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**STAIN WASHED FROM NAME.**

Another chapter has been closed in the Oregon land fraud trials in the acquittal of Hon. J. Henry Booth by a federal grand jury in Portland last week. So weak was the case put up against Mr. Booth by the government, that his counsel did not deem it necessary to call Mr. Booth to the witness stand in his own behalf, yet his name had been defamed and dragged in the mire by the federal prosecutors for the past two or three years. This, however, is the first acquittal to come after a full trial in the timberland cases and is due perhaps to the fact that Mr. Heney in trying his cases picked out the strongest ones for his own, leaving those of more doubtful success to the hands of those who might take charge of the prosecution after he had abandoned it.

In his closing argument to the jury, his attorney took occasion to send a few hot shots into the Government officials who are connected with the prosecutions. Malarky declared it was an unequal struggle, for the Government has the machinery to bring men from all parts of the United States to hound local defendants. He said Becker was brought from New York, W. J. Burns from San Francisco and it had money to hire spies to inquire as to the sentiment of the jurors. The lawyer declared that Burns was brought from California for the benefit his influence would have on Frederick A. Kribs, the timber operator, who it was alleged gave Booth the check for which the latter was tried for bribery. He told how Richard Scott was rejected as a juror by the Government, after Scott had been followed by a Government spy for months, just as all men probably were who would have anything to do with the case.

However, with all this advantage favorable to the Government, Mr. Booth was promptly acquitted by the jury and as the verdict was read washing away the stain of the indictment from his name Mr. Booth flushed a little and turned to grasp the hands of his attorney and his brother. R. A. Booth beaming his gratification and joy grasped the hand of his brother, while Judge Webster let loose of his suspense with a long drawn sigh of supreme content. Attorney and defendant thanked the jury for their verdict when they were discharged by the judge and court was adjourned, thus concluding the land fraud trials for the summer, if not for all time, so far as the remaining Heney indictments are concerned.

Few could suppress at least a smile when they read C. C. Case's criticism of the Leader in the last issue of Western Oregon, especially when they read this: "Shortly after I went to jail Sheriff Fisk made a trusty of me, for he knew

that I was honest." Shades of Ananias! An honest man in jail? What a reproach upon free, liberty-crading America. But let us see! Was it doubtful circumstantial evidence which put "honest" Charlie in jail? No, he admitted his guilt, admitted to having knowingly, purposely and maliciously violated the laws of our state and upon several separate and distinct counts, received his sentence therefor, and went to jail, yet "Sheriff Fisk knew I was an honest man." Further, was this "honest" Charlie's first offense? We think not, for upon investigation it will be found that the records at Drain and Roseburg reveal the fact that he was arrested and convicted upon similar charges in Douglas county only a short time before he came to Cottage Grove to defy the law. Now, how sensitive he becomes to a little offense like the Leader's mild criticism of a public official, whom it had a perfect right to criticize. Were Case equally sensitive to the far greater offense of violating the laws of the state on his own part, he might have been spared the odium of doing time in the county bastille besides contributing liberally, but unwilling, to the general school fund. Is it possible this man's sense of morality and honesty has become so perverted, that he looks upon the willful and persistent violation of the law, the incarceration in jail upon self-admitted testimony, as a mere "misfortune," or a matter of little concern? It must be so for he comes forth posing as a martyr and a subject for general adulation. The Leader does not believe in greasing the track for a man already descending a 45 per cent grade at a 60 mile pace, at least, if he shows a disposition to climb up again, but on the other hand, a bombastic, defiant, arrogant attitude, devoid of penitence or better effort merits little sympathy or respect. The Leader's advice to Mr. Case is to get out of the lime light, keep out of print—and jail, turn a new leaf and then the Leader will be among the first to extend a helping hand.

The recent rulings by the Interstate Commerce Commission upon the freight rates, is proving to be a stimulus to the milling and lumbering industry in this section, one of the heaviest timbered and heaviest milled parts of the state. The mill men are now much encouraged and feel that within the next 60 days conditions will be materially improved. Already inquiries from heavy buyers are coming in and some orders have been placed. This is of vital interest to Cottage Grove, as the burden of her payroll depends upon the lumber industry.

Bryan's nomination on the first ballot is just what has long been predicted and it is an achievement gratifying to the democrats generally and to those of the west in particular. Just how the platform will be received, remains to be seen, but one thing is certain, Bryan is one of the big, brainy men of the country today, and while he is a wealthy man, he is opposed to capitalistic monopoly and a champion of the interests of the common people.

It is announced that Mr. Hearst will call a national convention in Chicago late in July to nominate an independent presidential ticket.

A movement is on foot and well under way for the creation of a new county out of the east half of Clackamas, Estacada to be the county seat. There is another similar movement which should be well under way—we refer to the division of Lane and Douglas for the establishment of Bohemia, Mineral or some other county.

The Portland Daily Journal cheerfully says: "Hurrah for Taft, Bryan, and all good and great men."

Nice place for a vacation—Cottage Grove. Mountain breezes every day and good mountain spring water.

It has been noticed that no humorist has yet dared to remark that Mr. Taft is not big enough for the place.

The worst part of a holiday is in going back to work the morning after.

Some persons evidently never realize what a hit can be made by silence.

All men may be born equal but they don't seem to stay that way.

It is Bryan and Kern—Kern of Indiana.

**ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.**  
 Jake Lurch spent Sunday in Eugene.

Soft shirts for summer days at the Toggery. 13tf

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin were visiting with Cottage Grove friends Tuesday.

Attorney J. S. Medley was looking after court business in Eugene the early part of the week.

Ira Wimberly, a prominent merchant of Drain, and wife, celebrated with friends in Cottage Grove.

Lost.—A pair of gold-rimmed glasses inclosed in a small black silk pocket. Finder please leave at Wheeler & Thompson's.

D. Perini and family of Divide, who have been residents of Oregon for 23 years, took their departure the first of the week for their old home in Italy.

The Fourth of July committees desire to extend their thanks to all those who so kindly helped them in making the past celebration such a rousing success.

**IMPORTANT SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

A Special Election is Called For Wednesday July 22, to Vote on Charter Amendments

The city council met in its regular monthly session Monday evening and transacted the following business.

A petition for the grading and graveling of Locust street was read and upon motion the petition was granted and an ordinance ordered drawn covering this proposed improvement.

Upon request of the Merchant's Protective Association the city marshal was instructed to ring the bell in the city hall at the usual closing hour at 6:30 each evening.

In the matter of the repair of railroad street, the same was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Two initiative petitions for amendments to the city charter were read and upon motion the petitions were granted, the first referring to the matter of empowering the city council to levy a special annual tax not to exceed 10 mills for general municipal purposes, two mills for payment of sewer bonds and interest thereon and 5 mill tax for 5 years to pay off interest bearing indebtedness of the city. The second petition relates to equal taxation of all real estate property within the city limits whether agricultural or not, for city purposes. Petitions granted.

Recorder was instructed to post notices calling a special municipal election for Wednesday July 22.

The street commissioner was instructed to notify the electric light and telephone companies to raise their wires about town to the required height.

The water committee was instructed to have an ordinance passed regulating the use of city water and fixing a penalty for the violation of the requirements of this ordinance.

An ordinance was ordered prepared authorizing the street committee to order bad sidewalks repaired without an order from the council.

An ordinance was drawn requiring property owners to cut weeds and brush on the streets facing their property to the center of the street.

The usual bills were allowed and audited.

The council adjourned to meet again in special session Monday evening for the transaction of important business.

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