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COUNTY WINS AGAIN

SUPREME COURT REFUSES MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

District Attorney Phelps Will Collect \$40,000 Tax Money From O. R. & N. Company.

Motion for a rehearing of the tax case of Umatilla county and the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, has been denied in the supreme court. As soon as a mandate is granted District Attorney Phelps will take up the matter of collecting the sum of \$40,000 which the road owes the county.

In this action the railroad denied that the tax was made properly and one connection was that the O. R. & N. company did not necessarily mean the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. The only recourse left the road will be filing a suit in equity asking that the tax be reduced.

FARMERS FACE DISASTER.

Boats Cannot Navigate River and Crops Will Rot in Field.

Thirty per cent of the fruit crop will go to waste on the Snake river this season because there are no transportation facilities for bringing it to market. Hundreds of tons of other produce will also have to be thrown away by the farmers of that section for the same reason.

The steamer Mountain Gem, the only boat which was plying between Lewiston and Riparis, has been tied up, says the Portland Journal. For the last week she has been cutting her way through the bars, and the hard knocks she received mean speedy ruin. The vessel was chartered about three weeks ago by the O. R. & N. company with the hope that she could be operated until the steamers Spokane and Lewiston would be able to resume their runs.

Fruitgrowers of the Snake river estimate that one third of their crop will rot in the fields; this in addition to great quantities of vegetables, which had heretofore been shipped to the Portland market.

It is said that this loss will be sufficient to affect the local price of fruits and vegetables. It is the first time that the Snake has been closed to navigation for years. Service cannot be resumed until heavy rains fall and it is asserted that this will be too late to save even a small portion of the crops.

FIND A RICH MINE.

Sumpter District Started by Discovery of Gold Ore.

The Blue Mountain American of Sumpter gives the following account of the discovery of a remarkably rich body of gold ore in an abandoned mine near Bald mountain:

One of the most remarkable strikes yet recorded in Eastern Oregon is herewith announced in the uncovering this week of one of the richest, if not the very richest, surface payshoots opened in this land of gold.

Remarkable not alone from the quartz, full ten inches wide, being shot and sprinkled with free gold and running into the thousands of dollars per ton but from the fact that as depth is attained in the "glory hole" the paystreak is widening, as when the representative of the American left there yesterday morning it had increased to almost a foot in width, and the highly interesting stories connected with its location and abandonment by the original locator and subsequent location and abandonment four times by people well known throughout the district.

The strike was made in what is known as the Nugget group, acquired this year by Dan Dunne, A. M. Bessler and Charles Butler, three of the best known underground workers in the district and who are now lifted from wage earners to owners of a property that bids fair to place magnificent sums to their credit.

Fast as the phenomenally rich ore can be extracted it is sacked by two of them while the third is busily engaged in cutting a trail to the connecting wagon road just below the Bald mountain hoist and tomorrow some two or three tons of the rich stuff will be packed over and brought to the Sumpter smelter.

Speaking of its richness, Chas. F. Chatten, traveling correspondent of this paper, who has just returned from the scene of the great strike, said: "It is undoubtedly the richest ore yet opened on the surface in the camp and from panings made right at the 'glory hole' it is safe to say that every ton taken from the paystreak will run far above \$5000 per ton and some of the ore will most certainly run above \$50,000 per ton."

The group is situated about eight miles from Sumpter on the east slope of Bald mountain and was originally located in 1896 and abandoned; relocated the following year, abandoned again and remained idle till 1900; located and abandoned again and remained idle and unnoticed till it was relocated and incorporated in the Combination Gold Mining company in 1900 under the name of the United Bullion group.

Internal dissension arose among the officials of that organization and not even the assessment work was performed and it was relocated by a well known mining man of Sumpter, who also abandoned it and this year it was relocated by the present owners who have found the treasure vault.

A GREAT BIG FROST

Many Walla Walla Who Investigated Boom Village Have Returned.

