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HERMANN IS ACQUITTED

Jury Believed to Have Been In-
fluenced by Judge's Charge

TRIAL OCCUPIED OVER SIX WEEKS

Second Trial Ever Brought on Charge
of Destroying Public Records—
Two Million Words Testimony

Binger Hermann, ex-Commissioner of the General Land Office, was acquitted at Washington City last Saturday, of the charge of destroying government documents, in the famous "letter copy-book cases". The letter books were destroyed just prior to the retirement of Commissioner Hermann from the General Land Office, and the theory of the prosecution was that the copybooks were destroyed for the purpose of hiding damaging evidence of the complexity of Hermann in the Oregon land fraud cases. During the trial much evidence was introduced to show Hermann's questionable dealings with various individuals who have been filing government domain in this state. It was to hide these dealings that the copybooks were supposed to have been destroyed by Hermann when he left the land office.

The jury in the Hermann case are believed to have been influenced to bring in a verdict of acquittal by the charge of the judge, who instructed the jury that it was not sufficient that the jury believe that Hermann's letter books contained official letters; not enough that it be convinced the books formed part of the records of the general land office, or that they were referred to by the land office employees; that it must be satisfied that Hermann knew their contents to be official, knew that in destroying them he was destroying records that would be called for in subsequent land matters, and that it must further be convinced that the custom and practice of the office required that such letter books be left permanently in the land office. The jury stood seven for acquittal and five for conviction on the first ballot. The jury later asked to have the instructions of the judge read to them again, and an agreement on acquittal was then reached.

Hermann's trial occupied more than six weeks. In the length of time consumed and the amount of testimony taken, it exceeds all records of late years. It is the second trial ever brought under that section of the statutes prohibiting the destruction of public records, and, like the first trial on that charge, resulted in the acquittal of the defendant. Nearly two million words of testimony were taken, and it is estimated that the stenographer's bill alone is about \$15,000.

"DOLLAR WHEAT" THE CRY

American Society of Equity Planning
For Higher Prices

An Omaha dispatch says: In the five great wheat producing states of the country the minimum price of cereal this year will be \$1 per bushel. This, at least, is the plan of the American Society of Equity, the grain growers' department of which will hold its annual convention in Omaha on June 5, 6 and 7. Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas will send large delegations to the convention. Oklahoma, Iowa and other states are also represented.

The purpose of this society and the scope of its membership is explained at length by J. A. Everett of Indianapolis, its president, who said:

"The American Society of Equity is a business organization of farmers, with local societies in 2700 of the 3000 agricultural counties of the United States. Its purpose is to carry on an organization work through the local societies, organized into state unions. Its busi-

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ness side is being strongly developed along the lines of departments covering various farm products."

ANNIVERSARY OF I. O. O. F.

Order Has Been in Existence 98
Years—Birthday is Celebrated

Interesting anniversary exercises were held at Sanford's Hall last Friday evening, by the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in commemoration of the 98th anniversary of the founding of that order. The local lodge participated in a body, in full regalia, and a large and appreciative audience attended the exercises. In addition to the exercises by the Odd Fellows, a short program of music and recitations was rendered, and the Reverend I. D. Brown of this place delivered an interesting lecture on Odd Fellowship.

This was the first public entertainment given by the local lodge of Odd Fellows, which has only been organized a little more than a month. The order has a large membership at this place.

THE KANGAROO RAT

In addition to the sage rat there is another little rodent in this locality which gets away with a good deal of grain. Locally it is known as the "kangaroo rat", and his principal abode is on the juniper slopes adjoining the wheat fields. The kangaroo rat has very short front legs and very long ones behind, after the manner of the kangaroo, wherefore the name kangaroo rat. He is smaller than the sage rat. On each side of his head, at the sides of his mouth, are pouches in which he stores the grain while carrying it off. These little pouches will hold a teaspoonful of shelled grain, and in them the kangaroo rat carries the grain from the fields to his burrow. Here and there on the juniper hills may be seen little bunches of growing wheat, where he has deposited a mouthful of the seed grain in the ground. Although not as numerous as the sage rats, the kangaroo rats do quite a lot of damage.

SHEEP DIE FROM POISONING

PRINEVILLE, Or., April 29.—Ralph Porfily, a sheepman of Upper Crooked River Valley, lost 21 head of sheep last Thursday evening by cyanide poisoning. Sheriff Elkins, who has been quietly working on the case, says the poison has been mixed with common salt and scattered around in the grass about a spring in the very center of Porfily's deeded land. One of the helpers noticed the sheep falling, and thinking something was wrong, hastened to get the land away from the spot, but not until 21 had dropped. Analysis of the salt made here disclosed the fact that it was heavily impregnated with powdered cyanide of potassium.

Porfily has for some years been the owner of land formerly occupied by "Shorty Davis", who disappeared some seven years ago, leaving no trace. The range is 16 miles east of Prineville. Porfily himself refused to talk about the matter or help the Sheriff in any way.

