

SIEMER PLEAD GUILTY

And Was Sentenced Last Tuesday.

HE MUST SERVE TWO YEARS

The Sentence Was the Least the Law Allows for His Crime.

John Siemer, who got \$1,500 from Shute's bank by forging the names of his father-in-law, Mr. Mauss and his uncle, Mr. B. Ostermann, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of two years. This is the shortest term and was imposed doubtless because it was thought that there was no malice connected with the transaction.

APRIL FIRST.

As previously announced, the Epworth League will give a supper and entertainment on all fools day, (April 1st). Supper will be served from 5 to 9 o'clock. We invite business men and any who desire to come and dine with us. An entertaining program has been prepared and 15 cents admission will be charged for same. Come and laugh. We will give you a hint by saying booths will give you ample opportunity to spend any extra shekels you may bring. You will enjoy yourself if you come. Tell your friends. Grange Hall, Tuesday evening.

On Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday matinee, April 3d, 4th and 5th, Hillsboro is to be visited by the Kathryn Wayne Co. The company comes here with the best of recommendations, and we have no doubt but what they will give us some excellent performances. The opening play is to be "Won Back," a vivid melodrama, the opening scene of which is laid in Australia and the closing one in a London drawing room. "Peck's Bad Boy," the program for Friday night, is a laugh from start to finish, and is a sure cure for the blues. Reserved seats, 35c; general admission, 25c; children, 15c. Seats on sale at Wehrung's.

Mr. Wm. Wall, who has been chief deputy in the sheriff's office since 1900, has resigned to take effect April 1st. He had expected to stay until July but a business opening presenting now he asks to be relieved sooner. Mr. Wall and Mr. Heidfeld form a co-partnership and will buy and sell real estate and do a general brokerage business. Mr. Wall is well and favorably known throughout the county and brings to the new firm, a trained mind and an energy that matches Mr. Heidfeld's well known push. In conveying Mr. Wall has had a wide experience and his judgment of land values, will enable him to give opinions on real estate transfers that will be worth dollars to his clients. The business world of Hillsboro gladly welcomes Mr. Wall to its circles.

W. L. Davis, proprietor of the well known Black Percheron horse, Oregon, will, after March 15th, during the season, be at John Kamm's, Farmington, from Monday morning to Tuesday noon; at Arthur Flint's, Scholls, from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday morning; at Lystrop's, Reedville, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Thursday; at Forest Grove, Friday, and at home here, Hillsboro, Saturday.

The bicycle on exhibition at the Antique Shaving Parlor is to be given to the most popular young lady of Hillsboro, determined by popular vote. The nominations for candidates are now open. The bicycle was purchased at McCormick's Bicycle Store, Imperial, 1902, model 215, price \$35. Voting opens April 1, 1902.

If you want to sell or buy, rent or lease, any kind of property, country or city, come and see us. We will treat you just as we would wish to be treated. Hoyt & Barnes, next door to the Argus, over Delta Drug Store.

The Kathryn Wayne Company plays here next Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday matinee. Admission, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

For sale, Wilson strawberry plants. P. H. Baughman, Hillsboro.

Fine farms for sale dirt cheap by Thos. Withycombe, Scholls, Oregon.

Schulmerich Bros. are receiving their spring stock of dry goods, clothing, hats and shoes.

Entertainment and supper by the Epworth League on the 1st day of April. Don't miss it—'twill be good.

You can buy machinery cheaper at Schulmerich Bros. than at any other place in Washington county. Come and get their prices.

Highest market price for Potatoes at Schulmerich Bros.

To loan, \$600 on farm lands. Enquire of M. B. Bump, Hillsboro.

For sale, thoroughbred Jersey bull calf, one year old. John Moreland.

Land plaster at Schulmerich Bros.

Ladies' silk waists at Schulmerich Bros.

Schulmerich Bros. have a large stock of burrap potato sacks which they sell at 4 cents.

Mr. Frank Dailey has occupied his second hand store on Main street, one door east of H. Wehrung & Sons, where he is to be found during business hours, ready to repair a bicycle or sell a house keeping outfit.

