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Good Showing Made by Statement for 1898 of Honolulu Custom-House.

**OF INTEREST TO PACIFIC COAST**

San Francisco, Feb 27.—The custom-house figures at Honolulu for the year 1898 have just been compiled. They show a large increase both of imports and exports. The total value of the exports was \$17,346,744, as against \$16,021,775 for 1897. The value of the imports, including specie, was \$11,650,890, as against \$7,682,628 in 1897, an increase of \$3,968,262. Half of this increase in imports was from the United States.

The increase in imports from Great Britain and Germany come next in amount, those from Great Britain being \$421,945, and from Germany \$159,111.

The customs duties collected were \$896,975, as against \$708,493 for 1897.

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## BRANTON'S DOOM

### Decision of Lower Court Affirmed.

**OPINION BY JUSTICE MOORE**

**The Execution Cannot Occur Before April.**

Branton Took the News Coolly special to the GUARD.

Salem, Or, Feb 27, 2 p.m.—Supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court in the Branton murder case. Opinion by Moore justice.

This means the decision of 12 men of Lane county that Claude Branton is guilty of the murder of John A Linn will stand. Circuit court will meet next Monday in Lane county. On that day or shortly thereafter Judge Hamilton will re-sentence Branton. As the penalty cannot be executed within 30 days from the time sentence is made, it will be some time in April before the hanging will occur.

Immediately on receipt of the above telegram a GUARD reporter acquainted Sheriff Withers and Judge W C Hale, Branton's attorney, with its contents. They had received no notification, the official notice being delivered by the sheriff and reporter then went to the jail where Mr Hale told Branton the contents of the telegram.

**BRANTON RECEIVES THE NEWS.**

Branton was lying on his cot when the trio entered the jail. He immediately arose and extended his hand through the bars to his attorney, smiling a cordial greeting. Judge Hale



then told him that a telegram had been received by the GUARD, stating that the decision of the lower court was affirmed.

"Does that mean I will not get another trial?" Branton queried.

"Yes," answered the attorney. "But I am allowed 30 days in which to file a motion for a rehearing."

Branton then asked if a rehearing meant that the case would come up for trial in regular court, and it was explained to him by his attorney, who stated that if granted it would only be presented in the form of briefs.

Branton was smiling and good-natured through the entire visit and thanked the men who came to give him the news. No direct allusion to the hanging was made during the conversation either by Branton or the visitors, and one could scarcely imagine that a man was being told his lease on life was growing so short that the days marked its passing.

The case was argued one week ago today before the supreme court and Judge Hale expressed surprise that the decision was handed in so soon.

The news brings to Sheriff Withers and deputies the certainty that an unpleasant duty will have to be performed, and one which they have felt

at best could only be delayed by process of law.

Little more remains to be said. One of the most horrible crimes to be conceived has been committed and outraged justice demands redress. The details of the murder, its cold and deliberate execution, the escape of Branton, his return and dramatic capture, together with the long days of waiting and the trial, are all familiar to the people of Lane county, as well as the people of the entire West, where curiosity prompts them to follow a trial of this sort.

That Lane county may never again have occasion to be known as the scene of such a crime is the sincere wish of the entire people.

### LANE COUNTY FRUITGROWERS' Association Organized at Eugene Saturday.

A large number of prominent fruit-growers of Lane county met here Saturday afternoon and organized an association for their mutual benefit. It is to be known as the Lane County Fruitgrowers' Association.

Officers were elected as follows: President, F M Wilkins; vice president N Humphrey; secretary, J G Stevenson; treasurer, S B Eakin; executive committee, F M Wilkins, J G Stevenson, F B Chase, N Humphrey and F W Osburn. Meetings are to be held the last Saturday in each month.

George A Dorris, G W Weider and J H Monthie were appointed a committee to provide a suitable program of papers and discussions for each meeting.

The committee appointed at a recent meeting to prepare by-laws and a constitution submitted a report, which was adopted. Under the provisions of the constitution and by-laws, the matter of curing, packing, shipping and selling the fruit is placed under the superintendence and management of the executive committee. The fruit of each member will be kept by itself, and graded and his fruit is placed to his credit when received by the committee. All the fruit of the association is to be sold under the association's label. The membership fee is \$1, and those present and signing the constitution Saturday represented 65 percent of the fruitgrowers in the county.

**Another "Graft."**

Portland Telegram.

All manner of grafts were hidden in the bills introduced during the late session of the legislature. Some passed by reason of carelessness, and some went through purposely.

The most notorious of all the grafts is incorporated in Senator Harmon's bill creating a law for the registration of voters. This bill bears a very innocent appearance until it comes to the clause providing for the payment out of the Multnomah county treasury of 10 cents for each voter registered to this the bill provides for the payment of \$8000 to be divided among the other county clerks of Oregon, for similar service.

The vote of this county next year, it is calculated, will be 20,000, thus allowing the county clerk \$2000 above his salary as regulated by the statutes.

