

Independence Enterprise

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GRAND JURY'S REPORT

It is astonishing that the grand jury would bring in such a report as it has in the one which is printed in this issue of the Enterprise. It is published to show how ineffective, burdensome and misleading the usual reports of the grand juries are. The report of this jury is a worthless document. It fails to deal with facts. It is one of guess work and misrepresentation. In its attack on "near beer" establishments it has resorted to gross misrepresentations. There is not a frosted window in any establishment in Independence. In one sentence the report says that these institutions are seemingly doing a lawful business while in the next it makes the positive assertion that they are operated for the purpose of dispensing intoxicating liquors. The report goes on to say that owing to "frosted doors, bars, tables, kegs and other facilities it is extremely difficult to obtain evidence against them which would justify indictment." The Enterprise fails to see how such a report happened to be accepted by Judge Burnett.

The duty of a grand jury is to enquire into affairs sufficiently to answer to a moral certainty as to the truth of the recommendations of its report. The Enterprise fails to see what was in the way to prevent the grand jury from enquiring into these matters unless it be that the frosted doors, which they claim these institutions hide behind, prevented them from seeing things as they are. The grand jury failed to visit the drug stores of Dallas to enquire into the liquor traffic of that city, but they unload their spleen on the poor soft drinks men of the towns of Independence, Falls City and Dallas.

Look up the report and read it thoughtfully. It is gossip.

Some of the smaller towns, as Woodburn and Independence, are agitating the paving of their streets. Different here. As yet it is not time to even suggest cement sidewalks. But it will soon be.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

Paved streets for Independence are one week nearer to us. The plan of following up the establishment of sewerage for the city with hard surface pavements is growing more popular with the people of Independence.

Postal authorities at Washington have fixed a penalty of \$200 fine on persons taking mail other than their own out of a post office and not returning it promptly. This law is to prevent people from taking and appropriating mail not their own which may have been put in their box by mistake. The law takes into account newspapers and the fine may be imposed on anyone who appropriates another's newspaper.

Six hundred and seventy men are drilling in the two cadet regiments at the Oregon Agricultural College. There are two regimental bands also. There are twelve literary societies, with an average membership of thirty. Over 1200 students are in attendance. Oregon Agricultural College is one of the big schools of the Northwest.

The new council will meet and organize on the night of January 5. They will then begin pounding away at the sewerage proposition. It is safe to say that with the new council the wind-work part of it will not last long. Watch Independence come to the front.

The new boats which Skinner Bros. will put on the run between Salem and Independence will be greatly appreciated. They are making extensive improvements on both the Independence and the Louise.

Schools all over Polk county were dismissed last week during the snow storm. It is said to have been one of the heaviest snow storms ever experienced in these parts of the Willamette valley at this time of year.

Abrams Re-Elected Secretary—
Carle Abrams, the able advertising manager of the Statesman publications, was re-elected secretary of the Oregon State Dairymen's Convention. F. L. Kent, dairy instructor at Oregon Agricultural College, was re-elected president of the association. The session of last week is said to have been one of the best in the history of the organization in attendance and results. The place of next meeting has not been decided upon.

POLK COUNTY JURY REPORT

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, To the Honorable George H. Burnett, Judge of Said Court.

We, the undersigned Grand Jury, having been duly impaneled at the present term of court, beg leave to report that we have finished all the business brought to our attention which required investigating and have returned into this court a true or not a true bill in all cases where parties have been bound over to await our action.

As a result of our investigations of cases arising under the local option liquor law, we have reached the conclusion that a great majority of the violations occur in what is known as "near-beer saloons." These resorts are ostensibly doing a lawful business under licenses from the cities of Dallas, Independence and Falls City, while in fact, they are saloons operated for the purpose of dispensing intoxicating liquor. They are fitted up with all the paraphernalia of a regular saloon, having frosted doors, bars, tables, kegs and other facilities which make it extremely difficult for us to obtain evidence against them which would justify an indictment.

So long as these places are permitted to remain and do business in the cities of this county it will be practically impossible for law officers to enforce the law as it should be. They are usually rendezvous where young men and boys congregate and spend their evenings in dissipating, while it would be difficult for them to obtain liquor otherwise. We cannot comprehend why the cities of Dallas, Independence and Falls City permit these places to run under authority of law, for it is universally known that the proprietors of these places procure licenses to enable them to sell liquor and avoid detection. Places of the above-mentioned character are not permitted to run in the cities of Eugene, Albany or McMinnville, which has, according to our information, greatly improved conditions. We have earnestly endeavored in all our investigations to procure ample evidence against owners of the above places, but in each instance we have found that by reason of their facilities for the avoiding of detection sufficient evidence could not be had. It is to be hoped that the city government of the above cities will investigate the matter and discontinue to further permit them to do business.

We have further taken time to investigate the condition of the county buildings and we find the same to be in very satisfactory condition, the offices well kept, and we have nothing to suggest in regard to these. Complaint was made to us about the condition of the school house in Dallas as to the danger from fire, and while this was perhaps outside of our jurisdiction, we took time to visit the school house and find it in good condition in every with the exception that the furnace being located under the main stairway, in case of fire, which would be more likely to occur from this source than any other, the escape of the children would be cut off and it would be impossible for those in the upper rooms to get out of the building by means of this center stairway, and we believe there should be ample fire escapes built at once in order that such a disaster may be avoided, as no one can tell when a fire may occur, and we sincerely hope that the citizens of Dallas will see that this defect is remedied before a holocaust occurs.

