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THE NEILON TRIAL AT LAKEVIEW.

(Lakeview Examiner.)

After a hard fought contest by both prosecution and defense, lasting three weeks, the case of the State of Oregon vs. A. J. Neilon before H. L. Benson of the circuit court for Lake county, and a jury, came to a close last Friday afternoon when the court instructed the jury and gave the case over to that body to find a verdict. It was a long drawn out case fought chiefly on technical grounds, and long before its close the judge, jury, witnesses and lawyers were worn out by the proceedings. District Attorney Reames had his case well prepared and fought with a determination to procure a conviction. Messrs. Cogswell, Hammond and Bell contested every foot of ground stubbornly and handled their case admirably. The arguments on both sides were completed shortly after the noon hour Friday, and after the court had given its instructions to the jury the court room was vacated and the case was left to the jury for deliberation. All that afternoon and night, and up to 10 a. m. Saturday the jury deliberated, but without an agreement. The foreman at that time sent a message by the bailiff to Judge Benson, informing him of the utter impossibility of reaching a verdict, and asking that the jury be discharged. Upon the court becoming satisfied that the body could not come to an agreement, the jury was thereupon discharged.

It has since been learned that the jury stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal. On the first ballot it stood five for acquittal and seven for conviction, the second four to eight, and the third five to seven. After that until the close, the ballot was four to eight. The members of the jury for conviction were, Wm. Metzger, H. Schmitt, Thos. Hastings, C. C. Cannon, I. N. Converse, A. E. Follett, Fred S. Fisher, and Frank M. Morris; for acquittal, T. S. Hendly, G. S. Eater, E. L. Green and B. W. Farrow.

It is understood that the case will be tried again next May. There is some intimation that District Attorney will ask for a change of venue to Klamath county. It has been a costly trial for Lake county.

PUMPING WATER BY ELECTRICITY

National Irrigation.

A project is on foot which contemplates the pumping of water for irrigation purposes for a very large acreage of land east of Phoenix, Arizona.

A company which controls the canals that supply the eastern end of the Salt River Valley with water, is reported to be placing a big electrical plant at the headwaters of the canals, where there is a fall of twenty feet. Here they intend to develop power to raise water enough from numerous wells to irrigate several thousand additional acres, as much land again as they can now supply from their canals.

It is a well known fact that under much of the desert lands in Arizona, where on the surface water is rarely seen, there is a splendid underground flow. The extremely high price of fuel, however, has heretofore been a bar to pumping water to the surface, and the introduction of electricity provides the promise of the reclamation of many miles of desert where canals cannot reach.

LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS.

The following correspondence from Ashland appeared in last Thursday's Oregonian: District Attorney A. E. Reames, Attorney A. S. Hammond and Court Reporter F. M. Calkins, who arrived here last night, met with an experience last Sunday night while returning home from Lakeview that they will remember as long as they live. Together with Judge Benson and Charles Cogswell, of Portland, they had traveled all day, and when they had arrived at the base of the mountains east of Drew's station, which is 40 miles east of Klamath Falls, the horses they had been driving were pretty well used up. This was about five o'clock in the evening, and the three gentlemen first named, being the younger of the party, volunteered to walk over the mountain to Drew's, a distance of about 12 miles. Mr. Reames who had been over the road before, acted as guide, and covered a distance of three miles when they came to a point where the road forks, one road leading to Bonanza and the other to Drew's station. Unfortunately for the trio, Mr. Reames' knowledge of the latitude and longitude

became mixed in the darkness, and he led them off on the Bonanza road. The night was bitterly cold, the road contained numerous rocks and depressions, and the party had left overcoats, overalls and gloves in the wagon. After trudging a matter of six miles, sometimes on their knees and occasionally on all fours, they became somewhat alarmed and called a council of war. By this time their hands and faces had become stiffened with the cold, and by dint of some effort they gathered enough fuel and built a roaring blaze. This was about 10 o'clock at night. Not satisfied that they were on the wrong road, Mr. Reames skurried on another mile. Finally in the inky blackness of the night, they commenced to retrace their steps, suffering at every yard of ground traversed. They reached Drew's station at 3:30 in the morning, completely exhausted and faint from hunger, having eaten nothing since breakfast on the previous morning.

