Legion posts. These services will follow the general plan observed last year when the three posts of Moro, Grass Valley and Kent held exercises on Memorial day.

Legionnaires, with members of the boy scout troops of the county will meet at nine o'clock in the morning of Memorial day at the Kent cemetery where color bearers and guards and a firing squad will march to the grave of a war veteran and fire a salute. The chaplain will give a short prayer and flags will be placed on the grave of every war veteran in the cemetery. The same routine will be followed in the Grass Valley cemetery at ten o'clock.

The Legionnaires will then drive to Moro where services will be held probably in the Legion Hall. Appropriate songs and readings will be on the program and Reverand F. A. Ginn, of Moro Methodist church will give the address of the day. Everyone is invited to attend these services and to help the Legion in any way in the observance of the national day for remembrance of those who have passed away.

Similar services will be held at the Moro cemetery after the speaking and the Wasco cemetery will be visited by the legionnaires afterward.

Juninr Class of Wasco Has Prom

The junior class of the Wasco high school entertained Saturday evening with a prom at which the seniors were honor guests. The prom began at at nine o'clock and was held in the school gymnasium. The decorations were of the seven colors of the spectrum. The Dalles dance knights furnished the music and Lucile Atwood of The Dalles gave a specialty dance number. Patrons and Patronsses for the dance were: Mayor and Mrs. Linden Lucas, Representative and Mrs. J. P. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Homer S. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Fortner, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Atwood and the high school faculty. About ninety eight couples were present.

Seniors Given Banquet

The seniors were entertained Saturday evening with a dinner by their parents at six thirty o'clock at the lodge hall. Mrs. R. H. McKean was in charge. Other guests were members of the high school faculty. The decorations were in rose and silver, the class colors. Mr. Paul McCullock was toast master and those who gave brief toasts were Mrs. Clyde Fridley, Mr. Robert Manning, Miss Linnie Carney, Dr. John Butler, Kenneth Fridley, Elda Ferrell, William McKean, John Hawk and Jeanette Medler. Corsages were presented to the senior girls and cards of congratulations to the boys from Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Tuel. The serving was done by Jeanette Medler, Georgia Harper, Martha McKean, Thira Fields and Norma Feldman.

School's Out

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JACK ROSS SENTENCED FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS

Service Station Holdup Gets Short Term For First Offence

PUNCH BOARD ONLY LOOT

Sheriff Chrisman Catches Thief In Less Than Two Hours

Jack Ross, who gave his age as 22 and his residence as Chicago, was arrested by Sheriff Hugh Chrisman last Friday for robbery of Dinty's service station at the junction of the Sherman Highway and the Columbia Highway.

According to the story told by Clyde Finley who is operator of the station, Ross had been around his place Thursday afternoon and came in again Friday morning while Finley was shaving. He asked Finley if he did not know that it was illegal to have money punch boards. The operator replied that he didn't know as it was.

Ross then pulled out his gun, a seven shot 22 pistol and pointing it at Finley said that it was against the law to have such a board and that he would take this one along which he proceeded to do. He ran under the highway bridge across the the road from the station and disappeared.

When Sheriff Chrisman arrived on the scene he and Finley searched for the theif up and down the Columbia Highway until he was discovered walking along the road near the Blackburn place. When hailed by the officer he surrendered and climbed peaceably in the car.

When arrainged before Justice of Peace Ginn, Ross admitted that the story of the holdup as told by the victim was substancially true and pled guilty to the charge of assult with intent to rob.

Finley claimed that there was about $30.00 on the punch board when it was taken but only $16.78 could be found on the prisoner at the time he was arrested.

Monday the grand jury, composed of the following men: Ray Ragsdale, Foreman; E. M. Helyer, Theo. Johnston, R. O. Scott, John McClure, W. C. Todd, and Walter Carlisle brought in a true bill against Jack Ross. He pled guilty before Judge Parker and was sentenced to eighteen months in the state penetentiary. He was taken to Salem as soon as the term of court was finished.

Power Company Installs New Switch

The Pacific Power & Light Co., have installed automatic switches at their substation nearOlex. This will make it impossible for that end of the line to cut out the lights in Sherman county unless something serious is the matter with the line there.

These automatic switches will cut off and on three times before shutting off the current permanently.

Moro Woman's Club Installs New Officers

The Mother Daughter banquet to which all look forward with much anticipation was an event of May 9, at the Presbyterian church. The color scheme was red and white which was carried out in such a successful way with crepe paper for general decorations and red tulips on the tables.

The program was directed by Mrs. Martha Cope, who opened the meeting with an appropriate talk.

Two pianologues by Rachel Poley accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Poley were enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Elva Bryant gave the talk for the mothers, being responded to by her daughter Miss Lois Bryant. The woes and pleasures experienced by the ordinary youngster were related by Mrs. Bryant in such an intertaining way. Lois, speaking for the daughters assured all that they were well satisfied with the improvements and training of the mothers that the daughters had accomplished.

Mrs. Martha Cope and Miss Margaret Schruggs rendered a vocal duet accompanied by Miss Helen Searcy.

Miss Julia Brauninger read an appropriate selection which was highly entertaining as well as containing some very sound advice..

In the paper The Heritage of Women by Mrs. Margaret Peetz many historical facts were related comparing and linking such facts with our present status of women.

The club year came to a close May 15th when members with their families met at the park for the annual club dinner which was followed by the business meeting.

