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GRAND JURY MAKES ITS SPECIAL REPORT

Find Evidence Not Sufficient To Indict Officials On Pendleton Tribune's Charges.

The grand jury investigating the charges made by the Pendleton Tribune against public officials of Umatilla county and city of Pendleton submitted its report Tuesday evening, after examining many witnesses and being in session for over a week.

The charges of corruption made by the Pendleton Tribune are not sustained, and the jury finds it premature to dispose of cases involving criminal libel, and severely criticizes the practice of searching premises without proper warrant.

No indictment whatever was returned by the jury on any charge or accusation made by the Tribune, but the body recommended however, that E. F. B. Ridgeway, special prohibition enforcement officer, be not employed by the county in that capacity.

The jury qualifies this recommendation by asserting that its report in this connection should not serve to "impair Ridgeway's usefulness in any other capacity or in any other place." The only official indiscretion found by the jury in its investigation of Ridgeway, was that he took a drink of booze with a man who was riding with him along the public highway.

The jury reports that no evidence whatsoever was submitted to bear out the charges made against District Attorney Keater and his Deputy Attorney Randall.

The county court is given a clean bill of official repute. The jury finds that the middle in the tax rolls was caused in part by letters received by the court from the State Tax Commission, and for this reason the mistake made by the court is excusable and that the expense of rectifying this mistake will amount to approximately \$150.00.

Relative to the controversy between the sheriff and the county court reference to payment of the sheriff's expenses for enforcement of the prohibition law, the jury found that the court acted under legal opinion, and that the issue is now before the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon for the settlement. The jury found nothing improper in the employment of a son of the County Judge as chairman in surveying on county roads, and compliments the court for its judgment in the employment of a firm of auditors to expert county records.

The jury reports that it has investigated the charges made against W. R. Taylor and Robert Sinclair, having called all witnesses requested by interested persons and investigated the charges independently as the evidence disclosed. It found no evidence that these officers were crooks or that they stood in with or protected violators of the law or accepted bribes, or "split" intoxicating liquors with bootleggers or any other persons.

The jury finds that neither of these officers are subject to criticism for anything done by either of them.

In its investigation of the sheriff's office, the jury found that out of the liquor seized on the raids in the enforcement of the prohibition law, and stored in the court house under the care of the sheriff, that the sheriff had given a former deputy of his office a portion of the liquor when such person requested the same for medical purposes, when it was intended for the use of deputy and others for beverage purposes, "all of which should have been known to the sheriff, and we find that the sheriff had no right to dispose of such liquors in such manner. We also find that he gave intoxicating liquors which were in his custody as such sheriff, to some persons in the town who requested the same for medical purposes."

The county jail was found to be inadequate for the proper care of prisoners, and the jury recommends that the county court remedy this condition. The jury further found that the food furnished by the sheriff to prisoners had been at times insufficient in quantity and deficient in quality, and although it has been the practice for many years to expend less than the full amount permitted by law in the feeding of prisoners, under the present conditions and prices, the jury advises that the full amount provided by law should be used for the feeding of prisoners if it is found that such amount is required to give them the quality and quantity necessary.

CONFERENCE VOICES VIEWS ON DEFLATION

Railroad Labor and Corporations Asked to Help in Price Reduction.

Washington, D. C.—The national agricultural conference went on record in adopting its transportation committee's report, favoring participation by railroad labor and railroad corporations in the general price "deflation," after it had stricken from another committee's report a recommendation for repeal of the Adamson eight-hour law and the "bringing down" of wages of railroad labor and other industrial labor to a parity with the return received by the farmer.

A resolution for repeal of the 6 per cent guarantee clause of the transportation act also received favorable action.

The conference recommended completion of the projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and urged that the government accept the offer of Henry Ford to lease them.

Lower Freight Rates Urged.

Reduction of freight rates on farm products, livestock and products of allied industries to the basis prior to the increase of August, 1920, also was urged, as well as the restoration of certain rate-making powers to state railroad commissions.

The conference went on record as opposing repeal of the Panama canal tolls, saying "the people of the United States have invested a large sum of money in the Panama canal."

Other recommendations included:

Development of hydro-electric power projects to make current available to small consumers on farms and in the villages.

Closer co-operation of railway, waterway and highway transportation.

Appointment of a commission to work out a national land policy, including reclamation, irrigation, grazing and colonization problems in co-operation with similar bodies in the various states.

Opposition to the opening of any more land for farming purposes pending readjustment of cases in controversy.

Stoppage of forest devastation, development of effective methods of fire prevention, increase in reserves and extension of research.

