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THE GRAND JURY MAKES ITS REPORT

Recommends That the County Books Be Experted on General Principles.

To the Honorable H. K. Hauns, Judge:

We, the grand jury for the County of Josephine, State of Oregon, drawn for the September, 1906, term of the circuit court, respectfully report:

That we have diligently inquired into all cases in which defendants were bound over to wait action of this court, and returned true bills where justifiable, and not true bills in the other cases; that we have examined into many complaints brought by private prosecutors, and returned true bills where justifiable, and dismissed the others.

We have examined the county records, and find them neatly kept. Lack of time has prevented an examination into accounts, or the finances of the county. As various complaints have been made to us as to financial matters of the county, the correctness of which we have not had time to determine, and as the books of the county have not been expeted for more than 10 years, we respectfully suggest that the county court appoint three disinterested taxpayers to serve without pay, who shall recommend to the county court one or more experts, who shall be disinterested and competent, to examine into the financial affairs, records and proceedings of the county and of the county court, and respectfully ask that the county court contract for such work with some expert or experts to be chosen from the number recommended by said taxpayers; that the experts examine carefully into the financial affairs of the county covering a period of 10 years last past, that they examine into public matters touching the county as transacted by county officials within the said time, and that such examination be made under the supervision of such taxpayers. That said experts report from time to time to said taxpayers, for instructions as to matters to be investigated, and follow the instructions of such taxpayers. That they make final report as to their findings and as to the financial conditions of the county, and the administration of its affairs during the 10 years last past. This recommendation is made without reflection upon any public officers or servants, but because we believe that such investigations should be made from time to time.

We respectfully recommend that the county purchase a small farm of good land near the county seat to be used as a poor farm, where the county shall keep all of its charges at all times; that it employ a competent physician at fair compensation, who shall attend the county poor when required, under annual contract. It has been the custom for years in this

county to distribute numbers of the county charges in various parts of the county, so that the expense of medical attendance is greatly increased over the expense of keeping the poor at one place and caring for them by contract. Because the county charges are at this time in various parts of the county we are unable to visit them and to ascertain their condition.

We find that attorneys and others have been in the past allowed to take from the court house various public records, and have been negligent about returning them, and would respectfully suggest that an order be made by the proper authority, permitting such papers to be taken only upon order of the proper judge, or upon receipt given stating the time within which return shall be made of the papers, conditioned that failure to return the papers at the time provided in the receipt shall be a bar to the party taking other papers from the office of their keeping, until a penalty provided in the order shall be complied with or that some other effective plan suggested by the court be adopted to prevent public records from being kept for an unreasonable time away from the office provided for their safe keeping.

Having performed our duties, we respectfully ask to be discharged.

Grants Pass, Ore., September 27, 1906.
JOHN D. FRY, Foreman.
DAVID BRIGGS,
R. C. FORD,
J. O. GIBSON,
J. D. DRAKE,
C. C. EDWARDS,
J. W. LEITH.

National Convention—Knights of Pythias.

New Orleans, Louisiana, October 15th, to 25th, 1906.

For the above occasion round trip tickets will be on sale from Grants Pass under the following conditions:

- (a) Both ways via Southern Pacific and El Paso, \$75.85.
- (b) Both ways via Portland, Denver and Texline, \$89.15.
- (c) Both ways via Portland, Kansas City and St. Louis, or St. Paul and St. Louis, \$94.30.
- (d) Both ways via Portland and Chicago, \$101.10.

Going transit limit 10 days from date of sale, final return limit November 15th.

Stoppers will be granted in either direction within limit of tickets at points west of St. Louis, and Chicago.

Rates for tickets going via routes B, C or D, returning via California or vice versa, will be \$13.50 higher than the Portland, rate via route used. Wm. McMURRAY, G. P. A.

For Fire Insurance
The O. F. R. A. of McMinnville are the cheapest and have 12 years standing without a peer in Oregon for settling fire losses. That tells the tale. Don't be deceived by other agents who have selfish motives. In no event will it cost you more than the standard stock companies charge per annum. H. B. HENDRICKS, Agt Grants Pass, Ore. 7-27 t

WILSON IS WANTED IN MINNESOTA

Charges of Burglary and Embezzlement Are Booked Against Him.

