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JOHNSON WINS IN SUIT AGAINST COLVIN

Damages in Sum of $6000 Awarded —Case Will be Appealed.

A great deal of interest was taken in the trial of the case of James Johnson against Ben Colvin, heard before Judge Phelps on a change of venue from Grant county, during the past week. The case went to trial on Wednesday morning and occupied the time of the court for the balance of the week, a large number of witnesses appearing for examination on behalf of the contending parties.

Strong legal lights appeared both for Johnson and Colvin and a strong battle was put up. This case grew out of the trial of Colvin, with others, for the larceny of thirty head of beef cattle belonging to Johnson and taken from his range during the summer of 1912. Colvin was tried and acquitted on the stealing charge and later was tried again on the charge of perjury, and of this crime he was also acquitted, whereupon Johnson instituted a suit for damages, including in his claim the value of the cattle stolen, expenses and punative damages, making a total of $32,0000.

After the testimony was all in, Judge Phelps placed a limit on the attorneys in the presentation of their arguments before the jury and the case was handed over to that body at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and after remaining out until 8 o'clock they returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff a total sum of $6000.

Notice of appeal has been filed, and no doubt the case will be fought out fefore the supreme court.

Local Lodge Receives Visitors.

Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S. received a fraternal visit from Locus Chapter of Ione on last Friday evening, the latter coming up to Heppner in large numbers and bringing along their officers who took charge of the work of initiation for Ruth Chapter and managed the same in a faultless manner. Following the initiatory ceremonies a lunch was served by the local Chapter and a general good time was enjoyed. The members from Locus Chapter, filling the offices and having charge of the work were Mrs. C. C. Chick, Worthy Matron, T. B. Buffington, Worthy Patron, Mrs. W. H. Cronk, Associate Matron, Mrs. J. H. Wilt, Conductress, Mrs. Edna Puyear, Associate Conductress, Mrs. Cynthia Walker, Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Low, Treasurer, Mrs. T .B. Buffington, Ada, Mrs. H. M. Cummins, Ruth, Mrs. W. T. McNabb, Esther, Mrs. S. E. Moore, Martha, Miss Margaret Jones, Electa, Mrs. Low, Chaplin, Mrs. Laxton McMurray, Marshal. Ruth Chapter greatly appreciates this fraternal visit from the members of Locus Chapter of Ione, and hopes to be able in the near future to return the compliment.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION FRIDAY EVENING

Graduation exercises of Heppner High School will be held at the auditorium on Friday evening, at which time a class of twenay-two will receive their diplomas. This is the largest class to be graduated from our school. Commencement week started with the baccalaureate services at the Federated church Sunday evening and an able address to the class by Rev. H. A. Noyes, and the following is the program for Friday evening:

Piano Solo, selected
Miss Hazel Radabaugh
Chorus—Glee Club.
Invocation—Rev. F. A. Andrews.
Commencement Address
Dr. Carl G. Doney, President of Willamette University.
Chorus—Glee Club.
Presentation of Diplomas
C. E. Woodson of School Board.
Presentation of Class Memorial
Ruth Van Vactor, Class President.
Song—Senior Class.
Benediction—Rev. F. A. Andrews.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Silva Huston of Eight Mile, at the Heppner Sanitarium on May 9th, 1919, and we should apologize to these good people for failure to mention the arrival of their firsa mention the arrival of their first born sooner.

Miss Lucile Bristow, daughter of E. J. Bristow of Ione, was brought to the hospital at Heppner Wednesday evening, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hands of Dr. Walker and Dr. Chick.

John Kuvallis Acquitted.

The criminal case against John Kuvallis, Greek section foreman at Irrigon, came up for trial Monday. He was charged with pointing a gun at a neighbor but the jury decided that the state did not have sufficient evidence to convict and they brought in a verdict of not guilty. The case brought a number of people over from Irrigon.

Case Is Dismissed.

The damage case brought in Circuit Court by James Carty against John Doherty over a range and sheep deal, did not come to trial, as the parties got together and settled the difficulty out of court, and the suit was dismissed.

GIVE WESTERN OREGON A SQUARE DEAL

Tillamook, Oregon, May 15, 1919.
To the Editor:-

Dear Sir:- Will you give me space in your valuable paper to say a few words in regard to the reconstruction measures to be voted upon in June from a Coast County view point?

