CROP PROSPECT METOLIUS IS FINE

After Four Seasons of Partial Failures Farmers Foresee Prosperity.

WATER PROBLEM SOLVED

Merry Fight on Now to Take County Scat Away From Culver-Big Milt and Elevator Asset. District Is Thriving.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. METOLIUS, Or., June 26 .- (Staff Cor-Pespondence.) - Metolius is the division point of the Oregon Trunk Rallway, and it is here that the shops and roundand it is here that the shops and round-house of that road are situated. Several posits having increased over 25 per cent of the trainmen also live here. The buildings here, both residences and mercantile structures, are of an average high type. Some of them, particularly the hotel and bank, are edifices of the trainmen also live here. The buildings here, both residences and mercantile structures, are of an average high type. Some of them, particularly the hotel and bank, are edifices of a rather pretentious type and size to be erected in a new town, as they were—for Metollous came into exist-ence in the Winter and Spring of 1915, just before the Oregon Trunk reached

The land hereabouts is in the dryfarming class, there being no irrigated tracts in this neighborhood; and, as there has been a partial crop failure here on dry land for the last three or four years, this section has suffered about the same as other portions of the dry-farming area in Central Oregon.

Settlers around Metolius, as well as the citizens of the town, are of the class generally that overlook the hole class generally that overlook th

Mill Considered Big Asset.

Metolius, however, has one advantage over most other places, for there has here been erected a large flour mill and a mammoth grain elevator. The latter is to handle the wheat and other cereals in bulk, thus saving the buying of sacks. In addition to the bulk warehouse, there is in connection with the plant a warehouse for handling grain in sack. These great plants belong to John Seethoff & Sons. They came here from New Salem, N. D. They looked all over interior Oregon before selecting Metolius as their field of operations and finally selected this point because they considered it in the midst of a great wheat area. The mill now has a capacity of 200 barrels of flour a day, but the building is arranged for a 400-barrel plant. It is going to mean a whole lot to this section to ship out trainloads of flour instead of trainloads of wheat.

It would be futile to dodge the domestic water problem of this entire section. It is a serious question, in many neighborhoods it would cost the value of half a section of land to get a good well of water to serve for domestic use alone. Then the great depth would entail a power pumping plant, the cost of fuel for which would be a heavy tax. Everybody who knows anything about dry-land farming knows that hauling water is about the most unsatisfactory labor that any landowner was ever up against.

BONG HEID THIRD TIME Mill Considered Big Asset.

Water Is Syndicated.

Last Winter about 25 farmers living west of Metolius, between the railroad and the Deschutes River, banded together and put in an automatic pumping plant at the river and several miles of pipe leading to their farms. Now these people have plenty of good water for their farms. or their dwellings and stock and suffi tion their dwellings and stock and satch.

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The scheme has been so successful that similar plants will soon be installed in other neighborhoods.

No doubt the lands thus served have been doubted in value. Not only that, but think of what it means towards keeping the families on those lands, if the waterless area hereabouts, say in that way it would seen doubt the price of land and greatly increase the population and their presperity. As to the cost, it is a triffe compared to the cost, it is a triffe compared to the containt expense of hauling water—and them usually having none when needed worst.

County Seat Fight Warm.

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Four Portland boys, who have been arrested three times in two days, figuring as principals in a near tragedy of considerable prominence and a Republican, was a candidate against him. Mr. Willis, himself a Democrat, had his usual quarrel with Judge Elliott and openly and actively supported a record that view with tales of the Wild West in its palmiest days.

The boys are: Albert Cohen, 12 years old; Harold Arnold, 14: Mike per lint, 13, and John Trombelas, 14.

Their adventures began Sunday, when Patrolman White arrested them on a charge of stealing newspapers. They distinct embracing Lewis County, was a candidate for re-election. Alonzo E. Rice, then an attorney of considerable prominence and a Republican, was a candidate against him. Mr. Willis, himself a Democrat, had his usual quarrel with Judge Elliott and openly and actively supported with Judge of the district embracing Lewis County, was a candidate for re-election. Alonzo E. Rice, then an attorney of considerable prominence and a Republican, was a candidate against him. Mr. Willis, himself a Democrat, had with Judge of the district embracing Lewis County, was a candidate against him. Mr. Willis, himself a Democrat, and the west of the wild west in its palmies days.

