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LUKE RYAN DISCHARGED

By Mayor Purdin of Medford's City Court.

Luke Ryan a prominent citizen of this city who had been charged by the Merchants Association of Medford with violating the provisions of an ordinance of that city regarding "Itinerant Merchants," was discharged by Mayor Purdin of the city court Monday forenoon.

The court in its decision held that no evidence had been introduced to support the charge.

The matter grew out of the sale by William Ulrich of goods and merchandise which had formerly belonged to Mr. Ryan in this city and which had been recently moved to Medford.

Klamath Ships 555 Cars

A total of 555 cars of freight, consisting of produce raised in Klamath county, was shipped from Klamath Falls during September, October and November, according to figures compiled by Freight agent Samuel J. Bailey. These figures will present a surprise to many residents of Klamath county and will compare favorably with those of other counties in Oregon.

The shipments consisted of 30 cars of barley amounting to 1,050,000 pounds; 11 cars of oats, amounting to 357,500 lbs; 43 cars of wheat, amounting to 1,520,000 pounds; 27 cars of potatoes, amounting to 8,640,000 pounds; 395 cars of lumber, amounting to 7,900,000 feet; 176 cars of box shooks, amounting to 7,040,000 pounds.

The livestock shipments consisted of 34 cars of cattle, 75 cars of sheep and 3 cars of horses.—Klamath Northwest

Asiaties Not Named in Bill

Washington, Dec. 15—With an overwhelming majority in its favor, the Burnett immigration bill, including a literacy test, such as was vetoed by President Taft, was ordered reported today by the House immigration committee.

The committee cleared up its differences relating to militant suffragist advocates of sabotage and forms of violence, by adopting an amendment which provides for deportation of "any alien who at any time within three years after entry shall be found in the United States advocating or teaching the unlawful destruction of property or advocating or teaching the overthrow of organized government or the assassina-

tion of any public official."

That it was agreed, would include advocates of sabotage, anarchists or militant suffragettes who might advocate destruction of property.

The committee did not adopt any special amendment relating to the exclusion of Asiatics, leaving that to the general provisions of the bill relating to the requirements for naturalization. It was stated, however, that questions relating to the Asiatic immigration would be taken up with the State Department.

Sand For Filtration Plants

In answer to an inquiry from Minnesota, requesting information concerning sand suitable for filters, the United States Geological Survey states that clear white quartz sand of the proper size is the common material used in filtration plants at Springfield, Mass., and Toronto, Canada, are practically identical with those of the Washington plant and are as follows:

"The filter sand shall be clean sand, with either sharp or rounded grains. It shall be entirely free from clay, dust, or organic impurities and shall, if necessary, be washed to remove such materials from it. The grains shall, all of them, be of hard material which will not disintegrate. The effective size shall not be less than 0.25 millimeter nor more than 0.35 millimeter. The uniformity coefficient shall not be more than 3.0. The sand shall be free from dust and shall not contain more than 1 per cent finer than 0.13 millimeter, and shall be entirely free from particles over 5 millimeters in diameter. The sand shall not contain more than 2 per cent by weight of lime and magnesia taken together as carbonates. In all other respects the sand shall be of a quality satisfactory to the engineer."

Gravel for the floor of filters may be broken trap rock or granite screened to the proper size, or gravel screened from sand and gravel banks of a sandy nature. Gravel screened from hardpan or clayey material cannot be sufficiently cleaned. The gravel should not contain more than a very small amount of shale or limestone and should be washed entirely free from fine material.

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SEWER ASSESMENT VOID

W. E. Phipps Wins Case in Circuit Court Against City of Medford.

In a decision rendered Tuesday morning in the circuit court in the case of W. E. Phipps vs City of Medford, Judge Calkins declared null and void the ordinance assessing the cost of a trunk sewer in District 13, against the property alleged to be benefited.

In the findings it is stated that the sewer had been constructed and paid for by the city prior to levying the assessment, that the sewer had in fact been in use some 18 months before the assessment was levied; that no notice of any kind had been given to property owners that the property was not adjacent to, nor was it benefited by the sewer; that the property, owing to the topography cannot ever be drained by the sewer in question.

OLCOTT DRAWS LINE

Insists That State Pay No Tips to Waiters

Salem, Or., Dec. 17—Through his refusal to audit a claim of 95 cents, given by employes of the geological survey working under a cooperative contract between the state and the government, Secretary of State Olcott and George Otis Smith, director of the United States geological survey, are at loggerheads today. Smith insists that the state is obligated to abide by the regulation of the geological survey, which allows tipping, Olcott declares otherwise.

Pioneer Stage Driver at Pass

M. J. Luark, the pioneer stage driver through the Rogue River valley, is in the city taking a look at the country which he carried the mail in 1858, or fifty-five years ago. Mr. Luark was only a young man those days, and he has interesting tales to tell of the pioneer times, as well as of his experiences since. His route was between Oakland, Oregon, Yreka, California, and he drove a two-horse wagon from Oakland to Grants Pass, and from here continued on with pack horses, the wagon road ending at this point. The Grants Pass of that time, however, was located somewhat further up the river than it is at the present time.—Rogue River Courier.

