

# THE EVENING NEWS

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ROSEBURG, DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1919.

## THE WEATHER

Tonight, Fair; Saturday, Fair and Warner.  
Highest temp. yesterday.....80  
Lowest temp. last night.....54

Full for a bigger, better and more prosperous Roseburg and Douglas County.

## NEW COUNTY THREAT IS ALL IDLE BUNK

### Increase in Assessment Stirs Alleged Editor into Producing Brainstorm.

## FUNDS ARE LACKING

### Valuation Is Too Low to Furnish Sufficient Taxes to Support a County Government Even if Division Was Obtained.

With a hair-tonic idea of a modern Utopia over which he possibly, secretly pictures himself as ruler supreme, William H. Morgan, author of the "full" county, second-hand newspaper that unless he and his are given a little more consideration and notice by Douglas county that they are going to quit, and will set up a little county all their own. Bill has always been full of such things. In fact, being "full" has been one of Bill's long suits.

Bill used to be a school teacher but he got so "full of ideas," in everything—that he finally "quit," and, after engaging in several enterprises—all of which ended on account of "fullness"—he went into the newspaper business—not to the credit of the profession.

Bill was "agin" prohibition. In fact, he has been "for" everything associated with prohibition, but in spite of this fact has been a most excellent argument in its favor. Prohibition is only mentioned because it must be a post prandial auxiliary that brings Bill into such a condition. It may be a raisin maul but it savors pretty strongly of hair tonic or extract for it takes a pretty strong dose of "white mule" to concoct such a brainstorm as Bill has just been having.

Bill wants a road from Roseburg to Reedsport. If Bill don't get that road he's going to start trouble. He's going to start a county all his own, and do numberless other things which have not yet been enumerated.

Bill has started any number of things, many of which he has been unable to finish. Mostly, Bill didn't finish them because he got too "full" and it is now alleged that he has not repented from the error of his ways from the present symptoms it looks like he had been getting "full" again.

Here is the bluff he is trying to put over "Ninety-nine out of every one hundred of the citizens of the lower Umpqua county, judging by expressions, are in favor of establishing a new county out of Douglas, embracing the whole of the lower Umpqua county, and it surely is done unless this section is connected directly with the county seat by an all-year-round good county road within the next year."

Maybe Bill is looking for a county job. Maybe he would like to be county judge of his county. As a county judge Bill would make a good editor of a brainstorm weekly under present conditions.

What really hurts is the fact that County Assessor Gordon sent his deputy into Reedsport (incorporated) with instructions to increase assessments. At the present time lots platted in the newly formed municipality pay a tax to the county of 15 cents each if unimproved and a slightly additional sum in the event of improvements. This tax is after the special school levies and other such items, of which the entire sum is used in the locality where raised, has been deducted, leaving 15 cents to pay the county for collecting the tax, six cents being necessary to buy stamps for required notices even at present postage rates. Only a very few lots in Reedsport pay more than fifty cents each. One pays as high as \$50. The lot is valued at \$50, the balance is for improvements.

The valuation of Douglas County exceeds \$28,000,000. In the event of the establishment of a lower river county, the valuation would be approximately \$1,000,000. The tax wouldn't be sufficient to pay salaries of the necessary officials. The Roseburg-Reedsport road, it is estimated, will cost approximately \$250,000 or one-fourth the valuation of the lower river district which would form the proposed county. In the proposed county there is practically no corporation tax and the property owners would be required to furnish the entire amount to conduct business of the county. Douglas County receives a huge sum from the railroad which has its terminals in this city and property amounting to several million. The lower river county would result in a loss of right of way and no rolling stock. There is no corporation tax of any great amount and the farmer and laboring man struggling to make a living would be forced to pay a yearly tax which would be almost prohibitive.

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## FRIENDS SURPRISE DOCTOR HOUCK

## CHAUTAQUA CREW BOYS ARE STUDENTS

About fifty of the friends of Dr. Geo. E. Houck gathered at his home on South Stephens street last evening and before entering treated him to an old-fashioned charivari in which tin cans, horns and other noise makers figured quite prominently. The guests spent a good deal of time inspecting the great collection of curios which the major brought back with him, the ladies being especially interested in a display of hand-made lace, an antique and a few other mementoes and the crowd of merry-makers had a good jolly time and spent a most interesting evening.

## DR. MORGAN AND WIFE HERE.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry E. Morgan, of Moscow, Idaho, are in the city visiting at the home of Mrs. T. M. Ollivant, of 842 South Pine Street. Dr. Morgan is a nephew of the hostess, and besides has many friends in this section who will be happy to renew acquaintance with him. On the way down the Moscow people stopped at Portland and way points and are enjoying a delightful vacation time.

## MANY ELKS ARE GOING.

It is expected that Roseburg and surrounding towns will furnish a large percentage of the Elks at the state convention of that order at Klamath Falls the middle of August. A special train will be run from Portland and quite a few are planning to join the special when it arrives at this city. Several will make the trip by auto and have already made arrangements for accommodations during the big "big jinks."

## CONSIDERING A NEW MILL.

The Coos Bay Times has the following to say: Pending timber deals involving large tracts of the finest fir in Oregon, between the Bay and the Douglas county line, which brought timber owners from South Dakota are the basis for reports that there is a possibility of the opening of a new mill in the Coos county section within the next year.

## BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denison, at the corner of Blakely and Jackson Street, Thursday, July 18, 1919, a daughter.

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## FRANK B. WAITE'S NEW POSITION.

Frank B. Waite who is well known in this city is now engaged as a special representative of the Bankers' Trust and Mortgage Co. of Portland, on outside loans, inspecting and reporting on property which the concern finances.

## CASE OF CHICKEN POX.

Mary Billings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Billings, of 614 Cobb street, was quarantined with a case of chicken pox.

## ATTORNEY EDDY ATTENDS MEETING.

After a couple of days spent before the supreme court in trying legal matters and in attendance at the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Oregon, Attorney B. L. Eddy returned this morning to his home in this city. Eddy is a prominent attorney in the case of Wright vs. Wimberly, and the Roseburg National Bank against Camp and the Oregon Mining and Power Company. At Eugene he attended the synod session which is being held at the University of Oregon "Y" hut. This convention he reports to be one of the best ever held in the state and some of the greatest speakers of the country are being heard. Billy Sunday is the chief attraction of the program, while many interesting lectures have been enjoyed.

## CLERGY MAY OBTAIN SACRAMENTAL WINE

WASHINGTON, July 18.—In order that "religious organizations" may obtain liquor for sacramental purposes the bureau of internal revenue has announced that such organizations will be cared for under regulations adopted, and will be allowed to obtain same. Arrangements will be required of those who apply for the liquor under the regulations, and it will be distributed under clerical supervision. Nothing is said about the amounts that may be obtained.

## ALABAMA TURNS DOWN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

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