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THE WOODS CASE.

Through a lack of knowledge of the case on the part of the Ashland Republican papers and wilful misrepresentation on the part of certain Democrats, a report has been put in circulation to the effect that a big graft had been worked in the John Wood estate while being settled up and escheated to the state of Oregon, and while political capital was trying to be made out of by a number of Republican and Democratic candidates and politicians serious injustice was done by the reflections that were cast upon Judge Hanna, Governor Chamberlain, District Attorney Reames and the law firm of Colvig & Durham.

In regard to the facts in this case there was nothing unusual nor illegal in the \$1,000 fee allowed Colvig & Durham nor the \$646.15 fees allowed the administrator, Ben Haymond and his attorney, Judge J. R. Neil. Briefly outlined the history of this now famous case is that John Wood, an aged Irish bachelor residing at Woodville died leaving an estate in land and money of the value of \$12,000 and no known heirs to receive it. County Judge Prim appointed Ben Haymond, of Rock Point, administrator and the administrator selected ex-County Judge J. R. Neil as the attorney for the estate which was approved by the probate court. There were no heirs, no will nor legal complications of any kind to make trouble or expense to the attorney, Judge Neil, or the administrator Ben Haymond, the sum total of effort being for Mr. Haymond to come to Jacksonville and qualify as an administrator, have the estate appraised, which was placed at \$8,000 so his bonds would not be high, have the first and last notices published in a newspaper and to make his final report to Judge Prim in probate court. The work of his attorney Judge Neil, involved the filling out of the bond and three other legal forms involving a total expenditure of possibly half a days time and 20 cents for legal blanks. There were no legal nor financial difficulties connected with this estate yet, Judge Prim allowed Judge Neil \$250 attorney's fee and Mr. Haymond \$396.15 administrator's fee. Considering the size of the estate these fees were not exorbitant and were the usual percentage allowed by the probate courts of Oregon.

As to the escheat proceedings District Attorney A. E. Reames had nothing to do with the case, so he can not be held to any blame, if there is blame. There is no specific law covering the appointment of an attorney to represent the state in an escheat case that matter being left solely with the governor and it has been the rule for years for the governor to appoint the attorney who first notifies him of an heirless estate. As to district attorneys handling these estates they did so under a former law and got 10 per cent of the estate for their fees, but since they were put on salary the escheat

work has been handled by the governor who appoints an associate council to district attorney and who represents the state in all the legal proceedings which may cover a period of 10 years, for heirs have that length of time in which to file suits to gain possession of the property. This special attorney has to be ready at any time during the 10 years to appear in the circuit and defend the title to the state of the estate from alleged heirs and to sustain the case in the supreme court if the heirs appeal, which they usually do. As escheat cases are handled through the circuit court the Woods estate was passed on by Judge Hanna and he allowed Colvig & Durham \$1,000 compensation. As the rule in all the state courts is to allow a fee of 10 per cent he could have allowed Colvig & Durham \$12,000 as the estate will yield \$1,200 to the state of Oregon, but the attorneys were quite willing to place their fee at \$1,000. This is in effect a retainer fee at \$100 a year for the next 10 years for this law firm and they to pay all their expenses should they be required to appear on behalf of the state in the court at Jacksonville or in Salem. None of the parties concerned in the settlement of the Wood estate can be fairly charged with doing anything dishonest or of working a graft, they taking only what was allowed them by the law and common usage and this cry of "graft" is raised for political effect only.

Hon. R. M. Veatch, Democratic nominee for congress for this district, spent a part of this week in Jackson county while making a tour of this district. Thursday evening he spoke to a fair sized audience in Gold Hill. His date in Medford Friday was complicated by the circus that was there and he was unable to give his speech in the afternoon as was advertised, but he gave a short address in the forenoon at the depot to the crowd that was waiting for the circus parade. In the evening he spoke in Ashland, but only to a small audience by reason of the meeting not being properly advertised. Mr. Veatch is a good speaker and he made a good impression on his audiences, but he was badly handicapped by the dearthness of live issues in the Oregon Democratic campaign.

Hon. E. B. Dufur, of Gold Hill, was in Jacksonville this Saturday to file with County Clerk Orth his certificate of nomination as one of the two Democratic candidates for circuit judge for this district. This honor came to Mr. Dufur entirely unasked by him in fact he at first declined a place on the ticket but his friends were so insistent and got up such a large petition to place him in nomination that he could not well refuse their request. Mr. Dufur was formerly a resident of The Dalles and was one of the leading attorneys of Wasco county and represented that county in the state senate. Since coming to Jackson county Mr. Dufur has been prominent in business affairs and the legal profession and he is one of the recognized leaders of his party in Southern Oregon and he will poll his party vote for the office for which he has been nominated.

