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## WHAT THE CAUSE?

### IS THERE SOMETHING BACK OF THE HILL MATTER?

### THE PEOPLE THINK THERE IS.

#### There are Very Strange Actions in This Murder Case.

The actions and statements of District Attorney Tongue in connection with the Hill murder matter have certainly been most peculiar in a case that has been most peculiar from the first to last.

This murder horror is the most important case that ever came before a grand jury in Oregon, yet it seems to have been handled as if it were of little importance. The jurors were allowed to adjourn and go home; the matter was not reported, and to all observation the matter was dropped.

And then when the county court took the matter up, and when the people were asking questions right and left and demanding that a special prosecutor be appointed and asking why the district attorney took the strange position he was said to have taken, then Mr. Tongue came out with this statement, published in the Portland Journal:

"Since the grand jury's action and not before have publicly stated that the evidence that went before the grand jury—the evidence that would be permitted in a court of justice—was not sufficient to hang a dog on."

This from an attorney serving the people as public prosecutor.

This from the county's official, taking the people into his private opinion bureau, and telling them what HE thought about a case he was elected to prosecute.

How long since did Mr. Tongue set himself up as the supreme court of the state of Oregon, and how long since did he take out a mind readers' license and be able to anticipate the action and verdict of a trial jury.

Nathan Harvey was not being tried by the Clackamas grand jury, and the matter of whether or not the evidence to be produced on the coming trial was or was not the right kind to be admitted, was not before this jury to determine.

The matter up to the jury was whether or not in the jurors' minds HARVEY WAS GUILTY OR NOT, whether or not there was sufficient evidence of his guilt to warrant his being tried.

Further than this the jury had no province.

These men were not there to pass on the points of law, to discuss technicalities, or to give expert testimony on the quality of evidence required to convict a

## COMING OUR WAY.

### EVERYTHING LOOKS BRIGHT TO THE LIVE WIRES

### VERY INTERESTING MEETING.

#### Many Matters of Public Interest Discussed Tuesday

Coming out of the Live Wires' meeting Tuesday one of our professional men asked where Oregon City would have been today, and what we would have had in the way of improvements if it had not been for the Commercial organizations and the get-together spirit of our business and public-spirited men?

And the question is a good one for you to think out and answer.

Through the Commercial club and the Live Wires we have secured the appropriation of over \$600,000 for a locks canal here, and we would never have gotten it but for these organizations; then we have the appropriation for the dredging the channel; we have secured the Pacific highway through this city; we have landed a public library and a handsome building; we have practically secured a \$75,000 for a federal building and we have under way several matters—a public dock, an armory, a creamery, and so on.

And there is no getting away from the fact that we would not have had any of them if it had not been for these gatherings where men get together and pull together for the common good.

At the Tuesday luncheon Mr. Lee of Canby was present and he gave the boys a short talk on the strength of pulling together, and illustrated it with a talk of how the irrigation projects were put through by men forgetting petty matters and all getting together on the rope. And he also told a little story illustrating the attractions of pulling together. The fellow arrived in heaven, and was surprised to see a bunch of beautiful girls chained to a post.

state's witnesses while he was under subpoena by the grand jury.

Then there is the current rumor that the grand jury took an unofficial ballot on the matter and that it was unanimous for a holding for trial.

We are protesting at the wave of crime in Oregon and wondering why it cannot be punished, and yet we have here before us the most horrible crime that it is possible to have been committed, and then with a district attorney seemingly working against the sheriff and his department, in their efforts to find the guilty.

But the people are with Sheriff Mass, and they will stand behind him in this matter to the last.

## WILL THIS END IT?

### WILL THE HILL HORROR DIE?

#### OR WILL THE PEOPLE CARRY CASE TO THE GOVERNOR

#### Or will Public Sentiment Keep it Alive and Force Action

Unless the whole Hill murder matter is taken up with the governor for investigation, as it is now rumored it will be the case will be again dropped, and another strange chapter added to a very strange case.

Following the refusal of the grand jury to make any report whatever on the Harvey hearing, and the open expressions of the public against this strange action of ignoring this important case, County Judge Beattie called District Attorney Tongue, Sheriff Mass and Detective Levings into a conference with the county court in the hope that the differences between the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff's department might be adjusted and a special prosecutor for the case be arranged for in place of Mr. Tongue. However the court had no authority to make such appointment without the request or consent of the prosecuting attorney, and as Mr. Tongue did not so request or consent, the case simply drops.

Unless public sentiment again forces that it be taken up, Judge Beattie stated that while the County Court was ready and willing to pay a special prosecutor to bring out all the facts in the Hill murder case, he was not willing to agree to work independent of a sheriff and district attorney, both elected to work together for the detection and prosecution of crime, calling each other liars, and pulling separate ways over the most horrible murder crime ever committed in Oregon.

District Attorney Tongue charges Mass and Levings with attempting to influence the members of the grand jury to bring in an indictment, regardless of the real evidence against Harvey, and that the indictment might bring out a confession, and he says the refusal of the grand jury to indict Harvey needs no defense either from himself or from him.

