

'Missing Liquor' Hoax Investigation Reveals

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of alcohol. The grand jurors, ready to jump at conclusions, decided 50 plus 50 should equal 100 gallons of alcohol. But there were but 50 gallons in the vault. "Ah! We've nailed the rats," scream the members. "By golly, maybe Banks is right after all in charging the officials with every crooked deed he can imagine. Right here we've found where someone has did away with 50 gallons of alcohol!"

There were many other similar cases, where two or more were picked up by officers, charged with the same offense, and no definite record of the amount actually recovered kept save for the fact that each was charged with transportation of so many gallons of contraband and the notation that all evidence was confiscated. But the grand jury, except for the revelation that one courthouse employee was carrying a key which would admit him to the jailer's office where the combination to the vault door was kept, could figure no way in which the liquor was taken unless the jailer or sheriff themselves had taken it. The employee known to have figured out a way to get at the valuable supply didn't fit into county politics at any point and anyway there was no proof, yet it was brought out that the few bottles filled with water evidently had been supplying one man with his personal needs.

So the grand jurors, in their infinite wisdom—as reflected in many of their acts—scolded Jailer Dunford and Sheriff Jennings for laxity in keeping tab on the supply. The only place the pair had been a bit careless was in not protecting themselves against the homespun conclusions of the grand jurors. That meditating body, however, could find absolutely no evidence that the county officials had ever abused their custody of the spirits and had to content itself with playing in to the political hand of Llewellyn A. Banks and County Judge Earl Fehl. People over the county were so accustomed to believing the wildest of rumors that they didn't require more than a grand jury's suspicions anyway as absolute proof that the worst that had been published about Banks' and Fehl's opponents was true.

Like all problems, the great mystery of the disappearance of liquor in Jackson county is no mystery at all, and with the rabid publishers about removed from the picture and a populace once again settled down into a commonsense way of thinking, the apparent

shortage has developed into an oversupply. The oversupply, if the records are interpreted correctly by interested parties, is due to the fact that many persons have been arrested and charged with drunken driving and like offenses and their supply of panther blood confiscated but, because of their inoffensiveness and the amplex of the one charge, were not booked for possession. This liquor, also stored in the vault, was not recorded on the court dockets as evidence, and hence escaped the eye of the grand jury—which, it has developed, saw two gallons of moon where one should have been, but decided there should have been four gallons.

It is believed this revelation by The Miner will be resented by many who preferred to back up all their attacks upon orderly government by the statement that "well, anyway we know they've been stealing our liquor and bootlegging it." It sometimes is disappointing to persons to become disillusioned, but the facts in the case remain, and any reader who is interested to the extent of determining the real truth about the liquor steal hoax will find the records available and accurate.

Thus ends another chapter in the "breakdown of law and order" in Jackson county as advertised. Until Jackson county lent an ear to such wild and sensational charges, and blindly followed the agitators to a bitter and tragic end, there was no such thing in existence in this great country as a miscarriage of justice.

Boxing to Be Order of Day Next Wednesday When McCarthy Goes

Fisticuffs, with the protection of padded gloves, will replace wrestling in the Medford Armory on Wednesday night, it was announced this week by Mack Lillard, promoter for southern Oregon. A stellar card has been lined up by the former Pacific coast light-weight champion which should start the punching season off in great shape, and will give variety from the series of bone bending exhibitions.

Apparently desiring to sort of taper off from wrestling to boxing, Lillard this week permitted Frisbie and Belcastro to do anything but strangle one another, even clenched fists being legal the first fall. This came about through Pete Belcastro's desire to "wrestle dirty" when the pair met two weeks ago and Ray Frisbie's willingness to meet the Sacramento boy half way—and then some, for Frisbie took two falls out of three and the "winner-take-all" purse.

Resorting to biting, pinching, hair pulling and slugging, the two strong men tried to out-stomp one another into insensibility. Promoter Lillard, who objects to such displays, permitted the unrestrained tussle in an effort to provide the California boy with a square meal of unorthodox holds and tactics. The Medford fireman did the rest.

The first match, between Roland Warren, Klamath Falls Copco engineer, and Fireman Coy of Weed, ended in the Copco grappler short-circuiting his opponent twice in a row to win the insulated crown. Fans went wild at various parts of the tiffs, and were thoroughly primed for good hefty punching and fighting, which may have been an aim of the promoter, in view of his swing from the grunting and straining business to the punching and snorting entertainment.

