

CASES ARE DISMISSED

Alleged Local Option Law Violators Discharged.

MORTON IS SENTENCED

Given Three Months in the County Jail—Vera DeHart, Alleged Consort, is Fined \$50—Richardson Case Ends.

NORTH ACQUITTED.

The jury in the case of the State vs Al North returned a verdict in favor of the defendant in the circuit court shortly before 6 o'clock Saturday evening. North was indicted on a charge of violating the local option laws, but owing to the unfavorable reputation of the prosecuting witnesses, District Attorney Brown was utterly unable to perfect a substantial case. The case consumed the greater part of Saturday, the jury retiring shortly after 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Realizing the hopelessness of attempting to secure convictions in the cases of the State of Oregon vs S. K. Reizenstein, Joseph Bartholomew, and George Culver, all accused of violating the local option law, through evidence similar to that adduced by three Eugene "spotters" at the recent trial of Al North, District Attorney George M. Brown submitted a motion in open court this morning requesting that the three cases at issue be dismissed. After brief deliberation Judge Hamilton sustained the motion and the clerk was instructed to wipe the cases from the docket.

Following is the motion submitted in the case of the State vs S. K. Reizenstein, being similar to those those presented in other cases:

Now at this time comes the State of Oregon by George M. Brown, prosecuting attorney in and for said county and state, and moves the court to dismiss the above entitled cause.

That it is the opinion of the representative of the State that the trial of said cause would not result in a conviction; that the evidence on record in this court in the trial of the State of Oregon vs Al North, is referred to and made a part of this motion.

That the endorsement of the list of witnesses upon the indictment in this cause shows that the same witnesses as in the North case are endorsed upon the indictment in this case and it is necessary for the state to rely upon the same character of

evidence in the trial of said cause, and has no other evidence.

GEORGE M. BROWN,
Prosecuting Attorney.

Draws Jail Sentence.

Three months in the county jail was the punishment meted out to "Great" Morton, otherwise known as the "strong" arm, who was brought before Judge Hamilton for sentence in the circuit court this morning. When asked as to what he had to say why sentence should not be imposed, Morton simply nodded his head, apparently indifferent as to the penalty of his crime.

It will be remembered that Morton was arrested here several weeks ago accused of stealing a quantity of clothing from the Roseburg rooming house in this city, and upon being arraigned in the justice court soon after was held to appear before the grand jury.

For some reason the theft charged was dropped, and there unexpectedly came from the grand jury room an indictment charging him with the more serious offense of lewd cohabitation. During the trial which followed Morton professed innocence, alleging that at no time had Vera DeHart, his alleged consort, occupied the room in question. The defense was unable to convince the jury of the prisoner's innocence, however, and after a brief deliberation a verdict of guilty was returned.

According to the terms of the sentence Morton will spend the next three months in the county jail. He is a theatrical man, and is said to have drawn a substantial salary while engaged in his profession.

Consort Fined \$50.

Miss Vera DeHart Parker, Morton's alleged consort, appeared in the circuit court this morning and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of lewd cohabitation. Like her pal, Morton, she had little to say in answer to the interrogations of the court, but on the contrary appeared as a person ready to take her medicine. In imposing the sentence Judge Hamilton spoke briefly, simply informing the young lady that her present difficulty should teach her a valuable lesson as to future conduct. It is said that Miss DeHart has friends in Portland who will gladly donate the amount of the fine and save her from serving a jail sentence.

Is Given Judgment.

The case of Baxter Robinson vs Darby Richardson, a former Roseburg "booster" attracted the attention of a jury in the circuit court this morning. The suit was the outcome of a libelous article published over Richardson's signature in which he referred to Robinson as a knocker, and said that he should be escorted to the city limits and given instructions to leave the county at once under penalty of severe punishment.

When the case was called for trial this morning Attorney B. L. Eddy was on hand to represent the plaintiff, while Attorneys Coshaw & Rice, representing Richardson, failed to make an appearance.

