

THE GRAND JURY.

Without the slightest disposition to dictate in matters that pertain to the administration of justice, we feel that we are fully warranted in advising the Grand Jury, which will meet to-morrow, against frivolous prosecutions. Whenever a crime has been committed, and the proof is at hand, it is the duty, as it should be the desire, of the grand inquest for the county to make presentment, but in cases where the proof is doubtful, or the offence trivial in its character, it were best to save the county the expense of a prosecution, to result possibly in a verdict of acquittal. A few years back, Grand Juries for Wasco county returned bills of indictment against a number of persons charged with gambling. These indictments were tried, at public expense, and in not a single instance was a party so charged convicted. The result, however, was the saddling of a large bill of costs on the county, to pay which our producing classes were heavily taxed. Money thus expended might equally well have been thrown away, and we refer to these facts now for the purpose of impressing upon grand jurors the importance of so conducting their investigations as to entail the least possible expense upon the county. That body should bear in mind that every bill they return involves the county in an expense of from \$50 to \$100. Now, if in four cases out of five, all this expense is to be incurred without the most remote probability of any good being effected, it will be conceded that the Grand Jury owes it at least to the tax-payers, that they weigh well every charge before making the public a party to the prosecution. The indictments of all persons who have violated the Sunday Law, is a measure which would involve the county in heavy expenses, and at the same time be productive of no corresponding benefit. Laws that are in advance of public opinion cannot well be enforced. We say this with no disposition to shield those who may have violated the law, but we speak in the interest of a community already overburdened with taxation, and in the name of those who will have to foot the bills, we ask that the county may not be made a party to an indefinite number of frivolous prosecutions. It is too often the weakness of Grand Juries to estimate the value of their labors by the number of bills they present. A much better standard would be that they return no bill that would not bear an investigation in open court. Let the Jury adopt this rule, and they will faithfully subserve the ends of justice, and at the same time avoid a needless expenditure of public money.

Prof. Robb has resigned his position as Principal of the Dalles Public School. This we regret, as under Mr. Robb's management the school has been conducted in a manner which reflected credit not only on him but on the County. The troops stationed at Fort Dalles were paid off yesterday, and consequently greenbacks are plenty in the market.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

We publish below a synopsis of this bill, which has now become a law by act of Congress, that the people may see and understand how it affects us:

First—All persons, without regard to color, born in the United States, are citizens thereof.

Second—The inhabitants of every race and color, without regard to any previous condition of slavery or involuntary servitude except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall have the same right to make and enforce contracts, to sue, to be parties to suits, give evidence, and to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, and convey, real and personal property, and to have the full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of person and property, and shall be subject to like punishments, pains, penalties, and to none other, any law, statute, ordinance, regulation or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Third—Any person who, under color of any law, shall subject or cause to be subjected, any inhabitants of any State or Territory, to deprivation of any right secured or protected by this Act, or to different punishment, pains, or penalties, on account of such person having at any time been held in a condition of slavery or involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, or by reason of his color or race, than is prescribed for all other persons, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Fourth—The United States District Courts have exclusive jurisdiction of cases arising under the Act, and also concurrently with the United States Circuit Courts, of all cases, civil or criminal, affecting persons who are denied or cannot enforce the rights secured by this Act in judicial tribunals of the State. United States Marshals, District Attorneys, and Agents of the Freedmen's Bureau, are empowered to prosecute cases under this bill. Severe penalties are provided for all persons who may in any way hinder the operations of it.

The vault of the Bank of France, which contains more treasure than any other single spot on the face of globe, is accessible through an iron door, which has three keys, and these keys are kept by three leading officers. The iron staircase which leads to the vault, can be detached, and, by a chemical apparatus, a supply of dead ly gas can be made to permeate every part, destroying human life in a few seconds, while the whole vault can be submerged in ten minutes.

