

THE CIRCUIT COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

Quite a Lengthy Docket Before The Court. The Grand Jury Brings in Many Indictments. Schiebe Plead Guilty to Second Degree Murder In Killing Old Trapper, Webster

Judge Biggs convened the regular spring term of circuit court last Monday morning and at once empaneled a grand jury which began work and up to yesterday noon had brought in a total of 19 indictments. The grand jury consists of T. J. Shields, Ben Brown, Chas. Wilson, Chas. Laborence, T. J. Baker, Frank Dunn, Russell Smith.

District Attorney Brooke is assisted by C. H. Leonard, as deputy; Chas. Frye is court bailiff, J. R. Gould grand jury bailiff and H. C. Albritton has charge of the petit jury.

Considerable time has been occupied this week in getting criminal cases properly assigned and ready for trial. This seems to take time and yet but one criminal case had been tried up to yesterday afternoon.

Robt. Schiebe, who had been indicted for murder in the second degree, being accused of killing G. R. Webster, an aged trapper, last January, was tried before a jury yesterday morning to determine his sanity. The question to decide, according to the court, was whether the accused man was mentally capable of going to trial on the charge or not. The matter of his guilt or innocence of the crime was not considered. The jury decided that he should go to trial. When the man was brought in he entered a plea of guilty, which means a sentence to life imprisonment. There seems no question but the man is irrational at times and not in his right mind when he murdered the old trapper. Schiebe also burned Mr. Vollmer's barn and was indicted for this crime. He is a dangerous man and it is considered fortunate that he will be placed where he cannot be a menace to society.

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Plan Stock Fattening Experiments at Union

Important experiments in the feeding of stock are to be carried on at the Union branch experiment station of the Oregon Agricultural College. For this purpose a tract of 300 acres has just been set aside, and as rapidly as possible it will be put into alfalfa.

At present it will not support a large number of animals under experiment, but when the tract is finally developed it will provide for the fattening of 250 cattle and 2,500 lambs each year.

It is expected that this will develop a line of work which will be of great value to the live stock industry. It will enable the experts to handle a sufficiently large number of animals for a long enough period to make the results of the investigations certain beyond the question of the influence of season or the individual animal.

It is planned to start shortly a series of experiments, to cover three or four years, comparing the value in fattening of three methods of feeding. In one alfalfa alone will be fed; in the second, alfalfa with about 5 lbs of straw a day; and in the third, alfalfa with, toward the end of the fattening period 10 or 12 lbs. of grain a day. With 50 or a 100 cattle in each lot upon which an experiment is tried, and with the repetition of the test for several years, Prof. E. L. Potter believes he can secure data which will be absolutely reliable. Cattle and sheep will be made the main features, but hogs and other stock will be included incidently.

Look to Your Plumbing.

You know what happens in a house in which the plumbing is in poor condition—everybody in the house is liable to contract typhoid or some other fever. The digestive organs perform the same functions in the human body as the plumbing does for the house, and they should be kept in first class condition all the time. If you have any trouble with your digestion take Chamberlain's Tablets and you are certain to get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.

The Burns Hardware Co., is preparing a big order for field fence to be shipped the first of May. Parties desiring any special kind should see this firm before that stage where the state can thus save money.

GOVERNOR HOPES TO SAVE LAND FOR STATE

Says Federal Government Has Broken Contract With State and Appeals To Secretary of Interior for Redress. Indemnity School Selection Involving Some 25,000 Acres

Declaring that the decision of the commissioner of the general land office under date of March 8 holding for rejection indemnity school selection No. 291, La Grande series, is a violation of the contract made between the federal government and the state at the time the state was admitted into the union, Governor Oswald West is appealing to the secretary of the interior for a settlement. About 25,000 acres of school lands are involved.

In the brief of the case the governor is sending to Secretary Lane of the interior department, he says in part:

Under the terms of the compact the state was entitled to select any unappropriated public lands whether surveyed or unsurveyed and whether mineral or non-mineral, and that right exists and cannot be taken away without violating the terms of the said compact or act of admission.

"While the state has been denied its right to select 'other lands equivalent thereto, and as contiguous as might be, whether surveyed or unsurveyed mineral or non-mineral, congress and federal land department have permitted the Northern Pacific railroad to come within our borders and make selections of thousands of acres of valuable unsurveyed timber lands. This most unjustly deprives the school children of this state of their birthright.

