

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

A system of road laws prepared under the direction of the Oregon Road Club and embodying its plans for systematic road development, is now before the legislature in the form of three bills now in their first stages in the house.

The first of these bills does away with the old plan of assessing road-taxes in the form of days' work to be done on the county road, and provides that road-taxes shall be collected in cash, like other taxes.

Quite an expensive accident happened one day last week out at Mr. H. C. Gore's place, on Tule creek. A few years ago Mr. Gore erected a very large barn. The recent snow which fell in that locality became such an enormous weight on the structure after the thaw began that the building collapsed.

An indication of what a creamery established in Oregon means to the dairying interests is shown in an article recently published in the Union, of Arcata, California. It says that during the year ending October 1, the amount of butter manufactured in California showed a falling off of 10 per cent, and large quantities were shipped in from the eastern states.

The people who ask a state bounty of \$50,000 to encourage the sugar beet industry ought to be able to show that the flax industry and the prune industry and the mohair industry and the wheat industry and other industries are not quite as much entitled to a bounty. They will probably be prepared to show that the \$50,000 will not go directly into the pockets of the trust that fixes the price of sugar, and that the price of sugar to the consumer will be reduced in proportion to the increased taxes the property of the state will have to bear.

G. A. Sanford, ex-editor of the Columbia County News, accompanied by his family, started on Tuesday for Murphy, North Carolina. What is Oregon's gain in North Carolina's loss. The most redeeming feature about Sanford is that one of his last acts in St. Helens was to subscribe and pay for THE MIST. While Sanford didn't run much of a newspaper while here, he knows a good paper when he sees it, and he said that in order to get the news of Columbia county it was necessary to read THE MIST.

The steamer Gamcock, one of the unucky pair that was closed out by the United States marshal a few days ago, was purchased recently by Captain F. B. Jones, who will have the craft put in first class shape and operate her as a towboat. The steamer will be taken up to the ways of the Portland Shipbuilding Company this week, and by the time the kinks are taken out of the hull and the engines lined up for business she will be as good a towboat as there is on the river.

Mr. A. T. Dobbins, well known in this county, especially so at Rainier, was killed one day last week at Chewelah, Wash. He met his death while walking on a railroad track toward the home of a friend. Mistaking a fast passenger train for a freight, he failed accurately to judge the speed with which it was approaching, and was hurled from the track by the pilot and killed. His remains were buried on Monday in Lone Fir cemetery, in Portland.

Alaska clover is a valuable forage crop, and can be grown to advantage in many places where ordinary red clover will not yield profitably. It is a perennial, and has no hairs on the stalk, so it is not dusty. Its bloom is sweet and makes good honey. It will stand any amount of wet. Planted in wet swales and depressions, it will make abundant growth and reseed itself from year to year, affording a vast amount of excellent feed. It does not throw out and freeze out as do red and mammoth clovers. Farmers would do well to try a patch on any low-lying land on the farm. It withstands cold well and has made good growth in Alaska.

Many suggestions are being made as to the needs of legislation for the better protection of Oregon game birds, and, while opinions differ as to minor details, all are agreed that better laws must be passed at the present session of the state legislature if the game resources of Oregon would be preserved. One of the bills prepared for introduction fixes the open season for duck shooting from September 1 to March 1, and restricts a day's bag to 25 birds for each man. It also imposes a fine of \$25 for shooting upon any land without permission of the owner or occupant, and provides for a deputy game warden in each county.

Win Seffert came up from his home, below Deer Island, Tuesday, with a very broad smile all over his countenance. When questioned as to the cause of his evident good humor he replied by saying he had just been successful in driving about 500,000 feet of excellent fir logs out of Tule creek, and the expectation of receiving \$5 or \$6 per thousand for them—McKinley prices—was cause enough for anyone to smile on load. The rise in the creek, caused by the recent snow and rain storm, was sufficient to drive every log out of the creek. Win says the run was a grand success.

