

'Fehl Just Mad' Says Jennings

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garding which he rants so much—he knows that this fund is checked by every grand jury and surely he wouldn't intimate that everyone on every grand jury is crooked. This fund has been the cause of more controversy and trouble than any other of the duties of my office, but the manner of handling it is prescribed by law and it cannot be avoided. Also the prohibition work has not cost the taxpayers of this county one penny for it is made up of fines largely taken from professional bootleggers and still owners. Each year an amount averaging around \$2000, over and above enforcement costs, is turned over to the general fund of the county, which does not happen in many counties in this state. As I have stated before through the press, the sum of \$1456.07 referred to so often by Fehl represents the expenditures of four months, covered by 45 vouchers.

I have spent the last seven years at this job and I am confronted with new problems every day. I am wondering how many fully realize the many details of this office. During the year 1931 the sum of \$1,362,833.89 was collected in the tax department. All segregations of funds into school districts, cities and irrigation districts, are made in this department, about 25,000 tax receipts are written and last year over 6000 delinquent notices were sent out. Previous to my entering office in 1925 a force of four deputies were kept in the tax department all summer while we are now getting along with one. We also have devised a system by which the tax receipts are written by three girls instead of six as was formerly needed.

There has been no increase in the force of the legal department in spite of the fact that the work has trebled in the last 10 years. There are many who do not know that every animal sold to a butcher must carry a tag, and we wait on an average of 15 persons a day for this service alone. Everyone selling more than 10 chickens or turkeys must procure a tag. The automobile license work has increased from \$32,230.05 in 1923 to \$116,946.84 in 1931, and during that time many new laws, such as the title law, have been enacted, making far more work. During the year 1922, 808 legal papers of various kinds (chattel liens, writs, summons, executions, subpoenas, etc.) were served while in 1931 there were 1972 cases.

Upon this office also falls the service of jury summons, the making of deeds, delivering of ballot boxes and the checking of polling places. In 1922 there was no collection of unsecured personal tax through the legal department and

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raise in pay of his employes when other lines were chopping the outlay. And in reality perhaps a cent and three mills would be added to the hourly rate and four hours a week chopped off, with the result that, after several raises, our good friend was earning less than \$20 a week after 12 years of faithful, experienced service. Five years ago he was earning nearly twice that amount before Henry got philanthropic and started raising pay. *The answer?* It's very simple and runs a close parallel to the chain-store methods common today.

At the time one of the most highly touted increases was put into effect we happened to be working as a linotype operator on one of the metropolitan dailies. One of our "takes" of copy included a story, *sent direct from the Ford publicity headquarters in Detroit*, telling of the innovation of a higher wage. And how it ranted and raved, filling fully two columns, which were smeared prominently across a page. It went into detail to give the past history of the new, generous achievement and was careful to point out that only the extreme wisdom and softness of heart of Henry Ford had made such a boon to workers possible. But when we got home and told our friend the good news he nodded and said he already knew. His face was long and manner dismal. He added, dejectedly, that where the increase would total a few cents a day, the weekly sum was sliced nearly \$10, work was speeded up and more rigid regulations were in effect. *The glowing newspaper story we had set in type failed to mention that.*

And so it goes with chain store advertising. We are beginning to learn that reputations are not earned—they are built! Just as surely as Henry creates one impression and practices something else do chain stores create false impressions of economy, buying power, efficiency and general benefits to customers.

And to come back home—just this week several people were in Jacksonville from Klamath Falls. They intended to buy supplies while in Medford from chain stores, where they figured economies were possible, but happened to come here before the actual purchases were made. While browsing around they noted prices and commodities and, after comparison with observations taken in other cities found they could buy cheaper in independent, home-owned stores. So they stocked up in Jacksonville.

