

MUCH WORK FOR GRAND JURORS

Cases are Numerous and Long Session is Outlook—Cases Range From White Slavery to Larceny—One May Be Scratched.

The grand jury, which will convene in Jacksonville Monday, will find its hands full of work. There is a lengthy list of cases to come before it for consideration and much work is to be done.

The cases on the calendar are those of the state against Joseph R. Watson; "John Doe" Watson; John Williams and John Smith, burglary, committed at Ashland; Alfred Farmer, alleged "white slaver," committed from justice of the peace; Glenn O. Taylor's court in Medford; E. A. Nering and J. N. Canon, arrested for committing a burglary on a track-walker's cabin in the Siskiyou mountains and committed from the justice court in Ashland; William Hills, S. H. Moore, W. D. Moore and Jerusha Moore, held under \$1500 bonds each to keep the peace in the justice court in Woodville; J. E. Cuthbert, alleged board bill beat, committed in Ashland; Sam Cherry, held under \$1000 bonds to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of larceny from a building, and committed from Ashland; and Bert Cummings, charged with larceny.

The case of William Ellison McGuffie, held by the justice court in Ashland for obtaining money under false pretenses, will in all probability be scratched from the calendar, the prisoner having been turned over to the authorities at San Jose, Cal., by the local officers to answer to a charge of larceny in the California city, giving the authorities there prior claim on him. His offense here consisted of passing checks drawn on a mythical bank account. He was wanted in the south for the alleged theft of a quantity of gold and platinum from the office of a chemist in which he was employed.

CHICAGO MAN BUYS IN VALLEY

Strife Between Former Residents of Chicago Over Who Can Boast of Best Rogue River Valley Orchard—One More Added to Colony.

There is the keenest rivalry in the city of Chicago over who can boast the ownership of the best orchard in the Rogue River Valley. The Palmer boys claim consideration for their investments. A Courto Fiero takes a back seat for no one, Boudiphot Connor points to his magnificent oak grove, J. H. Madden takes off his hat to Mt. Pitt as sunrise regularly, and claims to have the best ever and now comes Vincent P. Dole, the prominent jobber in table dainties, olives, etc., and this week jumps into the game by purchase of a one-third interest in the great Grand View Orchard tract in the Talent neighborhood. He and two other of the stock holders in the company contemplate building modern bungalows on the commanding heights south of the present buildings on the tract, and overlooking the whole valley, affording a view surpassing even the horseshoe curve of the Siskiyou mountain, and have given orders that the uncleared land on the premises be put in shape for setting to pears during the coming year.

SEVERAL MEXICANS KILLED IN CLOSE RANGE BATTLE

PRESIDIO, Texas, via Marfa, Texas, March 18.—Several Mexican federal soldiers were killed and one mortally wounded in close range fighting near Ojinaga, it was reported today in the resumption of insurrecto operations. The federal command was reported bottled up while Colonel Derantes and eighty of his soldiers are surrounded in a group of houses not more than a mile from the garrison.

TOM JOHNSON SUFFERS RELAPSE; IS SINKING

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 18.—Tom L. Johnson, former mayor of Cleveland, who has been seriously ill for several months, suffered a relapse Wednesday, from which he failed to recover. His condition has been kept secret and was only revealed when his family, summoned from New York, arrived here at noon. For a time Johnson was unconscious and it was announced this afternoon that his condition was critical.

HOMESTEADERS LOCATE LAND

Still Some of Uncle Sam's Land to Be Had by Those Who Are in Search of Homes—Several Located During Past Few Days.

Although there is a general impression existing in Medford that there is no more government land open to settlement in this section of the state, local dealers who make a practice of placing homesteaders have done considerable business during the past month. No less than ten homesteaders have been located during the past few days and three of them are within five miles of this city.

Timber claims have also been located recently. For those the locator is forced to go back into the hills quite a distance.

"During the past three days I have placed three homesteaders," states A. B. Salling, a local real estate man, "and I am placing several more. While government land is scarce, it is by no means all taken, as seems to be the impression."

JAPAN TRYING TO INCREASE HER RESOURCES

TOKIO, March 18.—That Japan, in addition to conserving national resources, is doing everything in her power to increase her financial resources was shown today in the discussion of the government's plans for insuring private concerns against loss. The question was raised as to whether the government has the right to enter upon the insurance business, and criticism of its course is being made in several of the leading papers, notably the Houchi Shim-bun.

ORCHARDISTS ARE SPRAY MARKED

Bandaged Hands and Plaster Covered Faces Testify to Fact That Spray Time is Here—One Man is Seriously Injured.

Saturday, many orchardists were seen on the streets of Medford with hands bandaged and sticking plaster stuck here and there on their faces. These insignias were marks of the lime sulphur spray which is now being squirted on the trees in all parts of the valley. In one or two cases blood poisoning has resulted from the burns and the wounds have become serious.

There seems to be one bright exception to injury from contact with the poisonous spray. Gus Clark, a well known orchard hand who has been recently working on a Griffin Creek orchard claims to have had his eyesight improved by contact with spray dope. Several years ago Gus lost the sight of one eye from a flying chip of steel while working in a saw mill at Weed, California. After the pain from a splash of lime sulphur in the injured eye had subsided, Gus claimed to be able to see with his formerly blind eye.

FIFTY THOUSAND FOR SAN DIEGO'S EXPOSITION

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 18.—San Diego is given \$50,000 of state funds to draw plans for and start a California building at the San Diego Panama Exposition by a bill which passed the assembly today. The senate already had favored the bill which now is up to the governor to sign.

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