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The Metolius people think their town will be the county seat of Jefferson after the Fall election. As the Madras folk tell me, they had by far the best show for the new courthouse, and, as have yet to visit Culver, the tempo-ary seat of government, where the



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people are going to fight, tooth and nail, to retain it, it is better not to turn prophet, but to give them all a clear field and no favor while wishing the best scrappers to win. It is a mighty pretty and interesting fight, even now: but it will be fierce a couple of months from now and from that on to the ides of November.

Metolius has a good newspaper, the Jefferson County Record. It is published from the old Central Oregonian office, and Pearson's old plant is used. M. A. Cumming, a promising young attorney of this section, is its editor and manager. It is a goodly weekly sheet, generally well filled with news from all over the county. The man behind the type and on top of the press is the dean of "comps" of Central Oregon. Long, long ago he was slug something on The Oregonian, in the days Sefore Mergenthaler even dreamed of the linotype. This veteran, now almost 80 years "young." sets all the type and does a good share of the other work in the office. He has not missed a day for over a year, is as hale and hearty as a youngster, enjoys his work, believes in Central Oregon, is a good citizen in every sense of the word. His principal regret is that he did not come here and locate about 50 years ago; but, now that he is here, you couldn't drive him away.

Banker Is "Beoster."

Banker Is "Booster." The Citizens' State Bank, N. A. Bur dick, president and manager, occupies its own fine building, which is one of the handsomest banking structures in the interior, Mr. Burdick is one of the best "boosters" this section ever had and a fine citizen in every way. His bank is doing mighty well, its de-

posits having increased over 25 per cent during the past year.

Metolius has a large, well-equipped and handsome school building. The town district is joined with the surrounding territory, thus giving the nearby farmers sons and daughters the advantage of a well-appointed and well-conducted school.

There is, as mentioned at first, a fine hotel building here. It is large, well furnished and is run in good shape by G. W. Lippincott. The traveler need

training and intelligence, who is quiet in her manner, and I will match her

charge of stealing newspapers. They were soon released and repaired to a dock at the foot of Main street. There the Cohen boy slipped into the river, but was rescued by his companions, who thrust a plank within his reach when the boy was on the point of drowning.

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Two hours after this escapade Parrolman Cameron agressed the youngsters on a charge of stealing milk.

Juvenile Court authorities did not hold

DRAMA LEAGUE TO EXTEND

Membership Campaign Is Planned

"Anyone with a dollar and self-respect should be a member of the Drama League." This is the slogan that will be used to increase the membership of the Portland branch. Its adoption, plans for such an increase in membership, and the discussion of new policies, marked the meeting that was been held last night at the Little Theater. It was the first meeting that has been held since the new board of directors was named. Mrs. Louis Gerlinger presided.

Willis' Document Stirs.

But along in the latter part of March something happened that caused the something happened that caused the received that caused the something happened that caused the something happened that caused the received that caused the something happened that caused the received that caused the received that caused the something happened that caused the received that caused the something happened that caused the received that caused the something happened th

The league members have in mind

Boy Found in Boxcar.

Edward Dorman, 15 years old, was locked in a boxcar at Hood River by trainmen who discovered the lad there with a man named William Martin and both were arrested by Special has been established at the corner of Agent Woods, of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, when the train arrived in Portland last night. The lad says he years. During that time hundreds of "beat" his way to Oregon from his home in Oklahoma.

Private Detective Accused.

Melvin Peterson, a private detective, 20 years old, was arrested last night by Detectives Craddock and Smith on a warrant charging him with embezzing \$3 from Fred W. Wagner, 303 Stark street, who formerly employed Peterson.

Well-Known Chehalis Attorney -Accused of Circulating Libelous Documents.

J. E. WILLIS IS DEFENDANT

Real Issue Declared to Be Personal Controversy With Judge Rice. Review of Attorney's Earlier Activities Is Made.

