

BOOTH ACQUITTED IN BRIBERY CASE

Verdict Returned at Morning Session Exonerates ex-Official of Land Office.

ONLY HENEY CASE LOST

Malarkey Declares Defendant Is Completely Vindicated, Since No Testimony Was Introduced in His Behalf.

By a verdict reported in the United States Court yesterday, James Henry Booth, ex-Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, was acquitted of the charge of accepting unlawful compensation while serving as an official of the Government. Booth was indicted for furnishing advance information to Frederick A. Kribs, a timber land speculator of Portland, regarding the final cancellation of lieu land selections, and for which it was alleged he received \$500 on October 3, 1902. The jury reached a verdict at 12:05 o'clock yesterday morning, 35 minutes after the instructions of Judge Wolverton had been repeated. At 12 o'clock midnight Judge Wolverton went home, after ordering that the jury be locked up for the night, consequently the findings of the jury could not be reported into court until 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

"Naturally, we are overwhelmed with joy," said Dan J. Malarkey, of counsel for the defense, yesterday after the verdict had been rendered. "At no time since the trial did we fear a conviction, but we suspected the Government had succeeded in getting on the jury two or three prejudiced men who would stand out for conviction indefinitely. The verdict amounts to more than an acquittal. It is most decisively a vindication, especially in view of the fact that the defense did not offer one syllable of testimony to controvert the inferences and insinuations that were presented in the testimony of the Government, and on which the prosecution relied for a conviction.

Sees Change of Sentiment.

"The verdict is significant, as showing that the public is no longer impressed with the guilt of every man against whom the Government officials have seen fit to return an indictment. The charge against the defendant James Henry Booth, was returned in 1905, on the last day of the session of the grand jury, and, as the evidence presented by the Government disclosed, was prompted evidently by the ambition of Frederick A. Kribs to establish a reputation as a prosecutor, and W. J. Burns, who sought thereby to build for himself a reputation as a detective. The indictment was returned along with a number of others, and, as the evidence showed, the one against James Henry Booth was returned solely on the testimony of Frederick A. Kribs, a self-confessed liar.

"We did not offer any testimony, because we felt that the Government by its own testimony, and on which a conviction was relied, had failed to establish its case against Mr. Booth. The indictment specifically alleged that Booth furnished Kribs with advance information relating to the final cancellation of lieu land selections. In proof of this allegation the Government failed to present a single word of testimony to corroborate its assumption of the guilt of the defendant. In view of the patent weakness of the Government's own case, the defense was perfectly willing to submit the matter to the fair, honest and intelligent jury before which the case was tried."

Eighteen Henev Cases Left.

This is the first of about 30 of the so-called "Henev" indictments in which the Government has failed to secure a conviction, and undoubtedly will have an influence on the trials that are to follow. Of these, there are 18 in the Government's hands, and 12 in the hands of the James Henry Booth case to the failure of J. T. Bridges, ex-Register of the Roseburg Land Office, and co-official with Booth, when the alleged frauds were perpetrated, and to Frederick A. Kribs, the man who delivered the \$500 check to Booth. It was on these witnesses that the prosecution depended for a conviction. Both were guilty of even more flagrant violations of the land laws of the state, declared the defense, than was Booth, yet both escaped prosecution.

This was an important factor in influencing the jury's verdict and the impression created during the trial of the case, that if Henev promised Bridges and Kribs immunity for the testimony they were to give against Booth, the Government prosecutor for once in his life was short-sighted. Both of these witnesses contradicted themselves and each other in the testimony they gave for the prosecution and without positive declarations from each, particularly from Kribs, the Government could not hope for a conviction.

Yesterday Mr. Booth received a score of telegrams from friends throughout the state. One of his personal friends from Roseburg wired as follows: "Let us know when you will arrive. Will arrange for a demonstration." Mr. Booth and his wife, who was a faithful attendant during the trial, left last night for their home and their home-coming was a joyous one. They were accompanied as far as Eugene by ex-State Senator and Mrs. R. A. Booth, who had been in the city during the trial. In the party also were A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene, and Dexter H. Roseburg, who assisted in the defense of Mr. Booth.

FRONNS ON THE AIGRETTE

Woman Thinks It Heathenish and Cruel as Hat Ornament.

PORTLAND, June 29.—(To the Editor)—I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Portland Women's Club for speaking of the aigrette being worn as a hat ornament, as a badge of un-speakable cruelty. Why not include all birds, wings, and feet in the same category? For years I have wondered that a civilized nation should recognize such pagan ornaments that call for bloodshed and un-speakable suffering. It is a token of premeditated cruelty to see the dead carcass of a poor bird or wing perched upon some fashionable woman's hat. To gratify her insatiable vanity she will go to her milliner and look over the brilliantly winged birds and wings, etc., and say: "Yes, put that one on. It will look so stylish. That settles it. To look stylish some women

will sacrifice almost anything, will submit to all kinds of discomfort, even real pain, go so far as to distort and disfigure the body; pinching the waist till they look like the wasp and their health is ruined for life. The high French heels are an outrage to any American woman's good sense.

To such, it is useless to appeal to their reason. They will say they might as well be out of the world as out of fashion. But to the innocent, sweet-faced girl who meets on the street with the badge of cruelty on her hat—she does not realize or think what cruel, criminal sin has been committed to gratify vanity and fashion. Could she hear the pitiful "cheeps" and shrieks of fear the little birdling gives, the mother bird's frantic cries, anguish as she flits from bush to bush as cruel men catch and slaughter the little birds for hat ornaments, this girl would have her eyes opened.

