WEATHER

Cloudy Tonight and Saturday, Probably Rain.

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Will Again be Asked For Next Year Says Elbert Bede.

COTTAGE GROVE ASKS AID OF ROSEBURG

A Conference Will Be Asked With Roseburg and Eugene—Cottage Grove Would Be The County Seat.

That Cottage Grove will make another fight next year for Nesmith county was the opinion expressed yesterday by Elbert Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel and president of the Cottage Grove Commercial Club, who was in the city heading the delegation of fifteen from his city who came as delegates to the Southern Oregon Development meeting. Before the contest is started, however, Mr. Bede stated, a conference would be asked with Roseburg to consider where the southern boundary line of that county shall be placed. He hopes that when the proper time comes the co-operation of this city can be obtained. "It appears to me," said Mr. Bede, "that it would be wise for the two cities to join in setting such a line for not only would a future fight between the two cities be averted, but Roseburg could practically dictate where such a line should be placed, and in that way she could locate it at such a point so that, through the provisions of the county division law, it would be impossible for any other portion of Douglas county to be cut out for a new county to the north. In a county division fight in its own county Roseburg might not be able to do this.

ATTORNEY O. P. COSHOW ATTENDS UNIVERSITY MEETING TODAY AT EUGENE

Entire Day Spent on Campus Taking Notice of Equipment, Buildings, Etc.

The five members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Curricula, coming to Eugene to inspect the engineering department of the University of Oregon, will be in the city tomorrow, says the Eugene Guard.

J. R. Wilson and Dr. C. J. Smith, of Portland, two members of the board arrived in the city this afternoon; J. E. Hedges, of Oregon City, and O. P. Coshow, of Roseburg, will arrived early tomorrow and whether A. G. Beals, of Tillamook, will be present is yet unknown.

The party will spend the entire day upon the university campus tomorrow taking notice of the buildings, equipment, student body and teaching corps.

It is probable that the party will remain in Eugene until the board of regents of the University, which meets in Eugene Saturday, concludes its business. The board is expected to make its preliminary report of work on the new building and other improvement work upon the university campus as the result of the recent appropriation measure being approved. Should the findings indicate the immediate improvement of the physical condition of the institution, it is expected that the board of higher curricula will take notice of the fact.

MOTOR VEHICLES MUST BEAR LICENSE NUMBER ON AND AFTER JANUARY FIRST

New Regulations Are Made Public by the Secretary of State—Licenses Vary.

All motor vehicles that appear on the state highways after January 1, 1914, must bear a license number issued for the 1914 season. If they do not their owner or driver will be subject to arrest, says the Cottage Grove Leader.

Notification to this effect has been sent out by Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott to all police judges, city and town recorders, justices of the peace, police officers, marshals and watchmen of incorporated cities and towns, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables in the state.

In order that owners may get the required licenses in sufficient time Secretary Olcott has arranged to accept applications on and after December 1, 1913. No excuse will be accepted after January 1, 1914.

A feature in the licenses of 1914 will be the distinction between motorcycles and other vehicles. All members from those of the pleasure motorcycles are to carry separate and commercial cars. Heretofore all motorcars, motorcycles, trucks, etc., have carried the same serial number. For 1914 the motorcycle tag will bear the letter prefix "W."

Dealers will also have a separate number which have the letter prefix "D" in order that pedestrians and officers will know that the vehicles does not belong to a private owner. The license selected for 1914 has a dark blue background and white letters and figures.

Chaffeur registrations also expire on December 31 and must be renewed bfore January 1. The chaffeur's badge for 1914 will be in the form of a maltese cross with the figures 1914 cut through the center.

All money received from the registrations of motor vehicles, less the administration expenses, is annually apportioned to the several counties in proportion to the number of registered vehicles in each. According to estimates made, the licenses for next year ought to exceed those of last year by $14,000. The total from licenses received this year was $56,000.

COTTAGE GROVE LOCAL NEARLY GOES DOWN A PRECIPICE NEAR EUGENE

Terrible Wreck Is Averted by the Quick Action of Flagman—Log Rolls Down Bluff.

