

QUIPERED BY CITY

Bull Run Article Is Supplied Just as It Comes From Mount Hood.

RUMORS ARE SET AT REST

Superintendent Dodge, of Municipal Plant, Explains Discoloration Which Causes Needless Alarm. Due to Rust From Mains.

BULL RUN WATER ONLY. I, Frank T. Dodge, Superintendent of the Water Department of the City of Portland, do hereby certify that from the second day of January, 1905, the date upon which Bull Run water was turned into the mains of the City of Portland, the water has been of the same quality as the water pumped into the service mains of the City of Portland from the Willamette River.

Persistent rumors to the effect that the water in Bull Run River has proved inadequate to supply the City of Portland during the winter months, and that Willamette River water is being mixed with the pure water from Mount Hood, have caused feelings of uneasiness among the consumers of water and much annoyance to officials of the water department.

"This causes what is known as the 'hammer blow,' the pressure sometimes dropping to a low point, and then quickly raising to the point from which it had dropped. These 'hammer blows' are liable to float any loose particles of rust in the pipes. Following one of the blows some one draws water from a tap and finds it slightly discolored. Then the cry is raised that the water is being taken from the Willamette.

"In the pumping station at Palatine there is a lot of expensive machinery used to keep the water in a good state of preservation. It is necessary to start it up once a month. The machinery was started a few days ago and some busybodies are now making the conclusion that Willamette water was being pumped into the mains."

Facts gathered from various sources go to show that there is no good reason for the rumors. The capacity of the city reservoirs has a combined capacity of 60,000,000 gallons. The Chief Engineer Sharp states that the greatest shortage at any time during the present hot spell was 7,000,000 gallons, still leaving 53,000,000 gallons in the reservoirs.

The daily flow of water from Bull Run River is 14,000,000 gallons and 4,000,000 gallons are pumped from the artesian wells in Albina.

Waste Causes Low Pressure. Superintendent Dodge and Engineer Sharp say that the pressure in some of the pipes in the higher districts of the city is weak at times. This is due to waste of water along the line of the mains. There is a leakage of water in the mains where they leave the reservoir but many people are careless and waste a great deal of water in this way.

Chief Engineer Sharp says that the water company nearly 20 years ago. Following is his affidavit: I, W. J. Sharp, Chief Pump Engineer of the Water Department of the City of Portland, do hereby certify that from the second day of January, 1905, when water from Bull Run River was turned into the city mains, not one drop of water has been pumped into the city mains from the Willamette River.

For the preservation of the valuable machinery at Palatine, occasionally steam is raised (for a few hours, but no water is pumped into the city mains.

With an average of 25,000,000 gallons flowing through its mains each day, Portland probably has the largest consumption of water per capita of the large cities of the country. Based on a population of 120,000, there is nearly 200 gallons of water consumed daily for every man, woman and child in the city. Other cities fall far below this amount, the per capita consumption for 34 of the principal cities being 113 gallons.

Causes of the Shortage. With this showing, Superintendent Dodge and members of the Water Board assert that the shortage of water in the city is in no way due to the system but to the waste in the sections where the flow is plentiful. Mr. Dodge asserts that it is believed that faucets are kept running the greater part of the day in fully half of the houses of the city. When waste of this kind is discovered, the water is turned off or a meter is installed, but it is almost impossible for inspectors to find out where the waste is going on.

water," said the Mayor yesterday. "It is almost impossible to prevent people from wasting water at present, but if they had to pay according to the amount of water used, there would soon be an end to the waste."

Blame for Contractors.

To the slow progress of the contractors on the big high-service main from reservoir No. 1 to Highland is laid the water famine in the Peninsula district. If this line had been completed July 1, as the contract calls for, there would have been no trouble in this part of the city. The indications are now that the main will not be completed until late in September.

The contract with Paquet, Gleitsch & Jones provides that the work is to be done for each day from July 1 to the time the line is completed. The Water Board is, therefore, in a position to exact a severe penalty for the delay.

Probably at no time in the history of the state has there been so much construction work going on as during the present season, and never has there been such a general dearth of common labor. His working conditions have been such a failure on the part of the laboring class to respond to the demand for men to build construction tools.