RAILROAD EXTENSIONS.

(Yreka Journal.)

The new lumber railroad from Weed, near Igerna, into the timber field east of that place, has been extended considerable distance, and will be built further on every season, clear to Bute Creek Valley, where Mr. Weed has considerable timber land. This road is undoubtedly the nearest and most direct route for reaching Klamath lake in Oregon for connection with S. P. line between San Francisco and Portland. The McCloud river branch road from Squaw valley to Upton, a short railroad from timber fields at the head of Sacramento river canyon to Sisson Lumber Mill, the new railroad from Weed, the Yreka R. R. branch, and the proposed railroad up the Klamath river near Klamathon, will add more business to the S. P. line than any other county in either California or Oregon. Besides the great increase in the lumber traffic, these branches will gain greater trade in shipment of cattle and all kinds of products, as the railroads cheaper rates, to attract increased business and a preference from long hauls or drives over bad roads to more distant points. The Yreka R. R. is likely to be extended further westward as well as other branch roads, so that both sides of the county may be developed to greater extent of its natural resources.

It is probable that one of the several Siskiyou county branch railroads being extended towards the Oregon boundary in developing Southern Oregon and Northern California, may yet form a trunk line down the coast to Eureka for junction with the old Donohue road, reaching San Francisco bay at Tiburon, while northward a connection could be made in Eastern Oregon with the Oregon Short Line to Ogden in Utah. A natural and easy route for crossing this county from Shasta valley, would be an extension of the Yreka railroad to Scott valley, thence over Salmon mountain to Salmon river or down Scott river to the Klamath, as might be deemed upon survey to be the most practical, and thence across the level coast valleys direct to Eureka, to which point the California North Western or the Donohue road is now gradually reaching. At the northern section of this coast at Portland and Seattle, three continental railroads have a terminus, and two overland railroads with another building, taps Southern California, while there is only one continental railroad between the extreme South and Portland, Or., a distance of over 1400 miles. A railroad from Eastern Oregon through this county to Eureka on the coast, would make connections for the shortest and most direct route to all Eastern Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia, and also form another route to Portland and Seattle, as well as forming connections with all the continental roads of the north towards the Atlantic.

VACCINATION IN PORTO RICO.

(Chicago Medical Journal.)

One of the first things that American imperialism forced upon the people of Porto Rico was the loathsome disease, vaccinia. The result has been that the privilege of having smallpox, wholesale and retail, as under Spanish rule, has been almost destroyed. During the last six months of 1899 there was but one death from this disease, against 272 in the first six months, and since then the regular epidemic has been a thing of the past; the resources of six hundred annual deaths that used to be such an appreciable factor in reducing the surplus population has been entirely lost. The new generation of Porto Ricans will have to grow up uninfected. One would think that such brutal oppression as this of a subjected people would have been made the most of, and that the anti-vaccinationists and other "aunties" would have stormed the White House and the Capitol with their protests. But no, they never even mention it, and the Porto Ricans themselves are so unappreciative of their wrongs that it has never been even suggested

by them as a grievance. As a lay paper says, "Though to ordinary intellects such a proof of the efficiency of vaccination to prevent smallpox will be convincing, there is no doubt that the Spartan band of anti-vaccinationists will continue to flourish. For, how can the actual experience of a million or so weigh in the balance against the theories and the dicta of those who are bound to differ from the rest of the world and to expose themselves, their children and their neighbors to contagion in the cause of independence and enlightenment."

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

I would respectfully notify the public that on account of the appearance of smallpox in the country I have placed the entire Klamath reservation under quarantine restrictions. I would ask all people outside the reservation lines to remain off the reservation for the present. A measure of this kind to be effective must be as nearly complete as possible. All persons who are within the lines will be required to remain until the danger is regarded as fully past and official notice is given to that effect.

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