

THE OREGON MIST.

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OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE.

There never will be a time when real estate in Columbia county can be purchased at so reasonable a price as at present. The investor need look for no better proposition. There are sites for additional manufacturing, and it will not be long before many of these available sites will be occupied. The man who buys Columbia county property now, is wise—for ours is the best county in the state.

Mr. J. L. Walker, who, with his family, has resided in the vicinity of Houlton for several years, has concluded to remove them from there to Hood River, up the Columbia, and accordingly expects to depart for there in a short time. He will sell his household effects, stock and other articles by public sale tomorrow (Saturday) at his present living place near Houlton. Some bargains are likely in store for the buying people.

Dr. A. P. McLaren and Mr. Martin both were up from Rainier last Monday looking after affairs in connection with the business matters of the Columbia Logging Co., its president, J. J. Schmidt, having left the country under strange circumstances and the community and numerous laborers in almost "busted" circumstances. Dr. McLaren had been appointed receiver of the insolvent corporation by Judge McBride. Dr. McLaren's bond as such officer, was placed at \$100, which amount he easily enough raised, and forthwith entered upon the discharge of his official duties.

The county court made some changes in the boundaries of the voting precincts at its last session, which are important and should be carefully noted. A part of what was formerly Auburn precinct was attached to Union precinct, taking in several settlers out in the valley and extending the road district boundary on the west one mile farther. A part of Clatskanie precinct was added to Oak Point precinct and a part of Deer Island precinct was added to Goble precinct. Auburn precinct received some additional territory. By reference to the proceedings of the commissioners' court in this issue, the lands taken and added will be found described.

The members of the county court visited the coal prospects, west of Warren, last Friday, with a view of determining to what extent they should appropriate aid for opening up a good wagon road into that region. Interested parties had made an appeal to the court to aid them to the extent of \$1,000, but after viewing the situation the court allowed \$300. In the expressions of opinion of some of the members of the court it is understood that there are a good many settlers in that region who are in need of better roads, and partly with the idea in view of assisting them in gaining a better outlet, the appropriation was made. The supervisor of that district, L. A. Rasmussen, will likely proceed forthwith to open up a better road to the hills, thus aiding both settlers and coal developers.

It is becoming quite generally believed now that the Northern Pacific Railway Company does not propose to construct the Pittsburg spur, upon which so much time and money has been expended during the present year. It is authoritatively stated that the purchase price of the Astoria road is on deposit in Portland, according to a rumor that the Northern people had made an offer for it. Should this deal be consummated it is not very probable that the Northern would desire two roads touching almost the same points. It was believed that the Northern's intention was to ultimately reach Tillamook with the Pittsburg spur, but that theory could be much more easily and inexpensively reached from Astoria than to construct all the way through the Nehalem country. If the Northern people make this change in their programme many people will be keenly disappointed. It is said that the company has determined to have an outlet to the coast on the Columbia or elsewhere, on the Oregon coast, and if the Astoria road can be purchased at what the company considers a reasonable figure, it will surely buy instead of building.

The excitement over coal prospects in this county is assuming rather gigantic proportions and operations along the line of development of coal prospects is being started up in new places at rapid intervals. The latest in this respect is what is known as the Columbia City coal beds. While there has been no demonstrations there as yet, preparations for active operations are now being consummated and work is expected to soon start. The gentlemen who are promoting this latest enterprise are well known to most Columbia county people and are financially able to push work in an energetic way. Just to what extent coal exists in that locality is not known to us, but the Columbia City coal beds have been favorably spoken of for many years, and if genuine, energetic development work is started there, good results will undoubtedly follow. The location of the Columbia City coal beds make the prospects of somewhat more value on account of their accessibility, located as they are, well up on the mountain and not a great distance from the river. Just how soon it will be possible to get at the work is not known by us, but all events it will be no longer than it requires to arrange a few details; at least, this is according to our information, whose word is considered reliable.

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BRIEF LOCAL MENTION.

J. K. Blakesley was in Portland Wednesday.

Merchant Price was down from scapoose Wednesday.

W. D. Connell was up from Deer Island a day or two this week.

School Superintendent Copeland transacted business in Portland last Saturday.

