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CONDONING FELONY.

Ernest M. Beckett, the wayward son of a rich father, is in jail at Tacoma, Washington, charged with securing money on forged paper. The Evening Telegram, of Portland, says: "The Portland authorities are waiting to see what the Tacoma officers will do with Beckett, after which it is expected the young man will be taken to Oregon for trial unless his relatives make good the amount he is said to have secured on worthless paper." Here in brief we have one of the greatest causes for the prevalence of crimes of this character. The officers of the law are made to act as collection agents for banks and private individuals, and all that the son of wealthy parents has to do is to "make good" the amount he has stolen to secure immunity from punishment. The bank officials and the law officers will not prosecute if the money is forthcoming. It is a very attractive proposition for high-toned criminals and there would seem to be a good opportunity for the establishing of a "legitimate" industry in this line. A man with some capital can start out as a forger and if he is undetected the profits should exceed those of the beef trust, while all that is necessary in case of detection is for him to draw a genuine check for the amount and proceed to new forgeries. But he must be able to make good. If he is a penniless man and steals because he needs the cash or because his environment has made of him a common criminal, or from a natural depravity, there is no such easy method of securing immunity. The penitentiary is for such as he, and that is right, but why should the contrary practice prevail for the other fellow? What right have the authorities of Portland or elsewhere to to announce that a criminal will not be prosecuted if he makes good the loss he has caused? Common people cannot understand this practice. It looks to them like condoning a felony and putting a premium upon the commission of other crimes. We boast that this is "a country of equality before the law, but that is only a theory. In practice there is immunity for the rich and swift punishment for the poor.

ASSESSMENT FIGURES.

The County Board of Equalization, which has been in session during the past week, will adjourn tomorrow and thereafter the county court will have charge of the work. The N. P. road bed is assessed this year at $363,000, the transfer boat at $30,000, rolling stock at $33,000, real estate and office furniture at $4,220, a total of $430,220. The Northern last year was assessed at $452,900, which was reduced by the board to $338,500. Last year the Northern paid about one thirteenth of the taxes of the counsy; this year it pays about one twelfth. The A. & C. roadbed this year is assessed at $300,000, rolling stock at $31,200, real estate at $700. Last year the A. & C. roadbed was assessed at $270,000, which was reduced to $232,800, its rolling stock at $16,500, and its real estate at $500. This is considerable of an improvement over last year, provided the figures stand as fixed by the assessor. Yet it is not, in either instance, one third the true valui of these roads, and, as the law requires all property to be assessed at its full cash value, we can not understand this kind of an assessment, though we believe it to be the rule in this State for assessors to substitute their own judgment for the law. Timber lands are assessed an average of about $6 per acre—not in any instance more than $14. The latter figure is about the average cash value of 6,000 feet of stumpage. It is, of course, in the absence of a cruise, guesswork for the assessor, but we think he might safely guess twice the present valuations without doing any injustice, provided the rule of cash value is applied to all property.

THE JUVENILE COURT.

We have received a copy of Judge Frazer's report on the workings of the Multnomah County Juvenile Court for the first year of its existence, and, to any one who studies it, no further argument will be necessary in its behalf. It has accomplished great good and has doubtless saved many a boy and girl from a criminal career, and as those who go down usually drag others with them, the good results achieved are not limited to the individuals saved, but each case has its influence on other children. In order that those who are not informed as to the nature of the work being done by the Juvenile Court may come to an understanding of its purpose we quote from Judge Frazer's report.

The Juvenile Court laws are based upon the following principles:

First.—That a child under the age limit specified, in this state 16 years, should not be held responsible for offenses against law to the same extent or in the same manner as adults, in fact, should not be considered or treated as criminals at all.

Second.—That parental care and training is necessary in the case of every child. That the state as well as the parent has an interest in seeing that the child has such care and training. That where there are no parents, the necessary care and training should be otherwise supplied. If there are parents capable of affording such care and training, but who refuse to do their duty in this respect, they should be compelled to do so and weak and inefficient parents should be aided in this work.

Third.—That adults whether parents or others who cause a child to offend, or who in any manner contribute to a child's delinquency, should be held responsible, and in the discretion of the court, should be punished for such act.

Fourth.—That the court in dealing with children within its jurisdiction should never consider the question of punishment, as such, or retributive justice, but solely what is best to be done for the interests of the child.

It will be observed from this statement that the Juvenile Court was not intended to be, and is not, a criminal court. It is rather a court of chancery, and the children of whom it takes jurisdiction should be and are considered as wards of the court. Or it may be described as a parental court. The court for the time stands in the place of the true parent, and endeavors with a parent's solicitude to find the cause of the trouble; and then with the authority of the state, which is and should be superior to that of the parent, and with the broad discretion of a court of chancery, directs what should be done for the welfare of the child.

The experience of other states, where Juvenile Courts have been in operation for several years, as well as our own limited experience, amply demonstrates that this method of dealing with children is infinitely more effective in the reformation of children and in the prevention of crime than the old system of tresting them as criminals.

