

MISSING POWDER FOUND BY POLICE

SEVEN STICKS OF EXPLOSIVE OUT OF THE BOX

Search of the Police on the West Side Is Awarded—Missing Powder Is Found in an Old Ice House in the Vicinity of the Big Basin Lumber Company's Mill — Officer Hall Makes the Find

Local officers breathed a sigh of relief Monday when it became known that the missing part of the box of dynamite bought by George Cowan prior to the explosion in the Beck home had been found.

The police on Monday located the explosive in an old ice house on West Main street, adjoining the Big Basin Lumber company's saw mill.

A search of the lumber yard was commenced that morning by Chief of Police Smith, Patrolman Hall and Deputy Sheriff Sam Walker. Late this afternoon Hall discovered the cache.

The box of powder was found on the ground in the center of the room. The fuse and caps were behind the door. Seven sticks of giant powder were missing from the box and the fuse was eighteen inches short.

In the old shed the police also found the order for the powder and the bill for the caps and fuse given Gowan by Harry Galarnaux, a salesman of the Baldwin Hardware company, Thursday morning.

As no fuse has been sold since Thursday by the firm, Galarnaux was able to positively identify the fuse by fitting the end of it to the end of the roll at the store.

Although a number of witnesses were examined by District Attorney Kuykendall and Coroner Whitlock, nothing that would throw any additional light on the circumstances in connection with the dynamiting of the Beck home Thursday night and the resultant death of George Cowan was brought out at the coroner's inquest on Monday. The jury, after hearing the testimony, brought in a verdict stating that Gowan's death was due to an explosion caused by himself, and finding no one to blame for his death.

The inquest was held for the purpose of establishing, if possible, a motive for the action of Gowan, but nothing definite was brought out. The members of the Beck family, who were in the house when the explosion occurred, were examined, as well as Dr. Taylor, who arrived immediately after the explosion, and Harry Galarnaux and Charles Baldwin, who sold Gowan the giant powder.

Gowan's remains were shipped by Coroner Whitlock Sunday to his home in Superior, Wisconsin.

The verdict of the jury follows: "We, the jury empaneled and sworn to inquire into the cause of the death of George Gowan, find as follows:

"That the deceased was named George Gowan; that he came to his death in the City of Klamath Falls, State of Oregon, on the 26th day of December, 1912; that his death resulted from secondary shocks due to an explosion of powder by his own hands.

"That we do not believe any person is guilty of a crime thereby.

Signed: O. W. Robertson, L. W. Lindsay, James Dixon, T. M. O'Connell, M. G. Wilkins, J. W. Hawhurst.

Announcement has been made by County Clerk De Lap that no change will be made in his office force. This means that George Chastain is to remain as clerk of the circuit court, and that he will be one of the two lone democrats at the court house, the other being Assessor J. P. Lee.

Clerk De Lap has been a republican all his life, and from the time he attained his majority he has cast his ballot as much as possible for the members of the G. O. P. Chastain, on the other hand, has always supported the Jeffersonian party, and has become known as one of the pillars of democracy in Klamath county.

Despite his politics, Mr. De Lap knows that Mr. Chastain is unexcelled as a deputy county clerk, and he has retained him for another term. This is an announcement that will be received with joy by the attorneys, reporters, abstractors and others whose line of duty carries them to the court house.

Chastain first came to Oregon when he was 7 years old, his parents making the trip from Arkansas to Jackson county in 1875. In 1888 he came to Klamath county, and engaged in the mercantile business at Bonanza. It was while he was living at Bonanza that Mr. Chastain married Effie Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sutton. Mr. Sutton was the founder of the Ashland Tidings, and his wife was one of the first white women to see Crater Lake.

In 1900 Chastain came to Klamath Falls, and went in the mercantile business with L. F. Willets. He remained two years, then decided to

leave the Klamath country, but after two months in Montana he became convinced that there is some truth in the slogan, "You'll Like Klamath," and he returned to his former position.

At the 1904 election, Chastain, although a democrat, was elected county clerk. His record was so good that the following campaign he was elected without opposition.

At the conclusion of his term he went into business again for a while, but sold out, and spent several months at the Shook ranch near Dalry. April 1, 1911, he accepted a position as deputy county clerk under De Lap, and from present indications, he will be an attache of the office for the coming two years.