BY SHAD O, KRANTZ. CHEHALIS, Wash., June 26 .- (Special.)—Disbarment proceedings were started in the Superior Court here to-day against J. E. Willis, a prominent

count of his personal interest.

While the case nominally is directed against Mr. Willis, the real issue behind it all is a personal controversy between Mr. Willis and Judge Rice.

Sensations Are Scented. This issue Kept cropping out all day long and towards the last neither side tried to conceal it. The attorneys only got warmed up to their task when court adjourned tonight. The case promises to grow more interesting and even more sensational as it progresses

adjourned tonight. The case promises to grow more interesting and even more sensational as it progresses through the next few days.

On account of the prominence of all the interested parties the proceedings have attracted wide attention throughout the country. People sathered from near and distant points to hear it. The little courtroom was crowded and hundreds of others were unable to gain admittance. So far as the proceedings themselves were concerned they falled to develop anything that was not already known in every cigar store and on every street corner in Chehalis, Centralia and other places in Lewis County, yet every one was anxious to hear the story retoid, and no one, after once gaining a seat, left it until court adjourned.

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But to get into the real issue of the cause, the personal controversy between the judge and the attorney, already referred to, it is necessary to go back a few years into history. Mr. Willis is one of the oldest attorneys in this part of the state. He came here in the old territorial days and for a while engaged in the newspaper business. He was admitted to the bar and began practicing before Washington was admitted to the bar and began practicing before Washington was admitted to the Union. During the first Cleveland administration he served as postmaster of Chehalis. He has a reputation as a controversial, contentious person and seemingly is hard to get along with. He is said to have few intimates and fewer than half a dozen attorneys in Lewis County are on friendly terms with him.

Being an attorney he naturally comes into some contact with public officials of the county, and it is an open secret here that he has had quarrels with nearly all of them. His quarrels, though have merely been the outgrowth of his temperament and not the result of any jealousy, rivalry or ambitton to hold office. He was a candi-

result of any jealousy, rivalry or ambition to held office. He was a candidate only once for an elective office and that was more than 20 years ago. He was defeated for Probate Judge after a bitter campaign.

Willis Once Rice Supporter.

After quite a little activity in politics, nearly always in an effort to beat somebody rather than to elect the other fellow, he jumped most actively into the campaign of 1900 when H. S. Elitical Company of 190

Jurist and Lawyer Estranged. Well, that campaign of 16 years ago resulted in Mr. Rice's election. He has been elected three times since and is now serving his fourth term. He is a candidate for re-election again this

year.

But in the 16 years that Judge Rice has been on the bench he and Mr.
Willis have become estranged. It is the lads.

Late last night Detective Captain Baty received word that the boys had been arrested in Hillsboro as runaways. The police notified the boys respective parents.

Willis have become estranged. It is hard to point out just the precise intendent that led to the parting of the ways, but the gulf between them has grown perceptibly wider and wider with the last few years.

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No one in Lewis County paid much attention to their quarrel. As a matter of fact it is doubtful whether many people knew it, for it is so customary for Mr. Willis to be at outs with the incumbent officials that his unfriendly relations with Judge Rice attracted little notice.

Willis' Document Stirs.

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There are many dishonorable acts that Judge Rice can be guilty of that Mr. Willis, in his book, did not accuse him of.

Pamphlet's Contents Summarized. Recapitulated, some of the principal barges made against Judge Rice were

is follows:
First—That in the trial of a grimina ease he permitted the trial of a criminal case he permitted the names of young girls, not parties to the proceedings, to be dragged into the record amid salacious surroundings. When this case was appealed, says the pamphlet, the Supreme Court of the state of Washington, in referring to the nature of the testimony, cautioned against permitting the court to grow into a school for scandal. for scandal.
Second-That Judge Rice employed

Second—That Judge Rice employed his own wife as a stenographer or court reporter in his own court, con-trary to any affirmative statute, and paid her an aggregate of \$579.20 for such service.

Willis Charges Nepotism, This accusation is made with ref-rence to actions prior to the enact-ient of the law of 1913, which au-dorizes the employment of a court

thorizes the employment of a court stenographer.