And slowly but surely others will learn that impressions built up in their minds by years of continual advertising hammered into the general public day in and day out are only impressions—and not realities. People are going to learn, more and more, that good home-owned, independent merchants are honest, do not resort to exaggerated claims and have set aside no fund to make people believe they are getting something for nothing. They are going to learn also that chain stores send money directly to New York city and other eastern points two and three times a week and that, if a chain, by organization, can save a mite on wholesaling and buying, that mite is saved for the chain store and not the dear buyer. And, by heck, The Miner is going to keep on reminding them of these things from time to time.

in the year 1931 the amount collected was \$13,363.23.

I have been censored for having my boys work for me. I consider them my greatest asset. They tend

strictly to business, have my best interest at heart and I know that I can trust them. I believe that any attorney in this county will unhesitatingly recommend them.

At the present time I collect from litigants in court when I serve papers, mileage at the rate of 10 cents per mile, one-half of the mileage fees so collected goes into the county general fund and I receive only five cents per mile for cars used in this service. In 1922 the sum of \$504.19 was turned over to the county general fund for mileage fees collected from litigants, and in 1931 the sum of \$1805.75 was turned over to the county for that item.

In 1923 the budget called for \$16,683 and \$20,807.63 was spent. In 1931 the budget called for \$19,413 and \$18,622.06 was spent.

I have tried to build up an efficient, economical, capable organization and this is not accomplished in one day or one year. I will admit that we have made mistakes but we have profited by them. My office force has always worked in harmony and we have attempted to give courteous, quick service and I have tried personally to work for the good of all. If reelected I cannot promise more than I have promised before—and given—my best effort in an endeavor to give you an honest, efficient administration.—Ralph G. Jennings, Sheriff of Jackson County.

DIGGERS TO BATTLE PROSPECT SUNDAY

The Jacksonville Gold Diggers, home-talent baseball nine, are scheduled to drive to Prospect Sunday for a game with that camp's joy and pride on their home grounds. All week motors have been tuned, tires patched and pennies saved for the long trek to the upper Rogue river town and it is expected many of the local fans will be included in the caravan.

The boys are enthusiastic for the encounter and have been working out on the California street fairway afternoons of late, now that two sunny days have appeared in succession. It was unfortunate, although customary, for last Sunday's encounter to get rained out, but a precedent in fair weather for an entire day is expected this weekend.

Last week the localites were to have played Fern Valley, which is reputed to have a tough team to handle. Intermittent showers evidently changed minds of the intended victims of Jacksonville's skill and impaired telephone service in the valley, for during the course of the day no Fern Valley player appeared, nor did telephone messages advise the Gold Digger manager, H. H. Farley, who has been combination promoter, catcher and umpire at various stages of the spring schedule. However, being baseball minded and expert swimmers, the home talent organized two nines and layed a six-inning tilt among themselves. "Doc" Gillis threw more of his trick balls for one side while Paul Hess heaved for the opponents. At the end of the sixth inning score stood 6-6, in favor of the umpire. Another half session was endured, when rain drowned out ambition and the players scurried for cover. The last half, however, rendered two runs and the leading side still insists it won a moral victory. The subject, along with Harlan Clark's home run with two men on, is still open to debate on street corners.

It was admitted by the Jacksonville players that Fern Valley forfeited the game because they knew they'd get licked anyway. It is not

known just what will result, however, when Prospectors and Gold Diggers get together, but anxious mothers hope for the best.

● Weslie Ritchie, upper Applegate resident, expected to be able to return to his home early in the week, following a goiter operation performed at the Sacred Heart hospital Wednesday of last week by Dr. Charles T. Sweeney. This physician says he has performed several goiter operations within the last year, following a special course in such surgery which he studied during a trip east last summer.

● Men working in the American Boy mine on Forest creek, operated by Sol Wayne and Ed Phillips, are reporting that good ore is coming from the mine regularly. The ore is being trucked to the Paul Wright quartz mill on the Applegate highway near this city. This property was formerly owned by Mark Wingham and was known as the Sunset mine. At the present time rain is halting the work.

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