Notwithstanding this state of affairs, however, the case proceeded without a defense. Several witnesses were examined, and in brief their evidence was simply to the effect that the article was published and was of a libelous nature.

The case reached the jury shortly

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HILL PARTY IN TOWN

Spend Saturday Night and Sunday Here.

RAILROAD IS DISCUSSED

Hill Says He Will Return to Roseburg and Investigate—Will Visit Coos Bay—Delighted With Entertainment.

Interviewed by local capitalists Saturday night relative to a current report to the effect that the Hill interests had obtained possession of the F. B. Haines railroad survey, which traverses a resourceful and advantageous country lying between Roseburg and Coos Bay, Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, stamped the rumor as false, and added that he was quite surprised that such a report prevailed as he had little knowledge of Haines or his operations in this section of Oregon.

"You can say for me," said the railroad man, "that I am practically unacquainted with the country through which the much talked of railroad would wind, and not until I have an opportunity to personally investigate the need of such a line will it be built. I had thought of visiting the coast on my present trip, but owing to business matters requiring my attention in St. Paul I deemed it necessary to delay the visit."

When informed that a railroad could be built to Marshfield with but a one per cent grade, Mr. Hill appeared little surprised, and said that unless the line could be built with less than one per cent grade it would prove a losing proposition. Continued interrogation upon the part of local people in an effort to ascertain future plans of the Hill interests in this section of the state proved fruitless, the railroad president simply giving his interviewers to understand that a prolonged and thorough investigation would be necessary before any information of a definite nature could be made public, especially relative to the construction of a line requiring the expenditure of several million dollars, such as the proposed Roseburg-Coos Bay road.

Asked as to whether it was the intention of the Hill interests to extend their electric line paralleling the Southern Pacific lines as far south as Roseburg, Mr. Hill appeared indifferent. He intimated, however, that it was the intention of the owners of the electric road to add to their holdings in the near future, but refused point blank to divulge definite information relative to their plans. Other members of the Hill party were approached and asked as to the future plans of the railroad magnate, but like Mr. Hill, they refused to reveal important information.

When told that the Southern Pacific Company intended to complete

the Drain extension during the present year, Mr. Hill seemed little surprised, apparently in possession of previous information. In connection with this news Mr. Hill simply said that he understood that the Harriman interests contemplated spending considerable money in improvements in Oregon during the next two years, but professed ignorance as to what the improvements would embrace.

While Mr. Hill and every member of his party refused to divulge any information or encouragement during their stay in this city, the citizens, and especially those interested in the construction of an east and west line to the coast, consider his visit significant. Those who were fortunate enough to meet Mr. Hill at Roberts Hill, south of town say that he appeared very talkative, and continually asked for information relative to matters pertaining to railroad building. Upon several occasions, it is said, he inquired of his escorts as to the distance from Roseburg to the coast; the nature of the country, and the lowest grade that could be attained in the event such a line was built.

Another incident which has led the people of Douglas county to believe that the Hill interests are soon to invade his section of the state is the fact that he remained here nearly two days, or several hours longer than at Medford. While fishing for salmon at Winchester yesterday he was still in an inquisitive mood, and allowed no opportunity to pass that he might learn of the resources, advantages and climatic conditions of this locality.

At Creson, a local capitalist, who owns the land upon which the Haines people secured options, said today that the tract would revert back to him in about three months should the alleged railroad builders fail to make good their part of the contract. Asked if he knew positively as to who was backing Haines he said that he did not, but nevertheless he thought the backers would purchase the land involved at the opportune moment.

With the exception of Mr. Creson, the citizens in this locality have been led to believe of late that Mr. Hill is interested in the proposed Haines line, and his present visit has only strengthened this theory.

Met By Committees.
At the identical spot where in the days of Oregon-California staging numerous holdups were perpetrated, Louis W. Hill and party were waylaid by Roseburg citizens shortly before 6 o'clock Saturday night. Mr. Hill had announced his intention not to participate in any more social functions, but the local people were not to be avoided.

