

GRAND JURY FILES ITS REPORT

Returned Two True Bills and Three Not True Bills - Commends Work of Sheriff Jones

The grand jury for the March term of the circuit court has filed its report and been discharged. The grand jury returned two true bills and three not true bills besides considering many other matters.

The report of the jury is as follows:

To the Honorable H. K. Hanna, Judge of the circuit court:

We, the grand jury of Jackson county, Oregon, duly empaneled and sworn in the above entitled court at the March, 1909, term thereof, respectfully submit and offer for your approval our report.

We have diligently inquired into all cases wherein persons have been charged of crime, including all cases brought to our attention by the act of committing magistrates in holding persons charged with crime to await our action, and all cases wherein 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 the investigation we have endeavored to bring to true bills against those persons only where the evidence warranted such action. We have returned into court indorsed as true bills two indictments and have returned not true bills three indictments through matters brought to our attention by the officers.

The Courthouse.

We have made a brief examination of the courthouse, jail and outbuildings. We would respectfully recommend to the county court that two new closets be provided in the courthouse yard with modern plumbing, and that a septic tank be added to the equipment.

We recommend that a telephone booth be provided by the proper officials for the use of the public in the halls of the courthouse. We have visited all the offices connected with the public service about the courthouse. We did not make a thorough examination, as the books of the various officials are being experty by order of the county court, but we think the public to be congratulated upon the high efficiency of the various officials now in office.

Jones Commended.

We especially commend Sheriff Jones and his corps of deputies for their prompt service in bringing witnesses subpoenaed. We have visited the county poor farm and rebuilding detached from the poorhouse for the isolation and care of consumptives, who come under the management, and to provide for the care of transient persons whose physical condition has not become well understood to the management.

We recommend that suitable shelves be provided by the county court for the care of the present owner, maps now being prepared for the use of the assessor.

We commend the poorhouse and poor farm management for the neatness and care with which the inmates are treated and the economical management of its business.

Having now fully finished our labors, we respectfully ask that this report be received and placed on file and that we be discharged.

- J. R. WICK, Foreman
J. W. BONAR,
LOUIS KNIPS,
J. M. RADER,
F. M. RLEVINS,
W. P. COUNTS,
G. W. MATTHEWS,

Dr. C. R. Ray, who was arrested for failing to report for jury duty, was fined nothing and costs in the circuit court upon his explanation of a misunderstanding. He supposed that he had been excused, as his attorney promised to attend to the matter.

NEW COMERS TURNING TO FARMS

Apple Culture Solves Problem of City Man Dreaming Rural Happiness-- Tremendous Movement

Statistics by the Medford Commercial club show that 75 per cent of the newcomers into the northwest during the past year turned to farming, stockraising and dairying, while of the others more than 50 per cent took up orcharding and chicken-raising in districts tributary to the settled communities.

Of the hundreds of visitors to the rooms of the Commercial club the majority, including men and women from all walks of city life, came to the northwest to seek homes in the rural districts; not to become general farmers, but to take up some special phase of the work, and in the greater number of instances it is fruit-growing.

The practice of intensive farming, more especially apple culture, has, in a measure, solved the problem of the American trait of the farmer seeking city life and the city man dreaming of rural happiness, and the nearness of the irrigated districts to the towns and cities in the northwest has served to satisfy both. Small tracts, telephone, rural mail routes make a combination of the best of city and country, and thousands are passing useful and luscious lives in these districts. There has been a tremendous movement to the northwest in the last 14 months, when, according to the best information available, approximately 100,000 persons settled in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and of these about 63,500 located in Washington, northern Idaho and Oregon.

Illinois, Iowa and Missouri furnished the majority of these settlers, the rest coming from Nebraska, Indiana, Minnesota, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, New York, West Virginia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Vermont, Nevada and Maryland, with sprinkling from southwestern states.

NEW BAND MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

The Rogue River band, Central Point's latest musical organization, made its initial appearance Tuesday morning, when the band greeted the demonstration train and assisted with the entertainment of the crowds at the irrigation meeting which followed. Everybody was delighted with the excellent program rendered and many compliments were passed on the band and their proficient leader, A. W. Moon, who has been teaching the boys for only two or three months, says the Herald.

In appreciation of the band's part in the irrigation meeting, Dr. C. R. Ray made a liberal donation to the band fund, which was also materially augmented by a voluntary contribution from citizens.

The band is one of our best assets as a boasting proposition and the citizens are giving the organization every encouragement in their good work.

MAY BECOME A GREAT DAIRYING SECTION

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 26.—More attention is to be given the dairying industry in Klamath county. Creameries that have been in operation in the various sections of this county during the past few years have demonstrated the fact that the Klamath basin is ideal for dairying, but the campaign of education has progressed slowly, as the ranchers have been more or less doubtful about the matter. Recently a creamery was started in this city and it, too, is proving a success, with the demand for its product far in excess of the supply.