"This is another evidence of the insincerity and incompetency of the late legislature," remarked a gentleman this afternoon, who invited a Telegram man's attention to this feature of the registration bill.

"The last legislature was elected on a platform promising the strictest economy in the handling of public funds. Here they throw away \$10,000 biennially where there is not the slightest occasion so to do. What surprises me is that they didn't loot the state treasury, and hypothecate the taxes for the next two years.

"Why the Multnomah county clerk, or in fact, the clerk of any county in the state, should be paid 10 cents per name for registering voters is a question susceptible to explanation.

"In California, for instance, the clerks of the various counties employ a clerk for two or three months preceding an election, paying him a stipulated salary, rarely exceeding \$75 per month, to register voters. This could as well have been done here. It is a matter of doubt, in my mind, as to whether it costs as much as \$2000 to register the voters of San Francisco county."

**LANE COUNTY.**

This bill will cost Lane county between \$400 and \$500, as we will have between 4,000 and 5,000 registrations. Our voters should remember the loot legislature. It was a disgraceful affair.

### Discharged From the Army.

Junction City, Or, Feb 24.—Elvy Wood, who has been home on sick leave from Manila, has received an honorable discharge from the army.

**CIRCUIT COURT CASE.**—Philip Hohl has instituted a suit in the Lane county circuit court against F E Dunn. Judgment is asked for \$244.59 on a hop transaction,

## CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET

List of Cases to Be Tried Next Week in Eugene.

### COURT CONVENES MONDAY.

The regular term of circuit court convenes next Monday morning at 9 o'clock. An adjourned term begins Thursday to make up issues. The following is the docket.

- 1 Frank Bros & Co vs C Delaney and J W Acheson; to recover money.
- 2 E Smith vs N B Taliferro; to establish division line.
- 3 O W Hurd vs Robert Thomas Cooper; to recover money.
- 4 E K Henderson, admr vs Elizabeth Beaton et al; to recover money. Report of referee.
- 5 C S Williams et al executors vs James Tucker; confirmation.
- 6 J E Davis et al vs City of Eugene et al; to restore public square. Report of referee.
- 7 Dorris & Stevens vs Wm H Pool; to recover money.
- 8 E L Smith vs B Taliferro; injunction.
- 9 Wm and Thos Seavey vs H G Plymate and D J Gover; motion.
- 10 A Hackney vs C F Zilkey; to recover money.
- 11 A Hackney vs R J Zilkey; to recover money.
- 12 E J Crawford vs J N B Fuller; to dissolve partnership.
- 13 M J Hadsell vs James A McLeod et al; foreclosure of lien. Report of referee.
- 14 The Vulcan Iron Works vs The Shulaw River Lumber Co; confirmation.
- 15 In re assignment of W S Lee, insolvent; assignment in bankruptcy.
- 16 J D Matlock vs Smith & McIntire; motion.
- 17 S C Carson vs Isaac Carson; to recover money.
- 18 North American Trust Co vs Adam Richey et al; confirmation.
- 19 J H McClung et al, executors of estate of Jacob Gillespie vs Oliver Bunch; confirmation.
- 20 A C Dunn et al executors vs Sydney Horn; to recover money.
- 21 C F Gill vs Ed Fitzpatrick alias Ed Fitzgerald; to recover money.
- 22 J E Young admr, vs W S Chrisman; to set aside deed. Report of referee.
- 23 Priscilla Dewitt vs J E and Frances Chandler; foreclosure.
- 24 James P Shields et al vs R N Shields et al; report of referee.
- 25 Ida Plymate vs Henry G Plymate a divorce.
- 26 James B Keeney vs L and J B Richardson; confirmation.
- 27 First National Bank of Eugene vs Geo Miller; confirmation.
- 28 The Investors Mortgage Security Co vs R Smole et al; confirmation.
- 29 Chas L Adams vs L J Yoder et al; confirmation.
- 30 Albert Kosterman vs John Kosterman; to recover money.
- 31 J R Ellison vs J T and Ann E Rowland; confirmation.
- 32 N J Martin vs Adam Richey; to recover money.
- 33 S H Friendly vs Maggie Johnson et al; to quiet property.
- 34 School Fund Commissioners vs R and S J Doty; confirmation.
- 35 F E Dunn vs Edith B Linton, admr, et al; foreclosure.
- 36 J M Williams vs James M Sharp and John M Sherwood; to recover money.
- 37 C S Williams et al, executors F B Dunn estate vs W R Ray; to recover money.
- 38 C S Williams et al, executors F B Dunn estate vs W T and John Kissinger; to recover money.
- 39 J R Goldson vs Robert Poston; injunction.
- 40 J M Williams vs W H and S P Kauff; to recover money.
- 41 A G Hovey vs S W St John. to recover money.
- 42 Darwin Bristow vs The Hartford Mining Co; to recover money.
- 43 E D Horner vs J B Coleman; to recover money.
- 44 James Hemenway vs The Hartford Mining Co; to recover money.
- 45 Nellie Hubbard vs John P Hubbard; divorce.
- 46 Clara Carns vs Perry Carns; divorce.
- 47 Samuel D Holt vs S P and M C Wilson; foreclosure.
- 48 Isaac Carson vs E H and Sarah Lauer, admr's of Chas Laner estate; to recover money.
- 49 Wadhams & Co vs M E Browning; to recover money.
- 50 Benjamin Woodhouse vs H G McKinley; to set aside deed.
- 51 William Meyer vs Sidney Horn; to recover money.
- 52 C W Washburne vs Chas L Peak et al; to reform deed.
- 53 H C Vaatch vs James E Thorp et al; foreclosure.
- 54 J P Currin vs James E Thorp et al; foreclosure.
- 55 Maude M Burnette vs L E Burnette divorce.
- 56 U S Savings and Loan Company vs Ann C Evans et al; foreclosure.
- 57 C H Baker vs Eugene and Martha Finn; foreclosure.
- 58 Malinda E Strickland vs Felix A Strickland; divorce.
- 59 Mrs A G Aldrich and J M Horn vs C F Croner and wife; foreclosure.
- 60 Thomas J Johnson vs Katie Johnson; divorce.
- 61 Lucien E Johnson vs Addie K Johnson; divorce.
- 62 J M Horn vs R D and T Brown; to recover money.
- 63 S H Friendly vs R D Kelsey and wife; foreclosure.
- 64 Beale A Hixon vs G B Hixon; divorce.
- 65 W A Simmons vs Emma Simmons; divorce.
- 66 Emily Hovey vs The Shulaw River Lumber Co; to recover money.
- 67 Rothchild Bros vs Sidney Horn; to recover money.

