

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the Fiestre case and now Fiestre must pay the penalty of the law.

Kansas has been so abundantly blessed with good crops this year that her farmers have been able to pay off \$40,000,000 of the mortgages on their farms.

Superintendent Gilbert's report on the Oregon penitentiary for the quarter ending September 30th, 1897 shows 32 convicts, 21 of whom are from Southern Oregon.

It is currently reported that in all probability Ex-Congressman, M. C. George will succeed the late Judge T. A. Stephens as criminal judge in the state circuit court.

Orin C. Emery, editor of the Yamhill Independent, has sold his outfit to parties who will take the plant to Eastern Oregon. Mr. Emery will, for the present, retire from the field of journalism. We wish him success in whatever line he may follow.

Weyler is so loath to let go his hold in Cuba that he has been almost insolent to Sagasta, the Spanish Premier. If Sagasta would let this cruel monster alone for a time the Cubans would render valuable service in disposing of him.

Senator Morgan will, when the senate meets, urge that body to ratify the treaty, making the Hawaiian islands a part of Uncle Sam's domain. He says that his visit to the islands has made him stronger in his belief that the islands should be a part of our country.

Claus Speckie, the great millionaire sugar king, with his wife, is domiciled in his new palace in the city of San Francisco. The palace was built and furnished in accordance with the taste of the daughter they so much loved, but the daughter is not there to enjoy the beauties and such comforts as wealth can bring. The old people occupy the palace in their loneliness to grieve over the absence of Emma who is but a short distance away—yet far, far from this home. The young lady forsook father and mother to cast her lot for pleasure or for sorrow with Tom Watson and this estrangement parents that a reconciliation to nature such as they have is not likely to soon materialize.

The Cubans have great anticipations of overthrowing the Spanish this winter and to that end a desperate effort will be made. The insurgents were never bet-

ter equipped to carry on the war than they are at the present time. It is not to be expected that General Blanco will accomplish any more towards bringing the war to a close than did Weyler, although in his effort he may be more humane about it. The Cubans have gone so far in this struggle that they will more than likely refuse any offer on the part of Spain looking to submission on their part. It is now a fight to the finish, death or complete liberty, and if they gain their freedom it will be many years before this Spanish blood can govern itself without revolution after revolution.

WALTERS' ACQUITTAL.

Last Thursday in Justice Ora Brown's court near Wilderville, John A. Walters, the saloon man, was tried before a jury of 12 men on a charge of assault and battery. The jury, after being out a few minutes, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

In reviewing this case it is not our intention to strike a blow at the justice, he, the jury, or the defendant, but we want to look over and beyond men at the principle involved, and to deal with this in its influence upon the community.

Much has been said since this matter arose about personalities, persecution and abuse, but no one can show wherein the Corman has done otherwise than to weigh matters carefully and then to speak plainly what it thinks is right without the least personal feeling whatever, for that belongs to a class of men of whom we will be neither part nor parcel. The situation as we look at it: Mr. Walters committed the assault and battery, as the records in the city auditor's court will show, and he paid a nominal fine of \$3, but when arranged in Justice Brown's court a plea of "not guilty" was entered, yet at the same time the defendant admitted on the witness stand that he had once pleaded guilty to the assault. The defendant's attorney in his trade before the jury practically admitted the assault, but justified it on the ground that the article which appeared in the News was sufficient to provoke it, and also that the defendant had paid one fine, which was as he claimed enough. Any attorney who knows anything ought to know that there is no word of tongue or pen under the law, which would justify an assault, and he should know, further, that the fact of the defendant's having paid a small fine, when but one side only was heard, was no bar, either in law or in justice against further proceedings. The also said News article should have had nothing whatever to do in this case, in fact the justice did overrule it, but the defendant's attorney kept harping upon that article in order to impress the jury, contrary to the court's ruling. If this article were false and slanderous to the accused, the proper recourse should have been taken through the channels of the law, where sufficient redress ought to be granted, but if the accused fails to obtain what of right would belong to him, then there justice would be greatly perverted, as it has been in the case under discussion.

