

FOR THE MARKET

Big Tract of Land Will be Sub Divided

LOCAL SALES AGENT NAMED

Tract Contains 2,700 Acres of Land—Much of Which Is Said To Be Adapted To Fruit—Portland Men Interested.

C. H. Leadbetter is here today perfecting the details of putting on the market in 10 and 20 acre subdivisions the Sutherland ranch, purchased by him for a number of Portland capitalists in December. Mr. Leadbetter's ideas if carried out as at present outlined involve an entirely new departure in land selling in Oregon and will be the means of attracting no little attention to Roseburg from the flood of home-seekers soon to turn their steps westward. The Roseburg Orchards Company which purchased the 2,700 acres comprising this fine old stock ranch has as stockholders a list of names that reads like a bankers' directory of Portland and their avowed purpose is to acquire large tracts, sub-divide them and sell them to home builders at a price that will enable the buyer to start in with a reasonable chance of success. Almost invariably concerns which are exploiting orchard lands have put such a price on them that the intending settler finds it hard to convince himself of the soundness of the investment and if he does buy finds it doubly hard to realize a profit therefrom.

Mr. Leadbetter and associates intend to sell this land lying immediately north of town at \$100 per acre to actual settlers. When its proximity to this city, this well known fertility of soil and the price of any other land in the Edenhower district is considered this price is little less than phenomenal and shows that these Portland people are alive to the fact that it is the man who gets the land into a productive state that puts the real value on it and not the ones that perform the comparatively easy task of subdividing and marketing it.

The company has half a dozen teams plowing and preparing 95 acres which they will plant to fruit and walnuts this spring and it is intended to inaugurate the wine grape industry on a large scale next year. Several noted European experts on viticulture have pronounced the Umpqua valley the only one in the United States that is perfectly adapted to the production of highest quality dry wines.

The land in excess of their own uses will be sold to settlers and every inducement will be offered to encourage planting of commercial orchards and vineyards. Macadamized roads will be opened through the place to the Pacific highway that borders the ranch on the west side. Here in the near future will be another suburb to Roseburg offering all the advantages of the city on account of its location and the fact that the tract is traversed by the city water pipes and electric light wires. Mr. Leadbetter and associates have the hearty support of their community and it is to be hoped that they will be the means of inducing others to put land on the market at a figure that will place it in reach of the man of moderate means who wants to "get back to the farm". There is a tremendous future in fruit and vegetable farming in this section of the state if land values are not capitalized too much on the climatic asset.

W. Campbell, the agent of the company here reports a considerable number of local buyers awaiting the filing of the plats in order that they may make individual selections of land for development. Roseburg is showing great building progress this spring and it looks as though the population would double again in the next few years. Almonds, cherries, plums, peaches and strawberries are in full bloom and the valley will be

a mass of pink and white in a few weeks when the apples, prunes and pears burst forth. This winter has been unusually mild and pleasant. "A soft Italian winter" would be but a poor description of the beautiful balmy weather that has prevailed here since last fall.

CHICKEN THIEVES.

Rob Hen House of E. M. Ward, in West Roseburg, Last Night.

Following closely upon the invasion of the chicken houses of Dr. K. L. Miller and John Alkin, some unknown person or persons last night entered the hen house of E. M. Ward, in West Roseburg, and appropriated eight Plymouth Rock chickens. The theft was discovered this morning, and the officers have been notified.

While the officers have no clew upon which to base an investigation, they are determined to bring the guilty party to justice. To this end they have outlined plans, which they claim, will eventually trap the unsuspecting individual. In the meantime the officers urge that owners of chickens lock their coops, and thus assist in avoiding future thefts.

Mr. Landis, a local real estate agent, left for Portland last evening where he goes to look after business matters.

WEAVER WINNER

Establishes Title to Small Tract of Land.

VERDICT RETURNED LAST NIGHT

James Shaffer The Most Important Witness of the Day—Gives Evidence Decisively In Favor Of Defendant.

After a brief deliberation, the jury empaneled to listen to the evidence in the case of C. S. Miller vs. John Weaver, an action of ejectment, returned a verdict late last evening in favor of the defendant. The case was heard by Judge F. M. Calkins, of Medford, and consumed the greater part of yesterday.

The plaintiff claimed that he purchased the land involved, including about two acres and situated in the Robert's Creek vicinity, of Frank B. Waite, of Sutherlin. Mr. Waite, who appeared as a witness on behalf of the plaintiff, corroborated Mr. Miller's contention, and in addition said that his title to the land was established through adverse possession of ten years as provided by statute. The defendants contended that Mr. Waite did not own the land in question, and consequently, could not have furnished Mr. Miller a clear title thereto. It was also alleged by the defense that the land involved was formerly a part of the Shaffer farm, which was later sold to Horace Marsters. Marsters held the land for several years, and finally sold it to John Weaver, whom he furnished a warranty deed.

