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MANY CRIMINAL CASES TO BE TRIED JOSEPHINE COUNTY

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 6.—Circuit court will convene Monday with Judge Calkins presiding. There will be a full docket of both criminal and civil cases, the first case to be called being that of the state against G. A. Baldwin, who was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of having fired a rifle shot at a passing automobile and wounding Don Belding.

Cases to follow are those of Elmer Shanks, indicted by the grand jury on a charge of obtaining property on false pretenses, and of Harry Banta, against whom there is an indictment charging attempted assault upon the person of Miss Elizabeth Galbraith.

Two other cases are those of the state versus Henry Woolridge, the complaint alleging assault with a deadly weapon, and that against Harry Akerill, alleging the obtaining of money under false pretenses, have been dismissed.

Four indictments were returned by the grand jury. One of these is the alleged blackmailing of Miss Frances Osborn, station agent for the Southern Pacific railroad at Hugo, by Geo. McCormick. It is alleged that the defendant circulated reports derogatory to the woman's reputation in an attempt to have her removed from her position with the railroad company. Chas. and Everett Hogue will also be before the court on indictments, the former charged with perjury and the latter with having incited perjury. Lewis Humphrey, who pleaded guilty to burglary, will be before the court for sentence.

BETTER VAUDEVILLE PROMISED AT PAGE

In response to the many requests of patrons to secure better vaudeville acts and increase the price, the Page management have arranged for five strong acts for next Wednesday and Thursday.

A feature act from the Orpheum circuit, two from the Empress, and two of the best acts of the Pantheas circuit will be the bill for next week.

In order to secure the pick of acts from the various vaudeville shows playing Portland this week, it was necessary to pay much higher prices than usual, and in order to meet the expense the prices of admission has been raised to 25c for children, balcony 35c, and 50c lower floor.

HOOD RIVER RECALL FIGHT IS COMPROMISED

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 6.—The Hood River county road supervisor controversy, over which the attempted recall of the county court was threatened, bids fair to be settled. It is learned that County Road Supervisor C. K. Marshall will tender his resignation to the county court to take effect about October 15, and it is understood that the court will accept the resignation. This will end the long wrangle and those who have been at the head of the recall movement will probably drop the matter.

MAY DENY WORDS TO PRESIDENT HUERTA'S AGENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Developments in the Mexican situation probably will await the arrival here of Manuel de Sanacona, the personal envoy of the Huerta government, to continue with the Washington administration negotiations begun by John Lind in Mexico City.

The administration officials were undecided tonight whether they would receive Senor de Sanacona unless he brought positive assurance of Huerta's elimination from the Mexican situation and was ready to act on other points in the American peace proposals.

BONDS REDUCE TAXATION.

WHEN city property owners want the streets in front of their property paved, they have to pay the entire cost. When the county roads are improved instead of abutting property paying the cost, as in the city, the burden is shared by the entire county, cities, corporations and non-resident timber owners.

The farmer gets the maximum benefit at a minimum price, appreciation in values, reduction in cost of transportation, and all the numerous advantages that follow in the wake of public improvement. The farmer ought to jump at the chance to secure paved roads under such favorable conditions.

Much is heard about the increased cost of taxation, caused by the bond issue. Let us analyze this cost. The annual interest on \$500,000 at 5 per cent is \$25,000. Add to this \$10,000 a year as sinking fund for the next ten years, when one-fifth of the principal falls due. This makes a total of \$35,000 to be raised by taxation, or less than a one mill tax on the present valuation of \$36,000,000. Therefore, for each \$1000 assessed to a property owner he pays only \$1 per annum.

The annual road levy during the past four years has been from 3 to 4 mills, of which over 2 mills has gone for improvements upon the same highway that will be taken care of in the future by the bonds. The \$35,000 annually can be taken from the present road levy and still leave a much larger fund for use on other roads than has ever been available, without any increase in the taxes.

The bond issue, therefore, provides an economical and business-like plan of securing a permanent highway, with its multitudinous benefits, without any increase in taxation, but as the bond interest and sinking fund is less than half the present cost of maintaining the road, really effects a material economy and makes possible actual reduction in taxation, or the use of the money raised at present on laterals.

MOTIVE POWER FROM ORCHARDS.

A NEW use for cull apples and other waste orchard and farm products was advocated by Joseph M. Anglada, mechanical engineer of New York City at the convention of the National Gas Power show at Convention Hall, Kansas City, Friday afternoon.

"A number of farmers can get together and form a co-operative plant," Mr. Anglada said. "They can bring their refuse to one point and use it to make denatured alcohol with which to supply the fuel for their farm engines. This is the solution of the problem for supplying power on the farm. If these co-operative associations can be formed they will be found of inestimable value to all who realize the importance of the agricultural engine."

