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is the first of its kind to be tried here for some time, considerable interest is manifest.

Cherrington Wins Action.

The jury empaneled to listen to the evidence in the case of J. S. Cherrington, a Riddle real estate dealer, vs. Bert Riddle, formerly engaged in the hardware business at Riddle, returned a verdict late this afternoon in which the plaintiff was awarded a judgment for \$157, the full amount of the claim.

The suit was brought by Mr. Cherrington to recover approximately \$157, which he alleged was due as commission as a result of his efforts in disposing of a certain hardware store formerly owned by the defendant.

A large number of witnesses were examined during the progress of the trial, and the testimony was somewhat conflicting. Cherrington claimed that he consummated the deal in controversy, and consequently was entitled to his commission. Riddle testified that Cherrington had nothing to do with the deal, and that the purchasers were brought to him by N. A. Collamore, of Portland, who at that time was Douglas county representative of the Marshall-Wells Hardware Company.

The jury deliberated less than two hours when they returned a verdict favorable to the plaintiff.

May Release Bowers.

Mr. Bowers, a sewing machine agent, who was arrested here several weeks ago accused of attempting to attack little Bernice Harpater, will probably be released from custody early tomorrow. Since the alleged crime was committed, Mrs. Harpater and daughter, Bernice, have moved to Montana. On account of the fact that they are unable to return at this time, the district attorney is without sufficient evidence to warrant the return of an indictment.

Jackson Given Verdict.

After a deliberation of about thirty minutes the jury empaneled to listen to the evidence in the case of Levi White vs. John Jackson late yesterday returned a verdict favorable to the defendant. White brought suit to recover the sum of \$1,000, which he alleged was due him for services rendered at the instigation of Jackson. The defense offered evidence to the effect that White had lived at the Jackson home, near Cannonville, for several years, and during such time had been treated as a member of the family. It was also contended that White's physical condition prevented him from rendering services equivalent to the amount of the claim. Attorney Carl Wimberly represented White, while Attorney C. S. Jackson appeared for the defendant. The case consumed but two hours, and was probably the least important action tried during the present term.

EVERETT, WASHINGTON, ADOPTS SINGLE TAX.

Vacant Lots Will Be Assessed Same Value As Lots With Buildings.

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 14.—A canvass of the vote cast for single tax at the recent election held in Everett shows it to have been adopted 4,858 to 2,637, a majority in favor of the measure of 2,221. The amendment to the city charter was passed despite strenuous opposition of certain real estate men owning large tracts of unimproved lots.

That the constitutionality of the amendment will be tested in the supreme court at no distant date is made certain by an announcement of those opposed to it. The advocates of single tax assert that it will be found constitutional. Just how the measure will be tested has not yet been outlined, but it is considered probable that the county treasurer, who collects the city taxes, will have it put up to him by someone to accept taxes on city property, less the amount assessed for improvements. A refusal to accept will bring about an application for a mandamus and the question will soon get before the supreme court.

How The Adjustment Will Work

If the amendment is legal, the adjustment of taxes next year will be the most extensive in the history of Everett and the owners of unimproved lots will have to pay much more than in the past. In the outskirts of Everett and scattered through the business and residence sections are many unimproved lots on which the taxes have been much less than on the adjoining improved lots. Advocates of the single tax, confident that the amendment is constitutional, predict that Everett will establish a new record for Pacific coast cities in rapid growth. The city of Vancouver, B. C., is cited as the most notable example of the success of the single tax and there are several other Canadian cities which have asserted that the law has been a great success.

Four Years For Full Exemption.

The proposed system here is pat-

OPTION EXPIRING.

I have an option on some exceedingly valuable property which yields constant and large income, fully protected. I cannot hold it because of lack of cash. If anyone will join me and furnish reasonable sum, I will share profits. Thorough investigation permitted. An absolutely SAFE investment, or I wouldn't be in it myself. Address at once "B" care The Evening News. 558

turned after that in effect in the Canadian cities and it is asserted valuations can be determined which will be just and equitable. Owners of vacant lots in the main business section, under the new system, must pay as much taxes as their neighbor who may have a business block several stories high. In some instances small frame shacks are located on exceedingly valuable lots, the owners awaiting a favorable opportunity to build or sell. Single tax advocates declare that the new tax regulation means that the commencement of building operations will be greatly hastened.

When the assessor begins his work next spring he is to exempt 25 per cent of the value of improvements and this will be done every year for four years. Then taxes will be paid only on the real estate itself—the lots. This gradual change in assessment will give the city time to adjust itself to the new order of things, it is believed.

SWEEDEN SELECTS SITE.

John Hammar Officially Locates That Country's Building On Fair Grounds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—With full military pomp and ceremony, Sweden's special commissioner, John Hammar, officially selected a site for Sweden's exposition building.

