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**GRAND JURY REPORT
 RAPS THE GOSSIPS**

The following report of the grand jury last week rapped severely the tendency toward gossiping.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Hood River County, Grand Jury's Report.

To the Honorable Fred W. Wilson, Judge of the above named Court.

We the Grand Jury duly impeached and sworn to inquire into crimes and misdemeanors committed in the county for the November term of this court, 1924, and being recalled by the court to consider such business as might have arisen since said November term beg leave to make our report to you as follows:

That we convened on the 26th day of February, 1925, at the hour of 9 o'clock for the consideration of such business as might come before us and that we have labored faithfully until this time in and about our duties, and that we have now finished all the business coming before us and are making this our final report to you.

That during this session we have examined 29 witnesses covering five alleged criminal cases and have returned into court three indictments and two not true bills.

That most of our time and attention has been given to the investigation of the certain case which has been reported quite extensively in the local newspapers relating to an unnamed 13-year-old girl. That we have made a thorough examination of all the county officers and the parents of said alleged delinquent and all other persons whom it seemed to us might have some facts or knowledge bearing on the case and that all persons claiming to have either direct or indirect evidence in the matter. That we made a special effort to inquire into and did inquire into all and every rumor brought to our attention and from all the sources available we found no evidence upon which an indictment might be based.

That it appears from evidence brought before us that the father of said girl was brought before the district attorney by Marshal Hart several weeks since; in fact about the time that the stories concerning said girl first gained circulation, and that said father was advised by the district attorney to file charges against one certain party then mentioned by him as having wronged his daughter.

That the father then and there declined to file charges but said, "He would see about that later." That the district attorney requested him to bring his daughter to his office so that he might talk with her, which the father never did.

That it appears further from the evidence of the parents of said child that sometime on about the 15th day of this month she was sent by them to the grandparents of the girl back in the state of Missouri. That both parents denied having any knowledge whatever of any direct wronging by any men, prominent or otherwise, with their daughter. That from the evidence adduced before us we are of the opinion that the girl in question was not of substantial character, which we believe was largely due to the lack of proper parental supervision and which we believe was primarily responsible for the girl's delinquency. In fact there was some evidence before us that we do not believe the girl did some illicit soliciting from some of the business men in the city of Hood River, which solicitation was refused, either on her own motion or else under the direction and supervision of a near unattested relative and for which, when taking the child's age and trifling into consideration, we do not wholly blame the child.

This particular case has been given great prominence by wide circulation throughout the county by word of mouth and publicity in the local papers and for that reason different members of the jury have been eagerly solicited and advised by a number of our best citizens to go to the bottom of the matter, all of which we have done as best we could hand- cuffed by the facts and circumstances above related. However, we are of the unanimous opinion that the stories circulated involving "A large number of prominent men in Hood River," were wholly unfounded, more especially that part of the rumor that certain officials, more especially the district attorney, had in their possession a "list" of the so-called prominent men who are supposed to be the arch-criminals concerned.

From all the evidence which it is possible for us to obtain we are satisfied that not to exceed two or three men and one boy are in any way implicated and we have not sufficient evidence before us to charge either of those as having been guilty of the alleged offense.

There was no doubt sufficient ground for filing a delinquent complaint in the juvenile court of which any citizen of the county knowing any of the alleged facts might have been the complainant and which proceeding might have, if filed in time, been the means of forestalling the wide circulation of the alleged scandal. This proceeding, however, as we are informed by the district attorney, is open to any and all citizens or anyone apprised of the facts which go toward the delinquency of a child and is not the special duty of any particular officer of the law to initiate but rests alike on all. Therefore we are not attempting to fix blame on any particular officer or person for dereliction of duty in the matter.

We very much deplore the fact that so many good people appear to accept the naked charges as proof of guilt and pass them on by word of mouth to others, without knowing the real facts of the matter, giving wider circulation to a scandal not justified by the facts.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. K. Carson,
 A. G. Frohn,
 W. E. Klasinger,
 A. J. Hagson,
 W. L. Mason,
 Roswell Graf,
 R. E. Creson,
 Grand Jury.

