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CIRCUIT COURT IN MID-SUMMER SESSION

Judge Webster Holmes and Jury Disposing of Big Docket of Civil and Criminal Cases.

Circuit court convened for the August term Monday with Judge Webster Holmes, of Tillamook, presiding. The grand jury which was called last week, reported the following indictments to the court:

Harry Hunnicutt and Emzie Hunnicutt, larceny from a building.

Roy Hilligas and Del Hayward, larceny from a building. Sam Fearn, assault with a deadly weapon.

R. G. Williams and B. L. Bishop, embezzlement.

T. A. McLean, obtaining money under false pretenses.

Walker & Whitney and J. R. Cooper, independence saloon-keepers, selling liquor to minors.

Fearn, McLean and Hilligas pleaded guilty. McLean was sentenced to an indeterminate term of one to five years in the penitentiary; Hilligas was given a similar sentence of one to seven years. Sentence on Fearn, who is an Indian, was deferred until this morning.

Hayward, who was indicted with Hilligas, is said to be an ex-convict and a professional crook. He fled to Alaska before he could be arrested, but the United States marshal there has been requested to apprehend him. No true bill was found against Lloyd Hilligas.

Most of the first day was devoted to hearing motions and demurrers and entering default decrees and setting cases for trial. Divorces were granted in the cases of Lettie M. Harrington vs. Delbert Harrington, Wesley Green vs. Vandalia Green and Hattie M. Morris vs. Reuben E. Morris.

Tuesday the jury was called and trial of cases commenced.

The first matters to be taken up were the appeals of L. R. Kimes, Valentine Wagner, Robt. Ford and George Stimpfling from awards of the county court for damages because of a road which was opened through their lands in Socialist Valley. The circumstances and evidence being the same in each case, they were all tried at once, by consent of the attorneys. The case occupied all Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, necessitating a trip to the scene of the road in question. The jury reported this morning awarding Kimes \$50; Wagner, \$75; Ford, \$75, and Stimpfling, \$50. The county court had previously allowed \$76 to Wagner and Ford, \$56 to Stimpfling and nothing to Kimes.

Today a jury is hearing the case of the State vs. Harry Hunnicutt, charged with larceny from a building.

Regular Meeting of Council. All members were present at the council meeting Monday evening, except Westover.

Miller reported that it would cost about \$27 to build a wire fence with a gate around the city park. The park committee was ordered to build the fence.

Two resolutions were passed, one referring to the new sidewalks recently ordered built, and the other relative to the construction of the septic tank.

A Mr. Powell was present and complained that his neighbor, Mr. Clark, had an uncompleted piece of walk which was a nuisance to the neighborhood. The street commissioner and marshal were ordered to have the matter remedied.

H. L. Fenton, president of the Polk County Fair Association, addressed the council and requested the city to purchase a lot from Dr. Hayter to permit the opening of Ash street to the fair grounds. The matter was referred to a special committee composed of Barber, Miller and Young.

A proposition to amend the peddlers' license ordinance to include vendors of watermelons and fruit created considerable discussion. Referred to the ordinance committee.

Mr. Young stated that residents of the north end of Hayter street wanted better fire protection and suggested that a hydrant be placed at corner of Hayter and Cherry streets. Hayter thought that with the 2000 feet of hose which the city owns the district was amply protected.

Mrs. Foster Dies on Train.

Word was received in Dallas Sunday morning announcing the death of Mrs. Ida Foster, widow of the late Eugene Foster, former editor of the Polk County Observer, who died in Dallas about a year ago. The dispatch said that Mrs. Foster was found dead in her berth on a Northern Pacific train at Spokane. She was on her way to Spencer, Iowa, to visit relatives.

Mrs. Foster was well known and had many friends in this city, who were greatly shocked to hear of her death. She left Dallas about the first of February and went to Eugene, where she was matron of the Tri Delta sorority house. Immediately after the close of the university for the summer she went to Aberdeen, Wash., her former home, for a visit with friends before leaving for the east, where she intended to make an extended visit at the home of her sister, whom she had not seen for a number of years, and it was while on the train that death overtook her.

The remains were brought to Dallas, accompanied by her brother from Iowa, and the funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Chapman's undertaking chapel, conducted by Rev. E. W. Miles. Burial was in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, beside her husband.

POLK COUNTY FAIR WILL BE BIG SHOW

Exposition Will be Held on New Site September 15, 17, 18, and 19.

The annual Polk county fair, which will be held the middle of next month, promises to be the best yet held. Not only will the agricultural and live stock exhibits excel anything in the past, but there will be more doing in the way of amusement. Last week the management closed a contract with the Arnold Amusement company for several of its best shows, a Ferris wheel and a merry-go-round.

Better and more premiums have been offered this year on all classes of exhibits, including more than \$500 for the school fair department.

