

Superior Courts

Another superior court will probably be created for Yakima county by the legislature this winter and a judge will be appointed by the governor to take the bench until the next judicial election.

Members of the bar in the city are almost unanimous in the opinion that another court is needed and the legislature will undoubtedly pass the bill creating it if it is asked for.

The county would bear but little increase in taxes for support of another court. The present court commissioner is paid \$1,000 a year, all of which is taken from the county funds.

A superior court judge is paid \$3,000 but half the salary is put up by the state. The creation of another superior court will probably result in the abolition of the office of court commissioner. This would mean only \$300 additional expense by the county for salary for the new judge.

The rapid increase of business in the superior court is another indication of the increase of population in Yakima county.

It was early in 1907 that Yakima county was made a separate judicial district and given a judge. Before that it had been in a district with Benton county.

When the separation was made Benton county was made part of the district with Franklin and Adams counties and court is now being held by one judge in Ritzville, Pasco and Prosser for the three counties.

When the new court is added Yakima county will be one of six in the state to have more than one superior court judge. King county heads the list with seven; Spokane has five; Pierce four and Chehalis and Whatcomb each have two. Eight other

Women--jurors

The claim made by Sunnyside that the women's jury which sat there a few days ago was the first of the sort in Yakima county is disputed by some of the old timers here.

Volney Taft says that he knows that his mother, Mrs. C.J. Taft, Miss Matilda Guillard and some of the other pioneer women of Yakima City sat on two juries here in 1865 when they had a franchise.

One was a federal jury under Judge Turner. He doesn't recall the nature of the cases which came up for decision but he does remember that his mother received \$36 jury fees and immediately blew the money for a handsome hat. The millinery was always referred to in the family as the "jury hat."

Mr. Taft is also sure that the women of this first jury did not hasten from the court room at the conclusion of their service to protest to the governor asking to be relieved from such unpleasant duties on the score that it interfered with the business of the home--Yakima Herald, January 4, 1911.

Bar Association

Members of the Yakima County Bar Association will enjoy a banquet at the Yakima hotel on Saturday evening, February 25, at which time a county bar association will be organized, bylaws adopted and officers elected.

Fred Parker will be toastmaster and the bill of fare includes everything that Manager Schroeder ever heard of in the way of good things to eat and drink. The tables will be set for 70 guests and a number of out of town invitations will be mailed to federal and supreme court judges--The Yakima Herald, February 1, 1911.

The first annual banquet of the Yakima County Bar association which was to have been held at the Yakima hotel on Saturday evening has been postponed owing to the illness of O. O. Vestal Snyder.

The banquet will be held at a later date and will be attended by the judges of the supreme bench and many of the state's most prominent attorneys--The Yakima Herald, Feb. 22, 1911.

Courts

Judge Thomas E. Grady

Judge Preble administered the oath of office to Thomas E. Grady yesterday and he immediately assumed his duties as judge of the superior court.

His first case, a divorce proceeding, was presented by Attorney Floyd Hatfield and a decree was granted to Mrs. Grace Smith of Wapato. The action was brought against Charles Smith who did not appear and whose whereabouts are unknown, for support.

Judge Grady's commission which was brought from Olympia by the committee is as follows:

"Whereas Thomas E. Grady has been appointed judge of the superior court of the State of Washington in and for the county of Yakima under and by virtue of the provision of the legislature of the State of Washington approved March 13, 1911,

"Now therefore, I, M.E. Hay, governor of the State of Washington, do hereby commission said Thomas E. Grady judge of the superior court of the State of Washington in and for the county of Yakima until the next general election and until his successor is elected and qualified." Yakima Herald, March 15, 1911.

John H. Lynch

John H. Lynch, former partner of Judge Grady, was unanimously elected to his place in the city council from the Third ward last night. A petition containing some 30 or more names of voters in the Third ward was handed into the city council endorsing J.W. Atkinson, a real estate agent living in that ward as their candidate for the place in the council.

None of the councilmen seemed to know Mr. Atkinson and Dr. Carver nominated John H. Lynch and Council Wenner seconded the nomination which carried ~~and~~ unanimously--Yakima Herald, May 3, 1911.

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The first Sunday case ever heard in the history of the superior court here and probably the first heard in the state of Washington was heard in Judge Grady's court Sunday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock.

Judge Grady was called out of bed Sunday morning to issue a writ of habeas corpus in the case of the city against Mrs. Dora Penfield, F.A. Nixon and Miss Dora Schultz, who had been arrested in the morning at 3 o'clock by police and charged with vagrancy.

The machinery of the court was put in motion, Clerk Barr got ready the hearing and the case came up for hearing at 6:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. After hearing the petition of Mrs. Penfield on the contention that the bail was fixed without authority and was exorbitant, Judge Grady decided that the case was within the jurisdiction of the police and remanded them to jail...Yakima Herald, Oct. 23, 1912.

City Historical

Differences between the days when he argued with the North Yakima city council for more than an hour for a fee of \$100 for drafting the pioneer town's first ordinances and today will be presented tomorrow evening at the armory by Judge Carroll B. Graves of Seattle, the principal speaker at the Fifth annual Home Products dinner.

Judge Graves was Yakima's first city attorney and is now one of the recognized leaders of the state bar.--Yakima Republic, Jan. 15, 1924.

.....Carroll B. Graves in his address on "Yakima Valley Then and Now" spoke of the early days when the Yakima valley had no commercial orchards and its great industry was ranging herds on the plains. He paid tribute to some of the early jurists who served in the valley, among them E. Whitson and E. Puryn the latter still in active practice at Ellensburg and also praised those who were the "young lawyers" of the day these including R.B. Milroy, Mitchell, Gilliam of Seattle, J.B. Davidson of Ellensburg and F.H. Rudkin of Spokane.--Yakima Republic, January 17, 1924.