The annual number of the Oregonian issued last Monday was a mammoth number, full to the brim with splendid matter descriptive of the resources of the state in particular, the Northwest in general. No doubt each number of it sent East will have a wonderful tendency to stimulate immigration to this state—not the undesirable element, but the class which will come to assist in the development work to be accomplished. Few sections of the state were so slighted, and that was for want of enterprise on the part of the people directly interested. If you have not sent a copy to friends in the East you are guilty of breach of duty as a resident of this great state.

The warm weather has started the snail on their journey to their spawning grounds, and they have already begun to swarm up the Cowitz in vast numbers. About 1000 pounds of these fish were received in Portland Tuesday. The price declined to 10 cents a pound. Prices will soon be lower, however.

Along the lines of proposed legislation at Salem is a bill credited to a Washington county member. This is to reduce the mileage of jurors of all kinds from 10 cents to 5. If any member has a bill up his sleeve to reduce the mileage allowance of legislators it has not been heard from yet.

Chairman of the school-board, James Dart, of this district (No. 2) has caused Clerk Quick to post notices calling a special school meeting for the purpose of voting a special tax to maintain the school, for Saturday, January 23rd, at 7:30 p. m. Interested persons should attend.

Arthur Johnson, of Vernonia, who has been in Portland since the ninth of the month doing duty on the jury in the United States court, was in this city Wednesday on his way home.

Frank George was down town Sunday shaking hands with his numerous friends, after having been confined to his bed for several weeks with an attack of typhoid fever.

Captain Good has his new boat almost ready for the machinery. When completed the new boat will be the most commodious of any ever on the slough run.

It has been reported here that the high water in Tule creek has undermined the mudfalls at one end of the new bridge built on the St. Helens-Goble road.

Mr. M. K. Espey and family have removed from this place to Rainier, where Mr. Espey is engaged at his carpenter trade. "Sug" is a first-class mechanic.

Ex-Sheriff Maasie has furnished his bond in the sum of \$3000. The bond has not yet been approved by the district judge, however, but undoubtedly will be.

Rev. C. E. Philbrook will preach at Houlton next Sunday after Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. at the school-house and in St. Helens at 7:30 p. m.

Judge Doan was up from Rainier on Monday attending to duties connected with his office, continuing on to Portland on the Shaver that evening.

Henry Bumgardner, of Deer Island, was in the county seat Tuesday. Henry reports the health of the Bumgardner neighborhood good this winter.

The warm rain of the first of the week took off the snow very rapidly. People are already talking of the approaching spring.

All business transacted by the county court and every line of county official printing will always be found in THE MIST.

Mr. A. J. Orwig, of Clatskanie, the enterprising butcher of that place, was doing business here last Saturday.

Sam Ballard, of Pittsburg, was doing business in the county metropolis Wednesday.

Judge Barnes and daughter, of Quincy, were in this city Tuesday.

The Editor's Mistake. The editor of the Willamette Herald wrathfully exclaims: "Three gentlemen have, during the past month, ordered their papers stopped without paying their bills. In this part of the country we characterize men who do not pay their bills as 'scoundrels,' not 'gentlemen.' But perhaps the 'gentlemen' alluded to by the Herald are big fellows, which makes all the difference in the world."

A Useless Custom. There is a useless law on the statute books that should be repealed. It takes up the time of the court without being of the least benefit to anyone. The law referred to is that requiring the judge to read to the grand jury, at every term of court, the law against libel and perjury. There is no reason why these laws should be especially called to attention of the grand jury any more than the laws against bigamy or embezzlement, or murder or cattle stealing.

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La Grippe Successfully Treated. "I have just recovered from the second attack of a grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexico, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. My second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy, as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.'" For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross, druggist.

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FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

Interesting Letter from a Special Correspondent. SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—(To the Editor, Notwithstanding the declaration of Governor Geer in his inaugural address last week that no great amount of legislation was needed at this session of the legislature, a very large number of bills are being introduced in both the senate and house, and if half of them should ever become laws, the present code would have to be greatly enlarged in the future. Judges and attorneys would have to spend a great deal of time becoming familiar with the new laws, and the benefit to the state at large would be very questionable.

It is surprising to see how many members of each house feel responsible for the cure of defects in present laws, or for the introduction of some new measure that in their opinion will benefit the state and be known as their bill. It looks as though the publication of the names of members of the legislature of certain bills is a notoriety most earnestly to be desired, as impressing on their constituency and the general public the thought that they are doing work and earning both salary and reputation.