Explaining the value of denatured alcohol as a fuel, Mr. Anglada said that 35-ton trucks had been run in New York City for a year as an experiment to test its efficacy. "Good results were obtained," he said. "It was found that denatured alcohol accomplished more work for less money. Kerosene may be good for commercial uses, but the motive power furnished by alcohol is cheaper and more desirable than that obtained from any other source."

"There are barrels of apples which go to waste on the farm. If the farmer could gather up these apples and take them to a place where he, with others, has established a mill, denatured alcohol could be made in large quantities."

Johnathan Bourne on Crater Lake

(From the Portland Journal.)
Crater Lake National park presents the most wonderful, most interesting and most awe inspiring scenery in the world. This is the assertion made by former Senator Jonathan Bourne Jr., whose judgment is based upon personal observation covering world-wide travel. Mr. Bourne and four members of his office force returned this morning from a vacation trip to Crater Lake and all are intensely enthusiastic over the grandeur of the scenery and deeply impressed with the national importance of this "scientific riddle of the world."

"Neither words nor pictures can convey an approximately correct impression of the magnificent grandeur of this national park and its central feature, Crater Lake," said Senator Bourne this morning. "I have heard and read descriptions of the lake and have seen colored pictures of it that were the best product of the photographic art, but I decided myself in thinking they gave me a fair conception of the beauty combined with immensity, the continual change, coupled with eternal stability, presented by this unparalleled product of the irresistible forces of world forming evolution. One must personally visit

the park and experience the sensations its scenery produces, in order to really know the wonderful nature of this lake and the surrounding region.

"No figures or description can possibly transmit from one mind to another the feelings that overwhelm the soul, as one sits in a small boat on the placid bosom of the lake where on one hand the rocky cliffs tower 2000 feet above while on the other the opalescent water will let a plumb line fall nearly 2000 feet below. One must occupy that position or stand upon that cliff and look down upon the boat—scarcely a speck upon the vast expanse of crystal water—in order to realize the height, the broad extent, and the immensity and grandeur of every feature of this marvelous scene.

"Though Crater Lake is the result of a world catastrophe—the sinking of the entire top of a volcanic mountain beside which Mount Hood would bear no comparison—yet the lines and peaks and surfaces present, in conjunction, such a harmonious whole that none can doubt that a supreme architect of infinite master mind designed this structure in minutest detail. To attempt description seems almost sacrilege."

An Ashland View of Road Bonds

(From the Ashland Record.)
The more the public understands the proposed road bonds the more favorable is its attitude. Ashland people generally are coming to see that Jackson county must start the ball rolling if she wants the Pacific Highway. To delay longer is dangerous. We are on the line now and it is up to us to stay on. To wait for government aid is to divide our prestige with routes proposed to the east and the west. The government is like the Lord—it helps those who help themselves. Jackson county should help herself and Ashland should lead.

The proposal to vote \$500,000 bonds is before us. It has the endorsement of every banker in Ash-

land. The Record has interviewed them and knows. It quotes them for their training in affairs financial, because they are among the large taxpayers of the county, because the nature of their business is such that they do not endorse burdensome taxation. They do not consider the taxation phase burdensome on themselves or their constituents.

That they are correct in this is easily proven. It is susceptible of

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demonstration that for every \$1000 the taxpayer is assessed he will pay merely one dollar and ten cents per year toward these road bonds. This will create a fund to take care of both interest and principal. The cost to the individual is infinitesimal compared to the benefits, and the "burden" grows lighter instead of heavier as the country develops.

E. V. Carter favors the bonds emphatically. So do Messrs. Pohland, Mullt and Eubank. Mr. Carter declares he would consider it a calamity to Jackson county if the measure were defeated—not merely from the standpoint of the benefit the highway will be to the county but because defeat would mark a backward step after the county has already gone on record in favor of three times the amount and is looked to as an example by counties up and down the coast. He believes the proposed main trunk line will benefit the county to its uttermost limits and that the resultant prosperity will be so evident to property owners that laterals will come fast.

Mr. Pohland says the bonding system is the proper one. He helped start public improvements in Wisconsin which he did not stay to enjoy. He thinks the people who came after him there should help pay for the improvements he helped create but from which he reaped no benefit. He applies the same doctrine here.

Messrs. Mullt and Eubank both endorse the measure and express confidence in the county court's ability and intent to carry out its provisions. They believe the time has come to make permanent roads and cease wasting money on poor ones and that the Pacific Highway means a great boom for the valley.

The Record endorses these views. From an economic standpoint the county cannot afford to turn the proposition down. As an advertisement for our splendid country the proposed highway is invaluable. Its necessity and convenience are apparent to even the most casual observer. It means a tremendous uplift for Jackson county in the next few years and right now it means needed dollars in the pockets of idle labor. To defeat the bonds means that Ashland and Jackson county are off the map.

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