Attorney Conyers was up from Clatskanie last Saturday attending to business affairs.

E. E. Quirk, of the abstract firm, was transacting business in Portland Wednesday.

Rev. Low Davies will preach in this city next Sunday evening at the Methodist church.

Dr. Byron Caples, of Wisconsin, is here on a brief visit to his parents at Columbia City.

Landlord Matthews, of the Houlton House, was transacting business in Portland last Monday.

Rev. Mr. Breck will conduct services in the Episcopal church in this city next Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. A. Wood, Mrs. W. H. Powell, and Grace Miles were passengers for Portland Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at Yankton in the forenoon and at Bachelor Flat in the afternoon.

Mrs. E. Ferry, of Houlton, went to Yamhill county this week to visit the scenes of her early experiences in Oregon. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. White.

The fraternity of Odd Fellows of this city had a pleasant session of their lodge last Saturday evening. After disposing of their business they enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. Holton, of Portland, arrived in town last Monday evening, and next morning continued on to Nehalem valley in company with Attorney Powell. It is said that Mr. Holton visited the valley with a view to purchasing timber lands.

If you should get any impure or stale butter from us it will be by mistake, and we hope you will kindly return it to us and receive your money back. This rule also applies to other articles which we recommend to be first class. Collins & Gray.

Mr. William Jones, a man of about seventy years of age, who, with his wife, arrived at Yankton about a month ago from Michigan, died Tuesday evening at 7:30. Deceased had been in feeble health several years and came here hoping to be benefited.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin White are spending a few days this week at North Yamhill. In Yamhill county, assisting in the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Mrs. White's uncle, who has attained the age of ninety years, and is yet hale and hearty.

We have a prompt paying subscriber and a large number of our subscribers have come in lately and paid up arrears, and we are renewed for another year, and we are in hopes that all delinquents will put themselves in a position to be eternally loved by us by following suit.

Remember that we are striving to publish a good clean local paper. We ask your help and co-operation. We want the news, therefore when something transpires in your neighborhood that will be of interest to the public, let us know about it. Many times you could do us a favor in this way with very little trouble to yourself.

Mr. Columbus Rock and family, who came here a couple of years ago from Missouri, and settled in Charley valley, near Paris, were in town Tuesday morning en route for their old home. Mr. Rock was not altogether contented to remain so far in the interior, and while making a move, concluded to extend his journey and go back to his old home.

Mr. Elwood O. Varney and Mrs. Francis Marks were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dupont, on Monday, Rev. Mr. Philbrook officiating. Mr. Varney has been in this county for several years, and has a good ranch in the vicinity of Bunker hill, which he expects to continue to improve. His friends congratulate him on his late good fortune.

Captain James Cox, an old Columbia river pilot, has returned from the Yukon, where he has been operating river boats the past summer. He bears the record of having taken a common stern-wheel river boat across from Victoria to St. Michael in the open ocean, without conveyer or other assistance except the craft's own steam. Personal in last Friday's Oregonian.

Mr. George Tennant, who several years ago resided with his family in Nehalem valley, near Vernonia, is on his way back to this country, after some time spent in Iowa and Nebraska. He is at present at work at Hood River, this state, and expects to visit this country again soon. His oldest son, Elmer, is now in Portland, and the young son, Jesse, is in Iowa.

The White Collar line has withdrawn its steamer Bailey Gatzert from the river and placed it on the run between Astoria and Portland. This is done because the water is getting too shallow for the Gatzert to run in safety and the Tahoma will be used to do the winter business on the upper river. The Gatzert made her first trip Tuesday and is a welcome visitor, indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. David Davis entertained a number of married friends at their home last Saturday evening, the occasion being the celebration of the thirty-second anniversary of the birth of Mr. Davis. Twenty-one hands of drive whist were played, after which refreshments were served, and what seemed to be a very pleasant evening was spent. Especially is this the case in regard to the host and hostess.

Supervisor Plank is displaying commendable tact and energy in his road work in making repairs of a permanent nature in regard to replacing decayed and dangerous bridges throughout the district with stone and dirt fills. Such work not only makes the safest kind of road, but it is lasting and a great deal cheaper in the long run. Wherever such a plan of work can be carried out anywhere in the county, it is our advice to supervisors to emulate Mr. Plank's method of making repairs under such circumstances.

