

W. N. Jones Receives Unconditional Pardon

Washington, June 3.—Having clearly established, by giving the records that he was twice convicted in land fraud cases by "fixed" juries, and having shown this fixing was done by William J. Burnes and his agents, Willard H. Wirtz, of Portland, today received an unconditional pardon at the hands of President Taft, and is thereby relieved of payment of fines aggregating \$12,000 and escapes serving four months in jail.

While President Taft's statement on this is not made public, it is understood to be a scathing arraignment of Burnes and others implicated with him, but Burnes will escape punishment for his violation of the law and ethics, notwithstanding that his guilt is established by his own records, some in his own handwriting now in possession of the Attorney General, as the statute of limitations has run and nothing could be accomplished by attempted prosecution.

The Department of Justice in today announcing the pardon of Jones made the formal statement, but explained that Jones had been pardoned because the department had exhaustively examined his charges against Burnes and other prosecuting officers and found his charges completely proved. These charges if ever made public in their entirety, will make one of the most sensational records in the history of American criminal procedure.

Summed up generally, the Jones charges, which the Attorney-General holds are proved are as follows:

That the Government prosecutors are detectives and political enemies of Jones, determined and selected the whole jury box list of more than 500 names from which the grand and petit juries were drawn, this unlawful selection of jury lists being made along political lines with the purpose of securing men who were prejudiced and who would convict.

That the names lawfully in the jury box were unlawfully removed.

That witnesses were intimidated into giving false testimony against Jones under threat of indictment.

That witnesses were threatened in the presence of their families in their own homes by a member of the grand jury and by detectives in Government employ.

That in various cases then being tried, numerous persons were indicted and compelled to give against other defendants, evidence not true and thereafter such indictments were dismissed.

The case of Jones was prepared and presented to the Attorney-General and the President by H. H. Schwartz, of Portland, and James S. Easby-Smith, of Washington, and it was upon evidence which they dug from the official files of the Department that Jones' pardon was based. With the permission of the Attorney-General, Schwartz went through the confidential files left at Portland by Heney and Burnes and then followed his search through the files in Washington. The disclosures made are in many instances astounding.

In March, 1911, President Taft after reading the first appeal of Jones, commuted his sentence in two cases to four months, to run consecutively, and left his fine at \$12,000. Schwartz, then in Portland, telegraphed the President outlining the nature of his discovery among the Heney-Burnes confidential papers and secured a stay of proceedings, and during that stay completed his record.

Most of the sensational evidence showing the Burns methods of packing juries was found in a box which Heney and Burnes

left at Portland in care of Heney's appointee, Marshal Reed, marked "Confidential—Not to Be Opened." This box was turned over to the District Attorney by Reed's successor, and District Attorney McCourt gave Schwartz access to it by direction of the Attorney-General. In this box was a vast collection of records showing the manner in which the jury box was filled by Burnes.

After the court had ordered that a jury be drawn from certain counties only, County Clerks of those respective counties submitted lists of names to Burnes, who in turn investigated personally, and through paid agents and detectives each man was named to determine in advance whether he would vote for conviction if drawn for jury duty. Evidence in this box, compared with the personnel of the juries, shows that no man sat on the jury who had not been sounded in advance and been reported upon as being convinced of Jones' guilt and as being for conviction. Burnes himself, in his own hand writing, indorsed one man as follows: "Convictor by God, from the word go; would convict Christ," and another "O. K., just read the indictment to him."

Burnes frequently wrote after the names of men he had interviewed, "Convictor, would convict Christ." One man who served as juror in the Jones case was reported as follows: "Populist and Socialist. Been an ardent reformer in his time, but now believes that through graft and monopoly everything is gone to hell and it is too late to save the country. He is one who would be in for convicting anybody, especially, if he were a republican politician."

So it went down the whole line of 500 or more names.

Experimental Farm Dates Fixed

W. L. Powers, superintendent of the Crook County Demonstration Farms, gives the following notice to farmers and others:

Until further notice the Supt. of the Demonstration Farms will be at the day farm near Metolius Tuesdays and Thursdays between trains and may be seen at the office room in the rear of the Metolius State Bank on these days. A selected library of dry farming literature will be provided at this office and a supply of bulletins will be on hand for free distribution to dry farmers. The dry land demonstration farm is one half mile north of Metolius depot and visitors are welcome at all times.

The head office for the Demonstration Farms is located at Redmond over the Bank of Commerce, and the office hours for present will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons from 1 to 5, and all evenings of the week when in town from 7:30 to 9. This office will be provided with a selected library of literature on irrigation and dry farming.

The irrigation demonstration farm is located one mile north of Redmond and all those interested in this kind of farming should arrange to visit it during the season.