T. W. Brunk, Foreman
I. M. Robertson,
J. M. Sebring,
J. J. Russell,
A. Womer,
G. W. Siefarth,
J. W. Rodgers.

Monmouth High School News.
The high school students have begun work again after the institute holidays. Prof. Ressler of the Oregon Agricultural College was a pleasant visitor at the high school. He gave a short, interesting talk to the eleventh and twelfth grades and spoke to each of the students individually.

The third tests of the year will come just before the Christmas holidays, which will be from December 24 to January 2, inclusive.

Next Saturday evening the high school boys will play the second Dallas team on the home floor. This game promises to be interesting from start to finish, as the teams are very evenly matched.

A meeting of the student body was held Monday afternoon. A committee was appointed to revise that article granting of the official M to participants in interscholastic games. Also action was taken regarding the organization of a literary society in the high school.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE COURT

1. Vick Brothers vs. Earhardt & Meyer, action for money; Flower & Brown for plaintiff. Continued.
2. A. H. Averill Co. vs. F. N. Smith et al, action for money; Sibley & Eakin for plaintiff. Continued.
3. Fred Stettler vs. William Schindler et ux, action for money; J. C. Heltsel for plaintiff; McNary & McNary for defendants. Settled.
4. M. Bailey vs. Benton County, Oregon, action for damages; Weatherford & Wyatt for plaintiff; McFadden & Bryson and Oscar Hayter for defendant. Jury trial; verdict for plaintiff for \$1050.
5. H. A. Lewis vs. J. B. Nunn, action for money; L. H. McMahan for plaintiff; Oscar Hayter for defendant. Jury trial; verdict for plaintiff for \$163.24.
6. George Churchman, Guardian, vs. E. C. Pentland, action for money; M. Purdin for plaintiff. Continued.
7. State of Oregon vs. William Rue, selling intoxicating liquor in violation of local option law; John H. McNary for plaintiff. Continued.
8. State of Oregon vs. Arthur C. Dimick, assault and battery; John H. McNary and J. E. Sibley for plaintiff; Oscar Hayter for defendant. Jury trial.

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TIME TABLE
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Train No. 68 leaves Independence daily at 10:50 a. m. and Monmouth at 11:05 a. m. and arrives at Dallas at 11:30 a. m.
Train No. 70 leaves Independence daily at 6:15 p. m. and Monmouth at 6:30 p. m. and arrives at Dallas at 6:55 p. m.
From Independence for Airline
Train No. 61 leaves Independence daily at 7:00 a. m. and Monmouth at 7:15 a. m. and arrives at Airline at 7:50 a. m.
Train No. 73 leaves Independence daily at 2:30 p. m. and Monmouth at 2:50 p. m. and arrives at Airline at 3:25 p. m.
From Dallas for Independence
Train No. 65 leaves Dallas daily at 8:30 a. m. and Monmouth at 8:55 a. m. and arrives at Independence at 9:15 a. m.
Train No. 69 leaves Dallas daily at 1:00 p. m. and Monmouth at 1:25 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 1:40 p. m. (This train connects at Monmouth for Airline.)
Train No. 71 leaves Dallas daily at 8:00 p. m. and Monmouth at 8:25 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 8:40 p. m.
From Airline for Independence
Train No. 62 leaves Airline daily at 8:15 p. m. and Monmouth at 8:50 a. m. and arrives at Independence at 9:10 a. m.
Train No. 72 leaves Airline daily at 4:05 p. m. and Monmouth at 4:40 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 4:50 p. m.

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al; verdict of guilty; sentence to be pronounced December 10.
26. Slevert A. Ramsdell vs. Arthur C. Dimick, action for damages; L. D. Brown for plaintiff; Oscar Hayter for defendant. Jury trial; verdict for plaintiff for \$137.50.
29. David Bradley Mfg. Co. vs. John Ebbe, action for money; L. D.

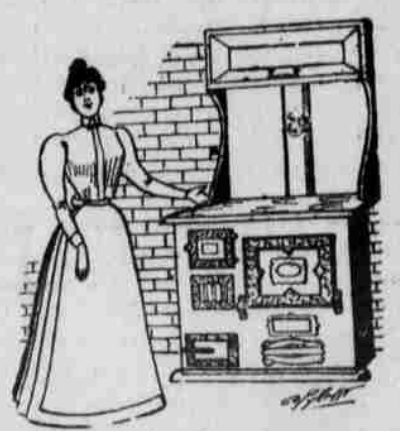
Brown for plaintiff; Sibley & Eakin for defendant. Continued.
30. W. D. DeVarney vs. Home Telephone Co., action for money; Kollock & Zollinger for plaintiff. Continued.
34. State of Oregon vs. W. W. Chappell, conducting nickel-in-the-slot machine; J. H. McNary for plaintiff;

Oscar Hayter and W. L. Tooze, Jr., for defendant. Defendant, pleads guilty; fined \$10.
38. State of Oregon vs. William Monroe, assault and battery; J. H. McNary for plaintiff; W. L. Tooze, Jr., for defendant. Defendant pleads guilty; fine \$50 and costs.

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