Police Watch Players

The police have been watching a couple of poker joints during the past few days, but have been unable to arrest anyone who could be convicted of gambling.

Ben Morris, auditor for the Klamath Development company, returned to Klamath Falls Tuesday after spending Christmas with relatives at Berkeley. He was accompanied by Richard Lachse of the same city.

THREE KLAMATH MEN HONORED

DELEGATES TO THE OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND NEXT MONTH ARE APPOINTED

James Felton of Fort Klamath, W. O. Smith and Frank Ira White of this city are the Klamath county delegates to the session of the Oregon Irrigation congress to be held in Portland January 9, 10 and 11. They were appointed Monday by Secretary Oliver of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce, and all will attend the convention.

The session this year is of more than usual importance, as a great deal of attention will be given to the irrigation laws, and recommendations regarding them will be prepared for the legislative session commencing January 13 in Salem.

On account of the trips through Oregon that were taken by the delegates to the session of the Central Oregon Development League in Lakeview, a good idea of the present status of irrigation was obtained, and the delegates were able to take the matter up with the water users and farmers of the different communities, and thus learn the general opinion regarding this or that proposed change.

FARRELL GETS POLITICAL PLUM

Thomas S. Farrell of Lakeview has been appointed deputy prosecuting attorney for Lake county by John Irwin, prosecuting attorney-elect.

At the last election Mr. Farrell was elected justice of the peace for Lakeview, which office he will resign in order to accept the appointment made by Mr. Irwin.

The British bark *Torrisdale* has been wrecked on the Grays Harbor bar. All of the crew were saved.

Edwin Wilson, one of the Indian police force, is in from the Agency today.

J. W. Stinnett, who conducts the hotel at Midland, was arrested Saturday evening on a charge of selling liquor without a license and conducting a bawdy house. He was brought to this city by Deputy Sheriff George Hayden, and the same evening was released on bonds.

The warrant for Stinnett's arrest was issued after the information was filed by August A. Liskey. In his information he states that he was sold a pint of whiskey on December 5th, and that on the same day he learned that the hotel was operated as a house of ill fame.

Stinnett is said to be the victim of a plot for revenge. It is said that since he took charge of the hotel at Midland, several months ago, he has operated it in a proper manner.

The hotel was formerly operated by J. L. Poole, who tried to kill himself here last week, and while Poole was there he conducted a saloon. Some of the stock from the saloon is still at the hotel, say friends of Stinnett, and they declare that instead of selling liquor to Liskey, he gave him a bottle.

According to the defense, Liskey made an improper remark to a girl employed at the hotel, and she struck him on the head with a catsup bottle. He demanded that she be discharged, say Stinnett's friends, and the landlord refused to do so. Then Liskey threatened to make charges against Stinnett.

Ray Court left last evening for San Francisco, where he is working for an auto transfer firm. Mr. Court spent several days visiting his parents at their country home near the town of Midland.

REGAL SHOES TO BE SOLD HERE

K. K. K. STORE TO CHANGE ITS BRAND OF STOCK—PRESENT STOCK IN THE POPULAR STORE WILL BE ENLARGED

The establishment of a Regal Shoe Store and the enlargement of their men's furnishing department are two improvements to be made in a short time by the K. K. K. Store. The Regal Store will be located at Sixth and Main streets, and will be in charge of E. W. VanBellen.

The greater part of the stock of the Walk-Over Shoe Store, operated by the K. K. K. Store, is being moved to the Regal store, and this stock will be sold at reduced prices, in order to make room for the Regal stock. After that, the stock carried by the store will be exclusively Regal.

The lower floor of the I. O. O. F. Temple is to be remodeled after the shoe stock is moved, in order to make more room for the K. K. K. Store's stock of men's furnishings. Walk-Over shoes for men will also be carried at this store.

There is an air of mystery concerning the circumstances in connection with the death of Walter G. Rucker at Merrill early Saturday morning, according to his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gooch of Red Bluff, his daughters, Mrs. E. Caldwell and Miss Nora Rucker, and son, Verne Rucker of Edgewood, and a friend, M. Mussallem of Weed, who came here to take charge of the remains.

Monday the party went to Merrill to have the remains exhumed and to make what investigation they could. That night they returned to this city and turned the remains over to Coroner Whitlock to prepare for shipment.

