

IS SAFELY REPUBLICAN

GRANT COUNTY SURE TO GIVE MCKINLEY A MAJORITY. The People Prosperous as Never Before—Silver Issue No Longer of Importance.

CANTON CITY, Or., June 25.—Grant County is now safely in the Republican column, and will give McKinley a good majority in November. The official canvass of the vote cast at the state election on June 4 gives McKinley 770, and Bryan 660, and Bright, Prohibition, 70. W. C. Moore, Jr., of the Democratic party, has been elected to the office of county clerk. The vote for President in 1896 was McKinley 788, and Bryan 660, and Bright, Prohibition, 70. McKinley 788, and Bryan 660, and Bright, Prohibition, 70.

The majority given to McKinley this year is very gratifying, said W. C. Thompson, chairman of the Republican county central committee. "For several reasons we did not expect to do so well. One was that by the creation of Wheeler County we lost precincts which were formerly safely Republican. Another was that we were doubtful of Grant. The product has heretofore been considered a Democratic stronghold, and because a large mining population has been attracted here we did not know how to place. We figured that Grant would be Democratic by 300. But it gave Moody a plurality of 700. The vote of the old house in 1898, and Moody, 114; Smith, Fusion, 10; Simmons, Independent, Democrat, 11, and Butler, Prohibitionist, 0. Our unexpected large vote in Grant helped to swing McKinley's majority."

"At the November election McKinley will beat Bryan by fully 100 in Grant county," said Thompson. "He will not get the Gold Democrats this year, though they are anxious to vote for a Democratic candidate for President here. They will make no inroads upon the Republican vote. The people are prosperous and contented, and they want no change in the National Administration. Grant County has never been so prosperous as it is now. The days when placer mining was the only industry. But conditions have changed since then. In those days, stockraising was the principal industry. Now, the quartz mines, lumbering, stockraising and agricultural production. We have come to be a factor in the industrial world, and Republican policies, including the gold standard, best serve our material interests."

Another prophet of Republican success in November is G. W. McHaley, of Prairie City, father of the late Chief Justice McHaley. Mr. McHaley was years ago a Democrat, and, as he declares, a hot one. He voted for Breckinridge and Lane in 1860, but in 1864 he voted for Grant and has been acting with the Republicans ever since. He says that Moody's majority this month shows that the silver issue is dead in Grant County. "The McKinley vote will have a walkover in November," Mr. McHaley came to Oregon in 1842, settling in Marion County. He has lived in Eastern Oregon since 1870, and has been in Prairie City since 1881. He is qualified, from long association with the people, to speak of the political outlook in Grant County.

CHIEF JUSTICE IN CHARGE

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 25.—Chief Justice McCall was today sworn in at the Courthouse here as Administrator of the Province of British Columbia during the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor, or in other words, Acting Lieutenant-Governor, pending the arrival of Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, who left Ottawa for the Coast today. The oath was administered by Justice Drake, and the Chief Justice returned at once to the capital, having shod his steed in the morning. The re-elections in Victoria City, South Vancouver, South Victoria, Dewdney, North East Kootenai and East Lillooet, rendered necessary by the acceptance of office of the late Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. McBride, Prentiss and Wells. The only other occasion on which the Chief Justice has discharged the duties of the Lieutenant-Governor, was during the absence of Governor Edgar in the month of June, when the late Chief Justice Davis acted in his stead as Hon. Mr. McCall is now acting for Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere.

CIRCUIT COURT AT ALBANY

State Case on Trial is Most Important—Laborer Injured. ALBANY, Or., June 25.—Department No. 1 of the Circuit Court today, Judge, convened this morning with a docket of 38 cases, of which seven were reported settled; three were continued, and the remainder of the docket, the judgment rendered by the court, the proper showing by the plaintiff, three set for trial and four passed. Albany has 23 attorneys. The most important case is that of the State vs. J. H. Hays, a West Home merchant, indicted on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon upon A. L. Wolfe, the trial of which was begun this afternoon with witnesses subpoenaed. District Attorney Hayden and Deputy J. J. Whitney appear for the state, and George E. Chamberlain, of Portland, and W. R. Rilyeu for the defendant.