You are well aware that Western Oregon is one of the most productive yet undeveloped sections of the State. The people in the Coast Counties have never complained, but with true Western grit and determination, they have had to contend with adverse circumstances on account of lack of roads and bad transportation; consequently, it is not surprising that all the Coast Counties are united and greatly interested in the proposed Roosevelt Military Highway, which will be the means of opening up to settlement a large amount of valuable land suitable for dairying, and land that is similar to that of Tillamook County, where the dairymen have made such a great success of cheese making. It may interest you to know that the dairy herds of Tillamook County produced 45,100,156 pounds of milk last year, and this made 5,036,900 pounds of cheese, valued at $1,352,694. This will be duplicated many times if the Roosevelt highway is built, and the Coast Counties will produce more cheese than that produced in Wisconsin and some of the other cheese producing states of the East, for the reason that climatic conditions are ideal for cheese making in the Coast Counties. The dairymen and Grangers are all lined up in these counties for the Roosevelt Highway.

What the Coast Counties want is an opportunity to develop Western Oregon. They now appeal to the generous and magnanimius spirit of the people of Oregon to help them do so, as Western Oregon has received but slight recognition by way of improvements, but have always cheerfully paid their taxes, some of which have gone to help develop other parts of the State. All that Western Oregon wants is a square deal, and I am sure if the people of the State knew of the undeveloped resources that are in the Coast Counties, they would readily cast their votes in favor of the Roosevelt highway measure. It will be a market road, but at the same time it will be used for pleasure by more people living in Portland, Southern Oregon, Eastern Oregon and the Willamette Valley than by people living in the Coast Counties, and it will outclass the Columbia Highway for scenic beauty and picturesqueness, as it passes through a most interesting part of Oregon.

The people in the Coast Counties are almost as much interested in the other reconstruction measures as the Roosevelt highway, as will be seen by a straw vote taken in Tillamook City on four measures, viz:

Roosevelt highway measure—281 yes; 1 no.

Five million reconstruction measure—181 yes; 15 no.

Irrigation and drainage measure—247 yeso 17 no.

Market roads tax measure—206 yes; 3 no.

Should the $5,000,000 reconstruction measure pass and the Roosevelt highway measure be defeated, all that Western Oregon will receive will be two insignificant sums of money for armories at Marshfield and Astoria. In that event it will be doing the Coast Counties an injustice.

Respectfully yours,
FRED C. BAKER,
Editor Tillamook Headlight.

DANCE.

Heppner, Saturday, May 24th. Good music and a good time assured. Bert Stone, floor manager. Tickets one dollar.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moyer of Blackhorse, on May 17, 1919, a daughter.

COLLECTING A "BAD BILL"

APPOINTED MEMBER OF CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

W. W. Smead, of this city, has been appointed a member of the state wide campaign committee by B. L. Eddy, Chairman of Oregon Reconstruction Campaign Committee. This organization is conducting a campaign of education with a view to carrying the reconstruction amendment measures at the special election on June 3. It is expected that some speakers of note will be assigned to Morrow county, and that within the coming two weeks an active campaign will be carried out in support of these various measures. The $5,000,000 reconstruction measure, the Roosevelt Highway, the Market Roads bill are all worthy, and are measures that will not increase the taxation in the state, but increase the taxable wealth and bring millions of new capital to Oregon. It is expected that the Commercial Club will take up this matter at its meeting tonight, as the meeting was called for the purpose of hearing these measures discussed.

Case Held Up.

The Johnson-Colvin case was held up for about a day and a half, and the jury given liberty because of the failure of a witness, Grover Andrews of Ritter, failing to arrive on time. A bench warrant was issuel for him, and a deputy sheriff went out from Pilot Rock and brought him in, getting here Friday morning. After he had given his testimony in the case, he was asked to explain his failure to answer the subpoena of the court by Judge Phelps, who reprimanded the witness severly, giving him a fine of $55 and five days in the county jail. In the future, no doubt, Andrews will pay a little more attention to a summons to be in court at a certain hour. He was formerly a justice of the peace in his district in Grant county.

Places to Eat Will be Scarce.

To find a place to eat in Heppner will be a serious question shortly. The Elkhorn restaurant is the last of the buildings to be razed to make room for the new hotel, and the house wreckers, Messrs. Baldwin & French will be after this building at once. Ed Chin who has been running the Elkhorn for the past year, will store his furniture and fixtures for the present and this will leave the town with but one public eating place, the Portland restaurant. We understand that good board can be had at one or two private houses but these cannot begin to accommodate the public. Ben Yen, who is a partner of Ed Chin's, and who has been spending the winter in China, is expected to arrive home at any time, and upon his arrival a place may be secured and the Elkhorn opened up for business again. It has certainly been a busy place since the destruction of the Palace hotel last summer.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY WAS GREAT SUCCESS

An audience which filled the auditorium, the aisles, corridors and windows at the high school building last evening, greeted the presentation of the play, "Step Lively," given by the Senior Class, and large numbers, coming a little late, were unable to gain admittance to the building, and were met with barred doors.

