

NO GRAFT IN COUNTY COURT SAYS JURY

RECOMMEND AN AUDITOR FOR COUNTY

Calls Attention to Fact That County Clerk Files Papers Without Fee Being Paid First—Wants This Practice Stopped.

Says County Court is Not Subject to Criticism in Any Moral Sense Whatever.

Directly, and leaving no question of doubt, the grand jury's report filed Saturday evening, absolutely clears the county court of all insinuations and charges of graft which have been flying about the county during the past two or three months.

"We can find no evidence of dishonesty and we have given all matters due consideration," is the exact words employed by the grand jury, in its report covering the conduct of county affairs. That the county is in debt the grand jury says is due "to wide spread public demand for improved highways. The grand jury's report follows in full:

The Grand Jury's Report.

We the grand jury now in session find certain facts to be true upon which we recommend, viz:

1. We recommend that an act be initiated providing for an auditor to be elected for Jackson county whose duties shall be the auditing of all accounts pertaining to the affairs of Jackson county.

2. We recommend that article 2896 General Laws of Oregon be enforced relating to the semi-annual auditing of county officers by the county court.

3. We are informed that it has been the custom of the county clerk to file papers in court without always requiring the legal fee to be paid when papers are filed.

This practice is largely responsible for the delinquency of several county clerks of Jackson county for a number of years past. The law provides that when papers are filed the fee must be paid and unless paid such papers shall not be deemed to have been filed. We recommend that the county clerk shall in the future always comply with the law in this respect and file no papers until the legal fee has been paid by the litigant nor any other paper in his office until the lawful fee has been paid by the party for whom the service has been performed.

We also recommend that each and every county official handling county funds in any manner always keep said funds separate and distinct from his individual funds. We recommend that in the future and as soon as the move can be inaugurated that separate funds be kept for the several departments of the county and warrants specifying the exact fund being issued instead of the present practice of issuing general fund warrants for all purposes.

Moral Welfare.

4. Concerning moral welfare: We find a large percentage of the crimes we have investigated arose through drunkenness and many through the illicit sale of liquor to minors and drunken men and we caution the saloon keepers of Jackson county to abide by the laws regulating the sale of liquor.

Many cases of forgery have been investigated by us and we are led to advise that all merchants and those receiving checks from strangers be more strict in the examination of the same before receiving them or paying any money therefor.

County Property.

5. The condition of the recorder's vault in the county court house is in a dilapidated condition and the records of the county are in grave danger from fire. We recommend immediate repairs.

6. We find that a contract was made by the county court for the search of titles to find what lands in the county have been untaxed and delinquent in taxes during the past five years. After two years report—1, 1905-06—this contract was annulled and no subsequent action has

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MUTT AND JEFF DISCUSS REPORT OF GRAND JURY



\$1 REWARD

Which is Mut?
Which is Jeff?
And why?

This great contest closes March 31st. Mail your guesses to the Mut and Jeff Editor, Mail Tribune. Names will be withheld upon request.

Mutt Editor—Mutt is Greer of the Ashland Tidings, whose egotism and dampness has made him the joke of southern Oregon. Jeff is Gus Newberry, who opposes convict labor on public highways in the political interests of Dunn. Send me the dollar, we need it here.

ASHLANDER.

Mutt Editor—Mutt is E. E. Kelly without doubt—save him and see, Jeff is Shorty Smith of Woodville. J. J. OSENBRUGGE.

Mutt Editor—F. E. Merrick looks the part of Mutt. Joe Smith of Evans creek is Jeff. He's short and stumpy. D. FLYNN.

Mutt Editor—Now I know its Mose—look at the cold one near his feet in Saturday's paper. Mutt is Greer visiting Medford in the same picture. JOHNNY JONES.

Mutt Editor—Mutt is August Singler beating it to Rutte Falls for a couple of Greeks. Jeff is Walt Dudley who has just been mentioned. ONE WHO KNOWS.

