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CIRCUIT COURT DISPOSES OF MANY CASES

Right of Way Damages on Highway Awarded.

ONE CRIMINAL CASE TRIED

Heavy Docket Will Require Holding Court All Next Week; Special Juror Venire Issued.

The circuit court has been grinding out considerable business during the past week and will be kept grinding during all of next week if the present docket is to be gotten out of the way. Special venire of jurors have been secured in order to keep the cases moving rapidly.

Among the cases disposed of during the present week are:

Law

Pacific Live Stock Co. vs. W. E. Smith and Hubert Smit. This is a case wherein the defendants bid in what is known as the Swan Lake ranch on a foreclosure. They had possession for a time but before the period of redemption had expired W. O. Howell, the owner, through a lease with the P. L. S. Co., redeemed the property and the suit was brought for an accounting of the products of the place during the time the Smiths were in possession. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$4,990.44.

Two right-of-way suits brought in connection with the highway between Burns and Lawen have been tried and others are before the court today. The two suits disposed of are Paul Howes in which the jury awarded damages to the amount of \$500, attorney's fees of \$50 and \$55 per acre for the land actually taken for the highway, amounting to five and a half acres. The second suit was W. A. Wallace in which the owner was awarded \$275 damages, \$25 an acre for the land covered and the usual attorney fee.

The suit of Milton S. Hall vs. W. W. Brown for damages resulted in the jury awarding the plaintiff \$275 damages.

Criminal

State vs. Preadley and Fred Smyth, charged with larceny, continued for the term.

State vs. Rodney Davis, obtaining food and lodging with intent to defraud. Jury failed to agree. A second charge against the same defendant charging him with larceny by bailment, the jury found him guilty.

State vs. E. R. Carter, charged with wanton injury to an animal, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

State vs. Tom Bailey and Frank McBurney, charged with larceny of seven calves, is set for trial next week.

Another indictment against Frank McBurney for larceny of a cow is also set for next week.

State vs. C. A. Downs charged with the larceny of ten quarts of whiskey, will be tried next week.

These are all the cases of particular public interest before the court during the week.

MILLER & LUX ARE RESTOCKING RANGE

A large drove of Miller & Lux cattle was started Monday from the company's ranch below town for one of the ranches in the northern part of the county. Before the winter set in a large number of cattle were driven in from the ranges and shipped to the company's ranches in California to be pastured. The cattle now being driven out are the first of the homecoming cattle to arrive and many trainloads are to follow. The animals are again to be distributed over the company's ranges in northern Humboldt and southeastern Oregon.—Winemucca Star.

Judge Geo. E. Davis is over from his home at Vale looking after some legal business in the circuit court.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN BOOST EDUCATIONAL TAX

The people of this city were taken unawares yesterday afternoon when the entire public school appeared on the main street in a serpentine formation carrying many banners calling attention to the higher educational tax for the U. of O., O. A. C. and the state Normal. They attracted considerable attention and no doubt brought the attention of many voters to this much needed law. We must give our educational institutions necessary support. It is just as one banner proclaimed: "Children First." Mr. Sutton expected to have a drum corps head his parade but was disappointed. This would have brought more people out to witness the demonstration and heretofore more effective.

IRA N. GABRIELSON IS ROUGH ON RATS

Gabrielson has been putting one over on the Lakeview Examiner. No doubt he can get away with squirrels, jack rabbits, etc., and we know from personal observation he can get away with good food that is placed before him, but to concoct a bait that the sage rats will fight for has to be proven to this shop before it will be taken as 100 per cent. Read what is said of him in the Lakeview paper: Ira N. Gabrielson, who makes a specialty of destroying predatory rodents, such as sage rats, locally known as ground squirrels, jack rabbits and the like, is now proving his prowess in that line of work in this vicinity. He is in the employ of the Biological Survey, and it is said that the sage rats are so fond of the bait he puts out that they often engage in fierce battles in their efforts to secure the coveted bait.