STORM PLAYS HAVOC WITH CROPS

Little Less Than Cyclone About Dufur—Buildings Damaged. THE DALLES, Or., June 25.—Reports of damage to crops by Saturday's storm are coming in from various sections. In and about Dufur the storm amounted to little less than a cyclone, a terrific shower of rain and hail over half a mile in width, accompanied by a gale of wind, striking that vicinity at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and completely razing the crops over which it swept. Several wheat crops will be a total loss and considerable damage was done to buildings, although the storm center passed west of the town. At the Dalles and throughout the county generally a heavy thunder storm occurred, with some slight damage to wheat.

COURT IN NEW QUARTERS

First Term in New Polk County Courthouse—Proceedings Resumed. DALLES, Or., June 25.—Judge E. P. Bole convened an adjourned term of court today. This will be the first session of Circuit Court held in the new Courthouse. Judge Bole held the first term of court in the old house in 1888, 42 years ago, and has been on the bench in this district 31 years since that time. The Judge is now 50 years old, but has not lost any of his efficiency, and his legal acumen is as accurate as when he held his first court in the old house at the age of 18. The Honorable mention Saturday passed off successfully, the attendance was not as large as usual. Hon. N. L. Butler delivered the address. Hon. J. H. Hawley was re-elected grand juror, and his legal acumen is as accurate as when he held his first court in the old house at the age of 18. The executive committee for the coming year (appointed) are: Dr. T. V. B. Embree, William Grant and W. C. Brown, of Dalles. June 25 is the day set under the new rules for holding the annual reunion.

SALEM MEN COME TO BLOWS

Sheriff Prevented Fight to Finish—Doctor Fined for Assault. SALEM, Or., June 25.—Arthur Glover a Salem blacksmith, was arrested this afternoon on the charge of assault and battery, committed upon James Maguire, proprietor of the Crystal Ice Works. The two men had engaged in an altercation over the possession of some fixtures taken from the old Wright store, when Glover suddenly attacked Maguire, striking him with a hammer, bringing the latter to the ground. Glover is of light weight, while Maguire is of heavy build. Both men are well-known residents of Salem. Only the intervention of Sheriff Durbin prevented a fight to a finish. Glover will have a hearing in Recorder Judah's Court tomorrow afternoon.

CONNECTED BY TELEPHONE

First Message From Hillsboro to Glines—Bicycle Tax Collected. HILLSBORO, Or., June 25.—The first telephone message was received from Glines shortly after noon today. The Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Company has had a force of men at work about a week constructing a line from this city to Glines, a distance of four miles, and shortly after noon that little village was brought into closer touch with the active world. It is understood the line will be extended to Harrison, a small village two miles west of Glines.

WEATHER DAMAGING TO CROPS

Poor Hay and Grain Prospect in Douglas County. ROSBURG, Or., June 25.—The continued wet weather is no doubt seriously damaging crops in Douglas County. Wheat is being killed in many places, and the green alfalfa is being killed in many places of the farmers, who see an uncommonly poor prospect ahead. Considerable hay was cut when the rain commenced, and, if not ruined, it will at least be unfit for market.

Postal Changes

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Owing to the removal of the customs officers and the following decrease in the mails at Mary Island and Saxon, Alaska, those postoffices will be discontinued on July 1, and mail for both points will thereafter be carried to Kotzebue. Star mail service on three Idaho routes, as follows, has been discontinued: Cavendish to Peck, Cavendish to Weippe, and Kamin to Peck. Special mail service from Fraser to Greer, Shoshone County, Idaho, has been discontinued.

Kalamia Man Assaulted

KALAMA, Wash., June 25.—Last night at 1 o'clock Harry Morris, and Joe Stock entered the residence of Levi Summers, on Second street, went to the room of Mrs. Summers, and committed assault and battery upon Teligeman, who was in bed. The disturbance soon aroused Mr. Summers and his son, Dale, who rescued Teligeman from his assailants. During the fight the lamp was upset, and broken, and the room set on fire. This stopped the fight. No arrests have yet been made.

Court in Session at Boise

BOISE, Idaho, June 25.—District Court opened here today. There are a large number of cases on the calendar. Judge Stewart has not yet called a jury, but it is likely he will later on for there are several cases coming up that will require a jury. The contempt case of Sheriff Campbell, who was fined for contempt of court by Justice of the Peace Herrietta, is active, much to the regret of the District Court by the Sheriff on a writ of error, is the most interesting matter that is likely to be heard.

