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THE DELL BROTHERS

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THE DELL BROTHERS

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Athena, Oregon.

FROOME WILL BUILD

TWO STORY BRICK WEST OF ST. NICHOLS.

Upper Story to Contain Rooms For the Use of Guests of the Hotel.

The way matters now look the building era in Athena for 1904 will perhaps be inaugurated by J. E. Froome, proprietor of the St. Nichols hotel.

Mr. Froome has made arrangements for the construction of a two story brick building on Main street adjoining his hotel on the west. The site of the new building will occupy a 35-foot frontage, and will be erected where Parker's barber shop and the old post office building now stands.

When completed the upper story will be sub-divided into rooms for lodging purposes and will be conducted in connection with the St. Nichols. Mr. Froome has already contracted for the building material, and the contracting firm which is now completing the new M. E. church, will construct Mr. Froome's building.

MORTGAGES FOR \$51,000.

Rugg Bros. File Heavy Mortgages to Secure First National Bank.

A chattel mortgage was filed Saturday afternoon in the office of the county recorder by G. W. and A. Rugg, known as the firm of Rugg Brothers, in favor of the First National bank of Pendleton, by which they secure to the bank the payment of \$51,000 given them by the bank on notes ranging from \$4,500 to \$7,000. The mortgage calls for one dollar on its face, but is given to cover the notes which are affixed to the instrument.

The instrument gives as security for the loan all of the personal property of the mortgagors, consisting of several thousand head of sheep, cattle, farm implements, camp wagons and outfits, saddles, horses, pigs and in fact about all of the property of the ranches and holdings of the firm.

A deed of trust has also been given to H. F. Johnson as the present cashier of the bank to a large part of their real estate holdings, sheep ranges and land of that sort. Just how much of their real estate is subject to the mortgage is not known, but it is a large tract of land. This is the largest mortgage of this nature that has been filed in the office of the recorder for some time.

THE FLAT FLOODED.

High Water Leaves Its Mark at Gillis' Lumber Yard.

Sunday, shortly before noon, the Press man was informed over the phone by the irrepressible Jerry Swart, that an item was "floating around" in the vicinity of the O. R. & N. depot. Investigation proved that the item in question was a sure enough "floater."

Saturday night's chinook and a warm rain had melted the snow in the fields for ten miles up the flat, and the water came with a rush on Gillis' lumber yard in quantities larger than the proprietor desired to see. The yard was completely flooded and for a time the sidewalk in some places was inundated. No material damage resulted, save the wetting of the bottom layers of boards in the huge lumber piles and the unceremonious baptism of Sam Booher's pet dog.

Taylor for Cashier.

There was a strong probability that T. C. Taylor, of Pendleton, would be the next cashier of the First National Bank of that city. The matter, says a Pendleton paper, has been talked over by those interested, and it was the unanimous desire of the local directors and stockholders and all of the depositors who have spoken of the matter, that Mr. Taylor be given the office.

Mr. Taylor has decided to refuse the offer of the board of directors of the bank in which he was called to fill the place of cashier in place of C. B. Wade, resigned. G. M. Rice, cashier of the Columbia National Bank of Dayton, a very prosperous institution, has been tendered the cashiership of the First National, and it is understood that he will accept.

A Big Cougar.

John Blum and one of the Narhaus boys came down from the mountains Monday, having in their possession a cougar which they had killed the day before. The big cat was a fine specimen and measured 7 feet from tip to tip. The boys killed it in Bobled canyon, just below Bingham Springs, in which neighborhood it has been a frequent visitor for several winters past.

Will Make Millionaires.

The American Hare Packing and Cold Storage company has received the bills for boxes, liquor and paste, and the fine lithographed labels are expected from Portland. On Wednesday the cannery put up \$200 worth of its product and

there is now on hand \$2,000 worth of stock which will be shipped as soon as labeled and cased. The company expects soon to sink its well 15 feet deeper and put up two large tanks like the one here belonging to the railroad, so that at all times they will have an abundant supply of water for all purposes.—Echo News.

High Line to Mountains.

Six miles of poles were recently strung with wire for the Blue mountain, Couse creek, Weston and Milton telephone system. It is expected, says the Leader that the pole line will be extended into Weston and Milton this spring, replacing the barb wire system.

Sherman & McLean.

Sed McLean has purchased a one-half interest in the Sherman meat market, and the business will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of Sherman & McLean.

A BIG DEMAND FOR DRY ALFALFA SEED.

Great Interest In It and Many Orders Filled.

T. C. Taylor of Pendleton has been doing a big business in the dry alfalfa seed line for some time, says the East Oregonian, and has sold out his original package of seed and sent back for another lot of 1,000 pounds. A great many farmers and ranchmen are becoming interested in the growth of the new species of the alfalfa, and are going to try and make it grow on their land. If it is a success in the small patches that are put in, large fields will be seeded, and in a short time a great proportion of the land of the county that is now practically unproductive will be made a pasture and a hay field.