The five members who attended every meeting during the year were presented with a gift by our president. They are Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Mrs. Elva Bryant, Mrs. H. S. Conlee, Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton. Those missing one meeting are Mrs. R. W. Pinkerton, Mrs. T. B. Searcy and Mrs. Martha Cope. They were also awarded.

Officers installed for the new club year, Mrs. Eugene Amidon acting as installing officer were: Mrs. Theo. Johnston, president; Mrs. Truman Strong, vice president; Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, treasurer and Mrs. R. H. Coppock, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Marion McKee, recording secretary was not present.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Amidon in appreciation of her excellent work as president of the club.

The committee for the teachers reception scheduled for September 18, as announced by Mrs. Coppock of the program committee are: Mrs. Theodore Johnston, Mrs. D. E. Stephens, Mrs. Roy Powell, Mrs. E. A. Tucker and Mrs. Elva Bryant.

Members of the various departments for next year were also announced.

Music department: Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, Mrs. E. R. Barzee.

Flower committee: Mrs. Truman Strong, Mrs. Walter Ruggles.

Current History department: Mrs. Giles French.

Literature department: Mrs. D. E. Stephens, Mrs. T. W. Alley, Mrs. Margaret Peetz.

Art department: Mrs. Elva Bryant, Mrs. Bart Burrell, Mrs. Art Osburn.

Better Homes department: Mrs. Martha Cope, Mrs. A. Rose, Mrs. Merrill Oveson.

New members accepted were Mrs. Glenn Rhyn and Mrs. Leona Douma.

Teachers Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Sherman County, Oregon will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at Moro as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 10, 1931, at nine o'clock A. M. and continuing until Saturday, June 13, 1931, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing (penmanship).

Wednesday Afternoon — Physiology, Reading, Composition, Methods in Arithmetic, Methods in Reading.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education Psychology, Methods in Geography.

Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon—School Law, Algebra, Geology. Civil Government, Bookkeeping.

Saturday Forenoon—Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon—General History.

LAWRENCE W. RAKES.
County School Superintendent.

SCHOOL DAYS END FOR FORTY-THREE

High Schools of County Graduate Classes This Week and Next

EIGHTH GRADERS WIN HONORS

Three Fifths of Grammer School Children Recieve Award

This week and next the sweet girl graduates and the bashful boy graduates of Sherman county schools will make their final bow before their parents and friends as students. The fleeting days of youth are nearly finished to be followed by the less carefree man and womanhood for which their school life has been the training ground.

Forty one students of high schools in Sherman county have finished their course and will have learned as much as they can from local scources of education. Moro and Wasco each have classes of twelve, Grass Valley graduates seven and Kent and Rufus have five apiece.

Following is a list of high school graduates in Sherman county for the year 1931:

Rufus: Edna Addington, Mildred Chase, Charles Lyda, Robert Hill, Melvin Brady.

Wasco: Mildred Butler, Elda Ferrell, Robert Scott, Evelyn Spencer, John Hawk, Kenneth Fridley, Ira Fridley, Billy McKean, Norman Woodward, Gordon Harper, Janet McMillan, Georgia McPherson.

Moro: Mabel Cothran, Keith McDonald, Lois Bryant, Albert Pluemke, Laura Ruggles, Bernard Rice, Signa Woods, Lewis Hastings, Mamie Traylor, Charles Burnet, Josephine Johnson, Clair Adams.

Grass Valley: Harold Blagg, Vernon Eakin, Olga Koepke, Robert Poley, Bernard Martin, Margaret Schilling, Barbara Walpole.

Kent: Connie Allen, Arnold Dellinger, Kendric Dunlap, Darrow Kelly, Donald McInnes.

Of these one is married, for Margaret Todd of Grass Valley was married last winter to Arthur Schilling and has since continued her school work to graduation under her married name of Margaret Schilling.

About fifty pupils will graduate from the eighth grade into the high school before the final set of examinations are given. Forty three have passed the state test already or have been exempt from taking it and the June examination will finish the work of several others who have failed in one or two subjects.

Of these thirty obtained honors by making an average of above 90 in their examinations or in the school work to become exempt.

The eighth grade honor roll:

Rufus: Margaret Burnet, LeRoy Pyburn.

Emigrant: Earl Williams, Geraldine Funk.

Wasco: Robert Ferrell, Norman Fields, Howard Nunn, Leon Smith, Arthur Van Gilder, Eugene Spencer, Donald McDermid, Nerine Patterson.

Webfoot: Hubert Seely.

DeMoss: Gladys Eakin, Freda May Rice.

Moro: Mildred Alley, Gordon Fraser.

Monkland: Anita Kinney.

Grass Valley: Taylor Baker, Ellen Cox, Dorothy Fairchild, Dorothy Olds, Lois Russell, Henry Roth.

Michigan: Marie Reckman, Lawrence Todd.

Rutledge: Margaret Ragsdale.

Kent: Evelyn Davis, Margaret Dunlap.

To Anita Kenney of the Monkland school goes the honor of obtaining the highest grade of any pupil in the county this year. She finished her grammer school course with an average of 96.

Last Meeting Held By Grass Valley Women

The Grass Valley Womans club held its final meeting of the year last Tuesday in the city park where they gathered around a festive board loaded with food which all had contributed. Officers for the club year 1931-32 were installed into their offices by the retiring president. Mrs. R. H. Johnson will be the president, Mrs. G. H. Wilcox the vice-president, Mrs. Henry Tetz, secretary and Mrs. C. L. Poley, treasurer.

The club will give a reception for the graduating class Friday evening at the school house in conjunction with the class day program of that class.