

GRAND JURY IS DISCHARGED

After Being in Session More Than a Fortnight, Grand Jury Ceases Its Labors—Many Indictments Returned.

The grand jury has made its final report. The full text of the report could not be published, as the jury failed to fill out several blanks in the report.

The number of true bills found by the jury is left blank, but an examination of the clerk's day book developed 14. There might have been more but the records failed to show them.

The report of the grand jury states that they have examined all cases coming before them, have found no true bills on justice of the peace information, and have returned one "not true" bill. They have returned on "other information" bills.

Also they did not examine the office of the county officials "from the lack of time," neither did they visit the county poor farm.

However, they commended the sheriff's office for the promptness with which the business of the grand jury was conducted.

The sheriff's office doubtless appreciates the commendation, as they have been working night and day since the opening of court.

GRANTS PASS TO HAVE MODERN SCHOOL HOUSE

Big Meeting is Held and It is Decided to Build New High School.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 24. (Special.)—One of the best attended school meetings ever seen in Grants Pass was held this forenoon to decide on the advisability of building a new high school building that should be modern in every respect. After considerable wrangling it was decided that the district should build and that the selection of the site should be left to the school board. It seems very probable that the building will be located on the north side of the track and several sites have been offered ranging in price from \$10,000 down to \$1500.

NOT MANY LARGE FAMILIES ARE FOUND IN ASHLAND

Ashland has a reputation as a city of homes, schools and consequently of large families. But the latter reputation is not fully reserved, if a cursory examination of the school census now nearly completed by the clerk of the Ashland district is to be depended upon to demonstrate the fact.

The census shows a population of children of school age (between 4 and 20) of between 1400 and 1500. There is but one family in the district listing eight children of school age. Three only have seven children and there are five families resident in the district reporting six children of school age. In twenty-four families five children of school age each are reported, leaving 85 per cent of the school population to be divided among families of four, three, two and one child each.

LEAVES MEDFORD BUT KEEPS A LINE TO WINDWARD

E. P. Bennet shipped a carload of household goods to his new home at Live Oak, Calif., about eight miles from Marysville. Mr. Bennet, who is one of the pioneer orchard men here, has exchanged part of his property here for property at Live Oak with N. L. Townsend.

"I have retained some of it" said Mr. Bennet, "because I might want to come back. This is a mighty good place to come back to and I do not intend to break loose altogether."

Mr. Bennet and family leave for California tomorrow.

BUTTE FALLS NOW HAS TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Butte Falls telephone line, B. H. Harris, president, was completed from Eagle Point to Butte Falls Thursday, and that thriving burg is now in communication with the valley.

The new telephone line will be of great convenience to the people of that section.

Nicely furnished rooms with all modern conveniences at the Palms.

TOKAY VINE GROWS 98 FEET IN ONE SEASON

Contest Just Closed in Grants Pass Shows Adaptability of Valley for Grapes.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 24. (Special.)—A unique contest has just been closed in Grants Pass which shows the adaptability of southern Oregon and the Rogue River valley for the raising of the Flaming Red Tokay grape. Early this spring W. B. Sherman of this city distributed 6000 vines through the county and offered prizes amounting to \$100 for the persons showing vines making the greatest growth in one growing season. The rise winning vine showed a growth of 98 feet. The judges were Mayor H. C. Kinney, Will Scoville, president of the Fruit exchange, and George A. Hamilton, a large fruit grower of the county. The prize winners follow and all are school children except the winner of the first prize, C. H. Sampson, who planted one of the first vineyards in southern Oregon.

First—C. H. Sampson, growth 98 feet; \$15.

Second—Hector Holman, growth 51 feet; \$10.

Third—Clyde Harper, growth 41 feet; \$5.

Fifth—Harold Perry, growth 31½ feet; \$5.

Sixth—Ruth Causley, growth 30 feet; \$5.

Seventh—Thomas McLaughlin, growth 26 feet; \$5.

Eighth—Mary Sausley, growth 24 feet; \$5.

Ninth—Claude Causley, growth 21 feet; \$3.

Tenth—Elizabeth Davis, growth 21 feet; \$3.

Four hundred and eighteen acres first-class ranch, four miles from railroad station, 4 acres alfalfa, irrigation for 160 acres, first-class orchard, 3 good barns, 2 good houses, school, daily mail. A snap for \$50 per acre; one-fourth cash, 3 to 5 years for balance. See J. W. Dressler Agency, West Main.