A few of those who have bought seed for a trial are: Gid Brown of Havana, 20 pounds; H. J. Taylor, Fulton, 200; E. B. Gambee, Canas, 10; Henry Scales Pendleton, 100; Charles White, Birch creek, 100; C. S. Wheeler, Pendleton, 15; Lyman and Sons, Cheney dairy, 80; Tom Milarkey, 100.

A great many others have also invested in the new seed but no record of them has been kept. The ones given are those who have ordered and whose names have been taken owing to the fact that the seed is not now on hand.

LESS TAXES NEXT YEAR.

County Court Makes Levy for 1904, Twenty Mills.

The state this year demands of Umatilla county \$60,025 in taxes, and but for this heavy demand the county court would have been able to levy a total tax of only 17 3/10 mills, instead of the 20 mill tax which was levied.

The members of the county court, says the Tribune, had been contemplating all year that they would be able to greatly reduce the tax levy for the year 1904. They figured closely on the running expenses of the county and decided that a levy of 17 3/10 mills would be amply sufficient. But when the state demand was made they found that it could not be done and pay all running expenses, so rather than to run behind at the end of the year they decided it would be best to make the levy sufficient to meet all the running expenses and pay the county's apportionment of the state tax. And to do this it was necessary to make a levy of 20 mills.

Last year Umatilla county's apportionment of the state tax was only \$37,240, while this year it is almost twice that amount—\$60,025. Had the demands of the state been what they were last year Umatilla's levy would have been cut almost in two by the county court Tuesday. Last year the levy was 28 mills and this year it is only 20, which is a big reduction and one that will be appreciated by every taxpayer in the county. The county is now running with warrants at par and many of the old issues being redeemed.

To meet the excessive demands of the state on the county the court found it would be necessary to increase the tax levy by 2 1/10 mills, for state purposes was reduced more than 10 mills.

The tax levy of 20 mills is divided as follows: State, 6 5/10 mills; school fund 4 1/10 mills; road tax, 1-10 of 1 mill; for the general fund, 8 3/10 mills.

Goes to Sandwich Islands.

Rev. W. E. Potwine, who goes to the Sandwich Islands the coming spring to take charge of one of the most important Episcopal churches in the islands, has been rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton for the past 22 years, says the East Oregonian, and has never held another charge in the ministry, having come direct to this charge from the divinity school. Rev. Potwine has seen Pendleton and his church grow from small beginnings, and the present excellent condition of the Church of the Redeemer is a fitting tribute to the ability, zeal and energy of its pioneer rector.

Flour to China.

The three flouring mills at Island City, Union and La Grande, which are all under the same management, have received orders for 9000 barrels of flour

to be shipped to China. This means 60 carloads. All but 16 carloads have been shipped and next week the entire order will be completed. These three mills have a capacity of 300 barrels or two cars per day. Forty-five carloads of flour, made from wheat grown in Umatilla county, made by the Byers' flouring mills, will be shipped from Pendleton this week to Tacoma, where it will be loaded on the steamers for the Orient.

Roberts for Receiver.

The Oregon delegation has recommended to the president the appointment of Albert A. Roberts, of Heppner, as receiver of the La Grande land office, to succeed Asa B. Thompson. Deputy United States Marshal "Al" Roberts is one of the best known men in the eastern part of the state, having been appointed deputy United States marshal under Zou Houser six years ago, and having served in that office continuously since that time.

TO REDUCE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT.

A 15-Mill Tax Voted at School Meeting Monday.

For the third successive year, a fifteen mill school tax was voted without opposition at the school meeting Monday.

The 15-mill tax on the assessed valuation of property in the district, which is \$289,800.17, amounts to \$4,347.50, which added to the estimated state and county appropriation of \$2,146, gives a total of \$6,493.50. The estimated expense of operating the school for the year is placed at \$5,581, which will leave a balance on hand sufficient to reduce the outstanding bonded indebtedness of \$7,000 down to \$6,000. It is the intention if possible to take up the present \$7,000 bonds which are drawing 7 per cent interest, and issue new bonds for \$6,000 at 6 per cent interest.

The present bonds have been running for a period of eleven years, and were issued for 20 years, but in the opinion of several of the district may redeem them any time after ten years have elapsed. If this is found to be the case, new bonds at 6 per cent will be issued, and \$1,000 paid on the principal, making a saving of \$130 per year to the district interest.

There was not a word of opposition to the levy of the 15-mill tax. Some of the principal property owners and tax payers of the district were present at the meeting, Hon. T. J. Kirk making the motion favoring the tax. It was unanimously carried, the taxpayers evidently believing it to be good judgment to make every effort to reduce the indebtedness of the district while times are good.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

In Two Cases the Decision of the Lower Court Is Reversed.

Lee Moorehouse, the deputy clerk of the supreme court, has received a couple of opinions rendered in Eastern Oregon cases by the supreme court.