"WILD MAN" IS KILLED

Archie McCampbell, government hunter and trapper, shot and instantly killed the "wild man" of Little Butter creek Wednesday, six miles west of Gurdane. The mysterious prowler, who had long been a terror of the neighborhood, had pilfered a sheep camp and was resisting arrest by a posse when shot by McCampbell. The "wild man" pointed a stolen rifle at his pursuers and in order to save the posse McCampbell fired, the bullet going between the man's face and the tree behind which he had taken refuge and throwing out bark that caused him to lose his aim. He then trained his gun on the hunter, whose second shot was fatal. Archie McCampbell is a son of E. T. McCampbell of Weston.

SAYS BIRDS ARE O. K.

W. H. Alder, deputy game warden of Helix, states to a Pendleton paper that Chinese pheasants and other game birds have stood the winter well. While it was necessary to feed the birds in some parts of the country, on the whole the birds are coming through in fine shape.

after more care be exercised in the issuance of search warrants on the part of magistrates; That officers in seizing intoxicating liquors make a record in such manner that will be permanent and subject to inspection; That officers give receipts for property taken on search warrants; That it is premature at this time to dispose of all questions which have arisen under provisions of Section 1930 of Oregon laws, relating to criminal libel; That it is not compatible with the best interests of Umatilla county that E. F. B. Ridgeway at this time be not re-employed by the county.

Further, the jury finds upon investigation, that it believes a determined effort will be made in the future to carry on the unlawful manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within the county and it respectfully suggests that county officers attempt to co-operate to the fullest extent possible in an energetic and determined effort to stamp out the evil and for the general enforcement of laws.



Russia and Germany invited to world's economic and financial Congress—News Item

FAVORS REVIVAL OF CALEDONIAN PICNICS

Approximately 200 persons from different parts of Umatilla county met in Pendleton, Saturday night and celebrated Bobby Burns' birthday anniversary with an elaborate program and banquet.

Athena and Helix were especially well represented at the gathering, and W. M. Peterson delivered the principal address of the evening. Pete in his address, remarked he "never knew what Scotch whiskey was like until I attended the first Caledonian picnic. I'd like to see the picnics revived!"

Mr. Peterson's proposal to revive the annual Caledonian picnics held in Athena prior to the war was warmly received by the banqueters, and it may be that action will be taken at once to prepare for one here in the early summer, coming.

It is an assured fact that Athena stands ready to receive the gathering clansmen, with the same hospitable spirit as of yore—and everybody would rejoice to again hear the shrill notes of the bagpipes trilling "The Campbells Are Coming."

ATHENA TAKES TWO GAMES FROM PILOT ROCK HIGH

Friday evening at Pilot Rock, the Athena high school boys and girls teams defeated the teams of the High School of that place, in well played games.

Coach Basler's boys won by the score of 25 to 15, and Miss Drakes girls won by the score of 25 to 18.

After the games, the Pilot Rock student body royally entertained the Athena visitors, and the local school boasts of the hospitality extended by the Pilot Rock school. Gwendolyn McIntyre, one of the forwards on the Athena girls' team, had one of the bones in her left forearm fractured during the game, but continued to play until the end.

The Athena boys team will play the fast Milton High School quintet on the Columbia college gym floor tonight in the first game of the season, between these two teams.

TRIBUNE IS SUED

Two libel suits, one by W. R. Taylor, chief of police of Pendleton, the other by Robert Sinclair, have been filed against Harry L. Kuck, publisher of the Pendleton Tribune. Each asks for \$10,000 damages, complaint being based upon a news story in the Tribune of January 18 in which these officers are referred to as "crooks."

FAIR BOARD NAMED

As members of the county fair board, the county court has named L. A. Reinerman of Freewater; Lowell Rogers of Pendleton and George H. Root of Hermiston. These three appointees, and W. W. Green, county school superintendent, who is a member ex-officio, constitute the board.

PENDLETON HUNTERS WANT OPEN SEASON

A recommendation that a closed season on blue grouse and native pheasants be declared in Umatilla county for three years has been sent to the state game commission as the result of a meeting held in Pendleton last week, says the E. O., which was attended by some of the leading sportsmen of the county. The session was held at Marion Jack's office and was called for the purpose of considering matters of interest to sportsmen.

In addition to the recommendation for the closed season on grouse and the native pheasant, the sportsmen recommended that an open season be permitted on Hungarian partridges for the same length of time as is now permitted for Chinese pheasants, and that the bag limit for partridges and pheasants be the same as is now permitted for Chinese pheasants, five birds in one day or 10 in seven days.

There will be an open season on elk in Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties, too, if the request made by this committee is heeded. The committee would have the limit be one elk with horns. An effort to interest sportsmen's organizations in both Union and Wallowa counties will be made.

