

THE GRAND JURY CONVENES MONDAY

Many Important Cases Will Be Disposed of During the March Session.

DAVIS CASE WILL BE ACTED UPON BY THE JURYMEN

Case of R. Henry Charged with Murder of Geo. Dodd Will Be Investigated.

Continued from Tuesday, February 25.

What promises to be the most important session of the grand jury held in Linn county during the present year will convene in this city on Monday at 9 a. m.

Five criminal cases which have attracted a great deal of attention will be passed upon by the members at this time and the action of the jurymen will be watched with interest by the public.

First on the list of important cases is that of R. Henry who is charged with murder in the first degree. It is alleged that Henry shot and killed one Geo. Dodd on a raft in the Willamette river on October 31st, 1912. While Weatherford & Weatherford, the attorneys retained by the defense, have given no intimation of the plea which will be interposed in the event that the grand jury returns a true bill against the defendant, it is probable that the "unwritten law" will be an important factor in the case.

The case of A. J. Newman charged with "assault with intent to kill" will also be disposed of at this session. Newman, it is claimed, shot Officer G. W. Loomis of Lebanon in the leg.

The case of Edward Thayer, charged with the same offense, will also be considered. It is alleged that Thayer made an assault upon Roy Crabtree on November 28th, 1912.

A case of more than usual local interest will be that of Wm. Davis, charged with rape upon the person of Violet Wood. The crime is alleged to have been committed in Blount's rooming house during the month of November, 1912.

C. F. Sheppard and B. A. Cain are both held on the charge of larceny, the former, it is claimed, robbed his roommate while the latter is charged with larceny from the office of Fred Gould of this city.

The members of the grand jury are as follows: W. D. Bussey of Lebanon, foreman; J. A. Wallace, of Sebo; M. M. Meiser, of Shelburn; J. C. Warner, of Harrisburg; C. G. Cowles, of Albany; Peter Veig, of Harrisburg; and N. P. Slate of Orleans.

ONE ARREST NOT ENOUGH FOR FRANK CUMMINGS

Being arrested Sunday night on a charge of drunkenness and fined \$10 and costs in Police Judge Van Tassel's court Monday morning, evidently wasn't enough for Frank Cummings, for he was rearrested this noon by Policeman Griff King on a charge of intoxication and conducting himself in a disorderly manner upon the streets. Cummings was placed in the city jail and will be brought up again before the court tomorrow morning to face the new charge.

J. L. Underwood, a prominent Lebanon merchant, went to Portland this afternoon.

FORMER ALBANY WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

Heart Trouble Is Said to Be the Cause of Death of Mrs. Nina Miller at Salem.

Mrs. Nina Martin Miller died Sunday morning at the home of her grandfather, E. P. Walker, in Salem, at the age of 26 years, of heart trouble. She was found dead in her bed in the early morning. The night before she had appeared well, laughing and joking. She recently returned from San Francisco, where she had been with her husband, George Miller, who is working in a plumbing shop there.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller resided in Albany for three or four years. Mr. Miller working for Martin Ludwig, a relative, and also for others. Mrs. Miller for awhile was a clerk in the store of L. E. & H. J. Hamilton. She was a young woman of lovable character, well liked by a large circle of friends here, who will learn of her death with regret.

Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's church, Salem, tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

GOV. WEST'S SIGNATURE TO SETTLE BOUNDARY

Forty-Year Dispute of County Lines Is Nearly Settled Now.

This morning's Salem Statesman contains the following in regard to the settlement of the Linn-Marion boundary dispute:

With the signature of Governor West, the disputed boundary line between Marion and Linn counties will be forever settled since the passage by the house last night of Senator Miller's bill, fixing the boundary where it was fixed in a bill vetoed by Governor Chamberlain four years ago.

The bill was at that time agreed upon as a compromise, but this year the members of the two delegations had a harder time getting together.

Judge Harris of Eugene and Judge Webster of Portland were appointed as a disinterested conference committee, and their findings favored the Miller bill. Representatives Hughes and Hetzel strongly opposed the bill on the floor of the house, but it passed, with only eight voting against it and with ten excused from voting.

This bill puts Marion lake and other disputed territory in the extreme southeastern part of Marion county in Linn county, and settles a dispute that has existed between assessors of the two counties for 40 years.

NEW FENCE BEING PLACED AROUND THE COUNTY JAIL

Owing to the fact that a large number of prisoners confined in the jail for the past six months have been receiving visitors who, it is alleged, have been passing articles through the bars of the windows, a big steel fence, manufactured by O. P. Dannels, is to be placed around the Linn county jail to fence the loiterers away from the windows. The fence is being placed in position today.