I believe that all right-thinking women and girls, if they stop to reason and meditate on the subject of cruelty to innocent birds, will say: "No, I do not want any bloodshed to gratify my vanity or ornament my hat. Flowers and ribbons are good enough for me."

Often the mother aigrette (or heron) is slaughtered and the little innocent ones are left in the nest to call "cheep, cheep" and starve. Could any of you be near and hear the birds' cries, could you then have the heart to ornament your hats with aigrettes? I once saw a picture of three little aigrettes with their heads helplessly hanging out of their nest, dead—starved to death, the



James Henry Booth.

mother had been killed for her little tuft of feathers that ornamented her head.

The North American Indians wear feathers as ornaments and the chief often wears a crown of feathers. But we claim to be a Christian, civilized nation, and should leave such ornaments behind us with pagan rites and customs. REBECCA RINDLAUB.

JUNE JUVENILE REPORT

CASES DISPOSED OF DURING MONTH NUMBER 72.

Largest Number of Offenses Is for Breaking City Ordinances—Two Are Sent to Reform School.

The report of the Juvenile Court for June, which has just been sent out by Judge Gantenbein, shows that 72 cases have been brought in. Of these 29 were children 10 years old and younger. The chief charges against them have been violation of city ordinances, there having been 19 brought in for this cause. Ten were charged with larceny. Five children were deserted by their parents.

Two children were sent to the Oregon State Reform School, 22 were placed on probation and 19 dismissed, after being warned. The complete report follows:

Boys-Girls	
Total number of children brought into court for citation	51
Brought into court for second or third offense	5
Totals	56
Delinquents	15
Dependents	10
Totals	25

AGES OF CHILDREN.	
10 years and under	29
11 to 13, inclusive	20
14 and 15	20
16	3
17	4
Totals	72

CHARACTER OF DELINQUENCY.	
Larceny	10
Immorality	3
Violating city ordinances	19
Wrecking	1
Dependent	10
Irreparable	2
Dependent	2
Destruction of personal property	7
Drawing up in idleness and crime	1
Other causes	2
Totals	51

CAUSES OF DEPENDENCY.	
Desertion of parents	5
Other causes	16
Totals	21

DISPOSITION OF CASES.	
Continued on hearing without other action	9
Dismissed for want of evidence	4
Committed to Boys and Girls' Aid Society	1
Committed to Home for Dependent Children	1
Committed to other charitable institutions	1
Committed to Detention Home	2
Committed to Oregon State Reform School	2
Committed to parents or other individuals	2
Totals	22

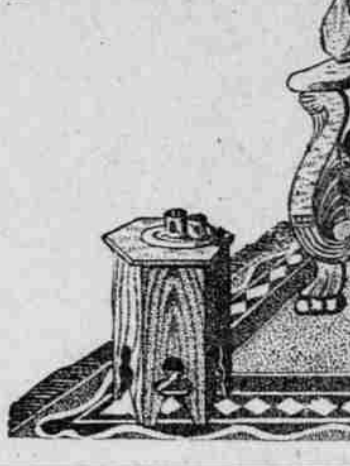
COMBINE ON J. M. GEARIN

Oregon Democrats Name Him for National Committeeman.

John M. Gearin, ex-United States Senator, will be the choice of the Oregon delegation to the National Democratic Convention at Denver for National committeeman to succeed E. V. Holman. This information leaked out yesterday following the departure of Oregon's representatives to the National convention. State Senator M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, one of the delegates to the Denver convention, was an active candidate for the honor, and was presumed to have the inside track for the place. Before the delegation left for Denver Thursday night, however, it is reported Gearin was selected in preference to Miller, who went after the job because of his warm friendship for Bryan.

Other considerations, it is said, entered into the selection of committeeman, and Gearin was picked as the more desirable representative of the party in the vigorous campaign the Democrats propose to wage in this state that the normal Republican majority of 40,000 may be wiped out, or at least reduced greatly. The admirers of the Nebraaskan have hopes that they will be able through the factional differences of the Republicans to add Oregon to the Democratic column at the November election.

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PORTRAIT OF FIRST PRESIDENT OF OREGON UNIVERSITY UNVEILED.

The Late Dr. J. W. Johnson, from portrait by R. La Barre Goodwin.

A feature of the graduating exercises at the University of Oregon on June 25, was the unveiling of the portrait of the late Dr. J. W. Johnson, first president of the institution. The portrait is the work of R. La Barre Goodwin, the Portland artist, and was presented to the University by the Alumni Association. It occupies a prominent position in the auditorium in Willard Hall. Since its unveiling the picture has been much admired, the opinion prevailing that the likeness is faithful to the original and that the picture displays admirable workmanship.

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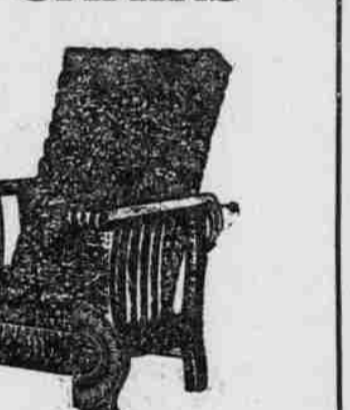


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