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## WILLIAMSON SENTENCED.

U. S. Judge Hunt at Portland Saturday morning passed sentence upon Congressman J. N. Williamson, of the second district, Dr. Van Gessner and Marion R. Biggs, found guilty of attempting to secure public lands in illegal way. Williamson and Biggs each received a sentence of six months imprisonment and a fine of \$500. On account of Dr. Gessner's health Judge Hunt gave him five months imprisonment and \$1000 fine. The defendants have taken an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and pending the decision of the higher tribunal the execution of the sentence is suspended. Judge Hunt in sentencing Williamson said: "The time is now at hand when I must do my duty, painful to me as it is. Nothing that I might say at this time could remind you more forcibly than the occasion of your own situation. Your intelligence, your honorable public position and your own self-respect require, I will sure, to impress upon you your grievous error. The circumstances, of your case afford a warning to younger men who would preserve their careers from that taint which should always, and does sometimes follow the prevalent belief that what is wrong against an individual may be countenanced as against the government itself.

"But the law demands that this dangerous doctrine be suppressed, and that public as well as private ownership of lands be protected. The same good faith, honesty and dealing should pervade every dealing in the matter of public lands should every purchase of private property, between man and man, be made and this only—no more, but less.

"The sentence of the court is that you shall be imprisoned for a period of six months and pay a fine of \$500. At the request of your counsel, made by formal motion, the execution of this sentence is suspended pending an appeal and such other matters as the law authorizes, as may be had in your behalf, in the preservation of your rights."

When sentence had been pronounced Mr. Williamson asked: "Is that all, Judge?" and resumed his seat.

## The Harriman System.

First of all things that Oregon wants and needs, in the way of internal development, is a railroad across Middle Oregon. Such road, crossing the Cascade Range from some point in the Middle or Upper Willamette Valley, traversing Central Oregon and connecting with the Oregon Short Line at Ontario, would afford the means of development required for great part of the state of Oregon. The main reason for progress of the state has been slow is that this line through its central part has been neglected.

Such line, through the middle of the state, would throw out laterals east and west, or north and south, reaching or reaching every important valley. Centers of population and commerce and industry would quickly be established. As in other localities of similar nature—arid or semiarid—where railways have been built, the kind of development has rapidly followed.

with its branches right and left, would naturally belong to the Union Pacific system. It should be constructed by this system, and operated by it and in connection with it. If Mr. Harriman will construct this line and the necessary branches, good will and earnest support of all Oregon will be his.

If, also, he will cause the great influence of the great railway system under his control to be employed in proper ways for getting help at Washington for the work in progress at the mouth of the Columbia River, he will do another thing which will tend powerfully to establish and to maintain cordial relations between the people of Oregon and the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems.

There is reason to believe that construction of the Nehalem-Tillamook Railroad is now assured. The positive announcement will soon come. Already it has been announced by the Southern Pacific that it will build from the Umpqua Valley to Coos Bay. Active preparations for this work are going on. The "Harriman System" is in position to do more for the State of Oregon than any other. It may be hoped it will see its way to do, speedily, what it ought to do.

## Sued for Libel.

Charles McKnight Salt and Charles Keith, editors of the Coos Bay Harbor, were today held under bonds to await the action of the grand jury for libeling Major L. D. Kinney. On August 12th, the Harbor gave space to the following: "It was out of charity for his family that the information was withheld that would have sent the Major to the Penitentiary."

These are the lines complained of. The defense admitted the publication of same, but contended that Kinney perjured himself in swearing to a complaint in which he sued Flanagan and Tate in certain land transactions, Kinney alleged in said complaint that he had a written contract for an extension of time on the payments to be made upon land owned by the Flanagans and upon which he previously had an option. Officers of the Flanagan Estate Company took the stand, giving evidence that no such written contract had ever been in existence. —Oregonian.

## Gives up Harney Scheme.

A dispatch to the Oregonian from Washington says that the Reclamation service has abandoned the Harney Valley irrigation project, after careful investigation. Two principal reasons are assigned, one is that a large portion of the land in that section is in private ownership and the owners are averse to making satisfactory terms with the government to irrigate the land, and second, the water rights of settlers are in such a condition that much litigation would follow a decision in favor of government reclamation. The right of way for a large private ditch will now be allowed, as it was held up pending the action of the Reclamation service.

W. H. Shirk yesterday received a package of vetch, recommended to him by the Booth-Kelley Co. as being a good dry land grass seed. Mr. Shirk is going to try a small patch of it here in town and will let some careful farmer have the rest to make a test on dry land. It is said to produce abundantly.



Illustration by Collier's Weekly

"THEN HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THAT?"

## Few Cases in Court.

There were fewer cases before the Circuit Court this term than any term for several years.

Four divorce cases, in which decrees were signed. In the case against J. H. Turpin and Ben Dalley, for moving scabby sheep, plead guilty and were fined \$50 each. Al. Howell's case carried over from last term, Howell withdrew his plea of not guilty entering one of guilty, and was fined \$50.

The Chandler vs. Howard case was compromised, also the case of Loveless estate against C. S. Loveless, was compromised.