From Mr. Gabrielson it is learned that most of us have been following a false line of reasoning in our attempts to poison the rodents. Instead of placing the poisoned grain in or near the holes it should be scattered around their feeding places, such for instance as along the runways. When placed in small lots close to the holes the rodents seem to be of the opinion that it was placed there for some other purpose than for them to feed on, and hence frequently refuse to eat it. But when scattered some distance from their homes they evidently considered it something choice and lose no time in gathering it up.

Just Bluffers.

We Americans have a great habit of finding fault with our public officials, in congress and elsewhere. If their officials acts do not please us we are quick to pass censure, to say what we think. This is praiseworthy for it indicates that we are a thinking people. But we do not say these things to the officials themselves, and that is not praiseworthy. It indicates that we prefer to sit back and growl rather than put the case directly up to the official concerned. It is an easy way of letting off steam, and accomplishes nothing but the ragging of our own dispositions. Our officials know this, and because they do know it they are frequently quite indifferent to our views. When we talk with a big stick and smite with a broomstick we are at nothing and hit less. That's us.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Will McLaren received a letter from her mother this week announcing the death of A. J. Wilson, a former resident of this community. Mr. Wilson was the grandfather of Mrs. McLaren and will be remembered by many of the pioneer residents of this section. He formerly owned the farm later known as a part of the Hanley barley farm. Mr. Wilson left here some twenty years ago for the coast and had since been making his home in Coos county. He died at Coquille, Oregon, on March 23.

Frank Allen is again up from Portland looking after some business affairs in this community. He does not know whether he will remain in this city for the present or not.

URGES IRRIGATION AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Former Banker Points to Importance of Projects to Development.

"Don't let anything or any individual stand in the way of progress," said J. L. Gault, former cashier of the First National Bank, in conversation with a representative of this paper the other day. "Get your irrigation; get your highway. They are essential to the advancement of this part of the country and when you have these you have certainly a wonderful country."

Mr. Gault was here a few weeks ago and then expressed his delight at the trend of affairs at that time. He was called back from Spokane as a witness in a case before the circuit court and while waiting for the case to be called he devoted his time to calling upon his many friends and acquaintances.

"Concentrate every effort toward the desired end and brook no delay in its consummation," continued Mr. Gault. "You have been handicapped in the past for lack of unity; don't let that enter into this new order of things—keep it moving."

Mr. Gault spent several active years in this community and knows our frailties of the past and recalled some of the misguided efforts of former years. He realizes the wonderful future of this as a stock country and that it is second to none in productivity when properly irrigated and farmed.

His advice is good and should be followed by our citizens in their attitude toward the future. Let the past take care of itself and look to the future.

Get Behind it.

Some of the business people of Burns are not giving the support they could toward the coming Cattle and Horse Raisers convention. They seem to think it is the other fellow's job to make all the arrangements and most of the expense. This convention is a big affair, one that will tax the hospitality of this town and it is up to each citizen to do their particular part. It isn't a matter of whether it will bring you any direct return, it is a matter of hospitality to guests who have been invited to our big country to see what a real stock country is and they will expect to receive the consideration due them from stockmen to their neighbors. It is not alone a town affair, in fact the town is secondary, but it is the duty of this town to put its best foot forward in aiding the stockmen to creditably acquit themselves. The stockmen will do their part and we must do ours. Don't get the notion it is not your affair for it is, just as much as it is the other fellow's.

HOSPITAL NOTES

(Contributed)
Capt. A. W. Gowan is still at the Kings Hospital, slowly convalescing. Miss Lulu Hayes had her tonsils removed at the Kings Hospital April 9, by Dr. Smith.
Wallie Creaman also had his tonsils removed this week at the Kings Hospital. Dr. Smith performed the operation.
Mr. Acton of Drewsey is at the Kings Hospital, with a bad knee.
Mr. Dibble of Silver Creek is at Kings Hospital for the week under care of Dr. Smith.
Mr. James Mustard of Drewsey country is at Kings Hospital.
Uncle Bob McKinnon was taken to Kings Hospital in a serious condition the middle of the week.

Mrs. C. A. Barrett is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lewis today. Mrs. Barrett has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shields, of Silver creek and is on her way to her home at Nampa.

Ed. Stallard was over from his stock ranch on Otis creek the first of this week. He was accompanied over by C. L. Webber who had been aiding him in feeding during the winter.

