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### EDITOR M'MANUS ON TRIAL

John P. McManus, editor of the Pilot Rock Record, and one of the well-known newspapermen of Eastern Oregon, is on trial in Umatilla county for killing Bob Estes, whom he shot last February. McManus, who had been on a protracted spree, shot Estes in a bar-room. It was thought at the time that he shot Estes through mistake, but developments at the trial indicate that the defense will be justifiable killing. At the time of the killing it was reported that McManus claimed he had been robbed by Estes, who was a professional gambler.

But for his unfortunate habit of excessive drink, McManus would be one of the foremost editors in Eastern Oregon. Naturally bright, he has had a number of opportunities, only to fail because of his unfortunate weakness. A few years ago he established a Wool Grower's Journal at Pendleton, devoted to the interests of sheep men throughout the state, but this enterprise was not a success, although the journal deserved support and was well gotten up. Among the interesting articles in that journal in some of its first issues was an article on the Baldwin Sheep & Land Company of Haycreek.

The McManus trial promises to be one of the hardest fought criminal trials fought out in this state in years, as the defendant is represented by able counsel, and the prosecution is assisted by special counsel.

### PHILOSOPHY OF SOUR GRAPES

The Prineville Review, which had a good many disagreeable things to say when Westsiders petitioned for the direct mail service from Shaniko to Bend by way of Madras, hides its chagrin over the creation of the new mail service in a bit of philosophy—the old, old story of the fox and the sour grapes. The Review gratifies itself by the following fling over the shoulder of Mack Cornett:

"Mr. Cornett is not dissatisfied with the change, as the new line will lighten his burden so that his drivers can make better time and can beat the Wenandy stage into Bend every day. It will not affect his pay check in the least, so he has no reason to feel dissatisfied."

### CONVINCING TESTIMONY

All the claims to population put forth by the different sections of Crook County will not be as convincing as the testimony offered for this district by the establishment of two R. F. D. routes out of Madras and one from the Culver post office. Unless we are misinformed these are the only rural free delivery routes in Crook County. These free delivery routes are only established in those districts which can comply with certain requirements as to population and post office patronage within a prescribed distance. Madras is already the central point for several of such districts.

Should the experiments in inoculating the sage rats which are being sent from this place

to the experiment station of the Washington State College prove successful, the question of exterminating that very troublesome pest in this locality will have been easily solved, and in future years no apprehension will be felt of damage from that source. Mr. S. E. Piper of the government Biological Survey will make thorough laboratory tests with the caged rats, at Pullman, and should these tests prove satisfactory, he will then carry the experiments on by field tests at this place. He believes that inoculation with the virus he is using on the ground squirrels at Pullman will prove effective, as those animals are quite similar to our sage rat. The result of his tests will be watched with interest by the farmers of this section.

The trial of Binger Hermann at Washington City, on the "letter copybook cases", which has been in progress for more than eleven weeks, has been completed and is probably in the hands of the jury, as it was expected that the argument of counsel would be finished today. Citizens of Oregon, who have been treated to a valuable and enlightening insight into the hidden character of their public officials through the medium of the land fraud investigations in this state, have further cause to be proud of their political acumen in the selection of their public servants, in the exposures brought out in the Hermann case. As proof of the theory that "public office is a private graft", the Hermann case adds new testimony to the evidence already adduced in this state.

With cold weather throughout the Missouri Valley last week severe enough to damage the fruit crop, and snow falling in Wyoming, Colorado, and portions of northern New Mexico and eastern Kansas, Oregonians have a right to be impressed with the attractiveness of their own climate, where fruit is uninjured and promises an abundant yield. The weather was not on its best behavior in Oregon last month, but during this month, the second of the great colonist movement, prospective settlers in this state will have found a fair sample of Oregon weather.

Astoria complains that it has only had a beggarly 75.6 inches of rainfall this season. That much in half a dozen seasons is all this section asks, to make it one of the garden spots of the state.

### NO SUB-SURFACE PACKERS

J. W. & M. A. Robinson & Company have been notified by the Portland agents for the Campbell sub-surface packer that they will be unable to furnish any of the implements at this time. Several car-loads had been ordered from the factory, but they were unable to supply them at this time. An advance order has been placed, however, so that there will be no doubt about securing a shipment of these implements for the local trade in plenty of time for next season's work. The specimen Campbell sub-surface packer which Robinson & Company secured from Portland was sold to J. T. Robinson of Culver.

J. T. Rice of the Cow Canyon stage station was in town yesterday, and while here sold his horses, harness and wagon to Mrs. L. M. Lamb. He is preparing to move with his family to Sellwood.

Edward Sweeting returned yesterday afternoon from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson have been visiting relatives in the Culver and Lamonta neighborhood. They are expected home this evening.

J. W. Livingston will leave this afternoon for Vancouver, Washington, where he goes to look after his interests at that place. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

Miss Edith L. Niles, who is a special representative of the "Sunset" magazine, was in Madras yesterday in the interest of that wide-awake Western publication. She has been making the trip through Central Oregon, and was on her way out to the railroad. When she reaches home, Miss Niles expects to write a story of her experiences in the "Bunch Grass Country."

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### FRATERNAL LECTURE AT CULVER

Dr. W. O. Manion, Assistant Supreme M. D. of United Artisans, will deliver a lecture in the interests of the order at Culver, April 30, 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

All members of Haystack Assembly No. 166, U. A., are enjoined to be in attendance. O. G. COLLIVER, Secretary.

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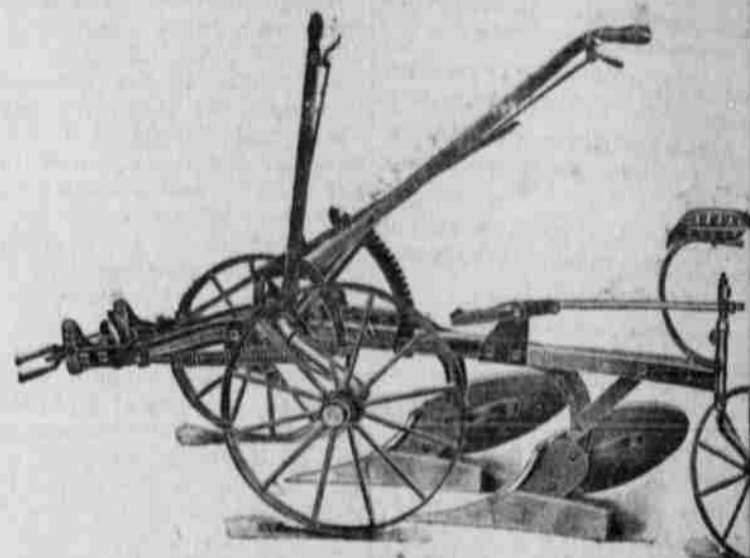
The big Belgian, property of the Haystack Livestock Breeders Association, will be kept at the Leach place, three miles west of Lamonta, during season commencing April 7th. This horse has proven a sure foal-getter and his colts are giving good satisfaction.

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