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FRIDAY, October 6, 1905.

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

THE LAND FRAUD CASES.

The conviction of J. N. Williamson, Congressman from this district, on the charge of conspiring to defraud the Government, closes another chapter in the prosecution of the land fraud cases. The jury, in rendering its verdict, recommended the defendant to the mercy of the court, and we believe it is the wish of the citizens of Oregon that this recommendation be followed to the fullest degree.

Mr. Williamson holds a high official position and is a man of considerable means and ability should not weigh in his favor. All men should look alike when brought before a court of justice, and it may be said that the humble or ignorant should receive more favor than those who have been fortune's favorites. But there are other reasons upon which the jury may have based its recommendation. Senator Mitchell and Congressman Williamson are the first victims of an aroused public sentiment, and are by no means among the chief beneficiaries of the frauds that have been perpetrated upon the public domain.

It is a matter of general knowledge that the crime that Mr. Williamson has been convicted of is not confined to the State, and no claim has attached to it. Does any one believe that the immense holdings of certain individuals and corporations were honestly secured? We all know and have known for many years the methods employed, and the Government has permitted the spoliation until it had become in effect a party to the crime. Some attempt was made by President Cleveland to right these wrongs; but public sentiment in Oregon was not then in favor of such action. The people appeared to approve of the methods employed by the corporations and non-resident speculators, such as Russell Alger and Philena Sawyer, and needy men were found in abundance to take up timberland and borrow money to prove up on, with the understanding that as soon as the title was secure the land would be turned over to the speculator. Now, however, after the public domain has passed into the hands of the corporations we are seemingly anxious that some punishment should be administered to a few of the guilty ones, and we gratify the administration that has intruded these prosecutions. It is slight but every fair-minded Oregonian knows that Mr. Williamson is no more guilty than hundreds of others, and that public sentiment and the law are largely responsible for these offenses.

OREGON'S STATE FAIR.

Are we to have an exhibit at the Oregon State Fair next year? If so, now is the time to begin the work. The expense, of course, will not be nearly as great as it has been to make a showing at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and the results will be proportionately as beneficial. We are on the map now, and we should endeavor to stay there. It pays to advertise. As a result of our showing this year we have achieved a good name for our products of the field, farm, forest, mine and factory. We think it is conceded that in the large sense the exhibit has paid. It was opposed by narrow minded people and those same ones, unless they die or leave the county in the meantime, will oppose any further effort to put the county to the front; but they are in an insignificant minority and make a dollar's worth of noise for every cent of taxes they pay or that is paid for them. The State Fair next year will be bigger and better than ever. New buildings have been erected, and everything possible is being done to make the 1906 fair the greatest in the history of the State. We should have an exhibit there that will surpass the showing made this year at the Exposition. Samples of grain should be saved in jars, and our intelligent farmers should plan ahead to raise products that will fully represent the productiveness of our soil and climate. The very best canned fruits should be saved by the careful housewives and space should be applied for at a date early enough to insure a good location. Let us begin now.

When Secretary Hitchcock states in an interview, for publication, that he is exposed to any liability being shown Senator Mitchell and Congressman Williamson, and that they should receive the full penalty permitted by the law, he goes beyond the bounds of decency. For a private individual to express such views would be unobjectionable, but the Secretary of the Interior is a member of the President's Cabinet, and it favors too much of dictation to the courts for a cabinet officer to insist upon the full penalty being administered.

Monday, October 9 has been set aside for the closing of the fair.

APPOINTMENT OF STATE AND COUNTY SCHOOL FUNDS MADE OCTOBER 2, 1905, BY COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT I. M. COPELAND.

Table with columns: Name of Clerk, Children, State, County, Total. Lists names like M. J. Dugan, J. A. Holladay, etc.

\*Indicates joint district. In joint districts, children in Columbia County only are given.

County Court.

Proceedings of the county court at adjourned September term. October 2nd, 1905 5th Judicial day. In the matter of the petition of C. F. A. Crouse et al for an appropriation of county funds to improve county road leading from Stanwoods mill to Pittsburg. Postponed to further consideration.

In the matter of awarding contract for publication of delinquent list on 1904 tax roll. Contract awarded to Columbia Register at 8 cents per line.

In the matter of repayment of taxes illegally collected. Petitions of Josephine Gay Godby and G. W. Marsh for return of taxes paid on lands in strips adjudged to be in Washington county, allowed.