THE STANDARD PROGRAM

For tomorrow night the Standard Theatre offers Charles Ray in "The Old Swimmin' Hole," screen version of the James Whitcomb Riley Poem. The feature is supplemented by a clever two-reel Western and International News. Sunday night the first big super-Western picture ever produced will be screened when "The Fox," starring Harry Carey will be exhibited. This big picture is one of Universal's greatest undertakings for the year, and in every theatre of the large cities where it has been shown, audiences have jammed to the doors.

Beginning Saturday, February 11, the admission prices at the Standard Theatre for children over 12 years of age will be 25c for both the Saturday and Sunday regular programs. Heretofore these prices have existed but were not enforced for the reason that attendance justified letting children in when ages was over 12 years at 10 cents. At this time in order to maintain the character of pictures shown it is necessary to enforce the 25 cent admission price. The Standard has held the price on the admission down as long as it was possible to do so.

"THREE-FINGER JACK" HERE

"Three-Finger Jack Godwin" well known evangelist, who has been addressing audiences in the churches of Pendleton for the past two weeks, will hold a meeting in the High School auditorium on this (Friday) evening, and a general invitation is extended the public to hear him. The evangelist has a specially strong message on clean living, which he delivers in the most able and interesting manner.

GLEE CLUB IS WELL RECEIVED IN ATHENA

With a pleasant, happy presentation style, the Willamette Glee Club again swung itself into the hearts of an Athena audience, when it gave its annual program at the High School auditorium, last evening.

The club has made many friends in former visits here, and it is safe to say that last night's performance won additional ones, for the singing, solo and chorus, was more than up to the standard of excellence, and from the time the singers opened with "Jolly Students" to the "Ode to Willamette," intense interest in the program did not abate for a moment.

The program as presented last night, follows:

- Jolly Students Mendenhall
- Tim Rooney's at the Fightin' Norah Flynn
- Glee Club
- Sand Man Prothero
- Dah's Gwine Be Lan'alide Strickland
- Octette
- Sea Fever Andrews
- Glee Club
- Silvery Lanterns of the Night Reeding
- Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes Old English
- Varsity Quartette
- Warren, Moodie, Craven, Blenkinsop
- The Blind Ploughman Clarke
- Everett Craven
- But and Rebut McGrew, Sackett
- The Bandolero Leslie
- P. M. Blenkinsop
- The Bell Man Forsyth
- Tell Me Not of a Lovely Lass Glee Club
- The Arrow and the Song Lester
- My Lady Chlo Riesman
- Varsity Quartette
- The Trumpeter Slater
- Glee Club
- Turkish March From Ruins of Athens Beethoven
- Byron Arnold
- Grand Opera
- Agony Four
- G-darmes Duet Offenbach
- Craven, Blenkinsop
- Reading J. Fred McGrew
- The Lost Chord Sullivan
- Ode to Willamette Mendenhall
- Glee Club

Willamette University is represented in Athena by the following alumni: Mrs. DeHass, Mr. and Mrs. Emmel, Mr. and Mrs. Basler, Mrs. W. W. McPherson, Miss Drake, Lewis Stewart.

Traveled 28,000 Miles

Jim Jones, rural mail carrier out of Athena, has a span of little mules, and not Missouri mules, either. He claims to have driven a total distance of 28,000 miles during the past five years. In that time the mulettes have found it convenient to run away as occasion offered, which according to Mr. Jones was "ever once in a while." Mr. Jones drove team on a Weston route four years, before being transferred to the Athena route.

RETURN OF SHANTUNG TO CHINA AGREED ON

Seven-Hour Session of Japanese and Chinese Groups Results in Settlement.

Washington, D. C.—An agreement on all the principles involved in the plan for return of Shantung province to China was reached by the Japanese and Chinese arms delegations.

After the two groups had been in conference for nearly seven hours, wrestling with the final problem of restoring the Tsingtao-Tsinanfu railroad to Chinese control, word came from the committee room that only details of phraseology of the proposed treaty remained in the way of a complete agreement.

The basis of the settlement was understood to have been the plan supported by President Harding providing that China pay for the road in treasury notes and that Japanese experts be retained in the operating personnel during the period of payment.

With the naval treaty and Shantung definitely out of the way, only a few collateral issues will stand in the way of a final adjournment of the conference. None of these promise to take long and some of the delegates believe they may be on their way home by the end of the week.

No True Century Plant.

There are no true century plants in the sense that it takes them a hundred years to bloom. A number of plants, however, do not bloom until they have lived for a long term of years. The classic example of such plants is the tall palm of India which lives for 50 years or more and becomes a tall tree before it blooms. After it has sent up its immense flower-stalk the whole plant dies.

