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MUST PAY BOOZE BILL

The famous detective bill case was decided by Circuit Judge Bean yesterday afternoon in favor of District Attorney Phelps and against the interests which are seeking to make the enforcement of the law more difficult, says the Pendleton E. O. The decision is a decided victory for the law enforcement and would seem to indicate that the district attorney has the power and the authority to employ detectives whenever it becomes necessary in order to secure the enforcement of the local option law.

It will be remembered that more than a year ago, when violations of the local option law became numerous that District Attorney Phelps employed a detective. In conjunction with Sam Bannister, a prominent resident of the east end of this county, this detective secured information which when presented to the grand jury resulted in that body returning a large number of indictments for violations of the local option law. Most of those indicted entered pleas of guilty after one of their number had been tried and convicted. The total amount of fines paid into the coffers of the county at that time being more than \$7,000.

In due course of time the detective's bill amounting to \$356 was presented to the court. Commissioner Lee and Walker demurred to its payment for the alleged reason that they had not been consulted in the matter. Lee finally came to the conclusion that the bill should be paid and therefore voted with County Judge Gillilan to that effect.

An injunction suit was then filed and a restraining order issued which

prevented the court from ordering the bill paid. Frank Mitchells and C. C. Cunningham were the names of the complainants in the suit, both being well known taxpayers of the county.

COAL WILL COME SOON

ONE FIRM WITHOUT SUPPLY BUT ANOTHER HAS SOME NEAR.

Temporarily the City is Without Fuel in the Way of Coal.

While there is no coal in the local markets today, there is relief in sight for a car load was reported to be at Huntington rolling along towards La Grande, two days ago and will likely be here for distribution by Monday at the latest.

The shortage which is being felt by all dealers here, but more especially by one of them, is due in a large measure to overfilled orders, and not so much on account of the switchmen's strike which is responsible for the threatened famine now existing in the northwest cities.

"Dora Thorn" Tonight for Last Time.

Those who have not seen the beautiful play, "Dora Thorn" had better avail themselves of the opportunity tonight as this is the last time it will be produced at the Pastime.

Owing to the many requests "Polly Primrose" will be repeated tomorrow night. This is the beautiful southern romantic play that drew record breaking crowds to the Pastime.

CHURCHES.

Baptist Church.

You are invited to listen to the Christmas program on next Friday evening in the church. The Sunday school and young people have been working hard to make this program a success. Please show your appreciation of their work by your presence on Friday evening. Services Sunday at the usual hour. The morning theme will be "His Master's Voice." Evening "The Wonderful Sign." Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Come and bring your friends. Frank E. Gray, pastor.

Central Church of Christ.

Services in the church on the corner of Washington and Depot streets next Sunday. We make it our special business to give every one who comes a royal welcome. The services are full of life. There are no dull moments. Something doing every minute. Bible school at 9:45; Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Practice for Christmas exercises

at 2; Church at 11 and 7:30 "The Birth of the New Law" is the morning sermon and "John, the Baptist" in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Friday evening the children will render a special program. Ford E. Ellis, minister.

First Presbyterian Church

Washington avenue and 4th street. Rev. S. W. Seemans, D. D. minister. Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D. of Portland will preach morning and evening. A full attendance of members and friends is desired. Anthems, "Consider and Hear Me," Pfleger, and "Vox Angelica," Dyke. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Superintendent Mr. W. L. Bronholt. C. I. Service 6:30 p. m. Miss Edith Clark, leader. Mid week service, Thursday 8:00 p. m. Brotherhood meeting, Tuesday 8 p. m. at the manse. Subject: "The Challenge of the Church to Men." Leader, Mr. C. E. Cochran.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Corner of Fourth and M. Streets. H. E. McLeod, pastor. On account of the funeral of our late brother C. R. Thornton at 10:45 tomorrow the usual morning services are dismissed. Funeral will be conducted in the church. Sunday School at 9:45 as usual. G. H. Currey, superintendent. Epworth League 6:30. Subject, "The Birth of our Saviour." Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

St. Peter's Church.

Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion 8 a. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning Service 11 a. m. Evening Service 5 p. m. Bishop Paddock will officiate at all of these services in the absence of the rector. Christmas services will be announced later.

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