

## COURT ENDS TILL APRIL

HINDU MURDER CASES WILL BE  
HEARD EARLY AT THE  
REGULAR TERM.

## HAWES MAY HELP STATE

James Jesse, Convicted of Selling  
Liquor to Minors Is Given the  
Limit of Six Months in Jail  
and \$300 Fine.

Circuit Judge McBride closed the special term of court Saturday afternoon, after a three weeks' session, and left Monday for St. Helens to hold court there. He will open the regular April term here the third Monday in April. During the special term many equity cases were disposed of and four criminal cases were heard. These were the Canby saloon cases, two of the defendants pleading guilty and two standing trial. James Jesse, who was convicted of selling liquor to minors, has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and serve six months in the county jail. This is the limit of the statute. In the Tackelson case the jury disagreed. Judge McBride has been criticized for giving Holberg and Bernosher, who pleaded guilty, a light sentence, but this is explained by the fact that Jesse was the man who sold the liquor that resulted in the death of Charley Kinzel at Canby last fall, and through the heavy sentence imposed in this case, he was held responsible for the consequence of his crime. It is understood that the State will have a much stronger case against Tackelson at the April term of court than at the special term, and a conviction is expected to be obtained by the prosecution.

The Hindu murder cases will be tried at the opening of the regular term in April. J. M. Dickenson, John Dickenson, Wm. Dickenson, John Rickerson, William Dickenson, John Riley, Walter St. Clair and Earl Ransler will be tried jointly, but Vernon Hawes has demanded and will obtain a separate trial. It is current report that Hawes will be used by the State as a witness against the other six defendants, and will be given the immunity bath in return for his evidence. The seven men who are charged with the murder of Bingwan Singh, near Boring on Halloween night are in jail, and have been there more than three months. The trial of Leroy Carden, charged with assault, will immediately follow the murder cases.

### FAVOR THE UNIVERSITY.

Multnomah Republicans Disapprove  
Linn County Referendum.

At the monthly smoker of the Republican Club in Portland Wednesday night, that organization went on record as disapproving the attempt led by the Linn County Grange to invoke the referendum against the appropriation made for the Oregon University by the last Legislature. During the meeting F. E. Beach asked President John Gill for special permission to introduce a resolution protesting against the referendum.

Mr. Beach was granted permission to offer the resolution. When it came to passing on the resolution a rising vote was called for and every man present stood up. Mr. Beach said that any attempt to deprive the university of the appropriation of \$125,000 would reflect discredit upon the citizenship of the State.

### OTTO OLSON HAS HARD FALL.

Well Known Electrician Knocks Off  
Scalp, But Exhibits Great Nerve.

Otto F. Olson, of Willamette, superintendent of the station of the Portland General Electric Company in West Oregon City, met with a serious accident Friday that came near ending his life. He was in the transformer building about 11 o'clock Friday morning, when he lost his footing and fell about 14 feet to the concrete floor, striking on his head and nearly tearing off his scalp. The fall rendered him unconscious and he remained in that condition for some time. There was no one in the building and no aid could reach him. Mr. Olson was jammed in between the transformer and the side of the building, and he finally regained consciousness and managed to extricate himself and half staggered out of the building and walked to the West Side station of the Willamette Falls Railway, where he was washed away some of the blood, and then came across the bridge to the office of Dr. M. C. Strickland, where 17 stitches were taken in the wound. Mr. Olson was then sent to his home at Willamette.

### FIGHT ABOUT SCHOOLS.

Warring Interests at Gladstone and  
Parkplace Have Stormy Session.

The meeting of the residents of Parkplace, Gladstone and Jennings Lodge, held Friday night in the Parkplace schoolhouse to discuss the controversy over the establishment of a new district at Jennings Lodge, failed to bring about any arrangement; in fact, it showed how bitterly opposed the different factions are.

The meeting was called with Captain W. H. Smith in the chair. E. A. Holmes acted as secretary, and from that time until it closed at 11 o'clock it was one general hubbub and rag-chewing match.

W. A. Holmes, J. T. Apperson and Mr. Clyde spoke strongly against the division of the district, and proposed that the Jennings Lodge people withdraw their petition. C. T. Tooze, W. R. U'Ren, Harvey E. Cross and E. P.

Carter were just as firm in their arguments that the district be divided and Gladstone have a separate district. As the two factions could come to no agreement whatever, the meeting was adjourned at a late hour.

Burns and Bruner Are Candidates.  
Columbia Hook & Ladder Company held a meeting Friday night and initiated two candidates for membership. Charles E. Burns, Jr., and Clarence Bruner, the candidates for chief of the fire department, were present and made speeches, and several other firemen were visitors at the meeting. It is not probable that there will be other candidates for chief, though it was reported several days ago that Columbia Hook & Ladder Company would place another candidate in the field.