Beginning next week a series of Talks to Farmers will be issued by the superintendent through the press of this district. These series will deal with subjects of timely, practical interest rather than follow any systematic order from week to week. The subjects will be chosen from the questions most frequently asked in the correspondence and interviews with farmers.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Redmond office until further arrangement, to insure prompt attention.

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Church members, members of Christian young people's societies and Sunday schools throughout Crook county, are combining their forces in a big picnic to be given on the Warm Springs agency, at a point near Mecca, July Fourth.

The unique event was instituted by the Crook County Christian Endeavor union, at a meeting held in Metolius last February. The executive committee of the Endeavor union has charge of all arrangements. It has sent out invitations to every church organization, regardless of creed or denomination, to participate in this big event, which is the first general reunion of Christian people of all denominations that has taken place in this county.

The purpose is mutual acquaintance and a good time. The railroads have granted a special rate of one and one-third fare, and a special train will probably be secured for the occasion. You are welcome even if not affiliated with any local organization. The event gives promise of being the most notable one of the season in Crook county.

Everyone who comes is requested to bring his own luncheon. Provision has been made for conveyance from the station to the grounds. No fireworks of any kind will be permitted.

An elaborate program is being arranged by a special committee, including music by a brass band, as well as games of various kinds, and a Fourth of July oration by a prominent public speaker.

For further particulars consult the officers of the Christian Endeavor society nearest to you.

To the Public.

I have secured a renewal of the mail contract between Prineville and Redmond and will continue to serve my patrons in both places to the best of my ability. All express matter will receive my personal attention. Soliciting a share of your patronage, I remain, respectfully,
5-16 MATT KILGREN.

Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given, by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Robert Pennington Johnson, deceased, that in pursuance of an order of the county court, of the State of Oregon for Crook county, made and entered on the 6th day of June, 1912, the undersigned, the administrator aforesaid, will sell at private sale, for cash, subject to confirmation by said court, after Saturday, the 13th day of July, 1912, at his office in Prineville, Oregon, all the right, title and interest the said Robert Pennington Johnson had at the time of his death and all the interest the estate has acquired in addition to that of the said Robert Pennington Johnson at the time of his death, in and to the following described real property situated in the County of Crook, State of Oregon, to-wit: The east half of the southeast quarter of section seven, and the east half of the northeast quarter of section eighteen in township thirteen south, of range fourteen east of Willamette Meridian.

Terms and conditions of sale, cash, five per cent of purchase price to be paid on day of sale, balance upon confirmation by the court.

M. R. ELLIOTT,
Administrator of the estate of Robert Pennington Johnson, deceased. 6-6

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5-23-3m RAYMOND CALVAN, Secretary-Treasurer.

Teacher's Examinations

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Crook County will hold the regular examination for applicants for state and county papers at the court house, Prineville, as follows:

For State Papers—Commencing Wednesday, June 19, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 22, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday forenoon—Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.

Wednesday afternoon—Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, Civil Government, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

Thursday afternoon—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature.

Friday afternoon—School Law, Botany Algebra.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, Geology.

Saturday afternoon—General History, Bookkeeping.
5-23 R. A. FORD, County Supt.

Sheriff's Sale.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Crook.

J. H. Wenandy and L. L. Fox, co-partners, doing business under the firm name and style of Wenandy Livery, Feed & Automobile Co., plaintiffs,

vs.

J. T. Combes, defendant.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale of personal property issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Crook county, in the above entitled suit, on the thirtieth day of March, 1912, in favor of the above named plaintiffs and against the above named defendant, upon a judgment and decree in favor of the said plaintiffs for the sum of four hundred eighty-eight and fifty-nine hundredths dollars and the further sum of twenty-three dollars damages and costs, which said judgment was enrolled and docketed in the office of the county clerk of Crook county, state of Oregon, on the 13th day of March, 1912, and which said decree ordered the personal property belonging to said defendant to satisfy said judgment and decree, attorney's fees and costs accruing costs.

Dated and published first time this 20th day of May, 1912.

T. N. BALFOUR,
Sheriff of Crook county, state of Oregon.

Notice of Hearing.

Before the Board of Control of the State of Oregon, Water Division No. 2, Crook county.

In the matter of the determination of the relative rights to the waters of Crooked River and its tributaries, tributary of Deschutes river, W. W. Brown, contestant,

vs.

John Davin, contestee.

To John Davin, contestee, above named:

In the name of the state of Oregon, You are hereby notified that the above named contestant has filed a contest against your claim to the waters of the above named stream and its tributaries, and that a hearing will be had in the matter of said contest at the courthouse in Prineville, Crook county, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., on Monday, the 22nd day of July, 1912, before the undersigned superintendent of Water Division No. 2; and you are hereby required to appear before me at said time and place with your witnesses, to give evidence in the matter of such contest.

Witness my hand this 13th day of May, 1912, at LaGrande, Oregon.

GEO. T. COCHRAN,
Superintendent of Water Division No. 2, State of Oregon. 5-30-7t

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