"We found it very difficult to find out anything in connection with the death of my brother," said Mrs. Gooch. "The people at Merrill seemed to think it strange that we should make an investigation, and our inquiries were met for the most part with evasive answers.

"All we talked to were positive that Rucker fell down stairs, but we could not find a single one who saw him fall. Some insisted that his death was due to fatty degeneration of the heart, but the death certificate signed by Dr. Patterson, who attended him, states that death resulted from internal injuries not positively determined, resulting from a fall down stairs.

"The statement in the morning paper that a post mortem examination had been made is untrue. No post mortem has been held, so that story as to the cause of death is without foundation."

The remains are being embalmed by Coroner Whitlock, and tomorrow the body will be shipped to Fall River, Calif., the home of Rucker's mother, where it will be buried.

Relatives of the deceased cattle man conferred with District Attorney Kuykendall regarding the case Monday night, but in his opinion circumstances in connection with the death of Rucker do not warrant the holding of an inquest.

Miss Beatrice Clendenning returned Sunday from San Francisco, where she spent several days visiting with friends.

COMMERCE CLUB MEETS WEDNESDAY

The annual banquet and meeting of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday evening, January 3, and members of that organization are at work arranging a program for the occasion, and of deciding where to hold the meeting. This will be decided later in the week.

A new corps of officers will be elected at this meeting, and the future policy of the Chamber will be outlined. New methods of advertising the resources of Klamath county will be talked over.

A committee is to be appointed this week to make a campaign for new members. It is the intention of the Chamber of Commerce to have every business and professional man in the city enrolled as a member.

HUNTERS SEEK 1913 LICENSES

Although there are a few hours yet of 1912, Klamath county wardens have already sent in applications for game licenses for 1913. Monday nineteen licenses were issued by Deputy Clerks De Lap and Chastain.

The first license was issued to F. E. Rawlings, a well known Swan Lake man. Others securing licenses Tuesday were Guy Cole, W. Ludwig, C. C. Ferris, John S. Horn, J. T. Bryant, Don J. Lytle, W. L. Clapp, Dr. E. V. Morrow, Ray Cole, Ray Huff, eGeorge N. Nitschelm, Virgil Huff, Fred Noonan, Frank Murry, James Dedmas, R. L. Goss, F. W. Broadsword and Harry and Will Baum.

SHORT RANCH CHANGES HANDS

C. R. PATTERSON OF CALIFORNIA PAYS \$7,000 FOR 280 ACRES. WILL RAISE CATTLE AND HOGS FOR THE MARKET

The Short ranch, near Spring Lake, has been sold. A deal has just been closed whereby the property was transferred by Mrs. Margaret Pitts to C. R. Patterson, late of Mendocino county, California.

The property is one of the best highland ranches in the county. It consists of 289 acres, and the consideration is said to be in the neighborhood of \$7,000.

It is Mr. Patterson's intention to devote his entire attention to raising cattle and hogs for the market. He will install a pumping plant in the spring to furnish irrigation for his storage crops.

Roads Are Fine

The roads are fine from Silver Lake to Bend, says the Chewaucan Press. There is about ten inches of snow at the summit by Lava Butte, which decreases toward Bend and toward Fort Rock, at which points there is practically none.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon of Fort Klamath spent Sunday in Klamath Falls.

Judge Gowen Rents Office

In anticipation of his taking up the duties of Justice of Peace for Linkville district, E. W. Gowen is preparing his office and court room. He has leased the building at Fourth and Pine streets, and will dispense justice there during his term of office.

RUCKER'S CASE MAY BE PROBED

Do the facts in connection with the death of W. J. Rucker at Merrill early Saturday morning warrant the holding of a coroner's inquest?

Members of Rucker's family, who arrived Sunday night from Weed and Red Bluff, believe they do, and Monday they went to Merrill to make an investigation.

Rucker, who was 48 years old, and a resident of Lookout, Calif., died early Saturday morning at the Riverside hotel in Merrill, following a fall down the stairs at the hostelry early in the evening. He was hurt internally, according to Merrill people, and died within a few hours.

Messages were sent to relatives of the dead man, telling them of the death, and his brother and M. Munallum of Weed, Mr. and Mrs. Gooch and Mrs. Caldwell of Red Bluff arrived Sunday night. After their arrival they telephoned Coroner Whitlock to learn further details about the death of their kinsman, but the coroner had not been notified, and knew nothing of the death.

