

ASHLAND YOUTHS HELD ON CHARGE OF OWNING STILL

T. H. Stonebraker, a 19 year old youth of Ashland, and Jack Durando also of Ashland, were arraigned before Judge Taylor this forenoon, who set their bail at \$2000 and \$5000 respectively, in connection with the charge of possessing a still, for which they were arrested Thursday night by county and Ashland city officials, near Ashland.

Stonebraker was apprehended on Thursday night while attempting to carry away the still, which it is alleged he had been operating on Nell creek. When Constable McNabb of Ashland arrested the youth he was carrying the outfit, a large crude affair, on his back and was attempting to reach a large car parked on the Pacific highway, in which he had hoped to make his getaway together with his occupants who were not captured.

Stonebraker was taken into custody Saturday night, but due to lack of evidence that he was connected with the moonshining activities, he was released. During the brief interim he was at liberty, officials kept him under surveillance until arrested Thursday night.

According to the district attorney's office, Jack Durando, whose bail was fixed at \$5000 was the brains of the moonshiners, while Stonebraker complied with orders given out by him, and was more or less a hireling. Two others who are thought to be also members of the moonshining ring made their escape in the car which attempted to carry the still Stonebraker was carrying on his back when arrested.

The outfit, according to deputy sheriff Lynn Fomerook, was quite large, and had a teapot soldered on top of the boiler, which he characterized as being "Teapot Dome affair."

The two men are both married, their wives being with them when arraigned in justice court this morning. Attorney George M. Roberts is the counsel for the defendants, while Allison K. Moulton, assistant district attorney, is handling the case for the state.

The men are incarcerated at the county jail because of inability to raise the amount of the bail. They will be given their preliminary hearing next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at which time they will be probably turned over to the grand jury, whom the district attorney thinks will return two indictments against them, one for illegally possessing a still and the other for setting up and operating one.

JESS WILLARD HERE ON FISHING TRIP

Jess Willard, ex-heavyweight champion, accompanied by his wife and two children, was among the noted visitors who were in Medford yesterday. Mr. Willard is favorably impressed with Medford, and intends to stop here longer when he passes through on his return from Canada, on which trip he is planning to leave tomorrow night.

During the past week he has also visited Ashland, Crater Lake and fished in Rogue River near Rogue Elk resort, where he is now staying, having left for that resort last evening after having procured a varied amount of fishing tackle. While in the city Mr. Willard paid Clarence Noe a short visit, he being an old time friend of years.

Mr. Willard plans to be back in Medford about the latter part of August, and will spend a week fishing in Rogue River, but if fishing is good in that stream he will remain in southern Oregon longer.

GRASS FIRES SHOW DECLINE OVER 1924

The month of July passed with the fact left behind that the local fire department responded to 15 calls for the 31 days. Three of which were grass fires while the others included, church, home, tent, garage, mill and other miscellaneous fires.

A record was achieved by the fact that only three grass fires occurred during the past month, a record which eclipses all others in the entire history of the department. In July of 1924, nine such fires were reported, making a decrease of six for this year. All of which, Fire Chief Elliott believes, is due to the carefulness of local citizens while engaged in burning grass, practicing caution in throwing away cigarette stubs, and matches, and to the fact that the department has had two men busy the greater part of the season burning the tinder like material.

Last month the department was proud that only seven alarms were turned in throughout the 30 days, while June of 1924 included 21 alarms, most of which were grass fires.

Ask Tax Cut.
OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 1.—(A. P.) The Northern Pacific railroad company has filed a preliminary brief with the state tax commission asking that the commission cancel \$12,000,000 in good will valuation from their taxing base. It was announced this morning by Samuel H. Chase, chairman.

BAND CONCERT IS WONDERFUL, KIDS AND CARS QUIET

Thanks to a perfect night and the ability of the audience of thousands to hear plainly without being annoyed by romping children and cars backing out of line ever and anon during the playing of numbers, the fine concert last night by the Crater Lake Temple, D. O. K. K. band was one of the most enjoyable ever given in the summer city park series.

The perfect order maintained throughout the concert and the appreciation expressed psychologically inspired the musicians and their leader, Wilfrid Waite, to do their very artistic individual and collective best. In fact, the talented director carried, as ever, and anon seen to sing with the band while wielding his baton.

Many tourists from various parts of the country were mixed in with the audience, and often the remark was repeated parrotlike, throughout the concert that "There is a band that Medford must be proud of."

