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Supreme Court Decision Held Up By Salem Attorney as Grounds for Conviction That They Can.

"The decision of the supreme court state the right of suffrage," declares a prominent Salem attorney. "The court lays down the rule in the Cochran case, that because the constitution does not expressly probinit an increase in the number of supreme court justices from three to five, or some other number, the legislature has the constitutional authority to pass an act authorizing the increase.

"Now take section two of article two of the constitution of Oregon. dealing with the qualifications of the electors. It says: 'In all elections not otherwise provided for by the constitution, every white male citizen of the United States of the age of 21 years and upwards who shall have resided in the state during the six months immediately proceeding such election; and every white male of foreign birth of the age of 21 years and upward, who shall have resided in this state during the six months immediately preceeding such election, and shall have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States one year preceeding such election, conforming to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization, shall be entitled to vote at all elections authorized by law.'

"These sections say who shall vote, but as they do not specifically set forth who shall not vote, except as above noted, and it seems to me that under the construction placed upon the constitution by the court in the

light of the Cochran decision the nstitution says certain persons shall have the right to vote at all elections MULE COMES HERE TO STAY and that the legislature shall not confer the right of suffrage on certain held that the legislature has power to confer that privilege on all except the

Carried Bullet 12 Years.

With a bullet within half an inch of his heart for a third of his life, Joseph St. Dennis was taken to the Walla Walla hospital last week to have the leaden pellet removed. For 12 years he has been carrying the bullet, the result of an accident, and until lately has shown no bad effects from so doing. Recently, however, his breathing became difficult and his heart action impaired. Surgeons throughout two states refused the dangerous case but Dr. J. F. Cropp at last consented to take the risk, and the operation will be performed in a few days.

Spuds Go Abroad.

A Walla Walla special says: A new market for Walla Walla potatoes has been found in Hawaii. Three carloads were shipped from here for the islands in the Pacific, and growers this valuey. They were grown at the from California.

Sues for Damages.

L. R. Reid, through his attorneys Peterson & Wilson, has brought suit burg. The defendants are represented by Slater & Fee of Pendleton. The case will be held January 17.

Addresses By Union Officials Ried, Sykes and McLean.

A large gathering of farmers attended the Farmers' Cooperative Union meeting in Athena Tuesday, and listened to interesting addresses by in the case of the State vs. Sam G. L. Reid, state organizer for Wash-Cochran, I am firmly convinced, will | ington; F. A. Sykes, State president result in giving the women of this of the Oregon Unions, and J. H. Mc-Lean the Union agent at Walla Walla.

Mr. Reid, who is one of the most convincing speakers in the ranks of the Union, held the attention of his listeners by his practical speech, which was made entirely on the subject of what the Union is doing to benefit the farmer, wherever the organization is represented. He told of how at Rockford and Latah Wash., the union warehouses are handling 75 per cent of the grain since the organization in that state have secured terminal warehouse facilities.

Not only grain, but all kinds of farm products are now being disposed of through the Union agents, at different points in that state. At one place a mill is owned by the farmers' union, and at another farm machinery

is sold. Since the farmers control the warehouses, they get better prices for their grain, stated Mr. Reid, from the fact that they received direct market quotations from their terminal agent By knocking out the margin of the middle man, and selling direct to the exporter, the bandling and selling the grain is accomplished for 1-4 cent per bushel. He gave facts sustaining his statement that the Union in Washington was a success financially and

every way. He was followed by Mr. MoLean of Walla Walla, and Mr. Syles of Cochrau case, women have a right to demand the ballot.

'This appears in a stronger light when we remember that it does expectly iros by the satisfactory conditions prevailing with the local union at Milton. He said the Oregon Unions of which he is state president, have between 1,500 and 2,000 members. Milton. In his remarks, Mr. Sylles The Union at Helix is among the strongest in the state, and owns warehouse property valued at \$10,000.

classes, and consequently it must be Some Facts Regarding the Best Farm Teams on Earth.

> "Objection raised against the mule comes from prejudices, ignorance or false representation," says B. F. Swaggart, owner of the Eastern Ore gon Jack Farm who is now in the city with a consignment of fine animals.

"As a rule a mule bas as good disposition as a horse, and he will pull a bigger load, walk faster, and do it on less feed than a horse.

