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COURT UPHOLDS INITIATIVE MEASURE

Jurisdiction to Annul Oregon System

IS AFFECTED

Order Bonds Were Upheld by Decision of Supreme Court—Many States and Cities Affected

Washington, Feb. 19.—The Supreme Court of the United States handed down today to annul as unconstitutional the initiative and referendum methods of legislation in states.

It decided that it had no jurisdiction over the form of government in the states, that being a political question for Congress to deal with.

Justice White announced the decision of the court:

"The issues (in the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph cases) presented in their very essence," said he, "are and have been since by this court been definitely determined to be political and governmental and embraced within the scope of the power conferred on Congress, and therefore within the judicial power, it follows that the question presented is not within our jurisdiction and the writ of error should therefore, be, and it is, dismissed for want of jurisdiction."

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court upholding the validity of the initiative and referendum was one of the most important and far reaching decisions the court has been called on to render in a number of years, and the refusal of the court to annul as unconstitutional the method of legislation, establishes the measure as one of the permanent governmental fixtures of this country.

Denver attorneys, in passing on the validity of the recent action of the city for the purpose of establishing the water plant, held up their decision for some time, waiting for the Supreme Court to decide this case. They finally declared the bonds valid, in the belief that the Supreme Court would uphold the initiative measure. The City of Portland has issued millions of dollars in bonds under these measures, which would have been invalidated by a decision declaring the measure unconstitutional. Hardly a city in the state but would have been effected by an adverse ruling, and eight or ten other states in the union which have already used the same measures would have been effected similarly.

PRINEVILLE CLUB SHOW UNDER PREPARATION

Thespians to Present "Social Club of Lonelyville" Next Month

Visions of joy and of happiness, of fear and sorrow, of exultation and of realiation, yes, even of moonlight nights, we all had at different times, but you will have them all at the same time when you attend the "Social Club of Lonelyville." Speaking without technical knowledge, it is our opinion that it will appeal to those who are fortunate to get in the hall and see it, as a comedy satire, in which the women are the only ones who get into the trouble. And where is there a lonely unproposed-to bachelor in this town, who would not willingly contribute to witness any situation whrein the women must take all of the blame? Boys that is what you will see at the "Social Club of Lonelyville."

The ridicule and fun of the recent Old Maids Convention, are as aught compared to the deilcious ecstacy you will experience when the awful horrors and intricacies of the "Social Club of Lonelyville" unfold themselves to you. So just make up your minds to be there when the bells ring.

It will be presented by the Dramatic Club about the middle of March, and it possibly will be the last performance staged by the local Thespians this winter. The cast of characters has been determined upon, but is witheld in order that the press agent might have some new features to talk about in the next issue. At least we believe that is the reason, though there might be some other that they failed to tell us. However, watch The Pioneer, and we will assure you that you will learn the exact date, the price and all other necessary advance information.

CONTRACTOR RUSHING WORK ON NEW BANK

Rhoads Hopes to Turn New Building Over to Bank Officials in Month

Contractor Rhoads is pushing the work on the new Madras State Bank building as much as possible, and hopes to turn it over to the banking officials in three weeks or a month. All of the brick work has been finished, but owing to the accident Monday, when the roof of the vault fell in, bricklayers will be needed again for a day. All of the wiring for electricity and gas has been done, and the water connections and piping are in, a portion of the lathes are on, and the petitions have been placed.

The big plate glass windows have arrived and will be put in place this week. With these in, it leaves practically nothing but inside work to be done, and this can be pushed forward regardless of weather conditions. The furnace which will be used in heating the building is here, and if necessary can be used to enable the workmen to keep busy, in case another cold snap should catch us.

CULVER NOTES

The following personals are taken from the Deschutes Valley Tribune:

The pumping plant for Frank Lyons' well arrived in Culver last Friday, and the Central Oregon Well Co. is now installing the same.

Fred Wallace of Laidlaw, was here last Thursday and Friday taking equipment and supplies to the road camp at Crooked river. A large camp is now established on this side of the river.

G. Springer and Lloyd Hunher left last week for a trip to Southern Oregon.

Cap Healey was a business to Culver Monday.

