

HERE'S ONE OF MYERS' SLEUTHS

J. E. Cooper, "Fired" Cop, Usurping Role of Officer

Although the records of city, county and state give him no official standing, J. E. Cooper, recently discharged from the police force on charges of associating with women of the underworld, is said to be usurping the role of a peace officer and making arrests just as if he were a legally appointed officer.

Cooper, according to his own statement, is working as a proli sleuth out of the office of Acting District Attorney W. P. Myers.

Nobody Claims Him

Mayor Fred R. Goddard today said that Cooper is in no way connected with the police force.

Sheriff Burt Hawkins denied street reports that Cooper is a deputy sheriff, either regular or special.

Governor Walter M. Pierce denied that Cooper is commissioned as a special state agent.

Yet, in the face of these denials, Cooper is reported to have appeared at a public dance last night and ordered a young Klamath Falls couple off the floor. He threatened to arrest the young man and went so far as to put him in an automobile, according to the young man's story. The girl is a daughter of a respected Klamath Falls family, and her father was greatly exercised today over the occurrence.

Displays Gun

The young man whom Cooper escorted from the dance floor says he asked the alleged officer by what authority he was attempting to make any arrest and was told by Cooper that it was none of his business. Cooper, he says, flashed a gun but did not display a star.

Since he has become an "operative" under the guidance of the acting district attorney, Cooper is reported to have taken part in one or more raids and to have made several arrests, although court house circles are plainly puzzled in trying to determine where he gets his authority.

Although the acting district attorney can employ persons for liquor investigations, it is said he cannot give them commissions of any kind and cannot clothe them with authority to serve as peace officers.

COPCO OFFICIALS HERE

Paul B. McKee, general manager of the California Oregon Power company, and J. H. Thompson are in the city today on business connected with their corporation.

State Man Will Watch Roads Here

Traffic Officers Issue Warnings to Drivers

Announcement that State Traffic Officer W. A. Foster had been permanently assigned to duty in this section was made here yesterday. Officer Foster, accompanied by Traffic Sergeant Earl B. Houston of Bend, arrived yesterday and before knocking off for the evening had made three arrests.

George Durkee, charged with operating an auto while intoxicated, was arrested on Sixth street. His case has not been set for hearing.

O. W. Hill, charged with using Chevrolet license plates on a Cadillac truck, was fined \$22.50 when arraigned before Justice Hunsaker. Clyde Deal, who also appeared before Justice Hunsaker, paid \$13.50 on a speeding charge.

Foster will specialize on general traffic work and his territory will include parts of both Lake and Klamath counties.

Both Houston and Foster emphasized that arrests would be made for speeding, for using improper license plates and for operating a car with license plates obstructed by bumpers.

Both license plates must be in plain sight and they must be readable, according to the officers.

Chautauqua Not Coming In 1926 Is Outlook Now

That Klamath Falls would not be included on the 1926 Chautauqua circuit was regarded as likely here today following a meeting held yesterday at the White Pelican hotel at which little action was taken.

Guarantors of the attraction this season were forced to dig into their pockets to make up the deficit incurred by reason of small attendance.

About 25 per cent of these guarantors were said to be in favor of signing up for another season. No action was taken, however, it being believed that better results would be obtained by waiting until later in the season.

Rainbows Striking In Crystal Creek

Rainbow trout are now rising to the fly in Crystal creek, near Rocky Point, according to A. R. Renner, who whipped the stream yesterday. As proof of the good fly fishing there, he returned with six big trout as a result of his afternoon's sport.

The trout are striking the March brown and the Blue bottle flies better than the others, said Mr. Renner.

PLASTERERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

NEW YORK, June 11. (A.P.)—A plasterers strike affecting \$75,000,000 construction by the George E. Fuller company, Thompson Street-reit company and the Long Acre Engineering and Construction company in Chicago, Detroit, Washington, Toronto and New York was announced today by the officials of the International Plasters Union.