Passenger train No. 20, the Cottage Grove north bound local, narrowly escaped from a plunge down a precipice at Judkins' Point, in the outskirts of Eugene, Friday afternoon, and had it not been for the quick action or employes of the city in flagging the rapidly approaching train there would have been a terrible wreck and a probably heavy loss of life, says the Cottage Grove Leader. Drew Griffin, F. W. Cammon and William Tobin are working on the bluff above the S. P. and P. E. & E. tracks at Judkins' Point getting out piling to be used in the construction of the breakwater for the conduit at the mouth of the big trunk sewer in the northwest [illegible] of the city. One big log that the men had prepared got away from them and rolled down the bluff with great velocity, crashing through the underbrush and breaking down the fences, finally landing on the S. P. track below. One end of the huge timber struck one of the steel rails and bent it out of shape. It would have been impossible for a train to pass over the track at this point without being derailed.

The three upon hearing an approaching train realized the necessity for quick action and one of the men ran up the track and flagged it just in time. The engine stopped within a few feet of the damaged rail. The train was held at that point for an hour or more until a crew of section men could be sent for and repair the track. They took along a rail-bending machine and soon had the rail in its former shappe, re-the rail in its former shape, re-out of the way.

TWENTY DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

DEC. 5

The Old Woman Who Lived In a Shoe Bought Her Christmas Presents Early.

DENVER TIED UP

Worst Snow Storm in History of Colorado.

STREET RAILWAYS OUT OF COMMISSION

Weight of Snow Clogging Water Causes Big Ditch to Break, Driving Many Families Into Storm.

(Special to The Evening News.)

DENVER, Dec. 5.—The most terrific snow storm in the history of Colorado continues today, and there is no indications of the early abatement of the snow fall. Traffic of all kinds is at a standstill, and the street car tracks in the down town portion of the city are buried under from two to four feet of snow. All trains from both the east and west are anywhere from two to fifteen hours late. Thousands of people in Denver were compelled to fight their way afoot through drifts and snow banks to places of work this morning, as no cars were able to run. At five o'clock this morning it was estimated since the storm began 24 hours before. This breaks all previous records that 25 inches of snow had fallen of now fall in Denver. The public schools are closed.

At noon the storm was unabated, snow falling at the rate of half an inch an hour, and the weather bureau officials estimate that 29 inches have fallen since the storm began. A report reached here at noon that

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REPORT IS FILED

The Grand Jury Investigates a Number of Complaints.

LIQUOR CASES ARE GIVEN ATTENTION

County Jail Is Inspected and Found To Be Poorly Lighted—Fish Cases Heard By Grand Jury During Session.

After a session lasting many days the grand jury late yesterday filed its final report with Circuit Judge J. W. Hamilton and adjourned. The report of the grand jury is most interesting, and covers in detail the work done by the body during its session.

The report is self explanatory and follow in detail:

"To the Honorable J. W. Hamilton, Judge:

"After many days our session has come to an end.

"In our report we record that it is with extreme regret that we have been required to call witnesses at the expense of the taxpayers, but we desire to assure the court and the public that the cost of running this grand jury is a very small part of the public burden borne upon the shoulders of the taxpayers.

"The cost of the witnesses called before this grand jury at the three sessions held is less than the annual salary of the average county officer.

Considerable time has been consumed by the grand jury in the investigation of the alleged violation of the local option liquor law.

"The grand jury have received a number of complaints concerning the alleged violation of said law. Our oath of office required us to diligently inquire into the true presentment or indictment made of all crimes against the state committed or triable in this county coming to our knowledge.

"When complaints were made to us that seemed to be well founded, we deemed it our duty, and we did subpoena witnesses and carefully interrogated them. From lists of witnesses furnished us by written communications from law-abiding people who were anxious to see the law enforced, we called various witnesses and many of such witnesse when called testified that they had gotten their intoxicating liquor from Portland or from Sutherlin Wine Company, ofttimes from drugstores upon the written prescriptions of two well known physicians of Roseburg. At the commencement of our offices as grand jurors, this honorable court charged us in the language of the local option liquor law "It is hereby made the duty of the judges of the circuit court of the several judicial districts to give the provisions of this law in charging the grand jurors, and it shall be the duty of the grand jury to diligently inquire after any violations of the provisions of this law." In several investigations of the violation of said law, we were disappointed at the result on account of the lack of evidence. In other instances we returned indictments. We did our best.

