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PLEAD GUILTY; GET SENTENCE

Moran and Allen Two Years in Pen.

GAMBLERS MUST PAY FINES

Grand Jury Returns Several True Bills on Serious Charges —More Are Expected.

There is something doing for sure in criminal matters in the circuit court this term. Six defendants have so far plead guilty to indictments found by the grand jury.

Dr. C. J. Moran the veterinary surgeon, who came to Prineville several months ago, and his chum, Leslie Allen, together with Ed Garrouite a cook employed at Hotel Pointdexter, plead guilty to the charge of larceny from a dwelling and this morning Moran and Allen were sentenced to serve two years in the state penitentiary. The defendants last Saturday night departed from the home of Jim Prose in Prineville where they have been rooming, taking with them

some bedding, cooking utensils, etc., and started south on the Silver Lake road. Warrants for their arrest were issued and they were overtaken south of Bend by Deputy Sheriff Millard Triplett, of Bend. When they were brought into court they attempted to plead guilty to petty larceny, but Judge Bradshaw would not allow this plea and they plead guilty to the indictment.

There is every reason to believe that these young men did not realize the seriousness of their offense, and the sentence of two years was doubtless more than they expected. Garrouite will receive sentence tomorrow.

A. M. Zevely, Pete Sighlin and Earnest Hays were indicted on a charge of gambling and plead guilty. Thursday Judge Bradshaw sentenced Zevely and Sighlin to pay a fine of \$250 each, while Hays was let off with a fine of \$150. Hays has begun the serving out of his sentence in the county jail. Zevely and Sighlin will probably pay their fines, but up to noon today they were still in the custody of the sheriff. These persons were having a quiet game of poker.

John M. McPherson was indicted by the grand jury for horse stealing. In default of his appearance his bail of \$1000 was forfeited. McPherson's whereabouts are not known. Miller McPherson and Joe Smith of Willow Creek, are his bondsmen.

U. S. Cowles has been indicted on three counts for adultery, Annie De Haven, a seventeen year old girl, being the complaining witness. This case goes to trial today.

An indictment against Dick Dehaven,

stepfather of the girl, has also been returned on the same charge. Dehaven was brought up from Madras last night by Deputy Sheriff J. C. Robinson, and is now in jail.

C. H. Erickson and his wife Bettie Erickson, have been indicted on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on the person of Leonard Walters. They were arraigned in court yesterday afternoon and entered pleas of not guilty. This is the sequel to the shooting scrape at Bear Creek in which about twenty shots were fired and nobody hit.

George T. Sly of Rosland, who was bound over in the justice court on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on Charles Findley, was released by the grand jury after the matter was investigated.

Roy Tower who was bound over from Justice Sharps court on a charge of horse stealing, has been released on parole and will leave the state. Wm. D. Johnson, the private prosecutor dropped the matter.

"Lucky" Baldwin who was arrested at the same time with Tower, has also been discharged, as there was no evidence against him.

Nine sealed indictments were returned by the grand jury this afternoon. It is understood they were principally gambling cases.

Buy your shoes at Stewart's; big stock; low prices.

For Sale.
Silver-Spangled Hamburg Eggs; settings of 15 for \$2.00. Apply to Prineville Cigar Factory. 3-111f

Babers Arrive With Seven Race Horses

Graffy Baber and wife, R. B. Baber and Austin Baber, arrived from Grants Pass Saturday with a string of seven race horses to participate in the May meet at the fair grounds. They came through by way of Klamath Falls and Silver Lake and had a pretty hard trip. Graffy Baber has the following racers: "Confederate," a bay stallion, long distance.

"Carrie Thatcher," 3-year-old mare; long distance.

"Princess David," 6-year-old bay mare; long distance.

"Navajo," 4-year-old bay mare; short distance.

"Red Robin," 4-year-old sorrel gelding; long distance.

Graffy will ride or himself. Bob Baber has two other racers which he will run in several of the events. They are, "Evermore," a 6-year-old sorrel mare, and "Bushtharp," a brown gelding, both long-distance horses.

Will Coleman, a boy from Carson City, Nev., will ride the latter two.

Keep Up Your Chickens.
On and after this date chickens must not be allowed to run on the streets in violation of the city ordinance governing the same. This means everybody.

CIRCUIT COURT IS IN SESSION

Prospect for a Lengthy Term.

