

PIONEER HELD TO GRAND JURY FOR WHITE SLAVERY

A. A. Johnson, age 72, a pioneer of the valley, was bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds by Justice of the Peace Taylor on charges embracing alleged bartering of his own niece to Charles Turner, a negro, also bound over.

Prosecutor Kelly scored the old man's home as a refuge for delinquents of both sexes, and brought a record of two terms in state prison against him. Joe and Mary Johnson, brother and sister of Dollie, testified she told them of being forced to submit to shame upon the demands of Johnson.

Bert Runsey, a wayward boy paroled from the reform school, testified he had a good home, but preferred to live at Johnson's.

Tom Holden, another youth, testified that the moral atmosphere of the Johnson house was good. Two witnesses, "Windy Bill" and "Gallopin' Sal," called by Johnson, failed to appear.

The testimony developed a sordid condition of depravity, in which Dollie Johnson took her uncle's part. Steps will be taken to send her to a refuge home. Johnson testified that Jackson county paid him a pension of \$5 a month.

NATIONAL LEAGUE TO SPURN PLAYERS' DEMAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—First announcement that the National league would not consider the demands of the players' fraternity was made here today by Governor Tener of Pennsylvania, the league's new head.

He declared, however, that the national commission would consider the demands when the members meet again.

At today's meeting the magnates considered several minor changes of the constitution and by-laws. Secretary Heydler, it was announced, will handle the league's routine business until Tener's gubernatorial term expires.

The Daily Hint from Paris.



Small poke shaped hat of long pile black velvet, large algrette clusters placed at back.

BUCK MASTERS POSES AS A HERO

Chief of Police Hiltson received a message from Yreka, Cal., this morning saying that Buck Masters, until recently connected with the Nat skating rink, had hopped into the limelight Tuesday by rolling a boulder on the S. P. tracks, and then announcing two men had forced him to do it at the point of guns. The Siskiyou county sheriff investigated and found evidence and footprints that Masters did the job as a play to be a "hero." The prosecuting attorney wired he would send Masters back to Medford today.

Masters last fall hired a be from the Nash livery stable and returned several hours later with a story that he had been hit over the head and robbed of \$62, though where the blow landed was never located.

WEDDING BELLS

M'REYNOLDS-BOLING—Ray F. Boling and Miss Vina McReynolds, both of Foothills creek were married at Jacksonville yesterday. Mr. Boling is a mining man having valuable placer mines on Foothills creek, and is a Jackson county man. Miss McReynolds' family reside on Foothills creek and have charge of the Lance placer mine. The happy couple returned to their new home on this morning's north bound motor.

FULL TEXT OF DECISION GIVEN IN ASHLAND CASE

The decision of the supreme court in the Ashland suit to keep from paying road taxes is as follows, according to copy received by Attorney A. E. Reames:

This is an appeal by defendants from the judgment on a writ of review issued on petition of plaintiff to review the proceedings of the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, in January, 1913, levying a three-mill tax on all the taxable property of the county, including the property of plaintiff, situated within the limits of the city of Ashland, in said county, for a road fund, pursuant to section 6320, L. O. L. The circuit court adjudged that plaintiff's property is exempt from this tax by virtue of section 1, article XVII of the charter of Ashland (L. 1898, p. 100), which section reads thus: "The territory within the limits of the city of Ashland as now existing or as may be hereafter extended is hereby excepted out of the jurisdiction of the county court of Jackson county for licensing purposes and road purposes, and the city council shall have full and exclusive jurisdiction over the same. The inhabitants of the city shall be exempt from the payment of road taxes and assessment of the property within the city for road work except such taxes as may be levied and assessed by the city council, and all such taxes shall be placed in a separate fund and used for street purposes within the limits of the city and not otherwise."

Bean Writes Opinion

Bean, J. It is contended by counsel for defendants that the foregoing section of the Ashland charter must be construed as exempting property within the city of Ashland from the payment only of one-half of the tax levied pursuant to section 6320, L. O. L., apportionable to the road districts of the county, and not from the one-half of the tax which is placed in a county fund for general road purposes, to be expended by the county court on the roads and bridges in any part of the county. It is their contention that section 6320, L. O. L., provides for a composite tax, one-half thereof

constituting a local district road tax and the remaining one-half a general county tax equivalent to that formerly levied as a part of the general county fund for highway purposes. A glance at that section of the charter reveals that the area within the limits of the city of Ashland is excepted out of the jurisdiction of the county court of Jackson county for road purposes, and further that the inhabitants of that city are exempt from the payment of road taxes and the property within the city is exempt from assessment for road work outside the city boundaries.

Similar Charter Provisions

Similar provisions in municipal charters have been upheld East Portland vs. Multnomah county, 6 Or. 62; Multnomah county vs. Slicker, 10 Or. 65; Oregon City vs. Moore, 30 Or. 215; Eugene vs. Lane county, 50 Or. 468; City of Nysa vs. Malheur county, 54 Or. 286; Tillamook City vs. Tillamook County, 56 Or. 112. In the latter case Mr. Chief Justice McBride, speaking for the court, said: "It is also suggested that the county court had no right to levy any tax for road purposes within the city limits, and in this view we concur. It has been the usual custom to exempt incorporated cities from the payment of general county road taxes, and at the session at which the charter in question was passed, several municipal corporations were thus exempted, and it does not seem probable that the legislature intended to make an exception of Tillamook City."

Legislative Intent

The legislature, as a general rule, has constituted that part of the counties outside the limits of the municipalities tax districts for the purpose of providing funds for the improvement of the rural highways, and has exempted most of the municipalities from such taxes. This was undoubtedly for the reason that the inhabitants of the cities and towns are subjected to taxes for the purpose of improving the streets and sidewalks within such municipalities. Evidently the legislative intent was based upon the principle that such a system of taxation for roads and highways would be approximately equal. Gray on Limitations of Taxing Power, etc., section 528. A tax that is equal and uniform throughout the taxing district is not violative of the provisions of section 32, article I, and section 1, article IX, of the constitution as to equality and uniformity. Portland vs. Multnomah county, 6 Or. 66; Cook vs. Port of Portland, 20 Or. 580, 589.

Cooley on Taxation

It is said in Cooley on Taxation, pp. 257, 258, that "under any system of taxation, however wisely and carefully framed, a disproportionate share of the public burdens will be thrown on certain kinds of property, because they are visible and tangible, while others are of a nature to elude vigilance. It is only where statutes are passed which impose taxes on false and unjust principles, or operate to produce gross inequality, so that they cannot be deemed in any just sense proportional in their effect on those who are to bear the public charges that courts can interpose and arrest the course of legislation by declaring such enactments void."

While our system of taxation in this respect cannot be claimed to be perfect, we are not prepared to say that it does not provide for equality as far as it can consistently with practicability. This section of the charter of the city of Ashland is not in violation of sections of the constitution referred to. To hold that the county court of Jackson county has the right to levy one-half of the county tax for road purposes upon taxable property within the limits of the city of Ashland would be in direct conflict with the section of the charter to which reference is made. By this section it clearly appears that the jurisdiction or authority of the county court of Jackson county to levy taxes for county road purposes is entirely wanting. Authority is vested in the municipality to levy taxes on property within the city limits for street purposes therein.

It follows that the judgment of the lower court must be affirmed, and it is so ordered.

McBride, C. J., and Eakin and McNary, J. J., concur.

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