One of these is in the appeal brought by the La Grande Investment Company vs. F. L. Shaw, respondent. The case has been before the supreme court before when the judgment of the lower court was affirmed, but owing to an error claimed it was given a rehearing, and in the present opinion by Justice Wolverton the former opinion was vacated and the judgment of the lower court was reversed. It is a case brought as the result of trouble over some mining claims in Baker county.

The second case was that of the State of Oregon, respondent, vs. Woodson Gray, jointly indicted with Wade Gray, appellant. It is an appeal from the court of Judge Robert Eakin, of Union county, and was brought by the appellant, who had been indicted for the murder of A. M. Hallgarth on March 20, 1903, and on his trial being held he was convicted of manslaughter, but his partner was acquitted.

The appellant and his son had some trouble with the man Hallgarth and a fight sprang up. In the scuffle Hallgarth was shot. The defendant claimed self-defense, but was convicted. The supreme court now reverses the judgment of the circuit court, and opens the case to such further action as may not be contrary with the opinion, which was handed down by Justice Wolverton.

Bill of Transfer.

A bill of transfer has been filed in the office of the county recorder by which the J. E. Smith Livestock Company decided in trust to H. F. Johnson, (acting for the First National Bank of Pendleton) all of its sheep, cattle, livestock and real estate holdings. The company owns a large number of blooded sheep, and 27,611 head of these were included in the transfer. This action was taken to secure the bank in the payment of a large sum of money held against the company by the bank, and is in effect a chattel mortgage.

Wild Horse Farm Sold.

W. J. Baker and wife, of San Jacinto, California, have sold to J. H. Ross, of Weston, for \$5500, a tract of about 80 acres of land east of Adams, on Wild Horse creek.

FOR BUTTER CREEK

RESERVOIR PROJECT IS PRACTICABLE.

Government Operation In Umatilla County Now Seem Assured.

Chief Engineer Newell, of the reclamation service, has made public the report of Engineer Whistler, who was in charge of the investigation of the feasibility and advisability of government irrigation near Echo. He pronounces the project of diverting the water from the Umatilla river below Pendleton to irrigate the Butter creek region, possible. He also recommends the adoption of the Malheur river and Harney county projects. Newell's report shows that at the close of the present fiscal year there will be \$24,000,000 available for the reclamation of arid lands. The Arizona and Nevada projects, which are now under contract, will use about \$6,000,000 of this sum, leaving \$18,000,000 to be used in other states.

Part of this amount will probably be used on the reclamation work in northern Montana in diverting the waters of Milk river.

There has been much uncertainty as to the nature of Whistler's report on the Echo irrigation project. The fact, says the East Oregonian, that he has reported favorably upon it will probably result in the government constructing the ditch. The importance of striking while the iron is hot needs emphasizing.

Our representatives in congress should see that no stone is left unturned to have the government take up the work. It will not only result in giving a large number of men work whose money will be spent in this county and make times good, but it will result in a far larger measure of good. When the ditch is completed the vast stretches of unproductive sage brush land will be divided into small tracts of 20 to 40 acres and will furnish homes for hundreds of thrifty and industrious farmers. The sage brush land is rich and with the life-giving and vivifying water will yield rich returns to the farmer. Melons, corn, alfalfa, peaches, will all thrive there.

Nature has richly endowed this section both in soil and climate, and with irrigation it will prove equal to the irrigated lands near Boise or Lewiston. Lands which could be formerly purchased for a few dollars an acre there are valued at \$250 an acre.

No further proof of the richness of the soil is needed than the fact that from five to seven tons of alfalfa is now raised with one thorough flooding on Butter creek.

Another advantage of government ownership of irrigation projects is that if it is decided to carry it on it will be carried to a successful issue. There will be no uncertainty as to the completion of the project, no fears of abandonment and no extortionate charges for water, as there is too apt to be when some grasping individual or company secure control of such an enterprise.

It will take some years to complete, but it means an influx of a thrifty and desirable class of citizens who will add much to the wealth of Umatilla county.

"AND NOW THEY WAIT"

Says the Guide Newspaper of Its Pendleton Contemporaries.

Our contemporaries, both morning and evening, are waiting, railing and tearing things up by the roots because the people of Pendleton went to a rabbit slaughter and got soaked to the tune of 25 cents for lunch and 50 cents for a ride on a hay wagon. Surely the people at Echo had a right to turn the tables on Pendleton once. The boom our esteemed contemporaries gave the street carnival fair last fall that brought people here from Echo and all over the county, is yet fresh and green in the minds of nearly everybody. The Guide was the only paper in Pendleton that absolutely refused to advertise the fair. Then there has been some historical Fourth of July celebrations which have been advertised with a view only of bringing to the city a large number of country people, without anything to offer them but the hot sidewalks and sun baths. Those people would have felt lucky if they had got off for seventy-five cents.

It is unbecomingly "holler" so loud about a little soak from the county people.—Pendleton Guide.

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