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CROOK COUNTY HIGH AGAIN

Astoria Team Outclassed Friday Night

Decision Is Unanimous

Good Talent Well Prepared Wins Again for the Local High

In the Inter Columbia River District debate held at Astoria March 12, between the Crook County High School and the Astoria High School, the Crook County High School was given a unanimous decision by the judges.

The question was, "Government Ownership and Operation of the Railroads of the United States."

C. C. H. S. champions of the Upper Columbia River District, represented by Fred Rice and Stacey Smith, upheld the negative and supported the present system. Astoria High, champion of Lower Columbia District, advocates a change in the railroad system.

The decision was unanimous for Crook County High. The judges were: George Karnapp, coach of debate for Jefferson High School; G. L. Koehn, coach of debate for Lincoln High School, and A. H. Burton, teacher of History, Washington High, all of Portland.

The Morning Astorian says: "The decision was popular with the audience, although it was scarcely expected that the decision would be unanimous, as the local team presented good arguments in a clear and concise manner in favor of the resolutions. They were, however, subjected to a new line of attack. The visitors brought in arguments not touched by any team in the Lower Columbia Debating League."

C. C. H. S. is within two of the state championship. She has won over Wasco, The Dalles and Astoria in rapid succession and must now be pitted against the champion of Eastern Oregon. Just what school that will be, is not known at present. Who ever it may be they will have to travel some to get around us.

Gone Again; Caught Again; Meacham

Wouldn't it make you mad, now honest, to be arrested and thrown into jail three times on similar counts in less than that many weeks? It is surely commencing to tell on the nerves of W. H. Meacham, for this is just what has happened to him, and besides there are other warrants, at least, there are dark rumors of other warrants that are lurking about the various offices of sheriffs and the like over the country, only awaiting the opportunity to pounce upon said Meacham upon his release from custody. Meanwhile, Mrs. Meacham and a little white dog are sorrowfully awaiting the final outcome.

Meacham was arrested first in Bend (please note) on the charge of passing a ten dollar check on some bank where he did not happen to have funds just at that moment. Other \$10 checks appeared, and likewise other warrants. The grand jury found four true bills against him last week, but when brought to trial the state considered it impossible to convict without some officer from the bank

drawn on, which happened to be somewhere in the central states, to testify. Therefore, he was not brought to trial at that time, but was released on his own cognizance by Judge Bradshaw.

Meanwhile, the state had been able to forecast the trend the case was taking, and before he was able to get out of the building Sheriff Knox placed Meacham under arrest again on a warrant from The Dalles. Behold, another \$10 check. He was taken to The Dalles for trial but paid some \$40 worth of checks there and gained his freedom. But, alas, Sheriff Chrisman returned the compliment for Sheriff Knox and immediately upon his release yesterday he was placed under arrest again for another \$10 check had appeared, this time in Redmond.

Meacham and his wife phoned Sheriff Knox three times yesterday offering to come to Prineville if released, and offering to do various other things that the sheriff will not permit of them. They state that they have money coming from their former home in the East, and have been given until tomorrow morning to settle their checks, a total of more than \$200 worth of which lie in Prosecuting Attorney Wirtz's desk, mostly in denominations of \$10.

Unless this is done, he will be returned to the Crook county jail by Sheriff Knox tomorrow.

Bend Furnished Two More Jailbirds

Sheriff Knox returned from Bend Tuesday night with Pete Dhooghe and F. S. McCabe who have been held to the grand jury without bail by Judge Eastes.

The pair was arrested in Bend on a charge of larceny. They are held for stealing whiskey from a warehouse which contained stock formerly owned by the Silvertooth saloon which is now in financial difficulties. They were retailing the stolen goods and did a thriving business until they attempted to consume all the surplus themselves, which soon lead to their suspicion and arrest.

McCabe was a boarder at the county bastille for a time in November of last year and evidently liked the fare. They will be held until a term of circuit court is set by Judge Duffy.

