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THE BULLETIN'S JUDGEMENT

Touching the MAIL's suggestion of the way to do away with lynchings is to amend the laws and system of court procedure that they will conform to the requirements of public sentiment in dealing with rape fends, the Coquille Bulletin says:

"The argument of the Bulletin is that the law and the practice of courts are fully as adequate as they can be made while human nature remains as it is."

Of course if the Bulletin believes that, it can see no need of any change, but it is that sort of smug contentment which would put a stop to all progress or reform.

However, we have an inkling of what the Bulletin's opinion in this case is worth, and the standpoint from which it views the matter. In the column adjoining its "Lynch" editorial it says, regarding R. D. Home's criticism of Judge Hamilton: "The taxpayers of Coos county will all testify that Judge Hamilton is the best judge ever on the bench in this district."

The TAXPAYERS will testify that he is the BEST JUDGE. Why? Because he runs his business through at the highest possible speed, and saves some of the money that it would cost to conduct a court of justice. The best judge is the one who holds the shortest terms of court, and thereby saves the most money for the taxpayers. Nothing else need be taken into consideration. The rights of litigants to have their cases carefully and justly passed upon are secondary matters.

The MAIL doesn't believe that the Bulletin's unqualified certificate of perfection really shows beyond a doubt that there is no room for improvement in the law and court procedure.

HITCHCOCK'S LATEST VAGARY.

Late dispatches indicate that Secretary Hitchcock has made such rulings touching entries and final proofs under the timber and stone act that it will be practically impossible for a man to buy a piece of timber land of the government unless he is ready to swear that he will use all the timber for firewood in

his own stove—or will eat it.

The secretary's ostensible object is to stop dummy entries, but he appears to be carried away by his own momentum, and is defeating the purpose of the act by carrying his untempered zeal to extremes.

The purpose of the timber and stone act, as generally understood, is to give the individual citizen a chance to buy of the government, for his own benefit, 160 acres of land not suitable for homestead entry. There is no reason why this privilege should be confined to those only who are able to invest the sum necessary for the sole benefit of their heirs. The ordinary citizen, has no way of using in his business the timber on 160 acres of land. If he buys the land from the government it is for the purpose of selling it again and making a little money on his investment. That is his only possible object in buying it. Yet Secretary Hitchcock would call that "speculation" and refuse to make the deal.

It seems that the only man who could buy a quarter section under the new rules would be a man with a sawmill who intended to cut the timber into lumber in his own mill.

As a comparatively small number of us are the owners of sawmills, this practically puts an end to all sales under the act.

Mr. Hitchcock professes to be trying to keep the syndicates from gobbling up the land, yet the effect of his policy is to stop the operation of the only law under which any one else can get it, and to preserve the land for the land speculators until such time as his forest reserve program can furnish base for them to operate with.

The statesman who would evolve some sane and honest land policy, not subject to fraud, and get the government to adopt it would be a public benefactor.

WILLIS AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

W. R. Willis, of Roseburg, is still camping on A. M. Crawford's trail, and has preferred charges with the state bar association against the attorney general and will attempt to have him disbarred. The Portland Journal makes a red scare head out of this, and gives a garbled account of the former relations of Crawford and Willis. It says:

"Some years ago A. M. Crawford went to Roseburg and was admitted to Judge Willis' office. When he came he was a stranger, without clients or business acquaintance, and he acted for a time as the assistant of the elder attorney. Finally, as Crawford acquired some business of his own, they frequently conducted cases together, sharing in the fees. These amicable relations continued for several years, but finally ended in a disagreement over the fees in a case which they had conducted jointly."

The above is evidently Willis's version of the matter, as every one here knows that Crawford went to Roseburg to serve a term as Receiver of the Roseburg land office, after building up a fine law practice at Marshfield and taking his place as one of the leading attorneys of this part of Oregon. When his term in the land office expired he resumed the practice of his profession. Willis at that time was a has-been, and out of pity Crawford gave him desk room in his office and threw some business in his way to help him along. He allowed him to assist in the Nash litigation and paid him his share of the fees. But when he made a sale of the Nash mines, a matter with which Willis had nothing what-ever to do, he naturally kept the commis-

sion himself. Not satisfied with the charity he had received, however, when he found that Crawford had received a good commission for negotiating a sale of the mine Willis wanted half of that. The very fact that he was entirely ignorant of the transactions on which this commission depended, until long afterward, shows that he performed no services in the matter and had no claim on a share of the commission. He didn't get it, and with the vindictive hatred of the broken down has-been for a benefactor, he has been trying ever since to injure Crawford in any way possible. His so-called case has been thrown out of court several times, and now he brings it before the bar association, where he knows it will again be thrown out, simply in an attempt to injure Crawford, with the help of such newspapers as the Portland Journal, which will make a great display of the charge and ignore the vindication.