The T. S. Townsend Creamery Co. at 44 Second street, Portland, will pay highest market price for your cream. Will send you United States Separator on long time in exchange for cream.

E. L. McCormick has received his new stock of matting, carpets and wall paper. His prices are the lowest in town. He can save you from 10 to 20 per cent. Prices on wall paper are 4c per roll and up, matting 12c; carpets 35c. The stock is right from the mill and is first-class. You will miss it if you do not call and get prices and quality of goods. Second street, three doors south of postoffice, Hillsboro.

Ladies' Bran, latest improved bicycle, at \$20, gent's wheel, \$25; gent's wheel, \$32.50. They are first-class in workmanship. Also can and will sell you wall paper, carpets and furniture of any kind cheaper than any other place in Washington county. I will save you money by buying at my store, as I will treat you right. Come in and see. W. O. Donelson, I. O. O. F. building, Hillsboro.

Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Ford, beloved wife of ex-Sheriff H. P. Ford, late of this county, died at his home at 729 Jefferson street, Portland, last Tuesday morning, of heart disease. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church here, last Wednesday, at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. Arthur Russert, pastor, officiating. The remains were brought from Portland by a special train. About forty friends from the city came on the train. The large auditorium of the church was filled by friends and acquaintances from Hillsboro. Tualatin Chapter, Order Eastern Star, had charge of the ceremonies. The remains were laid to rest in Masonic cemetery beside those of her infant son, who died soon after coming to Hillsboro, in 1888.



Mrs. Ford at the time of her marriage.

Mrs. Ford was born 39 years ago, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Harding. Her father was killed by the Indians while on a trip with his pack train from The Dalles to Canyon City, Grant county. This was in 1863, the same year that Mrs. Ford was born. Her mother, Mary Hedges Harding, lived till little Katie was three years old, when she died. The child then went to her Grandfather Hedges, where was her home till she met and married H. P. Ford in 1881. A neighbor who knew her tells how lovable she was, and with what respect and esteem she was treated. In after life none of these admirable traits of character were lost. She was a princess among women. In her home she cheerfully accepted the place that seemed to be hers. While yet her husband was a toiler and their means limited, she complained not; when fortune smiled and the income was liberal, she was the same dignified and modest woman as at first. In January, 1900, she made a public profession of Christianity and became a member of one of the Presbyterian churches of Portland. Her Christian life was without flaws and she has entered that larger life which is the privilege of mortals.

Seventeen years ago the deceased had an attack of muscular rheumatism. From this she never entirely recovered. Her heart was affected, so that for seventeen years she has been an invalid. On Thursday of last week, when Dr. Geisy was hurriedly called, he found the valves of the heart imperfectly performing their functions. He told Mr. Ford that she might be kept alive till her family was gathered to her bedside, though he could not certainly promise that much. To Mr. and Mrs. Ford four children were born. The eldest and youngest, both sons, died in infancy. The other two, Belva Estella and Calvin Corry with their father survive. Mrs. Ford's brother, Calvin Harding and her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Sweek, also survive.

COUNTY CONVENTION

Is Held and a Full Ticket Nominated.

EVERYTHING PASSED OFF QUIETLY

The Delegates all Seem to be Very Confident This Year.

Judge B. P. Cornelius, chairman of the County Central Committee, called the Republican County Convention to order at 10:30.

The call for the convention was read by Secretary Roe.

Hon. S. B. Huston put in nomination for temporary chairman of the convention Hon. W. N. Barrett.

Hon. E. W. Haines placed in nomination Mayor F. T. Kane, of Forest Grove.

The chair appointed John Thornburgh, E. B. Tongue, S. B. Huston and W. D. Wood to be delegates.

The vote for temporary chairman stood:

Barrett 77

Kane 74

So Barrett was chosen chairman.

W. N. Barrett, on taking the chair, made a rousing speech for the party and its success.

Bruce Wilson was selected secretary by acclamation.

Hon. C. F. Tigard moved a committee of five on order of business and permanent organization be appointed. The chair named C. F. Tigard, East Butte; F. T. Kane, South Forest Grove; D. M. C. Gault, South Hillsboro; Thos. Paulsen, West Butte, and T. H. Adams, North East Grove.