## CASE DECIDED

Judge Potter Disallows the Objections to the Conser Final Settlement.

### EVERYTHING LEGAL.

Daily Guard Feb 25. This forenoon Judge E O Potter, of the Lane county probate court, handed down a decision in the matter of the objections of Mary E Warren to the final account of T G Hendricks of his administration of the estate of Elizabeth Conser, deceased.

The following are his CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

1. That the filing of the \$20,000 bond by said T G Hendricks and the approval thereof by the court, authorized him to enter upon the discharge of his duties as such executor and that his acts as such executor are valid acts and binding upon the said estate.
2. That due and legal proof of notice to creditors was made by said executor.
3. That all the sales of real property made by said executor were duly and legally made as by law required.
4. That due and legal notice of the filing of the final account herein was published and proof thereof made prior to the hearing of the objections herein.
5. That said T G Hendricks as such executor should account to said estate for the sum of \$8.50 for the timber cut upon the land of said estate while he was such executor.
6. That there is due from said executor on his final account herein to said estate, the sum of \$740.89.

**JUDGMENT.**

Based on the foregoing findings of fact and the conclusions of law, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said executor pay over to Mary E Warren, residuary legatee herein, said sum of \$740.89, less the taxes on said estate for the year 1898, and less the costs of this proceeding to be taxed, and that upon his filing vouchers herein for the payment of said sums that his final account be approved and he be discharged as such executor and his bondmen be exonerated.

E O POTTER,  
County Judge.

**EDITOR GUARD.**—Will you kindly allow me, through the GUARD, to answer a statement made by Mr C Cole of Mohawk, and published in the GUARD of Feb 25, in which Mr Cole said that the meeting held at the Stafford school house recently, did not represent the property interests of the valley relative to the Mohawk river and Mill creek franchise given to the Booth-Kelley Co. In fact, he said, the people that owned the lands, he believed, were in harmony with the action of the county court, in the matter.

Now, in answer to Mr Cole, I was chairman of that meeting and know and will state the exact facts in regard to the property interests represented at Mohawk meeting of which Mr Cole speaks. This meeting was held at the Stafford school house in lower Mohawk and the resolutions of that meeting denouncing the action of the Lane county court, relative to the Mohawk-Mill Creek franchise given to the Booth Kelley Co, was indorsed by a unanimous vote of land owners, owning 4,730 acres of land on the banks of the Mohawk, yet Mr Cole makes a positive statement that this meeting did not represent the property interests, when it is a positive fact that Mr Cole did not attend said meeting in question, therefore is not qualified to make a positive statement as to the property interests represented at said meeting.

Mr Cole further said that he believed that the land owners were in harmony with the action of the county court in the matter. Now I can not answer for the people of upper Mohawk and Mill Creek, but the people of lower Mohawk were at the time of said Mohawk meeting not in harmony with the action of the county court and are not at the present time, and by Mr Cole stating that he believes they are in harmony with the county court in the matter shows that he has not consulted the wishes of the people.

J E YARNALL.

**GOOD COLLECTIONS.**—The Sheriff has already collected nearly \$5,000 of the 1899 taxes, receiving about \$1,000 today.

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