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ARGUE DEMURRER LIQUOR CASE SOON

The demurrer interposed by the defense in the liquor cases now in the circuit court will be argued Saturday, E. E. Kelly for the state and A. E. Reames for the defense. By stipulation only the case against E. G. Brown is being tried in order to settle the law points involved.

The attorneys declare that no matter which way the demurrer is settled the matter will go to the supreme court for final hearing.

If the demurrer is overruled the case will go to trial next week.

The jury which heard the case of the state vs. Townsend returned a verdict of guilty Thursday afternoon. This ended the criminal cases on the docket aside from those for selling liquor.

M'CABE PROBABLE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney—R. B. McCabe. Chief of Police—J. F. Hittson. City Engineer—O. Arnsperger. Market Master—E. J. Runyard.

That is the slate of appointments to be made at the special session of the city council to be held this evening. It is subject to change but it is believed that these appointments will be made.

Considerable business is to be considered by the council tonight, the chief matter being the letting of a contract for the paving of the Bear Creek bridge and one or two other streets.

CASH IS NEEDED FOR SUFFERERS

The Ladies Guild of St. Mark's church continues to collect clothing and money for the flood sufferers of Dayton, Ohio. Two large cases of clothing has been shipped. Cash is still wanted and contributions are asked. Mrs. Wm. Budge is chairman of the committee in charge.

The merchants who have contributed to the supplies are The H. C. Kentner Co., Hutchison & Lumsden, Meeker & Co., H. N. Mos, J. C. Mann, Daniels for Duds, The Toggery, Model Clothing Co., The Wardrobe, employees of the Domestic Laundry and the Christian church.

TOWNSEND, ASHLAND PROMOTER, FOUND GUILTY

Cecil Townsend, the Ashland promoter, indicted by the grand jury on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses was found guilty in the circuit court Friday. The defense's leading counsel was Attorney B. F. Mulkey, who made a brilliant effort to secure the release of his client, in the face of heavy odds. Townsend was alleged to have secured \$125 by misrepresentation on a note of an Ashland woman. One of the witnesses was the defendant's wife of a few months.

With the completion of the Townsend case the jury list was discharged from service until next Monday. Outside of the Medford liquor cases, the docket is completed up to the civil cases. The liquor cases are now before Judge Calkins on a demurrer, which is likely to be decided the first of the week. If the demurrer is sustained, the cases will be dismissed. Passing of sentence upon those convicted at the present term of court will take place the first of the week.

John A. Perl Undertaker 20 S. BARKLEY Phone M. 471 and 478 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

THE O'GARA CONTRACT.

THE county court is considering renewal of the contract with P. J. O'Gara for another year, and is hearing arguments for and against.

The subject of orchard inspection is extremely important, indeed vital to future welfare of the valley. It is a matter that not only concerns the horticulturist, but everyone in the community and the prosperity of southern Oregon rests very largely upon the care given the fruit tree.

Orchard inspection is paid for at present by the bearing orchards of the valley, which are increased in assessed valuation in order to raise the necessary sum. The tax on the bearing orchards for inspection amounts this year to approximately \$21,000, whereas the actual cost of inspection is from \$10,000 to \$11,000.

The method of providing this sum is subject to just criticism, for young orchards should stand a portion of the cost, and no more money should be raised than needed. These matters will be adjusted by the new county court for another year when the board of equalization meets next fall. The cost to all orchards will be so slight as to eliminate criticism.

Prof. O'Gara has made good as pathologist in charge of Jackson county. Our orchards are famous for their cleanliness under his administration. His work on blight and other orchard pests and upon orchard heating and frost prevention have won national attention. Along these lines he is the valley's best advertisement. His work is not confined to orchards, but spreads over the entire field. His advice is as valuable to farmers as it is to fruitgrowers and most valuable to novices engaging in an occupation they know nothing of.

