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JURY FINDS AGAINST GRAHAM.

T. R. Sheridan of Roseburg
Now Suing as a Director.

Word has been received here that the suit of R. A. Graham to recover about \$1,200,000 from John D. Spreckels & Bros. Company for the alleged wrongful conversion of his holdings was abruptly ended in the federal court at Portland by the judge instructing the jury to find for the defendants. J. S. Coke of Marshfield, represented the Southern Pacific Company, a co defendant in the suit as the latter company now own the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern Railway which was in contention.

Graham was the builder of the line, the construction work being financed by John D. Spreckels and Company of San Francisco. The latter eventually took over the road and then sold it to the Southern Pacific.

Now T. R. Sheridan of Roseburg, a director in Graham's company, has begun suit on about the same grounds that Graham made the basis of his suit. The latter case will probably come up for trial next week.

Concerning Mr. Sheridan's suit, a Portland paper says: Suit to recover possession of certain property in Marshfield, said to be approximately a quarter of a million dollars, was begun in the United States circuit court Monday by T. R. Sheridan, of Roseburg against the Southern Pacific Railroad company. The plaintiff claims that he is entitled to the land in question on the ground that it was granted to him by the citizens of Marshfield as a subsidy for building a railroad in which Sheridan was interested. The land consists principally of town lots in Marshfield, which have greatly increased in value during the past few years. The railroad company claim to have purchased the land years ago from Spreckels brothers of San Francisco in connection with a railroad deal and that Sheridan has no legal right to the property.—Times.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21.—A jury in the Federal court returned a verdict in favor of the Southern Pacific in the suit wherein T. R. Sheridan, of Roseburg, sought to recover from the railway company several blocks of land embraced in an addition to the town of Marshfield, Coos county, claimed by the defendant corporation. Counsel for plaintiff was granted 30 days by Judge Wolverton in which to move for a new trial or file a bill of exception.

Report on Shell Fish.
In his annual report to the governor, A. R. Sweeter, State biologist, says in part:
A little time was given to collecting and studying the crabs and shell fish at the mouth of the Umpqua River, and on the adjacent beaches. An interesting species of crabs was found living in the same shell with certain clams, but has not been fully classified. The special object of interest, however, was the edible crab, "cancer magister." A number of individuals of different ages were collected. Those of edible size are fairly abundant at present, but with the increase of population and the improvements in transportation they are likely to be rapidly thinned out, as is the case in some of the other bays along our coast.

Along the beach some shells were picked up which were apparently oysters shells, but which differed from our native oysters. As they were for the most part well smoothed and rounded, it is difficult to say whether they were brought from a considerable distance or were thrown up from some neighboring reef.

There were also indications in many places between the Umpqua and Coos Bay of beds of razor clams.
P. E. Drane keeps puffed rice a delicious dish for breakfast and for sick folks

Douglas Favors Good Roads.
Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 16.—The County Court of Douglas county went on records being decidedly in favor of GOOD ROADS. In fixing the annual tax levy for the year 1909, they provided 2.9 mills for road building purposes, which will provide the splendid sum of \$69,276.65 for road building purposes during the present year. In addition to this the special road taxes levied by the several districts of the county will bring the total funds to be expended for road purposes in this county to nearly \$107,000. In fixing the tax levy for the coming year the board have made an increase of but one mill over the total levy for last year, yet the last year's levy included only one mill for road purposes, as against 2.9 mills this year. Last year's general road tax amounted to a little over \$23,000. This year it will be about three times as much. For general county purposes last year's tax was over \$88,000. This year it will be about \$6,000 less. No deficiency will accrue on this account, however, as three general elections were held last year, the expense of which was about \$1,800 each. The county debt was less than \$23,000 on April 1, 1908.

Agricultural College Ask for Increase.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College it was decided necessary to petition the State Legislature for a considerable increase in the state appropriation. The board will ask for an increase of \$50,000 a year for maintenance; also \$60,000 will be asked for equipment for the next two years, \$45,000 for a Horticultural building, \$55,000 for an Agricultural Hall, \$35,000 for a central heating, place and \$35,000 for an armory and drill hall.

This was decided upon the presentation of President Kerr's report, which contained data disclosing the enormous growth of attendance during the past eight years. During the last two years the college has increased 57 per cent which is more than double that of Washington State College, and as much as five times as great as that of many of the segregated land grant Colleges. The enrollment for the year of 1907-1908 was 1166, while this year the attendance will number 1500. Although several new buildings have been constructed and many new members added to the faculty, the appropriations have not allowed an increase in accordance with the growth in attendance.

The cause of this growth lies in the fact that the college has put forth every effort to supply complete practical courses. In the School of Agriculture there are 83 courses offered in agricultural subjects. During the last two years the increase in the number of students pursuing the degree courses in Agriculture was 111 per cent while the actual amount of work given was increased 900 per cent. A similar growth is shown in the engineering courses, and also in the school of Domestic Science and Art.

Following is a clipping from the editorial page of the Morning Oregonian: "The student body of the Oregon Agricultural College is composed of some of the brightest young women and men in the state. They are pursuing studies which will fit them to develop and extend our industries. They are studying engineering, dairying, fruit growing, domestic science, stock breeding and similar branches. On the other hand the state is doing comparatively little to aid their work. Most of the support has thus far come from the United States Government, but it really appears as if it were now time for Oregon to do something substantial for the largest and most directly useful of her institutions. All that is spent upon them will come back in the development of industry and the enlargement of the higher life of the state."

County Court Proceedings.

Synopsis of the Proceedings at January 1909 Term.