"Two mules can be raised nearly as cheap as one steer, which at three years old is worth \$40 to \$60. A pair of mule colts at that age are ready for work and is worth from \$300 to \$400. Compared to horse colts it costs less to raise the mule and the risk of blemishes are much less. The mule will go to work one year younger, and can be marketed any age after weaning time.

"He will not eat enough grain, or drink enough water when warm to founder; will last twice as long, and think them the finest that ever left stand up under barder work than the horse. They outwalk the horse, and Bialock fruit rauch and are of the if one cares to drive faster, he will "Perfected Peachblow" variety, find the mule will take a good road brought to this section a year ago gait, and when tired can be rested on a balf mile run.

"We are told that foreign nations cannot go to war without first consulting the American mule,' and I believe it will pay any community of in Justice Richards court, to recover farmers to club together and tuy a \$200 for damages to crop against Jac-ob and Walter Parr and Mrs. Stran-mules. It has been practically demonstrated in the Northwest that properly tred, native jacks excel the Eastern jacks in every sense of the word. They are reasonably productive in old age, and live 30 to 40 years. These facts should be considered well by any one who is desirous of raising good mules.

"Mule raising is a coming industry in Eastern Oregon. Nothing will compare with it so far as money returns are concerned, capital invested,

"The best mules come from stylish, wide-awake mares, crossed with a well bred jack, with as little daylight under him as possible, with plenty of bone. The smoother the jack, the better. He should stand near 15 bands and should weigh about 800 pounds."

Profitable Apple Land.

J. H. Heikes of Freewater, has a two acre orchard which last season brought gross returns of \$1207.50. The picking and packing of apples was done by Mr. Heikes, his wife and daughter, and the cost of shipping and boxes was \$150, leaving \$1050 net. He bought the place last August for \$680 an acre.

Echo's Echoes.

L. E. Ward has moved his plant to 1914. Echo and will putlish a paper called now "Echo's Echoes." The first issue will appear January 14.

BIG GATHERING OF FARMERS STATE TAX INCREASE

Tax Will Be \$12,000 More Than Last Year-Umatilla's Share is a Trifle Lower, However.

Under the new state apportionment, Umatilla county's per centage of the state tax is virtually the same as in this state are arranging to send out the past. Anent the subject of the state apportionment, Assessor C. P. Strain gives the following statement:

were apportioned among the counties by a table prepared by the legislature. Under that arrangement Umatilla county was required to pay 4.9 per cent of the amount to be raised by the state. Our share this year based on the equalized assessed value of the county will be stighty less than 4.9 per cent. It will be 4.889 per cent, which will make our tax for state purposes \$168.11 less than it would have been under the old table.

"The state expenses, however, are so much greater this year that this county will have to pay the state about \$12,000 more than last year.

"It is now apparent that the aggregate taxes of Umatilla, including the special school levies and city levies will be some \$40,000 or \$50,000 in excess of the combined tax of 1908, The combined tax for 1908 was \$386,-302.33 in this county.

"The special school levies and the county school levy together this year will amount to \$150,000 to \$160,000, whereas in 1902 the combined levies for all purposes in the county were only \$195,553. The special city wies in 1902 were \$10,265, this year they are \$65,849. The special school levies in 1902 were \$36,684, this year they will be about \$95,000. The county levy has not yet been made, but the combined tax will probably be about \$430,000 as against the \$386,000 last year. The combined levies for the last seven years run about this way: 1903, \$195,553; 1903, \$216,862; 1904, \$215,452; 1905, \$265,803; 1906, \$280,767; 1907, \$351,880; 1908, \$386, 802 and for 1909, \$480,000.

"The assessed valuation has been about as follows for the same years: 1902, \$5,600,000; 1903, \$9,214,000; 1904, \$9,457,000; 1905, \$10,387,615;

and sometimes low, but with the exhave risen constantly for the last several years before that time.

"A jump from \$195,000 to \$430,000 in 7 years is a tremendous increase in public expenses. But Umatilla county is not alone in this regard, the counties of the state generally having experienced similar increases. Cities, schools, counties, the state and the nation are piling up the tax levies."

Revival Meetings.

The special meetings at the Methodist church opened this week with good interest. The pastor, A. O. Hammond, whose picture appears below, is conducting his own meetings. He is assisted by neighboring pastors, and by Miss Rinar of Spokane



Rev. A. O. Hammond.

Deaconess Hospital. Next week Rev. Payne of Weston will assist. The meetings will only continue one week, and the public is urged to take every advantage of the few days left to enjoy the services.