William H. Braden, one of the most popular traveling men on the road, and representing the Pacific Leather Belting Company on the Pacific coast, is in the city today accompanied by his friend, Mr. W. F. Barnes, of California. Mr. Braden says he has a warm place in his heart for Astoria and always likes to come here. While traveling around he never fails to say a good word for the town and he has been instrumental in directing a number of men here to locate. Mr. Barnes is a prominent lumber man of California and is looking around to see just what this section can do in the way of timber and manufacturing facilities. Mr. Barnes and his associates operate three large sawmills in California.—Astoria Budget.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Proceedings in Full of Regular November Term.

Court convened in regular session for November term, for Columbia county, state of Oregon, at 10 o'clock. Present: Hon. J. B. Doan, Judge; P. A. Frakes and W. D. Case, commissioners; J. G. Watta, clerk; R. S. Hattan, sheriff. Due proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had:

Petition of J. M. Wharton for rebate on amount overpaid on block 29, in Columbia City, in the sum of \$3.16, allowed.

Claim of Bucher post for relief of J. Atkins, in the sum of \$10.00, allowed out of soldiers and sailors' fund.

Liquor license in Scappoose precinct, allowed for six months.

Petition of John Stewart for rebate on land sold under incorrect description, allowed in the sum of \$51.00.

Anton Keroewski admitted to citizenship.

In the matter of changing the boundaries of the voting precincts. Ordered that sections 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, in township 6 north, range 2 west, and sections 4, 5 and 6, township 5 north, range 2 west, be detached from Deer Island precinct and added to Goble precinct.

That sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in township 3 north, range 3 west, and sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in township 3 north, range 4 west, be added to Auburn precinct.

That section 4, township 7 north, range 4 west, be detached from Clatskanie precinct and added to Oak Point precinct.

That sections 21, 22 and 33, township 5 north, range 3 west, and section 4, township 4 north, range 3 west, be detached from Auburn precinct and added to Union precinct; and also sections 22, 23 and 24, township 5 north, range 3 west, and sections 19, 20 and 21, township 5 north, range 2 west, be detached from Deer Island precinct and added to Union precinct.

Return of sale of sheriff on delinquent tax roll confirmed and sheriff's tax receipts checked up.

Books of the clerk, treasurer and sheriff examined and approved.

Ordered that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the opening of the Tinkham county road, in district 2.

The following claims were allowed and ordered paid:

GENERAL FUND—SUPERVISOR.

L. Rasmussen, Dist 2, \$26.00

J. G. Plank, 3, 30.00

H. Schmidt, 4, 20.00

P. L. Clark, 4, 20.00

G. W. Elliott, 10, 11.00

J. F. Graham, 11, 11.00

John Boxler, 12, 20.00

O. H. Wilson, 13, 18.00

Jas Adams, 14, 21.00

S. M. Rice, 6, 14.00

BRIDGE WORK, DIST 1.

Henry Larsen, 1.50

H. Larsen, 1.50

P. K. Bushman, 4.50

John Heimiller, 4.50

Ben Vancleave, 3.00

Chas Palmer, 3.00

Geo Grant, 2.00

Jas Ribby, 1.50

P. A. Frakes, making culvert, 19.00

BRIDGE WORK, DIST 3.

Clay Clark, 20.00

A. N. Clark, 17.55

C. B. Hartz, 16.00

A. Henshaw, 16.92

Eugene Miles, 20.16

W. G. Kelley, 12.00

Chas Wallace, 10.66

Wm Bailey, 4.32

N. A. Kelley, 12.16

W. A. Ferry, material, 25.40

IN DISTRICT 4.

C. H. English, 7.55

James Hansen, 1.80

Ward & Co., 30.00

H. Schmidt, 41.00

L. B. Gleason, 9.00

E. Horgren, 3.15

E. Horgren, lumber, 49.00

Chas English, powder, 29.80

IN DISTRICT 5.

J. Wassner, 12.75

S. Mann, 5.25

E. Wassner, 6.75

L. Langbecher, 28.62

G. Clark, 9.25

A. Neer, timber, 80.00

Clark Bros, lumber, 69.72

JURORS, CIRCUIT COURT.