JURY LIST FOR MAY TERM, 1907

Circuit court meets at Prineville on May 6th, with Judge Bradshaw presiding. The jury list for the present term is as follows:

C. W. Palmelin, Grizzly; Hugh O'Kane, Bend; N. S. Jennings, Madras; G. W. Homer, Laidlaw; Paul Held, Crook; J. H. Horney, Madras; L. C. McPherson, Haycreek; A. R. Mishler, Lamonta; J. G. Cantrill, Prineville; J. B. Brown, Culver; J. R. Howard, Lower Bridge; Charles Buchanan, Sisters; B. S. Larkin, Madras; C. E. Persons, Sisters; Roscoe Knox, Post; A. C. Knighten, Howard; T. H. Lafollette, Pyllie; F. O. Minor, Bend; H. P. Evans, Mill Creek; J. L. Gard, Madras; Alex Friend, Ashwood; E. A. Jenkins, Madras; E. W. Nelson, Post; Phillip Graham, Haycreek; M. D. Powell, McKay; James McMeen, Lamonta; W. H. Foster, McKay; M. S. Lehman, O'Neil; E. F. Batten, Bend; J. H. Helfrich, Lamonta; Hiram Gibson, McKay.

CATHOLIC CHURCH AT BEND

On Sunday, May 5, Rev. Father Hickey will inaugurate the new Catholic church at Bend. There will be a High Mass and sermon at 10 o'clock, and a free lecture in the evening. When Bend's new schoolhouse was opened, the old school building was secured by the Catholics in Bend, and this building has been converted into a place of worship for that denomination. This is the first Catholic church in Crook county.

Miss Fannie Osborn came down from Bend on Tuesday, and visited relatives in Madras. She is visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Osborn, at Culver.

ROAD THROUGH THE GAP

Effort Will Be Made to Secure
New County Highway

LYLE & BROWN GAP TO STAGE ROAD

Present Traveled Road on Private
Property—Matter to be Presented
at July Term of County Court

An effort will be made at the July term of the county court to secure a county road as an outlet from this section of the county to the main traveled road between Shaniko and Prineville. At present the only outlet is over private ground, through the pasture of Lyle & Brown, as the county road only extends as far as the Lyle & Brown gap. The matter cannot be brought up earlier than the July term of the court, as notices of the petition for a county road must be posted for thirty days, and in order to give the required notice, the petition cannot be brought up before that time.

Sometime within the next ten days the route for the proposed county road will be selected, and the petitions prepared for circulation. The petition will ask for a road between the gap, where the present county road terminates, and the Shaniko-Prineville road, at the point where the automobile line crosses that road. Between those points the road will follow the most practical route, taking into consideration the purpose of securing as good a road as can be had through there, and at the same time doing as little damage as possible to the interests of the owners of the land over which the road will pass.

It is not believed that the owners of the land through which the road passes will very vigorously oppose the petition for a road through their land. It is recognized by them, as well as by the people of this section, that the Lyle & Brown gap affords the only outlet from this section north, and Mr. W. W. Brown, who looks after the interests of Veazie & Veazie, the owners of the land, has manifested a disposition to give the public a road through and over the land, provided the entire expense of the matter does not fall upon the owners. The question of damages is one that should be and doubtless will be, equitably settled by the court. It is recognized that the road through the gap and over the Lyle & Brown pasture is the only possible road from this section of the county to its nearest railroad point. It is a road which would be of benefit to a big percentage of the citizens of Crook county, and the damages and expenses incident to the road will be a proper charge against the county, against which no objection could be offered by any member of the court.

County Roadmaster McLaughlin, who was in Madras the latter part of the week, gave his endorsement to the movement for a county road through the Lyle & Brown pasture. He stated that the road should follow as closely along the hill as it could, in order to do as little damage as possible to the land owners, but that a route should be selected which would be for all time the traveled county road between this section and the Trout Creek country.

DEATH OF JESSE WHITE

Jesse White, aged 74 years and 1 month, died at the home of his son, George White, seven miles north of this place, on Friday morning, April 26th, 1907. He left a widow and one son, besides many friends in this locality to mourn his death.

Mr. White came to Oregon from Mayfield, Washington, about a year ago, his wife having preceded him some months, and since that time they have resided with their son at his homestead. Mr. White had been in splendid health since his removal to this place, and few men of his age were more active and vigorous. Death came suddenly, after a very brief illness, and resulted from organic heart trouble.

The deceased was a member, in good standing, of the Masonic order, being affiliated at the time of his death with Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M., at Silver Creek, Washington. He had been a member of the order for 53 years, and was the oldest member of the lodge in point of membership, in the state of Washington at the time he left that jurisdiction.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home of deceased, by Rev. H. L. Bell, on Saturday morning, and the remains were laid at rest in Madras cemetery Saturday afternoon, a large concourse of sorrowing friends being present to pay a last tribute of respect.