The young people did their parts well, reflecting credit upon themselves and those who had their training in charge. Being one among those unable to gain admittance and witness the performance, the editor can not give an account of the play from personal observation, and if there was anything lacking on the part of any of those taking part, we know nothing about it, and shall be content to say that our information is that all were well pleased.

The results in cash receipts amounted to $174.00.

More Sunday Schools Organized.

Two more Sunday schools have been organized and started on their way by Clark M. Smith, missionary of the American Sunday School Union, who has been at work in the rural districts of Morrow county for several weeks past.

At Hardman last Sunday morning, twenty-six people in attendance at the church expressed themselves as very anxious for a Sunday school, pledging themselves to be there each Sunday possible, that it might be made of interest and benefit to the community. The officers elected were: John Hadley, supt.; Mrs. Elzena Ward, assist. supt.; Elva Chapin, secretary-treasurer; Jaunita Leathers, organist and Ella Brannon, librarian.

In the afternoon service was held at Eight Mile and the twenty-two people in attendance voted to organize and maintain a Sunday school. This service was marked by the large number of heads of families present and great interest in the work. Officers electel were: Supt. to be supplied; Assist. Supt., Oscar Keithley; Sec.-Treas., Alice Keithley; Teachers, Mrs. Alfred Anderson, Mrs. Walter Becket and Claude Keithley.

These Sunday schools will help to form the character of the boys and girls of the communities and give all a greater appreciation of the possibilities of life in their neighborhoods.

Miss Lera Githens arrived home on Sunday afternoon from Halfway, Oregon, where she has been teaching during the past year. She was accompanied by Miss Thelma Selling, an associate teacher in the Halfway schools, who spent a couple of days here before leaving for her home in Portland, Wednesday morning. The young ladies were met at Pendleton Sunday by Spencer and Margaret Crawford and Lucile Elder, who drove over for them in the Githens car.

Dist. No. 9 Has Box Social.

The patrons of school district No 9, Miss Cassie Doherty, teacher, had a fine time one night the past week when they gathered at the school house for a box social. To raise their quota in the Armenian relief work, and also their part of the Junior Red Cross funds, the social had been planned. Nineteen boxes were auctioned off and the sum of $180 realized. This has been turned in, and Phil Doherty states that the only reason it was not more was because the boxes run out. The people had a big time and enjoyed the program immensely, and the large sum of money raised is evidence that the bidding was lively and competition was keen.

WILL DEVELOP 400 TO 500 HORSE POWER

H. V. Gates, president of Heppner Light & Water Co., has been busy during the past two weeks making survey and locating his pipe line for hydraulic power, beginning at the spring on the Yokum place, about five miles beyond the forks of Willow creek, and his operations have proceeded so far that he now announces that he will be able to develop between 400 and 500 horsepower at the point near the forks of the creek where he expects to locate his power plant.

While in town for a short time on Monday, Mr. Gates took time to talk the situation over with this paper and give us an idea of what is being accomplished, and he is very much pleased with the situation. Mr. Gates is of the opinion that he may be able to develop sufficient power by the use of a turbine wheel to keep the plant running by water except during the very dryest part of the season. In order, however, to be prepared for all emergencies, it is his intention to install a steam plant also and thus be insured against breaks in conduit line or other unforseen accidents.

In the development of this water power Mr. Gates and his company will be prepared to furnish electric energy to Heppner, Lexington and Ione and all intervening points at a rate much lower than that in force at present. In fact, Mr. Gates says that it will be so cheap that it can be used for cooking and heating purposes taking the place of wood and coal and there will be an abundance for mechanical and lighting purposes as well. He has also found the fuel situation in the mountains in the vicinity of where the plant will be built far better than he had anticipated.

Mr. Gates has also been making some preliminary surveys across the divide between Willow and Skinner creeks, and he may be able to bring the water down Skinner, and in this event about 700 horsepower could be developed.

Mr. Gates sees nothing but a bright futhre for Heppner in connection with the water and light situation, for upon the completion of his plans and the installation by the city of their new gravity system, bringing pure mountain water to the city in abundance, for development will be rapid and substantial. He has hopes of getting his new conduit line built during the present season but may have to postpone operations in this line until the labor situation clears up, a situation which at the present time does not look good to those who contemplate carrying on extensive improvements.