Editorials of the People

Under this head the MAIL will be pleased to publish communications on subjects of public interest, assuming no responsibility for the sentiments expressed. Contributions are invited.

Early Closing

The closing of the stores at six o'clock is a move in the right direction as the amount of business done after this hour could easily be done before as well as after six o'clock and furthermore the trade after this hour is the hardest the clerks have to contend with, it being composed of people who are out simply to see the sights instead of coming out to buy.

When a man cannot do enough business in eleven hours a day it is time to close his doors. The way it is now, we the clerks and business men are simply slaves to their business. Instead of enjoying some of the privileges other people enjoy they have never an hour to themselves.

Now the way to accomplish this is for the business men to get together and form an agreement to close at this hour and stick to it. We admit it will be a little inconvenient for a time but this will soon pass off when the people become accustomed to it; Clerk

County Court Proceedings

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| Chas Webb, r d 16, self and team | 2 00 |
| Fred Moser, nails r d 17 | 2 50 |
| Minard & Folsom, lumber r d 17 | 9 63 |
| D C Krantz, labor by self and W Krantz r d 17 | 9 00 |
| Huling & Lundy, hdwr, fuse, and powder. | 12 35 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | |
| Pacific States T & T Co, phone service | 11 95 |
| J A Lamb & Co, kalsomine, etc, for court house. | 9 15 |
| S B Cathcart, establish corners | 9 00 |
| J S Kanematz, cotton mops | 45 |
| Coquille River Electric Co. Lights for July and August | 17 09 |
| L Harlocker, stamps for office | 1 00 |
| S B Cathcart, surveying, maps, etc, for dyking dist 3. | 14 00 |
| Z T Siglin, viewing dyking dist 3. | 11 60 |
| F P Norton, viewing dyking dist 3. | 10 40 |
| H Lockhart, viewing dyking dist 3. | 10 20 |
| Coq City water works, water April 30 to Sept 30 | 15 00 |
| Stephen Gallier, board, Abbo \$25 00, Clayton, \$7 50, postage \$1, | 37 00 |
| O M Skeels, sund for court house | 5 70 |
| T H Mehl & Co, window brush | 60 |
| Wm Gallier, sund for court h | 2 50 |
| R S Knowlton, sund for court h | 6 90 |
| H Flinders, wood for court h | 75 |
| C H Nosler, 5 days ex-teachers | 15 00 |
| W D Reedy, 8 days ex-teachers | 15 00 |

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| W Collins, quarantining, etc, ex Wheeler, insane. | 60 00 |
| Ray Collier, 31 days in assessors office | 62 00 |
| W H Bunch, salary for 1/2 ending Sept 30 as supt and postage | 235 95 |
| J S Lawrence, salary for deputy assessor 27 days | 67 59 |
| T J Thrift, salary assessor, July and August | 166 60 |
| V M Perry, salary janitor, July 4 to Sept 4 | 83 00 |
| No further business appearing, court adjourned to meet Sept 10. | |
| Ordered that the following bills be paid out of the General Road Fund. | |
| E A Howe, labor, self and boy and team, r d 16 | 25 18 |
| Peter Johnson, 25 1-2 days with team, \$102 00, on contract \$22 50 | 124 50 |
| John Johnson, 12 3/4 days labor r d 16 | 25 75 |
| Sam Lantz, 10 days labor r d 16 | 20 00 |
| B H Burns, 12 days self and team, r d 16 | 48 00 |
| W H Lyons, 9 days labor man and team, r d 16 | 36 00 |
| Smith & Page, lumber, r d 16 | 244 75 |
| W Simmons, labor r d 14 | 15 75 |
| B Doyle, labor r d 22 | 30 00 |
| C P Barnard, labor on Coos Bay wagon road, r d 12 | 35 30 |
| S S Reed, bal keeping time gravel pit, Aug 1902. | 7 12 |

Ordered that the following bills be paid out of the General Fund.

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| W H Mansell, coal \$15 00, freight 25 | 15 25 |
| Universal Accountant Machine Co. 1 adding machine. | 300 00 |
| R C Dement, commissioner and mileage. | 60 80 |
| D McIntosh, commissioner and mileage. | 54 40 |

In the matter of improving the Coos Bay wagon road.

Proposition of Ed P S Abernethy to saw and distribute lumber along the line of said road in places designated by the county court for the sum of \$6 50 per thousand feet, accepted.

