

TAX WOULD NET OVER \$700,000

What Recommendation of Grand Jury Would Produce If Tax Levied.

A new courthouse to cost \$700,000 is the recommendation of the November grand jury, which presented its report to Judge Gantenbein Wednesday. It was the first of the grand juries, all of which have taken shy glances at the new courthouse plan, to make a specific suggestion. It recommends a levy of 3 per cent.

GOOD ROADERS TO MEET IN KALAMA

An automobile road from Blaine, Whatcom county, Washington, to Vancouver, Clarke county, is the aim of the Cowlitz County good roads meeting which will be held at Kalama, Wash., December 1. The Washington Automobile club and other associations in that state interested in good roads are planning to have a highway built from the northern boundary of the state to the southern one, and the Cowlitz course presents the greatest difficulties to be overcome. It was decided to hold the meeting at the seat of the trouble. Among the speakers will be Governor A. E. Mead of Washington, E. C. Lancaster, R. H. Thompson, Samuel Hill of Seattle, F. W. Gillette, Bellingham; Alfred Battie, Seattle; J. T. Ronald and several others.

GOVERNMENT WANTS MORE SKILLED MEN

Several examinations in the United States civil service are announced for December. For assistant inspector of incandescent lamps examination will be held December 5. This is to fill a vacancy in the position of assistant in the quartermaster's department at large, Washington, D. C., and other vacancies as they may occur. The salary is \$440 per annum. Computer (male) in the United States naval observatory, the position to be held by the hour and the incumbent earning from \$1,600 to \$1,200 per annum, is wanted and examination in this branch will be held December 9 and 10. For assistant in the naval observatory (male) at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, examination will be held December 9 and 10. Two positions are to be filled in the forest service as game warden, both paying \$1,200 per annum, one in Oklahoma and the other in Arizona. For this position examination will be held December 14. For all these examinations application should be made to Z. A. Leigh, postoffice department, city.

WOMEN SUBSCRIBE FOR LA ROSE APPEAL

Through the sympathy felt for him by certain members of the Daughters of the Confederacy and by women members of the Baptist church, Jack La Rose will be able to appeal to the supreme court from the verdict of the jury that found him guilty of the murder of Hyman Neuman, and under which he was sentenced by Judge Morrow to serve the remainder of his life in the state penitentiary.

KLAMATH MEN SEND MORE BUSINESS HERE

From having only 10 per cent of the trade with Klamath Falls, Portland has jumped in the past year to where she enjoys from 25 to 30 per cent, according to a letter that Frank Ira White has written Tom Richardson of the Portland commercial club. Mr. White states that the people of Klamath county are especially anxious to give Portland the big end of their trade over San Francisco, and believes if Portland wholesalers would send their representatives and make a strong fight for the territory this year that San Francisco will be unable to compete with her. The construction of the new wagon road which the people of southern Oregon want built through Klamath county to the California line and east through Lake county to the Idaho line, will, it is believed, not only greatly develop the southern part of the state, but assist in capturing that territory for Portland business firms.

POLYGAMIST IS OUT ON PAROLE

"I believe you are more of a fool than anything else, and I also believe that the woman was as much to blame as you are," said Judge Gantenbein yesterday in pronouncing sentence on Ward Robertson, charged with polygamy. Robertson, who lived near Beaverton, pleaded guilty to the charge. Robertson was sentenced to the penitentiary but was paroled on condition of good behavior. With one wife at Beaverton, Robertson met Julia Gundlach at Seaside and she soon afterward became his wife. Besides the wife at Beaverton, he had been married to three other women. Miss Gundlach declared Robertson hypnotized her, while she made the same statement regarding his manner of wooing.

SUES TO CLEAR TITLE TO LAND

Alleging that Frederick Proebstel is seeking to defraud the estate of the late Miles Standish Griswold and to cloud the title to property that must be sold to settle up the estate, David Goodsell, the administrator, has begun suit in the circuit court to set aside a deed given by Proebstel to W. J. Snodgrass on October 8, which was recorded the following day.