J. W. Hughes, of Dilley, moved a committee of five on credentials be appointed. The delegates are J. W. Hughes, Dilley; C. W. Hudson, Gaston; Jno. Connell, Washington; G. W. Stitt, Beaverton; E. A. Eddy, East Cedar Creek.

A recess was taken till 1 p. m.

The convention was called to order by Chairman Barrett at 11:15 a. m.

The committee on credentials reported the following named persons entitled to seats in the convention as delegates:

South Hillsboro—Julius Asbahr, E. B. Tongue, H. D. Schmelzer, by B. P. Cornelius, proxy, Benton Bowman, E. J. Lyons, D. M. C. Gault, John Milne, C. E. Beckwith, Wm. McQuillan, A. M. Carlile.

North Hillsboro—A. C. Shute, C. L. Johnson, S. B. Huston, H. V. Gates, R. B. Collins, J. A. Inbriss, Wm. Smith, W. N. Barrett, R. P. Simon, W. D. Wood.

South Forest Grove—J. S. Clark, F. S. Barnes, A. B. Todd, J. A. Thornburgh, J. H. McNamer, C. O. Rose, S. G. Hughes, E. W. Haines, D. C. Stewart, N. P. Markham, F. T. Kane, Benj. Schofield, Chas. Hines, by F. S. Barnes, proxy.

North Forest Grove—A. T. Buxton, A. T. Boos, John Adams, J. P. Wagner, R. V. Lyman, D. H. Thomas, J. C. Clark, C. Dolstrum, R. M. Taylor.

Cornelius—Geo. Hancock, S. B. Acock, G. W. Fitch, A. Neukirch, P. Schoen, G. W. Marsh, J. C. Buchanan, Chas. James.

Gales Creek—J. W. Roberts, Bruce Wilson, H. Barker, John McClaron, C. S. Bateman, Charles Potts, F. Clapham.

Dairy—John Carstens, John Ireland, Wm. Moore, John Becker, L. Carstens, G. McGraw, C. Herb, F. P. Reeder.

Dilley—A. Dethlefs, C. Odell, by W. W. Lewis, proxy, G. W. Hughes, E. J. Hubbard, G. Briggs.

Columbia—M. Hahn, S. A. D. Meek, Jas. Corey, J. Lather, E. Schieffelin, W. Bagley.

Washington—M. C. Lincoln, John Joes, Henry Kuratli, Wm. Ross, Wm. Bostedehor, A. Garber, J. Goodin.

Gaston—C. W. Hudson, Harry Ball, C. C. Hoopes, D. C. Newman, E. N. Harding, Geo. Mizenger, R. Matteson.

West Butte—Chas. Hess, R. S. Robinson, A. B. Flint, A. F. Davies, Thos. Paulsen, Ole Olsson, J. Caldwell.

East Butte—C. A. Plieth, John Burroughs, Wm. J. Bloomer, John Vogt, E. J. Goodman, F. L. Gault, J. N. Overholser, by C. F. Tigard, proxy, C. F. Tigard.

Reedville—M. Dillaboy, J. Rasmussen, O. Nordland, A. Jack, J. Borwick, J. B. Inlay, A. Saxton.

Beaverton—M. S. Barnes, John Johnson, J. N. Fisher, W. J. Butler, F. W. Cady, G. W. Stitt, S. A. Howell, K. Nelson, C. Bernard, C. E. Deichman.

East Cedar Creek—A. C. Hall, E. A. Eddy, J. W. Hedges, Wm. Spencer, E. Savage, J. Kroeiger.

West Cedar Creek—S. Westfall, by A. C. Vaughn, proxy, A. S. Craver, by J. A. Chapman, proxy, S. N. Poole, by J. A. Chapman, proxy, C. Davell, F. A. Olds, G. Saylor, T. Patterson, J. A. Chapman.

Beavertlam—Neis Johnson, Fred Hamel, J. Wismer, C. Heckethier, J. Q. A. Young.

Buxton—E. C. Mills, S. Passley, P. H. Buxton, J. R. Berry.

