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"A STAIN UPON OREGON."

The Jacksonville Post has the proud distinction of being the one newspaper in Oregon that has championed Judge Hanna's ruling in the Putnam libel case, the one paper which has failed to grasp the significance of the ruling as an attack upon the freedom of the press. Following its policy of quoting from the unprejudiced press of other places, rather than commenting upon a case where the Tribune's personal interest is so great, the following reply to the Post is reprinted from the Sacramento (Cal.) Bee, one of the oldest edited papers of California:

"When the rights of the press and of American citizenship are invaded, it happens only too often that men and journals who may not like the man or the journal at the stake will not only applaud the injustice and the infamy, but will help pile on the fagots.

"The Jacksonville (Or.) Post comes to the championship of Judge Hanna of Jackson county, Oregon, in its very remarkable attitude in the recent case of the Medford Tribune, which was commented upon a number of days ago in this paper. The facts are briefly these: The grand jury of Jackson county refused to indict one W. S. Barnum, president of the Rogue River railroad, for an attempt to bribe Mayor J. F. Roddy of Medford with an ax. Thereupon Editor Putnam of the Medford Tribune strenuously denounced the grand jury and the deputy district attorney and the latter had the grand jury indicted the editor for criminal libel for this language:

"But any one can try to bribe a man with an ax and secure immunity from the bloodflooded misrepresentations of justice."

"At the trial the judge refused to permit the editor to put witnesses on the stand to prove the assault, and to prove also that it was of such a nature that it was the grand jury's duty to indict; and that both having failed therein, the editor was justified in his language concerning it and the deputy district attorney. The consequence was the trial jury could do nothing else than convict the editor.

"Now comes the Jacksonville Post and applauds the ruling of Judge Hanna. It claims that the grand jury could not be impeached except by witnesses which itself had called; that it could not be impeached by the introduction of evidence that was not before it and of the existence of which it had no evidence."

"What silly nonsense! If that were true, a complainant grand jury, with the aid and under the guiding hand of a corrupt district attorney, could refuse to indict a rich murderer, the district attorney managing it so that only the trustee testimony would get before that body. Then, if some editor decried the infamous outrage, he could be tried and convicted for criminal libel because he would not be allowed to call his witnesses except such as had been before that far-fetched grand jury!"

"The grand jury could commit a public infamy and nobody would be allowed to prove it was an infamy!"

"What an infamous travesty upon justice that would be! And yet that is exactly the travesty that was perpetrated in Jackson county, Oregon, and exactly the travesty that the Jacksonville Post commends and champions."

"The Bee does not know Editor Putnam, nor is it acquainted with the character of the newspaper which he publishes. But his conviction under the ruling of Judge Hanna was an outrage upon common justice and a stain upon the good name of Oregon."

CONVICTION OF HALL.

A jury in the federal court at Portland has convicted John H. Hall, former United States attorney for Oregon, of having conspired to fence in public lands. There is little doubt that Hall shielded certain persons from prosecution, but his conviction for conspiracy was a surprise to those who had followed the evidence.

The conviction shows that Francis J. Henney has not lost his cunning as a promoter, but deserves to rank among the greatest. His strength lies in his preparation for his cases. No point can be raised by opposing counsel that he is not prepared for. No detail connected with the case that he is not familiar with. He knows every phase of the case, even the record of each defendant. A good judge of human nature, he tries to secure a jury of natural conviction. Possessed of a great deal of personal magnetism, a born fighter and a jury creator of no mean ability, he secures convictions that would be hopeless for others. But it is his hard work, his mastery of details, that wins his victories.

The worst feature about the land fraud trials is that it is necessary to let a man guilty escape to punish one, but conviction would be impossible otherwise. The remedy is to let the price the government is compelled to pay to secure a conviction of a man who had among other things argued whether it is the land fraud or the one

eret rebate that is to be punished. To convict Hall a dozen or so defendants secured freedom from prosecution for turning traitor to the man who had shielded them from previous prosecution. A dozen confessed perjurers and law-breakers are bribed by immunity promises to betray their partner in guilt. It is a high price to pay for one conviction to let a dozen escape, yet the conviction could not be obtained otherwise, and so perhaps the end justifies the means.

In Oregon fault is found with Mr. Heney for letting big business men escape to punish politicians. In California, fault is found because he let the politicians escape to punish the big business men. No matter what course he pursues to obtain convictions, the same crowd will find fault.

What has been the net result of these land fraud prosecutions? The petty land grafter, the poor man who thought to make a few dollars by taking up a claim, has been put out of business, but the big operator has been left unscathed. No syndicate has been forced to return the townships of public domain swallowed, no land-grabbing corporation has been forced to disgorge. Has the result justified the effort?

The Audubon society plans a bird reservation for Southern Oregon. Perhaps Representative Perkins, the friend of feathered songsters, will offer his famous Hill Crest orchard.

The Sunday Journal contains an illustrated write-up of Rogue River valley apples that will prove a good advertisement of this region, though the half is not told.

PLANS BIRD RESERVATION FOR SOUTHERN OREGON

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Oregon Audubon society was held at Portland Saturday night. The members decided to continue their efforts in bird protection by securing more territory, either through state or national government, to be set aside as a protected breeding ground for water fowl. For several years the National Association of Audubon societies has advocated this as a fundamental movement in bird and animal protection. Over a dozen wild-bird reservations have been set aside in various parts of the United States. Last October, by special proclamation of President Roosevelt, the first reservation off the Pacific coast was set aside at Notaris Bay, Tillamook county, for the protection of sea birds.