JUSTICE WILL BEGIN TO GRIND

Organization and Disposition of Civil Matters—Two Jury Trials Finished.

The May term of circuit court convened last Monday in the court room of the new courthouse, Judge W. L. Bradshaw, presiding. Prosecuting Attorney Fred W. Wilson arrived from The Dalles last Friday to take up the work before him. Court Reporter D. S. Dufur, of Portland, is also in attendance.

Besides the Prineville attorneys, all of whom have several cases to be heard at this term of court, there are in attendance the following attorneys from outside points: Jesse Stearns, of Portland; H. S. Wilson, The Dalles; W. P. Myers, Laidlaw; C. S. Benson, Bend.

The grand jury was organized Monday and has been busy ever since. It is composed of the following: T. H. LaFollett, foreman; P. N. Vibbert, of Madras; George Rodman, Culver; Chris Ehret, Redmond; Joe Hunter, Bend; Wm. Bogli, Madras and W. S. Fullerton, Sisters.

The following jurors are in attendance: C. W. Allen, Laidlaw; A. D. Anderson, Madras; S. P. Loving, Madras; A. M. Logan, Paulina; S. West, Redmond; F. F. Smith, Gist; E. Roberts, Sisters; T. J. Stewart, Post; T. Reuter, Madras; C. Swanson, Ashwood; I. W. Spear, McKay; J. O. Powell, Prineville; A. V. Warren, Haycrest; George Dee, Willow Creek; C. W. Palmuch, Grizzly; R. E. Jordan, Sisters; J. L. Keever, Bend; W. O. Lithgow, Lamonta; F. M. Zumwalt, Redmond; Charles Boyd, of Bend; G. W. Couch, of Redmond and Ed Merritt of Summit Prairie were not in attendance and were excused, as were W. E. Sandel of Laidlaw, and C. E. Parrish, of Camp Creek, who were reported sick.

R. S. Price was appointed court bailiff; P. B. Howard jury bailiff and P. E. Poindexter grand jury bailiff. Marion R. Biggs is serving as clerk of the court.

The following list of civil cases has been disposed of at this term:

C. L. Eaton vs. E. Niskonger and C. D. Brown; continued.

E. T. Slayton, administrator of estate of S. R. Slayton vs. G. J. Hardy, Florence Hardy, Grizzly Lake Lumber Co., and U. S. Cowles; confirmation granted.

Central Oregon Banking & Trust Co. vs. A. B. Estebenet, Katie Estebenet and A. C. Lucas; motion for new trial overruled.

M. Sichel & Co., vs. John Hunsaker; confirmation granted.

C. W. Elkins vs. J. L. Morphy; verdict for plaintiff in sum of \$30.08. This was the first jury trial held in the new court house; the verdict was virtually a victory for Morphy, as the verdict was for the sum he acknowledged he owed Elkins. M. E. Brink was attorney for Morphy and W. A. Bell for Elkins. This case was appealed from the county court.

Nicholas P. Weider vs. Effie L. Weider, divorce; decree granted.

C. B. Durbin vs. F. V. Maling, Mary Maling and Annie Maling; decree for plaintiff.

Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co., vs. William E. Wilson and State Land Board of Oregon; plaintiff to have thirty days to answer or plead.

Crook County Bank and John Sisemore vs. W. S. Nichol, Dora Nichol, Emma A. Merrill, et al; confirmation granted.

Great Western Lumber Co., vs. George R. Lee; settled and dismissed.

Walther Williams Hardware Co., vs. McTaggart & Bye; continued for term.

J. H. Wenandy vs. Chas. B. Turner; settled and dismissed.

Geo. Roba vs. L. M. Miller, Lee Miller & Co.; settled and dismissed.

C. W. Elkins vs. L. M. Miller & Co.; settled and dismissed.

C. A. Betell vs. N. B. Moses; continued for term.

Mary Faught vs. Ed Harris; settled and dismissed.

H. Taylor Hill vs. G. W. Fickle and Alfred T. Yoakum; settled and dismissed.

Frank Elkins as sheriff and Crook Co.; degree for plaintiff.

Ila Mosier vs. Joe Lister; settled and dismissed.