Preceding the site selecting ceremonies there was a review of two regiments of United States Infantry on the parade ground near the Letterman general hospital. After the review President Moore led the commissioner and the guests of honor to the inclosure in front of the grand stand, where the site was dedicated.

The Swedish Singing Society and band rendered "Hear Us Svea, Mother of Us All," after which President Moore handed Commissioner Hammar the Swedish flag, which he planted in the earth as evidence of the dedication of the site for Sweden's participation in the exposition.

When the flag had been planted, Miss Vera Lindstrom, daughter of Dr. A. O. Lindstrom, who is a native of Sweden and a resident of this city, raised the Swedish flag on the tall flagpole that had been erected in front of the grandstand. When the flag reached its truck, the Swedish-American band and the Swedish Singing Society rendered the Swedish popular melody, "Our Land."

The Swedish exposition committee and Swedish Ladies' Auxiliary took a prominent part in these ceremonies.

Sweden is the twenty-first foreign country to respond to President Taft's invitation to take part in the nation's celebration of the completion of the Panama Canal. Commissioner Hammar is managing director of the General Export Association of Sweden. He has been specially delegated by Count Ehrensvard, minister of foreign affairs, to select Sweden's site.

PUBLIC SCHOOL QUESTION.

Editor "News."

Magazines and newspapers in increasing numbers are giving attention to the public school question. All are agreed that there is something wrong with the present system, and the demand for manual training and domestic science in addition to the "readin', ritin', and rithmetick" is becoming general. The Ladies Home Journal, which is not considered the highest authority in America by the average Westerner, but which does contain at least a few excellent discussions on various subjects, recently published a list of opinions from various sources under the caption "Is the public school a failure?" To quote from a few of them—"State Commissioner of Education, New York, A. S. Draper says: 'Not more than one-third of the children who enter our elementary schools ever finish them. It indicates that the lives of the children are being wasted, that there is a sad lack of definite aim and purpose about it all, and that our educational plans do not rationally meet our conditions. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, one of the leading eastern newspapers says: 'Our children are overtaxed by a lot of thoroughly useless studies, compelled to cram their brains with lessons that they cannot possibly un-

derstand and which cannot benefit them' in the future.

Sir Alfred Harmsworth, Publisher, London, says, "American boys are being turned by education into a race of white chineese, all cast in the same mental mold, incapable of any independent thought."

Woods Hutchinson, Author, New York, says, "Even the child of the tenement is better off out of school than in school. The whole system is fundamentally wrong. I think it ought to be abolished."

The Journal asks, "what can be done about it?" This publication states that it will publish a series of constructive articles on the subject, but how many Roseburg people will read and be influenced by the articles? It is a matter of common knowledge that the Roseburg schools do not have manual training and domestic science, although there are thousands of schools in America that have established these branches successfully, and the schools of Germany, for example, would be considered impossible without them.

If you have a boy or girl in school, look into his or her school work, and decide for yourself how much of the present education is going to be of real value to the pupil 30 years from now. Would the knowledge of the proper use of tools, or a sewing machine be of no value when the child reaches the age when he or she must depend on himself or herself? Will knowing the distance of the nearest fixed star add anything to anyone's earning value when he assumes the burdens of living and the responsibilities of business life. Will your boy be better prepared to earn a respectable living through his ability to quote from Caesar's History of the Gallic wars in the original tongue than he will if he can use a saw, square and hammer efficiently? When men come to my office looking for work, are they asked to show a school diploma? Or are they asked "have you a trade," and "can you use tools?" And is it easier to find something for the average man to do that has been taught to work with his hands as well as with his brain, or the man who can keep books? Roseburg boys and girls need a practical education as well as a theoretical one. The undersigned does not contend that what is taught at this time is wasted, or that Roseburg schools are inferior in the least to other schools in other communities that teach only the same branches but does believe that the people of Roseburg should advance to the higher plane adopted by many, many American schools, and extend the school work so as to include manual training and domestic science—not a smattering of the work, like "six weeks in Physics," which was a text book of my school days, but a substantial education along these lines, which will enable any of our boys and girls to make use of the practical knowledge thus obtained, in case the vicissitudes of fortune require it? This is the practical age, and the education of our Roseburg boys and girls, in keeping with the age, should be taught practical things, such as are found in manual training and domestic science courses.

G. P. SCHLOSSER.

PRaise FOR SUTHERLIN.

Ralph Parlette Writes Of His Recent Visit At Sutherlin.

Ralph Parlette, humorist and philosopher, who recently delighted a large audience in the Gem theatre, has the following in the Lyceumite and Talent Magazine, of Chicago, regarding his visit here:

"Sutherlin, Oregon, is one of those made-to-order towns, started by the Luse Land & Development Company three years ago and now grown to 600 population, with paving and clusters of white globed electric lights along the streets. All around it are apple orchards which the company is growing and selling at prices ranging from \$400 to \$650 an acre. Sutherlin says that when her apples come on, Hood River will sink into the rut row. But Hood River retorts that all these young apple eldoradoes are promises, while their's is performance. Ralph Dunbar has twenty-three acres of apples near Sutherlin, and believe me, that will get Ralph encores.