A number of people from this section of the country have recently visited the town of Oroville, in Okanogan county with a possible view of locating, says the Walla Walla Union. The future prospects of the little town were very highly colored by reason of a possibility of a railroad being built through it. Those who have returned are not very much impressed with the prospect and say it is a little mushroom town, with 14 saloons waiting for the approach of the construction crews of the railroad to furnish the required trade. At present all of the inhabitants of the town are engaged in business and are simply trading around among themselves, while waiting for the brief harvest. The 14 saloons do not all together sell a barrel of beer in a day. They further say that there is not enough surrounding country to support a town of any size—big, high, rugged mountains, without even bunchgrass, rearing up on all sides. One man ventured the assertion that there is not enough tillable land within a radius of ten miles of the town to make a fair sized wheat ranch in Walla Walla county.

The Widow and the Fool.

"The Widow and the Fool," Nat Goodwin's 4-act comedy drama, was presented at the Athena opera house Wednesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Welch assisted by local talent. Johnson's orchestra added much to the pleasures of the evening by the rendition of several musical selections. The piece is evidently a hard and trying one for amateurs, but doubtless interesting and entertaining when presented by a professional cast. The local players did well considering the number of rehearsals they gave the play and the short time intervening when the cast was made up and the presentation. Mr. and Mrs. Welch as usual gave evidence of much dramatic ability. They go from here to Pendleton where they will put on a series of plays.

PLEA FOR INSANE.

Dr. Howell Believes Too Many Patients are "Railroaded" to Asylum.

In behalf of the great number of unfortunates arrested, tried and convicted every year on the charge of insanity, many of whom later proved to have been ill of body, rather than of mind, W. James Howells, late superintendent of the eastern Washington hospital for the insane, has published in the Medical Sentinel, a journal printed in Portland, an article dealing with the carelessness often exhibited by physicians in the examination of persons arrested for insanity, the laxity of the law regarding commitment to the asylum, and the consequent great injustice done alleged insanity patients.

"It is a mighty serious thing to commit a person to the madhouse unless he really is insane," says Dr. Howells. "It hands with a man to his dying day, no matter whether he is really insane or not, and physicians and courts cannot make too sure that an accused person is crazy before committing him. Lots of instances I could call to mind wherein the patient was not at all insane when committed to the asylum, but only ill—suffering, perhaps, from some acute kidney trouble or some such disorder, which temporarily affected his mind but which if the patient could have had proper medical treatment for a few days, would have passed away and the patient would not have been compelled to spend the rest of his days under the cdmium of having been at one time an inmate of the lunatic asylum. Then, there are cases where old people are shoved into asylums by children who are tired of caring for them.

"When we stop to realize that it is altogether upon the recommendation of the examining physicians—that a patient is sent to the asylum by the court, we realize that a grave responsibility rests upon the doctors, and how important it is to the one accused, and to the state generally for that matter, that they take every precaution possible to make sure the accused is insane beyond all question before recommending to the judge that he be committed."

NOTHING FOR PUBLICATION.

Governor Mead Not Willing to Discuss Guards Matter.

Governor Mead, who arrived in Walla Walla Wednesday from Portland, said to a representative of the Union that he had nothing new to give to the press concerning the proposed removal of guards at the penitentiary. The governor was met at the station by Warden Kees, who is entertaining him while in the city. During the afternoon he received a number of the prominent citizens of the city at the warden's office, where he freely discussed the question regarding the guards. Among those who called upon him were United States Senator Ankeny, State Senator F. M. Pauly, ex-Senator O. T. Cornwell, members of the city council and many prominent republicans of the county and city, who appeared to discuss with him the matter which brought him here.

Governor Meade did not indicate what line of action he proposed to recommend to Warden Kees. He said, however, that he would announce his final position regarding the matter.

City Wood Burns.

A blaze out at the city pumping station early yesterday morning destroyed about five cords of wood, a portion of the fuel on hand for pumping city water. The fire was discovered by flour packers in the Preston-Parton mill, but was under such headway that no attempt was made to subdue it. It is thought that it ignited from a cinder pile which was close by.

Alber's Land.