### TAXES ARE NOW PAYABLE.

Time For 3 Per Cent Rebate Will  
Expire By March 15.  
Tax collections for the first week since payments commenced total \$5,193.56. This amount was turned over to County Treasurer Paddock Saturday night by Sheriff Beattie. The roll was received by the sheriff at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning of last week, and up to Monday night he had issued 298 receipts, as against 239 for a corresponding period last year. None of the heavy taxpayers, such as the big corporations, have yet paid, but they always take advantage of the rebate of 3 per cent, and pay their taxes before March 15, when the time for taking advantage of the rebate ends. Under the state laws of assessment and taxation half of the amount of the tax of each individual or company must be paid by the first Monday in April, or the tax becomes delinquent and the penalty applies from that date. The new law compels the sheriff to notify each week in writing every school clerk and every road supervisor of the amount of special school and road taxes received in their respective districts. This necessitates the employment of an extra deputy.

## HALL IS CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT

EX-UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
LAST TO FALL VICTIM TO  
HENNEY PROSECUTION.

John H. Hall, ex-United States Attorney for Oregon, was convicted last Saturday of conspiracy. The penalty for conspiracy is a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and imprisonment not exceeding two years. William Fuqua, a Clackamas County farmer, was a member of the jury.

Sentence was not pronounced and the defense was given until April 1 to file a motion for a new trial. The defendant was also granted until May 1 to submit a bill of exceptions.

All pending Oregon land-fraud cases, numbering 22, will be taken up at the April term of the United States Court, which will be convened on Monday, April 13. Such an order was made Saturday by Judge Wolverton at the request of Francis J. Henney, who left Saturday night for San Francisco, where he will assist District Attorney Langdon in the prosecution of Reuf. The first case to be tried in April will be on the indictment charging Horace G. McKinley with the forgery of settlers' names to fraudulent homestead entries. McKinley was recently apprehended in Manchuria, and is being returned to Portland for trial, having left the United States while under bonds awaiting trial.

The plans of the Government contemplate that Tracy G. Becker, special assistant to the United States Attorney-General, shall conduct the McKinley case and try the minor indictments, while Mr. Henney may return towards the close of the term to try Blinger Hermann in the Blue Mountain conspiracy case, and also direct the Government's case in the retrial of J. N. Williamson, ex-Congressman, who was recently granted a new trial by the United States Supreme Court on a technicality.

On motion of Mr. Henney pending indictments were dismissed against two individual defendants. The charge against Charles F. Lord, who had been indicted with others for obstructing justice, was dismissed. The same disposition was made of the charge against Charles E. Hayes, who was under indictment with Thayer, Hadley and others for conspiring to defraud the Government of certain public lands in Tillamook County.

### CHANCE FOR PAPERMAKERS.

Coast Mills to Have Same Opportunity as Easterners.

Senator Ankeny and Representative Humphrey have secured an agreement from the Bureau of Insular Affairs that next year it will ask the Public Printer to include in his next annual call for bids for paper an invitation for separate bids for the Philippines, f. o. b. Manila. This will offer manufacturers on the Pacific Coast an opportunity to compete on paper for the Philippines and will also retain for the Bureau the option to accept Government Printing Office prices f. o. b. New York, should they prove more favorable than bids for delivery f. o. b. Manila.

The Senator had called the attention of the Bureau to the fact that the bids for 1908 required delivery in New York, and that this was unfair to the Pacific Coast manufacturers, who could not bid under the terms of the call with the factories on the Atlantic Coast. The policy of the War Department is to buy from the office of the Public Printer.

Republicans Seek Re-election.  
Five Republican occupants of county offices have filed primary nominating petitions. School Superintendent and the others that have filed are Larations of their candidacy Saturday, and the others that have filed are Clerk Greenman, Assessor Nelson and Recorder Ramsby.

## VOTE NO ON EVERY MEASURE NOT CLEAR

GOOD ADVICE COMES FROM MRS.  
WALDO, GRAND LECTURER  
OF STATE GRANGE.

"Vote no on every measure you do not understand," was the advice given to the members of Salem Grange, Saturday, by Mrs. Clara Waldo, grand lecturer of the State Grange. "Study the bills and proposed amendments at time and opportunity will permit, and vote for them if you think them meritorious, and against them if they are not, but if you do not understand them, the only safe way is to vote no. We can better afford to wait a while for desirable legislation than to take the chance of adopting blindly something we do not want."

Mrs. Waldo's address was the principal event of the afternoon session of the Grange. In the course of her remarks she took occasion to pay her respects to W. S. U'Ren, whose activity in promoting initiative measures she strongly condemned. The proportional representation bill she particularly criticised upon the ground that it provides no modus operandi. Notwithstanding the overburdened condition of the ballot as a result of efforts at direct legislation, she described the initiative and referendum as the "pearl of great price" in popular government, but hoped the voters would show their disapproval of too frequent resort to this method of enacting laws.