"At Sutherlin is George H. Glynn, assistant secretary of the Luse Land Company that developed this tract. Back in 1891 he was a representative of the Slayton Bureau in Michigan, and next year for the Chicago Red-path, then managed by Fred Haskway. His competitor was Fred Pelham, and he says Mr. Pelham was the "big push" in the booking then, considered the best in that field. He was shocked to learn of Mr. Pelham's physical collapse. Prices haven't risen these years. The fact is, celebrities get more money then than now. Glynn got \$500 regularly for Tal-mage, and \$250 for Nye and Burbank.—Sutherlin Sun.



Calls the Fire Brigade
"BIG brush fire--send help!"
Such a Bell Telephone message rallies the fire brigade to the danger point and the farm buildings are saved.

Minutes at the beginning of a fire are worth hours after the fire gets headway.

The Bell Service saves those minutes. It is an effective rural fire alarm system and the best possible protection against loss.

It more than pays for itself in the protection it gives. Are you risking your farm property without the Bell system? If so, call and see our local manager when in town.



On account of a lack of advertising, the good roads meeting scheduled for last evening was postponed until a more convenient date.

John Alexander, the Glide merchant, spent the day in Roseburg looking after business matters.

Hildroth Sutherland has returned here after a visit at Portland and other northern cities.

Several members of the local lodge of Moose will go to Salem tonight to attend the dedication of the Moose temple at the capital city tomorrow.

LOST—Deputy sheriff star. Finder please leave at News office. 4f

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

05873.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, October 31, 1912.

NOTICE is hereby given that Patrick O'Donnell, of Camas Valley, Oregon, who, on February 9, 1910, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 05873, for W 1/2 NE 1/4 and W 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 29 S., Range 9 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 23rd day of December, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Harry B. Welgar, of Camas Valley, Oregon; Belle Case, of Camas Valley, Oregon; Martha M. Welgar, of Camas Valley, Oregon; Albert E. Crouch, of Coquille, Oregon.

B. F. JONES, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

07448.

Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, October 31, 1912.

NOTICE is hereby given that Belle Case, of Camas Valley, Oregon, who, on August 1, 1911, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 07448, for Lots 1 and 2 and E 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 29 S., Range 9 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 23rd day of December, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Patrick O'Donnell, of Camas Valley, Oregon; Harry B. Welgar, of Camas Valley, Oregon; Nellie Kirk, of Roseburg, Oregon; C. W. Kirk, of Roseburg, Oregon.

B. F. JONES, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

05882.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, October 31, 1912.

NOTICE is hereby given that Harry B. Welgar, of Camas Valley, Oregon, who, on February 10, 1910, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 05882, for E 1/2 NE 1/4 and E 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 29 S., Range 9 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the

land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 23rd day of December, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Patrick O'Donnell, of Camas Valley, Oregon; Belle Case, of Camas Valley, Oregon; Myron E. Welgar, of Camas Valley, Oregon; Albert E. Crouch, of Coquille, Oregon.

B. F. JONES, Register.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County.

In the matter of the estate of Robert F. Smick, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the undersigned, by order of the above entitled court duly made and entered of record, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Robert F. Smick, deceased.

All persons having claims against

said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned, properly verified, within six months from the date of this notice, at Cannonville, Oregon, or at the law office of Fullerton & Orcutt, Roseburg, Oregon.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1912.

J. P. SMICK, Administrator of the estate of Robert F. Smick, deceased. n14

BUSINESS IS GOOD.

The prospect of an extra strong demand for trees has prompted the Roseburg Nursery Company to enlarge their stock. Notwithstanding that they were already better supplied than at any previous season, A. L. Kitchin left last night for different points in the northern portion of the state, as has been his custom for several years, to inspect the loading of the stock which is to supply the good people of Douglas county. The additional buying will be of cherries pears and plums. n9



Women Are Casting Ballots
Also--School Children

Judging by the number of ladies who are visiting our store this week, it would seem that they are taking much more interest in the Baby Contest than their husbands are in National Politics.

Of course, everyone who sees the Globe-Wernicke Bookcase to be awarded to the one offering the cleverest title to the picture display in our show window, immediately demands a ballot.

Remember, you do not have to be a customer of the store to win the prize; everyone, without reservation, man, woman or child can submit an answer.

School children wishing to start a library in their school can get up a contest among themselves, and every member of the class submit a title.

It is a good tonic for one's imaginative power—
YOUR ROOM MIGHT WIN THE BOOKCASE

Why not appoint a committee, and secure the teachers consent to compete for this prize to go in the Schoolroom.

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