

FEHL'S TENURE AS COUNTY JUDGE IS ENDED BY COURT

Judge Voices Amazement That Sensible Man Would Believe Ballot Theft Could Be 'Gotten Away With'

Seven months and seven days after he had assumed the office of county judge, Earl H. Fehl, for many years an apostle of disension in Jackson county and Medford affairs, was sentenced Monday afternoon to serve four years in state prison, for his part in the ballot thefts of February 20th last.

Immediately following the passage of sentence, Fehl, grim, glum and crestfallen, was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Lloyd Low of Klamath



Earl H. Fehl.

county, pending filing of new \$7500 bonds. He was photographed and fingerprinted, while his attorney sought a writ to file a motion for a new trial which was allowed.

Guilted Bond Required.
The court directed that the new bonds of Fehl be gilded, and fully qualified. If property is offered as bonds, under the law, it must be worth twice the amount of the bonds, or \$15,000.

Only a handful of people were in the courtroom when Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth of Eugene came to the bench. Fehl was seated between his grey-haired mother and his wife.

"This is the time to pass sentence upon Earl H. Fehl," said the court. "Have his attorneys anything to say?" Attorney A. C. Hough of Grants Pass addressed the court:

"This is one of the saddest times that comes to a man, and it is not pleasant for the attorney who defended him."
"In all my experience as a lawyer, I have never known a jury to return an apparently unanimous verdict in such a short time."

Hough Still Unconvinced.
"There is not much that I can say, however, am informed on authority that I consider reliable, that this defendant had nothing to do with the crime of which he stands convicted. I feel that it is more political than criminal. They were out to get Earl Fehl, as a result of the hatreds and prejudices they had aroused."

The court, addressing the fore part of his remarks to Attorney Hough, said:

"The defendant has been found guilty, in a fair trial. No defendant in any court ever had a fairer trial. The state worked for his conviction, and much credit is due Assistant Attorney-General Moody, an experienced lawyer, for his brilliant work. The evidence in the state's case was overwhelming, clear and conclusive. **Deed Showed Thoughtlessness.**
"How any man with three grains of sense could get away with a crime like the ballot thefts, is more than I can understand. The court at 4:30 the previous afternoon had ordered a recount of the ballots. Many points of law involved are still at issue. During the night the ballots were stolen and that automatically dismissed the action. It was not alone burglary not in a dwelling; it was an affront to the court. All concerned were in contempt of court."

"The court knows nothing of the political angles. I have heard only the evidence, which rests exclusively with the jury. I have listened to the evidence in all the five ballot cases. Except for minor details of corroboration, it was the same in each case."

Fehl Receives Sentence.
The court then directed that Defendant Fehl stand up for sentence. He did, with his head bowed, in characteristic attitude. His mother and wife looked straight ahead. Asked if he had any word to speak in his own behalf, Fehl replied in a low voice, "Nothing to say."

The court regrets that Judge Fehl, who had been honored by the electorate of the county, comes before him today for sentence. I feel sorry for Judge Fehl. I feel sorry for his mother. I feel sorry for his wife. The jury has spoken and the duty of the court is plain.

"I hereby sentence you to serve four years in state prison. The length of time you spend in the penitentiary rests with yourself and the parole board."

Fehl, somewhat stunned, rallied quickly, and consoled his mother and wife. The court then remanded him to the custody of the sheriff, pending securing of new bond.

The former official, en route to the county jail, told Sheriff Low, "I am as innocent as you are."

Jones' Gatekeeper In.
After the sentencing of Fehl, Walter J. Jones, ex-mayor of Rogue River, convicted of ballot theft, and "generalissimo" of the amazing crime, entered the courtroom. Judge Skip-

worth ordered his arrest, on an order issued a short time before. Jones was brought back to Medford late yesterday by the state police.

Following the sentence upon Fehl and the incarceration of Jones, Thomas L. Brecheen of Ashland, who Saturday pleaded guilty to ballot theft, was brought into court.

His attorney sought leniency for Brecheen, claiming "his conviction was a matter of doubt," and that "Brecheen is not a chronic law-breaker."