Captain S. A. Nickerson and wife of Celina, O., uncle and aunt of Colonel Frank Ton Velle of Tolo, arrived Saturday to visit their nephews.

HILL AND HARRIMAN MEET TO CONFER OVER NORTHWEST

MUCH INTEREST IN NORTHWEST

Randall Returns With News That Many Will Visit Oregon

A. C. Randall of the Talent and other orchards, one of the partners in the Rogue River Investment company, a member of a prominent grain brokerage firm of Minnesota and a large investor in the valley, returned to Medford Friday after a four month absence in the east. Mr. Randall originally came here to recuperate his health and ended by becoming one of the big orchard owners of this section.

"I have been all over the east, and as far south as Old Mexico, but I saw no place where opportunities are greater than in the Rogue River valley," said Mr. Randall. "I saw no place of equal charm or of as good prospects."

"I stopped over in the Wenatchee, Yakima and other fruit districts of Washington," he continued, "and while they have a pretty country and prospects are excellent, they are not in the same class with those of this section and are not to be compared with southern Oregon."

"There is a great inquiry throughout the east and great interest in Oregon. Not a day passed when I was in our main offices at Minneapolis and Duluth and other branch offices, but that I was besieged with inquiries. Most of my time was taken up in answering questions regarding this country. There is going to be a big immigration of prospective investors here this year, but most of them will wait to take in the Seattle fair on their trip."

Mexico Attracts People. "Texas and even Mexico is attracting a great deal of attention in the middle west. There is a heavy movement to these regions. I went down to see the country, and I know from personal observation that the country does not begin to compare with the Rogue River valley and that there is not half the chance for money making, while the climate is not to be mentioned with that of southern Oregon."

"I saw no city with as promising a future as Medford has, and I return well pleased with our investment here and will probably increase them."

Mr. Randall will make Medford home and expects his family in the near future.

TIES AND DROWNS TWO CHILDREN AND HERSELF

SIMSBURY, Conn., March 26.—The bodies of Mrs. Ames Miller and her two children were found in the Farmington river this morning. The children had been tied together before drowning. Through a note left by Mrs. Miller the probabilities are strong that she took their lives and her own while mentally unbalanced.

High School Notes.

The chorus for the dedication of the high school April 9 are practicing every day under Mrs. E. E. Gore. The pupils will make a creditable showing against the quartet from the O. A. C.

We were favored with the presence of two of the school board this week—Mr. Cochran and Mr. Porter. Mr. Cochran gave us some good advice on singing, which was appreciated.

Miss Sue Hills, a member of the class of '10, left last week for Portland. She is missed by her classmates.

The rhetorical yesterday afternoon were in charge of the freshmen. An instructive and efficient program was rendered.

Inter-class spirit was roused last week by two baseball games between the senior freshman team and the junior sophomore team. The first game resulted in a tie, 1-1. The second was won by the senior freshmen by a score of 7-2.

Talk with Dr. Page should you desire medical advice or business property.

INDICATIONS ARE THAT HARRIMAN TIGHTENING GRIP

Railroad Magnate Discusses Business Prospects, Saying That Money Must Not Be Invested in Inaccessible Property.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 27.—The fact that President Hill of the Great Northern railroad and Edward H. Harriman have been consulting at various times and places during the past two days is regarded as an indication that Harriman is tightening his grip on the railroad situation in the northwest.

The special trains of Harriman and Hill, consisting of four cars each, are today standing at Burlingame station south of this city. The two railroad magnates are in hourly conference.

Regarding business, Mr. Harriman said: "The farmer of the northwest is rich and is getting to be richer. This is satisfactory because many of us depend upon the farmer's condition."

"Prosperity depends upon the manner in which money is invested. There will be a financial depression if the country has a tendency to invest the money in inaccessible property such as new railroads and other schemes, making it difficult to collect money on short notice."

KLAMATH LAKEVIEW ROAD TO BE BUILT

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 27.—The movement has been started for the improvement of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview road. A meeting was held recently by the directors of the chamber of commerce for the purpose of discussing good roads.

Lake county merchants are dissatisfied with their present transportation facilities from Alturas and are anxious to ship their goods by way of Klamath Falls. The only difficulty in the way is the condition of the roads between Klamath Falls and Lakeview. Lake county is ready to build good roads from the county seat to the county line, if Klamath county will do the same with the roads from the county line to the railroad at Klamath Falls.

KAISER'S THIRD SON WILL VISIT AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 27.—There were rumors here some time ago that Prince Eitel Frederick, the Kaiser's second son, would come to this country next summer to attend the Sonder class yacht races off the Massachusetts coast. This was later said to be incorrect, and it is now reported that the royal visitor will be the third son, Prince Adelbert, who intends to pay a visit to Newport, accompanied by his wife, who was the Princess Dagmar of Denmark. It is said that he will be the guest of Cornelius Vanderbilt.