NEW GRADE UP TO HARRIMAN DEPOT

O.-W. R. & N. and County Court to Construct New Road At Early Date

As soon as men, now busy building a grade out on the Haycreek road, can finish their work there, they will be brought to the city, and work commenced on the new grade from the foot of the hill to the O-W.R.& N. depot and Agency Plains. A new survey has been made by the railroad and the County Court working together, and a modern road with the best grade to be obtained, will be put in.

At present the road gang is camped at the Lindsey place on the Haycreek road, where they are making a new grade. As soon as they can finish there, they will begin work on the new road to the depot, and rush it to completion as fast as possible.

The railroad company readily recognized the disadvantage they were working under because of the distance from their depot to the city, which was made worse by the bad grade and poor condition of the road. This inconvenience, at least as far as the question of the grade and condition of the road, will be a matter of but a short time now, for nothing will be left undone, which would increase the patronage of their road. Heretofore many passengers have travelled over the O. T. road simply because of the incovenience of the other road, and many farmers have had their freight handled by the Hill road for the same reason. Hence the determination of the Harriman people to do their part toward the new road.

MERINO WOOL WILL BE HIGH THIS YEAR

James Rice Thinks Wool Sale Date Will Be Named For Madras Again

James Rice, of Haycreek, returned Tuesday night from Portland. While at the metropolis Mr. Rice was offered one and a half cent more per pound for his 1912 wool clip than he received for his 1911 clip, but because of conditions on the market, refused to close a deal. He claims that the supply of wool is getting scarcer every year, until it now barely meets the demand. Inasmuch as the wool must be had, he says he will store his clip this year unless he can get his price for it.

Mr. Rice is of the opinion that the Oregon Wool Growers Association will set a date for a wool sale at Madras, in spite of their previous schedule which failed to include Madras as a sales place. He will bring his wool to Madras for shipment, and under no circumstaces will he haul to Metolius. Other of the large wool growers are across the canyon, and would have equally hard pulls to go to Metolius, thus enhancing the local chance to have wool sale dates named.

Enlarged Homesteads

During the month of January more than 30,000 acres of land in Montana and Oregon were recommended by the United States Geological Survey for designation as enterable under the Enlarged (320-acre) Homestead Act, and 23,097 acres previously designated under this act were reported to the Secretary of the Interior as not enterable and canceled as such, detailed examination having shown the lands to be susceptible of irrigation.

The total area on January 31, 1912, which had been classified by the Survey as enterable under the Enlarged Homestead Act was 190,476,953 acres.

No Mail Tuesday

No mail was received in Madras Tuesday night, and no papers either Tuesday or Wednesday nights, owing to a cavein at tunnel No. 7 on the North Bank road Monday night. Passenger service was not delayed however, all North Bank trains between Portland and Pasco being carried over the O.-W. R. & N. Road while the tunnel was being cleared.

Only the presence of mind of the engineer prevented the eastbound, North Bank limited piling up in the debris in the wrecked tunnel Monday night. It took about 48 hours to clear the tunnel sufficiently to allow trains to pass through.

Dr. John W. Ramsey, of Metolius, was in Madras Monday and made application for a homestead, which is located across the Deschutes. The doctor thinks he has found one of the finest locations in the country.

Judge Jackson has been on the sick list for the past week, but is improving.

FIRE HYDRANTS BEING PLACED THIS WEEK

Water System Giving Satisfactory Service to Those Who Have Made Connections

When Superintendent Johnson, who is busy now with a gang of men, has finished putting in the twelve fire hydrants, the Madras water system will be completed. It possibly will take until noon Friday before the last of the hydrants are in place, and ready to be used as soon as the fire hose arrives.

More private connections were made last week, and those who have the water in their houses are just getting to the point now where they cant realize how they managed to get along before without it. Most satisfactory reports of the efficiency of the service are being heard from those who are using the water, and the commission is determined that the same class of service shall be had at all times.

New Freight Rates

In accordance with a recent ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission, both the local railroads will make a cut of from twenty to twenty-five per cent in all freight rates from Portland to Central Oregon points, the new rates to go into effect on the first of March. The original order of the commission was that the reduction should go into effect on January 1, but the railroads were successful in securig an extension of time in which to make the change.