So far the time of both houses has been mainly taken up in the introduction and first reading of these bills, and in getting them to the office of the state printer, where they are printed, and copies placed upon the desk of each member to allow it to be read and considered before coming up for passage.

Bills for the assessment and collection of taxes, for amending the road laws, for election of road supervisors by the people, and others of general interest are coming from so many quarters they will have to be referred to proper committees for consolidation, revision, amendments, or burial, and it is safe to predict that the burial process will put a quietus on a large portion of them. There is, however, a recognized necessity for alteration in our road laws, and a good law on the subject is likely to be passed. There seems to be a pretty general sentiment in favor of payment of road taxes in money and in favor of election of road supervisors, both of which measures, it is thought, will meet with popular approval.

A bill for an additional judge in our judicial district, consisting of four counties, has been introduced by Senator Fulton.

Two bills for an opportunity for counties to locate or relocate county seats have been introduced, and if either one becomes a law it will do away with the necessity of introducing a special bill for Columbia county. These bills provide that on a petition of a majority (over say five-eighths) of the legal voters of any county, the county court shall order an election to locate a county seat. Orders in the county may become candidates by filing with the county clerk a petition signed by about 25 voters, some 60 days in advance of the time for election. If no town gets a majority on the first ballot, a subsequent election confined to the two highest shall be held when the question may be settled.

In the meantime Columbia county's representative is ready to introduce a special bill for the county, if necessary. He finds it necessary to devote time in familiarizing himself with the various measures likely to be voted on, rather than devising and introducing new bills. It is necessary at this session to be prepared to meet off doubtful or dangerous legislation, and a representative who will do that work faithfully will best serve the people he represents. There is a general feeling among the members of a prospect of a pleasant session. "Z."

WARREN NEWS. George Ramsey, of Scappoose, was a Warren visitor Monday. John Downing and wife were St. Helens visitors Monday. H. O. Howard, of Yankton, was attending to business at this place last week.

Will Patisin, of Portland, spent Sunday at St. Helens on the Fattulo line. A few of our young sports went con hunting last week, but failed to find any coons. We understand that parties from Portland are expecting to erect a creamery at this place. L. Cooper and wife, of Portland, are spending a few days with Mrs. Cooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens.

Owing to the snow storm of last week Rev. Reashead did not preach at this place, thereby disappointing quite a number who braved the storm to hear him. By placing confidence in a hobo passing through the country, Bob Lovett is minus an overcoat and \$30 cash. It seems that Bob hired the fellow to cut cordwood, and after working a few days he made an excuse that he wanted to go to Portland. Bob took compassion on him and loaned him an overcoat, at the same time giving him some change with which to make a few purchases. The fellow repaid Bob's kindness by going to the Pioneer wood yard and represented himself as Lovett, drawing \$30 on a check and skipped for parts unknown.

A young man of this place had a very funny experience last Sunday evening. The young man, for some past, has been paying his respects to a young lady living in this neighborhood. The man-of-the-house commented to him that the woodshed was becoming empty, and that the recent snow made it impossible to cut wood, but the young man did not understand, so ordered man-of-the-house thought up another plan. When the young man made his next regular call he was presented with a bill for coal oil. Bill the young man did not carry on, but stayed later than ever. At his wit's end how to get rid of the young fellow from the man-of-the-house took into his confidence two of his friends, who advised him to smoke the young man out; so after trying their plans they patiently waited. At the appointed time the young fellow made his appearance. Everything was going along just to suit him, so he had settled down for a good, long stay. Soon the room began to fill with smoke and no amount of searching could reveal the cause of the stove smoking. After burning his fingers in trying to locate where the stove was choked he heard a laugh, and turning just in time saw the man-of-the-house and his two friends through the window looking for the room with more smoke, the young fellow took a quiet snuff, grabbed his hat and said, "Good night, Ma!" That don't express any part of it.

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HOULTON NOTES.