VETERAN KILLED BY BLOW FROM FIST OF ANOTHER

HIGGINSVILLE, Mo., March 26.—J. R. McCormick, 95 years old, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at the Confederate home here yesterday as the result of a fist blow dealt by "Jim" Cummings, follower of the noted train and bank robbers, the James and Younger boys. A coroner's jury returned a verdict that McCormick came to his death from a blow delivered by Cummings, but as McCormick was the aggressor, Cummings was held blameless.

SPLEEN REMOVED AND WOMAN IS RECOVERING

NEW YORK, March 26.—Alle Angela Borrto, the wife of General Leandro Borrto, an officer in the Cuban army, is recovering at the General Memorial hospital here after having undergone the very rarest operation of having her spleen completely removed. She is progressing so well that she will be out of the hospital shortly.

MISS EMERY WEDS HER JAP

California Girl Becomes Bride of Coolie Cook at Seattle-Few Witnesses

SEATTLE, Wash., March 27.—Miss Helen Gladys Emery became the bride of Gungiro Aoki at 11:45 this morning in Trinity Parish church, the only witnesses being the bride's parent, a country man of Aoki, A. Patterson, secretary to the rector, and the Rev. H. H. Gowen, who performed the ceremony. Accompanied by Aoki, the bride's father, Archdeacon John Emery, appeared at the marriage license clerk's window at 10 o'clock this morning and secured a license. The couple hurried to the Saxon hotel and joined the mother and daughter. The party then entered a carriage and were driven to the church.

This is the romance which has shocked the coast. Miss Emery, the daughter of a prominent churchman, fell in love with the Jap, a cook employed in her father's family. Trouble in the Emery family followed. The mother sided with the daughter. Local demonstrations against the couple caused them to leave California for Seattle, where the ceremony was performed, the bride's father giving an unending amount. Aoki is an ignorant coolie and the well-bred girl's infatuation has been the scandal of San Francisco. Aoki sold his "sweetheart" letters to the newspapers to make a few dollars.

There is considerable talk about a reduction of the tariff making the lumber cheaper for the consumer and likewise aiding the conservation movement, but this will be found to be nothing but a fallacy.

If the efforts of the timbermen count for anything, the tariff will not be reduced.

MINISTER WOULD PAY DEBT BY HARD LABOR

NEW YORK, March 26.—The Rev. Joseph Diller of Nassau, Island of New Providence, the Bahamas, has arrived in New York with a view to working out by manual labor a debt which he owes to R. C. William, a wholesale grocer of this city. The amount is \$137. Dr. Miller is an ordained Baptist missionary, but had been conducting a small store in Nassau. It was in this venture that he became indebted to the New York grocer.

UNCLE SAM TESTING ROCKY MOUNTAIN COAL

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The government has taken important steps to stop the waste of fuel resources of the country by making test of the coal of the Rocky mountain region at the geological survey plant in Denver, Col., the purpose being to determine what coals of this region are capable of making coke that can be used by the great metallurgical interests of the west.

FAIRBANKS COMING TO CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, March 26.—According to a dispatch from Indianapolis, former Vice-President President Fairbanks, accompanied by Mrs. Fairbanks and their daughter, Mrs. Timmons, have left for Pasadena.

It is expected the Fairbanks party will remain in Pasadena several months, where, it is reported, he has purchased property.

ST. JOHNS PETITIONS THE COMMISSIONER FOR RELIEF

SALEM, Or., March 26.—Prominent business men of St. Johns have petitioned the railway commission for assistance in obtaining a depot and better traffic facilities. The citizens themselves have endeavored without avail to prevail upon the Oregon Railway & Navigation company to install a depot at St. Johns. The petition from St. Johns was received yesterday afternoon.

It sets out that St. Johns is a growing town of 1900-2000 inhabitants. The industries that furnish heavy freight tonnage. Nevertheless there is no depot in St. Johns and no telegraph office in the city, except at the new North Bank road depot, two miles or so from the business district.

WOULD HAVE EFFECT ON MEDFORD

Hafer Discusses What Reduction in Tariff Means to Northwest and to City in Particular

"All the big lumbermen of the northwest are uniting in the fight against the lowering of the tariff on lumber," says Edgar Hafer, manager of the Crater Lake Lumber company, which controls thousands of acres of local timber land, "and while in Portland recently I was surprised at the high feeling expressed by timbermen there and in Seattle. But, realizing that the reduction of the tariff by 30 per cent as is provided in the Payne tariff bill now before congress, will paralyze the industry in the northwest, I am not surprised at the united effort being made to fight the bill."