Attorney Moody for the state declared: "I disagree with counsel. The conviction of Brecheen would be easier than any of the previous cases. I will say this for Brecheen: He has had a rotten deal. He has lain in jail since last March. On the other hand, he has kept his secret wrapped in his soul, along with the other leading defendants. By pleading guilty he has saved Jackson county the expense of the trial."

Brecheen was then sentenced to 18 months in state prison, with the words, "If you behave yourself you will be out in about a year on parole."

The court told Brecheen: "I am taking into consideration the fact that you saved Jackson county about \$5000 by pleading guilty. That is the sole reason. Your name has been mentioned and your movements shown in every one of the ballot theft trials."

J. Arthur LaDieu, former business manager for the L. A. Banks newspaper, was arrested at his home yesterday evening by state police, and placed in the county jail, pending sentence today.

OREGON 14TH TO RATIFY REPEAL OF PROHI LAWS

SALEM, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Yesterday Oregon became the 14th state to formally ratify the 21st amendment, which calls for repeal of the 18th amendment to the federal constitution. The vote was 110 yes, five no, and one absent.

Organization of the convention and voting required only two hours, and seven minutes, 44 minutes under the previous short repeal convention record set by Massachusetts.

The official certificate setting out the action of the convention was duly signed late yesterday, filed with the secretary of state's office, and today forwarded to the secretary of state in Washington.

On July 21 Oregon became the 20th state to vote in favor of prohibition repeal. The vote was 136,713 yes to 72,854 no.

The chairmanship campaign scarcely reached the convention floor. Mrs. Nanny Wood Honeyman of Portland was elected permanent chairman and Ben Liffin of The Dalles permanent clerk. The chair appointed Joe Singer of Portland sergeant at arms and Rolla Southwick of Salem doorkeeper. These were honorary offices, neither appointee being a delegate.

A one-minute time limitation on speech from the floor accelerated the convention. Following the roll call on the repeal vote, a resolution to outlaw the saloon in Oregon and calling for the state legislature to so enact, was defeated.

Three of the negative votes came from Linn county and the other two from Benton county.

Wind Blows Smith's Shop. GLEESON, Ariz.—(UP)—The blacksmith shop of T. A. Hamilton was swept from the hillside on which it was built into a canyon below by a violent wind.

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FOREST PROGRAM MOVING FAST AS CCC PITCHES IN

An extensive program is being carried out in the Rogue River National forest this season, with the aid of the CCC recruits now stationed here, and includes the construction of lookout stations, roads and other projects.

A 40-foot tower is now under construction at Burnt peak in the Elk creek district, to which a road is now being built. Material for construction of the tower at Anderson butte is being packed in for a distance of three miles, according to forestry service officials.

Two new trail builders, a road ripper and a heavy grader for road building are now being used by the CCC men. One of the caterpillars is now at Elk creek, one at Lake creek, and two graders have been rented from the county including the one at Elk creek and another in use at the Moon Prairie camp. The road ripper is also in use at Elk creek.

A side camp, made up of 80 men, has been formed at the head of Beaver creek on the Applegate, and they are working down hill to the Elliott creek road. Another side camp of ten men is located at Anderson Butte for the construction work.

Other projects now under way include a road to the Parker Mountain station from the Greensprings road for the protection of the O. and C. land. The Soda mountain road down from Hyatt dam along Beaver creek, to the Greensprings and back up to Johnson's Prairie, is being worked on by the Moon Prairie CCC recruits.

Work has been completed by the forestry service from Lake of the Woods to the Clover station.

MEDALS GOING TO BEST CCC CAMPS

The outstanding C. C. C. camp in each district is to be selected by September 1, and special awards for the commanding officer, as well as other officers and the men in the camp are to be given by the Army and Navy Journal, according to announcement received here by C. C. C. headquarters.

The commander of the camp is to receive a gold award, other officers in the camps a silver award, and each C. C. C. man a bronze award. It is the plan of army officials to have the winning officers report to Washington at a convenient date, to receive the award.