Our American "century plants" often fruit at the end of eight or ten years under natural conditions, but in the house they may refuse to bloom at all. Many of the bamboos act like the century plants and bloom but once after a long period of vegetation. Such species are known as monocarpic plants.

Jazz Barred in Chicago Schools.

Chicago—Chicago's board of education placed its official taboo on the shimmy dance, jazz music, short skirts, low peaked dresses, joy-riding and cigarettes. The action followed an investigation by the superintendent of schools.

THE LAST NUMBER

The last number on the winter's Lyceum course will be given at High School auditorium on the evening of Wednesday, February 15, with the coming of Elsie Mae Gordon, reader, impersonator and entertainer. The Cadmean management of the Lyceum course says of Miss Gordon: From the Pacific to the Great Lakes she has read her way into the hearts of our audiences. Poise, grace, refinement, pep and personality, graciously intermingled in this wonderful woman. A vivid imagination coupled with a realization of the factors which prompt better living makes her the true entertainer that she is. Her work ranges all the way from dialect—in which she is a true artist to a Lecture Recital in which she is an authority. No matter whether it's a miscellaneous program, or an Interpretative Play—or what not, it's a success because it's done by Elsie Mae Gordon.

NATIONAL GUARD PROFIT

Oregon derived a net profit of \$119,077 in the operation of its National Guard during the past year, according to an annual financial statement issued by George A. White, Adjutant General of the State. This was accomplished under the joint Army partnership with the Federal Government through which the United States Treasurer distributed in Army payrolls and Camp pay among 2400 Oregonians located in twenty Oregon cities the sum of \$199,052.50, the total cost to the State of administration and upkeep being \$79,975.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE

E. P. Dodd of Hermiston, who served Umatilla county as representative in the legislature during the term of 1919, states that he will be a candidate for the nomination of Joint representative on the republican ticket, to succeed Representative Woodson of Morrow county, who will not be a candidate in the coming primaries.

FOREST SERVICE TO AID A TWO-COUNTY ROAD

Importance of Highway Is That It Would Afford Connection of Umatilla-Union Counties.

At a recent meeting the Weston Commercial club adopted an important resolution submitted by its road committee, urging federal aid for the proposed highway crossing the Blue mountains from Elgin by what is known as the Toll Gate route.

The importance of this road as a connecting traffic link between northern Union and northern Umatilla counties can hardly be over-estimated, and it would also serve as a forestry road and a post road. It would bring nearer to markets the products of the rich agricultural district of Weston mountain, now becoming widely known because of the excellence of its seed potatoes.

The Weston resolution followed similar action by the Elgin Ad club and the Freewater Commercial club, and an effort is now being made to interest the commercial bodies at Pendleton, Athena and Helix. The Weston resolution follows:

"Whereas, the only thoroughfare connecting northern Union and northern Umatilla counties is a mountain road of dangerous and almost impassable character; and

"Whereas, there is a commercial need for a permanent highway from Elgin, Oregon, through the Wenaha National forest, over the Blue mountains, connecting with the Oregon-Washington paved highway at Weston, Oregon; and

"Whereas, the construction of a permanent highway through the Wenaha National forest connecting Elgin in northern Union county and Weston in northern Umatilla county, on the Oregon-Washington highway, will provide an interstate connection, making it a primary road; and

"Whereas, the construction of the proposed road will not only serve a commercial needs and make the grazing lands of the Wenaha National forest more accessible to the stockmen, but will serve to open the scenic beauties of a large section of the Blue mountains and the farming lands on Weston mountain; and

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be submitted to the Oregon State Highway commission and to Dr. L. I. Hewes, Chief Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads."

The amount apportioned to Oregon by the Secretary of Agriculture for the construction of forest roads and trails is \$1,875,644.

FRED BENNION WILL SPEAK

The Weston Mountain Community club announces a big community gathering at the district school house for Saturday evening, February 11. There will be an address on potato planting by Fred Bennion, county agent, and an interesting program of exercises. The affair will also be in the nature of an observance of the respective birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, and George Washington, February 22. Refreshments will be served. A special invitation to attend is extended the people of the lowlands.

VERIFY TAX RETURNS

"Fully 25 per cent of the taxpayers who have filed income tax returns for the year 1921 to date have neglected to sign and verify the same," reports Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue. "Before a return can be considered legally complete and accepted as such, it must be signed by the taxpayer and sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths. In making out their returns, taxpayers are respectfully urged not to overlook signing and verifying the same before forwarding returns to this office."