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## Attempted Jail Break Frustrated

N. C. Schmidt and Ernest Gomel, who were arrested two weeks ago on the charge of stealing the launch "Madeline" from W. E. Sutherland of Orcas, were arraigned before Justice of the Peace, C. E. Hackett and bound over to the Superior court, each having imposed upon him a \$1500 bail, which they were unable to furnish.

On account of the seriousness of the charges against them, and the attitude of the men, the sheriff appointed Felix Marrian, deputy sheriff and assigned him to night duty.

At 11:45 last Friday night, Deputy Sheriff Marrian heard suspicious noises, and was aware that the prisoners were attempting to make their escape, but was unable to ascertain the extent of their labors. At 12:45 the noise was considerably louder. Marrian then ran across the way and awoke Frank P. Christensen and told him that the prisoners were planning a jail break. Marrian then stationed himself at the front door of the jail and Christensen at the rear corner of the court house facing the jail. It was very dark and neither of the men could see where the other was standing.

It soon became apparent from the noise that the prisoners had nearly sawed their way out, so Christensen halloed to Marrian, but getting no answer fired a shot toward the jail, which was immediately answered by Marrian from his station. As soon as the shots were fired the prisoners ceased their labors and were not heard again.

When daylight came Marrian found that the prisoners had made a hole about six inches wide and two and one-half feet long from their cell to the outside.

When sheriff Boyce came on duty at seven o'clock the prisoners confessed at once their attempt to escape, and their only regret was that they had not had five minutes more before being stopped.

Examination of the jail shows that the walls are constructed by laying 2x4s flat one on top of the other, and outside of that a layer of thin rustic. The prisoners had cut out seven pieces of 2x4, each two and one-half feet long. This had been done the night before their attempt to escape, because the inside of their cell, where they are locked up at night, contained nothing of the 2x4, they evidently having burned them in the day time, when they are allowed the use of the whole jail. The opening, beginning at the floor, was cut so that they might conceal the same by shoving their cot up against it. On the night of their attempt they had nothing but the rustic to remove and they did this by boring holes around the edge, and then using a small chisel to take out the splinters. They had removed about one-fourth of the rustic when they were stopped.

The tools found on them are what is known as the "Yankee Kit," which consists of a small saw, screw driver, file, two chisels and a gimlet, all newly sharpened. These tools are kept in the handle when not in use, but when wanted are fastened into a socket in the tool. There was also found a fisherman's baitknife. The prisoners claim that these tools were thrown to them from the outside during the early part of the week.

The authorities have reliable information as to the parties concerned in the attempt to assist the prisoners in their escape, and it is expected that a warrant will be served at any moment.

## Pays \$150,000 for Game Refuge

With a fortune of \$80,000,000 at her disposal and a sincere desire to use it for the benefit of humanity, Mrs. Russell Sage, even in her eighty-fifth year, is hardly to be classed among "the idle rich." Her birthday benefactions are famous; for it is her pleasant custom to celebrate her anniversaries by announcing her more important gifts, such as the ten million dollar endowment of the Sage Foundation for Social Betterment and many large contributions for educational purposes. Yet though her other benefactions may have been more directly for the advantage of humankind, none has been quite so picturesque as her purchase of Marsh island off the coast of Louisiana to be set aside in perpetuity as a shelter and inviolable sanctuary for all the birds of the air that may seek its hospitable shores. This island, eighteen miles long, with an area of 115 square miles and a total coast line of about sixty-five miles, is a natural refuge and breeding place for many kinds of aquatic birds and a port of call for great flocks on their spring and autumn migrations. Consequently it has always been a favorite camping ground for the market gunners who have killed as many as a hundred thousand wild fowl on the island each season. Mrs. Sage purchased the island for \$150,000, vesting the title in Mr. Edward McIlhenny as trustee until such time as it shall be decided to turn over the property to either the state of Louisiana or the Federal Government. So thanks to Mrs. Sage, herons, bitterns, loons, pelicans, ducks, geese, terns, gulls, cranes and feathered folk of many other varieties will hereafter find comfort and safety on Marsh island, notwithstanding their edibility or plumage.—Woman's Home Companion.

## Mt. Constitution as State Playground

If plans do not go awry the summit of Mt. Constitution will be the mecca of thousands of persons July 4, 1913.

San Juan county citizens plan holding a mounstrous Fourth of July celebration on the top of that stately old sentinel of the Straits of Juan de Fuca on the national holiday.

Alluding to the latest chapter of history anent Mt. Constitution, Orcas island, it will be remembered that Robert Moran gave to the state of Washington an area of 2,700 acres of land on the very summit of that Mountain and the state accepted the gift. Mr. Moran specifies that the plot must be used as a state park and available to all visitors and pleasure seekers.

Mt. Constitution pierces the sky to an altitude of about 2,000 feet.

From its summit there is one of the most picturesque panoramic views of any place on Puget Sound, as the cities of Puget Sound and Northwest are in plain view and the kaleidoscopic views of the San Juan archipelago and the shoreline and background of Puget Sound proper is remarkable for its marked beauty.

If the Fourth of July celebration is brought to a successful issue it is planned to run excursions from Bellingham and other Puget Sound points, and the promoters are of the belief that the spot is so ideal that the center of population of Puget Sound will be transferred for a day to the top of Mt. Constitution.—N. W. Progressive.

## Eighth Grade Examinations

Notice is hereby given that an examination will be held at Friday Harbor, East Sound and Lopez May 15 and 16. Nellie Sweeney, County Supt.

