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Heaviest Criminal Docket in History Crook County

With the heaviest criminal docket in view in the history not only of Crook county, but of the Seventh Judicial District, circuit court will convene here Tuesday, September 8, in a little more than two weeks. There will be three murder trials alone which will strain the prosecuting attorney's office to the utmost, throwing more work upon that official than has ever been the lot of a public prosecutor in the district.

Aside from the murder trials, John McPherson, who was awarded a new trial by the supreme court, will appear for trial. Jack Harper, who was secretly indicted for a statutory offense at the March term, and was apprehended at Free-water, will stand trial, while there are a number of defendants that have been held to the grand jury in which new indictments will, no doubt, be returned. Court will not adjourn for three or four weeks.

Of most interest, perhaps, is the Scoggin case. Henry McDowell is in the county jail held without bonds on a charge of murder in the first degree for shooting Avery Scoggin at the breakfast table on July 31, the details of which were given at the time of the murder. It is likely that eminent counsel

will be employed both by the state and the defendant for this trial. In connection with this case, on Tuesday of this week Mrs. Mollie B. Scoggin, widow of Avery Scoggin, was arrested, charged with being jointly responsible with Henry McDowell for the death of Scoggin, and is now confined in the county jail awaiting a preliminary hearing which is likely to be given today.

R. G. Sheldon is in jail, charged with murder in the first degree for poisoning his infant son only a few hours old by giving it laudanum. The Sheldons resided at the Compton & Dee sawmill on Willow creek at the time of the crime, which was last June.

Gaylord McDaniel, who shot and killed Herman Poch December 31, 1912, will be retried for murder in the second degree, the supreme court having awarded him a new trial. McDaniel has been in the Crook county jail for several months.

The term would be a heavy one in any county in the state because of the unusual precedent of three murder trials at one term. The practice of Circuit Judge Bradshaw of holding court both day and night while in Crook county is especially trying on the lawyers and other court officials.

Great Northern Railway Offers Handsome Silver Cup at Crook County Fair

Prineville, Oregon, September 16-17-18-19, 1914



Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, has signaled his interest in the Crook County Fair to be held at Prineville, Oregon, September 16-17-18-19, 1914, by offering a handsome silver cup as a special prize for the best individual exhibit of grains, grasses and vegetables. Everybody is urged to enter this contest and help make this affair a huge success.

full and unanimously adopted by house. Temporary officers declared permanent.

W. R. Cook elected acting secretary in the absence of O. C. Claypool.

The house then proceeded to the election of precinct committeemen. The following full corps were elected in each precinct:

East Prineville, R. W. Zevely.
West Prineville, M. R. Biggs.
South Bend, W. H. Staats.
North Bend, H. B. Ford.
Sisters, J. W. Wilt.
Haystack, L. H. Housley.
McKay, I. W. Spears.
Willow Creek, Wm. Joslyn.
Ashwood, Howard Maupin.
Deschutes, J. A. Estes.
Johnson Creek, E. T. Slayton.
Mill Creek, Grover Price.
Howard, Henry Cook.
Summit, Ed. Merritt.
Bear Creek, John Millhorn.
Camp Creek, John Schmeer.
White Butte, Orrin Mills.
Beaver Creek, L. D. Claypool.
Maury, Ed. Nelson.
Newsom, Homer Norton.
Kutcher, W. S. Williams.
Breese, Hugh Gee.
Powell Butte, Mrs. Mary V. Charlton.

Warm Springs, Gilbert L. Hall.
Tetherow, B. A. Kendall.
Laidlaw, J. M. B. Gerking.
Lamonta, L. M. Thomas.
Lyle Gap, R. W. Gard.
Madras, Bert C. Boylan.
Lava, C. B. Allen.
Redmond, W. S. Rodman.
Hillman, John M. Perry.
Cline Falls, J. W. Wright.
Hat Rock, Glen Hendrickson.
Fife, F. D. Scammon.
Black Butte, Jennie B. Wehrs.
Centrallo, W. W. Howard.
Alfalfa, Edgar Barnes.
Millican, W. H. Reames.