Learning this, the relatives telephoned to Merrill regarding the case, and learned that the body was buried there Sunday, although they had telegraphed to delay the funeral until their arrival.

The relatives of the deceased, who was a horse buyer, left on Monday for Merrill to make a further investigation. They were seriously considering exhuming the body at the time they left. In case they do this, they may ask an investigation by the coroner.

Rucker has resided at the Riverside hotel in Merrill for several months while he was buying horses in that vicinity. Friday afternoon, feeling ill, he went to his room on the second floor of the hotel to lie down. He slept until 8:30 that evening, and when he started downstairs he tripped on the top step and fell to the bottom of the flight.

According to a Merrill resident, Rucker's death was due to heart failure, following a protracted period of inebriation. He states that the body was held awaiting the arrival of the dead man's relatives until the town authorities ordered it buried.

"Rucker was addicted to the use of intoxicants, and it has been known a Merrill that his heart was weakened as a result," said the Merrill man. "At the time Rucker fell down the steps a doctor was summoned, but he was not found to be injured as a result of the fall. He was removed to his room, and went to sleep, and he died early the following morning.

"As soon as possible Rucker's relatives were communicated with regarding his death, and they wired that they would leave at once. Believing the relatives would arrive sooner than they did, we believed the remains would keep until their arrival, as Merrill has no embalmer. The relatives did not arrive Sunday morning, as we expected, not reaching Klamath Falls until last night.

"In the meantime decomposition set in. By Sunday evening this had become noticeable, and the authorities ordered the body buried. The remains were interred in accordance with this request.

CHILCOTE DOES SOME BUSINESS

Although there has been no particular activity in real estate circles recently, E. M. Chilcote reports several deals during the past few weeks. Notably are the following:

Four room house and lots 2 and 3, block 11, Fairview addition, to Ross Nickerson.

Lots 4 and 5, block 23, Buena Vista addition, to M. R. Doty.

Five room house and lot, block 192, Buena Vista addition, to S. S. Hill.

Part of lots 5 and 6, block 60, in Nichols addition, to H. Orem.

Southeasterly one-half of lots 7 and 8, block 55, Second Hot Springs addition, with four-room house, to Herbert B. McLane.

The east 20 acres off the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section 29-39-9, to Chas. E. Worden.

The southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, section 29-39-9, to P. M. Reidy.

Lots 2, 3 and 4, block 31, First addition, to J. F. Maguire.

Lot 5, block 9, Fairview addition, to Jerry Sleek.

Miss Maud Rippey returned Monday night from Ashland, where she spent the holidays visiting relatives.

LOCAL WOMEN FORM ORCHESTRA

ORGANIZATION COMPLETED AND INITIAL PRACTICE HELD LAST NIGHT—HAVE SEVERAL ENGAGEMENTS IN VIEW

Organization of a ladies' orchestra was effected Monday night when four well known local musicians met in Kasliga hall and held their first practice. Members of the orchestra are Mrs. A. Y. Tindall, piano; Mrs. Fred Barlow, violin; Miss Faye Hogue, clarinet; Mrs. Allen, cornet.

The orchestra will play largely for the pleasure it affords the members. They have already received a number of offers of engagements, and may accept some of these.

INITIAL BASKET CONTEST FRIDAY

Klamath Falls basketball enthusiasts will be given a chance to witness their favorite sport Friday evening at the Pavilion, when the strong high school squad will play a game with a quintet selected from the high school alumni association. This will give the coaches a chance to judge the different aspirants for positions in the high school team, as well as furnish some excitement for the spectators.

There have been some remarkably fast basketball material developed at the local school in years past, and several old stars are still in the city. Among these are Clarence Motschenbacher, Garrett Van Riper, Perry De Lap, Marion Barnes, Will Hurn, Ray Telford, John Siemens and Virgil De Lap. They are all said to be out for places.

In addition to the school-alumni game, the girls of the high school will play a preliminary game Friday evening.

Miss Mattie Foster, a teacher in the local schools, came in Monday from Fort Klamath, where she spent the holidays.

Tommy Burns will try to come back in a fight with Bombardier Wells at Calgary March 14th. A purse of \$37,000 has been raised.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brooks of Dairy were Klamath Falls visitors on Monday.