The mid-summer night scene was a pleasant one to view as the thousands of people, men, women and children from all walks of life, and dressed in hot weather attire, were seen seated on the ground or standing in the city park, or seated in autos lined up on the outskirts of the park.

Although police were present to maintain order they had nothing to do, but enjoy the concert, due to the fact that the parents or guardians in charge of the children, who were present in the usual large number, kept the little ones under control. The mere sight of a policeman walking around, or standing nearby, also had a quieting effect on the older boys and girls.

MARKET CONDITIONS DELAY PICKING

Due to the fact that market conditions are not what they should be the harvesting of the southern Oregon pear crop will not commence as early as was expected, although several orchards are picking at the present.

Three cars of pears were shipped out of the city during the past 24 hours, and several more cars are being prepared. It is expected that when the season actually commences the total will jump to 40 cars daily.

It is said the market is not so gratifying in the eastern states because of the influx of California pears, which are always harvested earlier than local fruit, and because of the fact that the valley pears in that state did not ripen earlier than the highland fruit. The two were harvested together, thus throwing more fruit on the market at one time than has been the usual custom, which caused a flooded pear market as a result.

BASEBALL SCORES

At	W.	L.	T.
American			
At Boston	R. H. E.		
St. Louis	5 14 0		
Boston	2 8 0		
Bush and Dixon; Ruffing, Fuhr and Pielnich.			
At Philadelphia	R. H. E.		
Chicago	5 18 0		
Philadelphia	3 13 0		
Lyons, Connally and Schalk; Quinn, Walberg and Perkins, Cochran.			
At New York	R. H. E.		
Cleveland	3 9 1		
New York	8 12 0		
Smith and L. Sewell; Pennock and Bengough.			
At Pittsburgh	R. H. E.		
Philadelphia	3 12 2		
Pittsburgh	2 9 0		
Decatur and Henline; Kremer, Morrison and Gooch.			
At Pittsburgh	R. H. E.		
St. Louis game	4 7 1		
Philadelphia	4 7 1		
Pittsburgh	4 7 1		
Ring and Wilson; Meadows and Smith.			
At Chicago	R. H. E.		
Brooklyn	7 17 0		
Chicago	1 7 1		
Grimes and Taylor; Jones, Brett and Hartnett.			

A Steamer Ashore.
VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 1.—(Canadian Press)—The Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Beatrice went ashore early today south of Skidgate, 500 miles northwest of here in the Queen Charlotte islands, Pacific ocean. The passengers were taken ashore.

Ol Appeal Filed.
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 1.—The government's petition of appeal from the decision of the federal court for Wyoming in the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit was filed here this morning and appeal to the eighth circuit court of appeals was allowed by Judge T. Blake Kennedy.

Sports

TY COBB BEGINS TO SLOW UP, DROPS TO 4TH PLACE HITTER

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—(A. P.)—Ty Cobb, veteran of twenty major league campaigns, today is beginning to show the strain in his conquest of the 1925 American league batting championship. The Tiger leader dropped this week to fourth place, while youthful Harry Rice of the St. Louis Browns, taking ten points on his average, moved into second place.

Cobb lost eighteen points, and this Speaker, Cleveland pilot, not only held the lead, but added a point to this mark of a week ago. Speaker is batting .405 followed by Rice, with .395. Harry Hellmann of the Tigers is third with .385, with Cobb at .384. The figures are based on games including Wednesday.

The heavy swingers of the Philadelphia wrecking crew are holding their own and this does not count the pinch hitting of French who is at the top with a fat total of .526. Rice of the Senators now figures among the leaders. The consistent George Sisler of St. Louis is holding his own. Al Simmons of the Athletics displaced Ken Williams of the Browns for total base honors. Simmons is at 144 hits, but a total of 234 bases. They include 31 doubles, six triples and sixteen homers.

Williams failed to add to his string of 24 home runs.

Johnny Mostil's speed has given him the honors as the best run getter. In addition to stealing 34 bases, the White Sox flash, has crossed the plate 88 times.

Other leading batters: Sisler, St. Louis .371; E. Rice, Washington .367; J. Sewell, Cleveland .366; Simmons, Philadelphia .366; Wingo, Detroit .366; Lamar, Philadelphia .364; Cochran, Philadelphia .364; Hale, Philadelphia .360.