Some Fishermen.

We are in receipt of a letter this week from C. R. Johnson, who, with Mrs. Johnson, is enjoying a season at Hunaington Beach, Calif. Charlie sends a clipping from the Huntington Beach News, giving an account of a little fishing stunt engaged in by himself and C. C. Wilson, his brother-in-law, to which might be added the statement that the catch was made in two hours. The item follows:

"Big Catch of Surf Sunday Evening. C. C. Wilson and his brother-in-law, C. R. Johnson of Ione, Ore., who, with Mrs. Johnson, is stopping at the Kenwood, made one of the largest hauls in the fish line recently reported, Sunday evening, when they landed 39 surf, yellowfin and spotin croakers, while fishing in the breakers east of the pier. It is estimated the fish weighed from 1 to 3½ pounds each."

Vic Groshens and his crew of men are now at work on the bluff of rock in the middle of Main street and will blow out a portion of the obstruction and widen the street at this point. The crew have just finished up with their work on the road in Buttermilk canyon and the job they done is pronounced very excellent.

CHAS. A. MOREY IS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Having Plead Guilty to Indictment Charging Second Degree Murder —Taken Below Yesterday.

Charles A. Morey was tried last week on a charge of murder in the second degree, for having killed Alfred Shoefer, a neighbor, and after being out for better than two days, the jury failed to agree, 11 to 1. After taking time to reflect on the matter, and being unable to get the Dist. Attorney to agree to his entering a plea of guilty to manslaughter, Morey came into court late Saturday evening and made a plea of guilty as charged in the indictment.

It was hard to understand, after hearing the testimony given by Morey and the instructions of the court how the jury could not agree on a verdict, and no doubt another trial would have brought conviction, with little chance of a lighter verdict than second degree murder.

Morey was called up for sentence at 8:00 o'clock on Monday morning, and was given life imprisonment by Julge Phelps. He was taken to Salem to begin service in the penitentiary on Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff McDuffee.

Before sentence was passed on Morey, he made the following statement in his own behalf:

To the Honorable Court;

I plead to this indictment, not your honor because I feel guilty of a cold blooded murder, I do not feel that I am either a Laird or a Primrose. I want to be fair—I have always wanted to be fair, and have said if I violated the law, I would take my punishment. I know in my own mind I did not go to that man's place to take his life, neither did I think of it leading to that, but when it lead to what it did, I fully believed I was doing right. While I had no thought of breaking the law of God or man, it seems I have broken the law of man. My thoughts were to protect my home and the honor of my children. That and that alone has got me in this trouble. My children needed a mother's care, that man was trying to pull their mother down, trying to break up my home and get her for his own use. She kept my children home from school, she begged me to quit my work and come home, she would never step out alone again at night after he caught her at the barn. She did her part to stop him without telling me. I could not understand why he acted so toward me. I could not understand why my wife was not the same with him or me but when she did tell me I knew he would have to stay away. That took me to see him. I wanted to tell him to stay away, I went never knowing he had been warned that I was to be told. Never dreaming of what I was going into, while I knew a mission of that kind is dangerous, never once did I think but what he would stay away. I had no desire to break the law, I did not want [illegible] public. I only [illegible] make [illegible] wanted he should stay away. There is no one that can care for children like their own mother and had I not tried to stop him after her telling me, where would she be today? Had I wanted to take his life I could have did it at my own house. I could have done just as this indictment says and got out of it. But I could never do even a dog that way let alone a human being. My mind would have been gone long ago. Never could I do such a thing. I made no plea of self-defence I tried to be fair. I do not remember at any time of saying any thing to protect myself. If I had been a coward, I might have perjured myself, or laid this crime on another. But when the deed was done I did what a man should do, I gave myself up to the law. It was said I did not try the law, had I wanted to make it public and have a scandal that is just what I would have done. Now as it seems I have broken the law I would rather be in prison with a clear mind than to be free knowing I had got my freedom by deceit. I have tried as best I could to protect every one that was in any way connected in this case. I refrained from saying any thing about that man's life that did not connect him with my family. While he did me the worst deed one man can do another, yet I respect his daughter enough to say as little as I can as to what he said and done. He picked his time when I was clear out of the country, and when he knew my neighbors were away, claiming to be my friend, having the full confidence of my wife he betrayed his trust, then was determined to ruin my home and disgrace my child-

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