State of Oregon) County of Coos) L. L. H. Hazard, County clerk, of Coos county, State of Oregon, and ex-officio clerk of the county court of said county and state, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct extract of the proceedings of said court at the September, 1903 term thereof, as the same appear upon the journal of said court in my office and custody.

Witness my hand and seal of the county court this 14th day of September, 1903.

L. L. HAZARD, County clerk as aforesaid.

(SEAL) By R. H. Mast, Deputy

Coming on the Arcata

San Francisco, Oct. 2.—The Arcata sailed for Coos Bay at 1:30 p. m., with the following passengers for Coos Bay:—Mrs Capt Nelson, Miss Anna Lee, A M Buntun and wife, Miss L Leco, Miss D Leco, J S Kennedy and wife, R Edwards, H S Weeder, Mrs M Sundlin and child, Miss R Raymond, Miss B Ross, T Right, L Louis, F O Hollingworth, Thos Evans, twelve in the steerage.

ASKED TO VISIT ROME

Special to the Mail.

Rome, Oct. 2.—The Vatican will convey to the state department its desire that the new governor of the Philippines come to Rome, as did Taft, for discussion of the settlement of pending ecclesiastical questions.

Heavy fires are raging in Lake and Klamath counties in the marshes and much hay and other valuable property has been consumed.

JAPAN SENDS TROOPS To Guard Korean Telegraph Lines Belligerent Talk by Consul General

Special to the Mail.

London, Oct. 2.—The Japanese consul general at London, discussing the report that Japan has sent troops to Korea, this morning said that if the powers don't interfere to protect Korea Japan will unquestionably fight Russia, even if she has to do so single handed. Japan realizes that if Korea should be Russianized, Japan would be reduced to a very small power.

The Japanese ambassador at London, Hayashi, ridicules the warlike interpretations put on the reported dispatch troops by the Japanese consul general. He says the troops were dispatched to guard the telegraph lines, under Russian permission.

TO PROVIDE EQUAL PRIVILEGES School Board Takes Action on Race Problem

From Saturday's Daily.

The board of school directors held a meeting Thursday evening and considered the race problem as it has bobbed up in connection with the Marshfield public school, and their conclusions are embodied in the following resolution, which was introduced by J. W. Bennett and was adopted:

Whereas, Mrs. T. E. Dow has applied to Professor Golden, Principal of the public school of this district, to admit two negro children of Mrs. Trollinger to the public school;

And Whereas: It is the sense of the Board that the negro children should not, under the law, be denied any public school privileges on account of race or color;

And Whereas: The principal reports to the Board, and the board is of the

opinion, that on account of the physical condition of said negro children, their presence in the white classes will materially retard the progress of the three hundred and thirty white children now in attendance in their school studies:

Now, therefore, be it resolved; That the principal of the school be, and he is hereby authorized to provide, by renting, a separate room where said negro children be taught, and that a suitable teacher for their instruction be employed by him and for him to do all things in the spirit of this resolution to see that equal school privileges are provided for said negro children as are now enjoyed by the white children of this district.

A group of mines in the Baker City district has just been sold to an Eastern syndicate for \$5,000,000, the biggest mining deal in the history of Oregon.

The state of Oregon is now using its seal which was designed and made by authority of law which was passed at the last legislature.

Familiar Quotations of Pope's.

Pope and Burns are respectively the authors of more familiar phrases than anybody else but Shakespeare in modern times. Here are a few of Pope's: "Shoot folly as she flies," "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," "Man never is but always to be blessed," "Whatever is, is right," "The proper study of mankind is man," "Grows with his growth and strengthens with his strength," "Order is heaven's first law," "Worth makes the man and want of it the fellow," "Honor and shame from no condition rise: act well your part—there all the honor lies," "An honest man's the noblest work of God," "Thou wert my guide, philosopher and friend," "Every woman is at heart a rake," "Woman's at best a cox-tradition still," "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined," "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" "A little learning is a dangerous thing," "To err is human, to forgive divine," "Beauty draws us with a single hair," "Foolish rush in where angels fear to tread," "Damn with faint praise," "The many headed monster."

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Pope Pius X. is the same age as was Leo XIII. when the latter was elected—sixty-eight.

Rev. Frank Russell, the new chaplain of Sing Sing prison, New York, has for many years been a hard worker for prison reform.

Of the fifty-nine Presbyterian congregations in London, England, three-fourths are carrying on mission work in the churches themselves and in forty-two halls and rooms, employing thirty-one salaried and nearly a thousand voluntary workers.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, protonotary apostolic, an intimate of Pope Pius IX. and the late Leo XIII. is a recluse at Mount St. Vincent. He lives in the "castle" built by Edwin Forrest, the tragedian. On Sept. 29 he will reach his ninetieth year.

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