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## GRAND JURY RECOMMENDS CHANGES

### Work of the County Officers and Condition of the County Offices Are Praised

Many things are recommended in the report filed Saturday afternoon by the grand jury. The report is in part as follows:

"Among other cases investigated was a case involving the alleged unlawful killing of deer in Linn county. In this case we did not indict, for the reason that it was impossible to secure evidence which, in our judgment, would justify it.

"We have examined into the condition of the offices of the county and also the poor farm. We have found all officers diligent and attending to duties and have found the records and papers well kept and in proper order.

"In our examination of the court house, jail and poor farm, we have found certain improvements, which, in our judgement, should be made and recommended to the county court as follows:

"That the safe and books which are in the county judge's office, not belonging to the present judge or county, should be removed by the owner as the space occupied is needed in the office. We recommend that linoleum be placed on the floors in the offices of the county clerk, recorder and school superintendent and that the spittoons in the latter office be removed and that smoking not be allowed in that office.

"We find in the attic of the court house a large amount of rubbish and debris and recommend that the same be removed. We recommend that the wooden addition to the jail be repaired."

As to the condition of the county poor farm, a splendid report was made but a few improvements in the equipment were recommended. Among the things recommended was that the farm be supplied with two daily papers, as it was found that the inmates should have more reading matter.

According to the report, the grand

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## The Germans Are Keeping Pact in Belgium

London, March 1.—H. C. Hoover, chairman of the American Belgium relief committee, today issued the following statement:

"It is desired that certain facts be perfectly clear in the discussions going on in the American press with relation to the work of this commission.

"First—The German authorities agreed with us in December that there should be no further requisitions or purchases of foodstuffs by the German army in the occupied zone of Belgium. The occupation zone comprises the whole of Belgium with the exception of territory immediately adjacent to the fighting line. The German authorities have carried out this undertaking with scrupulous care. There never has been any interference by them with foodstuffs imported by this commission, and the whole of these foodstuffs or their equivalent have gone to the Belgian civilian population.

## GERMANY CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC

### The Allies Fleet to Stop All the Ships En Route—Britain's Stand Retaliatory

London, March 1.—If the combined fleet of Great Britain and France can prevent it no commodities of any kind except those now on the seas shall henceforth, until the conclusion of the war, reach or leave the shores of Germany.

This is England's answer to Germany's submarine blockade and it is to be effective forthwith.

Premier Asquith, reading from a prepared statement, made this announcement in the House of Commons this afternoon at a session which will be historic. Studiously avoiding the terms "blockade" and "contraband" for these words occur nowhere in the prepared statement, the Premier explained that after this day the allies considered themselves justified in attempting, and would attempt, to "detain and take into port, ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin."

### Has Located at Molalla

A private letter from George Blatchford informs The Tribune that he has located at Molalla, Clackamas county and will engage in the hardware business. He says Molalla now has a population of 500, two railroads and a good surrounding country. The prospects for the town is good and Mr. Blatchford expects to do a good business. He was formerly with the firm of Blatchford Bros. of Shelburn.

### All Have Knockers

Scio, like all other towns, has a few knockers. 'Tis a pity that all knockers cannot be congregated in one town, so that they would become disgusted with the knocking habit.

## RESERVE ARMY IS TO BE ORGANIZED

### Roosevelt Would Raise Division if War Begins—Legion of 30,000 is Plan

New York, Feb. 28.—Formal announcement was made here tonight on the formation of an organization of first reserves, to be known as the American Legion, to be composed of former army, navy and militiamen, which will better insure the nation's preparedness in case of war.

Captain Gordon Johnston, aide-de-camp to Major General Wood, commanding the department of the east, made the announcement on behalf of a group of army and navy men, who in an unofficial capacity are acting with civilians in promoting the movement.

Captain Johnston said that it was planned to establish within a short time a first reserve of between 250,000 and 300,000 former army, navy and militiamen for instant call in case of emergency.

Major General Wood has already given the plan his unofficial indorsement and ex-President Roosevelt has written a letter approving the proposal. Numerous other public men have indorsed the project and an announcement by the promoters say that ex-Secretaries of War and of the navy have indicated their willingness to act in an advisory capacity.

Asserting that he and his four sons will become members of the legion, Colonel Roosevelt, in a letter to the organizers, says that in the event of war he intends to ask congress for permission to raise a division of cavalry. Mr. Roosevelt's letter in part follows:

"I and my four sons gladly will become members. I very earnestly hope and pray that there will be no war; but the surest way to avert war is to be prepared for it; and the only way to avert disaster and disgrace in war is by preparation, both military and naval, in advance.

### New Grand Jury

There being no business to be brought before the new grand jury, last Monday, the jury adjourned in a short time to be called together again one week prior to the time set for the June term of the circuit court. W. A. Barrett of Albany, is foreman; O. G. Wyman, Shelburn; W. H. Condra, Halsey; J. L. Sharp, Brownsville; Elmer Fox, Crawfordville and G. M. Bilyeu of Scio, constitute the new jury.