Cost of Living Greater in Oregon Now Than One Year Ago, Records Show

SALEM, Ore., June 11.—Material increases in the cost of living in the past 12 months are shown in a comparison of prices which the state will have to pay for its supplies at this time with the prices paid a year ago.

The most radical increase is noted in the price of bacon, which shows a gain of more than 100 per cent, from \$15 per 100 pounds a year ago, to \$30.90 on the present bids. Hard wheat flour which was purchased by the state last year at \$5.24 per barrel is now quoted at \$7.40 per barrel, although this last figure represents a slight decrease in the price over the six months

period from \$7.80 last December. Soft wheat flour has jumped from \$4.45 a barrel last year to \$5.85 at this time. Ham, which was quoted at \$22.25 per 100 pounds a year ago is now up to \$27.20. Compound lard has increased from \$10 to \$12.80 and pure lard from \$10.50 to \$17.80. Coffee, which was quoted at 22 1-2c last year is now up to 31 1-2c. Reduced prices are quoted only in a few instances, notably in the price of sugar, which has slumped from \$7.05 per 100 pounds a year ago to \$6.15 at this time. Fresh beef is also a little cheaper at \$7.20 per 100 pounds as compared to \$8.80 a year ago.

PROSECUTION IN SHEPHERD TRIAL GETS UNDER WAY

State's Attorney Starts His Opening Statement to Twelve Jurors

MISS POPE IS PRESENT

Fiance of Millionaire Orphan Interested Spectator in Court Room

CHICAGO, June 11 (A. P.)—Strenuous effort by the defense to have Judge Thomas J. Lynch limit the opening statement of Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, opened the trial of William Darling Shepherd, who faced a jury charged with fatally administering typhoid germs, to his foster son, William Nelson McClintock.

When court opened 25 minutes after the hour set, William Scott Stewart, chief of defense counsel sought to have the state's outline of its case stripped of any reference to the death of Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock and Dr. Oscar Olson, or autopsies over them, but Mr. Crowe successfully resisted the defense wish to limit him. Judge Lynch ruled that it would be improper to object if the state sought to introduce anything not allied with the death of young McClintock but allied with what had been charged by Judge Harry Olson was a plot by Shepherd to obtain the McClintock \$1,000,000 estate by slaying those who stood between him and it.

Peculiar Statement

The defendant, his wife, who sat across the aisle from him and nearby spectators turned startled eyes upon young Mr. Stewart when at one point in his argument, he said: "But, Judge, we do not want the jury to hear anything they should not hear. Instructions to them to remove it from their minds then would do no good. It would be in their minds like the blood on our hands."

He did not elaborate on or explain the statement and it was apparently misapprehended figure of speech.

Miss Isabelle Pope who awaited with a marriage license to wed young McClintock when he lapsed into his last coma, appeared in the court room for the first time. She was accompanied by her attorney, John H. S. Lee.

After the witnesses had been excluded from the court room and the jury recalled upon completion of the arguments, State's attorney began his opening statement in a low, conversational voice that could not be heard a dozen feet away.

Al Smith Will Not Seek Office Again

New York Governor Reported Retiring—to Write for Newspapers

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 11.—(A.P.)—Governor Alfred E. Smith will refuse to run for governor or United States senator and retire from politics at the end of his present term, according to an Albany dispatch published by the Syracuse Herald today.

The Herald says it is understood that the governor received and will accept an offer of \$50,000 a year from the New York World to write on political and humanitarian topics.

Fish Commission Will Have Audit

Accountant Employed to Scrutinize Accounts for the Past Four Years

PORTLAND, June 11.—An audit of the books of the fish commission for the four years since it has been separate from the game commission is to be made by John Y. Richardson, an accountant, engaged as a result of a motion offered at a meeting yesterday by A. G. Beals of Tillamook, one of the new commissioners, who succeeded F. P. Kendall. Richardson said that in a preliminary inspection he had found several accounts that were not itemized.

Star Chamber Session Is On

A star chamber session of the railroad committee of the chamber of commerce was being held this afternoon with Southern Pacific officials. Reporters were barred from the meeting.