The Evening Telegram of Wednesday night says in part, regarding the Harvey case:

"With reference to the investigation of the Hill murder case in Clackamas county, there is something wrong; something so decidedly wrong that if there is any tribunal in the county which has the authority to act by its own initiative, to go to the bottom of the matter. It is, to say the least, a queer condition in Clackamas county that prevents the most searching investigation into every circumstance connected even remotely with this terrible tragedy.

But outside of this personal personal controversy there are two matters of the many that have come out in these very strange proceedings that the public have a right to know more about.

Why did Harvey hire Portland lawyers to defend him and agree to pay them \$20,000 before he was even arrested for the crime.

These lawyers should be made to clear up this matter in justice to Mr. Harvey, and if as is reported the lawyers went to Harvey and scared him into the contract, the bar association should take drastic action.

And another matter published in the Portland papers, was a juror under subpoena, was approached and tried to be influenced on the matter of an indictment.

If Mr. Harvey is innocent of this awful crime, and every man is until he is proven guilty, he should demand an indictment and ask for a trial, for he can hardly afford to have the matter end in mystery.

And if this is the end, you mark the prediction that this will be an expensive piece of work for those implicated, for the people will no soon forget the horror at Ardenwald.

## SMOKE 'EM OUT.

### Make the Candidate Line Up Before Nomination.

"My taxes are four times what they were seven years ago on the same property," says one taxpayer. Mine are four times higher, and they were four years ago," says another. And each of them shows the figures to prove it. The tax-payers are in the mood to call down the state officials hard who were responsible for doubling the appropriations at the last session, and they were four years ago ought to. But it will doubtless be a new set who will come to the front as candidates this year, and no one can tell what they will do until they have been tried.—Woodburn Independent.

And they were four years ago is one of the very loose spokes in Oregon's wheel.

The people SHOULD know where representatives stand before they are tried—the candidates should be smoked out and be forced to declare.

And when we better know what we are electing men for, our taxes won't double each year.

## BOYS LINING UP

### Spring Weather Breeds Candidates and here is a Starter

Spring weather breeds politics. It is the air and men catch it just as naturally as the kids do the fish fever.

There seems to be quite a run of it in the county and it is assuming almost an epidemic stage in the city. But Oregon City is the largest place in the county.

Here are some of the fellows Dr. Nomination has reported and he says many others have been exposed and may break out any time.

For representative, republican, E. P. Carter, M. A. Magone and F. M. Gill.

For County Clerk, Wm. Mulvey republican, to succeed himself.

For Recorder of Conveyances, republican, L. E. Williams to succeed himself, and C. W. Stricken, of Boring.

For Treasurer, J. A. Tufts, republican, to succeed himself.

For Superintendent of Schools, T. J. Gary, republican, to succeed himself.

Surveyor, D. T. Meldrum and William Hammon, republicans.

Sheriff, E. T. Mass, present official, democrat.

Assessor, J. E. Jack, democrat, to succeed himself, and James F. Nelson of Mulino, republican.

For Justice of the Peace, Dist. No. 4, William Hammond, law partner of H. E. Cross.

It is reported that W. W. Myers, Socialist, will be a candidate for the county court to succeed William Mattoon.

## Don't Play It Too Far

The name of "Mathieu" has been suggested as a fitting one for the new county it is proposed to erect out of northern Marion and southeastern Clackamas counties. It would be eminently fitting to honor the pioneer French Canadian who is responsible for Oregon being one of the United States instead of a Canadian province, in just that way.—Woodburn Independent.

"It is proposed," and "emphatically fitting" are all right on paper, but don't you Marion rascals ever try any of Roosevelt's Colombia deals or Knox's Mexican stunts on the southeastern end of old Clackamas?

If you can use the scare to work fodder out of the politicians, hop to it and make the most of it, but when you attempt to change the map—well, you won't find us a Tripoli.

## COUNCIL MATTERS.

### What the City Fathers Did at Monday Night's Meeting

Street improvements are very popular in the city, in fact, the improvements are becoming almost matters of self defense as improved streets build up much faster than others, and the property is much more saleable.

At Monday night's meeting a request for the improvement of Sixteenth street, between Division and Jackson, was presented, and the engineer was ordered to fix the grades, and a request that Monroe street, between Sixth and Seventh, was referred to the engineers.

H. Oppermann, the Eighth street saloon keeper, who was recently convicted of selling liquor to a minor, made application to have his license transferred to

## Circuit Court Reversed.

We note that the supreme court has reversed the circuit court of this county in the case of Rose Whitcomb and Kate L. Charnan, et al., vs. the town of Milwaukee.

The case was filed by the plaintiffs to restrain the defendants from encroaching upon their property, destroying their mill and millpond in making improvements on Harrison street.

The plaintiff claimed the street was being shifted over on them 27.67 feet and the matter was tried in the circuit court here and the court found for the defendants and dismissed the suit.

Plaintiffs then appealed to the supreme court and the circuit court was reversed and the defendants enjoined from encroaching upon the plaintiff's property.

Dimick & Dimick and William Hammond represented the appellants.

