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Maddux and Wife Refuse to Testify

"Mrs. Hazel Maddux, acquitted on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Clara May Real, and Patrolman Clifford W. Maddux, her husband, were declared in contempt by Presiding Judge Bronaugh in the circuit court for their refusal to answer questions before the grand jury last Wednesday," says the Journal.

"The court fined each one \$25 and ordered them to jail if they still refused to testify. They agreed to answer all questions, and were taken before the jury.

The judge said that Mrs. Maddux was a witness before the grand jury, the same as any other witness and that she could not claim an exemption on the ground of incriminating herself because she had been acquitted by a trial jury.

"The decision of the court came after a hearing that lasted all morning. Foreman W. J. McComber and F. E. McCurdy of the grand jury told of the way that body had been defied by Mrs. Maddux and her husband, after they had been informed that the investigation concerned the charge against Frank E. Rodman, and was in no way connected with the case of Mrs. Maddux, who has already been acquitted.

"Mrs. Maddux and Rodman were jointly charged with the responsibility for the death of Mrs. Real when she was run over by a party of joy riders on the Linton road. After Mrs. Maddux was freed by a jury the joint indictment was quashed by Judge Bronaugh as defective and the case of Rodman ordered re-submitted to the grand jury. Mrs. Maddux and her policeman husband were then informed by their attorneys that they need not testify before the grand jury regarding Rodman, on the ground that she has already been acquitted.

"Mr. Maddux also refused to answer after he had told us his name and stated that he was a police officer," continued McCurdy. "Finally I said to him myself, 'Is this your idea of the method by which an officer of the law should proceed to bring criminals to justice?' He hung his head and refused to answer."

Foreman McComber also testified to the same effect as to the refusal of the defendants to answer. Deputy County Clerk Henry Bush was called to the stand to prove the court records as to previous proceedings in the case against Mrs. Maddux and Rodman, and the state rested. The examination was conducted by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, assisted by Deputies J. H. Page and T. W. Vreeland, while Jeffrey and Caldwell appeared for the defendants.

From Foreman McComber the defense brought out the fact that Miss Ethel Noss and Mrs. R. Becker, who were chief witnesses for the state against Mrs. Maddux and Rodman, had been examined by the grand jury before Mrs. Maddux and her husband were called into the jury room. Jeffrey attempted to bring out what the other witnesses had testified to, but Judge Bronaugh ruled that this was not proper.

Jeffrey thereupon offered to prove by the grand jury foreman that the testimony of Miss Noss and Mrs. Becker involved charges against Mrs. Maddux, and that as she had been acquitted, such testimony was improper for the grand jury to receive. Judge Bronaugh said that the defendants could not lawfully know what Miss Noss and Mrs. Becker said before the grand jury, and ruled out any further inquiry on that line. Jeffrey wanted to call Grand Juror McCurdy for the same purpose, but the court waved him aside.

After Maddux had testified that he refused to answer because his wife was a co-defendant with Rodman, and he did not have her permission to tell what he knew, Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald caused a laugh by asking if he always had to secure his wife's permission before he gave testimony. He was not required to answer this.

All the members of the grand jury were present while the hearing was in progress. Mrs. Maddux and her husband sat beside their attorneys and gave little sign of being greatly disturbed by their predicament.

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Shaniko Is Great Shipping Point

A dispatch from Shaniko to the Journal says: "As a distributing point for central Oregon, Shaniko is doing a record breaking business. From September 1 to December 1 there was received at the depot here 347 carloads of general merchandise for central Oregon, a grand total of 14,617,044 pounds of freight.

This freight was all teamed to interior points, some as far south as Silver Lake, 220 miles from Shaniko. Indications are that Prineville, Madras, Bend, Lamona, Mitchell, Dayville and a dozen smaller towns are doing a record breaking business judging from the unusually large consignments for these places. Owing to the impassable conditions of the roads throughout the south, which has made teaming practically impossible this month, the warehouses are congested with freight.

As to a stock shipping point Shaniko can well be proud of her record. She shipped, from August 1 to December 1, 420 cars of livestock, mostly cattle and sheep, September and October being the banner months with 121 and 182 cars respectively.

A great portion of the cattle went to Portland markets while sheep were shipped to Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming grazing grounds before being placed on Chicago and Omaha markets.

As a wool market Shaniko is surpassed by none in the West. Last season approximately 4,000,000 pounds was marketed at prices ranging from 14 to 23 1/2 cents per pound. As in several years past Shaniko had the distinction of receiving the highest prices paid in the West.

