

GRAND JURY OFFICIALS

Investigation of Conditions at Kelly Butte, Frazer Home and Courthouse Urged.

LIQUOR MYSTERY SOLVED

Workers at Courthouse Blamed but No Indictments Result—Arson Investigations and Reforms by Mr. Holman Commended.

SALIENT FEATURES OF GRAND JURY REPORT

An unusual report, in length, scope and tenor of recommendations, which reflect the political animosity existing between County Commissioners, was returned by the grand jury for the February-March term yesterday.

It begins with a detailed investigation of conditions at the Kelly Butte quarries, found during a visit previous to the time the courthouse was taken over by Sheriff Hurtburt and of the conditions at the Frazer Detention Home, asserts evidence of waste in county relief work, and scores laxity in the department of bridges and ferries.

County Jail, hospital and poor farm come in for a severe and scathing criticism; arson investigations are commended; a more severe check on liquor violations is asked; disorganization and inefficiency among courthouse employees is pointed out; a dissertation on the social evil is given; County Commissioners are charged with general irregularities; the management of county business; the practice of warrant shaving is the subject of indignation, and the county's financial condition is found to be in a state of chaos.

The grand jury in its investigation of charges of Martin Reddy, that Commissioner Lightner and other county employees, exonerated Mr. Lightner from any profit in such transactions, but reported that certain other employees in the past had indulged in irregular practices of the kind.

Charges of hiring employees "better able to run the county machinery" are made in the report, which also contends that "there seems to be a lack of realization by some of the County Commissioners of the violation of their oath of office to pay private or political debts at the expense of the county."

The grand jury advocated some of the pet schemes of Commissioner Holman, and commended him "for many needed reforms in the management of county business." All the Commissioners have been before the grand jury and the old feud between Commissioners Holman and Lightner was revived there.

Sixty-three true bills and 18 not true bills were returned by the grand jury during their term, 35 of which were reported yesterday.

Text of Report Given. To the Honorable Judges of said Court: We, the grand jury of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah for the February-March term, report as follows:

blankets, painting the iron work in the cells, and requiring the prisoners to air their beds and take a daily shower bath after their day's work.

The kitchen is dirty. In spite of the fact that there is an abundance of steam and hot water, the dishes are covered with a thin skin of grease, and dishes picked at random from the cupboard held grime and grease on the dishes, and the grime is in a disorderly manner.

The storeroom is kept in a disorderly manner, which results in waste. The meat was spoiled, and we were told that this spoiled meat was being used for the inmates.

Under the contract existing between the County of Multnomah and the Kelly Butte quarry, by which city prisoners are worked at the Kelly Butte quarry, section 4 provides that the County of Multnomah shall furnish mattresses and camp blankets from the equipment now on hand from the Columbia River Highway.

We found in the storeroom mattresses from the Columbia Highway, many of which were in excellent condition and which could be used in place of the ill-smelling mattresses now in use.

Without additional expense, better bathing and toilet facilities could be provided for the inmates. At present the odor arising from the inmates is apparently due to little effort is made to keep the inmates in a sanitary condition.

Without diligent supervision is everywhere apparent, particularly in unnecessary waste of the taxpayers' money in letting the plant run down, in the use of materials to be exposed to the weather.

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County Relief. In 1915, \$16,842.48 was appropriated for the County Board of Relief, for the present year there has been appropriated \$18,584.21.

Condition of the Court House. After an investigation lasting many days into the stealing of the wine stored in the Court House basement, we have established the fact that the employees of the Court House, including carpenters, engineers, plumbers, painters and electricians, frankly admitted that a small quantity of clunker was being sold for the purpose of raising money to buy liquor for drinking.

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this week, at the request of the Pendleton photographers. The ordinance, if passed, will require a license of \$10 for the first day and \$5 for each successive day for collectors of any kind, and provides for a penalty for violation of the ordinance to \$100 and a sentence of from five to 30 days in jail.

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She was born in Springfield, O., and spent the greater part of her life in the home of her son, Charles Tiedeman, the Stafford district. Death, due to cancer, came after a long illness.

Bar on Coupon Solicitors Sought. PENDLETON, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—An ordinance which would restrict coupon photographic solicitors was introduced at the City Council meeting