South Tualatin—W. H. McCormick, J. S. Robinson, C. B. Adams, J. H. Collier, Geo. Turpin, Geo. Hathorne, Geo. Hall.

Mountain—J. R. Johnson, W. J.

Geogg.

The report was adopted. The committee on organization and order of business reported as follows:

We recommend that one assistant secretary be elected by this convention, further that the officers of the temporary organization be made permanent, that the chairman appoint six tellers. We further recommend the following order of business:

1. Nomination of county judge.
2. Nomination of county clerk.
3. Nomination of sheriff.
4. Nomination of recorder.
5. Nomination of commissioner.
6. Nomination of treasurer.
7. Nomination of assessor.
8. Nomination of surveyor.
9. Nomination of coroner.
10. Ratifying precinct officers.
11. Nominating three representatives.
12. Nominating twelve delegates to congressional convention.
13. Nominating twelve delegates to state convention.
14. Appointment of County Central Committee.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Adjournment.

Delegate Cornelius objected to the order of business and moved to amend by changing the order so that the selection of twelve delegates to the congressional convention, twelve delegates to the state convention and nomination of three representatives come before the nomination for county judge, and that the order thereafter reported be followed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Huston. The motion to amend the report was then adopted without division. The amended report of the committee was then adopted.

The chair appointed J. A. Thornburgh, E. B. Tongue, Dr. W. D. Wood, G. W. Marsh, A. T. Flint and Ahlstrom to be tellers.

E. J. Godman, of East Butte, was elected assistant secretary.

Mr. Huston moved that a committee of three be appointed to nominate delegates to the congressional convention. The chair appointed C. O. Rose, John C. Buchanan and E. B. Tongue. After a short absence, the committee reported the following names: F. T. Kane, Jas. Inlay, W. N. Barrett, J. S. Robinson, John Thornburgh, J. Asbahr, Wm. McQuillan, C. E. Deichman, C. C. Hoopes and I. A. Macrum. The report was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that one delegate at a time to the state convention be balloted for, and that a majority of all votes cast be required to nominate. The balloting for state delegates was spirited, and those chosen, with their vote, are:

C. F. Tigard, 115; S. B. Huston, 78; C. W. Hudson, 92; J. A. Thornburgh, 78; John Connell, 98; T. G. Todd, 81; John Wagner, 85; F. T. Kane, 84; Dr. A. L. Saylor, 71; Chas. Heckethier, 87; H. V. Gates, 74, and C. R. Adams, 89. The last four delegates were really elected by acclamation.

The convention took a recess till 7 o'clock p. m. On reconvening the nominations made were:

Representatives—D. M. C. Gault, Bruce F. Purdy and Dr. Charles Hines.

County Judge—Thorston Buxton. Clerk—E. J. Godman.

Sheriff—Sam'l Galbreath. Recorder—E. J. Kuratli. Commissioner—W. J. Butler.

Treasurer—W. M. Jackson. Assessor—Geo. H. Wilcox. Surveyor—A. A. Morrill. Coroner—E. C. Brown.

Precinct nominations were ratified and the central committeemen were appointed, whereupon the convention adjourned at 11:15.

After adjournment the central committee organized by electing Benton Bowman chairman and J. A. Thornburgh secretary.

The citizens of Tigardville and vicinity are installing a local telephone system. At present there are twenty subscribers, not only householders and business concerns in the village but farm houses for four or five miles around. The plan of organization is to string wire at their own expense and own the phones. No rent for use of instruments is collected. The Company may be considered independent and although not now planned may in time extend wires to Hillsboro and to Portland. The Pacific States line has been heretofore quite arbitrary about connecting with or receiving business from private lines but a strong independent Company has entered Portland whose management seems to be liberal. If the Scholls and Farmington people adopt the independent system and install a neighborhood line, it will be easy and cheap to get Hillsboro. When here, Portland can be reached as well as such country in the county, indeed more than by the Pacific States Company. The cost to a subscriber of the Tigardville exchange ranges from \$15.00 to \$20.00, depending upon the length of wire that has to be strung. But then, after the first installation, expense ceases. The Tigardville people are to be commended for the enterprise displayed.