Judge H. K. Hanna will commence an adjourned term of circuit court Monday. No jury will be called and the term promises to be short there being only a few equity cases and some motions to be heard.

Jack Tungate who is farming and stock raising in the Mt. Pitt section, was in Jacksonville over Friday on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tungate. Mr. Tungate states that feed on the ranges is extra fine and that stock are in prime condition.

Miss Dollie Ankeney is in Jacksonville from Eugene to spend a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Orth.

See the funny "Brownies," May 27 at the High School.

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The Republicans at their convention in Gold Hill declared in favor of good roads and their candidates for County Judge and Commissioner were chosen largely on their through knowledge of and interest in good roads. Both are practical business men who have made a study of road problems, and they may be depended on to use their best judgement in handling the road problem which has become such an important matter to the farmers and businessmen of Jackson county.

Everybody and their friends went to Medford Thursday afternoon to attend the opening ball game on the new athletic grounds in that town, Jacksonville for the day being practically deserted. The game was between Medford and Jacksonville teams and was a lively game and closely contested the score standing at the close eight for Jacksonville and seven for Medford. Another game will be played at Medford this Sunday afternoon between the Medford and Ashland nines. Manager Neuber has so strengthened the Jacksonville team that it is even stronger than last season. So far the boys have not lost a single game and they expect to again hold the championship of the Valley as they did last year. The personal of the Jacksonville team as now made up is Patsy Donegan, captain; and second base; Elmer Lester pitcher, Billy Barlow catcher; Bob Wilner, substitute pitcher and third base; Henry Orth first base; Bob Kruger shortstop; Chas. Nunan right field; Lewis Ulrich center field; Ed Donegan, left field. Clarence Reames is the official scorer and he keeps a tab on the boys that gives them full credit for all they do.

Public Speaking.

JOE A. THOMAS, Candidate for Representative on the Socialist Party ticket, will address the people on the issues of the day, on the following dates and places:

Wilson's Opera House, Medford, Monday evening, May, 23.

Court House, Jacksonville, Saturday evening, May 28.

Enterprise School House, Tuesday evening, May 31.

Chautauqua Building, Ashland, Saturday evening, June 4.

Everybody come.

Gus H. Samuels, Democratic nominee for school superintendent, was in Jacksonville over Wednesday night to look up his prospect in this section. Mr. Samuels thinks he has a good chance for election and he is going to do his best to win over the necessary votes to make his election certain.

Principal E. E. Washburn, assisted by Miss Frances Donegan, Mrs. Mary Peter and Mrs. C. L. Reames is rehearsing a cantata entitled "The Merry Picnic Party" in which over forty of the public school scholars take part. The cantata will be given at the school assembly room on May 27 and the proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of the graduating exercises.

Conklin, the house-furnisher, has received another shipment of carpets and rugs that are the equal of any ever brought to Southern Oregon, embracing many beautiful designs in Axminsters, Body Brussels, Ingrains and Velvets. Call and see them. The prices are right.

The cantata, "A Merry Picnic Party" at High School Friday evening, May 27.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullede of Verbena, Ala. was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25 cents at City Drug Store.

Dates to Remember.

Monday, May 16.—Last day on which voters can register.

Wednesday, May 18—Eighth grade examination for May in Oregon public school begins.

Friday, May 20—Candidates Ball at Ruch.

Friday, May 20.—Jacksonville High school entertainment at Assembly hall to raise funds to meet expenses of commencement exercises.

Saturday, May 28.—Socialist meeting at the court house to be addressed by Joe A. Thomas, candidate for representative Saturday, May 28.—Meeting of Rogue River Fruitgrowers Union at Medford for annual election of officers.

Friday, June 3—Annual commencement exercises of Jacksonville High school Monday June 6—State election day for Oregon.

Monday, June 6—State election for Oregon is held.

Special Excursion Rates.

The Southern Pacific Company will sell special excursion tickets to St. Louis or Chicago, and return as follows:

To St. Louis both ways through Portland \$77.50, one way through California via Ogden or El Paso \$81.00.

To Chicago and return both ways through Portland \$82.50, one way through California via Ogden or El Paso \$86.00.

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SALE DATES.

May 11, 12, 13; August 8, 9, 10; June 16, 17, 18; September 5, 6, 7; July 1, 2, 3; October 3, 4, 5.

Limit 10 days going east of Oregon and California return at any point within 90 days from sale date.

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Agent.