Shaniko was the only point in Oregon, last season, where the

sealed bid wool sales were held. This is accounted for by the fact that throughout eastern Oregon and Idaho extensive contracting was carried on. Practically all wool except that consumed by mills in Oregon is baled and shipped to Boston, requiring 67 cars to move last season's output from Shaniko alone.

Both Porter Brothers, Hill contractors and Twoby brothers, with the Harriman road, have made contracts with many local teamsters for a year's work transporting supplies to the Deschutes river. Teaming to river points is a strenuous task owing to the difficulty in constructing a safe wagon road from the top of the hill to the river. In some places the distance is about four miles of very steep grade.

Shaniko has, it is claimed, more than doubled in population within the past six months. Thirty-eight buildings have been completed with possibly a dozen more under construction. Throughout the residence portion many families are living in tents. The Eastern Oregon Banking company, the only banking house in the southern portion of Wasco county, has deposits of more than \$120,000 more than at a corresponding time last year.

Booze Traffic in Deschutes Canyon

At a lonely spot near the Deschutes Canyon, on the road from The Dalles to Hill's new ferry, a cave has been hollowed out of the side of a hill. A door, covered with cement and earth, conceals this cave from the closest scrutiny. Yet if one knocks at a certain place, the door swings open and reveals a stock of liquors and a price card. No one is in sight, and the person who enters may leave the required amount of money and carry away as much of the liquor as he wants.

This is what is known as a "gallon hill," or rural blind pig, and is one of the means used for unlaw-

fully grasping the opportunity offered by thousands of workmen engaged in labor in a lonely canyon where there are no opportunities for recreation or the spending of hard earned money. The liquor obtained at a "gallon hill" is said to be something like a concoction of sheep dip and alcohol.

The contractors for both railroad companies are using their efforts to keep "booze" off the work, but in instances they are not wholly able to accomplish their purpose. Sheriff's Bridge has become a sort of rendezvous for bootleggers. Bootleggers, in vehicles similar to those used by traveling quacks, have driven along the work. The bottles are arranged in a compartment in the rear of the vehicle and the purchaser helps himself after depositing his money in a convenient slot.

The Deschutes River divides Sherman from Wasco County. Much of the Harriman work is in Sherman County and the balance in Crook County. Both counties are "dry." Wasco County still permits the saloon, however, and on that side of the river semi-legitimate "gallon houses" have been established, where the proprietors have Government licenses, permitting them to sell liquor in quantities of not less than one gallon, which must not be drunk on the premises. It is told, however, that a request for "near beer" produces a drink of the genuine article, and that a call for "California grape juice" will bring out something in small quantities that tastes a whole lot like brandy.

Sales in gallon quantities are not very profitable to the gallon houses, as it requires five ordinary quart whiskey bottles to make a gallon and the price is \$5. A workman who will stand at a bar and buy drinks aggregating \$5 or more in the course of the evening will not, as a rule, purchase \$5 worth of whiskey at one throw and carry it away with him. Wasco County officials are active, however, and have made several

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Dates for Eighth Grade Examinations

County School Superintendent Ford has selected the following dates upon which eighth grade final examinations will be held in Crook County: January 29 and 31, 1910; May 12 and 13, 1910, and September 8 and 9, 1910.

The program for the two days will be:

Thursdays--Physiology, Writing, History and Civil Government.

Fridays--Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography and Spelling.

Sources of questions: Arithmetic--Practical Arithmetic--Smith.

Civil Government--United States Constitution.

Geography--State Course of Study; Redway and Hinman's Natural School Geography.

History--List of topics from History Outline in State Course of Study and Current Events.

Grammar--Buehler's Modern English Grammar, no diagramming.

Physiology--graded Lessons in Physiology and Hygiene--Krohn.

Reading--The teacher will send to the County Superintendent the applicant's class standing in reading, which shall be taken by such superintendent as the applicant's standing on the subject.

Spelling--Reed's Word Lessons.

Writing--Specimens of penmanship as indicated in copied matter and from manuscript in Language.

R. A. FORD, County Superintendent of Schools.

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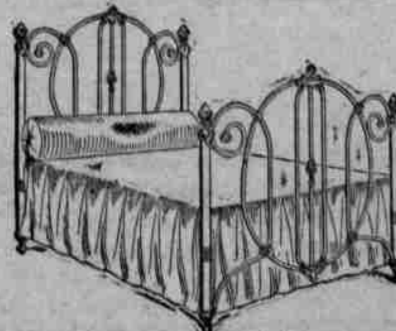
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