Water For Jefferson People

The Culver and Opal City country is to have a water system unless something unforeseen occurs. They plan to lay pipes over the entire country and pump water from Opal Springs to the various homes in the country. The contracts for the service are being signed by practically everyone. The cost of the service to the people is to be \$160 per 40 acre tract, and a maintenance charge is fixed at \$1.25 per month. The contract acts as a lien on the land which will properly secure the company that is projecting the work.

If the system works out as it is figured it will surely be a great convenience to the people, many of whom are required to haul water at present from one to two days each week.

Col. Chas. W. Thatcher Again

Col. Chas. W. Thatcher of Lincoln Highway fame will pass through the interior of the state during June, looking over the roads in the interests of automobile tourists. He is traveling by auto this time, instead of mule team as was his mode of locomotion on a previous visit.

Springer Will Remain Judge of Crook County

Immediately after the appearance of last week's Journal containing the announcement that ouster proceedings were to be started at once against Judge Springer, the judge offered to go into an agreement with District Attorney Wirtz, in which each were to agree on the facts covering the case, submit them to Attorney General Brown and let his opinion rule without the cost and delay of ouster proceedings. This was done, and in event the opinion was against Springer, he was to resign as judge; should they be in his favor there were to be no further proceedings against him. Yesterday afternoon the decision was rendered by Attorney General Brown, showing Springer winner, hands down.

In his opinion Attorney General Brown says that in so far as his information shows Springer cannot be ousted on the grounds of disqualification because of residence.

"I conclude that beyond a reasonable doubt Springer is legally qualified for the office of judge. He has at no time been other than a resident of Crook county. The fact that Springer and his wife registered and voted in what is now Jefferson county while that territory was a part of Crook county further shows that at no time has he been other than a resident of Crook county. The statement furnished me shows that Springer has continued since his qualification as judge to be a resident of Crook county and he had the right to follow the flag of Crook county if he so desired, and he has done so, by every act as well as intent."

The above is extracts from the opinion which was quite lengthy. All the important points covered in the decision are mentioned here. A great many cases of similar nature are cited by the attorney general supporting his opinion.

The statement of facts which were sent up to the Attorney General and which were not given to the public until last night, for obvious reasons, is as follows:

It having been agreed by and between Hon. G. Springer, judge of the county court of Crook county and his attorney, N. G. Wallace, with Willard H. Wirtz, District Attorney for Crook county, to submit to you upon the following statement of facts whether or not the Hon. G. Springer is an inhabitant of Jefferson county, newly created, or of Crook county, the county judgeship of which he still holds, and abide by your decision therein, so as to avoid proceedings in the nature of quo warranto contemplated by the said District Attorney.

1. That at the time the Hon. G. Springer was elected county judge of Crook county in November, 1912, the said G. Springer was a resident and inhabitant of the territory now embraced within the county of Jefferson and that the said county of Jefferson was formed at the election held in November, 1914, out of territory at that time wholly embraced within the county of Crook.

2. That subsequent to the election at which the said G. Springer was elected as aforesaid and prior to the time at which he qualified as such judge, he rented a residence in the city of Prineville, furnishing it in part from his residence on the ranch, which said ranch was the place of his residence prior to said election within the present boundaries of Jefferson county, and removed his entire family, consisting of son, daughter and niece, to said city of Prineville, and all time since, and does now maintain and hold said residence house within said city of Prineville.

3. That the said G. Springer married in June, 1913, and she took up her residence in said rented house with the said G. Springer in the city of Prineville and moved her household furniture to Prineville from The Dalles where up to that time she had resided, at the time of which marriage another family occupied the ranch house and said ranch house has been so occupied a considerable portion of the time since the year 1913.

