

# CONVICT LABOR LAW INVALID

Judge Dismisses Abbott Case At Portland As Interstate Commerce In Involved—Restraint Is Point On Which Decision Is Based.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 18.—The measure passed at the last session of the legislature, requiring that all convict made goods exposed for sale in Oregon be stamped conspicuously was held invalid recently by Circuit Judge Gatens, who ordered the discharge from custody of J. T. Abbott, an east side merchant arrested and indicted two months ago for selling two pair of shoes, made in the Kentucky prison, and which did not bear the stamp. Abbott has been on bail since his arrest.

The case involved the question of restraint on interstate commerce, and it was on this point that the decision of the judge was based. Abbott's lawyers referred to decisions in other states in which similar laws had been declared unconstitutional because they operated to deprive the citizens of his property without due process of law and were unreasonable exercises of police power.

## CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Sold.—On the northwest corner of 7th and Lowell streets, the Caldwell property to Jacob Stone on Saturday.

Mrs. Steelhammer has returned from a several days visit with friends in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Waltermier who have spent the last few months here, have moved to Ashland for the present.

Wm. Johnson, who has been in the employ of Mr. Nausman, proprietor of the Nausman meat market, for several months, left for Portland Sunday morning.

Homer Peart left Saturday for an extended visit in California, visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Peart will visit Sacramento, San Francisco, Chico and other southern cities.

Mrs. W. E. Price and Mrs. J. B. Holmes spent Sunday visiting friends in Woodville.

H. E. Beal enjoyed a visit at Ashland Sunday.

D. H. Sturivant has purchased the general merchandise store on Pine street of J. L. Bass. Mr. Bass recently purchased the property of L. Hatfield.

Among the many Central Point Saturday and Sunday visitors to Medford were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Narnill, Mrs. E. L. Moore, Mrs. Stidman, Mrs. O. G. Purkeypile, Mrs. Steelhammer, Miss Etta Williams, W. F. St. Alam, Wayne Leever, Shipley Ross, Mellin Condon Donald Bass, Frank Hatfield, Gen. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shields, Miss Herring, Miss Young, Mrs. and W. N. Norcross.

Prof. A. J. Hamby addressed the Y. M. C. A. here Sunday afternoon. City council will meet tonight (Monday) at 7 o'clock.

### Reason For Wildness.

The young man had been sowing his wild oats, but had stopped for a moment to rest. "I wonder," he murmured thoughtfully to himself, "why it is that my oats are wild?" For a time he sat in deep thought. At last he sprang up. "Eureka!" he shouted. "They are wild because I don't give them enough to drink. That would make anybody wild." And forthwith he extracted a quarter from the toy bank of his baby brother and set out in search of his companions.—Boston Post.

### The Resort Prospects.

"Going to run daily excursions this year?"  
"Oh, yes."  
"I notice you don't advertise a gorge any more."  
"No; I made it a ravine instead. Some people thought a gorge meant a lot to eat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Untrustworthy.

Uncle Josh—"I'm goin' ter take that thermometer back."  
Aunt All—"What are yew a-goin' ter take it back for, Josh?"  
Uncle Josh—"Cause yew can't depend on it. One day it sez one thing an' th' next it sez sumthin' different."—Farm Life.

### A Duke Without Nerve.

"I'm thinking of buying my daughter a duke."  
"Got that much money?"  
"This is a sort of cut rate duke. He's willing to come into the family for his board and lodging."—Kansas City Journal.

### Wise.

"Bobby, didn't you hear mamma tell us to come in out o' the rain?"  
"Yep, but I'm not goin' to do it till I'm so wet that she can't lay me across her lap 'bout spoilin' her dress."—Chicago Tribune.



Richard (Himself) Curle is said to be at his funniest in his new musical comedy "Jumping Jupiter" in which he will be seen here for the first time at Medford opera house on Sept. 21, 1911. This piece has distinction in its cast and sumptuous elegance in its mounting. Karl Hos-

## MAKE SPEEDY TRIP TO CAVES

H. C. Kentner and Party Enjoy Visit To Oregon Caves—Trip Is Made In One Day—Three Hours in the Caverns.

H. C. Kentner and party Sunday demonstrated that an automobile trip to the Marble Halls of Oregon and return can be made in very short order. The party, which consisted of Miss Bessie Kentner, Ida Lee Kentner, Messrs. Phelps, Tunny, Leo Root, Herbert Kentner and H. C. Kentner started at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. They packed for ten miles on horseback and spent three hours in the caves.

The return to the automobile was made at night by candle light and the party reached Medford early Monday morning.

All were very enthusiastic over the caves. Mr. Kentner stated that to him the scenic wonders were greater than Crater Lake and that it was surprising that more capital had not been made of the caves by cities located near it. A good road and a little advertising would mean thousands of visitors annually.

### Bulwer Lytton and His Chorus.

The Princess von Kacowitsa met Bulwer Lytton in the Riviera toward the end of the fifties. He was then, she says in her autobiography, "past his first youth; his fame was at its zenith. He seemed to me anti-delluvian, with his long dyed curls and his old-fashioned dress. He dressed exactly in the fashion of the twenties, with long coats reaching to the ankles, knee breeches and long colored waistcoats. Also he appeared always with a young lady who adored him and who was followed by a manservant carrying a harp. She sat at his feet and appeared, as he did, in the costume of 1830, with long flowing curls, called 'Aun' works, and in especially poetic passages his "Allee" accompanied him with arpeggios on the harp."