James Shaffer, formerly owner of the tract, proved the most important witness of the day, and gave evidence decidedly in favor of the defendant. Attorneys O. H. Porter and R. W. Marsters appeared for the plaintiff, while Attorney B. L. Eddy represented the defendant.

CALKINS IS BUSY.

County Assessor Unable To Visit Rural Precincts Prior To Primary.

County Assessor Frank L. Calkins, who seeks re-election at the hands of the republican voters at the coming election, is a very busy man these days, and from present indications, he says he will be unable to visit the rural districts of the county prior to the primary election. The unusual rush in the assessor's office at this time is the result of the campaign of tax collecting now in progress. Hundreds of people who come to pay taxes, visit the assessor's office in

GETTING CIVILIZED.



—De Mac in Philadelphia Record.

quest of descriptions of their land, as well as various other information.

Other than this work, Mr. Calkins is also busy preparing schedules and arranging other details preparatory to dispatching his field deputies to the rural districts in quest of the valuations of the present year.

Sheriff Quine is also a very busy man and like Mr. Calkins, his entire time is occupied in transacting the duties of his office.

DALLAS VICTORIOUS.

Roseburg Is Defeated In East Game At Syke's Think Last Night.

In a game conspicuous for its feisty and exciting situations, the Roseburg high school basket ball team met defeat at the hands of the Dallas aggregation last night by a score of 26 to 22.

The teams were quite evenly matched, and the several participants were alert to the occasion. The playing was fast throughout the entire game, and the crowd that thronged the hall was kept in continual suspense. At no time, prior to the last few minutes of the play, did the outcome of the game seem apparent. The exhibition was unusually well attended, and the applause attested the interest that was manifest.

The visiting team left for Grants this morning where they will meet a team of that city tonight.

Mr. Page, a banker at Westhope, North Dakota, left for his home yesterday after a few days spent in Roseburg visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Page.

TICKET SLATED

Roosevelt and Johnson Look Good to Progressives.

TAFT WILL COME BACK AT TED

President Will Speak At Toledo On March 8—Will Answer Roosevelt's Columbus Speech.

(Special to The Evening News.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt and Governor Johnson, of California, for president and vice-president on the republican ticket. This is the combination of the east and west that progressive leaders here privately admit is their choice for 1912. It is expected that Roosevelt will definitely announce his candidacy next week. Governor Johnson will speak at Columbus in a few days, and it is anticipated that by that time he will have been named as the running mate for the presidential candidate. When Roosevelt left for Columbus he said to the men advocating his candidacy, "You will get your answer Monday."

Taft Will Make Reply.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—It was officially announced today that President Taft will reply to the speech made by Roosevelt at Columbus, yesterday. The date of the reply will be March 8, when the president will go to Ohio for that purpose. The decision to reply to Roosevelt came after a conference with Campaign Manager Hillis, the president will stay at Toledo, while enroute to Chicago, where he will speak on March 9.

LEVINS IS GUILTY

Elkton Man Pleads Guilty in Circuit Court.

FINED IN THE SUM OF \$25

Is Arrested Under State Law Governing The Crime of Disturbing The Peace In Unincorporated Towns.

Irwin Levins, who was recently arrested and later indicted on a charge of disturbing the peace of an unincorporated town, was arraigned before Judge J. W. Hamilton, in the circuit court late yesterday afternoon and upon entering a plea of guilty, was fined in the sum of \$25, and left for his home last evening.

Levins was arrested at Elkton several weeks ago accused of using profane language on the streets, and upon being given a preliminary hearing was held to appear before the grand jury. He was later indicted and held for trial.

A. B. Haines, of Elkton, known by many Roseburg people as the "slaughter" of Northern Douglas county, acted as complaining witness.

Levins is the first man arrested in Douglas county under the state law governing the disturbing of the peace of an unincorporated town in years. The law, although not generally understood in the rural districts, has been on the statute books of the state for many years, and in a measure, protects the unincorporated towns against offenses similar to the one charged against Levins.

LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. Lowe's glasses do not need the guarantee that goes with them.

R. J. Jones claims the distinction of being the first man in Douglas county to pay his 1911 taxes.

When the difference in cost between the inferior kind usually sold is so small the wonder is that the inferior kind is sold at all.

Rev. E. Olin Eldridge, of Medford, who spent the past couple of days in Roseburg visiting with his daughter left for his home this morning.