No less than ten hoboes were counted on the northbound freight early this morning. They are seen going in both directions according to observations, but it appears that the greater number are northbound.

MANY AUTOMOBILES IN THIS CITY

According to Figures Compiled There Is One for Every Thirty-two Persons.

OVER 800,000 MACHINES IN THE UNITED STATES

Local Men Talk of Forming an Association Composed Exclusively of Auto Owners.

According to statisticians there are approximately 800,000 automobiles in use in the United States, being an average of one car to every one hundred persons as figured from the census of the country.

From recent figures the citizens of Albany have helped the national average of cars per person materially. The official figures compiled from records and estimates furnished by authorities show that from 150 to 200 automobiles are harbored within the corporate limits of this city.

Last season the official count of automobiles for Linn county was 400. This number has since increased considerably. It was estimated that 40 per cent of this number belong in Albany.

From the figures at hand, which are considered accurate, it is safe to say that Albany has about one machine to every 32 persons, basing the population at 6,500.

With this creditable condition it has been suggested that automobile owners and enthusiasts of this city might get together and perfect an automobile organization. It was further suggested that there is no doubt but that an organization of this kind would have plenty of backers, judging from the number of automobile owners in this locality. With such an association, which might be organized somewhat on the same scale as the standard automobiles club of the country, automobile owners could confer beneficially with one another and with others connected with the automobile world. At regular sessions of the club, which might meet once a month or oftener, educational papers could be prepared and read by designated members on current problems confronting the automobilist. The subject of road improvement would be taken up by such a club.

"The subject of good roads opens up a field for wide exploitation which has but slightly been touched in many sections of the state," said a prominent automobilist this morning. "Such associations as automobile clubs and good roads clubs throughout the country have done a great deal for the betterment of road conditions. But there is room for much more work, and the more clubs in the field working for the same thing the merrier the work will be."

"It has been said that nowhere in the United States can the mountain scenery of Oregon be surpassed. Americans go to Europe, to Switzerland, to climb the scenic hill-sides and mountain tops. It is said that motoring over the mountain roads of Switzerland constitutes a most enjoyable outing. And it is to this feature and this one alone that attracts tourists from all over the world to this spot. There they have mountain scenery and good roads combined, roads that do not endanger the lives of those who traverse them."

"Here in Oregon is mountain scenery and charms as great if not greater than in Switzerland. But our mountains are inaccessible as far as vehicles are concerned and where there are roads, they are practically impassable because of the danger involved. True there are some good mountain roads as well as prairie roads, and of course due consideration is given to the fact that Oregon is a new country and not to be compared, but contrasted, with any country of Europe."

"However, the sooner road conditions are improved, and it is only with the united help of all good roads associations of the state that these conditions will become a rapid reality, greater wealth and riches will have been hastened upon our great state."

TIME IS RIPE FOR SPRAYING SAYS FRUIT INSPECTOR

Notice to Fruit Men Will Be Given Out by D. W. Rumbaugh Tomorrow.

Just what the orchardist should do with his orchards and what solution he should use for spraying, will be explained in a notice to be gotten out tomorrow by D. W. Rumbaugh, county fruit inspector.

The notice will be sent to the orchardists and will appear in the publications throughout the county. "The time is just ripe for spraying," said Mr. Rumbaugh. "The prevailing weather conditions could not be better for it. I hope that every orchard has been pruned and cleaned, but those that have not should be sprayed nevertheless, without delay, with the lime and sulphur solution."

Mr. Peter Seec and family, after a several months' visit in Lebanon, left this afternoon for their home in Iowa. They were accompanied as far as Portland by Mr. Seec's son, Fred

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNTY COURT

Judge McKnight Will Call the Members Together to Prevent Collection of Special Tax.

SUPREME COURT DECISION CAUSES TROUBLE HERE

The Amount of Money Raised in Linn County by Taxes Will Be Reduced Nearly \$20000.

Declaring that under the state statutes he will be forced to collect all taxes levied for special road purposes unless he receives a special order from the county court, Sheriff D. H. Bodine this morning authorized the following statement in regard to the decision of the supreme court which was announced yesterday morning:

"Under the laws of Oregon I must continue to collect the taxes levied for special road purposes until such time as the county court enters an order on their books directing me to refrain from making further collections for this fund. I am informed that a special meeting of the county court will be called tomorrow and an order of this character entered. If such is the case, I will remit the money paid by property owners under the special levy."

County Judge McKnight and District Attorney Gale S. Hill held a conference shortly before nine o'clock this morning in regard to the new decision and an effort will be made to get into communication with Commissioner Russell this afternoon. In such event a special meeting of the board will be called tomorrow morning.

