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**THE CASE OF BINGER HERMANN.**

Medford Sun: The amount of tempering of justice with mercy depends upon the circumstances and on the individual and how well he is liked many times. The case of Binger Hermann is one where the people of Oregon are grateful that he has been given his freedom. It is a fitting Christmas thought that he for many years has been loved by the people of Oregon and only a few days since through a motion of Prosecutor Heney and granted by Judge Wolverton he stands purged of any charges that had been made against him.

His was a case that was peculiar, especially on account of personality. For many years he had been a national figure and energetically and ably represented Oregon in congress. His famous telegram to the members of his party in May, 1888, in which he refused to come to Oregon to look after his re-election, occurring the next month, stating that the people needed his services more at Washington, was typical of the man. He always was a worker and a getter of results. The people had little knowledge of the crimes alleged against him, whether constructive, technical or real, but universally in Oregon have felt a double leniency toward him, mostly on account of his friendship and partly on account of his age.

His political career was not one to arouse undue antagonism. He never engendered the bitter hatred that existed against Senator Mitchell. He was well liked by all hands, all members of his own and other parties, which accounts for his long continued success.

Since the cases were laid against him it was hard to find a person in Oregon who did not express himself as hoping that Mr. Hermann would be acquitted. It is an unusual thing to say that, but he is an unusual man and stands in that

particular light in the eyes and hearts of the people of Oregon.

The present high price of dairy products makes the farmer glad, and putting all things together, the desire to leave the farm is growing less and a better feeling toward country life is very evident.

Eugene Register: After dragging Binger Hermann through the mire of a long drawn out trial covering years twice failing in a conviction, Heney has finally dismissed the charge of land fraud against the veteran statesman. The distinguished old pioneer was made of iron and Heney failed to kill him off. Binger Hermann has thousands of friends throughout Oregon and the nation who will be pleased to learn, that at this date, the effort to fasten land fraud crime upon him has failed sluggally.

Cooms Bay Harbor: Roseburg has voted to erect a new and modern high school building and the matter of a site for same is causing a lot of trouble. The school board want the building located in the north part of the city, and a petition signed by a large number of property owners want it located in the original townsite proper, where it is claimed it will be more centrally located. At any rate Roseburg is to have a fine new building somewhere within the city limits.

**S. P. CO'S DIMINSE PROFIT.**

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state railway commission endeavors to controvert and the facts presented are largely of a statistical nature, going into the earnings of the company, its expenses, its mileage and its constructing and operating divisions.

It is evident that the railway commission depends upon two important factors in its reply; first, the profits on the mileage which has existed since 1896; second, a table of comparative charges in the classification of rates, with the usual percentage of relation which exists between them in Washington Idaho, Oregon and Montana, upon other railways.

The efforts of the commission with reference to the profits of the Southern Pacific is to show that its road up the Willamette Valley and as far as the state line has been exceedingly profitable. The number of miles operated in 1896 was 656.42. In 1909 it had increased nearly 10 miles, to 666.07. In 1910 the mileage was 684, an increase of more than 18 miles. In other words, it is asserted that the Southern Pacific

line in the state had increased only 28 miles. In the income account of the road, it is asserted, the passenger receipts increased since 1896 from \$626,884 to \$4,463,283 in 1910, an increase of 542 per cent. In freight revenues it was \$716,416 in 1896, and \$4,096,281.34 in 1910. The total income in 1896 was \$1,564,322 and in 1910 \$8,659,945, while the operating expenses were \$1,326,392 in 1896 and \$4,520,526 in 1910.

The design of the commission is to show the basis upon which it issued its order, and it is declared that the profits of the Southern Pacific in Oregon are so large that this alone is sufficient cause for the issuance of the order.

**STATE PRINTER'S SALARY.**

Proposed Law Will Fix Compensation at \$2400 Per Year.

SALM, Or., Dec. 26.—Plans are now on foot for the expected flat salary bill for the state printer, and the bill will probably be introduced early in the session.

Under the proposed law the printer will receive \$2,400 a year.

According to the appropriation provided for in the bill, the cost of the state printing office for the first biennial period, starting in 1911, will be \$63,000 for two years, but under the provisions of the bill the law will go into effect April 1, 1911, and the flat salary of the printer will start at that time.

Advocates of the measure point to the proposed appropriation of \$63,000 for the two years, as against the estimate of \$150,000 which is included in the budget of the secretary of state, \$30,000 being a deficiency appropriation.

The act provides for a printing expert on an annual salary of \$2,000, and the following expenses biennially for the office: Bookkeeper and clerical services, \$2400; foreman and other employes, \$24000; incidentals and contingent expenses \$2,000; purchase of paper, binding and general supplies, \$25,000.

It is proposed to have the state take over the present printing plant, the governor to select three practical printers to appraise the plant, and if the present plant is undesirable, \$20,000 will be appropriated to buy equipment and materials to establish a state plant.

In addition, the bill proposes that all officers or departments that have public printing shall submit it to the expert, who will act in an advisory capacity, prescribing, to a certain extent, in what manner the work shall be done.

This places responsibility largely upon the expert in practically

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every branch of the work. The state printer will be elected every four years, as under the present law, and in case of death or vacancy shall be appointed by the governor. He is also called upon to make a quarterly report to the secretary of state.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Glenn and Carl Wimberly spent Sunday with their parents at Drain.

Mrs. J. R. Sutherland and daughter spent Sunday with relatives at Oakland.

Contractor W. W. Wallace went to Eugene today to look after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wall went to Portland this morning to visit with friends.

Mrs. C. N. Martin, of Chicago, Ill., is spending the day in town visiting with friends.

Clyde Speck, of Portland, arrived here yesterday to spend a few days visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Houser are spending the day visiting with relatives at Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Alice Perdue, a trained nurse, went to Grants Pass Sunday where she has a case to attend.

I. B. Riddle and family returned from Riddle this afternoon after spending Christmas at the home of relatives.

Major A. J. T. Smith, of Gold Hill, arrived in the city this afternoon and will be present at a special meeting of the Canton Lodge, I. O. O. F. this evening.

Harry Clark, who was at one time employed as night clerk at the Roseburg hotel, but of late of the Osburn hotel, at Eugene, is spending the day in town visiting with friends. Harry was once a drummer and is acquainted with most of the traveling men who tour this section of the state.

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.**

LOST—Large gold nugget brooch. Finder please leave at The News office and receive reward. d11

WANTED—Experienced furnishing goods clerk. Inquire of Wilder & Agee. dtf

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