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JUDGE HANNA'S RECORD.

A faction of the Democratic party led by Nickell, of the Southern Oregonian-Democratic Times, has been raising a great hue and cry over the decision made by Judge H. K. Hanna in the damage suit of Edward Dunham against the Southern Pacific. Had Nickell been honorable and fair in his newspaper work he would have looked up the facts in the case, but that would not have been in line with his style of bushwacking campaigning for the true facts of this case is not what he wanted the voters to know. By making up a garbled report of the trial Nickell hoped to prejudice voters against Judge Hanna and compass the Judge's defeat, but Judge Hanna's record, as one of the most impartial, ablest judges that this district has ever had, is so well known that Nickell's scurrilous attacks will have no effect in turning the better class of voters from him and he will get a big majority at the June election.

The facts in this Dunham case are that Edward Dunham, a young man of talent, employed by the Southern Pacific as a brakeman lost a leg while on duty and sued the Company for damages, alleging negligence on the part of the Company in causing the accident to himself. The trial took place at Grants Pass before Judge Hanna. Mr. Dunham was represented by Ex-Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, one of the ablest attorneys in Oregon. The Company was represented by W. D. Penton of Portland another very able attorney. The case was unusually closely contested and after a lengthy trial the jury gave a verdict for \$12,000 in favor of Mr. Dunham. Mr. Penton, on behalf of the Company, moved for a new trial alleging among other reasons that an error had been made by the court in giving a certain instruction to the jury that had been asked for by Judge Bennett, the plaintiffs' attorney. Judge Hanna after carefully looking up all the law bearing on this point concluded that on appeal the supreme court would reverse his decision and grant a new trial, and not being a moral coward and a trimming politician he decided to reverse himself and not let the case go to the supreme court to entail an additional expense to Mr. Dunham. Ordering a new trial the jury gave Mr. Dunham a verdict for \$20,000. As Mr. Dunham felt somewhat aggrieved at Judge Hanna the latter had Judge Benson preside at the second trial, though before giving his instructions to the jury Judge Benson sent for Judge Hanna to consult with him and the two judges went carefully over all the points that had been raised in the case some of which had never been before the supreme court for interpretation.

Had Judge Hanna been less honorable and been a scheming office seeker he would have let the case go to the supreme court to the expense and defeat of the unfortunate young man, but to the political renown, from a Nickell standpoint, of himself, who could have played to the galleries as an enemy of the railroads.

As to the charge that Judge Hanna reversed the case on the grounds that the judgement was excessive is not borne out by the records of the court for he expressly stated that he would not consider that point and further that \$12,000 was but a fair recompense to a young man for being maimed for life by the loss of a leg.

The animus of Nickell's attack upon Judge Hanna is that the Graftor failed to make a graft work upon the Judge. The Graftor is running the Southern Oregon-

ian as an alleged Independent Republican paper and the Democratic Times as a Democratic paper and he offered for a money consideration to support Judge Hanna in the Southern Oregonian of course reserving the right to oppose him and support the Democratic nominee in his Democratic Times. To this double dealing game the Judge would not stand with the result that immediately the Graftor turned loose a torrent of abuse and misrepresentation in retaliation for the Judge not putting up the hush money. Judge Hanna will be elected by a big majority and his vote will come from men of all parties for the voters of this district recognize in him a man who is not bound by partisan spirit nor influenced by mercenary nor personal motives in the discharge of his duties on the bench.

Recent events indicate that a deal is on for a coalition between the Democrats and the Socialists. It was plain to be seen that such a move was being considered by some of the Socialists at the time they held their convention in Medford for some of the speakers openly advocated making no nominations except for members of the legislative ticket and for county judge and commissioner, they boldly asserting that the Socialists should combine their efforts to secure control of the legislative and administrative offices and make no nominations for the clerical offices. This open advocacy of a collusion with the Democrats brought out a strong opposition from the old line Socialists and for a time the discussion between the two factions in the convention was hot and acrimonious. It is now evident that the Socialist leaders seeing no chance of electing any of their ticket by Socialists votes alone are out for a trade with the Democrats, who are equally fearful of not electing their ticket. The basis of this agreement is that the Democrats will drop their legislative ticket and support the Socialist nominees while the Socialists will throw over all their other nominees and vote the Democratic ticket straight from circuit judge to coroner, except the candidates above mentioned. As the combined Democratic and Socialist vote about equals that of the Republicans it would give both parties a chance to win out otherwise they are sure of defeat. But while this may be a shrewd scheme to defeat the Republicans yet the managers of the two parties may have a strenuous time of it before they get the candidates, to be slaughtered, to agree to meekly become victims to the guillotine of political expediency.