Buy your campaign cigars at H. A. Palmer's.

BALL LEAGUE FORMED

Schedule of Games to be Played.

FOUR TEAMS IN THE NEW LEAGUE

The First Game Will be at Hillsboro, April 13.

The Oregon State League of Base Ball teams has been formed of four clubs, Diamond W. of Hillsboro, Oregon City, of Oregon City, Uphurch and Monogram, of Portland. During April, only practice games will be played. The schedule for these practice games follows:

April 6—Rambler v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

April 13—Fidelity v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

April 20—Oregon City v Diamond W. Oregon City.

April 27—West Ends v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

The League games commence May 4th and the schedule is thus written up:

May 4—Diamond W. v Uphurch at Portland. Monogram v Oregon City, Oregon City.

May 11—Monogram v Oregon City, Portland. Uphurch v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

May 18—Monogram v Diamond W. Hillsboro. Uphurch v Oregon City, Oregon City.

May 25—Monogram v Oregon City, Oregon City. Uphurch v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

June 1—Monogram v Diamond W. Hillsboro. Uphurch v Oregon City, Oregon City.

June 8—Uphurch v Diamond W. Hillsboro. Monogram v Oregon City, Oregon City.

June 15—Uphurch v Monogram, Portland. Diamond W. v Oregon City, Oregon City.

June 22—Uphurch v Oregon City, Portland. Monogram v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

June 29—Monogram v Diamond W. Portland. Uphurch v Oregon City, Oregon City.

The Diamond W. team will continue playing according to this schedule:

July 4—Diamond W. v Hillsboro.

July 6—Fidelity v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

July 18—Rambler v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

July 20—West End v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

July 27—Uphurch v Diamond W. Hillsboro.

COURT HOUSE.

PROBATE.

Est. W. W. Geiger, insane, service of citation not having been made as heretofore ordered, it is required that a new citation issue directing said W. W. Geiger to answer Monday, April 7.

Est. Jesse Neal decd. Final ac't allowed and set closed of record.

Est. John M. Lyon decd. Receipts having been filed as required, the est. is closed of record.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

License to wed was issued Mar. 22 to Chas. M. Roberts 27 and Mary Hirtz 18.

Elder Brown will preach at the Christian church, Sunday, morning and evening.

For sale—First class full blood Jersey milk cow. Inquire of M. Edee, Hillsboro.

Mr. Chas. Grable, of Portland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wall, the first of the week.

The Congressional convention in the first district will be held at Roseburg, Or., on April 1st and not April 2nd, as announced in the Oregonian.

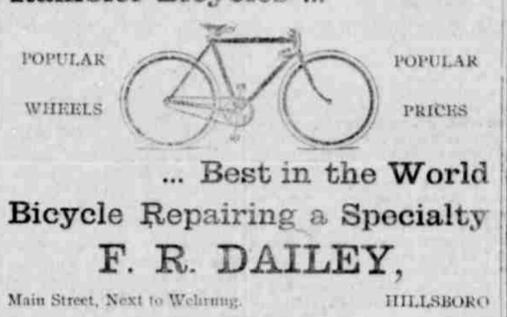
Through the efforts of Congressman Tongue, a pension of \$12 per month has been granted to Wm. Morrill, of Hillsboro. It is understood that this includes back pay from the time application was filed, some ten months or a year ago.

Is the scalp bounty law a just one? From April 1st, 1901 to, and including March 1902, twelve months, Washington county has paid \$176.00 for scalps of wild animals at the rate of \$2.00 each, hence, the boys in the county have killed 88 animals—coyotes and wild cats. Of these, it is estimated that no more than one third or less than 30 have been coyotes. The remainder has been cats. The coyotes prey on sheep and pigs, while the wild cats catch lambs, poultry and the game birds. But for those 88 wild animals, there is a tax assessed against the county amounting to \$468.98, or \$39.42 each. Some of the counties in the state pay more than we do. It is safe to suppose that Multnomah pays more than \$100 per scalp. True we get back from the state treasury, one third of what is paid for scalps and one third of \$176.00 is \$58.66. In a county where there are many cats the profits are considerable. But the Independent maintains that the equitable system is for each county to take care of its wild animals.

