

\$6000 VERDICT FOR MALPRACTICE

In the case of Thomas Carter Hills against Dr. H. M. Shaw, an action on the part of Hills to recover \$20,000 damages on the ground of malpractice, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of Hills to the amount of \$6000. The case will probably be carried to the supreme court.

Hills claimed that his left leg had not been properly treated and that as a result it had become partially stiffened and made it impossible for him to carry on his work. Expert testimony of physicians of this city and from Ashland was introduced Friday and upon their examination the case was mainly decided.

The injured member was shown to the jury. The case has occupied the attention of the jury all week and the case was hard fought. R. G. Smith and Clarence Reames were attorneys for plaintiff and H. D. Norton for the defense.

GOLD HILL DEEDS LAND FOR CUSTOM MILL

Two and one-half acres of land, lying just across the river from Gold Hill, has been deeded by the Commercial club of Gold Hill to W. J. Morgan and associates of Portland, Or., for the erection of a custom mill to treat gold-bearing ores of the district.

The land is a part of the old Braden estate and offers all the advantages for such a plant that could be desired. One side is paralleled by the Southern Pacific tracks and the other by Rogue river, which will afford all the water necessary in the washing of the ore.

The mill is to be operated on the plan of the old grist mills. Miners will bring in their ore, pay so much for the use of the plant, at a fixed rate a ton, and take back their "clean-up" after the run. At the present time it is estimated that enough ore has been signed up to run the mill all season, and prospectors of the district state that they will work their claims now that they have some manner to treat the ore.

ATTORNEY HEARS ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

F. W. Mears addressed the high school Friday on "National Political Conventions." He gave a very interesting talk, telling how county and state primaries and conventions are held to select delegates to state conventions, of how a national convention is organized and the workings of the same. He also told of the organization of the first national convention. The mention of Taft, Roosevelt and La Follette brought forth applause.

Thomas, G. A. R. Commander STOCKTON, Cal., April 13.—W. R. Thomas of Oakland was unanimously elected commander of the G. A. R., department of California and Nevada, at today's session of the encampment.

BEN W. OLCOTT HAS MADE GOOD AS SECRETARY OF STATE

The newspapers of Oregon comment as follows upon Ben W. Olcott's regime as secretary of state: (Bay City Examiner.)

Governor West made no mistake when he appointed Ben W. Olcott to succeed the late secretary of state. The writer has enjoyed the personal acquaintance of Mr. Olcott for more than twenty years, and knows him to be a man thoroughly qualified to fill the important position.

(Portland Labor Press.) Oregon's new secretary of state, Ben W. Olcott, is a young man of exceptional qualifications for the office to which he has been called by Governor West. His appointment is but another of the surprises, so agreeable to the public, if a little disconcerting to the old-style partisans that have been sprung by the governor. Olcott is an expert accountant and lent very material assistance in disclosing the internal affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust company.

(Gervais Star.) Olcott is clean, square and capable and his experience as a banker and public accountant has been worth a great deal to Oregon during the year that he has served as secretary of state. The office has been put on a business basis from top to bottom. Everybody works—not once in a while, but all the time—and everybody works intelligently and in pursuance of a systematic plan; a careful record is kept of every cent that comes in or goes out of the office; modern time and money saving machinery have been installed wherever there was a chance to effect a saving. The secretary's office disburses about \$2,500,000 per year, and Mr. Olcott takes particular pains to see that every claim against the state's funds is carefully scrutinized before being O. K'd.

(Portland Journal.) Secretary of State Olcott has issued an order requiring employees in his office to give their full time to the state. Recently he laid down a rule that no claim would be allowed in his office for tips and kindred expenditures at the expense of the state.

It is a business man's way of administering the office of state secretary. In the case of employees, the state is entitled to all the service it pays for. The employe has not, as has been the custom, the right to do outside work on the state's time. In such things a public office should be conducted strictly as in private affairs, and that is manifestly what Secretary Olcott is doing.

(Ashland Tidings) When Secretary of State Olcott takes occasion to come out publicly with a statement warning investing in western mining companies without careful investigation, it is safe to guess that he has good reason for so doing.