The new decision only affects road districts number 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 30 and applies only to the special levy made for road purposes in these districts, the regular road levy of three mills being available for road purposes in all districts in the county. According to figures compiled today by county Clerk Willard Marks the aggregate amount of money raised upon the taxable property of Linn county will be reduced \$19,769.84 by virtue of the supreme court decision.

CITY COURT CONVERTED INTO FURNITURE HOSPITAL

This morning was an extremely quiet one at the city hall and in view of this fact Police Judge Van Tassel proceeded to convert the city courtroom into a furniture hospital.

The chairs in the police court have been considerably abused from time to time by large crowds who have had occasion to come before the court. "The chairs have been stood on, lounged on, and kicked around," said the judge, "until they have become quite delapidated." Wherefore nearly every chair in the court room is today undergoing repairs.

A SEATTLE MAN URGES WOMEN TO PLAY POOL

Here for the Purpose of Opening Billiard Parlor for Both Men and Women.

"Why shouldn't women bowl and play pool as the men do? They do in some places, proving to be quite adept and appear to enjoy the diversion. Now that the lady has a vote why shouldn't she share many of the pleasures of amusement man has had all these years?"

Such was the way Mr. M. D. Bowles declared himself in favor of the fair sex last night at the St. Francis. Arriving in the city yesterday noon from Seattle, Mr. Bowles has been investigating local conditions with the idea of establishing an up-to-date bowling alley, billiard and pool hall in this city. It is his intention to secure a two-story building, the upstairs to be used for bowling and the lower floor for the tables, catering to the women as well as men.

Before leaving to catch the late evening train for Eugene, Mr. Bowles remarked that he would return at a later date for he fully intends to locate in some good Willamette Valley town.

MANY HOMESEEEKERS FROM EAST COMING TO VALLEY

Recent Arrival Says That Tide of Immigration Will Set in When Weather Settles.

That the low colonist rates from the East, which took effect on the fifteenth of this month, have not apparently caused a noticeable increase in the number of homeseekers into this section of the Willamette Valley was the claim made this morning by a local real estate man.

This is explained, however, by M. C. Price, a recent arrival from Eoyata, Minnesota, who declares that when the weather conditions settle in the eastern states, large numbers of homeseekers will flock to the western country.

"I know of at least ten families," he said when interviewed in the lobby of the Revere hotel, "who intend to move west as soon as conditions permit. I am reasonably certain that such intentions are entertained by many other families of the east. This valley has been thoroughly advertised in the east and it will surely benefit by it. Many people of the middle west, especially in the north, are like myself, becoming tired of the extreme cold weather and are looking for a mild climate."

Mrs. E. D. Sloan and Mrs. Sarah Sloan, who recently returned from a six months' visit with relatives and friends in California, were Saturday night tendered a reception by their friends in Albany.

R. L. Burton, the piano dealer, went out to Lebanon this morning to deliver a piano just sold to a Lebanon woman.

Cecil Cathey left this morning on a trip up the Lebanon road, with his patent bookkeeper.

J. B. Dickover, of Portland, returned home yesterday evening after a visit with his son, J. W. Dickover.

MAY ESTABLISH CANNERY HERE

Plans Have Not Been Perfected but Matter Will Be Discussed at Meeting Saturday.

ESTABLISHMENT OF VINEGAR FACTORY ALSO URGED

Fruit Growers Will Perfect a Stronger Organization and Increase Membership.

For the purpose of discussing the necessity of the establishment of a cannery, a dryer and a vinegar factory in this city and to instill new spirit into the organization, a meeting has been called of the Fruit Growers' Association on Saturday, March 1.

The meeting will convene at the local Commercial Club, and every member and those interested are urged to attend.

It was officially learned that the association has not had the best of success because of the lack of interest shown in the enterprise. It is to this end that an endeavor will be made to place the organization on a substantial footing, at this meeting, and to reorganize upon a different plan. It is understood that a strenuous campaign will be conducted for new members.

LADIES GUILD MET AT THE RECTORY YESTERDAY

Plans for Church Improvement Reveiwed and Other Matters Disposed Of.

The ladies' guild of St. Peter's church met at the rectory yesterday afternoon and drafted plans for the planting of flowers, shrubbery and vines on the church grounds, which have been graded and filled up with new walks by the men of the vestry.

For the past three weeks the men of the church have been industriously engaged in parking the grounds and filling in low grades around the building, with such a vigorous spirit that the work has nearly been completed. In the plans set forth by the ladies, it is proposed to plant ivy around the church, training it over the building. A lawn will be cultivated on the south side and between the sidewalk and curbing. Flowers and rose bushes of different varieties will be planted around the south and east walks.

A new awning and the remodeling of the show windows, are new improvements of the jewelry establishment of C. O. Anderson, on First street. When the changes are completed the store will present an attractive appearance.

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