Mr. French, who has been in the employ of the association for some time gathering exhibits, reports the people in all parts of the county taking a deep interest in the coming fair and contributing exhibits liberally. During the past two weeks the following exhibits have been collected by Mr. French: C. Lorence, wheat, oats, clover; R. M. Bosley, peaches, plums; C. W. McNamer, oats; Wm. Mackie, oats; C. I. Ballard, wheat, oats; R. J. Howe, tin, wheat, oats; Mrs. R. J. Howe, peaches, Henry Kenyon, wheat; Ray Slater, oats; Geo. Quiring, wheat; I. D. Phillips, plums; Elmer Gilliam, wheat; Thos. Bowman, plums, dried loganberries, cherries; O. DeHaven & Son, dried loganberries, chest, oats, grass; Ira Stubblefield, speltz; Ewing Bros., barley; R. O. Boyer, wheat; J. C. Shultz, plums; J. B. Hayes, wheat; C. D. Nairn, wheat; Jacob VanWell, wheat; J. Bowles, plums, grass.

TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO.

Taken From the Files of the Itemizer of Saturday August 4, 1883.

Twin boys were born July 30 to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chitwood. H. D. Brunk and Miss Rosella Morrow were married at Dixie July 29th.

Theodore, the 2-year-old son of Prof. and Mrs. W. L. Reynolds, of Buena Vista, died July 31st.

J. B. Teal's fish pond had burst the dam and let a lot of carp into the creek.

W. E. Yates and Miss McNary, of Salem, had been engaged to teach at Independence.

The name of the postoffice at Dixie had been changed to Rickreall.

The farmers' supply depot company was preparing to erect a two-story building at Monmouth.

An Italian and a dancing bear attracted attention on the streets of Dallas.

Sam Hitchins, of Buena Vista, had just been pardoned from the penitentiary by Governor Penoyer, as there were grave doubts as to his guilt.

DALLAS PEOPLE IN GERMAN WAR ZONE

Carl Gerlinger and Family and Others From This City Anxious to Get Home.

Fred Gerlinger and Joseph Glath, prominent residents of this city, are anxiously waiting news from their wives, who have been visiting in Germany this summer. They were to have sailed from Hamburg for home today, but owing to the war conditions existing on the European continent now, it is doubtful if they will be permitted to leave. Cable communication between the United States and Germany is very limited and nothing can be learned as to the sailing of tourists.

The Gerlingers and Mrs. Glath have been visiting at their old home in the south of Germany, in the province of Alsace-Lorraine, which was won from France during the Franco-Prussian war, and which again, it seems, is to be the scene of the Franco-German military operations. Late dispatches report the movement of vast armies moving across the province across the French border, with equally large French armies pushing to meet them. A series of the greatest battles the world has ever known are not improbable when these great armed forces meet.

Press dispatches report that thousands of American tourists are stranded in Europe, owing to the refusal of the banks to honor their letters of credit. The Dallas people will probably not be embarrassed in that respect, however, as they are visiting relatives who are well to do and able to command what money is necessary to meet their demands.

Mr. Gerlinger received a letter from his wife Sunday, but as it had been written several days before the war storm broke, contained no news bearing on the present situation.

A MODERN PEGASUS IS INDEPENDENCE HORSE

R. P. Dickinson's Lackrose Lower Canadian Track Record Last Week.

The following from the Vancouver, B. C., Sun tells of the marvelous speed attained by a Polk County horse at the races there last week:

"Clipping one and one-fifth seconds off the track record and lowering the Canadian record for the distance of 2-5 of a second, Lackrose, wearing the colors of R. P. Dickinson, of Independence, Ore., Friday at Minoru Park covered the five and one-half furlong course in the Hastings speed handicap in the sensational time of 1:05 1-5 to win at the end by a nose from Brigade, with Seneca, the favorite a length behind for the show. All credit is due, not only to Lackrose for his wonderful race but to Jockey Murphy for the accompanying masterful ride."

Fresh Air Kids Arrive.

Five fresh air children from Portland arrived in the city last Friday and were taken by Dallas citizens for entertainment for the next ten days. Those taking the children and the number taken are as follows: Evan Evans, two; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gardner, Bridgeport, one; Mrs. M. M. Grant, one, Mrs. A. E. Thompson, one. More children are expected this week and also some mothers with little ones. So far all of these have had home provided for them. Mrs. W. E. Parks has signified her willingness to take two mothers with their children.

Tax Penalties Now Due.

Beginning August 1st, 5 per cent penalty will be added to all unpaid taxes and on the 1st of September they become delinquent and additional costs are added. The suits instituted in Multnomah and Lane counties, restraining the collection of penalty on second half of taxes have never been appealed, so that all other counties of the state are collecting the 1 per cent per month for each month or fraction thereof since April 1st, as provided by the new tax law.

A Denial From Tillamook.

The following telegram, which is self-explanatory, was received by the Itemizer from Tillamook Wednesday:

Editor Itemizer:—The attention of the undersigned has been called to a story circulated through the Oregon Journal and other publications reflecting upon Judge Webster Holmes in the case of John Leland Hendersen against Tillamook Hotel Co., P. J. Worrall et al. This story falsely insinuates that in the trial of this cause Judge Holmes was an interested party, was prejudiced against Worrall and other defendants, was a stockholder in Tillamook Hotel company, and therefore disqualified. The undersigned acted in said cause as the attorneys of the hotel company, P. J. Worrall and other defendants and take this means to assert that there is no foundation in fact to the said report and that we believe its circulation has no object other than to defeat Judge Holmes in the November election.