Ratings will be made as follows: Camp site 50, living quarters 25, administering 25, kitchen and mess 100 latrines 25, supply 50, administration 100, discipline 100, morale and welfare 100, C. C. C. personnel 25, work forest service 300.

In Commerce Post



Dr. Willard L. Thorp of Amherst, Mass., has been installed in office as director of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. (Associated Press Photo)

FEED DEALERS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Feed dealers of Southern Oregon have been invited to attend a meeting at the court house here Wednesday at 7:45 p. m., to discuss the feed code adopted by the Pacific Northwest Feed association.

The code has been forwarded to Washington and is awaiting disposition of the administration.

Ray Miksche, manager of the Monarch Seed & Feed Co., is district governor of the feed association, while Leon S. Jackson of Portland, is manager of the Oregon division.

The Pacific Northwest association is a consolidation of the Oregon Feed Dealers' association and the Feed Dealers' association of Washington.

C. C. C. Man Killed. NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 8.—(P)—Ernest E. Nauert, 21, a C. C. C. worker, was killed Monday when crushed by a falling tree near the Fall Creek forest camp. He lived in Lakeside, Ill.

Das Neue Deutschland

Ist wiederum den Luegen seiner Feinde ausgesetzt.

MAENNER

Verteilt Eure Ehre und Euer Blut. Wichtige Versammlung Donnerstag Abend 8:15 in Nandie's Grill.

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TESTING OF PEARS FOR BEST PICKING OFFERED GROWER

The testing of pears for maturity by means of the pressure tester and interpreting such information into terms of when best to pick will be a service available in the county agent's office, beginning August 9, states County Agent L. P. Wilcox.

The pressure test used in making maturity determinations was worked out by the Oregon Experiment Station and is considered one of the most reliable methods of telling when pears should be harvested in order to obtain maximum quality. If pears are picked prematurely the fruit is usually underdeveloped, shriveling before ripening and lacks sweetness and flavor. In case of too late picking, the fruit ripens quickly and lacks juiciness, the flesh becomes gritty and core break-down is the rule rather than the exception.

In view of the fact that pears must be picked at a proper degree of maturity if quality is to result, all growers are urged to make use of the testing service offered.

Select 10 to 12 specimens of healthy, normal fruits coming from several different trees so that the sample will represent an average for the entire crop. Selection of the sample should be done in the early morning while the fruit is cool, and the test be made as soon after picking as possible.

JACKSON REYNOLDS SHASTA PASSENGER

Jackson E. Reynolds, president of the First National Bank of New York and a director of the Southern Pacific company, was a passenger on the Shasta this morning. Mr. Reynolds has visited Crater Lake and also enjoyed a trip over the Redwood highway.

A. S. Rosenbaum, district freight and passenger agent had a four-pound steelhead and some choice Rogue river fruit placed aboard the train for Mr. Reynolds.

S. P. FARES AT LOWEST FOR PORTLAND VISIT TO SEE OLD FRIGATE

Record-breaking low excursion rates have been named by the Southern Pacific from Southern Oregon cities to Portland for Friday of this week to enable children and adults of this section to see the historic frigate, "Old Ironsides," now anchored in the Portland harbor, according to J. C. Carle, local agent.

Round-trip fare from Medford for children will be \$2.65 and for adults \$5.30. These fares are based on four-

tenths of a cent per mile for children and eight-tenths of a cent for adults.

Tickets will be good on the Shasta leaving here Friday morning or on the Oregonian Friday evening. They will be good for travel in coaches, or in Pullman cars. A special tourist sleeping car will be added to the Oregonian Friday evening, providing lower berths for \$2.25 and uppers for \$1.80. For the return trip the excursionists can leave any time up to and including 8:00 a. m. Monday morning.

Several hundred local children and adults are expected to take advantage of the excursion to see "Old Ironsides." More than 1400 persons took advantage of a similar excursion operated from Willamette valley points last week-end. The excursionists will be provided with badges which will give them free ad-

mission to the battleship Oregon, also anchored in the Portland harbor, to Jantzen Beach, and special price concessions at Portland theaters and other features.

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