Wins Rhodes Scholarship.

The Rhodes scholarship from Oregon for the present year has been awarded to Mr. Cecil K. Lyans, a graduate of the University of Cregon in the class of 1909. The award was made by the State Rhodes scholarship Committee, which met in Salem last Saturday, and will enter Oxford next September, and his scholarship will be good for three years thereafter, paying bim an annual income of \$1,-500. During his course at the University of Oregon, Lyans was an exceptioually strong student and took a prom'dent part in debate. He earned bis own way through University, " is now teaching in the Coord school. Bhode again be

DEMONSTRATION TRAIN

Four O. R. & N. Trains Will Make Every Point In Oregon.

According to plans now in course of formation, the O. R. & N. is to run a demonstration train through eastern Oregon this year. Reports from Portland say the two Harriwan lines in four demonstrations and one of the other of these will visit practically train gives the following statement: every point in Oregon along the lines of the Southern Pacific, O. R. & N. and their branches, where farming is

carried on to any considerable extent. This will be the second train of this kind to visit Umatilla county, but this will probably be a much more elaborate affair than the first

As beretofore, the trains will be operated in conjunction with the Ore-

gou Agricultural college. The two trains on the Southern Pacific will cover points in the Willamette valley and southern Oregon, and the O. R. & N. trains will visit. points in northern Oregon and southeastern Washington.

It is probable that the trains will carry livestock, poultry, horticultural. agricultural and driry products. These will include modern machinery for dairying, dry farming and care of orchards, modern poultry hot es and peus, high class specimens of 'niry and beef cattle, hogs and pure beed poultry, supplied by the agricultural college. Free distribution of seeds recommended for certain localities by the agricultural the salentists who will accommended. the scientists who will accompany the train is also a matter under consider-

The usual course of leutures on agronomy, stock raising, fruit growing poultry husbandry and the like w be delivered by instructors from the Agricultural college.

The itineraries, train equipment and program of lectures will be an nounced definitely within a few

Poisoned "Booze."

Eighteen men were poisoned with wood alcohol in Pendleton on Christmas day as the result of the avaricionsness of an unscrupulous boot-legger. It seems that the dealer he 1906, \$9,810.577; 1907, \$,000,000; shipped in a barrel of whisky just 1908, \$25,000,000; 1909, \$41,917,000. before the holidays and as the demand "The assessments have been high was so great be proceeded to keep his was so great be proceeded to keep his barrel replenished by adding water. ception of the year 1904 the taxes By Christmas day there and been so many replenishings that there was seven years and for that matter for hardly enough of the original stuff remaining to give the liquor either color or flavor. He decided to tone it up and secured wood alcohol for that purpose. Owing to the fact that the victims as well as the boot-legger have tried to keep the matter a secret details are bard to obtain. Eight men required the services of physicians and one came near losing his ,

Once Oregon Law Maker.

Peter Fordney, a native of Missouri, farmer, merchant, at one time representative from Wallowa county in the state legislature, committed suicide in the rear of the store at Paradise Tuesday morning. Ill health is given as the cause and the coroner's jury believes he was in his right mind. He arose from his bed in the rear of his store at an early hour, secured his revolver and, returning to bed, covered bimself well and placed the gun to his right temple. Fordney was a bachelor in the mercantile business at Paradise Wallowa county, where be purchased the stock about a year

Recieves Pythian Jewel.

East Oregonian: At the session of Damon lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias of Pendleton held Monday evening an unusual ceremony took place. It was the presentation of a veteran's jewel to R. Alexander, past chancellor and the only member of the local lodge entitled to the honor that was conferred upon him. Mr. Alexander is entitled to the jewel by virtue of the fact that he has been an active member of Damon lodge No. 4 for 25 continuous years.

Brings Missouri Squirrels.

J. D. McKennon has returned to Hilgard from Missouri, bringing with him several pairs of gray squrrely such as are well known in that section of the United States and which are unknown to squirrel bannts in eastern Oregon. Mr. McKennon will endeavor to care for the squirtels and allow them to propagate, in the hope that Oregon may prove a suitable place for ite gamy little fellows to make their

Held 296 Prisoners in 1909.

Statistics from the county jail at Walla Walla show that 296 prisoners. were confined there in the year just closed, an increase of 8 per cent over 1908 and of 51 per cent over 1907 this number 75 were held for cities. Of the local prisoners 47

tith petty largeny, charged to the For Sale.

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