F. L. Clark, 5.00

A. C. Zeigler, 5.00

E. W. Conyers, 9.20

Wm McCollam, 8.00

Clark Allen, 9.20

W. S. Miller, 9.00

E. C. Blackford, printing, 2.50

J. D. Dams, 81.25

J. H. Doan, postage, 15.00

R. S. Hattan, postage, 8.00

J. G. Watta, same, 7.50

Collins & Gray, supplies for ch, 6.00

Joe Hall, cleaning vault, 8.00

Stanwood, repairing lock, 7.50

H. R. Cliff, ex-insane and pauper, 15.00

E. Ross, same, 5.00

H. R. Cliff, ex-McGregor, insane, 5.00

T. O. Watts, powder, district 5, 16.00

L. L. Clark, tools, 7.05

A. Smezer, labor in road district 6, 1.80

J. Hackenberg, same, 1.80

W. E. Rice, same, 12.00

John Rhodes, same, 12.00

S. M. Rice, same, 10.80

O. B. Anstine, timber, 8.45

O. B. McKee, lumber, 7.10

Stanwood & Sherman, lumber, 3.44

Messerve Bros, same for 9, 12.37

G. L. Perine, labor in district 10, 12.37

E. S. Bryant, same, 3.60

T. Tichenor, same, 1.80

S. C. Tichenor, same, 1.80

T. T. Philip, lumber for 10, 114.58

C. Anderson, labor in 15, 1.50

A. Berkenfeld, same, 2.00

C. Libel, lumber, 12.25

A. Berkenfeld, same, 1.35

E. Gronberg, labor in 13, 7.50

J. F. Peterson, same, 7.50

John Pederson, same, 3.00

David Myer, same, 7.50

Will Deeds, same, 12.00

C. Libel, lumber, 5.50

Bert Hofsford, labor in 14, 5.00

P. J. Sheeley, labor in 15, 32.00

E. J. Miller, work, Nehalem bridge, 85.00

W. W. Parker, same, 17.50

G. W. Parker, same, 9.00

E. J. Miller, same, 15.20

N. J. Parker, hauling, 5.00

J. W. Parker, hauling, 23.50

G. W. Rice, same, 35.00

John Pringle, nails, etc, 3.00

Smith & Thomas, lumber, 11.20

Pittsburg Mill Co, shingles, 7.50

E. Ross, paint, 67.00

D. W. Keasey, painting, 5.00

D. Davis, return of fees, Webber est, 10.00

H. R. Cliff, team hire, 2.50

St Helens Light & Water Co, 3.00

ROAD WARRANTS—DISTRICT TWO.

J. Beagle, \$12.25

N. F. Baker, 4.50

M. Bender, 17.01

K. F. Larsen, 13.34

P. J. Rasmussen, 16.20

J. M. Cooper, 13.77

A. Freeman, 12.13

P. Lund, 25.92

L. Rasmussen, 14.00

DISTRICT THREE.

J. T. Woodward, 4.88

G. B. Kelley, 17.10

S. Salser, 1.80

J. S. Sager, 6.40

J. G. Plank, 17.28

DISTRICT FOUR.

L. B. Gleason, 1.80

E. Horgren, 32.55

M. S. Shearer, 2.52

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.

In the matter of the estate of John Kennedy, deceased.

To Mrs. Barbara Kennedy, Miss Millie Kennedy, Miss Barbara Kennedy, Mr. Frank Kennedy, Mr. J. E. Kennedy, heirs of said deceased, and to all others unknown, greeting:

THE STATE OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, at the court room thereof, at St. Helens, in the County of Columbia, on Monday, the 2nd day of December 1901, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said administrator to sell the hereinafter described real estate of the said deceased, to-wit: Southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-four (24) and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-five (25) in township seven (7) north of range three (3) west of the Willamette meridian in Columbia County, State of Oregon.

Witness, the Hon. J. B. Doan, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, with the seal of said Court affixed, this 10th day of October, A. D. 1901.

(SEAL) Attest: J. G. Watta, Clerk.

SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for Union Precinct, in Columbia County,