FISHERMEN PAY \$4,129 TO STATE

The coffers of the state fish and game commission have been enriched in the sum of \$4,129 during 1912 by the sportsmen of Klamath county. This is the amount of money collected by the county clerk's office here for hunting and fishing licenses issued during the year.

The report being prepared by the office shows that the sum paid for hunting licenses was \$2,279. The money received for the issuances of fishing licenses was \$1,860. In the case of local people the licenses are \$1 each, but non-residents of the state are assessed \$5 and \$10 for the privileges of hunting and fishing in Klamath county.

The license fees collected each month follows:

	Hunting	Fishing
January	.....\$331	\$195
February	..... 41	127
March	..... 30	147
April	..... 40	152
May	..... 37	151
June	..... 82	270
July	..... 292	416
August	..... 819	310
September	..... 365	81
October	..... 149	23
November	..... 87	7
December	..... 6	1

GAME WARDEN IS SEEKING QUAIL

WANTS TO STOCK THIS STATE WITH THE "BOB WHITE" VARIETY, BUT HAS TROUBLE IN SECURING A SUPPLY

Several attempts have been made by the state game warden, William L. Finley, to buy Bob White quail in the Eastern states for liberating in certain parts of Oregon. The Bob White is a very desirable bird, however, and other states are guarding carefully the supply they now have. Some sections of Oregon are already pretty fairly stocked with Bob White quail. Other sections are stocked with California and Mountain quail.

"We can stock almost all parts of our state with these different varieties of quail," said Mr. Finley, "if we can secure reliable parties to trap the birds and ship them under our directions. We are anxious to get in touch with anyone who is in position to trap quail. We are willing to pay for the birds, and shall arrange to have them sent either to the state game farm at Corvallis, or direct to the places where we want to liberate them."

In parts of the Willamette Valley and in sections of Eastern Oregon Bob White quail are quite abundant. These birds will thrive well in Southern Oregon, and the people in that part of the country are anxious to have them introduced. In Southern Oregon the California or Valley quail are abundant, and yet we have none of these birds in the Willamette Valley, although they would thrive here and make a splendid addition to our supply of game birds.

Both the California quail and the Bob White quail are insect and weed seed eaters. They are not only excellent game birds, but are most valuable birds from the economic standpoint about any farming community.

It is strictly against the law to trap any game birds in the state of Oregon, yet the state game warden can by special permit grant this privilege for scientific and propagation purposes.

LAKE COUNTY SHEEP HEALTHY

County Stock Inspector D. P. Maloy and who is acting in the capacity of government inspector since the death of Wm. J. Proudfoot, last week returned from a tour of the sheep on the "desert," says the Lakeview Examiner. He states that conditions in general are favorable in that section. He found no scab among the bands, but in a few instances wildfire exists. This is a disease of the skin, but is not considered seriously dangerous. However, dipping, he says, is the only means of permanently eradicating it. Mr. Maloy states that about three inches of snow fell on the "High Desert," which affords ample water for the sheep and camp purposes. Feed is good also, he says, in many places there being an abundance of bunch grass available for the sheep to graze upon.

APOTHECARIES STILL WINNING

After being nosed out of the first game by four pins, the Star Druggists Monday night evened up matters with the Odd Fellows by taking the remaining two games. Incidentally they further clinched their lead in the City Bowling League.

The highest score was rolled by Bice of the Three-Link team. In the last game he scored 211.

The results for the three games follow:

	(1)	(2)	(3)
Odd Fellows	..... 116	156	211
Bice	..... 123	148	143
Brett	..... 195	189	114
Guthridge	..... 172	133	163
Matthews	..... 125	152	125
Totals	..... 731	778	756
Star Drug Co.—(1) (2) (3)	..... 134	150	163
Brown	..... 121	140	112
L. Houston	..... 147	190	194
Stouphen	..... 150	189	186
Watters	..... 175	113	130
Totals	..... 727	790	786

M. F. Loosley of Fort Klamath is among today's visitors in the county seat.

GOWEN TO HEAR STINNETT CASE

J. W. Stinnett of Midland, accused of operating a bawdy house and selling liquor without a license, will have his hearing before Justice of the Peace-elect Gowen. His case was continued Tuesday until January 8, two days after Gowen assumes the office of committing magistrate.

Horace M. Manning has been retained as counsel by Stinnett. He is said to be preparing a strong fight against the charges preferred by August Liskey.