### A Tree Climbing Dog.

A government official in Bavaria connected with the forestry department has a wonderful dog, which is as clever as climbing trees as a cat. If his master fastens a handkerchief up in the treetops the animal will clamber up after it in the nimblest way and never fails to bring it down. He was taught by his mother, who was famous as a tree climber. The clever animal has won several medals by his extraordinary talent and takes particular delight in climbing silver birches, not the easiest tree in the world to scale, for the trunk is particularly smooth and slippery.—Wide World Magazine.

### Kindness to Animals.

"What I believe in," said Mr. Erasmus Pinkly, "is kindness to dumb animals."  
"Yes," replied Miss Miami Brown, "I has hyuhed dat some folks kin lift a chicken off de roos' so gentle an' tender dat he won't have his sleep disturbed sk'nsely none."—Washington Star.

### The Alternative.

Figg—My wife wants a new silk dress.  
Fogg—Are you going to let her have it?  
Figg—Yes. It's a case of silks or silks.—Boston Transcript.

### Haskins for Health.

## IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Schaefer Is Best First Sacker Senators Ever Had.



Photo by American Press Association.

It may not be a compliment to say so, but it is nevertheless a fact that Herman Schaefer has proved himself the best first baseman Washington has had since being in the American league, not even barring Jake Stahl, who was not the player in the Capital City that he developed into while with Boston.

Not only has Schaefer played the position well, but he has been of the greatest help to the team on the inside. His hitting has been the best of any member of the team, while he has been on the bases even more than Milan.

Had Hughey Jennings suspected that Schaefer could be made into a first baseman he undoubtedly would have held on to him, for Schaefer has played better ball in that position than any man Jennings has had, except Galnor, who showed a lot of class last spring.

### Cunningham Big Disappointment.

Bill Cunningham has earned for himself the reputation of being the greatest disappointment in the history of the American league. Cunny's work last fall was of such a high order that it was generally conceded McAleer had picked up a youngster who was sure to be a star. He hit and fielded well and left little to be desired in his playing.

That was last fall, but this season it is different. Cunningham's record would probably show that he has struck out more often than any other player in the circuit, not even barring the pitchers. He seems absolutely unable to connect with the ball, and yet he has a good position at the plate and does not pull away an inch. Cunningham's batting suggests that there is some fault with his eyes, for he seems to hit at the ball either before it reaches him or long after it has passed him. The failure of Cunning-

nam to play up to his last year's standard has been a severe blow to the team. Of that there is no doubt. Had he held up his end numerous switches in the infield would not have been necessary, and a team which is always changed about seldom plays steady baseball.

### Rugby Football in West.

Arrangements have been made by the State university of California for a series of two intercollegiate Rugby games with the university of Nevada next fall. One of the games will be played at Reno Oct. 7 and the return match on the local gridiron Oct. 28. Games will also probably be arranged during the fall season with the Victoria and Vancouver teams, provided a series of matches can be arranged outside of the local contest for the northerners.

### Champion Roller Skater on Tour.

Steve Shipley, the champion speed roller skater, of Baltimore has gone abroad to race and will compete in the international tourney to take place in London in September and October. Shipley will make a tour of the continent, appearing in Belgium, France, Germany and Russia before trying for the London laurels.

### No Freshmen Athletes at Wesleyan.

The Wesleyan (Conn.) university faculty has voted that, beginning in the fall of 1912, no freshman will be allowed to participate in intercollegiate athletics of any kind. This order, a radical one for a small college, will bar the freshmen effectively from football and, of course, will practically exclude them from basketball.

### A Game of Words.

Three lives is a word game played by any number of persons. The first player thinks of a word and gives its first letter. The second thinks of one beginning with that letter and gives the second letter. The third thinks of one beginning with these two letters and gives the third. This goes on till some one is unable to think of a word beginning with all the letters given or till some one's letter finishes a word of four or more letters. In either of these cases the player is said to "lose a life," and the one next in order begins a new word. When any one has lost three lives he drops out of the game, and the victor is he who remains in at the last. Thus suppose the first player thinks of "house" and says "H." The second thinks of "happy" and says "A." The third thinks of "harness" and says "R." The fourth thinks of "harp," but cannot say "P," because that completes the word "harp," so he thinks of "Harlem" and says "L." The fifth is unable to think of any word beginning with "harl," and so loses a life. When only two or three are left in the game it becomes more exciting, each one trying to give the word such a turn that the next will either not be able to go

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on with it or will be forced to complete it. When a player cannot go on and has thus lost a life he may require from any one before him to tell what his word was; otherwise a player might merely add a letter without thinking of any word at all.

### Conundrums.

Why is a hen immortal? Because her son never sets.

Why is a hen on a fence like a penny? Head on one side, tail on the other.

Why does a hen fly over the fence? It can't go around it.

Why does a miller wear a white cap? To cover his head.

What is the most dangerous kind of man? One who takes life cheerfully.

Who is the oldest lunatic on record? "Time out of mind."

### Game of Button.

English children play "button" with a fruit stone. Instead of saying "Button-button, who's got the button?" the player sings:

Something for all, a pip for one;  
Four o'clock seeds and pineapple bun;  
Pewter, please, and powder run!

As the leader shouts the last word the child who has the stone starts for the goal, which he sometimes makes without getting caught. Then he has the stone a second time.

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