OLD MURDER RECALLED

Arrest of John Cooley Recalls Fatal Pioneer Feud of 1898 Startling Developments Expected.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 15—According to information emanating from an authoritative source here John Cooley, arrested at San Francisco today, is wanted for the murder of Thomas Van Pelt, a pioneer sawmill man of Curry county, in 1898, and possibilities exist that his apprehension may lead to arrests of prominent people in this state and Washington, for it is declared that the crime was the product of a pioneer feud and that he was employed to commit the crime.

Van Pelt was shot from ambush as he was returning to his home from Fred Blake's store. Just a week prior to the shooting he had been arrested on the charge of killing Al Coolidge, a relative of the Coolidges of Silverton, and who are engaged in the banking business. He had been released, however, for the lack of evidence.

By the side of the road on which he was walking home there was a thicket and just as he passed it he was fired upon. A rifle was used by the murderer and three shots were fired, two of them taking effect, one passed through the body of Van Pelt and the other through his head. Johnnie Van Pelt, presumed to have been a son, and a man by the name of Savage were working near where the shooting occurred, and rushed to the scene to find Van Pelt dead.

A coroner's jury with Justice of the Peace John Cooley acting in the capacity of coroner, was called and a verdict returned that Van Pelt came to his death from wounds received from two rifle bullets fired by an unknown person. Ever since the murder has been a mystery. Recently District Attorney Brown of Roseburg and Stevens Doyle began work on the case and they have unearthed the evidence which resulted in the arrest of Cooley.

Van Pelt crossed the plains with the Coolidges, it is said, and they were interested with him in the sawmill business. He was married, it is said, to an Indian woman. While rumor connected the name of Van Pelt with the murder of Al Coolidge, he was released and his murderer has never been apprehended. Cooley was a neighbor of the Van Pelts.

PORTLAND LETTER

World's Finest at Livestock Exposition. Northwest Rival of "Corn. States."

Portland, Ore., Dec. 16, 1913 (Special)—The Pacific International Livestock Exposition flung open its portals at the Portland Union Stock Yards for the third time last week in its annual show with the most brilliant and representative field of entries in all classes, individuals, herds and carload lots that have ever been assembled in this section of the country.

Stock that has never known what it is to have their colors lowered in defeat on this continent or in the United Kingdom, animals that have swept everything in the way of awards at the International Livestock Show at Chicago, the National Dairy Show at Chicago, at state and district fairs without number were represented in that magnificent symposium of livestock aristocracy.

Portland was the mecca for all livestock men last week. The eyes of all stockmen of the west were focused on Portland. Nearly 1000 entries—not single animals, but individual herds of varying sizes and on up to carload entries, were listed with the exposition that made the value run well up into millions.

An aggregate of \$15,000 in premiums were awarded. No exhibition of its kind has ever attempted to do so much for its community, for the country tributary to it, or for the industry it undertakes to foster. Thousands visited the yards to see the world's finest on exhibition and closed last Saturday where special entertainment had been provided for the school children and teachers who witnessed the awarding of the prize cups.

That the Northwest has become the rival of the "corn states" has been demonstrated by the first Corn Show held at Pendleton, a week ago last Friday. The people of Umatilla County had their first view of real Oregon field corn. There was corn of every description; corn on the cob, in rows and

plugs; corn on stalks some of them measuring 12 feet high. There was corn in bulk, yellow corn, white corn, red corn and several shades between. Prizes given by the O. W. R. & N. Co., and others amounted \$1000. Entries from 200 individual exhibitors were represented.

The exhibit was judged by Professors Scudder, Hyslop and French, of the Oregon Agricultural College, after which the entire exhibit was shipped to Portland and displayed for a whole week by the railroad.

In Portland, thousands were astonished to see corn exhibited in shock, on the ears, in the sack, in the silo and ground into meal—this being the product of the state of Oregon, where all was spread out in convincing profusion. And now, Oregon comes into the ranks of corn growing states.

Electric Sparks

There cannot help being a break in eggs when they fall.

Miss Wilson's husband says that "getting married is serious." He is finding it out much sooner than the most of 'em.

General Huerta has had trouble with his Secretary of the Interior. In fact, all of his interior arrangements seem to have been giving him trouble.

Vincent Astor has been a distinct disappointment to many managing mammals.

The silkworm is a caterpillar that has broken into business.

How the world does move! The colored people are using safety razors.

If Col. Geethal's countrymen desire to bestow some honorary title upon him in recognition of his great service as a canal builder, why not call him the King of Spades?

Huerta stands about as much chance as a Thanksgiving turkey.

Pick your Christmas trees early.

Some illiterate person will insist on calling the Arachis hypogaea a peanut.

Contest for the armor plate plant begins to sound like an anvil chorus.