Mutt Editor—Mutt is Harmon with Jeff playing the part of Rex Lampman. Says Bert: "You can't book me." LULU.

Mutt Editor—Mutt is Mulkey beating it from the political race track. Jeff is Bill Coleman who is date with Mulkey on that get-away-from-it stunt. JACKSONVILLE.

Mutt Editor—Mutt is John Bellinger after a constable's job. Jeff is Due Seely after the coroner's job. YOURS TRULY.

Mutt Editor: Mutt is Wilbur Jones and Jeff is Aug. Singler, both running for sheriff. ED ROOT.

Medford, March 22.

MISSISSIPPI IS 40 MILES WIDE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 25.—With the lowlands of Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky inundated, the Mississippi river is forty miles wide at Cairo today.

Cairo reports that the water is flowing over the new government levee at Point Pleasant, Mo., and it is feared that the entire country will be flooded. The levee at Hickman, Ky., is also weakening.

A foot of snow fell over this section yesterday.

PLOT OVERTHROW OF CHINESE REPUBLIC

PEKIN, March 25.—A widespread plot to overthrow the United Chinese republic, and to restore to the throne Pi Yu, the baby emperor, was unearthed here today. President Yuan Shi Kai fears to arrest the leaders of the conspiracy, believing their arrest would precipitate a renewal of the rioting here.

MAN WHO GOT AWAY HERE IN PORTLAND JAIL

Man Giving his Name as Shepherd at Portland is Said to Be Man Who Escaped From Jail in This County Recently.

Will Be Tried at Portland and Later Brought Here if He is Not Convicted on Charge Against Him There.

PORTLAND, March 25.—In a man arrested here on a charge of burglary giving his name as M. Shepherd, detectives claim to have recognized F. P. White, one of the prisoners who participated in the jailbreak at Jacksonville, Ore., March 15.

Shepherd or White, will be tried here first and failing to convict him here he will be taken to Jacksonville.

NEW GRAND JURY IS CHOSEN IN CIRCUIT COURT

The March term of the circuit court was opened today at Jacksonville. The grand jury was chosen as follows: Ira Shouby, foreman, George B. Roff, Elma Neil, R. H. Toft, T. J. O'Hara, Joe Brown and T. W. Sifers.

BEEF TRUST CASE GOES TO THE JURY

CHICAGO, March 25.—The case against J. Ogden Armour and nine other millionaire Chicago beef packers, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, probably will go to the jury late this afternoon.

Assistant United States Attorney General Pierce Butler made the final argument against the packers this morning and Judge Carpenter's charge to the jury followed.

Jury Bucklin who was taken ill in the courtroom Friday had completely recovered today.

25,000 BERLIN BUTCHERS THREATEN TO STRIKE

BERLIN, March 25.—Their demands for an increase in wages refused more than 25,000 butchers and meatcutters in Greater Berlin, probably will strike before the end of the week. To prevent the public from suffering it is planned to strike by "districts," the butchers in some sections remaining at work, while those in others go out.

ROOSEVELT PICKS UP INDIANA DELEGATES

WARSAW, Ind., March 25.—Two delegates to the republican national convention were instructed to support the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt for the republican nomination for president, at the republican convention of the Eleventh congressional district here today.

FORTY-ONE THOUSAND GERMAN TAILORS STRIKE

BERLIN, March 25.—Renewed efforts are being made today to settle the combined general strike and lockout among the tailors in Germany. About 41,000 tailors and assistants and apprentices are out in 157 German cities and towns.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Contracts have been signed by William C. Relek, the new owner of the New York Sun, by which the United Press full day and Saturday night leased wire reports will be served to the Evening and Sunday Sun.

POSSE KEEPS UP SEARCH IN MOUNTAINS FOR ALLEN OUTLAW BAND.



SIDNA ALLEN'S 20,000. MOUNTAIN HOME.