Opal City, S. P. Burgess.
Lower Bridge, J. R. Howard.
Montgomery, Thos. Sharp.
Metolius, J. E. Chestnut.
Imperial, Sherman Montgomery.
Ireland, James Black.
Hay Creek, G. W. Garlock.
Adjournment.
M. R. BIGGS, W. R. COOK,
Chairman. Acting Sec.
By O. C. CLAYPOOL, Secretary.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the mass meeting, the Democratic County Central Committee met at the same place and transacted the following business:

M. R. Biggs was elected permanent chairman of the committee and O. C. Claypool, permanent secretary.
M. R. Biggs was elected Democratic State Central Committeeman for Crook county.

The secretary was instructed to send out letters to all precinct committeemen notifying them of their election and calling their attention to matters under their supervision.

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Mercury Climbs High

Having learned the way to the top of the thermometer in the weather of last month, the mercury last Thursday and Friday again essayed the trip heavenward, stopping for a breath at the 96 and 98 degree marks, and there struck by a ghost of a cool breeze, gave up the journey and came back down to normal later in the evening. However, the suspense was long enough to make the streets and half the population boil; the other half were either in the mountains or at the beach. The hottest mark of the summer was 100 degrees.

Farming Recognized as a Business

The purchase of a farm usually results either from the conviction that the farm is a good investment or from the desire to be a farmer. With the first of these we are not at this time concerned. Suffice to say that farms and farm mortgages are recognized by a majority of the people as good investments.

Let us examine the second reason a little more fully—the desire to be a farmer. Just what does it take to make a farmer? The possession of broad fields, fat animals and fine buildings? No, it takes a great deal more than these to make a farmer. While it has not always been considered so, farming is an exacting profession demanding fitness—fitness which every man does not possess. To say that there are a lot of men farming who have not displayed any special genius does not change the facts. As William Lighton has put it, "There are ditch diggers and senators who might swap places to the advantage of everyone concerned."

What are some of the requirements of a successful farmer? First of all he should be a man who loves the open, a man who takes joy in being in close touch with the earth. That is the main thing, then given this love for the soil, the more training and experience he has had the better. Other characteristics desirable are health and strength, mechanical and business ability. He must certainly have some training in the fundamentals of his profession.

Having agreed on the qualifications desirable in a farmer, let us now turn our attention to some of the advantages and disadvantages of farming. A well qualified farmer has a good opportunity of securing a comfortable home and a moderate surplus, which is as much or more than the other professions offer. Among the many advantages of farming the following stand out as being especially characteristic of that profession.

1. The amount of capital required for a start is not as great as in many of the other lines of business, yet farming offers opportunities for the judicious use of large amounts of money.

2. The safety of the investment

is a factor which should receive consideration. The money invested in a farm and its equipment is a good deal more safe than if invested in some mercantile line.

3. The profits of farming are less subject to the effects of business depression than those of some other lines of business. In fact it is the crop yield more than any other factor which determines whether "times" are to be "good" or "bad."

4. The country is the natural home for man. The exercise incidental to country life develops a strong healthy physique. The sharing of common labor, the working together for a common end, teaches unselfishness, willing service, and promotes healthy family relations. The children find playmates in the coits and calves, which are much better companions than the urchins of the city streets.

5. It is a well recognized fact that the most valuable part of a person's education is that which he receives in the home. There is no place which offers such constant, varied and unconscious training of the eye, hand and mind as does the farm.

The disadvantages of farming may be considered under two heads:

1. Social. The country does not offer all of the social advantages which are open to city dwellers. Good churches and schools are not always available. During certain seasons of the year the work is confining, restricting still farther the social pleasures.

2. Economical. The cash income is usually comparatively small, and there is no chance to gather together a great fortune. For those who wish to become millionaires the farm is not the place.

Just what should we expect from the farm? It should provide for a comfortable home, give fair opportunities for training and education, make provisions for old age and unforeseen contingencies, provide means for the enjoyment of some of the comforts and luxuries of life. If satisfaction is found in a full, pure and useful life, then farming most certainly pays. If the measure of satisfaction of an educated man be bags of gold, then it is true that farming does not pay.

