

OFFICIALS WORK ON IMPORTANT MOONSHINE CASE

Local federal prohibition officers and county officers are at work on an important bootleg case in an effort to establish a connection between past doings and the arrests of John W. Carl and Harry C. Tracy of the Jenny Creek district. The grand jury has these cases under consideration.

About the middle of the month federal prohibition officers, Newton Chaney and Deputy Sheriff, George Alden, arrested Tracy for having a still and 210 gallons of mash in his possession. The case was brought before Justice Gowdy at Ashland and Tracy was bound over to the grand jury, and is in the county jail, having been unable to furnish bond.

A day or so later, acting on information obtained from several sources, Officers Chaney and Alden and Chief of Police McNabb of Ashland, who is also a deputy sheriff, arrested Carl, who operates a store and service station in the Jenny Creek district, several miles from where Tracy had his still and mash. Only a charge of selling intoxicating liquor was preferred against Carl, who pleaded guilty to this charge before Justice Gowdy at Ashland. Sentence, however, is being reserved, and Carl is being held in \$1000 bail in the city jail at Ashland, having been unable to furnish bail.

In the meantime various charges against Carl and Tracy in connection with liquor law violations, are being probed by the grand jury, and the prisoners are being kept widely separated in different prisons until the grand jury reports on their cases.

GRAND JURY HEARS EVIDENCE ON J. H. MARTIN BOND SALE

The grand jury was still in session today, investigating the J. H. Martin bond sales, and hearing alleged liquor violations.

Witnesses appearing and called to appear on the first named case were Arthur Furey of Phoenix, 224 Barron of Ashland, Dr. Kresse of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Natwick, Rube Johnson of Eagle Point, Lee Bradshaw and Henry Barnesburg.

According to Sheriff Terrill, investments close to \$60,000 were made by Rogue River valley people, in canning stock, represented, it is alleged by Martin as selling at \$100 per share, when listed at \$22 per share. One deal, according to Sheriff Terrill, was for \$18,000, three or four for \$5000, and one for \$1000.

The authorities say that some of the investors now refuse to make complaint.

The witnesses called in the liquor case were County Prohibition Enforcement Officer Sam B. Sandefer, special agents and many others.

CIRCUIT COURT TO OPEN TOMORROW

Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas, who finished the Josephine county term at Grants Pass yesterday, will hold circuit court at Jacksonville tomorrow and Friday, and on Monday will have the usual motion day at 10 a. m., when the docket will be called and cases set for trial. The grand jury is expected to make its report late today or some time tomorrow.

Next Tuesday morning Judge Thomas will leave for Roseburg where he will probably be all week, hearing a case for Judge Hamilton of that district.

The petit jury will probably be called for service a week from Monday.

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SPEND MONEY ON CRATER L. HIGHWAY URGES SPEAKER

"Every bit of money spent on roads in Jackson county should go on the Crater Lake Highway until it is paved to the park entrance, for the lake is the biggest asset that the southern part of the state has." This was the statement of R. W. Price, Portland hotel man at the Forum luncheon at the Hotel Medford this noon. Mr. Price is in this part of the state lecturing on the "Tourist in Oregon," and will speak on that subject at an illustrated lecture at the Armory tonight.

This is National Thrift Week and O. C. Boggs gave a short explanation of the aims of the campaign which are to instill the principles of thrift and saving into the minds of all young children so that it will be of use to them in later life.

Miss Adele Pritchard, national representative of the Business and Professional Women's club, who is in Medford for the organizing of a branch of this association in Medford, spoke of what women had done to advertise the state.

There was a large crowd attending this meeting and several guests were present, including Ira F. Walker of Portland, vice president of the Lumberman's Trust association and N. F. Hathaway of Portland, of the same company.

FATHER OF SONNY AUSTIN PASSES ON IN COLORADO CITY

A telegram was received this morning by Frank J. Pingras of the Shasta telling of the death in Grand Junction, Colorado Tuesday of Alexander Austin, a former well known and highly respected colored resident of this city. The funeral services were held today. He is survived by a son, William, age 14 years, known to hundreds in this city as "Sonny."

Alex, as he was better known, was about 65 years of age. About a year ago he moved to Colorado, after ten years residence here, so Sonny could have better schooling and be near relatives. In his time here, he did odd jobs and portering, and was well liked. His outstanding qualities were his unwavering honesty, his geniality, and his devotion to his motherless boy.

He was born in Kansas, where he spent 50 years of his life, working for many years in the salt mines of that state. Later he tried farming in the western section of that state, and moved to this city in 1916. His wife died in this city in 1912.

10 U. S. PRISONERS MAKE ESCAPE, BUT ALL ARE CAPTURED

DENVER, Jan. 23.—Overpowering three sentries who stood guard over them with shotguns, ten military prisoners from Fort Logan, near here, early last evening bound the guards with their own woolen leggings, took their weapons and made a spectacular dash for liberty from a sand pit in which they had been working.

