

VERDICT FOR ROBERTSON.

Jury Says His Work Was Authorized by Commissioners.

JACOBS EXCORIATES THEM.

Denounces Methods by Which County Records, So Important to Every Taxpayer, Have Been Kept—Nothing to Show That Work Was Ordered—Jury Gives Robertson Verdict for \$591.50, but No Damages.

The jury in the case of Robertson vs. King county, brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon awarding Robertson \$591.50 on the total amount of his claims against the county for work on the road district over which he was formerly supervisor. Judge Jacobs' charge to the jury contained a severe rebuke to the county commissioners in the manner in which the records of the office have been kept and said that it gave every chance for fraud. It remains to be seen what the grand jury will do with the matter, which, it is said, will be taken up by that body today. An attempt will probably be made today to demonstrate to the grand jury that the county has been defrauded in that a great part of the work was never done. Prosecuting Attorney McElroy will appeal the case to the supreme court, where he expects to make a showing on the legal points that will cause a reversal.

The sensation in the case yesterday was Judge Jacobs' charge to the jury. Judge Jacobs said: "The last point in this case is, was Robertson authorized to do this work? I am ashamed to confess before this jury and my countrymen that the record of the transactions of the board of county commissioners is in the shape it really is shown to be by the testimony. There is not the scratch of a pen showing the authorization of road work except the entry of resolutions as how much the various commissioners were entitled to spend on roads in their several districts, although the amount actually spent is between \$4,000 and \$5,000. That, resulting from the record. Nothing more is heard of the road work until the bills for completed work are presented for auditing.

As a citizen of the county and judge of the superior court I am ashamed that such things exist. The law affords the county commissioners a competent clerk but they do not seem to have taken advantage of it. If the court held the law to be, as the prosecuting attorney says it is, the transactions of the board of commissioners, which should have been of record, could not be disproved by parole testimony in the absence of that record. I should have felt it my duty to instruct the prosecuting attorney to have brought action against these commissioners for the entire amount expended from the road fund. But the court could not convince itself that it was his duty to make the record, nor allow that the board has done to be proven by parole testimony."

The jury was then instructed that if they found that the board had authorized the work, even though in a very irregular manner, the absence of a record did not stand in the way of their finding for the plaintiff. Few witnesses were examined in the case yesterday and the pleading commenced early. John F. Dore made the argument for Robertson and prosecuting attorney McElroy appeared for the county. The case went to the jury at 2 o'clock. The jury's verdict awarding Robertson \$591.50 was accompanied by answers to interrogations prepared by prosecuting attorney McElroy. There were seven questions asked and in each case the jury found that the commissioners had authorized the work that it had been done, and that Robertson should be paid. As no showing was made to support the claim of damages, Robertson was only allowed the amount due for ordered work.

A SEALED COMMUNICATION.

Grand Jury Sends One to Superior Judge Benson.

The next report of the grand jury is awaited with great interest by the large number of persons that may or may not be concerned in it. No witnesses were before the jury yesterday for examination. Both of the social assassins, Attorney General Thomas M. Vanow and Attorney S. D. King spent the day with the jury and it is supposed that work has commenced on the final report. A sealed communication addressed to Judge Benson was sent out yesterday afternoon after he had left the court room. The report is not expected until tomorrow. It will create no surprise in official circles if a portion of the report recommends some important changes in the method of keeping the records of the county commissioners. It is said that the grand jury is acquainted with the important facts in this regard brought to light in the road warrant suit of ex-supervisor Robertson against King county.

It is also understood that the grand jury will make a searching investigation today of the entire Robertson matter. They will look into the claims that have been made by Robert Wilson and others that the work for which Robertson turned in bills was never done. The jury which decided the case yesterday stated that the work had been done, but the grand jury has no official cognizance of the trial before Judge Jacobs.

THEY HAVE SETTLED.