The Rogue River Fruitgrowers Union will hold their annual meeting at Medford on Saturday, May 28, at which the financial affairs of the Union will be closed for the past fiscal year and officers elected for the ensuing year. This meeting will close the first years work of the Union and its successes and failures are a subject of deep concern to its friends and of interest to the general public and especially to the growers not members of the Union and of the dealers whose business it is competing with. Of failures the Union has had a goodly number, but not more than was to be expected for a new organization and far less than many of the now successful fruit growers Union had in their first year of existence. As to its successes they fully met the expectations of its organizers and were of such importance as to demonstrate that the Rogue River Fruitgrowers Union is to be a permanent organization and that as its scope of endeavor becomes better known its success will be the greater and its membership will grow until it embraces every orchardist in Rogue River Valley.

As to whether swine will be permitted to longer run at large or not in Jackson county will be voted on at the election in June. In all the valley precincts where there is no outside range of any extent the farmers generally are in favor of having hogs shut up, but in all the hill precincts where the outside range far exceeds in extent the farms the ranchers are strongly opposed to a hog law. The equity in the case is thus a matter of location. To the valley farmers a hog law would save them thousands of dollars in extra fence expense, for they could fence a hog pasture cheaper than they could fence their whole farm with a hog-tight fence. To the hill farmers a hog law would bring serious financial loss for with them hog raising is one of their chief sources of revenue, for its vast area of outside range at their command with its fine feed of grass, acorns and other nuts enables them to raise hogs with scarcely no expense at all. It would be a financial impossibility for these farmers to continue to raise hogs if they had to keep them in an inclosure. The closing of the bill ranges to hogs would be felt by many valley farmers who each fall buy

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stock hogs from the hill farmers and feed feed in their grain fields. The time will come when there will be a hog law adopted in Jackson county but it will hardly be at this election. As this question is one of interest only to the farmers it would be best that it be left to them to decide and the voters in the towns should refrain from voting upon it, otherwise an injustice might be done the farmers by their passing or defeating the proposed law.

The Hood River Glacier, one of the few model county newspapers of Oregon, has changed ownership S. F. Blythe and his son Edward disposing of the paper to Arthur D. Moe, a newspaperman from the East and who, judging by the first edition of the Glacier under his control, is an up-to-date editor who will keep that paper to the high standard maintained by Mr. Blythe and his son. Mr. Blythe is one of the veteran newspapermen of Oregon and having made a success of his vocation now retires to a fine fruit farm which he owns in Hood River Valley and to which he will devote his energies.

There are fully five hundred voters in Jackson county with whom party fealty is a matter of small consequence in local elections. Recognizing this fact the Democrats held their convention nearly a month ahead of the Republicans and their candidates at once began a thorough systematic still-hunt for votes, their effort being to get voters to commit themselves before the Republicans could work up sufficient party enthusiasm to hold their voters in line. So far in this campaign the advantage has been with the Democrats and they have lost no time in getting a personal interview with every voter in the county. Two years ago their still-hunting enabled them to overcome a Republican plurality of 200 and elect the greater part of their ticket. Election day will tell how successful they will be in this campaign in overcoming the larger plurality that the Republicans have, and which is giving them a spirit of overconfidence that may lead to their defeat.

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.

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. Gullelge 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 23.—Republican rally in Jacksonville in U. S. hall. Address by J. C. Moreland.

Tuesday, May 24.—Republican rally at Applegate.

Wednesday, May 25.—Republican rally at Wilson's Opera House Medford.

Friday, May 27.—School entertainment at G. A. R. hall, Central Point.

Friday, May 27.—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 the annual election of officers.

Sunday, May 29.—Memorial Sunday, with commemorative services at the churches.

Monday, May 30.—Decoration Day with public exercises at Medford and at Central Point.

River Fruitgrowers Union at Medford for annual election of officers.

Friday, June 3.—Annual commencement exercises of Jacksonville High school Saturday, June 4.—Republican rally at Medford in Wilson's opera house.

Monday, June 6.—State election day for Oregon.

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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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