Ehret brothers and Morgan of Redmond, are the proprietors of a general merchandise store which will be established at Culver as soon as new quarters can be provided. It is the intention of the promoters to put up a new building, which will be rushed to completion at the earliest possible date. The promoters hope to be ready for business by the middle of March.

A LEAP YEAR OFFER

Madras Pioneer For One Dollar a Year On February 29

PAY SUBSCRIPTION AND SAVE MONEY

Bargain Day Offer Good Only On February 29th and Only to Those Who Pay Subscription Arrears Up to Last of Month. Read Following Notice Carefully

The Madras Pioneer for one year for ONE DOLLAR! Can you beat it? This is the price we are going to make on all future subscriptions which are paid on the TWENTY-NINTH day of February. The only condition necessary for you to profit by this offer is that your subscription be paid up to the last day of February, at the old rate. If you are six months in arrears, or a year, or two years, you can pay up the back subscription at the old price of $1.50 a year, and then under this offer, pay for one, two, three or four years in advance, all at the rate of ONE DOLLAR a year. On the next TENTY-NINTH of February we will repeat this offer, if we still have charge of the paper, thus enabling our subscribers to get the Pioneer continuously for ONE DOLLAR a year. For this reason we will not accept subscriptions for more than four years in advance.

A large percentage of our subscribers are ranchers, and we would like for them to profit by the offer, and to save them the long trip into town that day, we will accept mail orders at this same rate, ONE DOLLAR a year, under the following conditions:

The mail order must be received in this office on the TWENTY-NINTH day of February, or the envelope must show by the regular government postmark, that it was mailed on the TWENTY-NINTH day of this month.

There is absolutely nothing in this offer but good faith toward our patrons. Under the offer you can pay for the paper until the TWENTY-NINTH of February, 1916, four years, for FOUR DOLLARS. If paid on the TWENTY-NINTH day of the month this is the price, but if paid on any other day the paper for the same four years will cost you SIX DOLLARS. Be sure to see that all subscriptions in arrears are paid, and then get in on this proposition. Remember the offer applies for the ONE DAY ONLY.

COLD CHECK ARTISTS WORK IN MADRAS

Phillips, McCormack and Roush Victims

MAKE CLEAN GETAWAY

After Fleecing Local Merchants Operators Make Open Boast of Their Skill At Metolius

Two forgers, working under the names of George Harte and C.W.Mason, got away with $66 of Madras money Saturday night, and have neither been seen nor heard of since. Harte cashed two checks purporting to have been drawn by A. P. Clark, on the Madras State Bank, securing $18 from Martin Phillips and $17 from Tom McCormack, while his pal Mason, who also works under the name of McAllister, was cashing a similarly forged check, supposed to have been drawn by the same party, at Roush's for $31.

After securing the cash on the worthless checks they went to Metolius, and late that night made a boast to the effect that they had worked cold checks in Madras, but got away on the north bound train Sunday morning before their statements were verified.

Not until the checks were presented at the bank Monday morning was it discovered b the local victims that they had been fleeced. The bank promptly refused to pay the checks, seeing that the signature was not that of Mr. Clark. No effort was even made to imitate Mr. Clark's writing in signing the checks, the operators simply taking the precaution to indorse the checks in a different handwriting.

A description of the two men was gotten from the Madras Hotel, and the police in Portland, The Dalles and other likely destinations were notified, but nothing has been heard of the men.

SUPPOSED MURDERED MAN REAPPEARS

Frank Way Comes Back to Prineville After Three Weeks' Tramp in Country

Frank Way, who was thought to have been murdered by his companion, Douglas Tapp, appeared in Prineville this week safe and sound. He said that he had been roaming around in the country, over toward Cresent, since his absence from his cabin, some three weeks ago. No trace of him could be found after his mysterious disappearance, and his compaion wasa ccused of murdering him for some money he was known to have had. Tapp was caught at Burns, and brought back to Prineville, waived examining trial, and was bound over to the grand jury. The reappearance of Way clears the situation.

J. H. Barclay, who was injured at Metolius last month, was down town Wednesday, the first time since his accident. He looks a little the worse for wears, but is improving. His friends hope to see him around more regularly from now on.