W. E. Wilson, who was tried in the circuit court last week and sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary at Salem for issuing and passing bogus checks the Saturday previous, is wanted by the sheriff of Cass county, Minnesota, where he operated under the name of W. E. Babcock and also at other points under the name of W. E. Allen. On Tuesday Sheriff Russell received a circular from Sheriff Alex E. Riddle of Walker, Minn., giving a description of Babcock which tallies exactly and a photograph which is a perfect likeness of Wilson although it was taken nine years ago when Wilson, alias Babcock, was wanted for burglary in Douglas county, Minn. The circular states that he is wanted in Cass county for embezzlement. Wilson is a man of middle age, medium build and about 6 feet 1 inch in height, is an expert penman and likes to display it. While in the jail here he did some work with the pen, one piece being the writing of the Lord's Prayer in a space the size of a dime; the card was also embellished with fancy scroll work.

Sheriff Russell and Assessor Fallin went north Tuesday night with Wilson and Sam Cooper (colored) who goes to Salem to serve a sentence of one year for larceny. It is probable that on the expiration of Wilson's term and his release he will be met by the sheriff of Cass county, Minn., and taken back there to face the charge of embezzlement.

Fire Boys Make Practice Run.

The members of the Grants Pass fire department were certainly "going some" in their drill practice last Monday evening. The boys took the hose cart from the house, made a run to the hydrant at the corner of Dr. Kremer's residence on F street, made connection, turned on a stream of water and were back at the hose house with hose wound up in the remarkably short space of time of 9 minutes. This is pretty swift traveling with a cumbersome hose cart and at this rate of speed there need be no fear of our city going up in smoke, provided there is plenty of water with sufficient pressure available.

The two club rooms belonging to the firemen in the city hall are being thoroughly renovated and fitted up. The rooms are being repapered and new furniture added, while the walls are adorned with beautiful pictures, all combining to give a most inviting and handsome appearance to the place.

SEPTEMBER TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

Court Closed Its Labors Thursday Evening—Adjourned to January.

Circuit court for Josephine county finished its labors Thursday night and adjourned until the next regular term, January, 1907. The jury cases were completed and the jury dismissed Monday and the court occupied the remainder of the time with divorce and civil cases.

The following cases were disposed of:

- Ambrose vs Southern Pacific Co.; default.
- Viola Streuber vs Ludwig A Streuber, divorce; decree granted.
- C R Ray vs Lulu A Willis; dismissed.
- State of Oregon vs Bert York, assault; jury trial—guilty; fined \$125 and costs.
- Lester White vs Ideal Hydraulic Gold Mining Co. Motion to quash service refused; referred to Nellie O. Miller to take testimony and report next term.
- L A Lewis vs W J Russell as sheriff; demurrer overruled.
- Hattie Gross vs Henry Gross, divorce; decree granted.
- John Schallhorn vs August Fetsch and E Moormeister, dismissed.
- F W Chausse vs J F Galbraith, partners as Chausse & Galbraith vs Josephine county; compromised and county ordered to issue warrant to satisfy the claim allowed in the sum of \$90.

First National Bank vs Andrew Frakes; confirmation of sale.
R G Smith vs L A Lewis; confirmation of sale.

Three Pines Timber Co vs A M Cherry, et al; injunction granted.
Samuel Alderson vs Lee Bros; objections sustained.

E Coron vs Southern Oregon General Hospital, judgment for \$90.05

John Larson vs O & R R Co suit in equity; decree.

In the matter of the assignment of W F Kremer assignor [ordered to make final report within 40 days.

W F Hathaway vs Rebecca Hathaway, divorce; decree.

Mioerva Glenn vs Golden Drift; action for ejectment default set aside and defendants allowed to file their answer.

A E Kaisersvs G W Kearns, action for money; dismissed.

Alex Watts et al vs Messenger et al; motion to modify decree; denied.

KERBY

Everett Hogue made a trip to Grants Pass Saturday.

Freeland Sawyer made a business trip to Kerby Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Christie now occupy Hansen's house in Kerby.

G. S. Mathewson passed through here Monday with a band of cattle.

Miss Ida Adams of Waldo is now one of Kerby's popular young ladies.

Charles Hansen and family are spending a few days up in the valley.

The Kerby school is progressing nicely under the care of Miss Allen and Mrs. Deidrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin spent Saturday evening at a social dance at the Woodman hall.

Johnnie Turner of this place, escaped probably a severe runaway Monday evening. Mr. Turner had been working and left his team standing and went in the saloon. Perhaps the horses got tired standing and started out.

LITTLE TOI

Send the Courier to your friend, so he can learn the facts in regard to the famous Rogue River Valley.

CITY PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 3

Petitions For a Place on Ticket Must be Filed by the 19th of This Month.

The regular meeting of the city council was held Thursday night, October 4, 1906. Roll call showed all present except Mayor Good, Aldermen Williams and Randle. Minutes read and approved.

