

COUNTY COURT IS BLAMED BY JURY

Report Calls for Co-operation With Sheriff in Working Prisoners.

SIX INDICTMENTS MADE

Investigators Also Ask for Legislation Against Sale of Firearms and Compliment Poor Farm and Aid Society Management.

FINDINGS OF GRAND JURY.

That there should be a law restricting the sale of firearms.

That the County and City Jail, the Poor Farm and the Boys & Girls Aid Society are all conducted in proper and efficient manner. And that the county rockpile is not.

That the County Court is negligent in failing to make report to Sheriff Stevens of vacancies in the rockpile, so that these vacancies may be filled immediately and thus add to the crushed rock output so valuable to improving and building roads.

That there are too many cases presented before the grand jury in a spirit of spite rather than in any hope of successful criminal prosecution.

That the tax collecting department of the Sheriff's office is operated in an unusually efficient manner and to the best interests of all taxpayers.

That the room in which the grand jury sat at the Courthouse was totally unfit for the purpose and that the Courthouse should be replaced with a better building.

That the city ought to provide a better jail.

Touthing upon the conduct of local county offices and making recommendations upon several important subjects of wide public interest, the second county grand jury presented its final report to Circuit Judge Campbell, yesterday noon, and was discharged.

The report was the product of 24 days' deliberation, observation and investigation and was a large batch of criminal cases. Nearly all the public institutions and offices reported upon were dealt with by the first grand jury. This morning the grand jury's Butte was again condemned and blame for the lack of harmony between Sheriff Stevens' office and the County Court was again thrown on the court.

Finds Much to Commend.

In its pilgrimages through public offices and institutions the grand jury found much to commend, especially at the Poor Farm, Boys and Girls Aid Society, County Jail, and at the tax collecting department of the Sheriff's office, where it was found that immense sums are being handled with a commendable system.

One subject, entirely original to this jury and of wide importance, is that of a restrictive law on the sale of firearms. The jury makes a comprehensive report on this subject, as follows:

In view of the many murders and accidental deaths with which this community has been afflicted within the past year, we respectfully recommend that a law be passed at the county court, to be submitted to the legislature containing the following stipulations:

First—That the sale of any form of firearms or ammunition to persons under the age of 21 years be absolutely forbidden, and provision made for the further limited sale of said firearms and ammunition to adults.

Second—The purchase and sale of three arms and ammunition shall be made only upon a written order of the County Court or County Clerk, subject to certain regulations; the stockholder so selling such firearms and ammunition, after being satisfied with the genuineness of the certificate issued, shall keep a record of the sale, which shall include an accurate description of the firearms or ammunition sold, the name of the person to whom sold and his address. Any minor who is found carrying any firearm or ammunition shall have the same confiscated and shall be deemed a delinquent minor if under the age of 18 years, and if over that age shall pay a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$25.

La Rose Is Again Indicted.

With its report the jury returned half a dozen indictments and two not true bills. An indictment was returned against Jack La Rose, the gaspoo thug who created a reign of terror among second-hand storekeepers last Spring. Although La Rose is to be tried for murdering one of these dealers, this indictment charges him with assaulting another dealer with a dangerous weapon. So, in the event La Rose escapes the noose he will very likely go to the penitentiary, since the evidence on the assault charge is conclusive.

M. Hashimoto, a Japanese who shot and killed one of his countrymen, S. Shimizu, in a quarrel, was excused by the grand jury on the grounds that the shot was not fired with murderous or vicious intent, but rather in self-defense.

C. W. Howhay and A. H. Brown, two saloon operators, who essayed to sell liquor in Precinct No. 89 after that district had been voted dry, were held on five counts of the charge of selling liquor in a restricted district.

Ask for New Courthouse.

With reference to the quarters in which the jury had to work the report has this to say:

The room assigned us for our work was located in the worst possible place, and the fact that we were able to transact any business at all was made possible only by the strong lungs of the witnesses and the acute hearing of the jurymen. We are informed that the occupants of the entire Courthouse suffer from the same condition, which fact is to be regretted. But we have the assurance of those in control of the city's affairs that all this will be remedied in time and that future generations will undoubtedly be provided with a substantial and more convenient Courthouse. We sincerely hope that this may be true, and we would suggest that when a new Courthouse is built it be located in some place where Indian does not reign supreme, as it does at its present location.

With reference to the City Jail, the jury reports that prisoners there have no just cause of complaint, although the ventilation is very poor. It is suggested that the city do something in the near future for the betterment of the City Jail, as the place is very much too small and poorly arranged. It was found that the Police Department is working in perfect harmony with the Sheriff's office.

"Despite the fact that the County



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BELIEVES MONEY STOLEN

MRS. ROBINSON OFFERS \$100 FOR RETURN OF \$1200.