The case of the Clinton National Bank of Clinton, Iowa, vs. John Atkinson, Frank West and Ovid W. E. Riley, came up for trial Wednesday and went to the jury in the afternoon. The jury was out all night and this morning returned a verdict for the defendants. This is a case resulting from the purchase of a stallion named "Bismark" from Chapman Bros., Importers. Defendants gave notes to the amount of \$2400 for the purchase of the horse and these were sold to the above plaintiff. The stallion proved to be sterile and the defendants refused to pay the notes, which had passed into the hands of the third party. The evidence went to show, however, that there had apparently been an understanding between the bank and Chapman Bros. when the notes were transferred, that payment on the same would be protested. W. P. Myers of Laidlaw was for the defendants and W. A. Bell for plaintiff. Attorney Bell announced that he would ask for new trial.

State Tax Commissioner J. E. Eaton made an official call on County Assessor J. D. LaFollette last Friday. The object of Mr. Eaton's visit was for the purpose of conferring with the assessor on land valuation matters. Mr. LaFollette's method of assessment was favorably commented upon and his valuations compared all right with those in outside counties. No alterations or changes were deemed necessary.

The state tax commission, of which Mr. Eaton is a member has sent out circulars to the various county assessors in the state, concerning the matter of making assessments and fixing the valuations of property. Some parts of the circular will interest the taxpayers:

"By independent investigation the board will obtain reliable information as to the ratio of assessed values to actual in the different counties," says the circular, "and will equalize the county summaries to establish an equitable basis for the apportionment." The assessors are told that "proper allowance will also be made in case any form of taxable property is assessed by some of the assessors and omitted by others."

"The board of state tax commissioners desires to assist you in every manner possible," continues the communication, "and at the same time feels that it may properly ask for your earnest co-operation in the work of securing equitable assessments and efficient administration of the tax laws of Oregon."

"This board expects every assessor to be an assessor in fact, to exercise his judgment, and for the valuations entered upon the assessment rolls under his direction he and no one else is to be held responsible. In making assessments on all property, both real and personal, he should neither accept the statement of the property owner as conclusive as to value nor take the assessment made by any former assessor, or for any former year, as a necessary standard."

"In many of the counties valuations on all or nearly all forms of property are unquestionably far below those required by law. We insist that the assessor of every county should cut loose from this unfortunate practice and adopt a new scale of assessments based as nearly as is possible on actual cash values."

"In a county where valuations have been low, the assessor makes a mistake in trying to increase them slightly from year to year. The law does not authorize such procedure, and, furthermore, it is safest and best to make the increase at once."

"As soon as fair and uniform valuations are established on a true cash basis, many of the complaints which taxpayers have rightly made cease and the assessors' difficulties for succeeding years are minimized. Every assessor who makes a conscientious effort to comply with the law and to do his full duty as an assessor will find his work approved and sustained by this board at all times. Low valuations will gain nothing for a county in the apportionment of state taxes."

"Your task, as well as the task of this board, is by no means easy. By following the law carefully and consistently and making an honest effort to do our duties in a plain, common sense manner, we lessen or overcome many of the difficulties which confront us."

Bought Fine Stallion.
"Mandarin," a beautiful bay German Coach stallion, is among the latest acquisitions to the horse aristocracy of Crook county, having been purchased during the past week by a company composed of G. Springer of Culver, J. H. Gray, Hiram Gibson, Jesse Yanney, C. Sam Smith, Hermon Poch, A. A. McCord and Dr. H. P. Belknap of Prineville. "Mandarin" is a four-year-old, weighs 1450, and is one of the most perfect horses of his type ever seen in Crook county. He was purchased from J. Crouch & Sons, of Lafayette, Ind., Importers, who brought him across the Atlantic from Germany last fall. He is a \$3000 horse, and the stockmen of this section can congratulate themselves on the fact that he is to be kept here.

SCHOOL MONEY APPORTIONED

\$16,684.32 Distributed Among Districts

THREE GET OVER \$1000 EACH

Largest Spring Apportionment Ever Made in Crook County.