## Oh, You Back East

The Willamette Valley has only had two days of winter, the 8th of January, when the "silver thaw" and a wet snow came, and the thermometer went down to 22 above zero.

During the month of December there was not a single frost.

Not once during the whole winter has the frost remained on the ground a whole day.

Only a few mornings has the thermometer reached the frost line.

Flowers are in bloom everywhere about the city—outdoor flowers and shrubbery.

No wind, no storms, spring opened the first week in January and has stayed open.

## Wedding at Molalla.

A beautiful and quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradbury, near Molalla when their daughter Alice was united to Vernie W. Lantz, on February 25, at noon.

The bride was handsomely attired in cream tulle, while the groom wore the conventional color. Only the immediate families of the young couple witnessed the ceremony.

They will commence house-keeping at once in their new home in the vicinity where the groom has purchased a cozy house for his bride.

The best wishes of their numerous friends go with them in their new life.

## People in the News

Premier Asquith is expected to introduce the bill granting home rule to Ireland in the house of commons on March 20.

John Merg, 124 years old, and probably the oldest man in the United States, died Friday at his home on Indian Creek, Kentucky.

Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman, was expelled from the Chicago Union League Club, as the result of his connection with the Lorimer case.

A new champion was born to pugilism when Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, decisively outfought, out-gamed and outpunched Abe Attell in their 20 round contest at Vernon, Cal., and was awarded the featherweight title.

While motoring in his car at Washington, Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, retired, observed a man crumpled up in a heap on the sidewalk. Going to his assistance, General Miles found the man to be his brother, who had suddenly died of heart disease.

## Political News Bits

Leroy T. Vernon, Washington correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, has been appointed chief of the publicity bureau of the Taft Washington headquarters.

Flat denial of charges that he had said that the American people are unfitted for self government was made by President Taft in an official statement issued from the White House.

"My hat has been in the ring a long time and my head has been in it," said Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, when his attention was called to Roosevelt's reported statement that "my hat is in the ring."

Belief in the political doctrines of the "progressive" was reiterated by Theodore Roosevelt, who made four speeches in Ohio. It was his first trip of the kind since the series of journeys shortly after his return from Africa in 1910.

An interesting feature of the Seattle primary election in addition to the large vote for ex-Mayor Till, was the defeat of the two council candidates who were endorsed by the labor unions, and the success of two who were nominated by the Socialists.

## GRANGE BACKS UP.

### WON'T ENDORSE THE STATE'S GOOD ROADS SYSTEM

### DISAGREE ON SEVERAL POINTS

#### C. E. Spence Says Grange Will Go Ahead With Its Bills

The State Grange and the State are unable to get together on the matter of roads legislation in Oregon, and the Grange will go ahead with its initiative good roads petition and submit it to the voters. The difference as to who shall have the power to select roads to be improved and who shall have charge of the expenditures. Following is C. E. Spence's letter to Governor West:

"I met with the 'Good Roads Harmony' committee and endeavored to eliminate the objectionable features in the proposed good roads bills. Four of the bills proposed by the so-called state-wide highway committee were materially changed and the Grange highly way engineer bill was adopted. As stated in the letter sent you yesterday by the 'Harmony' committee, we could not agree on the state aid bill of the committee and the Grange county bonding act."

"The majority of the 'Harmony' committee agreed to accept the Grange county bonding bill on condition that the Grange endorse the four bills proposed by the 'Harmony' committee as amended by the 'harmony' committee and it was further agreed that the proposition be submitted to the next session of the state Grange which will meet May next. We were informed today by the chairman of the 'harmony' committee that the agreement made with us had been re-considered and it was decided by three members of the committee that no county bonding act was necessary to put into effect the amendment to the constitution permitting counties to incur indebtedness for road building, and they had decided not to endorse the Grange county bonding bill and that they would adopt the Grange highway engineer bill if drawn satisfactory to them.

"Therefore we seem to be as far apart as ever upon the questions at issue, namely, in whom the power to select the roads to be improved shall be vested, and under whose supervision the funds shall be expended. Under these conditions we feel justified in proceeding to initiate our Grange good roads bills as now prepared.

## Brief News of the Week

Houston, Texas, was scorched by a \$7,000,000 fire.

Absolute sovereignty over Tripoli has been declared by Italy.

Men and women textile strikers whose only offense was the attempted sending of their children out of Lawrence, Mass., were brutally clubbed by two companies of militiamen and 50 police.

Thirty indictments charging conspiracy to obstruct and monopolize the cash register business were returned against officials and sales agents of the National Cash Register company at Cincinnati.

So numerous and insistent are the demands upon the navy department for relics of the battleship Maine that it has been found necessary to send for another shipload in addition to the collection brought to Washington recently on the collier Leonides.

Accusing the Western Union Telegraph company of unlawful practices and the exaction of unreasonable joint rates, the Postal Telegraph Cable company has instituted a proceeding before the interstate commerce commission, demanding an adjustment on an equitable basis of all interchange rates.

## FARM LOANS

We have the following amounts \$500, \$500, \$500, \$800, \$800 \$1000, \$1000, \$1000, \$1500 \$1800, and \$2000, all first mortgage loans, 7 per cent.

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