Six of the runaways were captured a short time later, but the remaining four, three of whom carried the guards' shotguns, furnished a chase in which army officers, privates, deputy sheriffs and police participated until far into the night. The quartet was caught before midnight about thirty miles south of Denver and returned to the army post.

A fourth guard stationed nearby attempted to shoot when the men fled, but the shell in his gun failed to explode.

The runaways divided into groups of six and four. The latter group encountered John Martins, a motorist, along a highway, took his car and drove off.

A searching party in charge of Lieutenant C. H. Ellies came upon a partly wrecked car about forty miles from Denver. The men trying to repair it were quickly recognized as the escaped prisoners. They surrendered promptly.

ONLY 50 DOGS OUT OF 2964 ARE LICENSED

Out of the 2964 dogs listed on the county records as being at large in Jackson county, owners to date have taken out licenses as required by law. The license law applies alike to country and city canines, irrespective of their breed, intelligence, and usefulness around the house or farm. Unless the dog owners show more avidity in complying with the statutes, a dog catcher is threatened.

SHERIFF REFUSES TO ARREST SICK VETERAN OF WAR

Sheriff Terrill was dispatched Tuesday afternoon to serve a warrant, alleging non-support against Frank J. Court, a world war veteran living in the Kamsay canyon section in the Sams valley district. The sheriff returned empty handed, refusing to arrest Court on account of his physical condition.

According to the sheriff Court is suffering from a malignant chronic ailment, and gas and bullet wounds received in France.

Court, the officer says, told him he was doing the best he could to maintain his family, consisting of a wife, on a pension of \$157 monthly from the government. Court also carried federal life insurance to the amount of \$10,000. The complaint was filed by his wife, aged 18 years, the sheriff says.

Another complaint charging non-support, was filed Tuesday, the sheriff being unable to locate the individual wanted.

KERBY MOONSHINE ARTIST GIVEN 2 YEARS IN THE PEN

Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas ended the term of circuit court at Grants Pass yesterday afternoon and one of his last acts of that term was in dealing what is said to be the stiffest sentence to a bootlegger ever given in an Oregon court. He sentenced Ed Cox, a homesteader near Kerby, Josephine county, to two years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 on the charge of possession of a still, a jury having found him guilty.

This unusually severe sentence on this charge was due, it is said, to the court's conviction that Cox had committed perjury at his trial in circuit court. Cox was originally convicted and fined in justice court at Grants Pass, and drew a penalty of \$500 and 30 days in jail. Then he appealed the case to circuit court, and pending the time between the two trials he said to have admitted to the sheriff and others that he was guilty of the offense charged.

Then at the hearing in circuit court he denied this, and accused county and federal officers of falsifying on the witness stand.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR ADDITION TO HOTEL MEDFORD

Bids for the construction of a one-story addition to the Hotel Medford were opened last night, and the construction awarded to Contractor Merritt, and the plumbing contract awarded to William Hammett of this city. The new improvement will cost \$50,000. Work will start at once, and the addition opened to the public June 1st.

The addition will give the hostelry 27 additional rooms, latest modern conveniences and furnishings, all with private baths, and ten with shower baths.

A large express elevator of modern type, will also be installed to take the place of the one now in operation.

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MEETING TO MAKE DRESS FORMS AT LIBRARY, JAN. 29

On Tuesday, January 29, the women of Medford, who are interested in making dress-forms will have an opportunity to do so. Miss Teich, county home demonstration agent will hold a meeting for that purpose at the library beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On account of the nature of the work it will be necessary that those who wish to make dress-forms make an appointment with Miss Teich before the meeting. Call 820 and leave your name at the office. Every woman is requested to get her material which is for sale at P. K. Deuel's store and if possible bring one woman to help.

There will be no room for spectators, everyone present will be expected to work.

Miss Teich would appreciate it very much if any woman who has made dress-forms would volunteer to help her an hour or so on that day.

JUVENILE PROBLEM ALARMS ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 23.—All of the members of the city's police force and city and county juvenile officer, and city councilmen, met in a conference last night called by Mayor N. Rice, to consider the juvenile problem in Roseburg. It was decided to strictly enforce the curfew ordinances and to provide severe penalties for allowing minors to play in pool or billiard halls. Each pool hall will be required to keep a register, which will be provided by the city and any young man giving a false statement regarding his age will be taken into court and punished.

ORGANIZE COOLIDGE CLUB IN ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 23.—Senator L. L. Patterson, state manager of the Coolidge campaign in this state, arrived in Roseburg today to start the organization of Coolidge clubs in southern Oregon. The southern part of the state is to be organized first, Mr. Patterson said in launching the

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campaign for Coolidge's nomination. After the clubs have been formed and the campaign put under way in the southern section of the state, the work will be taken up in the Willamette valley, followed in turn by a campaign in eastern Oregon. The factional differences which have split the

state in recent elections, do not appear to be affecting the presidential race, Mr. Patterson said.

H. E. Holt of Chicago, Luella Schaefer of Indianapolis and F. T. Roberts Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., are among the visitors in Medford from a distance.

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