Attorneys

Edward Pruyn, probably the oldest active attorney in the state and the last of the old guard of attorneys who practiced in Yakima City died at his home in Ellensburg this morning after a brief illness.

Mr. Pruyn who had been United States commissioner at Ellensburg for the past 10 years lived in Yakima City from 1878 to 1882 and since then has been at Ellensburg where he practiced law until a few days before his death at the age of 82.

Even in later years Mr. Pruyn frequently appeared in the federal and superior courts here.

Mr. Pruyn's arrival in Yakima came before such old timers in the legal profession here as Fred Parker, who recalls that when Mr. Pruyn was here the lawners of old Yakima City were J.B. Reavis, Ed Whitson, E.B. Boyle, J.W. Hambleton and D.P. Ballard.

Mr. Pruyn, Mr. Parker says, is the last of the old guard and during his long service in the legal profession always upheld its highest standards and was held in high esteem by the men with whom he was associated., both in and out of the profession. In the course of his Yakima valley practice Mr. Pruyn has tried no less than 26 murder cases and many thousand criminal and civil cases.

Mr. Pruyn was born in Rensselaer county NY on July 17, 1844. In 1856 the family moved to Iowa. He was graduated from Iowa state college in 1867. He remained there practicing law until 1873 and then for five years traveled about California, Washington and Idaho. He hung out his shingle in Yakima City in 1878.

Mr. Pruyn during his life time took about as much pride in the fact that he served in Company K of the 139th infantry (Illinois) during the Civil war as in any of his numerous honors--The Yakima Republic, February 27, 1926.

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The Holton tract comprising 270 acres lying west of North Yakima was sold on Wednesday through the agencies of MacLean & Reed and Goodwin, Strobach & Pugsley to the Ontario Land company, a St Paul corporation. This is probably the heaviest single transaction in Yakima realty yet made. The former owner, Charles M. Holton received \$125 per acre or \$33,750 for the tract.

Herald, Feb 14, 1889.

Last week Hugo Sigmund sold his property on first street where his tailor shop is located to Alex Sinclair for \$2800. Mr. Sigmund proposes to make improvements to his Eastern addition lots by the building of a residence to cost \$1500. *April 18, 1889*

J.H. Lawhead has sold the Navarre tract to J.H. Mitchell, Jr.

of Seattle for \$6,000. Mr. Lowhead bought this property only a few weeks ago for \$4~~x~~,000 (obvious typ~~p~~ error) April 18, 1889

Miscellany

L. MacLean has sold to Harry Spinning five acres in section 14,
township 15 north of range 18 east for \$2,000. Mr. MacLean
bought this property last spring for \$800. 2-790

Sheriff Lesh is getting well along with the work of assessing. He has been taking a census at the same time and although the city work is not complete, he says he has progressed far enough to state with confidence that the population of North Yakima will reach 2700 and possibly 3000. The very highest estimate of our population heretofore made did not place it greater than 2200.--Yakima Herald, June 6, 1889.

What will be the most commanding and sightly of all the additions laid off or even to be laid off in Yakima is the Milroy ranch.

Next week ther will be an announcement opening up the south forty acre tract, now a lovely oat field on the slope looking toward the depot from the westward. *Herald June 6 1889*

A F. Switzer on Thursday sold to Allen C. Mason of Tacoma his brick building on First street known as the opera house, the consideration being \$12,000. Possession will be given Mr. Mason next month when he will make material changes in the auditorium and change as to place the house on equal footing with any in Washington-Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T. May 9, 1889

Milroy's addition has been placed on the market and a number of sales have already been made. The location is one of the most desirable for residences in the city. 74-89

An important real estate deal was closed on Saturday last when 460 a res of land belonging to J.L. Morrison, M.B. Morrison and J.H. Morrison was sold to W.B. Dudley who is building the two-story brick block adjoining the Lewis-Engle block.

The land is situated in sections 21 and 22, township 13, range 18. The sale was made through the firm of Fred R. Reed & Co.

Terms private.

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rapids. This will make a ship canal of sixty miles but the cost will be only \$260,000. The natural formation of the Grand coulee, which is once known to have been the Columbia river bed, makes the project feasible. With the grand Coulee thus turned into a navigable river, it is estimated that 2,500,000 acres of a dry land to the south and west for a distance of sixty miles can be easily irrigated.--Yakima Herald, October 20, 1892.

Thomas Lund has purchased the Morrison lot on Yakima avenue for \$3,000 and is now making arrangements to erect a two-story brick building thereon. It is reported that Hyma⁺ Harris will join Lund in building and thus with the Metzger bakery now under construction will form a solid brick block of 75 feet frontfilling the gap between the Yakima National and the I.O.O.F. buildings. 6-8-93

Miscellany

Benjamin Scatchard recently from New York has bought the
George Browne 40-acre tract to the north east of the city and is
building a house thereon. He paid \$70 for the land. 6-8-93 (an acre)

Miscellany

M.A. Ward, census enumerator for the lower Yakima district was in the city last week. He says the Horse Heaven country has not the population it had in 1884. There are this season bout 10,000 acres in crops. 6-17-20

Fred R. ^Reed bought the fifteen acres adjoining Col.

Howlett's place and will at once begin the work of grading and
otherwise improving it as a preliminary to building a fine residence
there. 4-30-91

Mrs. J.M. Adams has sold her residence property on the corner of B and Third streets to County Treasurer George Nevin for \$1,800--Yakima Herald, Nov. 5, 1891.