It was decided that the society raise the necessary funds to send two of its representatives, Herman T. Bohman and William L. Finley, into the lake region of Southern Oregon for the purpose of locating out the best available places and securing these as permanent breeding reserves for our water fowl. When these were secured, they will be placed in charge of a reliable warden, as are the other reserves secured by the Audubon association.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

The county court met Wednesday, when the following business was transacted:

County warrant No. 547 cancelled, having been issued for same bill as No. 714.

Resignation of P. H. Daily, school superintendent, owing to ill health, accepted.

Order made appointing J. Percy Walls school superintendent for remaining term.

Tax certificates for southwest quarter of northeast quarter, section 23, township 36, 2 west, assigned to Eugene Scott.

Tax certificates for southwest quarter section 36, township 38, 3 east, assigned to Susan L. Allen.

Tax certificates for southwest quarter of southwest quarter, section 13, township 19, 2 east, set aside owing to double assessment.

In matter of Holman subdivision, a petition to Jacksonville, order made approving plat of same.

Report of county hospital for January led.

"Eerie Impression!" That is the verdict of the people concerning Rev. Van Marter's and Professor Gray's work at the revival meetings now in progress at the Methodist church, B. street. If you are not a Christian, come and hear the message of salvation. If you are a Christian, come and help save souls.

Preserving every night at 7:30; also services every day at 2:30 p. m., excepting Mondays and Saturdays. Rev. invites invited.

CIVIL COURT.

Wednesday Judge Dunn committed John Dugan of Sun's Valley to the asylum on the charge of insanity.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

J. W. Merritt, the Central Point merchant, was doing business at the courthouse Saturday.

True Cox of Medford spent a few hours in town Saturday.

Gas Taylor, the genial traveling man for Glass & Prudhomme, was looking after his interests in this place on Saturday.

Miss Emma Ulrich entertained the Saturday Night club with 500 at her home last Saturday night. Following party, delivery refreshments were served and games indulged in until 1 o'clock. The next evening will be held at the home of Miss Maryline Emergen, George Lewis street a few hours in Medford for a few days after that.

AMUSEMENTS. A Treat at the Opera House.

It is a well-known fact among those who are acquainted with motion pictures that there is no machine which can give pictures equal to those of the Cameragraph, either in clearness or steadiness. The Cameragraph pictures are so steady and perfect that it is a positive pleasure to watch them. There is none of that flicker which gives you a headache when you have watched the Edison and other pictures for some time.

The Cameragraph will be used to project the pictures on the screen in the Opera House, Tuesday evening, February 11. The pictures will be rather larger than life-size, and it will appear that the characters are actually acting on the stage. Do not miss this treat, since you will enjoy it much better than many high-priced attractions.

A popular entertainment, high grade and yet within the reach of all. Reserved seats, 35 cents; adults, 25 cents, and children, 15 cents.

Ladies, attention! Don't fail to see the new assortment of China Silk and Embroidery Waists. "The Big Store," Deuel & Kentner's, 278.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at a school meeting of District No. 49 of Jackson county, state of Oregon, to be held at the city hall in Medford, in said district, on the 10th day of February, 1908, there will be submitted to the legal voters of said district the question of contracting a bonded debt of \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting a high school building, the vote to be by ballot, upon which shall be the words "Bonds-Yes" and the words "Bonds-No." Polls to be open at 1 o'clock p. m. and remain open until 4 o'clock p. m.

By order of the board of directors of School District No. 49 of Jackson county, Oregon. Dated this 18th day of January, 1908. 274 ORIS CRAWFORD, Clerk.

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Coal for Sale.

We are now prepared to furnish hand picked coal at the mine, five mile east of town, in any amount desired \$7.50 per ton. PACIFIC COAL CO.

C. H. Pierce & Son

Pride themselves on pleasing customers, doing a straight commission business and leaving the option business to others.

George Lewis of Jacksonville transacted business in Medford Saturday.

Something Unusual in Cameragraph 314 Mile--Motion Pictures--314 Mile AND 5--Illustrated Songs--5 AT THE MEDFORD OPERA HOUSE, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11. Admission--Adults, 25c; Children, 15c; Reserved Seats, 35c.

The Nash Cafe POLITE ATTENTION to all of our patrons. We would be glad to have you give us a call. Our delicious chops and steaks, game, fish, and shellfish are cooked in a manner that make them linger in the memory as well as tickle the palate. Our eggs are fresh laid, our meats are tender, our coffees and teas of exquisite flavor and our wines excellent. When you wish to enjoy a good meal come to

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SPREAD THE NEWS Colonists' Rates Colonist Rates from all points East to Oregon from March 1 to April 30, 1908 The Southern Pacific Railroad Announces that rates in effect March 1, 1908, will be \$38 from Chicago, \$35.50 from St. Louis, Mo.; from Missouri River common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City, Mo., including also St. Paul, Minneapolis, \$30; from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, \$30. For further information call on or address A. S. ROSENBAUM, Agent, Medford, Or.

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