Massachusetts People Come to an Agreement With Alliance Owners. A compromise has been effected between the Pacific Steam Whaling Company and the Worcester and Northwest Whaling Association, and the two suits brought against them have been dropped. The whaling association, which is composed of Massachusetts men, bound for the Copper

Think Before Outfitting.

It will be TOO LATE WHEN ON THE TRAIL to correct the error of having bought the poorest goods on the market. Don't do it. If you do you'll find the quality is too low to buy the best at. Louch, Augustine & Co., Pioneer Outfitters, 815 and 817 First Avenue.

Just Received Today... A Carload of Acorn Stoves and Ranges. Special prices offered. CALL AND SEE US. Z. C. MILES CO., 119-122 West Yester Way, Seattle. A. L. PIPER, Receiver.

CLISE'S EFFECTIVE WORK.

A Washington Dispatch Says That Objections in Army Post Matter Have Been Overcome. There is no reason why work should not commence on the army post at Magnolia Bluff within a very few days. The good news was received in this city yesterday that the war department had formally accepted the plans agreed upon. J. W. Clise, who went to Washington for the purpose of explaining away the few technical objections, sent a telegram yesterday afternoon to Herman Chapin, stating that all objections had been overcome and that nothing further could interfere. While it was generally expected that Mr. Clise would accomplish this work, the news that he had really done so was received by those who have had the army post matter in charge in this city with satisfaction.

HEALTH BOARD'S ORDER.

Important Move Made Necessary by Contagious Diseases. Health Officer Smith, acting under instructions of the board of health, has issued the following letter relative to diphtheria and scarlet fever: "While the house is placarded, nobody will be permitted to enter the house until the quarantine is raised. Keep in rooms as far removed as possible from the sick room. When the weather is suitable let them be out of doors as much as possible.

COURT NOTES.

Judge Hanford will hold court in this city on Monday next. Chris Gulbrandson of Norway, took out a divorce suit from Judge Moore yesterday. Malcolm McDougall yesterday filed his \$2,000 bond as guardian of John A. Feik et al.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Plessee Ward (21) and Rosa Bell Harper (19), both of Franklin.

The trial of north canal condemnation suits was resumed before Judge Moore yesterday. The suit now being tried involves the property of the New England Land Company.

A divorce complaint was filed yesterday in the case of Maurice K. Smith vs. North American Transportation & Trading Company, an action for damages for failure to reach Dawson on the company's steamers.

NO COMPLAINT YET.

Proposed Prosecution of Receiver Colvin May Be Abandoned. Formal notice of the action of the city council in its steps to declare the franchise for the Great Northern cable railway was served upon the receiver and officers of the company yesterday. Deputy prosecuting attorney Fulton said yesterday that although the strikers and their sympathizers had been before the prosecuting attorney some additional evidence of the alleged incompetency of the new employees, no complaint against Receiver Colvin had been prepared, and that the prosecuting attorney would be allowed to drop without further action.

BREVITIES.

Myers' hardware store on First avenue, near Jackson, was entered night before last and \$3 in cash taken from the till. The public employment office has applications for positions at the city general housework which it is unable to fill. The applications for such employment are few compared with the demand.

Three men entered Hurd's feed store on Third avenue, near Union street, yesterday morning and beat the combination of the safe. They were evidently scared away, as they gave up the job. They left no tools.

Toreen, who lives at Twenty-third avenue and Jackson street, had a timely bred English setter puppy shot by some miscreant day before yesterday. The dog was shot in the neck and died before he could be taken to a veterinarian.

Peter Hay, of 412 John street, is searching for two black ponies that were stolen Wednesday afternoon. He has traced them to the vicinity of Ballard. They are described as being white, docked tails and will weigh about 900 pounds each.

A report was received at police headquarters yesterday morning to the effect that the store of E. J. King, at the corner of Third and Union streets, had been broken into, but that nothing had been stolen. Later in the day Mr. Dexter reported to police headquarters a list of pistols, etc., which he said had been stolen. He estimated his loss at \$5.