"Under the authority of this act it appears that a number of executive orders have been issued withdrawing from entry certain public lands of this state and among them lands covered by a large number of indemnity school selections made by the state of Oregon many years ago and still pending in the general land office—thus trespassing still further upon the rights of this state.

"Matters have now reached that stage where the state of Oregon is all but denied every

long it would be before such investigations were made, we were informed that it would be hard to tell as the funds for this purpose were exhausted. The state then offered to provide the funds in order to expedite the investigation but was informed the rules of the department would not permit such action.

Have Come Here To Stay

D. L. Carmon, Geo. Cantrell and Mr. Osborn, all late of Montana, are new comers to this section and are accompanied by their families. Mr. Carmon states they are going to locate in this section and farm. The Times-Herald is informed the gentlemen are impressed with a small irrigation project promoted by W. T. Lester in the western part of this county and will investigate it with a view of taking land there and assist in reclaiming several hundred acres. It is described as an ideal tract for this purpose with sufficient water which can be conveyed on it at reasonable cost to it.

Mr. Carmon is well pleased with this territory and believes there are many people looking for just such a country in which to locate and help develop. With favorable weather we may now expect the homeseekers in great numbers.

It Was a Little Late

The Times-Herald received a telegram from Senator Chamberlain Tuesday respecting the mail service between here and Canyon in which stated he had taken the matter up with the Department. It was rather late however, as we had received a daily mail from Canyon for eight days up to that time and while we appreciate his efforts in asking for relief, it came rather late.

It is hoped the present temporary service will continue until the regular contract is let to take effect the first of May. The service is now quite satisfactory and if the contractors can do this during the bad roads period they ought to be able to continue during the remainder of the time.

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TWO SERIOUS PESTS IN OREGON GARDENS

Assistant Entomologist of Agricultural College Experiment Station Gives Valuable Information Respecting Control and Eradication of Slugs and Millipeds. Cover Big Area

"Two serious pests of the garden in Oregon are the millipeds and the slugs," says A. L. Lovett, assistant entomologist of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station.

"They feed on a variety of garden crops and, apparently, their depredations are becoming each season more severe and extended over a greater area. Neither of these pests is an insect in the strictest sense of the word, but the serious nature of their attack warrants us in giving attention to them.

"The millipeds are elongated, worm-like creatures closely allied to the centipedes. The segments are well marked, the integument fairly hard. They may be distinguished from the closely allied forms in that they have two pairs of legs to each segment.

"The slugs are slimy, repulsive, snail-like creatures, mottled gray in color, and about two inches in length when mature. A mucus slime is exuded from numerous glands on the body. This forms a slimy trail on whatever object the slug crawls over.

"The millipeds feed on sprouting seeds and later burrow into the roots or up into the fruit where it is in contact with the soil.

"The slugs feed at night usually and do most of their injury at the surface of the ground. They feed, however, to a depth of 3 inches or more in the soil, and climb up to feed on the leaves, even attacking the foliage of the bush fruits.

"Birds feed on the slugs, also moles, shrews, certain of the carabid beetles and centipedes aid in holding these pests in check.

"Traps consisting of pieces of boards, sacking and similar materials placed about the field also prove inviting. The pests collect here, and by going over the field in the early morning they may be collected in a salt water

solution or otherwise destroyed. "Arsenical sprays applied with an underspray nozzle to the lower surface of the leaves will help control the slugs. Poison bran mash, consisting of 16 lbs. coarse bran, 2 qts cheap syrup and enough warm water to make a coarse mash is very good for cutworms, and should be equally effective for slugs. It should be placed in small heaps about the plants to be protected.

"Air slaked lime, 10 parts, with 1 part white hellebore powder, scattered over the soil proves a protection against the slugs; but the application must be repeated after a rain. A strong salt solution applied to the slugs will kill them, but it must be used with care as the salt will injure some plants. Cabbage leaves dipped in grease drippings and placed about the fields prove attractive bait for the slugs, which may then be collected there.

"For the millipeds bits of potato placed about in the surface soil will prove an attractive food, and in this way the sprouting seed may be protected. It would seem that this material might be poisoned and thus serve a double purpose."

Right of Way Suits Settled

Right-of-way Agent Harris of the Oregon & Eastern Railway was in the city this week having come in to look after some suits started in the circuit court for a right to run a line through some private lands. Suits were brought against Fred Otley, Mr. Sprulock and Frank Fister, all of which were settled without going into court. This gives the road the entire right-of-way to Dog Mountain we understand. Mr. Harris left Wednesday morning for other points. He had nothing for publication as to the work on the line.

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