### Left For Loma, Mont.

Lawrence Compton left Monday for Loma, Montana, to join a relative, George Devaney, and perhaps locate. Loma has become headquarters for a large settlement of former Linn county people, probably fifty or sixty in all. Mr. Devaney has 185 acres in wheat and with high prices prevailing, has anticipations of a golden harvest, with a number of others filling their soil to the limit with wheat.—Albany Democrat.

## Cases Dismissed by Judge Kelly Monday

The following cases were acted upon Monday afternoon by Judge Kelly:

State of Oregon vs. Grace Greenwood and Thomas Alvin, defendants were discharged on motion of the district attorney. They were held under bonds to keep the peace.

State of Oregon vs. C. H. Lindeman; complainant failing to appear, the defendant was discharged and his bondsmen were exonerated.

State of Oregon vs. Tom Lewis, assault; dismissed on motion of the district attorney because of absence of prosecuting witness.

State of Oregon vs. Frank Steingrandt, assault; defendant discharged and bondsmen exonerated on motion of district attorney because of absence of complainant.

R. M. Wade vs. F. E. Strong, suit to recover money; default and judgment to sell attached property.

R. L. Devaney vs. City of Scio; nonsuit on motion of plaintiff.

## FIRST MARKET DAY PROVES A SUCCESS

### The First Public Sales Day Attracts Hundreds of Visitors to the City

Centuries ago the people of England and on the continent of Europe used to gather at selected places and hold market fairs and guilds. They journeyed from far distant points, driving cattle, sheep and swine, bringing foods, clothes and various other articles to barter, trade or sell to people from other sections. These occasions were always accompanied by celebrations during the days of the fairs, and everybody was merry.

The amount of merrymaking was hardly on the same scale as were the days of old, but from a commercial standpoint the stock sale will stand comparison. From distant points in Linn and Benton counties the crowd poured into Albany all morning, and by 11 o'clock it was practically impossible to obtain livery stable accommodations. By the time Ben Sudtell started the sale, hundreds of people were gathered around the selling stand.

The sale was opened by a parade through the principal streets, headed by the Albany high school band. Following the band were cabs containing Mayor Curl, city officials and members of the city council. Then came a booster brigade of small boys carrying banners. Next came the Albany fire department, automobiles, a float bearing a troupe of acrobats from the Y. M. C. A., stock to be sold and a brigade of horse back riders.

The parade ended at Second and Ferry streets, where the sale was held. Mayor Curl opened the ceremonies with an appropriate address in which he welcomed the people to Albany and touched on the purpose of the stock sale day. He announced that Market day will be held the last Saturday of every month. The auctioneer started the selling at 1 o'clock.—Albany Democrat.

## SCIENCE TO TREBLE GASOLINE OUTPUT

### Announcement is Made By Secretary Lane—The Process is to Be Made Free

Washington, Feb. 28.—Two discoveries, both of vast importance to American industries and one regarded also as a priceless military asset, were announced today by Secretary Lane, of the Interior department. They are chemical processes developed after years of research by Dr. Walter Rittman, chemical engineer of the bureau of mines.

One is expected to enable oil refiners to increase their output of gasoline by 200 per cent; the other makes possible the production from crude petroleum of toluol and benzol, bases for dyes and high explosives, for which in the past the United States and the rest of the world has depended almost exclusively on Germany.

Dr. Rittman has applied for patents on his processes to prevent the possibility of any monopoly in their use and will dedicate them to the American people.

"These processes," said Secretary Lane today, "are fraught with the utmost importance. The Standard Oil company has had a big advantage over the independents in production of gasoline, having a patented process obtaining three times the amount of gasoline from a given quantity of petroleum than the independents now obtain.

"Now the Federal government, through the efforts of Dr. Rittman, proposes to make free for the use of all a process confidently expected to increase their yields of gasoline fully 200 per cent and perhaps more. Dr. Rittman asserts his process is safer, simpler and more economical.

### Oregon Building at the Exposition Dedicated Monday

San Francisco, March 1.—The Oregon building of the exposition was dedicated with a great ceremony today, Judge Wolverton of the United States supreme court, presiding. Hon. R. A. Booth represented Governor Withycombe, who delivered the address. It is universally admitted that Oregon has about the finest building on the grounds.

### Comet is Coming Nearer

Cambridge, Mass., March 3.—Mellish's comet, which is visible in the morning skies through a small telescope, is increasing in brilliancy and will make its perihelion passage around the sun on July 20, according to computations made by Prof. Crawford and Miss Young of the Student's Observatory, Berkeley, Cal.

This was announced at the Harvard Observatory today.

Wm. Brenner is the first to get at making garden, so far as we have seen. He may have to provide a stove or some other heating process to keep the stuff from rotting. It is a month yet to garden making time.

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