

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

*Volume of Business not Nearly
so Great as was Expected
by Those Interested.*

The circuit court met in regular session Monday, Dec. 16.

By order of the court Frank Kasshaber was appointed bailiff for the grand jury.

Following is the grand jury. C. H. Vaupel, foreman; Adam Schmidt, T. E. Pottenger, F. W. Woods, J. R. Robison, Joel Hartley, J. L. Garvin.

The following cases came up for hearing:

Case of O. & C. R. R. Co., vs. Ashland Iron Works. Dismissed on stipulation by order of the court.

Iowa Lumber & Box Co., a corporation, vs. Kate M. Skeel, Myron A. Skeel and J. E. Emerick. Dismissed on motion of W. E. Phipps, attorney for plaintiff.

J. H. Pamer vs. John W. Prall and C. A. Prall. The court finds for the defendant.

Drum, Bybee, Hunsiker Ditch Co., vs. J. U. G. Morrison. The court finds for plaintiff.

L. Neidemeyer vs. Conrad Remking. Court finds for defendant in as far as contract is concerned and decrees judgment in favor of plaintiff for the costs of the suit.

Snyder vs. John Harrington. Court gives plaintiff and defendant further time to produce further evidence.

Iowa Lumber & Box Co., a corporation, vs. J. D. Hooker. Demurrer argued before the court.

Chas. H. Hosley vs. Gertrude Murphy. Demurrer argued.

State of Oregon, vs. Jane Doe. Grand jury finds true bill.

Iowa Lumber & Box Co., a corporation, vs. J. D. Hooker. Demurrer overruled.

On Monday the grand jury found three indictments. They were: one against James Page, horse stealing; C. L. Hammesly, obtaining money under false pretenses by passing a bogus check at Ashland; Mrs. Charity Halley, keeping a bawdy house in Medford.

Mrs. Halley appeared before the court and plead guilty. She was fined \$200 and costs.

Following are the new cases in court: Charles Nickell vs. J. B. Welch; action to recover money. Gus Newbury, attorney for plaintiff.

P. F. Swayne vs. Henry Worth; action to recover money. Gus Newbury, attorney for plaintiff.

Cecelia L. Maegly vs. W. C. Kitto, administrator estate G. Karewski, deceased; suit to quiet title. Gus Newbury, attorney for plaintiff.

J. D. Hanberg vs. the Opp Mining company; suit to foreclose lien. Gus Newbury, attorney for plaintiff.

William Zimmerlee vs. Cecil Baker et al.; suit to quiet title. Gus Newbury, attorney for plaintiff.

John A. Nyswaner vs. Jennie Nyswaner; suit for divorce. Gus Newbury, attorney for plaintiff.

James Page plead not guilty to the charge brought by Harlow Messenger of stealing a horse. Gus Newbury was appointed by the court to defend the prisoner.

According to evidence brought out by the State a black mare with a docked tail belonging to Messenger disappeared off the range in November, 1905, and in July, 1906, was found in a livery stable at Grants Pass. Witnesses testified that James Page sold the mare to

C. E. Woolfolk for \$55. Mr. Woolfolk also testified to that effect.

Page, it will be remembered, is the man who walked in from Trail creek last fall, after having escaped the Douglas county sheriff, and gave himself up to Sheriff Jackson.

The defendant was put on the stand and his testimony to the jury convinced that body that a mistake was made; that his intentions were not to steal. He testified that earlier in the year he had turned on the range a horse of the same description as the one in question and that until he was informed that a warrant had been issued for him he thought it was his own horse.

A verdict of "not guilty" was returned on the first ballot.

The grand jury failed to find a true bill against W. S. Barnum for assaulting Mayor Reddy with an ax.

C. L. Hammesly plead not guilty to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. According to the testimony brought out at the trial Hammesly walked into Druggist L. P. Orr's store at Ashland and inquired if the druggist had a blank check. Mr. Orr stated that he had one on the Bank of Ashland. Hammesly replied that it would do, so he took it and wrote a check for \$15. After conversing awhile Hammesly then asked Mr. Orr if he could cash the check. Mr. Orr cashed it at once without any ceremony. Hammesly then took the money, walked out of the store, presented part of the coin to a man waiting on the outside and then walked away and out of town. Hammesly was apprehended at Dunsuir and Chief of Police Simonds brought him to Ashland.

Hammesly is a smooth talker and gets familiar on short acquaintance. He is a pleasant, good natured fellow and knows everybody by their given names. The attorney for the defense, Gus Newbury, argued a demurrer, and as this page goes to press the Judge's decision has not been given.

Late advices state that Buccioni, the Greek, now confined in the county jail, will have to answer the charge of murder, his victim dying the first of the week at Portland.

Jack Montgomery is again in the toils this time for cutting an irrigating ditch, belonging to some one else. The evidence is being taken as The Post goes to press.

The grand jury paid a visit to the poor farm near Phoenix last Thursday. They will probably finish all their work today.

Circuit court will probably adjourn today until after the holidays.

Wise Talks by the Toggery's Office Boy.

I asked Pa what a pessimist meant and he said it was a fellow with a bunch of hard-luck stories who didn't really believe any of them. He said the next national election there would be only two parties in the field—Optimists and Pessimists and the Pesses would be licked to a finish. I don't see how any one can help feeling optimistic, also opulent, when most everyone has all the work he wants to do at good pay for short hours and money in the savings bank. Think of those kids over in Belgium working 16 hours for a franc a day—but, snucks, that's not all. Think of the freak togs they have to wear and then think of the swell togs our kids can fall into. Why it's great to be an American and wear New York clothes even if the Pessimists should carry every every State in the Union. Did you get your suit of us—yes?

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