The objection to Prof. O'Gara comes principally from those who oppose all orchard inspection, from those whose infected trees have been ruthlessly cut down upon refusal to clean and from those who think a salary of \$5000 a year is too much to pay any human being, no matter how much he knows or how many tens of thousands of dollars his services as expert may save the county.

There is approximately \$20,000,000 invested in orchards in the Rogue River valley. Is it possible that scientific and expert knowledge from an acknowledged authority upon the subject even as insurance against pests, is not worth \$5000 a year to the owners of twenty million dollars worth of property?

Prof. O'Gara should by all means be retained. He could not be satisfactorily replaced.

BONDING FOR HIGHWAYS.

INTERESTING and valuable road information is compiled in the Pacific Highway bulletin issued April 2 by Henry L. Bowlby, executive officer, former highway commissioner of Washington and a road builder of national reputation. It contains data important to every good roads advocate.

The county bonding act, recently passed by the legislature, is set forth as the key to an adequate system of highways in Oregon. By the voting of bonds, up to the two per cent assessed valuation of the counties, \$18,000,000 in road money would be available from this one source.

Mr. Bowlby remarks: All money raised by bonds for road purposes must be spent along permanent lines. If this is not done trouble will follow when the results of the expenditure are gone and the people are forced to continue to pay for the bonds.

By permanent construction of a road is meant, first, that the road is properly located; that is, that the road is so located that the people will not desire to change it in the future. After the road is properly located, a permanent grade should be established for it. With this accomplished, all construction work based upon the established location and grade will be of a permanent nature.

The proper surfacing for a road must be determined by a competent engineer, taking into account all existing conditions in each case. In the future, the state highway engineer will be at the service of all counties.

The expenditure of \$18,000,000 at \$5,000 a mile would give 2071.4 miles of permanent highway. The amount spent during the past three years for roads and bridges totals \$10,358,793. The amount being raised this year by direct taxation for expenditure totals \$3,254,665. Mr. Bowlby continues:

It will be noted that if each county issued the full amount of bonds possible under this law, and if the county court made the same levy for roads and bridges in 1913 as in 1912, the annual interest on the bond issue not only would be paid, but there would remain approximately \$2,222,000 from this regular levy to be spent on ordinary road construction in the counties.

This means that there can be spent in Oregon \$18,000,000 on a system of improved roads by the county authorities, also, that there can be expended \$2,222,000 each year on ordinary road construction, and the taxpayers will not have to pay a greater road tax than they did in 1912.

Moreover, this does take into account the great increase in value of the taxable property of the state due to the expenditure of a large amount of money on improved road work. The actual result would be that, due to the increased value of the property because of the construction of improved roads, the levy would decrease from year to year.

Jackson county's assessed valuation for this year is \$36,735, 074. It is 3.42 per cent of the total assessed value of the state. The amount expended by the county during the last four years for roads and bridges is \$503, 637 or 4.86 per cent of the total amount spent in the state.

The amount available by a 2 per cent bond issue is \$734,701. Interest on this amount at a maximum of 6 per cent amounts to \$44,082 annually. This makes an annual levy of 1.2 mills. This year the road levy is 3 mills or approximately \$110,000. The bond interest could be paid from this sum and still leave \$66,000 for road work, without any greater levy than at present.

Jackson county will be the first county in the state to vote on road bonds under the new law. The bonds will provide \$734,701 for permanent highway construction and at \$5000 a mile, will build approximately 146 miles. But the mileage covered will be much greater as a large part of the preliminary construction work has already been done.

LEADERS WITHHOLD SUPPORT PRESIDENT'S TRIFF REVISION

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The completion of the new tariff bill, the character of the duty on sugar and the extent to which President Wilson gives the upper house of the administration to the completed measure depended today upon the success of the effort of the president to come

to an agreement with the senate leaders.

The tariff situation shifted to the senate today with the prospect of much work ahead to bring the senate into line with the views of the house and president. Senator Simmons, Hoke Smith and Stone, all members of the finance committee, had a long conference with the president tonight,

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