Speaking further upon Mr. U'Ren, Mrs. Waldo denied that he is the father of the initiative and referendum. She declared that this amendment was first introduced by the State Grange and that Mr. U'Ren became interested in it because he was secretary to Seth Llewelling, chairman of the committee to which the matter was referred for investigation and report. She acknowledged, however, that U'Ren might be a step-father.

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### Four Candidates for Postmaster.

There are four candidates for postmaster of Milwaukie, the place having been made vacant by the death of Cyrus K. Ballard. The candidates are Charles Ballard, Arthur Dowling, F. C. Harlow and R. W. Gainard. The last named is a new man in the field. A. J. Walker, who announced himself a candidate, has retired. All the citizens are very much interested in the outcome, and have endorsed the application of one or the other of the candidates. It is announced that the Mayor supports Mr. Dowling, while half the councilmen support Mr. Gainard, and the support of the rest of the officials is divided among the other candidates.



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DISTRICT BOUNDARY BOARD  
HEARS RIVAL ARGUMENTS  
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

## DECISION ON TUESDAY

Jennings Lodge People Want School,  
But Gladstone Objects and  
Parkplace Residents Take  
a Hand.

The Clackamas County District Boundary Board was in session all of Tuesday, hearing the arguments and comments on the petition of the residents of Jennings Lodge for the creation of a new school district, the territory to be embraced from the southern part of Concord and the northwestern portion of Gladstone. State Senator Hedges appeared for the petitioners, but seemed to be lost in the fog, as the local fight between Gladstone and Parkplace was injected into the proposition. The board took no definite action on the petition, but adjourned until next Tuesday, when the ruling will be made public. It is reported, however, that the petition will be denied.

The situation is rather complex, and it will be impossible at this time to satisfy all parties. The petitioners state that their children have a long distance to travel to school, and that they have \$70,000 worth of taxable property in the proposed new district, and that they also have about 40 children of school age. They propose to establish a two-room school. Their position, however, is vigorously combated by the people of Gladstone, who are now in the Parkplace district and who want a school of their own, and say they have 127 children of school age, and can maintain a large school with high school grades if necessary. They contend that the Clackamas River should be the line, and that they should be allowed to sever their relations with Parkplace, and that if the Jennings Lodge petition should be denied that Gladstone would provide the petitioners with a fine school, and the children of Jennings Lodge would not have more than one mile to travel to the schoolhouse.

The Parkplace people, however, are antagonizing the position of Gladstone, and say that the establishment of a new district on the northerly side of the Clackamas River, with the river as the dividing line, would curtail the income and attendance of the Parkplace district and would seriously impair the standing of the High School, of which they are justly proud.

After the disposition of the Jennings Lodge petition will come action on the petition of Gladstone for a new district. In the event of the Jennings Lodge proposal being denied, it is conceded that Gladstone will have an excellent chance to bring about a divorce of its existing school relations with Parkplace. Old-time sores have been resurrected and personalities have been brought into the contest between Parkplace and Gladstone, and much bitter feeling exists. The District Boundary Board is not in an enviable position, but can hardly escape ruling either one way or the other, as there seems to be no opportunity to bring about a compromise between the antagonistic factions.

## U'REN CHALLENGES

STEPHEN A. LOWELL

SAYS VOTERS SHOULD NOT SUPPORT CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT SIGHT STATEMENT.

W. S. U'Ren has issued a challenge to Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, to debate with him on the stump the merits of Statement No. 1. Judge Lowell has called Mr. U'Ren's party standing into question and the Clackamas County sage replies that such a reflection comes with bad grace from a man who antagonized the election of Furnish for Governor in the campaign six years ago. Mr. U'Ren says that he will take the position in the campaign that it is the duty of every voter who would be true to the American ideal of government to refuse to vote for the nomination or election of any candidate for the Legislature who does not promise, without any qualification whatever, that as a member of the Legislature he will obey the instructions of the people in choosing a United States Senator. It is apparent from this reasoning that Mr. U'Ren, who is registered as a Republican, will himself bolt the ticket if the Clackamas County Legislative candidates are not pledged to Statement No. 1, and candidates from the Democratic party should uphold the Statement.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of John A. Swanson, deceased, has filed her final report as such administratrix with the County Court of Clackamas County, Oregon, and the Court has set Monday, the 15th day of March, 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., as the time for hearing said final report. All persons having objections to said report are hereby required to present the same in said court on or before said time, or be forever barred.

MARIE J. SWANSON-CHITWOOD,  
Administratrix of the Estate of John A. Swanson, Deceased.  
Gordon E. Hayes, Attorney for Administratrix.  
Dated February 13th, 1908.

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