It was indicated by committee members that if the newspapers were permitted to attend the meeting the Southern Pacific officials might hesitate to say things which they would want to say if they knew that it would not reach the ears of the public.

TULE LAKE WHEAT IN FINE SHAPE

Crop May Exceed Half Million Bushels, Is Opinion

Klamath county wheat this year will be augmented by an estimated crop of at least 500,000 bushels of wheat from the Tule Lake basin, according to the estimate of County Agent C. A. Henderson, who yesterday made a survey of conditions on the west side of the lake.

Despite a smaller acreage, crop conditions in the lake are so unusual at this time of year as to warrant the statement that a big yield might be expected, Henderson said.

He brought back several wheat samples from the west side of the lake. Some of the samples were headed out and some were over two feet in length.

"I am not saying positively that a crop of 500,000 bushels will be harvested," Henderson said.

"With continued favorable conditions, however, such a yield should be easily harvested. The wheat is in much better condition than last year. Last year at this time much of the wheat had been drought-stricken. This year all of the wheat is in unusually fine condition and none of the patches show killed patches as they did last year."

Henderson is today making a survey of conditions on the east side of the lake, where grasshoppers proved a troublesome menace last year.

The west side of the lake is as yet unaffected by the pests.

TUNNEL WORKER FINED

PORTLAND, Ore., June 11.—John Scheyer, tunnel worker on the Natron cut-off, pleaded guilty today to possession of liquor and was fined \$250 by Federal Judge Bean.

Forest Guards Start Patrols

Lookouts Stationed Today on Walker Mountain

BEND, Ore., June 11.—The first forest lookout for the 1925 season in the Deschutes national forest went on duty today at the Walker Mountain station. This is more than a month later than the first lookout sent out in 1924, according to H. L. Plumb, supervisor of the forest.

Unusually heavy snow during the last winter has reduced the fire hazard especially in the higher regions this season so that a lookout might not be required at the Walker Mountain station even now except for the unusual railroad and highway construction work being done in that vicinity just now, Plumb says.

A lookout will be sent to Black Butte station within a few days and because the low country is rapidly drying out one will be stationed at Pine mountain within a short time.

HILL OFFICIALS TO ARRIVE HERE LATE NEXT WEEK

Presidents, Great Northern Oregon Trunk and Northern Pacific Due

TO HOLD RECEPTION

Will Meet Public Informally at White Pelican Hotel, Says Message

A party of Hill line officials will be here on the night of June 20th and will give a public reception at the White Pelican hotel, to which all persons, without discrimination, will be invited. This is the word received today in a telegram to C. W. Eberlein from Charles H. Carey, attorney for the Hill lines.

The telegram reads:
Portland, Oregon,
June 11, 1925.

C. W. Eberlein,
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

I expect to reach Klamath Falls the evening of June 20th with party which will include presidents of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Oregon Trunk and various officials. There will be a public reception at the White Pelican hotel at 8:30 to 9:30 p. m. at which the public is invited without discrimination and without formal invitations. Please aid me in having this meeting free to everybody and strictly informal.
CHARLES H. CAREY.

Enlistments Will Be Big Feature Of Defense Day Plans

PORTLAND, Ore., June 11.—One day enlistments will be a feature of National defense day in Oregon, it was decided by a committee appointed by Governor Pierce. The committee, which met here last night, will leave to the mayor's committee of each city the question of holding parades and local celebrations.

BANK IS ROBBED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 11.—The Sixteenth Street bank here was held up by two men and \$4200 in currency was taken.

Lakeview To Vote For New Schools

Question of Erecting Two New Buildings Will Be Decided Next Monday

(Special to The Herald)
LAKEVIEW, June 11.—Lakeview will go to the polls Monday afternoon and vote on a proposal to construct two new grade schools to cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 each. It is proposed to construct one on the north side of the city and the other on the south side. They would then house all of the grade pupils in the city.

