

BAR IN FAVOR OF THE JUDGES

Association Also Shows a Strong Sentiment for a New Grand Jury Law.

The members of the Multnomah County Bar association, at their meeting in the courthouse last night, took no action on the proposed amendment to take from the district attorney the power of indictment, but there appeared to be a strong sentiment in favor of its adoption.

That the present system of indictment vests too much power in one man was agreed by practically all of the speakers. Waldemar Seton made an effective speech in support of this line, and also commented on the inconsistency of the law as it stands.

The district attorney first goes before some committing magistrate and argues that a supposed criminal be bound over, using his utmost influence to have the man held to answer to a grand jury. Then, after the man is held to answer, the district attorney goes into a closet and all alone, as a grand jury, he examines the charge against the prisoner and says, "There's nothing to this—not a true bill."

W. H. McGarry, who said he had been instrumental in proposing the amendment, said he was not entirely convinced that it would be best. It is true that great power is given into the hands of one man, but he was not aware that this power is being seriously abused in any state where the system is in force.

He pointed out that if grand jury were completely under the influence of a district attorney, citing the case of Henry in the land fraud cases in Oregon and the graft investigation in San Francisco. He contended that a district attorney, with a trained legal mind, is much more likely to know whether or not in a given case the evidence presented before a grand jury is sufficient to warrant an indictment.

District Attorney Manning did not stay to hear the discussion, but dropped in long enough to leave word that he is in favor of the amendment taking away from his office the power of indicting men accused of crime.

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MERLIN GRAPES WORLD FAMOUS

Southern Oregon Product Great Booster for State's Fruit Producing Soil.

Charles E. Short, formerly of Portland, but now located at Merlin, Josephine county, was in the city yesterday on a business trip. In speaking of the bright prospects for the future of that district, especially in the fruit-growing line, he said: "The demonstrated adaptability of the soil for producing the best Rogue River fruits is attracting wide attention in the east and several parties from Nebraska, Montana and Michigan have recently purchased homes and are actively engaged in improvements. The principal enthusiasm is in grape culture, the red hills surrounding Merlin last year produced such wonderful clusters of the Flaming Tokay variety that there is no longer any doubt as to the yield."

"There are several large tracts suitable for apple raising, which can be irrigated and will soon be put in cultivation and sold to small holders. The price of land around Merlin is lower than at any other point in the Rogue River valley. It being an exceptional thing for unimproved land selling for over \$10 per acre, while the orchards in bearing run from \$100 to \$200 per acre. In mining there is but little prospect, and the low price of copper, that metal predominating in the ore. "The legal fight on the Orishole group having been settled, that property will soon open up in full blast, while the Alameda, Golden, Nevada, and Mt. Pitt mines are beginning to show life. Workmen on the Copper Standard report the opening up of a large vein of very rich ore, and the talk of smelting at Merlin has again broken out. The placer mines have had an exceptional supply of water and some good clean-up work is looked for this spring. "Mr. Short says that Merlin is in need of a druggist, doctor, box factory, creamery and cannery factory, and that the townsite company stands ready to give free sites for any industry that will tend to help the town."

CARRENO SCORES ANOTHER VICTORY

Of Teresa Carreno, the great pianist who plays at the Marquam next Monday evening, H. E. Krebhel of the New York Tribune, wrote recently: "Carreno plays with all a man's strength and fervor, yet she possesses, too, a high degree of feminine delicacy and persuasiveness. Everything she played was performed with superb freedom and breadth, the technical difficulties vanishing under the movement of her supple wrists and powerful fingers. "The audience and even the orchestra joined in giving Mme. Carreno the ovation she so richly deserved." Carreno will undoubtedly impress her Portland audience as she has been doing since the opening of this concert tour, and that is to leave them wondering yet satisfied, entranced and delighted. Her appearance here is under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman and the seat sale for her concert opens next Friday morning at 10 at the Marquam box office.

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AN EXPLANATION OF THE FIGHT

Two years ago Frank L. Smith was a strictly wholesale dealer, selling meat to the retail butchers of the city. Along came the Chicago Beef Trust, who told the butchers they must quit buying from Smith or suffer ruin. They were made to pay a fine of from \$5.00 to \$25.00 for each load of meat purchased from Smith. Such were the blackmailing tactics brought into Oregon by the greatest criminal organization of the age—the Chicago Beef Trust. It wanted no competition in the wholesale business, because it aimed to place the farmer as little as possible. Smith went to the public and offered meat at wholesale prices and flung out his banner.

"FIGHTING THE BEEF TRUST"

The Trust, jealous of Smith's success, sent its agents to him, saying he must stop selling meat so cheap, or "they would put markets' right up alongside of him." The Trust would like to drive out all competition in selling, so that it might be able to raise the price, as it does in the East. Smith's meats are all strictly fresh Oregon meats, and they are the cheapest meats in the United States, because they are weighed on honest scales. No matter what the Beef Trust may do, no matter how it may scheme, Smith and the Oregon people will win. THEY WILL WIN THE BEEF TRUST.

COULCIL SOAKS ANOTHER LICENSE

A Restaurant-Keeper Loses Privilege of Selling Cheer Liquid—Others Roasted.

Members of the liquor license committee of the city council recommended to revoke the license of Ed Johnson, restaurant keeper at 147 North Sixth street and L. C. Turner, saloonkeeper at Second and Clay streets, at their meeting yesterday afternoon. John Kublik, saloonkeeper at 523 Union avenue, was allowed to retain his license with a reprimand to conduct his place in a more orderly manner.