MONEY TRUST BEHIND TAFT SAYS PINCHOT

NEW YORK, March 25.—Declaration that the "money power" is getting behind President Taft in his fight for the republican nomination for president was made here today by Ames Pinchot, treasurer of the Roosevelt league, who issued the following statement:

"Wall Street is certainly getting its work in for Taft. A committee of the Taft bureau, with headquarters in Fifth avenue, is circulating among capitalistic circles carefully written appeals for money with which to fight Roosevelt and accomplish the nomination of Taft. At the head of these requests appear the names of the members of the Taft committee.

"These gentlemen are the presidents, vice presidents, directors and trustees of more than 120 trust companies, banks, insurance companies and railroads. The following is a partial list of the companies which they represent:

"The Mutual Life Insurance, New York Central, Mercantile Trust, Michigan Central, Bethlehem Steel company, Astor Trust company, National City bank of Brooklyn, the Delaware & Hudson railway, the West Shore railway, the Chicago & Northwestern railway, the Bankers' Trust, and more than 100 others.

"It is against the law for corporations to contribute to national campaign funds. It ought to be against the law for representatives of corporations to mass together and use the pressure raised by their corporate offices wherewithal to nominate their candidate."

OREGON TO SEE HOT CAMPAIGNS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—Supporters of all three candidates for the republican nomination for the presidency today are planning particularly aggressive campaigns in Oregon and all claim they will carry the presidential preference primaries April 19. Senator La Follette will stump the state, arriving here between April 5 and 9, and making a number of speeches throughout Oregon. R. P. Hudson, national representative of Colonel Roosevelt, said that speakers of countrywide reputation would further Roosevelt's campaign in this state.

The Taft campaign will be inaugurated next Friday, when ex-Congressman Scott of Kansas will speak on behalf of the president at Ontario, Ore. Scott will speak in other Oregon cities, including Portland.

Children Burn to Death
SHAWNEE, Wis., March 23.—Three children of Fred Zelmer, the oldest 6 years of age, were cremated here today when Zelmer's farmhouse burned down. The father and mother were absent at the time.

BANDITS KILL THREE AND ROB BANK IN PARIS

PARIS, March 25.—Members of the "Phantom bandits," the worst gang of criminals to operate in France in years, today robbed the Chantilly branch bank of the Societe Generale of a large sum, after killing two watchmen and a chauffeur.

No trace of the criminals has been found, and it is believed that the bandits doffed their disguises, mingling with the crowds which gathered about the scene. The crime is a duplicate of a number of earlier exploits by the same band, with the addition that more men were slain today.

The first report of the crime came from the outskirts of Paris, where the outlaws secured an automobile in which they made the trip to Chantilly, after killing the chauffeur.

Shortly afterward they appeared at Chantilly, near the race course. Here they entered the bank suddenly, riddled two watchmen with bullets, seized a quantity of cash and escaped. The abandoned automobile was found near Chantilly an hour later.

It is believed that the men are international crooks. Heretofore they had always stolen automobiles, using them to reach points where they had previously planned bold robberies. A month ago they slew an attorney who found them at work in a suburb. Shortly afterward they had a running battle with the police, killing one gendarme and wounding two others.

WESTERN PACIFIC'S TROUBLES OVER

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—That the financial difficulties of the Western Pacific railroad in an effort to build a number of branches as feeders to the main line and develop it into a transcontinental system are ended was announced today through Charles Schlaeke, first vice president of the road, who has just returned from a conference in the east with President E. T. Jeffrey.

It is said that a coterie of railroad brokers in New York have come to the aid of the road with ample funds. One of the first results of this will be the completion of the new shops at Sacramento, costing \$500,000.

POWER MERGER FORFEITS PORTLAND CITY FRANCHISE

PORTLAND, March 25.—The legal status of the deal by which the Mount Hood Railway and Power company was absorbed by the Portland Light and Power company today is the subject of controversy in Portland. Many claim that the franchise granted the former company to build a line between this city and Mount Hood lapses as it was provided that the franchise should not be transferred.