No one who knows anything about this affair would doubt for a moment but that McLean would have been joshed up by the clutches of the law, if what he said in the article were false. No one who is cognizant of the facts in this assault and battery case, honestly believes for a moment that the demands of justice have been satisfied, yet under color of law the defendant is victor. But what are the effects which must necessarily follow when justice fails? If a man does not pay the penalty for his violation of law, the community or country will. There is and ought to be such a thing as public virtue, without which a republican form of government cannot maintain itself. While intelligence should be a road leading to virtue, it does not follow that such is the case, therefore we must have something more than mere knowledge to maintain a government wherein the people rule. As this matter now stands a public virtue is involved, a sacred principle, and if this be overthrown, which it necessarily must be unless a check is put upon the present condition of things, it strikes a fatal blow at our homes, which make the government under which we live.

This question, viewed in the light of public virtue, is not a victory for Mr. Walters and nothing else, were it that and nothing more we could pass it by as of little consequence, but it is a victory for a principle, and that principle is vice. Were Walters the representative of that principle so much the worse for him. How any body can exult over a violation of law and over the violation of the ethics of society, is more than we can comprehend. Any man has a right to do as he pleases, so long as he pleases to govern himself in accordance with law and the ethics of decent custom. There is an unwritten law which governs society, and this is just as sacred and should be just as thoroughly guarded as any written law of the land.

Now to our readers, especially in Grants Pass, you who have sons and daughters, yet tender of years and still under your protection, let us insist that you consider carefully these things, do not pass them by, by saying that the Corman is fighting for one man against another man, we have told you that our aim is beyond men for the safety and purity of your homes. There is no use in our telling you what influence these things will have upon your children if they are allowed to grow up in the midst of them. You know what your duty is; it is our duty to urge you to action, to not hesitate if you are in business for fear that you will lose a customer, or if you are wanting office, for fear you will lose a vote. Better lose both than to have your children tainted with vice. Remember the COURIER is an alarmist but always conservative.

THAT LITTLE HATCHET.

On all sides we see evidence of the good work we are doing in stimulating the activities of our own people in the direction of promoting our mining industry and in attracting the attention of outsiders to our mineral wealth. In consequence, capital is flowing into Southern Oregon, our mines are being sold and being equipped with expensive machinery, and our streets are crowded with strangers from everywhere to examine our mines and invest. In a word, Southern Oregon is prosperous, a condition admitted by all fair minded persons to be due in a large measure to the persistent hammering of this journal. In return, we might naturally look for at least some advertising patronage from the persons who are reaping the principal benefit from this state of affairs—the hardware, clothing and grocery merchants of this place. We are putting dollars into the pockets of these men, but have no expectation of being able to shame them into a recognition of that fact. Some men, like the horse leech, continually cry "give!" "give!" but never give back. They are always ready to profit by the labors of others, but do nothing in return. If Grants Pass ever passes beyond the town stage it will be in spite of these men.—Mining Journal.

Come now, sharpen up that little hatchet and strike a blow.
Charley's Opinion.
 The trial of J. A. Walters (who took place before the justice of the peace of State creek precinct, at Wilderville, last week, on a charge of venue, resulted in the acquittal of the defendant. The verdict is generally endorsed.—Jacksonville Times.

Resolutions.
 At a meeting of citizens Tuesday night the following resolutions were adopted and ordered published:
 Whereas, In view of the fact that in the city of Grants Pass a law abiding citizen has been rudely and willfully assaulted; and
 Whereas, The offender having been arrested and tried by a jury, was acquitted when his guilt was evident; and
 Whereas, Such thwarting of justice is a serious menace to our homes, our town and our county, therefore,
 Be it resolved by the undersigned citizens of the city of Grants Pass that we earnestly condemn such proceedings as being both intolerable and incompatible with law and order, and further,
 Be it resolved that we will do all in our power to see that the law is strictly enforced and criminals brought to justice.