The history of the affair goes back 50 years, the land in question being a part of the Frederick Proebstel donation land claim, over which another suit in the circuit court recently caused considerable stir, threatening as it did the title to several acres of land in the city limits on the east side. Goodsell alleges that Proebstel deeded the lot in question to Wendel Proebstel 50 years ago, but that a mutual mistake was made in the description. For this reason the records in the county clerk's office do not show a conveyance of this lot to Wendel Proebstel, although an evident attempt to describe it was made.

The administrator of Griswold's estate, suing for the heirs, says he has secured authority from the county court to sell the lot, but cannot do so because of the cloud on the title. The conveyance from Frederick Proebstel to Snodgrass, he alleges, was without consideration, although \$1,000 is named as the price in the deed. He asserts that the transaction with Snodgrass is solely for the purpose of compelling the Griswold heirs to pay Proebstel and his wife for a quit claim deed to remove the cloud.

Goodsell asks that the deed to Snodgrass be cancelled, that Proebstel be required to give a confirmatory deed, and that Snodgrass be restrained from making a further conveyance of the property to the hands of innocent purchasers.

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RESPONSIBILITY FIXED ON TAYLOR

Committee Makes Records Show City Engineer Approved Pavement.

The street committee of the city executive board yesterday accepted the \$70,000 bitulithic pavement on Killingsworth avenue, the acceptance of which has been held up for the past month on account of protests from property owners.

Before the committee would finally accept the work, Isaac Sweet demanded that City Engineer Taylor first sign his certificate of approval. It took about 25 minutes for Mr. Sweet to get the certificate, but Mr. Taylor at last said he would rather accept the work than reject it as he believed the pavement with a few minor exceptions was in first class condition. To reject the work would mean that the curbs and side walks would have to be torn up and replaced at great expense and the contractors would be forced to wait a long time for their money.

Sweet Plus Down Engineers. It was quite evident from Mr. Sweet's attitude that the committee will take no chances on having their decisions questioned. If it should be found that any work accepted then is faulty the records will show that the city engineer is responsible.

Extension of six months' time was granted to the Barber Asphalt company to lay a pavement on Knott street where the construction was checked because of the fact that the street car company is asking for a franchise on the thoroughfare, and it was thought advisable to wait, so that in the event of a car line being built the pavement would not have to be torn up and relaid.

Several other extensions of time were granted, among these one of 25 days to

C. E. Pottage, a young contractor who admitted that he was behind time because the inspector had caught him trying to put in gravel that did not meet the specifications and that for that reason he was delayed getting more gravel. The young man had such an engaging smile, however, that the committee couldn't resist him and he got the extension and a nominal fine of \$25.

A contract was let for a bitulithic pavement on Belmont street between East Fortieth and East Sixty-second streets. The cost will be \$80,000. The Pacific Bridge company got the contract.

Owing to the fact that only one bid could be received for constructing a fill on East Third street, although bids have been advertised for five times, Mayor Lane remarked last night that

the city would have to stop the "skin game" sooner or later by building its own paving plant.

PAY UP LICENSE OR BE ARRESTED

City Auditor Barbur is sending out his annual letter to license holders calling their attention to the fact that fees must be paid in between the first and tenth of each quarter. Failure to send in money promptly will result in delinquents being arrested and prosecuted in the police court.

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B. W. GHEEN SUCCUMBS TO BRIGHT'S DISEASE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Nampa, Idaho, Nov. 20.—B. W. Gheen, superintendent of the Warren Construction company of Portland, in charge of the paving construction work in this city, died at his residence last night. The body has been prepared for shipment at Shellbarger's undertaking parlors. Mrs. Gheen will accompany the remains to Washington, D. C., for burial. He had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for months, and death was due entirely to that affliction. N. W. Schartz is temporarily in charge of the paving here.

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