I. R. Smith, manager of the local telephone office, went to Drain this morning to spend a day or two looking after business matters connected with his official duties.

Mrs. Ed. Luke, of Portland, who has been in Roseburg for the past few days visiting at the home of Mrs. Carl Rhoades, left for her home this morning.

W. W. Seales, night ticket agent at the local Southern Pacific office, leaves for Medford tomorrow morning where he will spend a few days with his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith of Myrtle Creek, left for points in Texas last evening where they will spend two or three months visiting with friends and relatives.

Strong handles house-planting and sells it by the half or bale or yard. It is all a yard wide and he gives you choice of 120 or more grades. He thinks it is a good place for you to buy. What do you think?

GRIMES IN JAIL

Escapes and is Captured Within Half Hour.

OFFICERS PURSUE THE PRISONER

Takes Advantage Of Opportunity To Escape While Acting As a Trusty—Returned To Jail.

Edward Grimes, confined in the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of larceny by bailor, in connection with leaving Roseburg with \$35 belonging to a guest at the Central hotel about three weeks ago made a sensational—yet unsuccessful attempt to gain his liberty shortly after five o'clock last evening.

Grimes, like many other prisoners confined in jail during the past few years, has been allowed the privilege of assisting the janitor about the court house, and it was while acting in such a capacity that he apparently decided to escape from the clutches of the law.

Grimes was engaged in wheeling wood from the washshed, located almost directly east of the court house, to the jail, when he suddenly relinquished his hold on the wheelbarrow, and without the least warning, started to run in a northwesterly direction. Persons who chanced to be passing the court house at the time noticed the prisoner's procedure, and immediately notified Sheriff Quine.

Accompanied by a number of deputies, the sheriff hastened from his office, and at the time, noticed Grimes jump the fence at the northwest corner of the court house grounds. The officers immediately set in pursuit of the fleeing man, and after a half hour's chase found him hiding in a clump of bushes along the river bank, in North Roseburg.

He was returned to the county jail, and from utterances of the sheriff, it is not probable that he will be given another opportunity to escape.

After leaving the court house grounds Grimes ran north on Main street to the corner of Court street, where he returned and proceeded west to the corner of Jackson street. From that point he ran in a northerly direction, crossing the Deer Creek bridge, and along Winchester street for a block's distance, where he left the street and proceeded in the direction of the river.

He was noticed by a number of boys, who accompanied the sheriff to his place of hiding.

It is probable that Grimes will appear in the circuit court for trial tomorrow morning. He will be defended by Attorney Elbert Hermann, District Attorney George M. Brown will conduct the prosecution.

DEATH IN STORM

Blizzard in East Claims Many Victims Yesterday.

GALE REACHED HIGH VELOCITY

Railroad Traffic In Many Cities Demoralized—Great Damage Reported—Snow Blocks Roads.

(Special to The Evening News.) CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Three deaths have already reported, while others have been severely frozen in the blizzard which held Chicago in its grip for the past 24 hours. While the storm has practically spent itself, yet it will be several hours before the streets can be cleared and business resume its normal condition.

Wind Blows 98 Miles An Hour. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Forgetting all plans for celebrating Washington's birthday New York is shivering in the worst blizzard of the winter. For hours a gale clipping along at the rate of 98 miles an hour swept over this city, finding its way into the warmest houses and causing great distress and suffering to the poor in the tenement districts.

Damage At Cleveland. CLEVELAND, Feb. 22.—All railroad train schedules are practically abandoned today on account of the blizzard now sweeping the city and country at a 65 mile clip. Considerable damage is reported, while much distress among the poor of the city prevails.

Two Dead At Buffalo. BUFFALO, Feb. 22.—A blinding snow storm prevails at this place.

Mrs. Anna Hoppe, aged 35, was found frozen to death this morning. Michael Uilo, blinded by the furious storm, while walking on the railroad track, was run down by a train and killed.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Purvance, a local school teacher, left for Cottage Grove this morning to spend a day or two with friends and relatives.

Try linoleum varnish. It saves you money and loses the linoleum dealer money. But in all honesty we should and will tell you that it is true economy for you to use linoleum varnish. B. W. Strong the furniture man.

Matting is a fine covering for bedrooms, especially in rented houses. Its first cost is very little; and it can be cut and made to fit other rooms easier than a sewed carpet. Matting is for sale by B. W. Strong, the furniture man.

County Grange Organizer E. B. Barber, of Myrtle Creek, spent the day in Roseburg attending to various business matters. The gentleman returned here last evening from Portland where he attended the annual irrigation congress, recently held at the metropolis.