H. O. Howard visited Portland Tuesday last. G. A. Hall and wife were in our town last Sunday. Rev. Myers preached his farewell sermon last Sunday. John Lamberson, Jr., went to Scappoose last Tuesday. Mr. George Cass, of Bachelor Flat, was in town Friday of last week. Merchant Perry made a trip to the metropolis Tuesday of this week. Mrs. D. Henshaw visited Portland last Tuesday on the evening train. Our blacksmith, Jas. Spence, is busy making sledges and wedges this week. N. A. Perry returned home from Portland Wednesday on the morning train. M. C. Gray, of St. Helens, visited our burg Tuesday last, repairing telegraph wires. Misses L. A. Wilson and Beulah Walker were on the sick list Friday of last week. Rev. Philbrook preached a very interesting sermon at the school-house Sunday last. H. J. Waters, of St. Helens, is still leading cars with wood at this place for Portland. Aaron Kelley returned home Friday of last week from Bunker Hill, where he has been hunting for a week. Mr. P. G. Baker, of Portland, came down Saturday to spend a few days here with friends, returning home Sunday. New change of schedule on the N. P. R. R. The Seattle local, formerly due here at 10:20 p. m., is now due at 4:35 p. m.

Another Oldest Mason. ASHLAND, Ohio, Jan. 15.—Major G. W. Urie, the first treasurer of Ashland county, died today, aged 93. He was reputed to be the oldest Mason in Ohio. Deceased was an uncle of Mr. John H. Urie, formerly of Houlton, and Mrs. A. N. Clark, of the latter place.

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TREASURER'S NOTICE. COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE. ST. HELENS, OR., January 12, 1920. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL unpaid County Warrants of Columbia County, Oregon, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to May 10, 1920, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date. W. H. ROSS, Treasurer of Columbia County, Oregon.

Notice of Final Settlement. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned administrator of the estate of William Wilkinson, deceased, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon, on and for Columbia County, my final account of my administration upon said estate, together with my petition for final distribution of the residue of said estate, and that the Hon. J. B. Doan, Judge of said Court, has appointed Tuesday, the 7th day of February, 1920, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the time and the Courtroom of said Court, in St. Helens, in said County and State, as the place and time for the hearing of said petition and for the distribution of said residue, at which time and place any person having any claim against said estate may appear and file written objections thereto. LUCINDA WILKINSON, Administratrix of the estate of William Wilkinson, deceased.

Notice for Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., December 16, 1919. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Columbia county, at St. Helens, Oregon, on January 28, 1920, viz: ALBERT WOOD. Homestead entry No. 9038, for the southeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4, and the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of section 27, township 1 north, range 1 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: F. Peck, William Allen, George Parker and W. Wrench, all of Vernonia, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORE, Register.

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Sheriff's Sale on Foreclosure. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia. THE STATE OF OREGON and THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SALE OF SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY LANDS, AND FOR THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS ARISING THEREFROM, PLAINTIFFS, vs. JOHN HARRIS and LOUIE E. HARRIS, HIS WIFE, Defendants. BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, JUDGMENT, ORDER and decree, duly issued out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court, in the above-entitled cause, to me duly directed, and dated the 14th day of December, 1919, in favor of the above named plaintiff, the State of Oregon and the Board of Commissioners for the Sale of School and University Lands, and against the said named defendant, John Harris and Louie E. Harris, the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty (\$350) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum from the 9th day of May, 1907, and the further sum of One Hundred (\$100) dollars as an attorney's fee, and the further sum of Ten and forty one-hundredths (\$10.41) dollars costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding and requiring me to make sale of the following described mortgaged premises to-wit: The southeast one-quarter (1/4) of section 2, township 1 north, range 2 west of the Willamette meridian, in Columbia county, Oregon, and containing 100 acres of land, with the improvements thereon. Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, order and decree, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1920, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the county commission in the City of St. Helens, Columbia county, State of Oregon, sell, at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest which the above named defendant, or either of them, has in and to the foregoing described mortgaged premises on the date of plaintiff's mortgage, or stock had, to satisfy said execution, interest, ordered decree, costs and all accruing costs. J. N. RICE, Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon. Dated at St. Helens, Or., Dec. 23, 1919. (33720) G. W. Cole, attorney for plaintiff.

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