In the matter of making payment for work on county roads under special fund done by contract. Specification No. 4 Road district No. 14, by U. S. Mollinger amount, \$280.00 and specification No. 3 R'd No. 15, by Gust Gustafson amt, \$403.10 accepted by the court and clerk ordered to draw warrant in payment.

MEDALS FOR COLUMBIA

Columbia County made but three entries in Agriculture and received two gold medals and one silver medal. The county received a gold medal for "best collective exhibit of unthreshed grains and grasses." Mr. Oscar Bryant was awarded a gold medal on his lupin, and Mr. M. F. Hazen a silver medal on corn.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Table with columns: Classification, No., Value. Lists categories like Acres tillable land, Improvements on land, etc.

Sunday's Oregonian gave an illustration

of an interview with Mr. P. A. Frakes, Columbia County's breeder of Holstein cattle. It is a plain talk by a plain man, and shows that the way to success is the same old way—honest, earnest, and intelligent endeavor. When Mr. Frakes started he lacked the intelligence necessary for success in his chosen line; but he possessed the earnestness and honesty of purpose and the intelligence he acquired as he went along. If the Oregonian will occasionally work in the words "Columbia County" when it mentions Frakes' Holsteins it will confer a prize; and don't forget that we also have prize-winning herds of Jerseys and Ayrshires. In fact, when you speak of dairy cattle Columbia County is it.

There have been distributed at the Fair over 4000 copies of the Mist's special edition. Many of them were mailed by our visitors to their friends in the middle and Eastern states. In due time the result will be seen in an increased immigration to this country.

TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878—NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 20, 1895. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public lands of the United States by the act of August 9, 1893, G. P. Powell, of St. Helens, County of Columbia, State of Oregon, has this day filed with the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at St. Helens, Oregon, a certain map or plan for the purchase of the R. W. & W. W. & S. R. & N. of the N. W. 1/4 of Section 27 and the S. E. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Section 28, Township No. 25, Range 3 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at St. Helens, Oregon, on Thursday, the 14th day of December, 1895.

Who names as witnesses: W. D. Case, of Pittsburg, Oregon; W. W. Johnson, of Portland, Oregon; E. K. Quirk, of St. Helens, Oregon; Martin White, of St. Helens, Oregon.

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. In the Matter of the Estate of W. C. Noon, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the court entered on or before said 14th day of December, 1895, the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of the said W. C. Noon, do hereby offer for sale at public auction, to be held on the 14th day of November, 1905, the following described real property situated in the County of Columbia, State of Oregon, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The Gill tract, described as follows: Beginning at a point thirty (30) feet north of a stake, which stake is on the south boundary line of the Garner T. Foster donation land claim in Section nineteen (19) Township four (4) north, range one (1) west of the Willamette meridian, running thence south twenty (20) degrees and thirty (30) minutes west eight (8) chains and thirty-three (33) links, thence north seven (7) degrees and seven (7) minutes and thirty-one (31) links, thence south thirty (30) degrees and seven (7) minutes and thirty-one (31) links, thence north nine (9) degrees and forty-five (45) minutes west, sixteen (16) chains and fifty-five (55) links, thence north seventy-three (73) degrees and fifteen (15) minutes west, twelve (12) chains and twenty-two (22) links, thence north twenty-six (26) degrees and thirty (30) minutes east, fifteen (15) chains and twenty-four (24) links, thence north thirty-three (33) degrees east, seven (7) chains and fifty (50) links, thence north twenty-two (22) degrees and fifteen (15) minutes east, two (2) chains, thence north twenty-six (26) degrees and thirty (30) minutes east, fifteen (15) chains and twenty-four (24) links, thence east along said Foster claim line seventeen (17) chains and twenty-six (26) links, to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and twenty (120) acres, more or less.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S NOTICE.

Office of County Surveyor of Columbia County, Oregon, at St. Helens, Oregon, Sept. 20, 1895. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public lands of the United States by the act of August 9, 1893, G. P. Powell, of St. Helens, County of Columbia, State of Oregon, has this day filed with the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at St. Helens, Oregon, a certain map or plan for the purchase of the R. W. & W. W. & S. R. & N. of the N. W. 1/4 of Section 27 and the S. E. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Section 28, Township No. 25, Range 3 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at St. Helens, Oregon, on Thursday, the 14th day of December, 1895.

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