FUNDS PROVIDED FOR NEW MARKET ROADS

Money to be Divided Between Burns-Narrows and Crane-Well Hill Roads.

Commissioner Hass received a telegram the first of this week announcing that the State Highway had appropriated money for Harney county market roads. A total of \$28,700 is now available for the two market roads designated, one between Crane and Well Hill and the other between Burns and Narrows.

According to information given out by the commissioners it is the intention to divide the funds equally between the two projects. The Crane-Well Hill road is to be graded and after that is completed will be graveled as far as funds are available. The graveling to be done on that part of the road most needed to the south where it passes through an alkali territory.

The first thing to have attention on the Burns-Narrows road will be a new grade over Wright's Point eighteen feet wide and a five per cent grade. After this is completed the road will receive a coating of gravel beginning at the intersection of the highway at the Hanley lane.

Community Nurse.

The money invested by the people in Christmas seals is being returned in health service through the installation of additional county public health nurses by the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, Miss Jane C. Allen, state advisory nurse and organizer of public health nursing for the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, has just completed a tour of eastern and central Oregon during which she visited Pendleton, La Grande and Bend, consulting with the county public health nurse in La Grande and the Red Cross nurses in Pendleton and Bend. Miss Louise Zorn, the Union county nurse, is planning for the weighing and measuring of the school children of the county with the hope that a children's clinic will eventually be opened. Miss Zorn has won the confidence of the entire county on account of the splendid manner in which she handled the influenza epidemic. There is some discussion in La Grande of installing a school nurse for the city to relieve Miss Zorn for the remainder of the county.

Miss Florence Smiley, the Umatilla Red Cross nurse, has had the cooperation of the Parent-Teacher Association in the establishment of a children's clinic which is held every Saturday afternoon in the Pendleton city hall. This has been in operation several months and is gaining rapidly in popularity and scope. Miss Margaret Brems, is doing good work in Deschutes county in the matter of school inspection and the weighing and measuring of children.

Three new county public health nurses have recently been placed. Miss Ruth B. Young, a graduate of John Hopkins Institute has been made Multnomah County public health nurse, outside of Portland, and is doing exceptionally fine work in the rural schools. Miss Charlotte E. Walker, recently arrived from the east, has been placed as Red Cross nurse in Linn county. Miss Walker was an overseas nurse and during her term of service was both gassed and wounded. Miss Sara, Howell, formerly of West Virginia, will take up her duties as Harney county public health nurse early in April. During the demonstration period of three months her salary will be paid by the Oregon Tuberculosis Association and other expenses incident to the demonstration will be met by the Red Cross and the American Legion.

Douglas Ritchie, a graduate of the O. A. C., arrived here last night to assume his duties as irrigation assistant to Supt. Shattuck at the experiment station. The young man took a special course in irrigation and is prepared to do some good work. Supt. Shattuck states they have things in pretty good shape at the station at this time.

HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT ATTRACTS MANY VISITORS

Yesterday afternoon the Harney County High School held an art exhibition of art at the Commercial club rooms. An admission was charged of a nominal sum and their usual Friday afternoon program rendered, consisting of music, readings, etc. There were many patrons present, in fact the club room was completely filled with an appreciative gathering of people who generously applauded each number of the excellent program rendered and afterward partook of tea and viewed the art.

Some very credible pictures were exhibited, the best artists being represented and the variety covered a wide field. The writer is not an art critic, therefore will not go into details in connection with this exhibition, but feels that we should have more of such exhibitions and gatherings.

200-MILE TRIP MADE TO TIE NUPTIAL KNOT

BEND, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—A trip of 200 miles in search of a clergyman or civil authority vested with power to perform the marriage service was ended when John Carroll and Gertrude M. Baldwin of Drewsey found Rev. H. C. Hartranft of Bend Presbyterian church. The wedding ceremony was performed at the parsonage, and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll will be at home to their friends within a few days in Drewsey.

Accompanied by his bride-to-be, Mr. Carroll started his long trip last week, driving the 50 miles to Burns, where it was expected that the wedding would be held. They were able to obtain their license without difficulty, but when it came to the wedding they encountered obstacle after obstacle. No ministers were available, the county judge was out of town and the justice of the peace was ill. Bend was the next stop, and 150 miles more landed them at the door of a clergyman's home.—Oregonian.