Eminent Court in Lane County

EGGEN, June 25.—The regular June term of the Circuit Court for Lane County began today. Judge Hamilton presiding. A docket of 181 cases, and the work of the term will probably be completed this week. One of the most important cases to come up at this term will be the case of W. T. Campbell and George Fisher vs. the County Commissioners, testing the legality of the action of the County Commissioners in selling a strip of land 1/4 mile wide around the county property in Eggen.

Wheat Prices Alarm Farmers

EUGENE, June 25.—The rapid advance in the price of wheat has caused farmers to become more uneasy regarding the prospects for this year's crop. It is certain the crop will not be what it ought to be, estimates falling below an average crop. Especially is the outlook gloomy to those who have winter wheat, which is not nearly so good as the Spring-sown grain.

Cargo of the Duke of Fife

SEATTLE, June 25.—The British steamship Duke of Fife, Captain Cox, which is to carry about 800 tons of feed for United States Army forces in the Philippines, will sail tomorrow at 10 A. M. Her Government cargo consists principally of hay and oats for Uncle Sam's cavalry horses in the American Orient.

WOULD LIGHT ASTORIA

W. F. McGRUBER PRESENTS PROPOSITION TO COUNCIL. No Definite Action Taken—Figures on Basis of a Ten Years' Contract. ASTORIA, June 25.—A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening for the purpose of arranging to light the streets, but no definite action was taken. A proposition was received from W. F. McGruber, of San Francisco, on the basis of a 10 years' contract. The first year not less than 50 lights were to be furnished, at the rate of \$18 per light per month, and thereafter not less than 50 lights to be taken, at the rate of \$12 per light per month. Extra lights to be supplied for \$3 each, and means committee.

Ship Damaged Dock

As the British steamship Monmouth-shire was being docked at Flavel wharf this afternoon she was caught by the strong ebb tide and drifted against the wharf and trawle, doing considerable damage. Her anchor fouled the dolphin spile, tearing them out, and the steamer struck the trawle a glancing blow with her port bow, breaking down four bent and carrying away a corner of the wharf. Several plates in the steamer's bow were badly bent, but she was otherwise uninjured. The trawle and dolphin spile wharf is estimated at about \$100.

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Teachers Elected

At a meeting of the School Board held this afternoon the following teachers were elected in addition to those elected at a previous meeting: Mrs. M. J. Stockton, Miss Annie Olsen, Miss May Fossett, Mrs. Josie McCormick, A. A. Cleveland, Jr., and Miss May Morgan as a substitute.

Lightship to Be Repaired

The lighthouse tender Manzanita will leave up the river tomorrow morning with the Umattila Reef lightship in tow. She will be turned over to Wolf & Zwickler, who have the contract for her repair.

Property Sold for Taxes

The sale of property for taxes was held at the Courthouse this morning. For the first time in years, outside parties were bidden to appear in many places, and the amount of the delinquent taxes, was purchased by outside parties as an investment.

Member Loggers' Association

A prominent logger, who is a member of the Columbia River Loggers' Association, stated today that the association had decided to accept as a member no individual or firm whose annual output of yellow fir logs is less than 1,500,000 feet. The association also decided not to take spruce logs into consideration.

No More Flights

No further attempt has been made to drive trap lines across the channel since the Fishermen's Union objected to it. The Government officials have been notified of the attempt, so it is unlikely that any further effort will be made to place a trap there.

To Let Hospital Contract

No work has yet been received from the War Department relative to re-ventilating bids for the construction of a hospital at Fern. The contract is being made to bid submitted some time ago, and which were rejected because they were higher than the estimates. The money appropriated for the hospital was for use during the present fiscal year, which ends next Saturday, and unless the contract is let and work commenced before that time, the hospital cannot be built, at least until after the next session of Congress.

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SPANISH SCHEMES FIND MANY AMERICAN VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Dwight Reed, United States Vice-Consul at Madrid, Spain, has brought to the attention of the State Department an ingenious swindle which has been attempted upon various persons in this country by certain Spanish schemers.