4. That during a considerable portion of the summer of 1914, the family of G. Springer, consisting of a wife, son, daughter and niece, were at the said ranch, dividing the time between the ranch and a vacation in the mountains, the judge remaining at the ranch attending to affairs there, he himself joining the family at the mountains for about two weeks, after which vacation the entire family returned to Prineville. During the time G. Springer and family were at the ranch during the summer of 1914, the ranch house was occupied only by the family of the said G. Springer, arrangements having previously been made for its vacation by the renters, said ranch house not having since been occupied, except by hired men alone; that since the summer of 1914, G. Springer and wife make quite frequent trips to the ranch remaining sometimes as long as ten days, the children always remaining at the residence in Prineville so as to attend school, the said children having missed no school in Prineville since coming to Prineville soon after the election in 1912.

5. That G. Springer, as well as his wife, registered as an elector and voted at the election in November, 1914, within territory now embraced within the county of Jefferson and within the voting precinct wherein is located the said ranch of the Hon. G. Springer.

6. Immediately after and before said election in 1914 and before the proclamation of the governor declaring the result of the election on the question of the formation of Jefferson county, the said G. Springer declared his intention of claiming his residence within the city of Prineville and has since maintained and does now claim to be an inhabitant of Crook county.

7. That the vocation and occupation of the Hon. G. Springer, other than that of being county judge, is that of farmer and stock-raiser and that has always been his occupation; that he owns no ranch property in Crook county as now established.

The above facts are hereby submitted to you and an opinion as to the law is respectfully asked by the said Hon. G. Springer as county judge of Crook county and by Willard H. Wirtz, as District Attorney for said county, it being agreed that no argument shall be submitted and no other correspondence considered with reference to the matters contained herein.

FACTS GIVEN IN THE ALMANAC

Crook County Given Favorable Mention in State Book

First in Carey Act Lands

Larger than the Kingdom of Saxony Without Jefferson County

An advanced copy of the Oregon Almanac which is the official pamphlet of the state, issued under the direction of C. C. Chapman, state immigration agent, reached our desk today. It is well gotten up, contains 320 pages of information about the Oregon country, and a lot of facts about Crook county. It has the first figures we have seen concerning the area of Crook county since the creation of Jefferson county.

Concerning Crook county as it is today the almanac says in part: "Area, 5,978 square miles, larger than Alsace-Lorraine; larger than the Kingdom of Saxony and the Kingdom of Montenegro; over half the size of Vermont; about half the size of Maryland, and over half the size of Massachusetts. One-fourth of the area in the national forests, and one-fourth in unappropriated public lands.

Crook county ranks first in the state in Carey Act lands; second in the production of rye; fifth in alfalfa; fifth in area and sixth in wild hay, timothy, etc.

Population of the county is given at 12,799, 91 per cent of this number being rated as American born. Land values are given at from \$60 to \$125 per acre for irrigated lands and from \$12 to \$20 for dry lands in cultivation.

The total value of the products of the county is estimated at a little over a million and a third.

The towns mentioned and their estimated population are as follows: Prineville, 1600; Bend, 1800; Redmond, 750; Sisters, 150; Laidlaw, 160; LaPine, 150; Paulina, 85; Terrebonne, 50; Deschutes, 40; Rolyat, 75, and Hampton population not given.

While Bend exceeds Prineville by 200 in estimated population, we are rated as having \$110,000 greater bank deposits than Bend.

Died

Mrs. Lillie E. Jordan died at the home of her son, Ralph L. Jordan, in this city Friday, March 12. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church on Saturday at 2:30, Rev. C. P. Bailey, former pastor of this place, conducting the ceremonies.

Mrs. Jordan was born at Tilton, Maine, and was 59 years of age. She came to Prineville twelve years ago and was well known and well liked here. The body was shipped to the family home at Otis, Maine, where burial will be had. Ralph accompanied the remains and expects to be gone about three weeks.

Hill's New Steamship Service

The Hill railway system has put on a pair of immense steamships for service between Portland and San Francisco. They are the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific. The former vessel is already in actual service and the other will soon be added. They will make regular trips, making the voyage one way in 26 hours, which is less than the present rail time.

MOTHER EARTH HAS INSOMNIA.



—Evans in Baltimore American.