"There are many companies in the northwest who figure on \$1.50 clear a thousand feet. They have made their profit in the past by the volume of their business, but cut it in two and they would be forced to shut up shop."

"The reduction of the lumber tariff would have a direct effect upon this section. The timber which is standing tributary to Medford would stand just so much longer if the flood of Canadian cut timber was allowed to come in. For mills could not be operated at a profit."

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MYSTERY OVER MISSING MAN IS CLEARED UP

The mysterious disappearance of Ephraim Hedberg of Cumberland, Wis., while en route to Ashland, says a dispatch, accompanied by his daughter, has been partially cleared up. Hedberg disappeared from the train at Unadilla, Or., August 5, 1908, and it was supposed he met with foul play. For months no trace whatever could be found of him and the search was about given up. Several weeks ago a human head was found in the vicinity of Hermiston, Or., but even this discovery was not deemed sufficient to identify the remains as being those of Hedberg. G. H. Hedberg, Western Union lineman, located here, and a nephew of the missing man, has just received a letter from an official at Hermiston that, in addition to finding the head, they have also found a coat, in the pocket of which was a railroad ticket to Ashland, Or., signed with the name of E. Hedberg, daily witnessed. The ticket was sold August 1, 1908.

COMPILATION OF THE STATE TAX LAWS

SALEM, Or., March 26.—C. V. Galloway and J. B. Eaton, tax commissioners, are compiling Oregon's tax laws in concise form. They will be published for the benefit of both the public and the members of the commission. No assessment is required to be made by the tax commission until March 1, 1910, which will leave enough time for the commissioners to prepare the proper blanks and forms and familiarize themselves perfectly with the conditions in the different counties and the laws under which they must operate.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN INTRODUCES MEASURES

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Senator Chamberlain introduced his first bills today. They are: To grant increases in pensions to George W. Peters, George Pierce, Cook Gamble and George W. Haylen, and to grant increases in pension to \$16 to survivors of the Indian war.

MUST CEASE DEER HIDE TRAFFIC

Sixteen Indictments Returned by Grand Jury-- Three Plead Guilty and Are Fined--One Fights

A determined effort is being made to enforce the law regarding the purchase and sale of deer hides, with a view to stopping the slaughter of deer out of season. The grand jury returned 14 indictments against as many persons for selling and transporting deer hides.

Fritz Ruch and John Doe McDonald were indicted for selling deer hides. They are accused of having purchased deer hides in the hills and of selling them to dealers, who tanned them.

J. S. Stagg, A. Singler and W. D. Roberts, who were indicted for having untanned deer hides in their possession, pleaded guilty and paid fines of \$25 each. S. C. Roberts, who was also indicted, is going to fight the case. Warrants are out for 11 others charged with the same offense.

Speaking of the law on the subject, District Attorney Mulley states:

Law That Is Violated. "It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell or offer for sale, or receive for any purpose, or transport or carry any deer hide within the state of Oregon, unless such hides shall have attached thereto a leather tag."

"These tags may be gotten from justices of the peace, who procure them from the county clerk, who is furnished them by the state game warden."

"Many persons violate this law through ignorance of its provisions, and there is no provision in the law granting immunity because of lack of knowledge. It is unlawful to transport or carry deer skins if the same have not been tagged according to law."

BENSON APPOINTS WEBSTER AS DELEGATE

SALEM, Or., March 26.—Governor F. W. Benson has appointed Judge L. R. Webster of Portland as a delegate to the national good roads convention, to be held at St. Augustine, Fla., in January, 1910. A letter from the National Good Roads association states that the representative from Oregon will also be a member of the executive committee.

The association intends to attempt to put under way a movement that will result in planning by the government of several east-and-west trunk roads, 24 feet in width, and further desires to attempt to interest the states in building system of radial roads, one located with relation to our coast line, another having relation to our northern border, a third connecting the capitals of the original 13 states through to the Pacific coast at Los Angeles via New Orleans, Texas, etc., and a fourth running through the middle states and terminating in San Francisco.

Double Wedding.

A double wedding was solemnized last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gordon of Beagle, when Miss Clara Gordon and Mrs. C. E. Wilhite and Miss Bessie Gordon and Mr. E. M. Chase were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. M. Jones of this city, says the Central Point Herald.

The brides are the charming daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and the grooms are two of the best known and most prosperous young farmers of the Antioch country.

The wedding took place at high noon, after which a most tempting wedding dinner was served. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. N. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilhite, E. L. Glass, Miss Millie Gordon, Mrs. E. Mande, Mrs. James Pritchard, Roy L. Mauls, Miss Blanche Mauls, Mattie Gordon, Miss Eleanor Mauls, Myra Askew and Mrs. T. M. Jones.

Miss Agnes Broun and Mrs. Charles Delin have returned from a week's visit at the Blue Lodge mine.