AN INGENUOUS SWINDLE

The Consul transmits a sample letter which was used in the attempt to defraud. It was sent to H. Sten of Buffalo, N. Y., and was signed "Louis Samper Sten," and was a request for a loan of \$10,000. The letter was a close relationship with the recipient of the letter. "Louis Samper Sten" recites a long series of untoward happenings and complications, which only financial aid can mend. He has come into possession of some \$50,000, confessedly an embezzlement from the Spanish Government, but to insure his money against recovery by the officials has deposited it in a Mexican bank, payable upon presentation of a check accompanied by a certain counterclaim arranged by himself and the bank. Certain legal steps have been taken against him, and in lieu of ready money to defray his part of the proceedings, he has been confined in prison. His letter offers, including a valuable check for his fortune, are about to be sold at auction. In return for timely help and aid for his "beloved" relations, he promises a quarter of his fortune, his daughter's share of the money during his minority and his everlasting gratitude. The latter Sten relation, who was the prior in the sale other possessor of his secret. He asks that a reply be sent to Teodoro Ruzas, Calle de Suelvia, Chamber, Madrid. The latter Sten relation, who is the sole other possessor of his secret, the writer, therefore, cautions that the answer be sent in an envelope enclosed within one addressed to "Ruzas" at the above address. Similar communications have been sent to persons all over the United States, the writer in most cases assuming the same name as the person addressed. During the past year, Consul Reed says, persons have come from Boston and New York all the way to Madrid, only to find themselves victims of the swindle. The swindle is a well known one, and has been reported of late by inquiry by the recipients of letters asking some information about the signers of the communications. He has endeavored to answer them all, but in view of the growth of the swindlers' overtures, he finds the task becoming great. Steps probably will be taken to hunt down the offenders and mete out proper punishment.

TRIAL OF CONSPIRATORS

Six Men of the Brooklyn Transit Company Indicted for Felony. NEW YORK, June 25.—The trial of the defendants in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company conspiracy began today in criminal court. The State Attorney General's indictments were found in February by a special grand jury named to inquire into the reports of a conspiracy to spread a rumor that the State would take over the Brooklyn Transit stock. Six men were indicted, the following four being placed on trial today: Alfred R. Goslin, Charles Thomas Davis, Eugene S. Fisher and Henry Bogart. There were 13 indictments in all. The four men were indicted for conspiracy. The other two indicted were Henry J. Alexander and Walter T. Alexander, who were indicted for conspiracy. The Justice said that was not for the Attorney General to say. The inference was at once taken by a number of persons that Alexander has turned state's evidence. At the conclusion of the opening address of the attorney for the people, an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

Negro Fiend Lynched

OBERLIN, Fla., June 25.—Jack Thomas, a negro who attempted an assault on Mrs. Kroene, a widow living in Swain County, Friday night, was taken from the scaffold by a mob near Live Oak today, banged to a tree and riddled with bullets. He made a confession.

Pension Agent Arrested

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 25.—D. H. Johnson, United States Pension Agent here, was arrested today on a Federal warrant issued from the United States Court charged with unlawfully obtaining \$500 from an aged colored woman. Johnson claims he borrowed the money.

May Reopen Carter Case

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 25.—Another effort will be shortly made to obtain a rehearing of the famous Carter case. The plan is to try to bring Carter before a civil court on a writ of habeas corpus and have the writ tried of its merits. Carter was recently visited by a rich uncle from New York, and the two held a long conference together. Before leaving, the uncle stated to the ward that he would soon return accompanied by two of the best attorneys in New York.

A Hardened Robber

BAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—A burglar entered the residence of R. S. Codey, wren, in this city, while the family was away, bound Mrs. Lillian Ross, the nurse, to a bed on which a baby lay sleeping, robbed the house, poured cold oil on the floor, and after lighting it made his escape. The flames were discovered by neighbors just in time to prevent the cremation of the woman and child. The robber secured \$25 in gold and some jewelry.

Committed by the President

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The President has commuted to five years the sentence of Jim Imprisonment imposed on Alphonse J. Jomina, convicted in Chicago, Ill., in February, 1898, of train robbery.

Oklahoma Outlaws

WICHITA, Kan., June 25.—Sheriff Neal Morris was wounded and two of his deputies killed near Cloud Chief, Okla., while pursuing George Casey and a