The matter of a city park was brought up and discussed and report made that the transfer of the property would be made as soon as the papers were signed.

Chausse and Williams, of the fire and water committee, submitted a report and recommended that certain hydrants be dispensed with and also recommended that a number of new hydrants be put in. Report referred back to the committee.

The matter of the city election was brought up and discussed at length. Deputy City Attorney O. S. Blanchard submitted written opinion which advised that a primary election be held in the city of Grants Pass on November 3. Petitions must be filed on the 19th of the present month. The general election will be held on December 3.

Clerks and judges of election were appointed as follows:

Ward No. 1. Judges—J. E. Peterson, H. C. Kinney, F. M. South; clerks—C. E. Maybee, C. H. Clements, W. T. Perry.

Ward No. 2. Judges—J. C. Campbell, H. A. Rotermund, N. B. Meade; clerks—A. B. Cornell, D. H. Stovall, W. H. Fallin.

Ward No. 3. Judges—H. Zoller, H. A. Congie, O. R. Swearingin; clerks—Lincoln Savage, Henry Hiller, W. E. Dean.

Ward No. 4. Judges—W. H. Alfred, F. G. Burns, J. M. Chiles; clerks—W. S. Jewell, Nat Fees, N. C. Boynton.

It was moved and seconded that the action of the city treasurer in paying for sewer construction out of the sewer fund be ratified.

The ordinance regulating licenses and repealing all previous ordinances thereto was read the third time and passed, all members present voting in

favor of the ordinance. This ordinance refers to all licenses, one item being the merry-go-rounds which are to be charged \$10 per day, \$50 per week or \$150 per month.

Bid on the extension to Seventh street main sewer were opened and read as follows: Grants Pass Hardware Co., \$875.50; R. G. Burns, \$922.50. On motion the contract was awarded to the Grants Pass Hardware Co., the lowest bidder.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the auditor and police judge prepare registration books and open immediately.

The following bills were allowed:
R G Burns, construct sewer... \$214.95
J L Shaska, construct sewer... 563.35
B F Banks, meals for prisoners... 8.55
Williams Brothers Deor & L Co, lumber... 4.95
Grants Pass W L & P Co, flushing sewers... 20.15
Hair-Riddle Hardware Co, mds... 3.50
Perkins & Hansen, sewer surveying... 10.00
Remington Typewriter Co, mds... 34.30
Cramer Bros, mds... 37.32
H C Perkins, surveying... 6.00
Robert Sexauer, assist surveyor... 2.00
Grants Pass Fire Department, alarm of Sept. 7... 11.25
Grants Pass Fire Department, alarm of Sept. 23... 8.00
Chas. A. Congie, oats... 14.30
Hair-Riddle Hardware Co, mds... 197.61
Hair-Riddle Hdw Co, mds... 187.68
Labor bills to amount of

The council adjourned to meet on Tuesday, October 9, at 7:30 o'clock principally to discuss the charter.

Imported African Goat.

F. A. Pierce, the Merlin Angora Goat raiser, has just received from G. A. Hoerlean an imported South African buck which meets all his expectations and he says he is not afraid to exhibit this buck at any show in competition with any other buck in the state. Mr. Pierce examined goats at the Lewis & Clark fair and he states that his new acquisition is equal to any exhibited. He also has 13 nannies which have taken first prizes and kids secured from the best breeders in the state. This makes him three different strains.

Mr. Pierce says he hopes to see a goat show in Southern Oregon next year and to help the matter along says he would be willing to make a donation to help the cause along.

Placer and quartz location notices, mine deeds, leases, etc., at the Courier office.

I Sell Real Estate



**SURETY BONDS.
FIRE INSURANCE
AND
RENT HOUSES.**

MY SALES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 6-room house and lot to F. M. Shrader... \$ 950.00
- 20 acres north town, well improved, to S. Smith 1,700.00
- 8 acres east of town, well improved, to W. Chase 2,500.00
- 5-room cottage and lot on D street to Noah Day 1,200.00
- 26 acres improved bottom land to Louis Loesch 2,600.00

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THOMAS & O'NEILL
Homes Furnished Complete
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Interesting prices on CARPETS this week. A lot more new patterns of Rockers, Parlor Stands, Tables, Music Cabinets, Bachelor Shaving Cabinets, up-to-date.



A splendid array of tasty patterns in Wall Papers 10 to 75c

SILVERWARE—at less than wholesale.
Triple-plated
Knives and Forks, per set, \$2.50.

Cake Moulds, Pudding Moulds, Patent Pie and Cake Tins, all kinds.

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The Imperial Washer