Yesterday's meeting of the committee concluded the hearing of all present cases except that of Fred Fritz, which will be taken up February 10. The committee will also give Tom Fallon and L. C. Turner an opportunity to introduce further testimony in their cases on the same date.

The action of the committee in opening up the Fallon case came as the result of much urging on the part of Lawyer John Logan, who has been engaged by the notorious dive keeper to represent him before the committee. Logan appeared before the committee yesterday and asked that he be given a chance to introduce testimony to show the character of people who had frequented Fallon's resort at Third and Couen streets.

Logan to the Reson. Logan explained that he expected by the use of his witnesses to offset the testimony given to the committee to the effect that thugs, ex-convicts and robbers of the worst type made Fallon's place a harbor of refuge upon coming to Portland.

The recommendation to revoke Johnson's license yesterday came as a climax to the hearings of the committee. When the members commenced to hear cases it was freely predicted that nothing would be done except to apply a large coat of whitewash on the actions of the saloon-keepers. Never before has a saloon license been revoked in the memory of any councilman. The committee has recommended that three saloonkeepers and a restaurant keeper lose their licenses. Other holders of liquor licenses have been given reprimands and instructed that if they ever appeared before the committee again they would lose their licenses.

FOR PIMPLES, TOO

New Discovery Cures Eczema and Eradicates Skin Itch Troubles Over Night.

About a month ago the dispensers of poslam, the new discovery for the cure of eczema, skin itch, and other skin diseases of the country to handle it. Previous to that time it could only be obtained direct from the laboratory. This change in the method of distribution, poslam has met with the most phenomenal success of anything introduced to the drug trade in the last few weeks. All leading druggists, including Skidmore Drug company, in Portland, are now carrying the special 50-cent size recently adopted, also the \$2 jar.

CLAIMS ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD HER

City Treasurer Werlein, A. H. Maegly and former Policeman Tichner are made defendants in a suit in the circuit court by Mrs. Belle C. Preston, who asserts that they conspired to defraud her out of \$1,276.68. This sum is represented by seven city warrants which she claims were unlawfully taken from her possession and were cashed by Maegly and Tichner. She says she no longer remembers the date the warrants had been stolen, but that she paid no attention to her and paid out the money. She asks for \$100 damages in addition to the face value of the warrants.

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO EAT SMITH'S OREGON PIG PORK

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UNCLE SAM LEADS IN STEEL RAILS

Railroad Mileage Six Times Greater Here Than in All Europe.

Statistics recently compiled by Bradstreet's show that railroad building in the United States has far surpassed that of old world nations. The United States has 27.8 miles of railway to every 10,000 population, while all of Europe averages but 4.8 miles, France has but 7.4, Germany has 6.2 miles, and England has but 5.5 miles.

There are two chief considerations in the projecting of railway construction, and these are population and productive area. While American railway builders have provided four times as many miles as European builders to serve the needs of the United States, the United States has a vastly greater area to be tapped. According to square miles of earth's surface, the United States has 3.3 miles of railway to every 100 square miles of area. Europe has 4.8 miles of railway to every 100 square miles of area.

Denise Mileage. There are certain densely populated small areas of Europe, however, that have more railway mileage for the square mile of country than can be found in the United States with the exception of one American state, Massachusetts, with 23.3 miles of railway to the square 100 miles, has but one rival in Europe, namely the state of Belgium, which boasts 36.6 miles of railway to the square 100 miles.

Bradstreet's comments are as follows: Our builders have been far more liberal in providing transportation in proportion to the number of people served than any of the old world countries. To build a short railway in a densely populated region does not indicate great foresight or courage, but to push long lines into thinly populated territory and even beyond the confines of civilization, over arid plains and through mountain wilds, and then to set about the slow labor of finding and bringing in the people to use the railway, is to do a brave work, which ought to command gratitude as well as admiration from its beneficiaries.

Table comparing railway mileage per 10,000 inhabitants across various countries: Belgium (36.6), Great Britain and Ireland (13.7), Switzerland (16.7), Germany (16.7), Netherlands and Luxembourg (15.0), France (14.0), Denmark (13.7), Sweden (13.7), All Europe (4.8), United States (27.8), Mexico (1.6), Canada (0.6), Massachusetts (26.3), Texas (4.6), Wisconsin (2.2), Montana (4.0), Nevada (1.0).

Room for Improvement. Compared with Belgium, for example, the United States affords room for five and one half times our present railway mileage, or, say 1,300,000 miles; but with respect to number of people served our railway builders have provided over four times as many miles of

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U. OF O. SENIOR CLASS SHAKES GREEK DRAMA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 29.—Instead of presenting some Greek drama, as has been customary, the senior class has decided to produce Sheridan's famous play, "The Rivals." The play will be given at the Eugene theatre, February 28, under the direction of Professor Irving M. Glen.

THE PLAY

"Way Down East" at Marquam. "Way Down East" which is beloved of theatre-goers with an ardor that 14 chapters of Freytag couldn't cool, returned to the Marquam last night and will play at the Morrison-street house the remainder of the week. It is as good as ever, which means that a great many people who go to see it find it just what they are looking for—the opportunity of forgetting their own troubles for the time being.

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proposes to hold a convention next week at which steps for organization will be taken.

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