Our friend Juker, ever alive to the wants of the public has just received a large and fine assortment of fishing tackle, consisting of fly hooks of all shades and colors, poles, reels, Limerick hooks, baskets, &c., direct from San Francisco, and which he will sell at a small advance on cost. Now is the time for the followers of Izaak Walton to prepare for amusement.

We are indebted to Hons. J. H. D. Henderson for copies of his speech; and to E. D. Holbrook for the Acts and Resolutions of the Second Session of the Thirty Eight Congress.

Thanks to H. J. Waldron, of the Post Office Book Store, for Eastern and California papers, and to Mr. Holland, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger for Portland files.

The whole number of constitutional amendments now before Congress is twenty-eight.

The present fine weather is fast drying up the roads, and travel is being resumed. The stage will leave here for Canyon City this morning, and if not "taken in," will be able to make the trip without difficulty.

Messrs. Robbins, Weaver & Co., will commence carrying the mail to Canyon City about the first of July.

Mechanical labor is in great demand at Galveston, Texas. Carpenters get from \$5 to \$6 per day.

The franking privilege has been granted to Mrs. Lincoln for life.

Wasco Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.— Holds its stated Communication on the First and Third Mondays of each month, at their hall in Dalles City. Brethren in good standing are invited to attend. SARA L. POPE, Sec'y. By order of the W. M.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.— Meets every Friday evening at 7 o'clock, in Gates Hall, corner of Second and Comt Streets. Brothers in good standing are invited to attend. By order. N. G.

DENTAL NOTICE.—Being about to make a professional tour to the towns and settlements up the Columbia, I respectfully call the attention of those of my patrons who are in need of Dental Operations of any character, to the fact, so that they may have an opportunity to avail themselves of my services before my departure, if so desired. I will leave about the 20th of March, and return to this place to resume my practice about the 15th of June. J. W. GURLEY.

Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate. BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Wasco county, Oregon, and to me directed in favor of H. F. Block, plaintiff, and against J. H. Neyce, defendant, for the sum of six hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$633.88) in U. S. coin, and seventy-five dollars and fifty-one cents (\$75.54) in lawful money of the United States, and thirty-three dollars and ninety-four cents (\$33.94) costs of suit, with interest and accruing costs, I have levied upon, and will sell at public auction, before the Court House door in Dalles City, on SATURDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, 1866, between the hours of 12 o'clock m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the defendant's interest in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots No. two (2) three (3) four (4) five (5) six (6) seven (7) eight (8) nine (9) in Block five (5). Dots No. three (3) four (4) five (5) six (6) and seven (7) in Block eight (8) in Neace & Gibson's addition to Dalles City, and the east half of lot No. two (2) in block four (4) in Laughlin's addition to Dalles City, and an undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in lot one (1) and two (2) in block two (2) in Dalles City, and all that lot or parcel of land situated in Wasco county, Oregon, on the east side of the town plat of J. H. Neyce & O. B. Gibson's addition to Dalles City, it being the lot purchased by J. H. Neyce of Henry Oliver, described as follows, to-wit: commencing at the north west corner of the land purchased by Henry Oliver from W. D. Bigelow, thence running east twenty (20) feet, thence south three hundred (300) feet, thence west twenty (20) feet, thence north three hundred (300) feet to place of beginning. Also, a strip of land purchased of H. J. Waldron by J. H. Neyce, twenty (20) feet wide, ten (10) rods long, and situated on the west side of said H. J. Waldron's and adjoining the lots of J. H. Neyce on the east. CHARLES WHITE, Sheriff of Wasco county. Dalles City, Oregon, April 12th, 1866. ap24v4

Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate. BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Wasco County, Oregon, and to me directed, in favor of Ludd & Tilton, Plaintiffs, and against James H. Neyce, defendant, for the sum of Seven Thousand (\$7,000) principal and five (\$5) dollars costs and disbursements, with interest and accruing costs, I have levied upon and will sell at public auction, before the Court House door, in Dalles City, on SATURDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, 1866, between the hours of 12 o'clock, M., and 4 o'clock, P. M., to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the defendant's interest in and to the following described Real Estate, to-wit: Lots No. two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9), in block No. five (5), in block No. three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), and seven (7), in block No. eight (8) in Neyce's and Gibson's addition to Dalles City; and the east half of lot No. two (2) in block No. four (4), in Laughlin's addition to Dalles City, and an undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in lots No. one (1) and two (2) in block No. two (2), in Dalles City; and all that lot or parcel of land situated in Wasco County, Oregon, on the east side of the town Plat of J. H. Neyce's and O. B. Gibson's addition to Dalles City, it being the lot purchased by J. H. Neyce of Henry Oliver, and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the north-west corner of the land purchased by Henry Oliver from W. D. Bigelow; thence running east twenty (20) feet; thence south three hundred (300) feet; thence west twenty (20) feet; thence north three hundred (300) feet to place of beginning. Also a strip of land purchased of H. J. Waldron by J. H. Neyce, twenty (20) feet wide and ten rods long, and situated on the west side of said H. J. Waldron's land, and adjoining the lots of J. H. Neyce on the east. CHARLES WHITE, Sheriff of Wasco County. Dalles City, Oregon April 12th, 1866. ap24v4

NOTICE. I HEREBY GIVEN that BEVI FATIMER MESPLIE has nothing to do any more with the CATHOLIC MISSION FARM AT THE DALLES; that the leasing of the said Mission Farm by him to JOHN B. MESPLIE, bearing date of the 6th of July, 1865, has not been ratified by F. N. BLANCHET, Archbishop of Oregon City, who is the guardian, and sole adm. detator of all the property of the Catholic Church at the Dalles and elsewhere; that said Archbishop is not responsible and shall not pay any expenditure or improvements made on said farm, nor any debts contracted by any person or persons not authorized by the sign of the subscriber. F. N. BLANCHET, Archbishop of O. C. Portland, Oregon April 6, 1866. alld4w1.

FLOWERS! FLOWERS!! I have just received a lot of ASSORTED FLOWERS which I will sell at reasonable Prices. J. JUKER. CRYSTAL SALOON AND BILLIARD ROOM, JOHN RINDLAUB, Proprietor. WASHINGTON ST., next door to FRENCH & GILMAN.

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WOULD RESPECTFULLY INFORM the citizens of this place and vicinity, that having returned from a professional tour through the mines, he has again resumed the practice of DENTISTRY, in the room formerly occupied by him, in the building occupied by Wood & Butler; Photograph Artists, and adjoining Waldron's Drug Store. He takes this method of extending thanks, for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, and solicits a continuance of the same.

LIST OF PRICES. Entire Denture on Gold Base.....\$180 to \$225 " Upper Denture, Gold Base..... 90 " 125 " Denture, Vulcanite Base..... 70 " 122 " Denture, Vulcanite Base..... 35 " 65 Gold Fillings inserted from one dollar upward. Children's Teeth extracted free of charge. ap23-41

Treasurer's Notice.

THE FOLLOWING COUNTY ORDERS will be paid upon presentation at my office: When Registered. Clerk. No. In favor of. July 14, 1865. 5. 155. J. W. Crandall. " 15. " 103. E. B. Crandall. " 17. " 159. " " Aug. 9. " 180. J. B. Harford. " " 181. T. M. McAnlin. Sept 7. " 232. J. B. Harford. Sept 8. " 248. T. M. McAnlin. Nov. 6. " 252. C. R. Meigs. Nov 10. " 301. J. B. Harford. Nov 10. " 270. " " Dec. 8. " 367. " " Dec-12. " 171. Jessa Neel. Jan. 5 1866. " 454. J. B. Harford. Jan. 13. " 446. J. Eblert. Feb 9. " 484. B. W. Mitchell. ap23-41 J. W. ALDRON, Treasurer.

MILCH COWS! MILCH COWS!! FIFTY SUPERIOR MILCH COWS FOR SALE. Enquire at the MOUNTAINEER OFFICE. ap23-41