(Capital Journal, Salem.) The country newspapers do not know very much about a man's politics, but they sometimes rally for a good man. They seem to be very friendly to Ben Olcott for renomination, in spite



Ben W. Olcott.

of the fact that he was appointed by West.

Generally when a man of one party appoints a man from another political party, there is more or less opposition.

But the papers seem to recognize in Mr. Olcott a man who is doing his duty without fear or favor.

The bills are closely scrutinized, and he does not fall in with every effort to pull the leg of the state.

There is about \$100,000 a year difference to the taxpayers between a secretary of state who is there to serve the people, and one who construes the laws for the tax-eaters.

(Blue Mountain Eagle.) Ben Olcott is a plain plug for the poor people.

He is a republican and a good old scout.

He is secretary of state and will bob up for term two.

He is entitled to it.

He has applied the acid tests to all claims against Oregon funds.

He is a young man with staff in his head besides a cigarette.

His record is his platform.

(Yonquina Bay News.)

Ben W. Olcott is in the field as a candidate to succeed himself as secretary of state.

Benjamin has made a very good record since he has been filling that office, and a better or more capable man is not forthcoming.

His nomination and election are a foregone conclusion in the minds of leading republicans in this county.

(McMinnville Register.)

Secretary of State Olcott seems to be an old-fashioned sort of man with good barnyard sense. He has issued orders to all the department heads in his office that the prefix "Honorable" should no longer be used in the official correspondence. He says: "This 'honorable' business is thoroughly un-American, undemocratic and particularly out of harmony with the spirit of the Oregon system."

(Dallas Itemizer.)

We have dubbed Ben W. Olcott Oregon's working secretary of state. We think the cognomen exactly suitable, Mr. Olcott having shown from the start that he is there to look after the office and nothing else, and he has thoroughly impregnated his staff

with his belief, until it is a fact that more real reforms have been instituted in the office during the last few months than in as many previous years.

(Moro Observer.)

Secretary Olcott has decided that the absurd idea of lights attached to farmers' rigs in Oregon after dark is only a crazy freak, and he has cut it out.

(East Oregonian, Pendleton, Ore.)

Ben Olcott is making good as secretary of state and there is no reason on earth why he should not be renominated and elected. He is a very capable office man and he has been conducting his office in such a satisfactory manner that no just fault can be found. As a member of the state board he is a man of good judgment and he works harmoniously with his colleagues because he is of the same type. Some republican politicians may not like Olcott, for various reasons, but he is a good official and a safe man for the rank and file of the party to cling to.

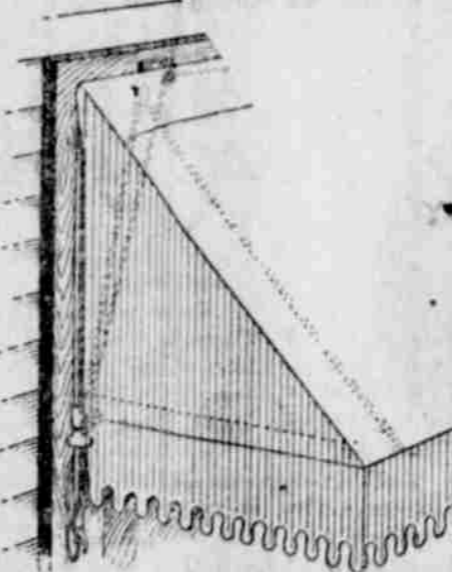
(Port Orford Tribune.)

Secretary of State Olcott has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for secretary of state. His administration of the duties of the office has shown his fitness for the position in a marked degree. He is energetic, prompt and courageous, and has taken the people into his confidence, in openly discussing public questions, in a spirit in harmony with progressive demands. That the people will stand by his nomination and election is a foregone conclusion.

(Union Republican.)

Ben W. Olcott announces that he is out for the office of secretary of state on the republican ticket, and that he will put the acid-test on all state expenses as far as lies in his power, if there is any one thing more than another that the taxpayer will insist on this year, it is that candidates stand for the strictest economy in public affairs. Doubling up the state tax this year does not set well with the average taxpayer and he is looking for a way to reduce expenses. It is safe to say that there will be a big clipping of expenses on such matters as are left to the voter.

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