The above makes a pretty good story. The couple procured a license here and found the only minister in this part of the country was in Crane 34 miles away; the justice of the peace was in town and was seen on the street at noon, as well as the minister, who had returned from Crane and they were asked by the newspaper man if they had performed a wedding ceremony but neither had. Mr. Carroll and Mrs. Baldwin likely wanted to make a little wedding trip the cause of their going on over to Bend where the ceremony was performed, as they knew they could procure the necessary officer or minister nearer had they desired to get them.

HEN DOES DOUBLE DUTY

Geo. Buchanan has a hen story. He says he has one hen out at the ranch that has been doing double duty. The other day upon gathering the eggs they found one that was too large to go into the crate they used for sending to market so Mrs. Buchanan decided George could have it for his breakfast. She broke the outside shell and found it contained but one yolk, when she had expected to find two. The surprise came when she discovered another fully formed hard shelled egg inside the other; the shell being even harder than the outside one. Upon breaking it she found this egg to be normally formed in every respect but not so large as an ordinary hen egg.

MORE MOISTURE AND WARMER WEATHER

Thursday night we received more moisture in the form of rain. It was a good one and lasted most of the night and far into the forenoon of the following day. With such visitations we are going to get by even though the flood is going to be light. Those who observe seasons from year to year are confident we are going to have considerable moisture during the growing season if past years are to be taken as a criterion. At any rate it is starting off most encouraging in that respect.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mahon were in the city Thursday.

BIG CHURCH CONVENTION NEXT WEEK

Interchurch World Movement Conference.

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welfare And Activity of The Church is Community Affair, Says Pastor; Fine Programs.

Teams of speakers have been definitely selected for the Interchurch World Movement county conference which opens at First Presbyterian Church in the city of Burns, on April 15. The first meeting starts at 9:30 o'clock, and all sessions are open to persons interested in church activities.

Members of the team are as follows: Rev. C. W. Swander, Portland; Rev. R. L. Dunn, Astoria; H. O. Stone, Portland; Rev. Wm. J. Luscombe, Ontario; Mrs. Wm. Mell Case Eugene.

The county conference has three main objectives: To present the surveys which reveal the needs of the world in life and money; presentation of life evangelistic and financial campaigns, and the rally of denominational and community forces for the complete organization of the county.

Twelve exhibits, in addition to the stereopticon apparatus, will be carried by the team for display at the conference and as an aid to bringing out the results of the surveys and the problems before the people of the county. A special man will accompany the teams to care for the lantern and stereopticon equipment.

The program of the conference is to begin with a statement of the Interchurch World Movement and world conditions today, and will include the following: Presentation of the united financial campaign denominational rallies and meetings of special groups of state financial campaign directors, presentation of the foreign survey and World Outlook and Everyland; a composite department address, an explanation of the home surveys and the county surveys an address on the program of evangelism; an explanation of the county organization by the convener for the county; a woman's address on corporation and an address on laymen's activities. It is planned that during the afternoon there will be a special meeting for young people and meetings for local church financial organizations. In the evening there will be a composite survey lantern slide address by the team leader.

"The county Interchurch conference to be held at Burns, on April 15, is in reality a community affair," said Rev. B. S. Hughes, the county convener who is in charge of the meeting for this county. "It is going to be simply a get together meeting of the Protestant churches, at which they will talk over their common problems and common aims. They will also examine the question of making the church, as a whole, a more vital medium in the various communities in this county."

"The task which the churches set before themselves is a public and a social task. The welfare and activity of the church is one of the most important of community undertakings, and the working together of the Protestant denominations, as exemplified in the Interchurch World Movement signifies the mobilization of Christian forces for a thoroughgoing and large scale treatment of these tasks. The addresses to be given at the county conference will enable everyone to visualize more clearly and in concrete terms just what the churches' problems are, and thus enable us all to prepare for a direct and vigorous application of Christian principles to definite local issues."

"The financial campaign, the last week in April, is for the raising of a

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