T. B. Handley,
S. S. Johnson.

A cook car connected with one of the lumber camps at Black Rock was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon.

FORMER DALLAS GIRL KILLS SELF AT WALDPÖRT

Mrs. James Berry, of "Holy Roller" Notoriety, Ends Life With Poison.

Monday's city papers announced the death, at Waldport, Oregon, of Mrs. James N. Berry, formerly Esther Mitchell, at one time a resident of this city. She committed suicide with strychnine. Mrs. Berry was married in Newport a few weeks ago. She became notorious through her connection with the "Holy Rollers" sect, and her slaying of her own brother, Geo. Mitchell, at Seattle in 1906, after he had killed "Joshua Creffield."

She lived quietly in Lincoln county since her release from Stillecoom asylum, under parole to the superior court of King county, Washington, until her recent marriage.

Esther Mitchell was an ardent disciple of Creffield, founder of the "Holy Rollers." Her brother, George Mitchell, followed Creffield to Seattle and shot him dead on the street. A jury acquitted him of murder after a long trial. Two days after his acquittal, Esther Mitchell, still devoted to the dead Creffield's creed, shot and killed her own brother in the union depot in Seattle. Mrs. Berry's death was caused by the same drug which killed Mrs. Maude Hurt Creffield November 6, '06. Mrs. Creffield and Esther Mitchell were said to have planned the murder of George Mitchell in revenge for the death of Creffield.

Mrs. Creffield died suddenly and an autopsy showed strychnine to have been the cause of death. Esther Mitchell, then in jail, denounced the coroner's jury for terming it a case of suicide.

Franz Eugene Creffield, a native of Germany, and a deserter from the German army, came to Oregon in 1903 and organized the "Holy Rollers" near Corvallis. He appeared to exercise a fanatic control over women who adopted the creed and his followers were many.

An inkling of the ritual performances under Creffield's creed was brought to light and in January, 1904, he was arrested on a statutory charge. Mrs. Burgess E. Starr, married sister of George and Esther Mitchell, was the principal witness. Creffield was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary.

Released from the penitentiary in 1906, Creffield went to Waldport. Unable to organize his church at Waldport, he went to Corvallis again. There he met Esther Mitchell and his influence over her aroused the wrath of her brother.

W. A. Teal, of near Falls City, has what he considers a remarkable cow. She is only three old, yet has been the mother of three calves within the last 19 months, all of which have been heifers.

FRED HOLLISTER VISITS POLK COUNTY

Democratic Congressional Candidate Making Aggressive Fight Against Hawley.

Frederick Hollister, of North Bend, Coos county, Democratic candidate for congressman in this district, was in Dallas last Saturday, under the guidance of that old political war-horse, Mark Holmes, of McCoy. Mr. Hollister was also accompanied by E. K. Smith, a prominent business man of Marshfield.

Mr. Hollister told the Itemizer man that the prospects for his election next November were exceedingly bright. All over the district, he says, he finds the sentiment growing that it is time to replace Hawley with a man who will do something for his district and his constituents. Those who know Mr. Hollister best know he is that kind of a man. As a citizen and business man he has been aggressive, and much of the progress and prosperity of the Coos Bay country is due to his efforts.

Mr. Hollister's trip this time through the Willamette valley was a hasty one, but later he will spend several weeks in this part of the district, several days of which will be in Polk county, where he hopes to meet every voter personally.

CASH PRIZES AWARDED CORRESPONDENTS

Faithful Reporters in the Country Districts Rewarded for Their Enterprise.

Another four months' contest of correspondents of the Itemizer closed July 31st, and so faithful had been most of them that it was extremely hard to decide who were entitled to the prizes. Seven correspondents were perfect in their contribution of weekly letters during the 17 weeks of the contest, but in the distribution of the cash prizes we have also taken into consideration the length and newsworthiness of the letters and the number of subscriptions sent in by the correspondents.

For the first place there was so little difference between the Crowley and Buena Vista correspondents that we have decided to divide the capital prize, giving \$5.00 to each. Gilliam wins the second prize of \$5.00; Eola, third, \$2.50; and \$1.00 each goes to Pedeo No. 1 and Rickreall. A special prize of \$1.00 has also been awarded to Minmouth No. 2. Checks for these prizes will be mailed to the winners within a few days.

The Itemizer publishers want to thank all their correspondents for the interest they are taking in helping making it the "biggest and best paper in Polk county," and congratulates them on the ability they are showing as wide-awake reporters. We are sorry we are not able to give prizes to all, but some only lost out by missing a single week. See that we get a letter from you each week during the next four months and perhaps you will be more fortunate next time. Another thing we want to impress on the correspondents is not to wait until they send their regular letters when anything important happens in their community. If a serious fire, fatal accident, robbery, murder, or death of a prominent person occurs, mail or phone the particulars to us at once. This will score several points toward winning a prize.

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