"Roseburg has been voted dry by the people and the city council should enact suitable ordinances such as exist in the cities of Eugene and Albany, which will aid and assist in enforcing prohibition within the city.

"Upon the compiant of many taxpayers in Southern Douglas county, we investigated a charge against a road supervisor in road district No. 19, who was charged with padding his accounts. It required much time, patience, and considerable expense to investigate the matter. We found that the supervisor had charged the county with larger sums than he had paid to his help in a number of instances, and added names to the roll of persons whom he had never had in his employ. We regarded it our duty as officers of the court to protect the taxpayers of the county against being jobbed in the handling of the public funds. The taxpayers of that road district and the public lost more money through that road supervisor than has been paid to all the witnesses who have attended before us at this term of court.

"A complaint was made to the grand jury by the master fish warden of the state, wherein it was represented that the fish and game commission condemned the present fishway in the mill dam in the South Umpqua river at Roseburg. Notice was served upon the company and elaborate plans for a suitable fishway were provided by the fish and game commission. The plans were not furnished to the company by the fish and game commission until the 8th day of October, and the notice required the company to complete the same by November 1. A fishway reconstructed according to these plans and specifications would cost three thousand dollars, and we are thoroughly satisfied that the company could not construct said fishway within the time limit after the same had been served upon it. Had the fish commission given the company a reasonable time after the serving of the notice, we would have returned an indictment. We are assured that the fishway will be installed according to these plans and specifications as early next ummer as the waters of the Umpqua will permit.

"Having inspected the jail and found the same poorly lighted, we recommend that an eight candlepower electric light be installed in each of the cells and one in the corridor in front of the cells; that a bath tub be provided so as to connect with hot and cold water and we recommend to the jailer that he require each person confined in prison to bathe regularly, and compel every one of the prisoners to keep clean in person, and that the prisoners be required to keep the jail clean and in a sanitary condition. At the present time it is not sanitary and not a fit place to confine a human being.

"When you gave us a recess, we made a special report advising you of the business pending before the grand jury. We will make no further reference in this report to the matter contained in said special report.

"But in parting, permit us to say that we have had one of the most difficult tasks that a grand jury in this county has been called upon to perform. We are neither bookkeepers, bankers nor accountants, and whatever investigation we have made has been conducted slowly and cautiously, but fairly, with the full intent and purpose to do our duty according to the law and evidence.

"We realize that we have been in session many days and regret that there have been crimes committed within our county that call for such lengthy investigations, and notwithstanding that we have spent many days investigating certain complaints made to us early in the session, we have not had the time to complete our investigation of all the charges connected therewith.

"We have accorded every complaining citizen who has knocked at the doors of the grand jury room a hearing, and have disposed of each and every case with as little expense as we could with justice to the state and the cause, so far as our time and power permitted.

"We know of no method of reducing the expenses of grand jury investigations as long as we have the grand jury system as provided by our constitution, and grand jurors perform their duty as provided by law, so far as our time and power permitted.

"We ask to be discharged.

"Dated at Roseburg, Douglas county, Oregon, this 4th day of December, 1913."

FRANK FATE,
Foreman.
A. L. LEE,
NORMAN AGEE,
A. L. HANCOCK,
C. A. STEPHENS,
A. L. BUTLER,
F. S. GREEN.

The report submitted last evening by the grand jury is one of the most complete documents ever compiled by a similar body in this county. The jury has considered a number of very important cases during the past few weeks, and as a result much time was consumed in the examination of witnesses. For instance, the Sheridan case involved much book work, and could not be handled as could a criminal action of little importance.

In all, the people of the county are well satisfied with the work done by the grand jury during the term, and are not of the opinion that they considered unmerited complaints at a useless expense.

The above report of the grand jury is self evidence of the important matters considered by them during the term.

