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### OUR LAWS NEED BEFORMING

OUR CRIMINAL LAWS, as between man and man, are supposed to be based upon equity; that no man should be shown more favors than his neighbors; that because a man possesses wealth he should enjoy privileges which would be denied him if he was a poor man. We know that our judges and juries are supposed to be actuated by the principles of justice and right and that the enforcement of law, irrespective of person or position, would bring this result about. But in the light of the manner in which criminals are handled by nearly all of our courts, causes one to conclude that favoritism is shown in, at least, some of them.

The graft prosecutions down in San Francisco furnishes examples wherein courts are influenced in proportion to the importance of the prisoner at bar. Bribery ought to be considered just as grave a crime, whether the guilty one is the rich railway magnate, or whether he is the most inconspicuous prisoner in the dock.

Trials for bribery have occurred in Judge Lawlor's court, which were concluded in a week or less time, resulting in meeting out exact justice to the accused. His guilt or innocence was, probably, completely established in the minds of both judge and jury. Patrick Calhoun's trial, which has resulted in a divided jury, has covered a period of over five months, costing, probably, near \$100,000, which must be paid by California tax payers. Calhoun's crime was just plain bribery; no more and no less. Men of less note have been accused and convicted of a crime no greater than that of which everybody believes Calhoun is guilty, in a few hours or days time. While it is true that Calhoun covered his tracks in a way which made it difficult to establish his guilt, still all disinterested and honest-minded men believe that his guilt has been established beyond doubt. While we may question the wisdom of granting immunity to the bribed, Calhoun should not be extended any favors on that account. It is just such results in our court trials as that of Calhoun, which causes us to doubt the integrity of court and jury. Calhoun had any amount of money at his disposal for his defense. He secured the very brightest lawyers and their number was sufficient to cover every possible point which could be brought to issue. The people were represented by Francis J. Heney and two or three associates. On the one side was arrayed the very best talent which could be obtained; on the other, the side of the people, only Mr. Heney and two or three assistants, Mr. Heney being the master mind which directed the conduct of the fight for the people. It is not a matter of surprise that a mistrial resulted.

But the Calhoun trial is not the only one in which the possession of much money, if it does not clear the accused of responsibility before the law, mitigates its rigor very materially. It is an old yet very true saying "Steal a million and you will escape punishment, but steal a dollar and you will be railroaded to the penitentiary."

What shall the American people do to set this disgraceful and humiliating record of affairs? There is but one possible answer, and that is: Raise the standard of morality and civic decency among the people. There must be more honest men and fewer rascals. We need more men who are honest from a sense of right and justice between man and man than we now have. This can only be reached by agitation and education. No state, county or city can expect a more honest conduct of its affairs than a majority of its citizens and decency seem to be ebbing down at the "Bay" our Oregon Supreme Court is honest and disposed to do exact justice to the Francisco Court of the sort of substandard malefactors. It find an Oregon jury

of honest minds, which would not have convicted Calhoun on the first ballot.

Such men as Francis J. Heney and Judge Lawlor, the prosecutor and judge before whom Calhoun was tried, should have the loyal and outspoken support of all honest people. It is not enough to give silent appropriation. The indorsement should be made as emphatic and forcible as possible. This is a duty which all lovers of law, justice, and good government owe to society.

While the conditions of graft in our large Oregon cities have never become so brazen and respectable (?) as in San Francisco, still there are methods in our court procedure which are but little better than down at the "Bay City." The Ross case, which we believe is yet on the Supreme Court docket, is one which does not inspire the admiration of any lover of justice. Ross was convicted more than one year ago yet, because of technicalities which the law permits, he is at liberty and is not at all anxious to have the higher court pass on his case. He, doubtless, would rather wear the ignominy of a condemned criminal and be at liberty, than the stripes of a convict.

It is the technicalities of the law which has destroyed confidence in our courts and has placed our system of government in peril. The only way to correct the evil, is to remove the technicalities and room for possible quibbles from our law. If a man is guilty of a crime, no matter whether he is rich or poor, of high or low degree, he should be punished. It should be sufficient to prove the guilt beyond question, when his punishment should be swift and sure.

Judge G. B. Dimick, of Oregon City, who was in Scio on Thursday and addressed the Maccabees meeting, is one of the leading attorneys of the State and his name is very prominently mentioned by his friends in connection with the office of Governor. Judge Dimick was born at Needy, Marion County and is a young man well qualified for the place if the people of Oregon see fit to confer this great honor on him. The Judge was much pleased with Scio and the surrounding country and enjoyed his visit, expressing his intention to return and devote more time to our beautiful locality.

