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JUDGE HARTMAN ENDS HIS TERM

Reviews the Conditions of the County as Left by Him.

INDEBTEDNESS HAS BEEN MATERIALLY REDUCED.

Charges Republican Managers With Using Unfair Methods to Defeat Him—Is Highly Complimented That His Vote Was So Large Compared to That of Defeated Republicans—Says the Office Is a Strenuous One, Owing to Constant Attempts to Graft the County—Feels That Time Will Vindicate His Policy.

Pendleton, July 1.—(To the Editor)—Having now retired from the office of county judge, I desire to state through your columns, that I have labored faithfully to improve the financial condition of the county and to improve the roads and the county property generally.

The county debt has been materially reduced without increasing the taxes for general purposes, (the extra tax has been for state purposes.) A general improvement in the condition of the roads and bridges, much permanent work having been done.

The whole campaign fund of the republican committee, besides a large sized private sack was used against me, in the purchase of the floating vote and then I was only defeated by 25 votes, which when compared with the vote of Barrett, Bailley Adams and Rigby, the defeated republicans, is certainly very complimentary to me.

I hesitate to stoop so low as to notice the Tribune or its "sissy" editor for I have defended my critics from slanders, and as their method of fighting and the results are well known, I will let the readers make their own comparisons.

Every statement made through the Tribune was false. Their attempted steals were successfully headed off, and I here and now charge E. P. Dodd with swearing to what was absolutely false.

I also charge Frank Currier and his henchmen with distributing circulars and doing other dirty work thus placing themselves in Dodd's class, and because Commissioner Horace Walker refused to kneel to them and allow out of the people's money several hundred dollars of unjust Tribune printing bills, they have resorted to this mud-slinging against him. I will let the readers make their own assessment and used it against him.

I don't know whether my opponent approved this dirty work or not, but I will say that had our managers permitted any such mud-slinging against him I would have stopped it or withdrawn from the ticket.

Having plenty of business of my own to look after, I only consented to accept the nomination when urged by many of the heaviest taxpayers of both parties, who approved my conduct of county business.

The work connected with the office takes a great deal of time, is vexatious in many ways, especially where grafts like the ones attended by the Tribune and Dodd must be looked after six times a year, when attorneys threaten to bring suit if we don't allow their steals, but justice compels me to say that Dodd's attorney advised him not to press his claim, but take what was offered him, as he could not collect more.

To my successors and my associates in the conduct of county business the past four years, I wish unbounded success and I think the people who stood by me so nobly.

Having done my duty as I saw it, I am perfectly willing to accept the popular verdict and will rest easy in the belief that time will fully vindicate me.

Respectfully,

G. A. HARTMAN.

Lewiston Carnegie Library.
Lewiston, July 1.—The Carnegie library building will be turned over to the library commission by the contractors this forenoon at 10 o'clock. Yesterday Contractors Frazier and Booth stated that an appointment had been made with Superintendent James Smith and the library commission and the building formally turned over to the commission.

Miners on a Strike.
Seattle, July 1.—One hundred and fifty miners are on strike at the Isaquah Coal Company's mines at Isaquah, 30 miles northeast of Seattle, as a result of the company's refusal to allow 25 men, thrown out of employment by the closing down of the Grand Ridge mines, to share in the work at the Isaquah mines on equal terms with the miners in the latter workings.

Gen. Bingham Retired.
Washington, July 2.—The president today promoted Major Bingham, of the engineer corps, to brigadier general with an order for his immediate retirement. Bingham recently had a leg amputated as a result of an accident at Buffalo. He served as superintendent of building and grounds, and as the president's military aid.

Killed by Mistake.
South Bend, Wash., July 2.—Sam Triplett, of this city, was accidentally killed by E. R. Hall while out hunting yesterday evening. Hall and Triplett were bosom friends and Hall is almost insane over the accident.

Negro Hanged for Murder.
Michigan City, Ind., July 1.—The execution of Benjamin Springs, a negro, took place today in the state prison here. The crime for which Springs was hanged was the murder of Jesse Case, also colored, at Terre Haute last spring.

SHANIKO WOOL SALES.

High Prices Maintained and 1,000,000 Pounds Sold.

Shaniko, Or., July 1.—The last wool sale of the season is being held here today, the former high prices being maintained, ranging from 13 1/2 to 17 cents, and almost one million pounds sold, some inferior grades on account of the wet sale.

The principal buyers are Koshland & Co., Williams & Co., of Boston, Lafayette Wooster Mills, of Providence, R. I., and Frank Johnson, of Boise, Idaho. About 500,000 pounds are yet to be sold, but the buyers will depart for the East tonight.

SHEEP DYING ON RANGE.

Five Hundred Lost by One Montana Firm.

