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**WORKED GIRL TOO
 LONG; IS FINED**

Louis Baerthel, Proprietor of Brun-
 wick Cafe, Pleads Guilty in Justice
 Court on Charge of Having Worked
 Waitress Long Hours.

Louis Baerthel, proprietor of the
 Bismarck Cafe, plead guilty to a
 charge of working a waitress in his
 restaurant longer than sixty hours a
 week.

The charge was preferred by State
 Labor Commissioner O. P. Huff and
 the case was called for hearing in
 Justice Taylor's court.

Baerthel stated that he could have
 fought the case and won, but that
 the cost of defending himself would
 have been more than the fine. Judge
 Taylor imposed the minimum fine of
 \$25 and costs, amounting in all to
 about \$30.

**CONVICTS HERE
 FIRST OF WEEK**

County Orders Groceries to Stock
 Camp With and Buildings Are
 Nearly Ready—Men Will Arrive
 Early Next Week.

The twenty-five convicts loaned to
 Jackson county by Governor West to
 work on the Crater Lake highway
 will arrive in Medford at the first of
 the week and will at once be taken to
 their camp on upper Rogue river.

The county has purchased the
 groceries to stock the camp and
 John Grieve has the quarters for the
 men almost completed.

**SISKIYON COMPANY
 DELAYS PURCHASE**

ASHLAND, Oct. 27.—The 10 days'
 additional time given the Siskiyou
 Power & Light company to make the
 city some offer for the municipal
 electric lighting plant expired yester-
 day. Although Mayor Neil notified
 the company a few days ago that
 the time limit was about to expire,
 no word has been received from
 them. This is taken to indicate that
 the company does not intend making
 any offer for the municipal plant, as
 they had signified that they were
 likely to do at the time the 10 days'
 extension was granted them. Attor-
 ney Reames, who represents the city
 in the ejectment proceedings, is
 away and is not expected back until
 the first of next month. The city
 cannot do anything in the meantime,
 but emphatic assertions are made to
 the effect that the ejectment suit
 will be pushed and that every effort
 will be made to compel the Siskiyou
 company to remove its system from
 the city.

**1064 DELEGATES NOW
 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Printed
 cards setting forth concisely the
 effect of the reappointment of con-
 gress, made at the special session,
 on the political machinery of the
 government has been issued from the
 offices of the Republican National
 Committee. Congress increased the
 number of members of the house
 from 391 to 433. This will cause an
 increase of 42 in the electoral col-
 lege, making the membership of that
 body 525. It will fix the number of
 delegates to the national conven-
 tions at 1064. If Arizona and New
 Mexico are admitted to statehood, as
 they probably will be, the members
 of the electoral college will be in-
 creased to 531 and the delegates to
 conventions to 1072.

Hastings for Health.

USE WATER ALREADY DEVELOPED.

THE problem that faces the Rogue River valley is not
 the construction of new irrigation projects so much
 as the utilization of those already constructed.

Why talk of building new water systems when the
 land owners under the present water systems do not take
 advantage of their opportunities?

It is a demonstrated fact that an irrigated orchard
 can be depended upon for a yearly crop regardless of
 weather conditions; that irrigation is a form of crop in-
 surance, yet but few orchardists use the water that flows
 past their groves.

It is known that with water, truck and market garden-
 ing is successful, potatoes and other produce can be grown
 at a large profit in the valley, yet there are thousands
 of acres of suitable land under water, untilled and uncultivated.

Kuhn Brothers, who built the Twin Falls, Idaho, ir-
 rigation project and huge irrigation systems in California,
 several years ago offered to spend several million dollars
 in constructing an irrigation system for both sides of the
 valley, providing a small percentage of land owners would
 sign agreements to purchase water—but two months'
 work resulted in only a few signatures to water contracts,
 and the project was abandoned.

The Rogue River Canal company is spending over a
 million dollars in extending its irrigating system, but
 though the water has flowed for several years, there are
 comparatively few users and the company has been obliged
 to plant and sell its own land in order to find a market
 for its water. Its projected canals cover almost the entire
 valley, but unless the land owners will agree to use the
 water it would be a waste of money to construct the canals.

It is nonsense to talk about county constructed irrigat-
 ing systems when privately built enterprises cannot se-
 cure customers. If the water already wasted from present
 systems was utilized, thousands of acres would be in cul-
 tivation, and with a market for the water there would be
 a rapid extension of systems to fill the demand.

Water means work, and a great many of our orchard-
 ists and farmers don't want work. There are altogether
 too many speculative and not enough productive tillers of
 the soil in the Rogue River valley. Utilization of present
 water resources will double the labor and triple the pro-
 ductive output of the land. It will work a transforma-
 tion in the valley and prosperity will follow.

Every acre of idle land can be utilized at a profit with
 water, but there is little effort apparent to use either
 water or land along many of the irrigating canals already
 constructed. Land owners must come out of the specula-
 tive dream of holding for an unearned profit and come
 down to making land and water earn a real profit.

THE CHOSEN OF TAFT.

A COMMITTEE of citizens of more or less prominence
 has been "approved" by President Taft to take
 charge in Oregon of his campaign for renomination.

Doubtless some of these gentlemen are puffed up and
 quite flattered at having been selected by the president
 of the United States as his personal representatives. As
 a matter of fact, however, they were all selected by Ralph
 Williams, national committeeman, in the hope of making
 good his promise to deliver Oregon at the national conven-
 tion, in return for which he has been awarded the privilege
 of naming stand-patters to federal office.

This Taft committee is a clever combination of assem-
 bly and anti-assembly men, of alleged progressives and
 stand-patters. It is expected to pull the assembly and
 stand-pat chestnuts out of the fire.

Ben Selling, president of the Oregon senate, Senator
 Dan J. Malarkey and other prominent anti-assembly lead-
 ers are listed as members of the Taft committee. They
 owe their political prominence to advocacy of progressive
 measures to which President Taft is utterly opposed. If
 they become supporters of Taft and his stand-pat policies,
 they repudiate the cause they championed and their insin-
 uerity will be rewarded by their own repudiation by the
 people.

It was not personal popularity that swept the anti-
 assembly men into office—it was the popularity of the
 measures they posed as representing—Statement No. 1.

popular government, the Oregon system. Many an un-
 worthy man was elected simply because of the creed he
 professed. The people are determined to rule, even if
 some of their hastily chosen instruments are off-color.

In the eyes of the Oregon electorate measures are
 greater than men. When the men betray the measures,
 they are ruthlessly thrown out. Therefore the course of
 the chosen of Taft will be watched with interest as they
 commit political hara-kari.

**ANNUAL MEET
 OF CLUB NOV. 6.**

Judge Colvig Announces His Inten-
 tion of Retiring but It Is Extreme-
 ly Unlikely That He Will Be Al-
 lowed to Do So.

The annual business session of the
 Medford commercial club will be held
 November 6 according to an an-
 nouncement made by President Col-
 vig at the fall round-up last night.

Judge Colvig also stated that he
 intended to retire from the presi-
 dency of the club at that time but it
 is extremely unlikely that he will be
 allowed to do so.

Election of officers and a new
 board of directors will be up for con-
 sideration.

**MIGHTY HUNTERS
 LEAVE FOR BEAR**

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 to Beard Bruin in His Den—Hafer
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 This Occasion.

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