The school board has procured one site and has taken an option on city property for the other. If the buildings are authorized the high school building then would be used exclusively for high school students. Because of crowded conditions now prevailing in the schools several grade classes are taught in the high school building.

Many Will Attend Big Mass Meeting

Rail Parley at Merrill Tonight Promises to be Interesting Affair

From all indications a monster crowd will be present tonight when the people of Merrill stage a railroad mass meeting at their community hall. Farmers from every part of the Merrill section will be present.

Officials of both the Hill and Southern Pacific lines have been asked to attend the meeting and place their arguments before the people. It is expected that one or more resolutions will be presented for adoption.

Malin Farmers Prove Great Aid To Oregon Trunk In Rail Fight

President W. F. Turner Sends Telegram Stating Action at Mass Meeting Will Be of Big Benefit—Shoup Denies Statement

Action taken at the railroad mass meeting at Malin last Sunday will aid materially in getting the Hill lines access to the Klamath country, it was revealed in a telegram received today by A. M. Thomas, secretary of the Farmers' Society of Tule Lake, from W. F. Turner, president of the Oregon Trunk railroad.

The telegram follows:
Portland, Oregon, June 10, 1925
A. M. Thomas, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Oregon Trunk very much appreciates expressions of good will voted by citizens at mass meeting at Malin. We feel that entire district tributary to or in vicinity of Klamath Falls will more rapidly and completely develop by having railroad connection through our lines and are glad to welcome assistance from all farming and industrial organizations. We believe that our line will create new business sufficient to justify their construction and not merely draw existing business from competitors.
W. F. TURNER.

Positive denial that there exists any promise, direct or implied, on the part of the Southern Pacific that it would build the Modoc Northern was made last night by Paul Shoup in a telegram to J. J. Miller, local representative of the railroad company. The telegram is an answer to the story in the Herald of June 9, to the effect that a stipulation had been entered into at the time the ownership of the Central Pacific was disposed of. The statement was made in The Herald on what it presumed to be competent and reliable authority. A further investigation is now under way for the purpose of ascertaining the basis upon which the original statement rested and when this information is secured it will be passed on to the readers of this paper for what it is worth.

The telegram from Mr. Shoup is as follows:
San Francisco, June 10, 1925

J. J. Miller.
Any statement to the effect that at the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific merger hearing any one on behalf of the Southern Pacific company entered into stipulation or promised directly or indirectly to build the Modoc Northern within 2 years, four months, or any other time after that hearing or after a decision might be rendered in favor of the Southern Pacific is absolutely in error. The only statement made on behalf of the company with respect to that situation was by its chairman, Mr. Kruttschnitt at the hearing shown on Page 38 of his printed testimony reading as follows:
Q—Mr. Kruttschnitt, are you familiar with a line proposed from Klamath Falls to some point connecting with the Central Pacific at Susanville or Westwood?
Yes.
Q—It is within the plans of the Southern Pacific to build that line?
A—The surveys and studies for that line were made a number of years ago and it is one of the projects that is in the company's archives now, for use sometime in the future. We did build from the Central Pacific up to Susanville at Westwood because there was a large mill, Red River Lumber company's mill, that was located at Westwood, to open up a very large tract of timber, and that line is doing a very satisfactory business in lumber and in between Westwood and Klamath Falls or between Susanville and Klamath Falls, that does not seem, at the present time to warrant the expense of completing that line, but I do not mean to say that it is abandoned, or put in the discard. We have a complete survey there, and my recollection is we have at some critical points acquired some right of way.
PAUL SHOUP.

THE MEETING AT MERRILL TONIGHT

There is an apparent attempt on the part of someone to develop strife between Merrill and Malin over the railroad question. We can see which side might be benefited by a split. We can also see who might be seriously injured. Merrill and Malin have no difference that should be permitted to develop into a quarrel. Our advice is for both of them to work together for everything that may be of benefit to that end of the county.

In this railroad question there is just one sensible course for Merrill: Don't permit any personal axes to be ground at the meeting tonight. Confine it to the dis-

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