Let readers may infer that The Glacier was included in the list of newspapers charged by the jury document with extensively reporting the case, we wish to cite that The Glacier in only a single instance referred to the delinquent young woman. Our comment was a pointed criticism of the gossip that it had generated with a recommendation for the operation of juvenile court jurisdiction. The following is a portion of our only comment on the regrettable case:

"Stories have been hung abroad lately which are enough to put our fair city to shame. The case is that of a child's delinquency and of the lack of responsibility on the part of parents. Such a matter called for the speedy operation on the part of the juvenile court. There is but one place for such a nature—a corrective institution. There, at least, she would have been safeguarded from the slander of men."

We have found, in fact, that the grand jury did not intend that its report should apply to The Glacier.

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
 JURY IS ACCEPTED**

"I have listened to thousands of excuses in my experience as a trial judge," said Judge Wilson Monday, "but never before did I have a man bring in a substitute."

Judge Wilson was referring to the plea of R. A. Collins, Dee Flat orchardist and dairyman, who appeared before the court explaining that 15 cows demanded his attention and offering J. C. Porter, retired East Side fruit grower, as his substitute on the jury.

"Mr. Porter," explained the orchardist dairyman, "says he can't act as my substitute in milking the cows, but he will not be discommoded by acting in my place on the jury."

Judge Wilson accepted Mr. Collins' substitute and allowed him to return to his dairy work.

News of the Golfers

At a meeting last week the board of trustees of the Hood River Golf and Country club voted to reduce the terstate bridge. A constant stream initiation fee from \$50 to \$35. The fee, however, will automatically advance to the old figure as soon as the membership reaches the 200 mark. The local club, which has a considerable membership in Portland and a number at Spokane, has over 150 on its rolls.

The Hood River club has a member in London, one in Rio de Janeiro and several in New York.

The winter season record score for the Oak Grove golf links is held by Dr. C. W. Hamilton, who several times the past week made nine holes in 38, lacking but two of the record for the course held by Dr. Willing, of Portland.

William Esselstyn, for the past three years in charge of the local branch of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., has resigned. He left yesterday for Walla Walla, Wash., where he is considering a business location. Mr. Esselstyn has been connected with the big retail lumber concern, which has more yards in eastern Washington and Oregon than any other concern, for the past 19 years. A. L. Anderson, general auditor of the company, is now in charge of the Hood River branch.

Gilbert Edgington, who operates a string of saddle horses and pack train in the Mount Hood national forest, Monday received word from G. L. Look and Frank Brock, Wasco county ranchers, that local men who are wintering horses on their places should call for them at once. The heavy December freeze killed off the volunteer wheat, Mr. Edgington says, and the supply of food for the pasture animals is so slight that they are suffering.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

March 11 there will be a reception at the library hall given by the two losing teams for the two winning teams and the new members. Mrs. Mallett, the state president, will be with us and a nice program will be given. Mrs. H. C. Garrabrant is general chairman of the reception, Mrs. J. E. Smithson is chairman of the program and Mrs. Harriet Walters is chairman of refreshments.

There is an old paper drive on. Anyone having old papers may roll them and tie in neat rolls, leaving the bundles at 1822 Cascade avenue, where they will be taken up by the Warren truck and sold in Portland. The proceeds from the sale of the papers will be used for the Farm home.

William Douglas Kilpatrick, writing to the New York Herald-Tribune, points out that thrift and prohibition go together, and takes pains to analyze the figures showing an increase in savings deposits. During the five wet years, 1914-1918, the increase in deposits was \$1,069,400,151 or 22 per cent. The increase in depositors was 305,382 or less than three per cent. During the five dry years, 1920-1924, the increase in deposits was \$2,533,773,000 or 43 per cent. The increase in depositors was 2,211,530 or 22 per cent. These figures indicate increased deposits for the dry period of 2½ times greater than the wet period, and an increase seven times greater in the number of depositors. Due consideration, however, must be given to the condition prevailing in both periods.

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