In Re Expenses in Vacation after November, 1908 Term.
Seal Bounties, \$ 382.00
Indigent Soldiers, 80.00
Circuit Court, bailiffs, 53.00
Indigents, 393.09
Court house, 80.00
Telephone, 20.75
County Court, 2.50
Officers, 1374.59

In Re Expenses at the Regular January 1909 Term.
In Re Justice Court Expenses.
C L Pennock, Drawing jury list, 3.00
G W Tribbey, ditto, 2.00
Geo N Farrin, ditto, 2.00
A E Shuster, ditto, 3.00
J W Groat, ditto, 2.00
A H Diggman, ditto, 2.00
State vs Wm Robinson, 5.05
C L Pennock, J P fees, 7.80
J W Carter, Const fees, 1.70
Jo Howard, witness, 1.70
D H Hess, witness, 1.70
State vs Nels Olsen, 6.70
C L Pennock, J P fees, 3.95
J W Carter, const fees, 1.50
State vs Bungarter and Morris, 3.55
C L Pennock, J P fees, 4.45
State vs Frank Granholm, 4.45
C L Pennock, J P fees, 4.45
State vs Harry Wooden, 4.50
Harry McAdams, witness, 4.40
Minnie Wooden, witness, 5.75
E G D Holden, J P fees, 2.10
J E Perrott, const fees, 2.10
Wesley Gilman, witness, 2.10
State vs J A Linderman, 5.70
E G D Holden, J P fees, 5.70
State vs Samuel Hunter, 5.70
Geo P Topping, J P fees, 2.80
E E Gardner, const fees, 1.70
W A Lett, witness, 1.70
J W Crawford, witness, 1.70
Dr J Rossiter, witness, 1.70
State vs Thomas Kinnicut, 2.65
E A Dodge, J P fees, 2.95
State vs Joe Williams, 2.10
E A Dodge, J P fees, 2.10
Ed Johnson, 1.70
TW Drane, 1.70
John Yoakam, 1.70
C H Nosler, 1.70
T M Collier, 1.70
Carl Albrecht, 1.70
Fred Olson, 5.60
J W Hall, 17.20
H H Harris, 16.80
F M Friedberg, 18.60
Geo Montgomery, 19.20
E C Mather, 19.20
John Messerle, 4.60
J F Bullack, 9.40
H C Dorris, 16.20
J F VanLoven, 16.60
J A Smith, 17.80
E P Anderson, 16.20
L Harlocker, 12.00
H Lockhart, 5.60
E P Mast, 6.00
In re witnesses before Grand Jury,
E Rossiter, 7.20
Mrs L A Jorgan, 7.20
Melvin Johnson, 5.80
Finley Schroeder, 3.50
Richard Houghton, 3.70
Loren Knight, 3.80
Orion Johnson, 5.60
E J Crawford, 7.20
Ed Hsaland, 9.20
Irwin Nelson, 7.80
Ivan Rose, 7.80
Clare Davenport, 7.80
Thomas Weekly, 7.80
Lewis Kimbel, 6.20
E Caffery, 6.20
John Rogers, 6.20
Geo Murphy, 6.20
William Schrock, 6.20
Frank Sherman, 6.20
Russ Johnson, 2.00
Stanley Bartlett, 2.00
Wm Ogelsby, 2.00
F N McGinnis, 5.40
M A McGinnis, 5.40
W B Rohrer, 5.60
Charles Stewart, 6.20
Finley Hartley, 7.80
John Pullen, 6.20
John McCulley, 8.20
Isom Clinton, 9.20
Wright Porterfield, 8.00
Thomas Gaffey, 4.00
Joa Laird, 5.80

County Court Proceedings.

upon body of Mrs Walter Keating.
N Reichert, juror, 1.00
E Lindberg, " 1.00
D H White, " 1.00
J Longstaff, " 1.00
A Johnson, " 1.00
C Ouimette, " 1.00
Mrs A J Savage, wit, 1.50
Nettie Savage, " 1.50
Madge Savage, " 1.50
Mrs Houseworth, " 1.50
Mrs T Lawhorn, " 1.50
Archie Kruse, " 1.50
T J Lewis, coroner's fees, 14.70
Inquest upon body of John Jacobson.
I S Torrey, juror, 1.00
Andrew Winkler, " 1.00
Howard Evans, " 1.00
George Quape, " 1.00
J W Brainard, " 1.00
John Wasson, " 1.00
R C Hermance, witness, 1.50
Will Saunders, " 1.50
Jas S Wasson, " 1.50
A V Wickman, " 1.50
T J Lewis, coroner's fees, 11.65
Inquest upon body of Ruby Helmen.
W B Cox, juror, 1.00
John Josephson " 1.00
W P Murphy " 1.00
G E Murphy " 1.00
John Swanton " 1.00
C C Going " 1.00
Irene Davis, witness, 1.50
Alec Evanhoff " 1.50
H S Tower " 1.50
Leonard Hinch " 1.50
May Atherton " 1.50
E E Straw " 1.50
E Mingus " 1.50
Chas Buchanan " 1.50
E Mingus, autopsy, 25.00
T J Lewis, coroner's fees, 20.30
In re Circuit Court expenses—jurors' fees.
F E Willard, 15.60
J J Clinkenbeard, 20.80
Z T Siglin, 18.60
Ivy Condron, 18.60
W A Lett, 19.80
John Lamont, 21.60
J L Crosby, 18.60
E N Harry, 21.20
S C Bunch, 19.20
M J Krantz, 19.80
A P Sweet, 17.40
W F Hodson, 21.00
Ed Johnson, 15.40
TW Drane, 19.00
John Yoakam, 15.80
C H Nosler, 19.00
T M Collier, 19.80
Carl Albrecht, 18.60
Fred Olson, 5.60
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