County Officers May Get Four-Year Terms

Should a constitutional amendment initiated by R. P. Rasmussen and W. M. Davis, both of Portland, be approved by the people at the coming general election, four-year terms will be established for county clerks, treasurers, sheriffs, coroners and surveyors. Provision is made that the amendment shall apply to those elected to the offices at the 1914 fall election. The amendment is brief, reading:

"Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

"Section 6.—County Officers—There shall be elected in each county by the qualified electors thereof at the time of holding general elections, a county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, coroner and surveyor, who shall severally hold their offices for the term of four years, and the term of all such county officers elected at the regular November, 1914, election shall be four years." The officers enumerated in the

amendment are now elected for terms of two years each. All other county officers are elected for terms of four years, and it is contended by the advocates of the amendment that equity demands that the terms of the officers covered by the amendment be made four years. Campaigns for the offices, as a rule, are expensive, they assert, and this and the fact that the term of each is but two years makes it difficult to prevail upon men who are efficient and capable to seek them. Further, it is argued, that the lengthening of the terms from two to four years will reduce the expense of alternate biennial elections one-half. The State Grange is said to be favorable to the measure.

A. L. Riddle Gets Left Leg Broken

Dr. Edwards was called to the Fred Powell place, beyond Paulina, Sunday to attend A. L. Riddle who had his left leg broken just above the ankle by his horse falling with him and rolling on his leg. The doctor brought his patient to Prineville, and he is getting along nicely.

Circuit Court Jury for September Term

Court called 10 a. m., September 8, 1914.

C. W. Foster, Prineville.
John Ferguson, Bend.
David Miller, Sisters.
Chas. Dillon, Madras.
Chris Kaas, Madras.
Frank Stangland, Gateway.
James Fuller, Mill Creek.
Guy Sears, Redmond.
J. W. Howard, Lower Bridge.
J. H. Bettis, Lamonta.
Dan McDade, Madras.
Harvey Harris, Redmond.
C. F. Smith, Lamonta.
G. W. Wiley, Prineville.
Edwin Graham, Grandview.
L. E. Throop, Paulina.
N. P. Weider, Bend.
Wm. Farrell, Gateway.
S. S. Black, Ashwood.
W. I. Dishman, Mill Creek.
F. O. Minor, Bend.
W. E. Sandell, Laidlaw.
Cole E. Smith, Bend.
Geo. M. Telfer, Ashwood.
Geo. B. Woods, Grandview.
S. D. Percival, Gateway.
James Hurt, Gateway.
G. A. Bradley, Redmond.
W. C. McQuiston, Bend.
F. M. McClintic, Madras.
J. N. B. Gerking, Laidlaw.

Buyers' Week in Portland a Success

Buyers' Week is a thing of the past, but it was a week that will be vividly remembered for a long time, probably until next year's "Week," which from all indications will be attended by a greater number of buyers than the one just past. The registration at the Portland Commercial Club reached nearly 600 and the visitors represented practically every town of any importance in the Pacific Northwest. It is estimated that goods purchased from Portland manufacturers and jobbers during the week amounted to approximately \$1,000,000.

Crook County Democratic Organization

Report of organization meeting of the Democrats of Crook county, Oregon:

In answer to a call from the Democratic State Central Committee sent out through its special organizers in Crook county, a mass meeting of the Democrats of this county was held at the county court room in Prineville, Oregon, on Saturday, August 15, 1914. Whereupon the following proceedings were had:

A temporary organization was effected with M. R. Biggs in the chair and O. C. Claypool as secretary.

The chair appointed C. Sam Smith, E. L. Milner, W. H. Luey, S. W. Spear and Geo. H. Brewster as a committee on resolutions and order of business. This committee drew up and reported the following resolutions:

1. We, the committee on resolutions for the Crook county Democratic organization, resolve that it is best for us to effect a permanent county organization at this meeting.

2. We most heartily endorse our present national administration, especially its firm stand on the Mexican situation and the trust problems and its firm attitude toward currency revision.

3. We hereby extend our sincere sympathies to our honored president in his late bereavement.

4. We heartily endorse our present United States senators and especially recommend the re-election of the Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain.

5. We endorse the state and county Democratic ticket and pledge ourselves to its support in the coming election.

Order of business:
We recommend that the present temporary officers be made permanent, and that we elect one committeeman from each voting precinct in the county to form the Democratic County Central Committee.

Report of committee on resolutions and order of business read in