## Good Ball Game Last Sunday

There was a ball game here last Sunday. A real, live, sure-enough ball game! Things looked kind of dubious during the first half of the first inning, when the "Injuns" ran in three tallies; and the fans began to whistle "You'll do the same thing over, over again, over again." They were pleasantly surprised, however, when the Fridays tightened up and played ball.

After the first inning it was "good night" for the Lummis, and they might just as well have gone back to the tall timber as far as getting any more runs was concerned. With the exception of a few bone-head plays the local boys played real ball, and it seemed like old times once more.

Friday Harbor fans are certainly a loyal bunch and they have been hollering their heads off in spite of the bum luck the last couple of weeks, but the racket they made last Sunday made all former demonstrations look like thirty cents, all in pennies. We knew the boys could play ball all the time if they just got together, and now that they have got into their stride once more things will be different.

Earl Baker, as catcher, looks like a good find for Friday Harbor, and if he improves as much in the next week as he has in the last he will be hard to beat.

All the boys are deserving of praise for the game they put up Sunday. Keep up the good work boys, and you won't have to worry about the gate receipts. Last Sunday's game was well worth the price of admission, and did you notice that nobody kicked about it being cold?

The score was 3 to 4 in favor of Friday Harbor, the local boys making one each in the seventh and eighth and two in the third. Next game will be with the Bellingham W. O. W. team Sunday afternoon.

## Special Meeting Monday Night

The meeting of the San Juan County Rod and Gun Club Monday was one of the most largely attended gatherings of the new club. Three new members handed in their names. On account of the unavoidable absence of the presiding officers no business meeting was held, but the evening was pleasantly passed in a social way.

A list of ten new names from East Sound was received by the club this week, thus bringing the membership up to forty-five.

A special meeting is called for next Monday night, May 12. Be sure and attend as the Constitution and By-laws will be definitely settled at that time; besides the discussion of several other matters of importance.

## Miss Alice M. D'Arcy Dead

Miss Alice M. D'Arcy passed away in Bellingham Saturday, April 26, and was brought to Anacortes for interment in the Grand View cemetery, funeral services being held from the home of her brother, C. A. D'Arcy, on Thirty-second street and Q avenue Tuesday afternoon. Miss D'Arcy was born at Fulton, Mass., sixty-two years ago, but passed most of her life in California, coming to Anacortes about a year ago to live with her brother, C. A. D'Arcy.—Anacortes Citizen.

## A Warning to Housewives

House cleaning is said to have driven William Brandon to suicide. He quit beating carpets in the yard of his home and later his body was found in the water at the bottom of a deep hole in a nearby stone quarry. A note addressed to Mrs. Brandon was found in a cleft in the rocks and the message is credited as the farewell message of her husband. "I can't beat carpets or clean

## Superior Court Holds Busy Session

Agusta M. Lohman was appointed administratrix of the estate of Geo. Lohman, deceased.

An order was issued by the court granting papers of adoption to John Dougherty and Elizabeth Dougherty of Paul Sterkins.

There will be a jury session the first week in June.

The judge will give a decision next term in the case of State vs. Coast Fish Co. For leaving fish traps open out of season.

Defendants Schmidt and Gomel, charged with grand larceny entered plea of not guilty. The court impaneled the jury to try the case for the state at the June court at San Juan county.

The prisoners were taken to Whatcom county for safe keeping until the June term.

L. J. Irwin, local attorney, was retained for defendants.

## Alaska Enacts Anti-Alien Bill

The House anti-alien fishing bill passed the territorial Senate by an unanimous vote and is now in the hands of the governor. After the bill was passed a message was sent to Governor Johnson of California informing him of the Alaska legislature's action.

The bill, which was fathered by Representative N. J. Svindseth of Wrangell, was designated to bar Japanese fishermen who have rapidly increased their operations in Alaska waters in recent years. The bill was passed by a unanimous vote by both houses a month ago but on April 4 the Senate reconsidered the measure to await legal advice.

## C. P. R. Steamer Tees Aground

Word was received here early today that the Canadian Pacific railway steamer Tees had run aground at Franklin creek, Alberni canal. The vessel is reported as being in no immediate danger. It left Victoria Friday morning at 10 o'clock. A tug has been dispatched to the vessel's assistance.

The wireless station reports the sea calm and weather favorable.

The steamer Tees, Capt. Gillam commanding, was on her way to Clayoquot and way ports, on the west coast of Vancouver island, a-long which it plies regularly, when she went aground.

## Anacortes Organizes Gun Club

With a membership of thirty-five the Anacortes Gun club was organized last week. Officers elected were: Preside t, C. Q. Adams; vice president, Harry Rickaby; Secretary, E. A. Meagher; treasurer, H. E. Gruppe; standing committee, C. L. Dwelly, R. G. Billel, Henry Davy and Russell Brown.

Grounds have been secured on Guemes island, within a few minutes ride of the city, and traps will be installed at once. It is the intention of the club, when a few practice shoots have been held, to arrange matches with clubs in other towns in the northwest.

## Masons Present Cane to J. A. Scribner

A surprise party was given by the Masons and Eastren Star Monday evening at the home of J. A. Scribner on Argyle Ave., in honor of his seventy-fifth birthday. They presented him with a silver-headed cane. There were about thirty present.

house," it read, "and it ain't no use trying to make me. When you read this I hope you will give up your habit of cleaning house very time you hear a robin sing."—Bellingham Herald.