Third—That Judge Rice again employed his wife under provisions of the law of 1913 in alleged violation of the statute which prohibits a judge from employing any person under his official control or direction for the private benefit or gains of himself. Under this arrangement Mrs. Rice has received amounts variously estimated at from \$1200 to \$1500 a year.

Fourth—That Judge Rice acted as counsel for the city of Chehalis in proceedings preliminary to inauguration of a campaign to build a municipal

proceedings preliminary to inauguration of a campaign to build a municipal water system. Although it is not contended that the judge received a fee for this service the pamphlet asserts that he is prohibited from practicing law in any event.

Fifth—Judge Rice is accused of certifying the claims of County Commissioners for meals which they did not eat while in the county's service and for gasoline for the Commissioners' automobiles and his own automobile. The pamphlet was circulated generally through the county. Copies even were sent to the judges of the Supreme Court and to Superior Court judges in other parts of the state.

Mr. Willis was very industrious in circulating them. In fact, he is accused of circulating them in open court, and recently was tried and convicted on a charge of contempt of court on that allegation.



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Pitcher of Baseball Team Has Just Signed Contract With Coast League for \$175.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 26,-(Speial.)-Two teachers, both deaf, at the Washington State School for the Deaf, own and drive their own machines. This is the record in the United States. Out of 42 employes at this institution, Out of 42 employes at this institution, if are deaf. One of the teachers nearly doubles his salary by raising prunes.

This is the only school of its kind having an officer from the regular Army giving instruction to the pupils in physical improvement and scoutcraft.

Three of the graduates from here

Three of the graduates from here have just received degrees from Gallaudet College, in Washington, D. C. A Washington lad has played fullback on the Gallaudet College football eleven for five years, with another formidable one preparing to enter for 1917.

Kotula, pitcher, of the school team, has signed a contract with the Pacific same gate three automobile routes will per

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IDAHO TO MOVE FRIDAY

Utah Line and Bid Farewell. BOISE, Idaho, June 26 .- (Special.) The Second Idaho will leave Friday morning for the Mexican border. Three

morning for the Mexican border. Three special trains will carry the citizen soldiers to the border via Sait Lake City and Colton, Cal. These trains will be made up of 13 baggage cars, 12 tourlest, 13 standard Pullman, five box and one flat car.

With the recruits now en route and expected to arrive during the next three days, the regiment will be 1000 strong. Governor Alexander will accompany the troops to Dayton, on the Idahe-Utah line, and bid the "boys" Godspeed. There were \$57 enlisted men in camp tonight.

Coast League for a safary of \$175 a be established in Idaho, at Jerome, month.

The total enrollment the past year wards of 200 families. August 2 rural free delivery will be inaugurated at Bancroft, Sand Point, Idaho Falls and Richfield, Idaho, on a three-times-aweek basis.

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Governor to Accompany Troops to THE DALLES UNIT ORDERED

Sergeant Lemison to Be in Charge of Recruiting Work.

THE DALLES, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—Sergeant Ed R. Lemison, a Spanish-American War veteran, who is now at Camp Withycombe, has been asked by Adjutant-General White to form a militia organization at The Dalles immediately.

Sergeant Lemison, who is a leader in local military affairs, was away on his vacation when the Mexican trouble arose, but went immediately to the mobilization camp at Clackamas. He has written the local Chamber of Commerce, asking its members to co-

merce, asking its members to co-operate with him and advertise for recruits. Numbers of young men are planning to join the organization here and it is believed that not less than a full company will be formed.

Don't depend on luck for anything. If it comes, all right, but don't depend on it.

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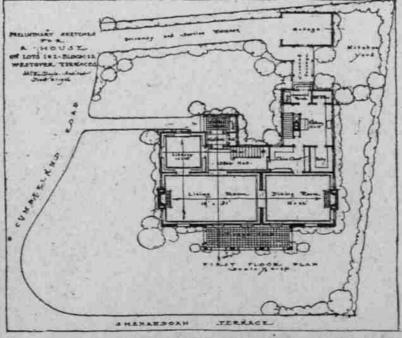
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