### West Scio Sitings

Ruth Tompkins returned home Monday, from a visit to Portland, where she has been for the past two weeks, seeing the big rose show and visiting relatives.

E. W. Peckham, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. L. Gossage, started for Seattle Monday morning, to see the fair.

W. J. Burden has begun the foundation for a small store building, opposite the depot, with the intention of later on putting up a larger one.

Paul Tompkins came up from Portland Saturday to spend Sunday at home once more.

Marion Arnold, who has been in Portland for a few weeks, has returned home and is hauling wood again.

Mrs. W. J. Burden visited relatives and friends in Portland last week.

Mrs. J. B. Kistler has been in Portland for the past two weeks visiting with her husband. After a visit with relatives in Tacoma and the Seattle Fair, will return home some time in August.

Mr. Moses has his large new barn about finished and will soon begin work on his residence.

Leroy Gossage, also, saw the grand parade and rose displays at Portland, but after three days down there, he said he was glad to be at home again.

EVANDA

### A Close Game

A most interesting game of baseball was played on the Scio diamond, last Sunday, between the second teams of Lebanon and Scio. As the teams were very evenly matched, the game was close and interesting from start to finish. Lebanon held the lead until the ninth inning, when Scio with a whirlwind finish forged ahead and was declared the victor. The score was Lebanon 4, Scio 5.

### Santiam Farm

I will have plenty of gooseberries after June 1, at 25 cents per gallon. Strawberries from June 5 to 10. If you want berries, come in time.

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### OUR SECOND ANNUAL ROSE FESTIVAL

#### A Most Gratifying Success—Afternoon of Sports Ditto

The Second Annual Rose Festival, of Scio, was held in the "Dairy City of the Willamette Valley" on Saturday, June 19, and was a grand success in point of attendance, display, and interest.

The morning ushered in a perfect day and by 9 o'clock rigs loaded with prosperous people of the Santiam country were pouring in a steady stream into town while the train from Albany brought a large number of visitors from the present county seat.

The Rose Festival and exhibition opened in the Wesely & Cain hall promptly at 10:30 a. m., with a welcome address by Mayor A. G. Prill, followed with music by the Wesely orchestra, a recitation by F. Bowen West and a concert duet by the Kimball Sisters, made the formal program.

Mayor Prill then announced the judges, to pass on the large number of beautiful flowers entered for competition, who were County Fruit Inspector Cooper, of Albany, Senator A. J. Johnson, of Corvallis, and J. W. Sherwood of Portland.

Prizes awarded as follows:  
Mrs. V. A. McKnight, first on Papa Gontier, Gloire de Dijon; second on Ulrich Brunner, Viscontess Folkstone, Perle des Jardins, White Bon Silene.

Mrs. A. G. Prill, first on Ulrich Brunner, General, Jacqueminot, Rainbow, Madame Lambert, Fru Karl, Droschki, Meteor, Black Prince, Dean Hole, Prince Marnille de Rohan, collection sweet peas, and second on Mrs. Sherman Crawford, Baron de Bon Stetin, Anna de Diebach, Virginia R. Cox.

Mrs. C. A. Warner, first on Empress of India, Louise van Houtte, Killarney.  
Mrs. Manley, second on La France, Madam Caroline Testout, Rainbow, White Mamah Cochet, Safrano, Clio.  
Mrs. Emma Stam, first on Perle des Jardins, Black Lilly; second on Paul Neyron, Anna Oliver, Capt. Christy and Souv. de Amie.

Mrs. L. Pomeroy, first on Hermosa, Yellow Rambler; second on General Jacqueminot.  
Vella Brenner, first on Paul Neyron; second on Ruby Gold.

Mrs. William May, first on Sweet Peas, two varieties.  
Nita Bilyeu, first on La France and Bridesmaid.

Mrs. W. A. Ewing, second on Empress of China.  
Hazel Phillips, second on Hermosa.

Mrs. Jones, first on Madam Averill; second on White La Marquee.  
J. F. Wesely, first on Katherine Auguste Victoria, White Maman Cochet, Maman Cochet, Souv. President Carnot, Ivory, Lady Battersea.

Daisy Buckner, first on Madam Caroline Testout; second on Souv. President Carnot.