If the court has done such good work in Multnomah County, why can not its jurisdiction be extended to other counties? We believe considerable good could be done along this line in Columbia County, and that a number of youngsters who refuse to acknowledge parental authority and are possibly heading towards the penitentiary might be induced to become good citizens if placed under the control of such an institution as the Multnomah County Juvenile Court, presided over as it is by a big-hearted and wise judge.

THE PAST SALMON SEASON.

Closed season for salmon commenced at noon Saturday last. The following in regard to the season is taken from last Monday's Oregonian.

"Never since the inception of the salmon packing industry on the Columbia River has there been a season that was entirely satisfactory to all individual interests participating in the industry. This is a feature of the business that is so well known and understood that reports of "failure," "light pack" and generally unsatisfactory conditions are always received with due allowance for the point of view from which complaint originates. The experience of the past has thus prepared people for the announcement from some of the interests involved that the 1906 pack was a failure. It has also prepared them to receive with considerable satisfaction and no surprise the semi-official statement that the pack for 1906 in the aggregate is less than 10,000 cases short of that of 1905. The figures show a pack of 257,500 cases and 7055 tierces of salmon.

These figures, of course, fall considerably short of the high-water mark scored by the industry in the '80s, but, when it is considered that the price paid out for the raw fish ranged from 5 cents to 8 cents per pound, and averaged 6 cents per pound, it is easy to understand that the industry placed in circulation a much greater amount of money than it did in the palmiest days of the "big pack" era. It is estimated that no less than $1,377,000 was paid out to the gillnetters, seiners and trapmen during the four months' season just closed. This disbursement of nearly $12,000 per day in the comparatively restricted area in which the Columbia River fishermen operate is a much greater factor in trade is apparent by a casual glance at the figures. It would be impossible to estimate even approximately how many times the daily earnings of the fishermen were turned over in their ramifications through the different avenues of trade and industry. But they were kept moving with sufficient speed to have swelled its purchasing power into a great many more millions than are represented by the mere initial amount.

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makes life now as safe in that city as on the higher uplands. E. W. Goodloe, who resides on Dutton street, in Waco, Texas, needs no sea wall for safety. He writes: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption the past five years and it keeps me well and safe. Before that time I had a cough which for years had been growing worse. Now its gone." Cures chronic coughs, la-grippe, croup, whooping cough, and prevents pneumonia. Pleasant to take. Every bottle guaranteed, at Perry & Graham. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

The farmer who goes to town and plays a shell game or buys a tin box full of gold is brilliant compared with the one who keeps a cow that won't pay for feed. In the one case he is buncoed by a trained sharper; in the other he is the victim of a dumb brute.

Last Monday's Oregonian reports another death by the electric cars. Between street cars and life wires, Portland's undertakers should do exceedingly well.

An exchange thinks that if the "six days shalt thou labor" ended "or get nothing to eat," there would be fewer men idle the year around.

In Self Defense

Major Ham, editor and manager of the Constitutionalist, Eminence, Ky., when he was fiercely attacked four years ago, by piles, bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of which he says: "It cured me in ten days and no trouble since." Quickest healer of burns, sores, cuts and wounds. 25c at Perry & Graham.

VERNONIA.

Lorne Magoon received his household goods Monday and is getting things in place and will be ready for the reception of guests next week.

Mrs. C. D. Ross went out to Portland last week to make purchases for the new home. She and her husband expect to begin housekeeping in the house on Second St., formerly occupied by Mrs. Redmond, the latter having moved into her new home on First St.

Word comes from Mrs. Throop, who has been in Portland, that her little daughter Dora has hip joint disease. When she went away about a month and a half ago she was apparently well, although she had complained somewhat of pain in the limb, but the disease (tuberculosis) has developed very rapidly, so that she will come home wearing a brace and walking on crutches. Mrs. Throop expects to be home with her in a few days.

Miss Minnie Hanson, of The Dalles, who has been visiting the Chelelin family on Crooked Creek for a couple of weeks, returned to her home Friday last.

H. D. Van Blaricom went out to the Grove for a load last week.

Miss Grace Early has so far improved that she has left the hospital and will be able to come home in a few days.

J. E. Dow, of Mist, was in this vicinity on Wednesday of last week on business connected with the cream route, but he was in such a big hurry to get back home that his many friends here did not get to even shake hands with him.

Wm. Metzger, who taught the Beaver school, is visiting friends in this vicinity. He has been attending the university at Eugene the past year and will probably be there again next year.

A. Mellis, Mrs. J. E. Dow and Miss Ruby Hiatt, of Mist, and a number of people from about Natal attended the camp meeting here Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Morris and children and Wm. Mellinger and family, all of Houlton, have been visiting relatives hereabouts the past week.

W. T. Hatfield, brother of Dr. Hatfield, came in from Claremore, Indian Territory, last week. During the past fifteen years Mr. Hatfield has traveled throughout the United States making pictures, he being an expert photographer. He expects to stop with the doctor and wife durinh the winter, to regain his strength, which has been somewhat impaired by frequent attacks of rheumatism. Already he is much improved, and we believe that our pure air and fine water, together with the rest he will get, notwithstanding our much rain in the winter, will put him on his feet again.

