

GRAND JURY REPORT TO CIRCUIT COURT.

**Report Shows Eight Indictments—Find
Barnum Did Not Assault Reddy With
an Ax and That No Crime Had Been
Committed.**

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Jackson county, December term, 1907. Report of the grand jury.

To the Hon. H. K. Hanna, Judge of the above entitled court:
We, the grand jury of Jackson county, Oregon, duly empaneled and sworn in the above entitled court at the December, 1907, term thereof, having finished our labors, respectfully submit and file herein our final report of such matters as we have had under investigation.

Returned Eight Indictments.
We have carefully and diligently inquired into all cases wherein it has been charged that any person or persons have been guilty of crime, including all cases that have been brought to our attention by the acts of committing magistrates in holding persons charged with crime to await our action, and all cases where parties have appeared voluntarily before us and accused others of the commission of crime, and all cases within the knowledge of our prosecuting officers. In making these investigations we have endeavored to bring in bills indorsed as true bills against those persons only in cases wherein in our opinion the evidence warranted the action at our hands. We have returned into court indorsed as true bills eight indictments, and have returned indorsed as not a true bill one indictment. In those cases investigated by us where the person or persons accused of crime had not been held by committing magistrates to await the action of the grand jury and in which we have decided not to bring in indictments, upon such cases we have not returned any bills.

Working Conductors Over 14 Hours.
Several matters of great importance and of great public interest to the people of the county have been investigated by us concerning which we think it proper at this time to report to the court our reasons for the action taken by us. A complaint was laid before the grand jury through the agency of the state railroad commission of this state charging the Southern Pacific company, a corporation of Kentucky, with the crime of permitting a conductor in its employ to remain on duty more than 14 consecutive hours, in violation of law. We deemed this matter of so great importance to the traveling public that we made a most thorough and searching investigation into the charge and required officers of said company to produce before us all of the books and records of said company which related in any manner to the hours of service required of its employees. These records when produced disclosed the fact that said corporation required its employees in certain cases to remain on duty for a longer period than 14 consecutive hours but the statute expressly prescribes that it is a sufficient excuse if the company permits such acts as a result of an unavoidable delay unforeseen emergency, fires, washouts or wrecks. We had before us competent witnesses in regard to the causes of the delays complained of and in our opinion the enforced overtime was due to such a delay that we believe a trial jury would find it to be unavoidable. We are of the opinion that the statute governing this class of crime is very indefinitely and loosely drawn, considering its great importance.

The Barnum-Reddy Assault Case.
W. S. Barnum was held by a committing magistrate to await the action of our body, charged with the crime of having committed an assault with a dangerous weapon upon the person of the mayor of the city of Medford. The prominence of the parties involved and the public interest taken in the matter, we think, requires us to report to the court concerning it in addition to our formal action of returning a not true bill. We heard the testimony of the complaining witness and of all other persons whom we could ascertain were competent witnesses in regard to the matter and were accessible. We heard no evidence of any parties except those who were eye witnesses to the occurrence. In our opinion the large preponderance of the evidence showed conclusively that no crime had been committed by the defendant and that he neither did or performed the acts complained of and concerning which witnesses upon the part of those seeking an indictment testified.

Disapidated Appearance of Courthouse.
We made an examination of the court house, the jail and the outbuildings in the courthouse yard. We would most respectfully recommend that the proper officers of the county cause a bathtub to be put in the jail, together with suitable apparatus for heating water. While we found the conditions in the jail in all things sanitary, we believe that this improvement is a needed one in this public building. We most respectfully recommend that the proper officers cause the exterior of the courthouse, especially the woodwork thereon, to be repaired or painted in such a way that would lend to the building a more attractive appearance and be commensurate with the importance of this the largest of the public buildings of our county; that the woodwork, the

walls and the ceilings of the interior of the courthouse should either be painted, papered or improved in such a manner that would lend to it a more attractive appearance than it has at present. We find that the vault in the office of the county clerk is greatly overcrowded, there not being room in it for all of the public records of the county which should be kept there. We would recommend and urge that additional vault room be secured at once and suitable appliances be installed therein that would permit and allow all of the records of the county to be there safely kept in such a manner that they will at all times be safely kept and easily accessible to the public. We found that the toilets in the courthouse yard were in a very unsanitary condition, and we recommend that the proper officers of the county either cause new toilets to be erected at once or the old ones to be thoroughly renovated.

The New County Hospital.
We desire to speak in the highest terms of praise concerning the action of our county court in erecting the county's present hospital and in purchasing the farm upon which it is situated. This hospital, though not at this time completed, is located on one of the main thoroughfares of our county and at a point about one half mile from the village of Talent. The property upon which it is situated is a very valuable piece of property and belongs to the county. The county has erected thereon a large, commodious, well ventilated and well lighted building, which we believe and therefore assert to be the finest institution of its kind within the borders of the state of Oregon. We regard it as a credit to the county and state, and as a monument of duty well done upon the part of those of our officers who have been responsible for its erection. It has a sufficient number of rooms of suitable size for the accommodation of a large number of patients. In short, it is a modern building equipped with all modern improvements, including appliances and facilities for hot and cold water at all times, three bathrooms, a sufficient number of electric lights, and inside toilets with proper sewer attachments. The county court has in addition to this constructed a dam that in our opinion will so change the course of the stream known as Bear creek as it passes through this farm, in such a way that the depredations heretofore committed by said stream upon said property will be entirely eliminated in the future. We talked to the inmates of the hospital and found them all well satisfied, contented and pleased with the treatment which they were receiving.

Christmas Cheer for Officials.
The limited time at our command did not allow us to make an extended or expert examination into the books or records of the county. We visited all of the offices, however, and found all of the records well and neatly kept and the officers courteous, obliging and competent in the discharge of their official duties. These officers, especially who are charged by the law with the duty of aiding us in the service of subpoenas have by their energetic work greatly helped us in our labors. Having now fully finished our labors, we would most respectfully ask to be discharged.

CITY NOTICE.
The city council at its meeting held on December 13, 1907, instructed the register to purchase house numbers and to furnish the same to all property owners at as near cost as it was possible. The numbers can be had from the city register about December 29. The register will also furnish the correct number for each lot.
BENJ. M. COLLINS,
Register.

New Cases.
Perry Amigato, J. W. Merritt and W. C. Boyer vs. W. G. F. Jones and C. W. Egan; injunction. Beames & Beames, attorneys for plaintiffs.

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