Hazen Cuyler is the first player in the major leagues to cross the century mark in runs scored. The speed Pirate has counted 101 times. His tremendous speed is one of the reasons why Pittsburgh is leading in the National league pennant race. During the last week Cuyler swiped six bases which planted him right on Carey's tail with 21. Carey has stolen 22.

Rogers Hornsby of the Cardinals has been hitting in tough luck. For the first time since June 16, he dropped below the .300 mark. He still has a comfortable lead over his rivals, however, batting .398, twelve points higher than a week ago. Apparently he has been swinging harder than usual, and as a result pulled away from the menacing Gabby Hartnett of the Cubs in the home run honors. Hornsby added two to his string and is showing the way with twenty-six. Hartnett is trailing with twenty-three.

Catcher Wilson of the Phillies and Milton Stock of the Dodgers, along with Jimmy Bottomley of the Cardinals, have shown inclinations to challenge. Wilson is the runner up to Hornsby with .384. Stock is next with .382 and Bottomley is fourth with .371, an advance of eight points over his previous mark.

Other leading batters: Fournier, Brooklyn .378; Burrus, Boston .368; Wrightstone, Philadelphia .356; Bancroft, Boston .354; Cuyler, Pittsburgh .352; Felix, Boston .352; Harper, Philadelphia .351; Blades, St. Louis .351.

AMATEUR SENSATION LOSES TO EDWARDS

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1.—Tommy O'Brien, Portland bantamweight boxer, who recently entered the ranks of the professionals after making a sensation as an amateur, lost a ten round decision last night to Danny Edwards, veteran bantam of Oakland, Cal.

Edwards' experience enabled him to meet O'Brien's speed successfully. He planted a succession of rights to Tommy's chin in the fourth and seventh rounds. In the latter the Portland boy was hanging on, but he survived the round and came back strong to take a whirlwind finish in the tenth.

In the ten round semi-windup, Joe Lynch of California, dropped the decision to Chuck Hellman, local fighter.

EUGENE GOLFERS TO PLAY HERE AUG. 9

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 1.—Due to illness of several of the Eugene players, the inter-city golf match between Eugene and Medford was called off late last night, according to George McGill, who was in charge of the Eugene team. The local golfers had planned to leave this morning for matches in Medford tomorrow, but the event will be on August 9 instead.

SPORT BRIEFS

DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 1.—(A. P.)—Elmer Layden of Des Moines, Iowa, fullback of the "four horsemen of Notre Dame," today signed a contract to coach football, basketball and track at Columbia college. At the same time it was announced that G. W. Heltkamp, professor physics and geology, had been appointed athletic director. Layden succeeds Eddie Anderson, who resigned on July 22, to become head coach at DePau university after three years at Columbia.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 1.—La Grande defeated Caldwell, Idaho, at Caldwell yesterday, 8 to 3, in the first game of the Inland Empire baseball championship series.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 1.—Leo Heurix, Winnipeg, defeated Jatrinda Gobari, Hindu, champion of India, in a heavyweight wrestling bout here last night. The Indian won the first fall in 27 minutes, but the last two falls went to the French-Canadian in 11:21 and two minutes, respectively.

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Aug. 1.—(A. P.)—Vincent Richards of Yonkers, N. Y., defeated James O. Anderson of Australia in the finals of the Seabright bowl today, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.

William M. Johnston and Clarence Griffin, San Francisco, captured the men's doubles final from Robert and Howard Kinsey, the national champions, also of San Francisco, 3-6, 7-5, 8-1.

HELEN WILLS LOSES TILT TO MISS RYAN, PLAYING BAREFOOT

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Aug. 1.—(A. P.)—Helen Wills of Berkeley, Cal., national women's tennis champion was defeated today in straight sets by Miss Elizabeth Ryan of England and California. In the final women's singles matches of the Seabright invitation tournament, the scores were 6-3, 6-3.

It was the first defeat Miss Wills has sustained on the American courts since 1923, when she first won the national title from Mrs. Malory, and established Miss Ryan as a formidable contender for the championship to be played at Forest Hills in a few weeks.

Miss Ryan's decisive margin of victory came as a complete and stunning surprise to spectators who had established Miss Wills as a strong favorite to win.

The court, drenched and soggy after an all day and night rain, made the footing precarious, but this condition seemed to bother Miss Wills more than it did Miss Ryan, who discarded her shoes and played in her stocking feet after the first game of the opening set.

The softness of the turf permitted little bound to the ball and seemed to aid the sharply angled shots and well placed drives of Miss Ryan, whose court generalship was superior throughout to that of the American champion.

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