Frank Tracy went to Clatskonie last week, taking out Mrs. C. D. Ross, Rev. H. C. Hornschush and Rev. Morris Heverling, who had been in attendance at the camp meeting. Coming back Frank brought a load of doors and windows for Mr. Count's new house, which he expects soon to build.

The camp meeting closed Sunday night. The interest and attendance the last few nights were excellent. Rev. H. O. Henderson and wife did not get here, but Rev. F. M. Fisher came and preached some fine sermons, especially the two Sunday morning and evening. Our people were glad to hear him again as well as to have him and family visit with them. There were about fifteen conversions during the meetings, and a woman's missionary society was organized Sunday afternoon with the following officers and nineteen charter members, viz: Mrs. Nettie Myers, president; Mrs. Alice Malmstem, vice president; Mrs. Eva West, treasurer; Mrs. Anna Tracy, secretary, and Miss Bertha Keasey, corresponding secretary. Camp was broken Monday morning, the home folks taking up life at their various places of residence and the visitors returning to their homes in Portland.

There was a R. R. meeting at Zillgilt's Hall on Thursday of last week at 10 a. m., called by the committee to report progress and to get instructions from the people as to what further to do. The securing of the right of way has been rather slow, but the matter had progressed so far that the committee recommended the signing up of the contract guaranteeing the R. R. company the free right of way, but when the tes came only three responded, the point being raised that to guarantee the right of woy for the three miles beyond Vernonia, when it is not certain whether the road will go up Rock creek or down the Nehalem and when no survey has yet been made over either route, it would involve uncertainties which our people ought not undertake. So a motion was made to strike out of the contract submitted by the company all that pertaining to the right of way beyond Vernonia and to make the contract guarantee the right of way from the 20-Mile Station to Vernonia only, which was carried and with this done some twelve or fifeen signers were readily obtained. R. Sessegman, the chairman of the meeting, was then instructed to take the contract in this form to Buxton and present it to the R. R. people there. This he did on Friday, meeting Mr. Chas. J. Lytle, who will present it to the directors of the road and they will either accept it or order a survey made and the line located for the three miles beyond Vernonia. Thus the matter stands for the present. In the meantime the construction force are busy between Buxton and the 20-Mile Station and the engineering corps are pushing the survey with might and main locating the line to the Tillamook. Our prospects for the road, as we said two weeks ago, are just a little dubious. We believe, however, if the railroad people decide to build this way first, provided the free right of way is given, that our citizens will guarantee it, even to the three mile post beyond Vernonia, provided the line is surveyed and located that far. And this much we ought to do.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

All exhibits for the State Fair that can be sent in prior to September 5th should be sent to E. H. Flagg, St. Helens. After September 5th send them to E. H. Flagg, Columbia County's Exhibit, Fair Grounds, Oregon. Send in everything you can—grains, grasses, fruits, vegetables, hops, wool, hams, bacon—in fact every product of the farm. I want everybody's help in the work of making this exhibit a credit to the county. The management of the State Fair is offering substantial prizes for exhibits, and we are going to do our best to bring one of those prizes back to Columbia County.

I am offering a prize of $5 for the best exhibit of canned goods, preserves, jellies, etc. I will sell these goods for the best I can get for them and return the money to the exhibitor. Send in the good stuff at once. Put it aboard the boats, addressed to me.

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SUMMONS.

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

Jo-ne Cole, plaintiff, vs. W. A. Cole, defendant. To W. A. Cole, defendant in the above entitled suit:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required and commanded to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled suit between now and the fifth day of October, 1906.

Said suit is commenced by plaintiff against you for absolute divorce, and if you fail to answer between now and said time, for want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for an absolute divorce and dissolution of the marriage now existing between you and the said plaintiff.

This summons is served by publication in pursuance to an order made by the Honorable T. A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, dated August 16th, 1906, said order provides that the first publication of this summons shall be made on the 24th day of August, 1906, and that the last publication be made on the 5th day of October, 1906.

SPENCER & DAVIS,
Attorneys for plaintiff.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
Portland, Oregon, July 9, 1906.

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 Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Wm. H. Phelps, of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6987, for the purchase of the southwest ¼ of section No. 2, in Township No. 2 N., Range No. 2 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone, than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Portland, Oregon, on Friday, the 21st day of September, 1906.

He names as Witnesses: Harry C. Wehnpahl of Portland, W. O. Jeffs of Scappoose, M. O. Osterhout of Portland, A. Pierson of Portland.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 21st day September, 1906.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

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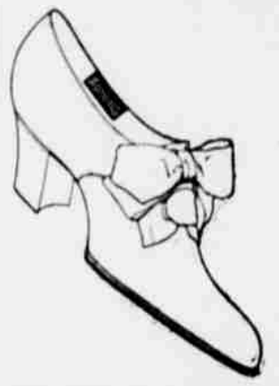

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