D. L. McPhail, of the firm of McPhail & McIntyre, Nanitun, Alberta, left for his home in Northwestern territory yesterday morning. While here Mr. McPhail interested several persons in Alberta land. A club of seventeen persons may purchase one half of a township, and with this object in view George Gross and E. L. Barnett accompanied Mr. McPhail on his return.

Fruit Blown From Trees.

Reports coming in from La Grande show great loss of fruit in Sunday night's storm. It is estimated that only one-fourth of the fruit remains on the trees. In some fields the grain is badly threshed out. At Alicel a warehouse was blown across the track on the Elgin branch, and it was necessary to construct a new track before the train could proceed Monday.

Local Wheat Market.

Athens, Aug. 25.—Wheat today is quoted at 58 cents.

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ATTEMPTED HOLDUP

WILLIAM BANNISTER BRINGS HIS KNIFE INTO PLAY.

One of the Fellows Has His Clothing Slashed and Retreats in Short Order.

William Banister, the engineer at the city pumping station, had rather an exciting experience while at work the other night. Two men acting in a suspicious manner, called on Mr. Banister and one asked for cigarette papers. Being told by Mr. Banister that he had none the fellow replied "all right."

One then went into the furnace room and the other suggested that the engineer see what he was doing in there, and followed Banister to the door. The engineer saw that something had to be done and quick as a flash whipped out his knife and made a stroke at the fellow who was following. The attack was so sudden that the man was taken by surprise and in his hurried retreat, fell over a pile of cinders and said he had enough. The other fellow came out of the room and ran away. Mr. Banister believes that if they had gotten him into the engine room, they would have held him up.

SERIOUS DROUTH AT COLFAX.

Use of Water for Lawns Has Been Prohibited.

Colfax is without water for irrigating lawns, and strenuous efforts to husband the water until rains fall are being made in order to prevent a famine. The big spring near Elberton from which water is being piped to the Colfax reservoir was found to be insufficient for all city purposes, and for several weeks water has been pumped from the Palouse river into the reservoir in addition to the flow from the spring. The Palouse river has become merely a stagnant pool and investigation by physicians showed it dangerous to be used for drinking purposes. Accordingly the city council voted to discontinue pumping from the river, and passed an ordinance forbidding the sprinkling of lawns under a penalty of \$5 fine.

It is believed that by close economy the spring will supply enough water for drinking and house use until the fall rains come. Had not water been piped from the spring this year Colfax's condition would have been serious, for the Palouse river, from which water had been secured many years, is dry in many places for the first time in its history, and the town could not have been supplied from it.

Damage in Fruit District.

According to the officers of the Fruitgrowers' union of Milton the loss to the orchardists through the storm Sunday is heavy. Since that afternoon reports have reached them from most of the more important fruitgrowers of that section. These show that all of the peaches and pears that were ripe were knocked from the trees and will be a loss. It is also estimated that from one-half to two-thirds of the winter apples were blown to the ground, making almost an absolute loss of that portion of the crop. Besides the loss of fruit, much loss was sustained from trees being blown down or broken. Many of the trees were uprooted by the strong wind.

Cough Left and Death Came.

Mrs. Lena Hurt, the wife of C. O. Hurt of Moscow, died suddenly Sunday afternoon under most peculiar circumstances. After having suffered for years with the asthma, which caused her to cough almost continually, some new medicine was purchased a few days ago. The medicine was taken a couple of days, and on Sunday afternoon it seemed to have stopped the cough. But as soon as the cough stopped Mrs. Hurt died of strangulation.

Oregon City Strike.

Fifty-three men and women employed in the weaverroom of the Oregon City Manufacturing company woolen mills, walked out Wednesday afternoon because of a reduction in wages. The action of the employees is a result of trouble which has been brewing several months. It is claimed many of the oldest employees of the factory were discharged to make room for cheap hands.

His Sleeve Caught.

Henry Hill had a narrow escape from being torn to pieces while working around a threshing machine near Helix Monday. His sleeve became caught in the cylinder, but he managed to pull himself away in time. Beyond a few bruises he escaped unharmed.

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