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THE CALHOUN CASE.

It can occasion no surprise that the jury refused to convict Calhoun. It was certain that if it did not disagree it would acquit; not because there can be a reasonable doubt...

It was almost an acquittal. Yet the grounds on which the jury stood—ten for acquittal, two for conviction—were not pleaded at the trial at all. They could not be, for the law cannot allow such a plea.

It does injury to the state, and no good, to be continually declaring to the world that Oregon is "bottled up," and has no prospect of a future...

DOING THE POINT. A communication from Olympia, recently published in the Oregonian, seems to have unduly incensed the Spokesman-Review. The Oregonian's correspondent asked some rather pointed questions regarding the discriminatory rates with which the railroad favored Spokane...

THE CORRUPT SUPERVISORS saw their chance to extort money from Calhoun. They were a gang of worthless wretches who had been elected, together with the Mayor, to the county board of supervisors...

First, if the people refused to elect and do elect corrupt officials to important official positions, and a man can save his property and do business only by buying them, there is a feeling that he is in some degree excusable for doing it.

Second, when such scoundrels obtain immunity by confession of their own crime, on condition that they will bear testimony against the man they virtually forced to pay them money—binding themselves to go to the infernal inferno...

Third, since it is the rivals of the Calhoun company who have supported the prosecution from the first, and who, by their own admission, have put up enormous sums of money to see it through, there was some hesitation among members of the jury to bring in a verdict against the defendant.

Of course, it cannot be pretended that the Calhoun case was a case of a man who had been accused in a permissible in law—even in these circumstances, nor abstractly in morals. And yet any jury was sure to feel that a verdict of guilty would, in the circumstances, be a violation of the true sense and principle of proportionality.

NOTHING CREEP ABOUT SUCH LANDS. The Oregonian has recently been besieged with inquiries as to the proposed opening for entry of 700,000 acres of Spokane, Flathead and Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation lands.

The drawing will occur on August 9, 1909, under terms and conditions described yesterday in complete detail. All who are lands have a good chance to get lands through the proposed entry at their appraised value.

bought or held for speculation. They must be settled and cultivated in good faith. These are, of course, lands just as good and just as cheap to be found in many places besides these Indian reservations...

WE SHALL ALL SEE.

It isn't good for Oregon to advertise that the state is "bottled up" by the men of our railroad management, without hope of progress; nor is it fair to assume that the announcement that construction of the line up the Deachutes into Middle Oregon is about to be undertaken is not made in good faith.

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Life in the Oregon Country. Independence Enterprise. Portland has elected a Republican Mayor. Will wonders never cease?

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His Whiskers a Lovely Brown. What in the World Happened, You Think, to Representative Elliot? Washington Times. If any of Washington's leading tonorial artists receive hurry-up calls this afternoon from the Capitol they'd better run quick like the medicine man, because the hair of the distinguished Congressman is on the Hill, and Representative William Russell Elliot of Oregon may be bent upon the destruction of the most ornate and longest-growing hairdo ever seen.

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Estate With a Wheelbarrow. Philadelphia Dispatch. In the will of Edwin Miller, of Cementon, Pa., the estate was left to his widow, the latter insisting that an old wheelbarrow should always remain a part of it.