Positive Sum Was Taken From Her Father's Body Before Remains Were Found.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—In the firm belief that \$1200 in currency was stolen from her father's body, Mrs. Effie B. Robinson today offered a reward of \$100 for its recovery. Mrs. Robinson lives at Lents, Or., and it was through her persistent efforts that the identity of the man whose body was found over a month ago near Springbrook schoolhouse, three miles from Oswego, was established. He was F. A. Williamson.

Mrs. Robinson came to Oregon City this morning, accompanied by her attorney, J. H. Hitchings, and presented papers requesting her appointment as executor of her father's estate. Before her at the counter in the office of County Clerk Greenman was Attorney Hesse, who has a client that believes the dead man was his brother, Mr. Hesse, however, withdrew his papers, although they were signed by County Judge Dimick, and announced that he would permit Mrs. Robinson to file, reserving the privilege of contesting her appointment.

There is apparently no doubt that Mrs. Robinson is Williamson's daughter, and the sole heir to his property, as she is his only living child. According to her story Williamson had resided at Texarkana, Tex., for the last three years and came to Portland to visit her. They came to Oregon City together August 7. He complained of feeling ill and wanted to go out in the woods.

Williamson was once a wealthy man, and had an interest in a bank at Appleton, Wis. In this institution he had \$40,000 on deposit, but lost it in the crash of 1898, when the bank failed. He brooded over the loss of his fortune until his mind was affected, and having lost his faith in banks and bankers he persisted in carrying his money on his person. Before he left Portland for this city, he went to the First National Bank and had \$1200 changed into 25 \$50 currency notes. Mrs. Robinson remonstrated with her father about carrying such a large sum, but Williamson was obstinate, and finally she persuaded him to allow her to place the money in a rubber envelope, which she pinned on the inside of his waistcoat pocket. Besides this money, Williamson had \$600 in gold in a buckskin sack.

Telling his daughter he would join

Aid Society Needs Room.

The methods of operating the Boys' and Girls Aid Society was found to be excellent, wholesome environment and adequate facilities for proper instruction being provided the boys and girls kept at the place. It is set out that more room is needed at the home and that a wing should be built on the north end of the present structure. Superintendent Gardner and his assistants are commended for their manner of conducting the place.

Each succeeding grand jury should visit Kelly Butte, where county prisoners break rock, the report cites. The food was found to be passable, but not any too good. Suggestion is made that the prisoners be allowed to work in the open through rain or sun, should be given plenty to eat as well as proper clothing. Several prisoners were seen whose shoes were practically worn out so that the prisoners were all but barefoot. Bad judgment is used by Guard Briggs, the report says in confirmation of the report along similar lines made by the first county grand jury.

In presenting the County Commissioners with a bouquet, the jurors take occasion to inclose a verbal lemon. They say the Commissioners are to be commended upon the good roads provided with the output of the rock pile crushers. "But," the report adds, "the plant there belongs to the county and the taxpayers are entitled to all the benefits of the labor of all the prisoners, those in the County Jail as well as those in the City Jail. The next April will see the last of the county's prisoners walk out of the stockade—free. The law as it stands at present gives the Sheriff full custody of the prisoners and the County Commissioners should work in harmony with him. There is at present a discrepancy in the number of prisoners in the Butte and the record at the Sheriff's office."

"Reports should be made promptly to the Sheriff when a prisoner is liberated from the Butte. This has not been the practice in the past, hence the discrepancy."

During its grind of 24 days the jury looked into 25 informations presented by the District Attorney and 12 initiative cases. In all 19 indictments were returned and 14 "not true bills." The jury was made up of J. E. Williams, Peter F. Stevers, E. Dimick, J. T. Conner, J. A. Howard and O. E. Learned.

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her in Portland later, Williamson went across the bridge toward Oswego, and while in the woods prospecting he was stricken with an attack of heart disease, to which he was subject, and died. His body was not found until about six weeks later, and the currency was missing, as was the pin that fastened the money in his pocket. The gold was intact.

Mrs. Robinson and her attorney scout the theory that wood rats and squirrels are responsible for the disappearance of the money, and believe someone removed the currency from the body before its discovery was reported. The numbers of some of the bills are known and the banks have been notified. Mrs. Robinson refuses to give up the search for the missing \$1200 so long as there is hope of recovering it.

TO MAKE FAIR PERMANENT

Washington County Association Aims to Raise \$50,000 Fund.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The second meeting of the promoters of an All-Washington-County Fair Association was held here today in the Courthouse, and President Schulmerich, upon motion, appointed a committee of five to report, two weeks from today, values for lands under purchase, or under lease, and to make an estimate upon how much stock must be sold; and to have stock books ready to open by November 14. It was decided that the stock should sell at the par value of \$10 per share, in order to enable farmers to participate in the enterprise, it being held that this would awaken popular interest. Manager McGill, of the Oregon Nursery Company,

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