The display was a very creditable one and reflected much praise on the ladies who have labored so hard and unselfishly in this work. The hall was open all of the afternoon and was thronged with interested visitors and lovers of flowers. The rose exhibition of 1910 will be held under the auspices of the Ladies Civic Improvement Club of Scio and it goes without saying that it will be a huge success. J. F. Wesely has offered a \$25 silver cup for the best display of 10 varieties of roses for the 1910 exhibition and it is probable that other public spirited citizens will follow the good example.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCIO ROSE SHOW AND CARNIVAL

Paid to—Baseball team, \$8; A. M. Stewart, \$1; Carl Cyrus, \$2; Jess Rogers, \$1; N. Long, \$1; F. Woodmansee, \$1; Wm. Brenner, \$5; Harold Peery, \$2; Mr. Messener, \$7.50; Delbert Long, \$5; Lucy Wesely, \$1; Wm. May, \$2; Clyde Rogers, \$2.50; Mrs. Warner, \$1.25; J. F. Wesely, \$2.75; Wesely & Cain, \$7.19; T. L. Dugger, \$4.50; E. C. Peery, \$5; Wm. Hiron, \$1; Otto Compton, 15 cents; the Ladies Civic Improvement Club, for the Rose Show of 1910, \$38.50; Linn County Fair Association, \$76.96. Total \$176.30.

Receipts—Gate receipts, \$171.30; stand license, \$5. Total, \$176.30.

The Rose committee desire to thank all who took part in the Rose Show and to those who furnished flowers for decorations, which so materially made the affair a success.

It is requested that everyone take an interest in this annual event and prepare for next years Rose Show this fall, by planting such roses as they may desire. The first premiums awarded this year were some beautiful vases. Next year we expect to do better in this line.

R. M. CAIN  
A. G. PRILL  
Committee

### Sports at the Fair Ground

The sports at the Scio Fair grounds drew a high crowd and by 2 p. m. the crowd overran the grand stand and was spread along the home stretch in both directions. Marshal Munkers had charge of the grounds and all events moved off promptly. The results were as follows:

Fat man's race, A. M. Stewart.  
Half-mile bicycle race, Carl Cyrus.  
Slim man's race, Jess Rogers.

Cow race, Delbert Long.  
Ladies 50 yard foot race, Miss Lucy Wesely.

Boys foot race, Harold Peery.  
Driving, trotting or pacing, Missener, of Stavton, time 2:35.

Running, one-half mile, saddle ponies, Wm. Brenner.

100 yard food race, Wm. Hiron.  
The most interesting event of the afternoon was the base ball contest between the Scio Ladies Club and the Star nine. The ladies under the able tutoring of Roger Cain put up a game that paralyzed the heavy hitting Stars and in a game of five innings filled with fine ball playing, beat the men by a score of 3 to 1. Miss Lucy Wesely occupied the box for the ladies and had the big sluggers at her mercy while little Maud Holland, who looked so cute in her natty uniform, worked behind the bat like a veteran.

The ball game between the Scio second nine and the Lebanon second nine was a hummer and something was doing all of the time. Both pitchers worked finely and but few hits were made by either side. Scio won out in the ninth inning by a score of 6 to 5.

### The Maccabee Smoker

On Thursday evening, June 17, Scio Tent No. 37 Knights of the Maccabees gave a smoker to a large number of invited guests at K. of P. hall.

As fast as the guests arrived they were seated at card tables where they were entertained until 9:30 p. m. The program commenced with piano music. Mayor Prill then introduced State Commander Sherwood who talked on the work and objects of the Order and also of the history and work of Scio Tent in particular. A song was rendered by Roger Cain, who responded to an encore. This was followed by a clever recitation given by F. Bowen West, who was compelled to respond to an enthusiastic encore. Mayor Prill then presented Judge G. B. Dimick of Oregon City, who delivered one of the most interesting fraternal addresses ever made in Scio, enlivened by a large number of witty stories that kept the audience in a constant state of merriment. A piano selection closed the program and adjournment was made to the tables loaded with the finest strawberries, cream, cake, sandwiches, etc., that ever went to satisfy a hungry crowd and which was washed down with lemonade, making every one glad that he was alive.

After the lunch, card playing was resumed and a pleasant time spent until midnight. A number of applications were secured and State Commander Sherwood remained a few days helping Scio Tent to increase its membership.

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