County Superintendent R. A. Ford has made the April apportionment of funds for the several districts in Crook county. The total amount is \$16,684.32 and is probably the largest spring apportionment ever made in the county. It follows:

1—Prineville.....	\$2005 04
2—Lower Rye Grass.....	125 60
3—Johnson Creek.....	180 56
4—Mill Creek.....	152 36
5—Howard.....	174 68
6—Upper McKay.....	159 80
7—Lower McKay.....	353 24
8—Powell Butte.....	152 36
9—Sisters.....	325 92
10—Culver.....	197 00
11—Grizzly.....	479 72
12—Bend.....	1570 96
13—Mountain View.....	345 80
14—Killingbeck.....	271 40
15—Mud Springs.....	300 68
16—Fairview.....	102 72
17—Crooked River.....	263 96
18—Ashwood.....	219 32
19—Reams.....	77 96
20—Breesee.....	63 08
21—Madras.....	1045 16
22—Summit Prairie.....	115 16
23—Maury.....	107 72
24—Post.....	197 00
25—Red Rock.....	251 62
26—Beaver.....	144 92
27—Blizzard Ridge.....	92 84
28—Grey Butte.....	204 44
29—Buck Creek.....	174 68
30—Meadow Brook.....	20 88
31—Upper Bear Creek.....	122 60
32—Cross Keys.....	110 16
33—Haycrest.....	130 04
34—Lower Bear Creek.....	137 48
35—Upper Rye Grass.....	152 36
36—Warm Springs.....	177 12
37—Alkali Flat.....	70 52
38—Trail Crossing.....	190 04
39—Rosland.....	211 88
40—Lamonta.....	345 80
41—Cloverdale.....	174 68
42—Ochoco.....	65 62
43—Dizney.....	132 48
44—Cline Falls.....	189 56
45—Axhandle.....	159 80
46—Methodist Hill.....	241 64
47—Laidlaw.....	435 08
48—Shepherd.....	249 08
49—Paulina Valley.....	130 04
50—Huston.....	107 72
51—Paulina.....	345 80
52—Opal Prairie.....	152 36
53—Redmond.....	464 84
54—Vibbert.....	288 72
55—Plainview.....	152 36
56—Lamson.....	189 56
57—Lone Pine.....	159 80
58—Bayley.....	263 72
59—Forked Horn.....	234 20
60—North Powell Butte.....	95 28
61—Round Butte.....	154 80
62—Youngs.....	184 56
63—Willow Creek.....	162 24
64—Tetherow Butte.....	125 04
65—Guerin.....	95 28
66—Reynolds.....	169 68
Total.....	\$16,684 32

That Troublesome New School Law

The following inquiry from Paulina has been received asking about the new school law in regard to the salaries to be paid teachers. There seems to be a lack of understanding on this question. The letter reads:

Paulina, April 27, 1909.
To the Editor of the Crook County Journal:
Dear Sir—Can you tell me through the columns of your paper if \$50 a month is the highest wages that the county teachers will get in this state after this? The new law is not clear on this point. Your truly, A READER.

In the Journal of April 22 this matter was fully covered in a letter sent out by the state superintendent to county superintendents. The new law provides that each district must have at least six months' school every year, but says nothing at all about teachers' salaries. The school board fixes that. The new law also provides that each district must have a school fund of at least \$300 so as to make it possible to have the required six months of school. The apportionment was based on a flat salary of \$50 a month, but a district can pay more or less as it sees fit. County School Superintendent Ford will be pleased to go into details with anyone who has doubts about the operation of the new law.

House for Rent.
North side; light and water. Inquire at this office. 4-29-34.



BEAUTIFUL STYLES IN SUMMER MILLINERY

From time to time during the season we have called attention to the fact that our millinery styles this season would be representative and exclusive pattern hats from importing Eastern millinery houses, and that they would be DIFFERENT from those shown elsewhere. Our heavy sales of millinery goods this spring is evidence that the discriminating and up-to-date ladies have discovered that "difference" and have found our showings to include the most attractive hats in the county. Now that the summer season is on in full blast, we want you to come in and see our late arrivals. They include all that is new, beautiful and desirable. Remember that we have an expert milliner in charge of this department, who will take pleasure in assisting you.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR for LADIES and MISSES

The heat of summer weather brings with many discomforts unless proper provision is made in the lady's wardrobe to adapt the clothing to the season. There is no economy in being uncomfortable and now is the time to begin to provide these necessities. We are showing the best values we have ever been able to offer in muslin underwear, petticoats, corset covers, etc. We can suit the taste of the most fastidious as well as those who desire only the plain serviceable garments. Do not put off buying until the season is half over. Get comfortable immediately.



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in
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this
week

"PITTSBURGH PERFECT" WIRE FENCE

This is absolutely the best wire fencing made for horses, hogs, stock and poultry. Wherever the wires cross they are electrically welded making an indestructible joint. Made of specially tested, heavily galvanized steel wire. We have in stock in both light and heavy weights

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