John Bailey, of Ogden, has been missing since Tuesday morning from the store of the Patterson Outfitting Company, on First avenue, near Seneca street. His father has sent a check for \$100 and he is supposed to have been telegraphed for, but failed to return. He is described as being 25 years of age, five feet ten inches in height and a little stoop-shouldered.

W. G. Fowler, aged 22 years, who was arrested for stealing clothes from R. C. Archibald, at the corner of Third and Union streets, yesterday afternoon, is held in jail for thirty-five days. Fowler is a San Francisco boy. Among his effects is a leather suitcase, which he had packed with clothes from the New York Transfer Company, Dodd's Express and other concerns.

While the exact date of the spring examination for the positions of clerk, inspector, messenger and night inspector, has not yet been fixed, all persons desiring to take that examination should obtain application blanks without delay. The blanks should be filled and approved not later than at the close of business of March 1. Address: Custodian of Records, Service Examiners, Post Townsend, Wash.

Mayberry's Grotto. Elmer F. Mayberry has purchased the interests of all other parties formerly connected with him in Grotto saloon at 26 James street, and will hereafter conduct the business alone. The name of the saloon has been changed and will be known as "Mayberry's Grotto and Cafe." Mr. Mayberry is one of the best known saloon men on the coast, and is thoroughly conversant with the saloon and cafe business.

PARTIES bound for Alaska should take at least twenty dollars in silver quarters, halves and dollars along with them, as it is very scarce in that country and the inability to make exact change frequently results in extortion on the part of packers, boatmen and others, often resulting in competing parties to pay from fifty cents to two or three dollars in excess of regular rates.

"SIBERIAN." The new shoe for women. Sibley Bros., 70 Second avenue, sole agents.

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READY TO FIGHT.

G. A. R. Men Will Go to War If They Are Wanted. The able-bodied members of Stevens Post, G. A. R., have tendered their services to the Stars and Stripes in case of war with Spain. They are ready to sacrifice their lives and their fortunes to uphold the honor of their country. At a meeting of the post held yesterday afternoon the following resolutions were adopted and signed by Thomas J. King, adjutant, and A. H. Carr, commander, for transmission to the secretary of war: "Resolved, by Stevens Post, No. 1, G. A. R., of Seattle, Washington, that in the event of a declaration of war between the governments of the United States and Spain, the members of Stevens post do hereby tender their services in defense of our government, pledging their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to uphold the flag and march to the front, as we did from 1861 to 1865, in maintaining and defending the best government on earth; be it further

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George A. Gordon Dead. George A. Gordon died yesterday at Flint, Mich., of consumption. Mr. Gordon was for eight years a resident of this city, but moved to the East a year ago. E. M. Gordon and Will Gordon, of this city, are his brothers.

Firearms Are Not Toys. Two more deaths have lately resulted from "didn't know it was loaded" accidents—a mother killing her babe and a boy almost having his head blown off. Firearms are not toys. It is also unsafe to trifle with what are termed minor ailments. Insignificant though they seem at first, they are likely to develop into maladies of dangerous and complex magnitude. The best way is to arrest them at the start with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which checks constipation, liver complaint and rheumatism, malaria, kidney trouble and nervousness. A decline in health is something we cannot afford to disregard. Independently of its sterling efficacy as a specific for chronic maladies, the Bitters is a superb tonic and promoter of appetite and sleep.

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TODAY ONLY. Special Sale of Hemmed Sheets and Pillow Cases.

Hemmed Sheets, 8-4, 42c each. Hemmed Sheets, 9-4, 47c each. Hemmed Sheets, 10-4, 52c each. Hemmed Pillow Cases, 42x36, 9c each. Hemmed Pillow Cases, 45x36, 11c each. Hemmed Pillow Cases, 54x36, 14c each. Persons needing any of these goods will save themselves money by supplying their wants at this sale as the above prices defy all competition.

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