PADS ACCOUNTS

Wilham Jennings, of Glendale, to be Brought Here.

ADDED NAMES TO THE PAY ROLL

Believed That Jennings' Operations Netted Him Several Hundred Dollars—Was Supervisor of District No. 19.

MAY GIVE BAIL.

Sheriff Quine today telegraphed the Lakeview officers that William Jennings, recently arrested there on a charge of embezzlement, would be released from custody in the event he sent $600 cash bail, here at once. In the event the bail is furnished, Sheriff Quine and his deputies will save making a very disagreeable journey at this particular time of the year. At a late hour this afternoon Sheriff Quine had not received an answer to the message.

Sheriff George Quine, or one of his deputies, expect to leave here tomorrow for Lakeview, Oregon, after William Jennings, former road supervisor at Glendale.

Jennings was indicted by the grand jury about two weeks ago on a charge of embezzlement and yesterday Sheriff Quine received a telegram to the effect that he was under arrest at Lakeview and was being held pending the arrival of the Roseburg officers.

Although neither District Attorney George M. Brown or other court attaches will give out any information regarding Jenning's operations prior to his formal arraignment in the circuit court, it is understood that his manner of securing funds fraudulently was to pad his accounts. In other words it was found that the supervisor had charged the county with larger sums than he had paid his help in a number of instances, and added names to the roll of persons whom he had never had in his employ. The grand jury, in reporting on the case of Jennings, had the following to say:

"We regarded it our duty as officers of the court to protect the taxpayers of the county against being jobbed in the handling of public funds. The taxpayers of that road district and the public lost more money through the operations of the road supervisor than has been paid to all the witnesses who have been called before us at this term of court."

While the indictment returned against Jennings does not fix the amount of money embezzled from the road district, it is generally understood that it will total several hundred dollars.

As soon as Jennings is returned here he will probably be given an opportunity to furnish bail pending the next term of the circuit court which convenes in February.

Jennings was supervisor of road district No. 19, comprising Glendale, for some time, and about a month ago he suddenly decamped in search of other fields.

As soon as the indictment was returned by the grand jury Sheriff Quine instituted a quiet search, and after a few days found that the accused was living near Lakeview, Ore. The officers at Lakeview were notified and Jennings' arrest followed.

SPLENDID CLOSE

Booster Day in Roseburg Closes in Whirl of Gaiety.

EVERYONE WELL PLEASED WITH DAY

Delegates Go Home Tired But Happy—Everyone Has a Word of Praise for Roseburg and and Its People.

A splendid reception marked the close of the biggest day Roseburg has ever experienced. From all sides and from all delegations come words of praise for the hospitality, generosity and treatment accorded the visitors by the people of this city. Not a discordant note was heard and as delegation after delegation left for the station cheers and songs for Roseburg gave audible evidence of the feeling of the visitors.

There have been more people from the outside in Roseburg at one time before but never has there been such a unanimous feeling of enthusiasm, good cheer and definite purpose of co-operation as was manifested here yesterday.

After the delegates had finished their business in the session held in the Antlers in the afternoon they paraded the streets, the hotel lobbie and the business places till dinner time. The trains from the south and the north left at 7 p. m. and most of those who came here on these special trains left with them. A few, however, remained over night and these together with the Portland visitors and those living north of Eugene made a lively crowd which thronged the commercial club rooms till a late hour. An informal program had been arranged by the ladies and the visitors were entertained with songs, music and dancing throughout the evening. Delightful refreshments were served by the committee.

From all points of view the meeting here was the greatest of successes. Everyone pledged themselves to the movement for a "Greater Oregon".

In addition to the several speakers at yesterday's development convention, and mentioned in last evening's issue of The News, there were a number of persons who delivered remarks. Among these were Bert Greer, editor of the Ashland Tidings, who said it was only natural that he should be interested in the greater Oregon movement.

Reviewing the Greater Oregon movement from an unselfish standpoint, Mr. Greer said no campaign had ever been undertaken in Oregon that meant as much to the state. Speaking on behalf of the Ashland delegation, Mr. Greer promised co-operation and support for any movement which had for its purpose the development of Oregon and the Pacific coast.