FURNITURE REPAIRED

Don't throw away a good piece of furniture because it's a little scratched or broken. Take it to Dailey's on Main street and have it repaired and varnished and it will look new.

Rambler Bicycles



A week or two since mention was made of the profit that will come to the man or Company who will build and operate a railroad, starting from Hillsboro and leading north two miles beyond Glencoe. The more the project is studied, the better it appears. The eight miles of road will not cost to exceed \$29,000. By reference to the section map published in this issue of the Independent, it is seen that the road ends in section 30 T 2 N R 2 W, just under the discharge-pipes of a flume. Traffic would be constant and profitable. But there is a better proposition yet. By extending the road five or six miles up the creek, it will be in the midst of the forest and logs can be placed on the train to be delivered at the mill in Hillsboro. Parties are ready to build the mill here. The bi-product of a saw mill, saw dust, slabs etc., will pay freight charges from the mountains. Then note where the Hillsboro-Glencoe road crosses the Portland-Nehalem road somewhere near the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian church, but wherever the crossing is, the whole of the Nehalem country is tributary to the Hillsboro mills, for as many logs as are needed. The S. P. Co. offers a rate from Hillsboro the same as the Portland rate to consumers in Colorado, Nevada and Arizona. Thus Hillsboro becomes a saw mill centre with cheap fuel for manufacturing purposes. Any additional power could be used for speeding the motor line between Portland and Forest Grove. There is no enterprise in sight that will do so much toward building Hillsboro. There is no reason why all the timber in the coast range should not be manufactured in this town.

Remember that "Won Back" is to be the opening play at the theatre, Thursday night.

The Easter service at the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening has special attractions.

Dr. Withycombe, of O. A. C., spent Wednesday in town visiting friends. He begins to want to get back on the farm, but does not expect to be able to come for a few years yet.

The Washington county Prohibition convention will be held at Hillsboro, in the court house on Wednesday, April 9th, at 10 a. m. A full county ticket will be placed in the field. Every prohibitionist in the county is urged to attend. The famous Menely quartette will be in attendance and furnish music for the convention. State Secretary E. O. Miller, of Portland, writes that he is planning to be present.

The family of Mr. Eugene Dant, of Reedville, is presently undergoing an experience with a mild attack of smallpox which has not necessitated confinement to bed, or indeed much inconvenience of any kind. The afflicted ones declare they were very much more sick last year in measles. One of the victims, Miss Maud, employs her time mostly at the organ, and passes by conclude that she must be feeling pretty comfortable. The house is quarantined, of course.

Little Alice Peterson caused great anxiety in her grandfather's, Joseph Mann's home, which is hers. Alice is about eleven or twelve years old. On Tuesday afternoon, while at school, she was frightened when she found it getting dark. "I can't see." Her teacher realized that her favorite needed prompt assistance and sent her home. Dr. Tammie was hurriedly called and exerted his professional skill with happy result. Though at first he had grave doubts, yesterday it was thought that the patient had passed the danger line, and that her sight would be preserved.

The machinery in the Climax mill is torn up this week. There is not a pulley, shaft or machine but what is moved. Only the furnace and boiler remains as before. On Wednesday the concrete engine bed was removed. It was a mass of masonry fourteen feet long by five feet wide at the base and three feet high. This mass of concrete was drilled into and charges of dynamite put in. The firing of this shattered the block, in fact did more. The roof of the boiler house was damaged somewhat and one small stone was thrown some distance and fell at the feet of Mr. Greer, who was on the railroad track between the station and the mill. Smaller shots were put in to break up the large pieces. The foundation was a good one made of broken rock and cement. The new machinery for the mill is expected by the time the laborers are ready for it. The repairs will be completed before harvest.

Wanted: Sitings hens, I. M. Hoyt, call at the Jewellery Store.

BORN.

LYDA—At Cedar Grove, near Thatchers, to the wife of W. H. Lyon, a daughter.

The Finest Cake

Is made with Royal Baking Powder. Always light, sweet, pure & wholesome.