

GRAND JURY OPENS PRECINCT PROBE

Irregularities in 201 Under Investigation. EVIDENCE IS GUARDED

All Witnesses Excused Until Monday; Sheriff and County Officials Testify.

With all the paraphernalia and ballots turned in by the election boards at precinct 201 at hand, the Multnomah county grand jury yesterday began a probe into the irregularities and discrepancies in the precinct through the Hall-Olcott recount.

Just what the grand jury intends to do with the material is conjectured, but it probably would not be far wrong to infer that the vote for all candidates on both republican and democratic tickets will be carefully checked in the jury room before any witnesses are called.

Stanley Myers, district attorney, who is conducting the investigation personally, assisted by George Mowry and Jay Stockman, deputies, admitted last night that all witnesses have been excused until Monday morning.

Even Padlock Is Sealed. The box containing republican ballots in this precinct, located in the vicinity of Popoventh and Sandy boulevard, was found in unusually good condition at the time it was taken into court, seals being placed not only over the top of the box, but the padlock as well.

Progress Is Not Revealed. Just how far in their investigation the grand jury went yesterday is not known, but the usual rumors floating about grand jury rooms are to the effect that irregularities are being found in several other candidates, notably in the Gram-Dahlke race for commission of labor.

Growers of Winter Wheat Find Crops Excellent. Threshing of Grain Develops Generally Good Harvests.

BETTER than we expected," is the report of most growers of winter wheat who have threshed their 1922 crop, but a further decline in the condition of practically all winter crops during the first seven days of the August 1 Oregon crop situation, according to F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician of the bureau of agricultural economics, United States department of agriculture, says The Dallas Chronicle.

Second Crop Alfalfa Being Cut. Ranchers in the Astoria district have started their second alfalfa harvest, assuring that a third crop will be cut this year for the first time in several years.

Wasco County Grain Certified. Two thousand acres of Wasco county grain has been certified as suitable for seed purposes, according to a report received by County Agent Daigh from E. R. Jackman, state farm crops specialist.

Old Prospector Found Dead. Finding of the body of an old prospector near Oregon mountain was reported at Crescent City by R. F. McLary of Morgantown, Ind. Mr. McLary was with a party that had taken the Wimer road to Smith river just past the mountain. They stopped at a place where they found a cabin guarded by a dog. When they looked inside they saw a dead man lying on the floor, the door dated July 19, stating that his part-

ner had left. On July 26 he wrote that he had worked. That was the last written.—Grants Pass Courier.

Prunes Greatly Benefited by Rain. Prune growers may usually be picked out by their cheerful smiles these days, says the Salem Statesman. It is announced by the Oregon growers that winter the rain the prunes have grown so rapidly as to make a really vast increase in the yield seem a sure thing.

Deschutes Dam Begun. Construction of the dry cofferdam below which concrete will be laid for the permanent dam for the Deschutes county municipal improvement district, probably the Tumbalo project, has begun.

Bell Buys Yaquina Electric. Seymour Bell of Portland was the successful bidder on the real and personal property of the Yaquina Electric company, which was sold at sheriff's sale in the Lincoln county courthouse. Mr. Bell's bid was \$14,500 for the personal property of the company and \$7500 for the real property.

Singer Loves Mountains. "I have enjoyed your mountains, and think they are wonderful. There is no place I know of in the mountains New York or New Jersey or the Atlantic coast where a person can get such pleasure," Miss May Peterson, nationally known singer, wrote to her mother who has been at Sumpter and Bourne several weeks recuperating in the health-giving atmosphere of the Blue mountains, told the Baker Herald.

Fish To Be Planted in Yaquina Bay. According to a report from Deputy Game Warden Shoemaker of Newport the state game department will soon plant the Yaquina bay with a goodly supply of silver-side salmon and trout.

Shrubs Stolen From Grave. Flowering plants and shrubs which Christ H. Berg, of Bend, Or., had planted beside his wife's grave and tended for several months, were missing when Berg made his latest trip to the cemetery to water them.

Another Nature Gives Wealth. A mid-August rain approximating one inch a day in a rainy in Clarke county and it came at a time when rain was sorely needed, says the Vancouver Columbian.

Rainbow Trout Take Fly. The rainbow trout in Diamond lake is said to be particularly susceptible to the lure to which they will rise, and the forester at the lake told Alfred Letcher, of Grants Pass, that they had never taken a fly.

Calf Stuck in Asphalt. Asphalt on the ground at the old rock crusher near the railroad bridge in Grant's pass is a trap for cattle, according to L. G. Otis, who was driving past the place and saw a small calf on its side in the sticky material. It was unable to get up, the sun having made it quite weak.

Logging Railroad Extended. The Manary company has established a camp in Waldport. The crew will finish road work on the old track and then begin construction of a spur to Green Point, extending out into the bay, where the timber on a new camp will be loaded.—Pacific Herald.

Seven Farmers Living East of Salem. Seven farmers living east of Salem, what is commonly known as the Penitentiary road, have made arrangements to have the electric light and power lines extended to their farms.

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TO BACK REFUSES TO BACK REFINANCE

Senator Says Democrats Helped Governor.

Court Decision Hurts Marshfield Contender Declares Spirit of Election Laws Was Violated.

A flat refusal to support the republican nominee for governor, on the grounds that his nomination was obtained by democrats changing registration on election day contrary to the spirit of the law and the intent of the legislature, was made yesterday by Charles Hall, defeated candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination at the late primary.

Statement Is Issued. I have been asked repeatedly what my future course will be in view of the abandonment of the election contest suit in the circuit court of Marion county. It is unfortunate that it is not possible to appeal to a higher court some of the various decisions of the circuit court which have been handed down in interpretation of the election law.

Timber Inspection Made. Col. Chas. Van Way, accompanied by a brother and son, who is a cadet in the United States military academy on furlough, and Col. Arthur E. Fuller, have been inspecting government holdings in the vicinity of Yaquina, Col. Van Way is retiring from the service and Col. Fuller will take his place.

Americanism Is Advocated. Throughout the campaign, as well as since the election, I have refrained from speaking or writing a word that would be fairly interpreted as encouraging religious or other sectarianism. It is admitted that I did take, and still take, a positive, definite stand in favor of the so-called "compulsory school system" of all those principles of the American public school system involved in the proposed passage of that bill, because I know that the public school system is the keystone of our government.

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