Big Timmer, Mont., July 1.—Sheep are dying on the range in large numbers near Spirit Lake. As far as can be ascertained at this time the cause is not known, but it is presumed to be poison, either from poisonous weeds or plants, or other growth which sheep have been eating. The dead sheep are the property of the Briggs & Ellis Sheep Company, which has extensive interests in this section, and also near Custer.

It is stated that the number of dead sheep reached over 500. The range where the dead sheep lay is said to have been used for grazing for a long time, and the presence of any poisonous weed was wholly unknown.

La Grande Man Pardoned.

La Grande, July 1.—R. W. Deal has been pardoned by Governor Chamberlain and it is expected that he will arrive home in La Grande in a day or two. He was convicted of larceny of horses and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, and at the time of the pardon had served 18 months of the sentence. Deal is one of the old pioneer horsemen of Eastern Oregon and his arrest and conviction caused a sensation at the time.

"Queen" Married a Mulatto.
Portland, July 1.—Mable Howard, the former beautiful cashier at Hotel Portland grill room, and queen of the Elks' carnival in this city two years ago, was married to a mulatto, a waiter at the hotel, yesterday.

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ROBBERY AT BUTTE.

Saloon and Gambling Resort Held Up for \$1000.

Butte, Mont., July 1.—Three masked men committed one of the most daring robberies this morning at Walkerville, a mining suburb of Butte, in the history of the city. While three men were engaged in a game of poker in the Atlas saloon, the robbers entered the place, commanding Joseph Massa and Matt Invernizzi, proprietors of the resort, and the three gamblers, to throw up their hands.

All the money on the table, amounting to \$100, was taken in by the bandits, who then compelled Invernizzi at the point of a gun to open the safe, from which the robbers got \$1000.

One outlaw held the muzzle of a revolver so close to Invernizzi's ear that it scratched the member. This morning's robbery makes the third of the kind in Butte within a week.

DOWIE RETURNED.

Elijah Second Makes an Address at Zion City.

Chicago, July 1.—Returning from his world tour, Elijah Dowie today was welcomed at Zion City by hosts of his followers who turned out despite a terrific thunderstorm. Dowie addressed the multitude from a carriage and declared the thunder peals and lightning flashes a sign of heaven signifying the approval of the Almighty.

SHOT BY BURGLAR.

Minister Attempted to Save His Host's Property From Theft.

Iowa Falls, Iowa, July 1.—Rev. Charles Mayne, attending the Baptist state Sunday school convention here, was shot and fatally wounded last night by a burglar who entered the residence where the minister was a guest. Mayne awoke and grappled with the man, who got away.

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CONSERVATIVES AND PARKER APPEAR TO BE IN MAJORITY

Wall Street Manipulators Are on the Ground and Confidently Predict His Nomination.

Open Charges of Disloyalty Against Hearst's Instructed Delegates. Many of Whom Are Accused of Parker Sympathies—Good Prospects for the Adoption of the Mississippi Platform, Which Ignores the Kansas City Platform and Bryan—Nothing Definite as to Chairman, But the Leading Candidates Are Parker Men.

For several days John Sharp Williams, the minority leader in congress, has been at work whipping the platform draft into shape. Of course Williams' platform will be subject to revision by the other party leaders, chief among whom will be Hill, of New York, and Cushman, of Tennessee.

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MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY.

Boise City Contemplates Purchasing a Plant for \$200,000.

Boise City, July 1.—The special water committee of the city council filed a partial report Monday night to the council strongly recommending the purchase by the city of the Walling canal and the cold water system of the Boise Artesian Hot & Cold Water Company at a total cost of \$200,000, the lowest figure submitted by the owners of the property. Of this amount the canal company will receive \$75,000 and the water company \$125,000, in case the deal is consummated.

The report is voluminous, detailing the steps that had been taken to examine the title to the property, which was found perfect, and the estimates of different engineers of the value of the plant and canal.

The cost of laying the pipe lines, gates and fittings of the water company is estimated at \$216,574.41; the value of the entire holdings of the company involved in the proposed purchase, according to the estimate of the water company's engineer, is placed at \$447,389.14.

The real estate embraced in the deal includes 220 acres adjoining the city in Hill's gulch that may be used for a city park, 150 feet frontage on Front street at the corner of Fair street, with shops and dwelling houses thereon, and about three acres near the Natatorium, upon which the plant and wells are situated, and the right of perpetual use of the ground on the east side for underground passages for increasing the water supply.

BOISE HAS A STRIKE.
Plumbers Walk Out and Masters Will Employ Non-Union Men.

Boise, July 1.—The trouble which has been brewing for several days between the plumbers and the master plumbers reached a climax this afternoon when the latter met and agreed to not recognize the union, but to conduct open shops from now on. Plumbers have been stopped on all buildings now in course of construction.

The master plumbers are confident that they can get men to take the place of those who have gone out, and that the suspension of business will last only for a few days.

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