MARIE DAILY DROWNED IN BEAR CREEK

Attempts to Cross Stream on Foot Log and Becomes Dizzy—Swift Water Carries Her to Her Death 200 Yards Below.

Body Recovered Shortly Afterwards But All Attempts to Bring Her Back to Life Fail.

Marie Daily, the 13-year-old daughter of James Daily, foreman of the Hillcrest orchards was drowned in Bear creek near the McAndrews ford, just north of the city limits, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Although it was but 20 minutes after the accident that physicians were working over her, all efforts at resuscitation failed.

Accompanied by her sister, the child had been down in the fields beyond the ford gathering greens. On their return they attempted to cross the creek on a small foot log laid across by workmen who are constructing a flume over the creek at that point. The foot log being but six inches wide the girl sat down on it attempting to work her way across, a distance of 12 feet. Half way over she cried to her sister that she was growing dizzy and a moment later had fallen into the water.

The water, though but some three feet deep at the point, is very swift and sweeps into a deeper pool below. Evidently the child was unable to gain her footing, probably being very frightened as well as dizzy.

The sister ran up the road for help. About 100 yards distant she met K. D. Jones, who rushed immediately to the scene and failing to find the child frantically made his way down stream. A moment later his son joined him in the search.

Finally the child was located nearly 200 yards below the ford, lodged against the bank under some brush. They lifted her from the water and immediately did everything possible to start respiration again, but in vain. In the meantime Dr. Conroy, summoned by telephone, arrived, but his efforts were vain.

Marie was a bright child and well liked by her associates. She attended local schools and probably her funeral will be attended by the school children. She was a pupil in the fifth grade at the North school. She was born in Kansas, and leaves besides her parents nine brothers and sisters.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church, of which she was a member. Rev. A. A. Holmes officiating. Interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

FIFTY RAILROADS FACE A STRIKE

NEW YORK, March 25.—By turning down demands of locomotive engineers for an increase in wages averaging 18 per cent, 50 railroads east of Chicago and north of the Ohio river today face the possibility of a strike. In denying the increase a committee of railroad managers issued the following statement:

"The present wages as a rule are full and liberal and the railroads are financially unable to bear the increased expense which would be involved. The increase would add \$7,555,000 annually to our payroll. Past history also indicates that if the increases were given the engineers it would be followed by similar requests from other employees, which if granted would actually bankrupt some of the roads."

Warren Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, declared that conferences with the railroad managers would be resumed.

FEAR ATTACK BY RAIDERS DURING MURDER TRIAL

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 25.—Unusual precautions to guard against a raid on the Carroll county court house here when Floyd and Victor Allen are arraigned tomorrow on charges of murder in connection with the killing in Judge Massie's courtroom, are being made today. The authorities fear the Allen bandits may attempt to rescue the prisoners, and a company of state militia will remain on guard throughout the trial.

Richmond detectives continued today the search for the outlaws but no positive clue regarding their whereabouts has been secured.

PEACE EFFORTS AT LONDON FAIL

LONDON, March 25.—Continued suffering among the poor of England is a certainty today by reason of the conference between Premier Asquith and the coal mine owners and representatives of the miners, which adjourned after a brief session without having any agreement. It is not known what action will be taken next.

The miners' committee has announced its willingness to abandon the demand for a complete schedule by districts, and also all demands affecting pieceworkers. Enoch Edwards, spokesman for the miners, added that the men under no circumstances would abandon for a minimum wage scale of five shillings for adults and two shillings for minors. He said:

"We have made every concession possible with honor. We have a right to demand that the employers do something now in the way of concessions."

FINNISH PILOTS WON'T SERVE UNDER RUSSIA

HELSINGFORS, Finland, March 25.—Shipping in this harbor is practically tied up today and navigation greatly endangered by a strike of the Finnish pilots, who have resigned rather than come under the control of the Russian authorities.

For generations the pilot business has been controlled by the Finnish government. Recently Russia announced that in the general Russification of Finland, the pilot business also would be taken over.