At many points along the north bank men are leaving in large numbers on account of the heat. The work carried on by the Harriman line is being badly delayed, says General Manager O'Brien, by the inability to get employment agents at their wits' end to induce men to sign up for jobs.

Meanwhile the Plaza blocks are comparatively empty. The duty of the men who pass their time in the shade of the trees. The Peoples Institute shelters a large number of working men who find it more difficult to stay in the city during the summer than to go out on construction work.

The Chamber of Commerce building will be taken over, says Mr. Dix, and the project undertaken by the city. The promoters will be carried to completion.

Second Tragedy Follows Body of Housekeeper Found Near Where Girl Was Drowned.

TOLEDO, O., July 12.—Following the supposed suicide of 17-year-old Clara Strayer, in the Maumee River, Monday, came the discovery yesterday of the body of Kate Winover, housekeeper for the girl's father, whom the daughter looked upon as a stepmother, floating in almost the same place as the body of Clara Strayer, when drowned. Mourners returning from the funeral of Miss Strayer found the housekeeper's body.

The two notes, which experts say were written by different persons, and the one handed to the girl's father, who has supplied the mystery, were found by the police. The housekeeper disappeared Tuesday night.

Town is Overwhelmed Landslide Follows Cloudburst in Mexican Town.

EL PASO, Tex., July 12.—A cloudburst and landslide July 20 on Ocampo (Jesus Maria), Chihuahua, Mexico, almost completely destroyed the city and killed 100 or more people. Many were injured, and it is expected some of them will die. All of the killed and injured are Mexicans. All the American residents are being rescued and the bodies of the dead are being recovered as rapidly as possible.

ARGUMENT HEARD IN BOOTH CASE

Attorneys for ex-Receiver of Roseburg Land Office Make Pleas.

ASSERT HIS INNOCENCE

Claim He Committed No Crime in Giving Friends Inside Information Regarding Timber Lands Thrown Open to Entry.

The sufficiency of the indictment against John Henry Booth, who was indicted by the Federal grand jury April 8,

Land Office, culminating finally in the statesmanlike qualities of Senator Booth solving the difficulty by dividing up the territory between the rival interests, the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company to be entitled to all tracts in certain townships, while Kribs and his associates got the balance.

Several Unsavory Episodes.

Several of the pending indictments are based upon a combination of this episode with others of an equally unsavory character. In the course of the trade relations under the system of territorial division, Kribs is alleged to have paid Receiver Booth \$500 with a check that afterward fell into the hands of the Government sleuths, and all commercial deals of that character were immediately suspended.

SEVERAL ARE ON BLACKLIST

County Will Cancel Insurance Policies in "Six-Bit" Companies.

MUST PROVE INNOCENCE

Court's Action Based on Information Sent Out From San Francisco. Accepted as Prima Facie Correct.

Seventeen times the figures "67" appear on the insurance book at the courthouse opposite the list of insurance policies car-

ganis were married in 1894, and have three children, aged 11 and 8 years, and 6 months, respectively. They are all minors and the mother asks for their custody.

Michigan Mining & Milling Co., of Grand Rapids, Or. yesterday filed a bill of complaint with the Clerk of the United States District Court against C. C. Pratt, E. C. Pratt, M. L. Pratt, J. E. Mays, Thomas Holland and Marjorie Weddell, stockholders in the International Mining Co., who are made defendants by reason of the dissolution of the corporation for failure to pay its state taxes.

ADVANCE IS WARRANTED

Oregon Crop Beginning to Suffer From the Extreme Heat, Which, if It Continues, Will Reduce Output.

George Rose, of Salem, an extensive grower of hops and well posted on hop conditions in all parts of the world, is firmly convinced that the times are ahead for the Oregon hop industry and that the disastrous experiences of last year will not be repeated this season.

SHE DOES NOT LOVE HIM.