The place of the "holdup" was a narrow gap on the summit of Roberts Mountain, eight miles from town, on a high knoll, from which an inspiring view could be obtained. A picnic luncheon was spread on the grass beneath the spreading oak trees and the captives were led to that point. The dinner hour was at hand, all were hungry, and the treat was enjoyed immensely by Mr. Hill and his companions. The party arrived in Roseburg shortly before 7 o'clock.

Spends Yesterday Here.
Delighted with the hospitality of Roseburg citizens, Louis W. Hill and

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CALL FOR ASSEMBLY

Will Meet at Portland, Ore., On July 21.

ALSO A COUNTY CALL

Will Include 1248 Delegates From Every Part of the State of Oregon—County Meeting Is Called For June.

Pursuant to the direction of the Republican State Central Committee, last chosen under the provisions of the Direct Primary law and authorized by that law to make rules and regulations for the government of the assembly of the republicans of this state, through their representatives, to be elected from the different precincts and counties, is called to meet in the city of Portland, Oregon, Thursday, July 21, 1910, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of formulating and adopting a party platform, and to recommend to the favorable consideration of the republican voters of this state the name of a candidate, best qualified, for each of the elective state offices, representatives in congress, and judicial district offices composed of more than one county, subject to nomination at the primary election to be held on September 24, 1910, as provided by law.

The apportionment of delegates among the different counties, as fixed by said committee, being one for each fifty votes, or major fraction thereof, of the vote cast for William H. Taft at the last presidential election is as follows:

Baker	34
Benton	24
Clackamas	25
Clatsop	55
Columbia	25
Coos	37
Cook	18
Curry	5
Douglas	42
Gilliam	10
Grant	15
Harney	9
Hood River	15
Jackson	41
Josephine	19
Klamath	13
Lake	9
Lane	66
Lincoln	12
Linn	44
Malheur	15
Marion	76
Morrow	14
Multnomah	354
Polk	29
Tillamook	12
Umatilla	47
Union	30
Wallowa	18
Wasco	27
Washington	46
Wheeler	8
Yamhill	40
Total	1248

*No proxies will be honored in

OPPORTUNITY EDITION.

On or about July 1, 1910, a mammoth Special Opportunity Edition of the News, devoted to Roseburg and Douglas county, will be issued. Upwards of 15,000 copies of this magnificent and beautifully illustrated edition will be printed and circulated in the East among people whose minds are being directed toward Oregon as the Mecca of their hopes. This Opportunity Edition will positively be the finest thing of its kind ever undertaken in Southern Oregon, and will be representative of every part of this great county. No expense or effort will be spared in the production of the special edition. The News has employed Mr. J. I. Cusack and Mr. S. Springer to assist in getting together the mass of data and material that will be used in the issue. Thousands are looking toward Oregon for homes, and the information contained in this Opportunity Edition will be of that character calculated to settle the question in the mind of the investigator. Every resident of Douglas county should send a few copies of the Opportunity Edition to friends in the East. It will be something you can be proud of and worthy of the grand country it represents.

said Assembly, but in the event of the inability of the duly elected delegates to attend from any cause their vote is to be cast by the membership from that county according to the majority opinion of those present and acting.

It is recommended that County Assemblies be held by the republicans in each of the counties of this state, on Saturday, July 16th, and that the meetings for electing delegates thereto be held on Saturday, July 9th, and that the delegates to be elected in such manner as the County Central Committee for each county may provide.

M. C. GEORGE,
Chairman.
E. V. LITTLEFIELD, Secretary.
Call for Republican County Central Committee.

In accordance with the above recommendation, the members of the Republican County Central Committee are requested to meet at room 2 Masonic temple on Saturday afternoon, June 4th at 2 P. M., for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the election of delegates to a County Assembly. In precincts where the committeeman has removed from the precinct or is unable to serve as committeeman the voters of the precinct are requested to make recommendations to the Council Central Committee in order that the vacancies may be filled. These recommendations should be mailed to the chairman in time to be acted upon at the above meeting.

FRANK E. ALLEY,
Chairman.
J. O. NEWLAND,
Secretary.

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