

# Medford Daily Tribune

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### EXPERT THE BOOKS.

There is a growing sentiment among business men and taxpayers in favor of an expert examination of the county records of Jackson county. Beyond the cursory and superficial examinations of these records by the county court and various grand juries there has been no expert auditing of these accounts in upwards of twenty years.

As a business principle they should be experted and published at least every two years. In many counties where the volume of business is much smaller than in Jackson county, the policy of biennial examinations by qualified experts has been adopted.

It is charged by many that the county records are in a deplorable condition. There are experts who are willing to audit the accounts for ten per cent of the sum they recover for the county over and above the balances as now shown by the books.

The moral effect of such an examination would be incalculable. All men who are elected to office are not honest and such a continued apathy on the part of the people in the conduct of public affairs is always an inducement to speculation on the part of dishonest officials. Besides this careless and inaccurate methods graft them selves into the departments, resulting in serious losses to the taxpayers.

The records should be experted. The citizens are entitled to know what is being done with their money. Sound business policy demands a thorough investigation, and every honest official in the county will concur in asking for the investigation.

### THE PRESS AND THE OFFICIAL.

The Spectator, the only high-class weekly published in Oregon, comments as follows on the above topic:

"The trial of George Putnam, editor of The Medford Tribune, on a charge of criminal libel, will probably determine how far a journal may go in criticizing public officials. Mr. Putnam said the Medford grand jury and Assistant District Attorney Reames had been misled in not finding a true bill against V. S. Barnum, who had assaulted Mayor Reddy with an ax, and the grand jury promptly indicted the editor. So far as the facts have come to us, it appears no one who saw the encounter doubts that Mr. Barnum tried to hit the Mayor with the ax, and that Mr. Reddy's shoulder; nor has reputation been given to the story that Mr. Barnum, failing to make the charge fly, hurled the ax at the mayor's head. The grand jury heard the testimony of one witness who had seen the assault, and of half a dozen who had not been present at the ax-wielding episode. The half dozen, who had been denied the excitement of the encounter by business that demanded their whole attention far from the scene of the assault, swore they had not seen Mr. Barnum try to kill Mayor Reddy; the man on the spot swore he had seen Mr. Barnum try to kill Mayor Reddy. The evidence of the six witnesses outweighed the testimony of the one; sufficient proof of the good sense, judgment and fairness of the Medford jury is found in the no true bill.

The situation arises on the right of a public journal to criticize public officers. The Spectator has sometimes thought the press presumed more on its license than it ought within its liberty in criticizing officials. Indeed, "criticism" seems to have departed from the columns of some of our papers, and its place has been assumed by a constant, rapping, cruel censure that is as unreasonable as it is unjustifiable. For political or other reasons, which are too often personal, some of our journals unreasonably denounce men who are doing their duty according to their best light and the dictates of conscience. Immunity from arrest has made the editor bold in writing of a man what he would not say to a man. One result of all this is that the people pay very little attention to the assaults the newspapers make on officials. But in the case of Mr. Putnam is different; he is a careful, liberal-minded, honest journalist, who looks with wide-open eyes of an unprejudiced observer at the motives and acts of the public and private citizen.

The comment on the Medford jury and district attorney was neither average nor untruthful, and The Spectator will rejoice to see in Mr. Putnam's acquittal the seal of approval set on the right of the press to freely criticize of those who offend against the right-just as The Spectator would rejoice to see in the conviction of a reckless and malignant editor the people prove their disapprobation of the license of the press.

Attorney S. S. Dent has received word that his oldest brother, Marion A. Dent, died at Easton, Pa., from the effects of a paralytic stroke, aged 67. A wife, one son and two daughters survive him.

### MARRIED.

McDonald Swingle—Orton McDonald and Carrie Swingle, on November 25, at Dudleyville, Ariz. Both are well known in Medford.

### New Cases.

Stephen Burt vs. A. L. Irwin—Action to recover money; H. K. Hanna, Jr., attorney for plaintiff.

Mark Applegate vs. C. W. Evans et al.—Suit to foreclose minors' lien; Gus Neary, attorney for plaintiff.

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