Court was adjourned Monday and the Judge and attorneys left Monday afternoon.

## Surveyors at Madras.

Engineer Graham and party of 18 surveyors last week established camp at Madras and began examination of a railroad route south of that point. This work has progressed so far that the camp was moved Wednesday to a point a dozen miles this side of Madras, on the road to Forest.

The outfit is substantially equipped for a long period in the field. Operating under the guise of the Oregon Eastern, this party paid its way over the Columbia Southern, but that is supposed to be merely to keep the bookkeeping straight and not that this party is anti-Harriman.

So far the route traveled appears to be the same as that on which the Columbia Southern located a line five years ago. This crosses the river at Forest and comes directly through Bend. Whether there will be any material change in the route is not known at this time.

Though there is no definite authority quoted for it, the statement that this party will not stop even at Bend, but will continue on to California, locating a through line on the east side of the Cascades, has gained considerable credence. This is supported by the substantial character of the surveying equipment.

This party is expected to reach Bend in about two weeks.

## "Tired of Living."

These words written on a slate in Mrs. Louie Myers' home on Salt Creek, and the dead body of her 13-year-old son, Willie Antone greeted the mother upon her return to her house last Saturday, after a few hours absence.

Mrs. Myers had left the house early in the day and went to their sheep that were grazing not far away, and left the boy in charge of the house. A bottle of strychnine was in the house and some time during the day the boy, from no other known cause than the one written on a slate in the house, "I am tired of living," the boy swallowed about a teaspoonful of the contents of the bottle and was dead when his mother returned to the house later in the day.

## Captured Yearling Deer.

Miss Anna Colvig, an Ashland girl, has become the heroine of Jones Creek valley, says the Ashland Record. The story goes that Miss Colvig was engaged in teaching a school in that settlement, and while rambling through the garden on a recent Saturday, she heard a deer bleating and its struggles in the nearby brush as it was trying to escape from a coyote. Miss Colvig called their dog which chased the coyote away, and during the melee the deer, in its fright and exhaustion, took refuge in a brushpile, where it was caught by the young lady who held it until her brother came and killed it. It was a large yearling and made fine venison.

We were informed by Geo. Ayres, the mining man, that so far as developed, the Paisley mines are showing up good, and it is confidently believed that a good mining district will be developed there in the spring. A tunnel has been driven into the mountain to strike the main ledge 100 feet down, and the miners are now within 25 feet of the ledge, and are finding pay ore all the time, which goes from \$12 to \$32 per ton in gold and silver and lead.

Geo. Clark is going on crutches this week, suffering from a sprained knee.

## ENTERTAIN AT THEIR HOME.

One of the most pleasant card parties ever given in Lakeview was enjoyed last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norin. The parlors were handsomely arranged by Mrs. Norin, and the guests began to arrive early in the evening. By 9 o'clock all were present and progressive whist consumed the fleeting moments, and 12 o'clock found all reluctant to quit playing, until a glimpse of the dining room was had, which so tantalized the appetite of all present that they were willing that a halt be called. Before the games commenced the guests were entertained by vocal and instrumental solos, Miss Mae Snider rendered a beautiful piano solo and Mrs. Norin sang in her usual delightful manner. All seated at the table, Judge Benson at the head, the attention of the guests were divided between the resplendent refreshments and repartee.

At the conclusion of refreshments Judge Benson struck up the familiar "In the Good Old Summer Time," and all that could sing well and Vince Snelling joined in. From the time the crowd retired from the dining room until they departed for their homes songs and music were listened to. Judge Benson and Attorney Rutenic charmed the crowd with a duet, handled in an adept manner.

Mrs. W. H. Shirk won the first prize, a handsomely bound copy of Poe's poems, and Miss Hall the consolation, a decorated tooth-pick holder.

Those present were, besides host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Norin, Miss Hall, Miss Snider, Judge Benson, Attorney J. C. Rutenic, Mrs. C. E. Sherlock, Mrs. F. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shirk, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massingill, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Watson, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Snelling, C. O. Metzker and wife.

"Good-by, Little Girl, Good-by," was the parting song, when at 1:30, the guests bid good-by to Mr. and Mrs. Norin and expressed their happy appreciation of the honor and pleasure of being present.

## Governor's Son to Marry.

Dr. Charles Chamberlain, son of Governor Chamberlain, so the rumor goes, will take unto himself a wife about Christmas time.

When Dr. Chamberlain went east last March to continue his studies in New York he ran down to Natchez, Mississippi, for a visit at his father's old home. Fate brought Miss Boatner to Natchez at the same time from her home at Vidalia, across the river, and though the three or four days that they met sped swiftly they were long enough for a glance at a happy future.

That the governor had known Miss Deborah as a small child and Mrs. Chamberlain had been a schoolmate of her mother, makes the romance the prettier, though Cupid would probably have found a way in any event. When Cupid had done his part the postal department lent its aid, and before Christmas the bride will be welcomed home.

A dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Snelling last Saturday evening to a number of their friends in honor of Judge Benson and J. C. Rutenic.