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A Constitutional Change Is Needed

Portland is taking a second look at the state's grand jury system since indictments and other less severe charges are being hurried right and left in an effort to clear up that city's racket scandals. The public cheers when an underworld character is indicted, but it becomes highly indignant when others, such as the Portland mayor, long considered a man of extraordinary talents and untarnished reputation, is accused of wrong doing.

The Oregon Journal recently attempted to review the history of the grand jury system from ancient times and to arrive at some conclusion regarding its use in Oregon. The Portland paper admitted that attorneys, judges and parliamentary experts are in disagreement about how far a grand jury's powers should extend.

Malheur county has on numerous occasions experienced similar, although less controversial, activities. The recent indictment of a Nyssa policeman is an indication of powers given to a group of laymen and the possible infringement on the democratic rights of the accused.

The Gate City Journal does not for one moment question the integrity or sincerity of grand jury members performing their civic duty, but we do question the manner in which cases are presented under existing laws.

Martin Rich wounded another man while he was attempting to make an arrest as a city police officer and was charged with a crime by the district attorney after a coroner's jury was called. Not one word of evidence obtained by the coroner's jury was used in arriving at the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. The accused was automatically bound over to the grand jury, according to law, but there was no apparent effort to enlighten the defendant about the process of law. His attorney was not allowed to appear on his behalf and witnesses were called at the discretion of the prosecution only.

Our long-cherished court system—fair trial by jury with a judge presiding—found Rich not guilty. At the circuit court trial, evidence was presented by both sides and justice was meted out.

It seems that the people are having to foot the bill for an unnecessary "channel" to justice not used in many other states.

A time has come for a change in the Oregon constitution to bring this part of our court system up to date and to clarify its activities and duties.

There are indications of many instances in which the grand jury system is so cumbersome that innocent people are harmed or guilty persons are able to escape punishment because of the confusion.

We hope Portland's current sad experience will bring the people of Oregon to take a third look and to act accordingly.

Once Every Ten Years Is Enough

Eastern Oregon is fortunate to have two watch dogs in the Oregon legislature—one a Republican and the other a Democrat.

Their greatest contribution this session has been to prevent hair-brained and, more often than not, costly

Nearly 1,000 Boys Stage Scout Circus

Approximately 400 Boy Scouts from the Ore-Ida council and over 300 Cub Scouts from this area participated in the annual Ore-Ida scout circus on the football field at Ontario Friday night.

Theme for the Cubs' part in the program was "Indians," subject of their study and project work the past quarter. They staged a pow-wow, buffalo hunt, war dances, etc., all dressed in Indian costumes. The Boy Scouts demonstrated their skills in camp fires, knot tying, artificial respiration and many others.

One special feature was an authentic hoop dance put on by an Indian aid from Burns. The Kuna-Marsing band furnished music during the program and Jim Hayden was announcer.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

Editor's Note: The Journal has gone big-time in using wire service for news. It's been 18 years since the editor has deciphered and punctuated wire reports, so Bill Campbell's column from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. is printed somewhat as is.

Any incorrect spelling must be credited to Bill or to Western Union.

Here's the scoop:
The Stranger says Nyssa is OK on lights. Arco population 1527 has Christmas decorations still up. They also drive cattle up the main street. Cleanest is St. Anthony, Idaho. Lowliest Duluth. Suggest chamber check Glendive, Montana welcome signs. Visited Hurley, Wisconsin which had ninety bars most folding because purity campaign of new mayor. Do not expect new mayor to last out term. Most under rated spot Crater of the Moon. Most over rated bad lands of North Dakota. No one could be bad in place like that. Roads excellent until we hit Michigan. Northwest loggers will be interested in knowing that in Michigan they pile their cordwood sideways of their truck. A 200 foot Douglas fir would goof every logger in this state. These lumbermen say they work in the brush. From what I have seen with all due apologies to Doc Sarazin they do not know what timber is back here. Your Stranger has met twenty two in laws in Michigan. He loves them all but in case we arrive late Sunday nite tell Nick to keep his bar open because we may need a Coke after a 2000-mile trip. Your stranger still feels more at home among beets cattle onions and spuds See you Monday, Bye Oregon Bye Nyssa Bye.

legislation from slipping by.