Next Wednesday night's show, which starts at 8:30, will feature Jack McCarthy and Roman Street, colored heavyweight of Salt Lake in the main event of four rounds. Tony Ortis, Klamath Falls, and Jimmie Compagne of Chilcoquin will mix in the semi-windup. This pair fought a sizzling four-round affair

'Look for Queer People' Says Mrs. A. E. Hines When Forming Rogue Valley Writers' Club

By MAUDE E. POOL

To unearth latent abilities and to stimulate talent which has been kept obscure for lack of encouragement or assistance is the aim of the Rogue River Valley Writers, organized by Mrs. Agnes E. Hines in Medford Wednesday forenoon as a local branch of the League of Western Writers, of which she is the Oregon executive and publicity chairman. At the meeting held in the Holland hotel the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Atlanta Parker Satchwell; vice president, Mrs. Alice Coppin; secretary, Mrs. A. V. Graves. The League of Western Writers is nationally known, and was organized in Seattle six years ago, according to Mrs. Hines, nationally famous for her motion pictures, songs and poetry based on Pacific coast scenic attractions and industries. The organization is open to membership not only to writers, but to musicians, composers, artists and all other people who are interested in creative art. Those not sufficiently advanced in their work to become members are eligible to associate membership. Members of the Medford branch will receive aid from the national offices in marketing their productions, whatever type they may be.

"If you have something nice to say about Crater lake or anything else, don't be afraid to tell the world," Mrs. Hines declared.

She was enthusiastic over future prospects of the Medford organization, and with a long list of creative artists throughout the county in view, the members expect to obtain a fast increasing membership. "Be on the lookout for queer people," Mrs. Hines advised, and told the humorous incident of Walt Ma-

son, who lay on the ground on his back in the struggle to paint the underside of a wheelbarrow, but yet he has become an author of fame. Mrs. Hines inferred the fascination of discovering, through varied and unexpected channels, the skill along the line of creative arts of local residents just since her arrival in the valley.

She stressed an underlying spirit of broadmindedness and cooperation as the basis of success in the work, and the advancement of the league as a whole, and mentioned the necessity of southern Oregon people "waking up" to the numerous opportunities at hand, both for the advancement of individuals, as well as the community.

Mrs. Hines, who has been in the valley for the last three weeks, possibly remaining until Easter, has been occupied both in the interests of her pictures and writing, as well as that of the writers' league. Her pictures have been booked for showing in the Jacksonville school, and she intends to show them at Klamath Falls and other sections between here and Roseburg. During her stay here she has written stories of the blue-grass, Rogue River valley tomatoes, the pear industry and the Medford ice. She was impressed with the beauty of the almond blossoms and Mt. McLoughlin in particular, and intends to feature these assets in her stories, as well as the Medford reservoir and Medford's million dollar water. In speaking of other possibilities of featuring Medford in her pictures, Mrs. Hines stated that she hoped to use local talent, such as singers, musicians, tap dancers and children who will film well.

High School News

The seniors, having had such a good time at their first party, planned a picnic for Wednesday evening of last week. The weather was too stormy to be out so it was turned into a party and held at the Vaughn home.

As it is in style to go visiting, Doris Clark spent last week-end with Josephine Clute at the latter's Applegate home.

The juniors are planning a banquet to honor the senior class. It will be held at the Presbyterian church tonight, April 7.

Your correspondent wishes the students would do something to make more news to be written up.

The students are all rejoicing because there are only six weeks of school left. They already have started resting for a nice long vacation.

Mr. Nee has levelled the baseball diamond and the tennis courts. You can expect to see both games played anytime now. The boys have turned out in large numbers for baseball and expect to win several games—with the help of Pitcher Hesse.

Doris had such a nice time at Josephine's home that she has almost decided to live there for the summer months.

The girls have been very busy with play practice so the Gossip Circle has not had time to meet for the last few weeks.

Our new English teacher, Miss

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Reynolds, seems to be well liked by the students.

The juniors are said to have set April 28 as the day for the banquet they will give the seniors.

Many of the girls have shorn their curly locks for the spring and summer months.

Some students who have dropped from school roll are Lula Metzgar, Grace Branum, Ray Lewis and Alma Osborne.

Andy Smith, Student Body president, fell from the fire truck and injured his hand when returning from a run to Kasshafer's home early Wednesday morning.

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Others in the cast are Walter Connolly, Gavin Gordon and Jack LaRue.

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