Washington Porter Sues Wife of Many Years for Divorce. "You are not the man I wanted to marry; he is dead. I hate you. I never had any love for you, and I wish you would die," said the plaintiff yesterday. Washington Porter says this is the way his wife, Edna Porter, talked to him on frequent occasions. They were married in Litchfield, Me., in 1871, and have three children, aged respectively 16, 13 and 7 years. Porter asserts that especially during the last two years his wife has told him she has no affection for him. She ordered him away from home often, he says, and went out nights visiting places of amusement until a late hour, contrary to his wishes.

Will Decide Cases Today.

Judge Cleland will announce decisions today in the following cases in the State Circuit Court: Maudie Lewis et al. vs. Archie Lee Lewis, merits. D. K. Abrams by guardian vs. Title Guarantee & Trust Co. et al., merits. Goshin & Hamblin vs. Martin Nelson, merits. F. G. Arata vs. L. Trummer et al., merits. J. S. Beckwith vs. Galice Con Mine et al., merits. Amos E. Yoder vs. L. E. Belknap, merits. T. J. Murphy vs. John Carlson, merits. Angus Macintosh vs. Agency vs. Mary A. Root, motion for an order releasing bond. George A. Brown vs. Victor C. Corhead, merits. Susie A. McCroskey vs. E. P. McCroskey, defendant's application for a decree.

Damages for Laborer's Death.

John O. Millen, administrator of the estate of John H. Larson, yesterday announced suit in the District Court against the Pacific Bridge Company for \$5000 damages for the death of Larson. The latter was killed in a severe fall at the corner of Second and Thompson streets, on April 22, by a tunnel carving in while he was in the bridge company's employ.

Three Informations Are Filed.

Informations were filed in the State Circuit Court by District Attorney Manning yesterday in the following cases: T. J. Stroehcher, selling tobacco to Taylor Nelson, a boy 14 years old, and Orville Cone, assault on Wildred Calkins. Ralph Carlson, larceny of a hat and overcoat in the Royal Hotel.

GRAND LODGE OF A. O. U. W.

REGULAR BIENNIAL MEETING BEGINS NEXT TUESDAY. About 130 Delegates From Various Subordinate Branches in Oregon Expected to Attend.

IS GARROTED BY ROBBERS

Three Electricians Are Arrested for Assaulting W. A. Finn. In an attempt to rob W. A. Finn, after choking him almost to insensibility, R. R. Scott, Goddard and F. N. Knott, three electricians, were captured by Special Policeman Cannon and lodged in the City Jail last night.

The attempted robbery took place in a dark alley near Fourth and Ash streets. Cannon was attracted to the scene by the muffled cries of Finn, and managed to catch the robbers before they could escape.

Brains are Built

from certain kinds of FOOD Grape-Nuts Furnish It. How to Make Nervous People. "America has become a land of nervous emotionalists. It is in New York, against the dietetic health laws of nature. Only outdoor exercise in a cold climate would enable vigorous individuals of our species to digest the vast quantities of alimentary organs enfeebled by sedentary occupations," writes Dr. Felix Oswald.

Militiaman Joins Panama Guard.

ALBANY, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Captain Henry A. Elkins, of the regular militia, who has for several years past conducted tinny tents at Long Beach and Seaside, is the defendant in a suit for a divorce filed yesterday by his wife, Kate Applegate, in the State Circuit Court. Henry E. McGinn appears as her attorney. Mrs. Applegate alleges that her husband has become an habitual drunkard, and says he abuses her whether drunk or sober. In September last, she avers, he threw a dish full of pisses into her face. Mrs. Applegate asserts that the defendant has been seldom sober within the past two years.

FATHER RAUW IS NAMED

Succeeds Monsignor Blanchet as Vicar-General at Oregon City. Father James Rauw, of St. Paul, Or., was yesterday appointed vicar-general of the diocese of Oregon City by Archbishop Cariste. Father Rauw fills the position which was vacated May 22 by the death of Monsignor F. X. Blanchet.

