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# THE LEADER.

-W. L. DAVIS, EDITOR.-

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1899.

### One More New Law.

Those who attend the next term of the Benton county circuit court may see justice ground out without the agency of a grand jury. Indeed it may be years before another grand jury officiates at a court term. At the same time the time-honored organization, with its foreman and six grand jurors, with the district attorney and a bailiff and sundry witnesses dancing attendance, may continue, as in the past, to be a part of the court system and perform the usual functions.

A new law has been passed relative to grand juries. It was adopted at the last legislative session and goes into effect the seventh of next month. It confers on district attorneys power to bring indictments without the intervention of grand juries. These powers are identical with those always exercised by the grand juries and include the right to summon witnesses, to hear testimony and decide whether or not indictments, under the evidence, should be brought, and to remand to court for contempt, such persons as refuse to testify. It is at the same time made the duty of the district attorney to have every criminal case ready for trial on the first day of the term. This is in order to obviate the necessity that so often happens of holding the petit jury in waiting for the grand jury to bring in an indictment upon which inquiry is in progress, and promises to effect a saving. The question of whether or not it shall be a grand jury or the district attorney that shall bring the indictments at any term of court is placed in the hands of the presiding judge. The district attorney will naturally have to arrive at the county seat some days before the opening of court to inquire into the criminal cases. If the judge is satisfied that matters are all in proper shape the usual formality of drawing and organizing a grand jury will be omitted. If he is not so satisfied, or if citizens for instance should request a grand jury, it is probable that a grand jury would be set in motion as of yore.

The new law is said to be in operation in most of the states west of the Mississippi river. Besides the above provisions it places the district attorneys on salaries, instead of the fee system. The salary of the attorney in this district is made \$4,000 per year, and he is required to pay all the fees of his deputies in the various counties. It does away with the usual \$5 fee allowed deputy district attorneys for attendance on examinations by the county court for insane persons, and also denies them fees for appearance in divorce cases. The law also makes the official term of the district attorneys four years, instead of two, after the expiration of the present term.

The following from the Oregonian is of special interest to Lincoln county and being in exact line with THE LEADER'S ideas, is copied at length: The east section of the state is to be congratulated upon the steady influx of immigrants of the thrifty, energetic farming class. The land office at La Grande shows entries aggregating 30,554 acres for the first quarter of the current year. Of these entries, 125 aggregating 18,596 acres are homestead filings, showing plainly the type of a majority of the people who are being added to the population of the state. While not undervaluing the citizenship of men of any industrial or business class, a substantial agricultural population may be said to be a matter of special interest. Such accessions mean the multipli-

cation of homes, the growth of school population, the building of schoolhouses and churches, the improvement of highways and the extension of community life over vast areas that have hitherto been practically dead to these influences. The loneliness of country life in Oregon has been in the past one of its most unattractive features. This isolation has caused men and women to become in many instances "untidy, loveless, old before their time," and sent children into such urban life as was within their reach, ill equipped to meet its conditions and readily enticed by its doubtful social glamors. To welcome homeseekers is to welcome civilization, whose advance agents they are. At the present stage of our industrial development any large increase in our homebuilding population must be of the agricultural class—using this term in the correlative features of agriculture. For these there is room and such promise of prosperity as industry and economy, reflected upon a genial climate and a fertile soil, can give. The assurance that a large number of such persons are seeking and finding homes in the various sections of the state is an assurance of development within the next few years that is exceedingly gratifying and full of promise.

Governor Geer has expressed sensible views concerning the retention of the Philippines by the United States and the necessity for building the Nicaragua canal. In reply to a request for his views as to the effect both would have on business in Oregon, he sent to the New York Journal the following telegram:

"The people of Oregon are in favor of retaining the Philippine islands, for several reasons, but chiefly because it will speedily enlarge the market for many of our staple products, and especially that for our wheat and lumber.

"In proportion as they pass under the influence of modern civilization, which will rapidly follow in the wake of American occupation, will demand for and consumption of the products of American farms and forests increase. Since these results are very much to be desired, from both an industrial and a commercial point of view, our people are practically unanimous in favor of raising the American flag for all time over the territory secured largely by the blood of so many of our volunteer soldiers.

"If there are those among us who think they cannot be patriotic citizens without standing on a platform opposing the republican party, they will be found next year declaiming loudly against 'imperialism.' Otherwise, we are in favor of expansion.

"The Nicaragua canal should be speedily built for the reason that it would shorten the route between the producers and consumers of nearly every product of civilized nations, and especially between the coasts of our own country.

"The American citizen living on the Pacific coast, or any other coast, who is opposed to this great enterprise has been born too late by a full half century. The people of Oregon are in favor of the Nicaragua canal and so-called policy of expansion, because they take an intelligent view of the possibilities of the great country, and have unbounded faith in the strength of our government to wisely use the Hawaiian and Philippine islands, as not only necessary but indispensable stepping stones to that vast field of undeveloped commerce that lies beyond the great ocean."—Herald.

Work has begun on the L. V. & W. R'y from Falls City to Dallas, surveyors being on the ground taking levels and setting grade stakes. A. L. Porter has charge

of the work. This road will one day be pushed into this locality and make a mode of transport for the Rock Creek stone and timber. The time may not be long either if reports be true. Let our people be ready to assist it when the time arrives.

"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market. He has been in the drug business in Elkton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best. For sale by O. O. Krogstad Druggist.

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