BUTTE FALLS GIRLS HAVE EXCITING BALL GAME

The organization of the girls' basketball teams at Butte Falls has aroused great enthusiasm among the citizens. The girls have been practicing faithfully nearly every day at the athletic club's gym. Last Wednesday evening they played their first game before the public. The game was very interesting and full of excitement from start to finish. The result of the contest was in doubt until the close, it finally resulting in a score of 15 to 12, the Swastikas winning over the Starrs. Both teams were evenly matched and played brilliantly throughout the game. Everyone is looking forward with eager anticipation to the game Christmas when they will play again as a preliminary to the game between the Butte Falls and the Dudley teams.

Don't stay "out-of-a-job" at this season—advertise aggressively. Gift-buying will interest you if you:

NINE PERSONS BURN TO DEATH WHEN HOME BURNS

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Nine persons lost their lives early today in a fire that destroyed the home of Guitana DeMerbo at Hillsdale, nine miles from this city. The dead are DeMerbo, his wife and their five children and two men who boarded at their home.

JACK FROST BLOCKS BARNUM'S FIRST TRAIN

Nothing Doing When Time Came to Leave on Morning Train—Line "Froze Up."

When the time came for the 8 o'clock train to leave for Jacksonville on the Rogue River Valley railway there was nothing doing yesterday morning.

During the night Jack Frost had been doing a little business and when the engineer attempted to fill the tank of the locomotive he found the water pipes frozen. There was nothing to do except thaw out the pipes.

Finally the stand pipe was thawed out and water secured so that the train reached the county seat only an hour behind time.

BUTTE FALLS PLANNING MOST MERRY XMAS

Butte Falls is making great preparations for an enjoyable Christmas this year. The athletic club's gym will be opened at 7 p. m. by a basketball game between the girls teams, after which the Butte Falls and Dudley teams will play. This game promises to be fast and exciting as the boys have been practicing hard in preparation for the contest. In a recent game Butte Falls defeated Dudley by a close margin and the latter are determined to get revenge Christmas.

The citizens have manifested great enthusiasm over the game and will be assured of an exciting contest.

Following the basketball game the remainder of the evening will be spent by a dance given by the club, with supper furnished by Wm. Chambers. The entertainment committee are doing all in their power to secure the best musicians obtainable to insure a grand success for the occasion.

Striking oil at or near Vale has created intense excitement in that section of the state.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Palace—Arthur Nichols, Eagle Point; John Kirkpatrick, Beagle; G. T. McDonald, G. M. Winn and son, M. J. Williams, A. H. Adams, city; George Wicks, Trail; J. E. Drake, Beagle; A. S. Kleinhammer, Applegate.

At the Moore—R. F. Hills, Portland; R. E. Hobbs, St. Louis; P. Lutister, D. R. Blackduke, Ashland; J. H. Willman, Portland; Rev. J. Mikschek, Henley; W. C. Detry, Lake Creek; A. M. Thomas, Sacramento; E. C. McBride, San Francisco; E. K. Adams, city; H. G. Rater, Ackley.

At the Nash—J. R. Harvey, Dan F. Monroe, George Strong, Minneapolis; W. G. Denny, San Francisco; L. K. Haak, Eagle Point; Bondinot Connor, Tablet Rock; H. N. Starr, Sam Cohen, A. E. Kelly, W. T. Rutherford, Portland; William von der Helten, Eagle Point; Frank Cameron, Applegate; W. G. Henshaw, Seattle; F. H. Nulsenren, Portland; F. N. Whitened, Long Beach; E. Clanton, Grants Pass; J. Weathered and wife, Tacoma; E. A. Palmer, Seattle; W. P. Hale, Chicago; R. T. McNichols, Jess Clements, Glendale.

Be sure you are right before you go ahead, is good advice that applies to the light business as well as other business. Electric light has stood the test of time as the safest and most economical light and before considering cheaper lights get the experience of people who have used them several months at least. 240

THE LIGHT QUESTION

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The tallow candle was next to exert its supremacy over the tallow dip, and folks were glad.

The next step of development was kerosene lamps, and they in their turn were welcomed as a pleasing step in the right direction.

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