

SCHERMERHORN'S PLAY FOR TIME AROUSSES COURT

Order Signed by Judge
Skipworth Sets March 5
As Positively Final Date
for Perfecting Appeal

Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth of Lane county, in an order signed yesterday, granted Gordon L. Schermerhorn, former sheriff of Jackson county, until March 5th to perfect his appeal to the state supreme court, with the admonishment, "This is absolutely final, and no further time will be granted under any circumstances, and if the appeal can not be perfected within the time allowed by the court, it is not the fault of the court."

The order, filed with the county court today, concludes: "The practice indulged in, in this case is certainly not to be commended."

Sentenced in August
Schermerhorn, found guilty of ballot theft complicity last July, by a Jackson county jury, was sentenced August 7 last to serve three years in state prison. Earl H. Fehl, Walter J. Jones of Rogue River, and J. Arthur LaDieu, other leaders in the crime, are now serving four year sentences in state prison. The court in passing sentence upon Schermerhorn, said "It is a painful duty, and I will recommend your parole, when you have served your minimum sentence."

The court, in its order reviews briefly the history of the appeal moves to date and state, "Several extensions of time have been granted, once because of the inability of the defendant to raise money necessary for the transcript of the evidence." Another extension was granted, because, the "court reporter was ill, and because of pressure of business in this district."

Final Extension
"Further time is now requested, although the manner in which the request is made is not in accordance with the law or procedure in such cases, yet the court has concluded to grant an additional time, but this is absolutely final, and no further time will be granted under any circumstances, and if the appeal can not be perfected within the time allowed by the court, it is not the fault of the court."

"Counsel has not filed a motion based upon an affidavit for an extension of time, but mailed an affidavit to the court, without a motion, and without filing an affidavit, and the affidavit did not reach the hands of the court until February 3. The court is overlooking the fact that a motion has not been filed, and that the affidavit forwarded to the court has not been filed, in making the order for an extension."

Practice Regretted
"The practice indulged in, in this case, is certainly not to be commended."

Schermerhorn has been at liberty on \$7500 bonds, furnished by Tom Taylor and Jens Jensen, pending appeal. His is the only one of the ballot theft cases, not finally disposed of. Most of the defendants are either serving penitentiary sentences or out on parole. One was acquitted, and the indictments against five others dismissed, because they gave state evidence, or they were only minor participants.

Schermerhorn, a long time resident of the valley, and well known, was elected sheriff by a counted majority of 123 votes. A contest was instituted and a recount ordered, but the ballots were stolen, automatically halting the proceeding. Later he was ousted from office by Governor Meier.

OLD AGE PENSIONS APPLICATIONS ARE GIVEN COURT'S EYE

The county court met today to consider old age pension applications—which continue to be filed. It is expected that some action will be taken today, on the approval of some of the applications. None, however, will be formally filed until the middle of the month.

Consideration of applications has been delayed by failure of data from relatives and other county courts to arrive. A complete history of the applicant is necessary, before approval. Requests for information from Los Angeles, middle west, and southern states has not been received. The application is checked with the relief rolls and tax rolls or other residences of applicants, and data gathered relative to the ability of kin to aid.

Payment of the pensions continues one of the problems of the county court. The last budget allowed \$5000—which is not enough. Members of the county court estimate it will cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 per year. Other counties of the state are in the same position.

Officials of some counties hope if

"SADDLE"

Tommy Gibbons was in tears when he came home from school and found that there was no Fluhrer's Spun Bread left for his after school lunch. "Don't be so 'saddle', get some over at my house," said little Jimmy Richardson.

the sales tax passes at the election which looms, a way will be found to use some of the sales tax funds for payment of the pensions, after the schools are taken care of. There is nothing definite upon this point.

Anderson Creek

ANDERSON CREEK, Feb. 6.—(Spl.)—Edward Riedel, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Jack Riedel, return home after two months at the Shriners' hospital at Portland, Oregon. Every one is glad to welcome him home.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shaw of Talent were the dinner guests at the Mays home Sunday.

Edgar and Herman Schuette were out to Medford Saturday on business. Mr. Wyet of Grants Pass was looking after his wood ranch on the creek last week.
Mr. and Mrs. William Henry spent the week-end at Brookings' Ore. Mrs.

Henry's father and mother returned to Medford with them.
Steve Lunak was out to the valley Thursday evening.
James McDowell spent a few days with Loren close.
Mrs. James Mays and daughter,

Ruth, called Mrs. Jack Riedel Friday afternoon.
Miss Elma Henry spent the week-end with Miss Lois Elliot of Talent.
Mrs. Belle Centers of Gold Hill called on her cousin, Mrs. James Mays, Friday evening.

Mrs. Wyet and Mr. Steve Lunak called at the Mays home Monday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riedel were dinner guests at the Mays home Wednesday.

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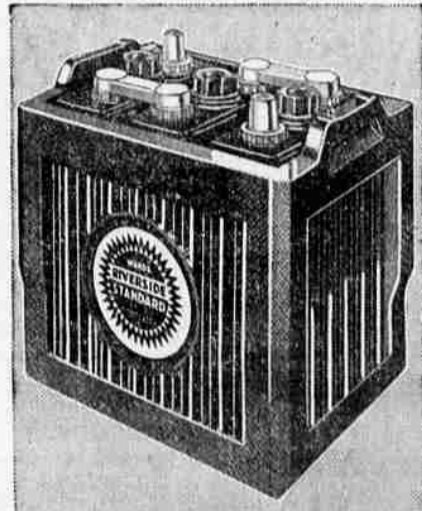
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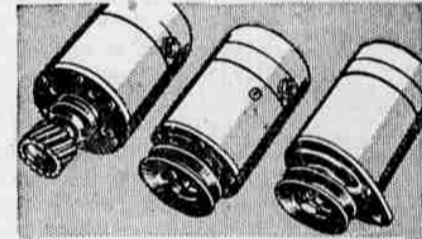
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