

Echos From Our Circuit Court.

The December term of our Circuit Court closed last Friday night, and while not a long term, it was probably one of the most interesting held in Coos county for some years.

The case between two of our Mill Companies regarding the rights of property in a log-boom in the Coquille river, was a closely contested case. The trial resulted in a verdict for defendant. We understand the case will be appealed. The plaintiff was represented by Messrs. Sperry, Chase, and Sinclair, the defendant by Messrs. Sherwood and Coke.

Another case effecting the rights of property in a large tract of land over on Coos Bay was also hotly contested. This was an equity case, and after hearing the evidence and the arguments of counsel, the Court took the matter under advisement. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Blake, and the defendant by Messrs. Sherwood and Coke.

Quite a number of minor criminal cases were disposed of, some by pleas of guilty, others by a verdict of the jury.

The leading case of the present term however, requiring two days for trial, the case which attracted most attention and the most sensational case that Coos county has had for a number of years, was the case of the State vs. William Reddick. In this case the defendant was charged with the crime of statutory rape on the person of his eleven-year old step-daughter.

The prosecution was conducted by the district attorney Mr. Geo. M. Brown, conceded to be one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the state. He was ably assisted by his deputy, Mr. E. L. C. Farrin of this county.

The defense was conducted by Mayor J. J. Stanley and Mr. C. R. Barrow, of this city, Mr. Barrow being leading counsel.

Some of the tilts between Mr. Brown and Mr. Barrow, regarding the introduction or exclusion of evidence were exceptionally sensa-

tional. Mr. Barrow's searching cross examination of the Prosecutrix, lasting nearly three hours, was particularly skillful, eliciting bits of evidence that surprised the vast audience and astounded the state. This examination was only equaled by his skillful cross examination of the three prominent Physicians produced by the state as experts. In fact it became a query in the crowded court room as to whether Mr. Barrow was not better posted in anatomy and the effects of rape than the learned physicians who had examined the girl.

At the conclusion of the testimony Mr. Brown opened for the state in one of those able arguments for which he is noted. He was followed by Mayor Stanley in a careful and critical analysis of the testimony. Then came the two sensational speeches of this term, in fact two as strong and eloquent speeches in all probability as have ever been delivered in Coos county. Mr. Barrow in an eloquent address of nearly two hours portrayed in most pathetic terms every phrase of the subject, and was listened to in breathless silence by the vast audience crowding the court room to its capacity. At many of the more pathetic points of his address to the jury, scarcely a dry eye was to be seen in the crowded court room.

Mr. Barrow's address was only equaled by that of Mr. Brown in his closing argument, in his scathing and bitter denunciation of the defendant; many passages of which came burning like flashes of lightning from a sodden sky. After receiving the instructions of the court the jury retired, and in about two hours returned into court a verdict of Not Guilty. The verdict was well received by the public generally, and Mr. Barrow was warmly congratulated by the members of the Bar, and many others, on his able defense. He no doubt feels highly gratified at the result, as well as thankful to the many who congratulated him.

Furs make a nice Christmas present for the ladies. Don't forget J. W. Leneve has them.

Robinson has just received a big lot of skirts, coats and furs, just the things the ladies are looking for.

Bancroft Items

Since our last writing, our friend Mr. Rurtz has made some substantial improvement in the shape of farm and shedding.

Clarence Fish and Arthur Adams went to the county seat this week. Mr. Adams will start soon for his home in the east.

Mrs. Joe Shields and family are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Everdren, and other relatives and friends in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rurtz have gone to Portland for the winter, leaving Mr. Felix Barnard in charge of their ranch and stock.

The rainy weather of the past few days caused the loggers to get to work adjusting their logs ready for the rise which they are sure will come soon.

The family of C. D. Price observed Thanksgiving in a very agreeable manner to themselves, as they welcomed a nice Organ into their home, on that day.

Some of the families in this community are planning for home Christmas trees, and others will probably attend the entertainment at Bridge.

Mrs. James Leep has been enjoying unusual health and strength lately, and her friends feel much encouraged about her condition.

Auto.

"Church of Christ."

Pastor H. L. Ford and wife will conduct divine Services in the Christian Church morning and evening on Lords-day Dec. 23rd Subject for 11 a. m. "Spiritual Development" 7:30 p. m. "The Two Covenants," Illustrated by a large diagram Mrs. Ford will sing the gospel on both occasions. The preacher will be prepared to answer spiritual questions that may be submitted to him at each service.

Now is the time to get your choice of those new Fall suits just arrived at Robinsons.

Don't forget that Mrs. Nosler's is to be the headquarters for Havaland china and anything you want in pretty dishes and vases.

When getting out of bed these cold mornings just think how nice it would be to step into a pair of those warm felt slippers at Robinsons.

Gum Boots, Rubbers, Macintoshes and rain coats at J. W. Leneve's will be paid for chickens by the Coquille Valley Packing Co.

O. Wilson & Co. have fine line of ladies' sweaters, wrappers and undershirts.

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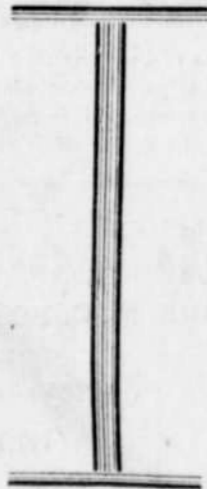
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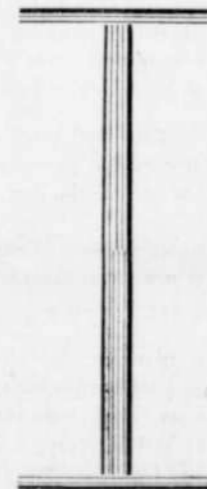
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