Recipe for Mexican stew. Mix Juarez, Chihuahua, Popocatepetl, stir in Huerta, Carranza, and Pancho Villa; serve hot.

Having waited this long for a report on the Currency bill, the country was prepared for two.

Bridgroom Francis B. Sayre has resigned his position as assistant District Attorney in New York. Still, being son-in-law to the President will not demand all of his time and energy.

If the women again succeed in breaking the hold of the egg trust upon the throat of the consumer the first articulate yell of the consumer may well be: "Votes for Women."

President Wilson is going to have a hard month, with the Currency Bill and the Dressmaker's bill.

About this time of the year the small boy is torn between the desire to have the regular fun and the necessity of assuming pre-Christmas virtue.

According to a Washington Correspondent, not one man in 10,000 understands the currency problem. But one seldom meets a man who does not know all about it.

American children will use up \$20,000,000 worth of new toys soon after Christmas, which suggests the thought that the rag doll is no longer in vogue.

Militants in London threw hammers at the Judge and smashed the furniture, but perhaps he had provoked them in some way.

Accounting for the uniform success of Yuan Shih Kai, it is surmised that he did not find a cellar stocked with champagne.

Emperor William shot only 1,180 pheasants while in Austria. All the others may have come in and surrendered.

Owing to the proclivities of the cold storage places, the eggnog becomes more hilarious than it used to be.

But while Europe raises more to the acre than the U. S. it has less fun doing it.

Man Wins in Bread-Baking

Monmouth, Or., Dec. 16—Five students of the Oregon Normal School domestic science class entertained the other members at dinner yesterday. The class, which consists of 16 students, was divided into three groups. The first group—Madeline Bettis, Helen Chadbourne, Retta Smith, Margaret Neilson and Will H. Burton—cooked the meal without supervision or instructions, and the cost to the 11 guests was about \$2.50. In the bread-making contest the loaves of Mr. Burton were chosen as among the best four. He is the only man in the Normal School taking domestic science work.

FEDERAL POWER SUPREME

On Government Lands, Says Recent Decision of Circuit Court of Appeals.

The contention of the government that power companies cannot secure rights of way across national forests without complying with the regulations of the secretary of agriculture has been completely sustained, according to the officers of the forest service, by the opinion of the circuit court of appeals filed on November 14 in the case of the United States versus the Utah Power and Light Company.

In its decision, the court announces that congress has assumed complete control of the water-power question, so far as the public lands are affected and that a state in the exercise of its sovereign authority cannot interfere with or transcend this constitutional power of congress.

Students at Farmers' Week

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 17—The first day's registration for Farmers' Week course at the Oregon Agricultural College showed an increase of 10 percent over that for the corresponding date last year. While most of the attendants are farmers there are many women taking the domestic science and art course, and a few young people taking special work in one or more subjects. The oldest student is twenty-six years of age and the youngest seventeen. One of the most successful farmers is Miss Helen V. Crawford, formerly instructor in the art of expression at the Agricultural College and at present a Linn county horticulturist. She has been especially successful in growing fine peaches and has one of the largest young peach orchards in this part of the state. Also, Miss Crawford was recently elected city treasurer of Lebanon. Another noted student is Mrs. R. C. Morse, a Colorado miner. The class comprises representative farmers and home-makers from many parts of the state.

Remembers His Hoard of \$640

Stevenson, Wash., Dec. 16—Axel Smith, a railroad laborer who was shot some months ago by William Bort, and has since been in the hospital here, was yesterday discharged. It was feared that his mind was almost a blank as a result of the injury, the bullet having entered his head, but when the members of the Odd Fellows, to which order Smith belongs, took charge of the man and conveyed him to his cabin a few miles east of here, he remembered things much better than had been expected, and at once secured from hiding places about the shack money and railroad pay-checks he had secreted there amounting, all told, to \$640. This with over \$400 he had on his person when he was shot, gives the man sufficient money for present needs. It is believed now that Smith will recover in part at least. The local Odd Fellows are looking after him. Bort has been sent to the penitentiary.

Woman In Jail For Larceny

Eugene, Or., Dec. 16—Mrs. Elizabeth Patrick, aged 57 years, said to have been a prominent club woman and lodge worker in a suburb of Chicago up to a short time ago, is in the county jail here, having been convicted of the charge of larceny by bailee and fined \$25. She either was unable or refused to pay the fine, and is serving a term of 12½ days.

Mrs. Patrick was arrested in Portland Saturday, upon a Eugene warrant. Some time ago she made a house-to-house canvass in this city, collecting hair-combs to make switches in a short time. In some instances she collected \$1 as part payment. Those who had paid their money became anxious, and the matter was laid before the officers. Upon investigation it was found that she had borrowed umbrellas and other articles from different people in the city and had never returned them. It was upon the charge of taking a gold-headed umbrella belonging to Mrs. Sarah Young of this city, that she was arrested.

Fit In Case Exact?

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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