W. C. Cramer, N P Dodge, H C Kinney, J Parker, R L Coe, J S Furdum, John H Williams, Eclius Pollock, F L Coran, R Thomas, W S Barrie, John D Fry, C L Bolzoni, J W Howard, C L Shaugnessy, A E Voorhies, C S Price, O C Terrell, J M Hunter, J E Peterson, Edward Pace, T A Hood, H H Barton, R O McCroskey, H. A. Rotermund, E C Dixon, E E Dunbar, J Myers, J C Campbell, A J Pike, A Bartlett, W L Ireland, J W Coffman, F W Van Dyke, T B Cornell, J S Moore, S S Prentiss, J W Shier, G S Person, J H Sampson, Jas A Slover, E D Thompson, Geo S Calloun, J J Knuth, John Hackett, V A Peterson, B McArthur, A L Edgerton, John L Scovill, J S Pool, R A Booth, Geo H Miller, N F Jenkins, W F Kremer, J R Gunning, C D Welter, J K Piggy, J A Schmitt, J Pr er, M M Bonnage, F W Williams, M A Werz, Isaac Dawson, J A Crauchfield, Robert Pool, J A Rehkopf, J F Kenney, D S Stewart, J E Kerley, C S Stewart, S Croisant, J C Farr, Harry Smith, F W Chasse, W J Jackson, G S Johnson, C M Terrell.

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Kerby Items.
 Show in town tonight.
 Mrs. Ida Wing is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Farren.
 The rain has raised the rivers and the miners can commence work.
 M. Johns arrived home Thursday after a weeks stay in Grants Pass and vicinity.
 C. E. Harmon of Grants Pass, is having a new house built on the Fiestre farm.
 Miss Lucy George closed a very successful term of school in the Monte Vista district, last Friday.

The farewell party given for Miss Blanche James last Friday night was well attended. Mrs. James and daughter left here Wednesday morning for Grants Pass where they will take the train for their old home in Ohio where Mrs. James will visit her parents and Miss Blanche will attend school this winter. They will be greatly missed by their many friends.
 The 12 year-old daughter of Mr. Shipley died on Monday, October 19, of fever, after lingering for six weeks. The family have the sympathy of their many friends.
 Too tender for earth, her fleeting soul has fled
 And claimed its kindred among the dead.
 O'er remains of everlasting bliss to roam
 And found at last its long sought, peaceful home.

Be it so, nor will we grieve,
 For life returns to Him who gave,
 'Tis ours to hope, submit, believe,
 And fix our views beyond the grave.
 CLOTH.

Williams Items.
 Mr. Charles Stratton, a well known miner, who has been spending several months in Portland returned to Williams creek last week.
 George Topping returned to Bend on the first of the week after a very pleasant visit at home.

The cattle men of Williams valley have most of their stock driven in from the mountains.
 Messrs. York and Russell of Missouri Flat went to the mountains this first of the week after their cattle; there have been several snows and the cattle are seeking a lower altitude.
 Miss Catherine Chapman, who has been spending several days visiting her parents, returned to Jacksonville this week to resume her duties in the high school.
 Several "crows" of apple packers are at work on Williams creek and Apple gate packing fruit for Miller & Perkins.
 Rev. Osburn preached at the Baptist church last Sunday.
 W. C. Siles was in the city last week.

Miss Mattie Motie, who accompanied Mrs. Lucy Hall to Missouri in the spring, returned to Jacksonville in the high school.
 Frank Traver is suffering with a felon on his hand.
 Mrs. Clara Cime of Jacksonville visited friends and relatives in the valley a short time ago.
 Rev. Harper came out from Grants Pass last week.
 Henry Pfaff and wife spent several days in Grants Pass last week. Con.

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Bad Train Wreck.
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- 8 yards 11 oz duck 30 inches wide \$1.00
- 5 yards 11 oz duck 40 inches wide \$1.00
- 5 yards all wool red flannel \$1.00
- 8 Towels all pure linen \$1.00
- 12 yards Malabar fleeced suiting \$1.00
- 8 yards extra heavy feather ticking \$1.00
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- 10 pair of ladies hose \$1.00
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