Arthur Devers, of Portland, directed his remarks to the railroad representatives present. Mr. Devers said the great railroads of the country controlled the throttle of Western immigration and that the companies could either destroy or promote the development of the West. The railroads had thus far displayed great loyalty in the campaign for settlers, Mr. Devers went on, and he hoped they would continue to lend their co-operation and influence.

G. F. Johnson, chairman of the promotion department of the Portland Commercial Club, reviewed the work being carried out by that body with regard to the location of home seekers in the most remote sections of Oregon. Mr. Johnson said the Portland Commercial Club, while strictly a Portland organization, was not confining alone its work to upbuilding Portland. On the contrary, the commercial interests realized the necessity to populate the country districts, which meant indirect returns for the Portland businessman.

Judge Hamilton, of Roseburg, spoke on co-operation and discussed what the movement meant for Oregon. Judge Hamilton said Oregon was as yet undeveloped and there was room for thousands of people who could use their hands in making a home. He advised every man, woman and child in the state to co-operate and carry the present agitation for a greater Oregon to a successful realization.

Chairman Clark, of the Oregon Commission of the Panama Exposition, spoke of the benefits to be derived from the fair. An advertising campaign, judiciously conducted, declared the speaker, would result in attracting more people to Oregon than any other thing.

Other speakers were Senator Neuner, on behalf of the Roseburg Commercial Club; Mayor Rice, who delivered the address of welcome; Colonel Minnis, of Rogue River, and L. A. Payne, of Sutherlin.

Another important suggestion brought forward was that of requesting railroads to instruct all depot employes to inform persons coming West that they were entitled to stopovers enroute. Often it was argued, travelers have no knowledge of these concessions on the part of the railroads and, consequently, do not take advantage of them.

Charles S. Fee, passenger traffic agent for the Southern Pacific Company and a member of the board of directors of the Panama Exposition, who was one of the prominent speakers at yesterday's meeting promised to take this matter up with the officials of the trunk lines and see that proper publicity was given.

THE STATE TAX.

According to information received here today from the state tax commission, Douglas county's proportion of the state tax amounts of $139,602.

SHERIDAN IS INDICTED.

Specific Charges Not Made Public Till Defendant Is Arraigned in Court.

T. R. Sheridan was indicted by the grand jury late last evening on two counts. The indictments were returnable at the time the jury filed its final report.

One of the indictments charges Sheridan with obtaining money under false pretenses, while the second indictment charges obtaining money under false pretenses by forgery.

A bench warrant was issued by the clerk following the return of the indictments and Sheridan was later arrested by Sheriff Quine. Appearing in the circuit court, through his attorneys, Elbert Hermann and J. O. Watson, Sheridan was released on bail in the sum of $10,000. The bail was furnished by B. W. Strong, Geo. Stearns, Douglas Waite, George Kohlhagen and J. H. Booth.

This morning Attorney Elbert Hermann appeared in the circuit court and secured an order authorizing the clerk to deliver a copy of the indictments to Mr. Sheridan.

The statutes provide that specific charges shall not be made public until the accused is arraigned in court. This proceeding will probably not materialize before the next term of the circuit court which convenes in February.

Sheridan arrived here about two weeks ago and gave evidence in his own behalf before the grand jury.

COUNTY COURT STILL IN SESSION AT A LATE HOUR TODAY—SEVERAL ORDERS

Road Petitions Are Considered By the Court Today—May Adjourn Tonight.

The county court was still in session at a late hour this afternoon, and it is not likely that adjournment will be taken before late tonight or tomorrow.

Among the orders entered in the journal today were the following:

In the matter of the petition of H. E. Reed et al for a county road in district No. 38, report of the road viewers accepted as to damages.

In the petition of W. H. Kerr et al for a gateway road, said petition dismissed with the understanding that petitioners are to pay the costs.

In the petition of A. A. Nichols et al for a gateway road, ordered that the same be continued.

In the matter of the petition of J. M. Leatherwood et al, for a county road, same continued.

In the matter of the petition of the Luse Land Company for a refund of taxes, same denied.