The group from western Oregon would tax and tax the entire state and spend and spend and spend for benefits beyond the Blue mountains that divide Oregon. They have been unable to divide the "rich" from the "poor", contrary to campaign promises, but would tax the family of modest means and everything he owns.

With the help of our own legislators, a bill may be defeated to have the assembly meet annually instead of biennially. After 123 days of the current session, we would suggest a session once every ten years!

Take a look at a few appropriations being considered by the ways and means committee: armory at Portland, \$2,500,000; armory at Salem, \$250,000; educational TV (for Portland), \$150,000; state power commission (if such a new bureau is formed), \$50,000, and legislative expense, \$300,000. All of that adds up to \$3,150,000!

Like the man said, "You ain't seen nothing yet!"

Oregon Trail

Mrs. Frank Byers
Phone 2325

A group of 19 school friends helped Sally and Susan Holmes celebrate their 10th birthday anniversary Friday evening. Mrs. Holmes served a barbecued supper. The girls received many nice gifts.

Second Lt. Larry R. Holmes who recently completed gunnery training at the Williams Air Force base at Phoenix, returned home Wednesday.

A family dinner was given at the B. F. Rookstool home honoring Mrs. Rookstool's sister, Mrs. Arminta Ritter of Grand Island, Nebr. Guests were the families of Mrs. Crawford Riley, Mrs. John Ritter all of Boise, Frank Castle, Harold Rookstool and Woodrow Seuell of Connell, Wash.

John Strickland and Roberta were dinner guests Wednesday evening at the Clyde Bohannon home.

Mrs. F. G. Holmes and Mrs. Roy Holmes returned home Saturday from Westfir where they spent last week with the Glenn Holmes family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hartley and children were Sunday dinner guests at the Sam Hartley home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hendricks were Sunday dinner guests at the Thane Lankford home near Marsing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes and sons and Stanley Byers visited Wednesday evening with the Rolland Holmes family.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Hendricks and children who have been staying at the W. P. Hendricks home, moved to Ontario Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown and family were Sunday dinner guests of the Kenneth Godbout family in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Holmes and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes and sons were Sunday afternoon visitors at the A. M. Goodson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parks and family visited the Gilbert Holmes family Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holmes were Sunday dinner guests at the Frank Byers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Royse and baby of Portland are visiting the Rolland Holmes family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bohannon and family were Sunday evening visitors at the Fred Bennett home.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Royse and daughter of Gooding visited Sunday afternoon at the Rolland Holmes home.

Mrs. Alfred Adams and Marlene and Mrs. Rolland Holmes and Dean attended the Mothers Day program in Ontario Sunday evening given by the Elks. Marlene and Dean took part in the program.

Methodist Church News

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I: here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8"

Thursday, May 16, 2 p.m. (today) Woman's Society circles meet as follows: Larry Robinson with Mrs. Beers. Mrs. Robb will present the program. Alice Hitchcock will meet with Mrs. Evan Tobler and the Charlotte Alston with Mrs. Broughton, 107 North 3rd. At 8 p.m. the Celia Cowan circle will meet with Mrs. Ludlow at the parsonage.

May 21-24—Idaho conference of the Methodist church will meet in

Saturday visitors at the Maurice Corey home were Mr. and Mrs. David Mitchell of Shoshone, Ida. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fry of Caldwell were Sunday dinner guests at the Maurice Corey home.

Sunday week guests at the home of Mrs. Raymond Larson were Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn of Caldwell.

Twin Falls, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow and Mrs. W. W. Foster will be in attendance.

June 3-14—Vacation church school will be held in our church.

Special thanks to all who assisted in making the May breakfasts a success; and most especially to Wilton Jackson of the Ideal Gas and Appliance for the use of gas stoves and grills.

Local Auctioneers Organize for Sales

Two local auctioneers, Guy Sparks, Nyssa, and Dean Hislop, Nu Acres, announced that they recently organized to conduct farm sale auctions in this area.

Both men are graduates of the Reich School of Auctioneering at Mason City, Iowa. Sparks is also auctioneer for the Union Livestock Commission Co. in Nyssa and the Emmett Sale Yard.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cullimore of Provo were recent houseguests at the home of their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Hughes.

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