BLOW AT PEOPLE

Taft Plans to Raise Postal Rates on Literature.

INCREASE \$10,000,000 YEARLY

Amount Will Be Necessarily Charged Directly To Reading Public—Urges That Existing Rates Be Doubled.

(Special to The Evening News.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Flatly opposing government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, Hitchcock's pet project, President Taft aired his own views today in a special message to congress, submitting a report of the postal commission, approving its recommendations. According to the report incorporated into the message and approved by Taft, the postal mailing rates on all newspapers and magazines now required at a rate of one cent a pound will be doubled. This measure, if adopted, will cost publishers of the United States about \$10,000,000 more annually for postage. This increase, of course, must be paid by the readers of the publications, who will necessarily have to pay increased prices for their literature. These proposed increased rates, Taft contends, will then only pay about one-third of the cost of handling such mail matter.

OFFICES ARE CLOSED.

County and Government Offices Observe National Holiday.

On account of today being Washington's birthday, or in other words a national holiday, the county and government offices, together with the banks, were closed. Although the stores remained open there was little business transacted in comparison with the ordinary day. The Roseburg schools enjoyed a holiday, as did the officers conducting the present term of the circuit court.

Spring opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday.—The Leader.

Miss Fanta Kidwell, sister of Mrs. J. W. Groves, of Roseburg, left for Elkton this morning where she has been engaged to teach school during the coming year.

Strong, the furniture man, has a large stock of matting. He prefers to sell you good matting, and for the quality carried you will find his price reasonable. Remember, B. W. Strong, the furniture man.

HOOVER IS OUT

Withdraws From the Senatorial Contest.

WILL RUN FOR REPRESENTATIVE

In Withdrawing From Senatorial Race Dr. Hoover Says He Will Favor Frank B. Waite.

After careful consideration of the present political situation, Dr. E. V. Hoover, recently announced as a candidate for state senator from Douglas county, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primary election to be held in April, this morning authorized a statement to the effect that he had withdrawn from the senatorial contest in favor of Mr. Frank B. Waite, of Sutherlin, and would enter the contest for representative from Douglas county.

In his official announcement made public this morning, Dr. Hoover says he has always been a democrat, and in order to protect the best interests of the party, decided that his withdrawal from the senatorial race would prove a favor to the party and would result in eliminating any possible dissension in the democratic camp. Dr. Hoover says he took the action after deliberate and careful consideration, and not through any fear of defeat.

In entering the race for representative, Dr. Hoover says he will make a vigorous, yet clean campaign, and if possible, will visit every precinct in Douglas county. To date, Dr. Hoover is the only democratic candidate in the field for representative. In the event of receiving the nomination, which appears certain, he will no doubt make a strong race.

ACCUSED OF INSANITY.

Man By Name Of Evans Is Arrested By Local Officers.

Accused of being a "bit off", due to the use of drugs, a man giving his name as Evans, was arrested late last night and languishes in the city jail awaiting an examination at the hands of the county physician and county judge. Evans has lived in Roseburg for some time and was considered somewhat "peculiar" by his companions. Last night he became violent, and it was necessary for the officers to take him in charge.

It is probable that an examination will be held tomorrow, and it may be possible that the accused man will be committed to the state insane asylum.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination of joint representative of the Ninth representative district subject to the endorsement of the republican party at the primary election April 19, 1912. I present my candidacy before the people as a progressive. I shall support Statement No. 1 because I believe in it. On all other matters I elected I shall work earnestly for those measures which I believe to be for the best interests of the people. J. E. WHISLER.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for State Senator from Douglas County subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. I favor the direct primary law, Statement No. 1 and the people's choice for U. S. Senator. F. B. WAITE.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Terry, of Glendale, arrived here yesterday afternoon and was later admitted to Mercy hospital where she will receive eye treatment.

Let no one but an educated, highly skilled, long experienced, exclusive eye specialist test and fit glasses to your eyes. Dr. Lowe has the necessary qualifications.

Spring Opening Display

Of the Season's Best Styles In

Imported Models and Pattern Hats, Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks, Suits, Dresses and Waists

Hair Goods, Neckwear, Novelties, Handbags and Corsets

February 22-23-24, 1912

Five Living Models in Suits Cloaks and Dresses, Saturday 7:30 to 8:30 P. M.

THE LEADER

Better Than Ever Everybody Welcome

Announcement

Beginning February 22, 1912, we will have our first showing of Street Hats. Also Shapes in High Grade Milans, Hems, Panamas and Javas. Our work room opens next Monday, February 26, in the charge of our former Trimmer, Miss Ivy Henderson.

James A. Perry

Millinery and Ladies' Toggery