MRS. KATE APPLIGATE SUES

Wants Divorce From Photographer on Grounds of Drunkenness. James W. Applegate, a well-known Portland photographer, who has for several years past conducted tinny tents at Long Beach and Seaside, is the defendant in a suit for a divorce filed yesterday by his wife, Kate Applegate, in the State Circuit Court. Henry E. McGinn appears as her attorney. Mrs. Applegate alleges that her husband has become an habitual drunkard, and says he abuses her whether drunk or sober. In September last, she avers, he threw a dish full of pisses into her face. Mrs. Applegate asserts that the defendant has been seldom sober within the past two years.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FARMER



1906, under section 1782 of the United States Revised Statutes, formed the basis for an interesting argument before Francis J. Heney, who represented the Government and County Judge L. R. Webster, receiver of the Roseburg Land Office of Eugene, Or., both of whom appeared for the defendant. At the conclusion of the arguments the court took the matter under advisement.

The basis of the Government's accusation against the defendant J. H. Booth is supposed to exist in the fact that while the receiver of the Roseburg Land Office is alleged to have entered into an agreement with F. A. Kribs, of this city, whereby, for a consideration, as was to furnish the latter with advance information relative to a large number of cancellations in that land district.

It appears that soon after the act of June 1897, commonly known as the "scraper law," became effective, many state selections that had been made in the Roseburg Land Office, using school sections within the confines of the Roseburg, and were naturally much sought after, as they had been picked out years previously, when those who made the selections had the choice of an income and vacant Government land.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company is alleged to have looked with covetous eyes upon these lands, covered, as they were, with immense groves of valuable timber. State Senator R. A. Booth, also under indictment on other charges, and who is a brother of the present defendant, is president and one of the principal officers in the corporation, but order to avoid all possible appearance of intrigue in this connection, it is alleged that he operated through Frank Alley, a Roseburg searcher of records, who has an office in the same building with the Land Office.

The Government claims that as soon as Receiver Booth was officially advised of cancellations of the state selections, he immediately notified Alley of the fact, and the latter was thereupon prepared instantly to cover the tract by using forest reserve scrip.

Matters are alleged to have progressed harmoniously along these lines until F. A. Kribs put in an appearance, when it is claimed that he became a disturbing factor of the great magnitude.

Kribs Smelled a Rat.

Kribs is a game operator and endowed with an abnormal quantity of business sagacity, so it was an easy matter for him to perceive that the cancellations listed somewhere relative to the relocation of the cancelled state selections. His suspicions are alleged to have first become aroused by reason of the fact that whenever he became advised through sources at his command in Washington that certain selections had been cancelled, somebody invariably beat him to it when he sought to scrip the tract at the Roseburg Land Office.

Kribs is thereupon alleged to have formed a partnership with Register Bridges agreeing to pay the latter 30 cents an acre for all that could be secured in the manner described. All official correspondence came addressed to Register Bridges, so Receiver Booth was as much entitled to open it as Receiver Booth. The plan was for Bridges to get hold of the mail first, and whenever there were any cancellations, he withheld them until he could put Kribs wise to the situation.

In due time this produced friction between the two Government officers, and for quite a while a condition of armed neutrality is said to have existed in the

local both contended that there is a special law making the duty of the Register and Receiver to furnish all such information to the first applicant, and that if there was anything unlawful about it, it was in accepting the \$300.

Booth's attorneys also denied that he had the first information concerning the cancellations, alleging that they were cancelled at the General Land Office in Washington, D. C., and instantly become a matter of public record under the circumstances, the Government is not interested as to which person shall secure these lands, it being a question of first come first served, and neither can compensation for any services be performed before another officer.

According to the defendant's lawyers, the essential features of the proceeding are that the indictment does not charge that Booth was Receiver at the time all the alleged offenses were committed, nor is any particular time alleged when the offense was committed.

Mr. Heney said that his construction of the statute was that it should be broad enough to cover all classes of Government employment, even to clerks, who should not be permitted to receive any compensation for any services to be performed by himself in any matter in which the United States is either directly or indirectly interested.

Mr. Heney's Argument. If the cancellations are given publicity in Washington, claimed Heney, it does not make the land subject to entry until after it had been placed on record in the local land office. The sole question is whether this service was performed before another officer or not. If so this indictment is not good.

Bristol Receives Commission.

United States Attorney Bristol yesterday received his commission from Washington, dated June 20, the day of adjournment of the United States Senate, and covering the period from the expiration of his previous commission.

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