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IT TAKES GALL

In his office at Portland, on April 15, 1903, Mr. S. Benson wrote the following letter to the county commissioners of Columbia County:

PORT., ORE., Apr. 15, 1903.
County Commissioners Columbia Co.,
Rainier, Ore.;

Gentlemen: In building a railroad from Clatskanie in a southeasterly direction it became necessary to make a few little changes in the county road. This work has been completed and recently examined by your honorable body, and now we respectfully ask if this said change be accepted.

Yours respectfully,
S. BENSON.

Now, would'nt that jar you. "It became necessary," in the opinion of the Benson Logging Company, to make a few little changes in the county road, so these timber barons made them without asking the consent of the parties interested, and then summoned the county court to see what a good job they had done.

And they found a county court obliging enough to do just what the big corporation asked, for we find on page 270 of the Commissioners Journal E, the following entry:

In the matter of approving changes in county roads of R. D. No. 10, made by the Benson Logging and Lumbering Co.

On this day comes the Benson Logging and Lumbering Co. and presents to the Court its petition in writing, praying for an order of Court accepting and approving certain changes in route, etc., made by it in the county roads of road district No. 10; and the court, being satisfied that said changes in no way impair the utility of said roads, and being fully advised in the premises, it is ordered by the court that said changes as made by said The Benson Logging and Lumbering Company be and they are hereby accepted and improved.

What authority the court had to make such an order confiscating private property for the benefit of a corporation without any view, survey, appraisement, legal petition, or anything except the request of the Bensons we do not know. But this was not all. Having found such an easy court the Benson outfit pushed along a good thing by presenting a bill for $300 for work performed in making a few other "little changes" necessary for their welfare, and the court allowed it, conditioned upon the company presenting to the county a deed for the land taken without their consent from private parties.

The present county court will do well to put a stop to such raw work. There is a method prescribed by law for making changes in county roads and no county court has a right to accept a change made or attempted to be made, in any other manner. The farmers of Columbia County have some rights that even the Benson L. & L. Co. and other corporations may eventually find it expedient to respect.

Wm. Randolph Hearst appears to be cutting some figure in the presidential campaign back East. He has proven that Senator Foraker of Ohio was for years, according to his own admission and letters from the company's officials, the paid attorney of the Standard Oil Company. He should be prosecuted, as Senator Mitchell was prosecuted, for conspiracy against the Government. Mitchell's wrongdoing cost him everything he had, including his life, yet it was no worse than that of Senator Foraker, and probably many others of the distinguished senators of both parties who owe their election to the corporations and are their servants rather than the servants of the people. No stream can rise higher than its source, and so long as the United States Senators are elected by the present methods they will act in the interest of those who furnish the funds with which State legislatures are corrupted. Mr. Hearst has done good work for the country by exposing the methods of the Standard Oil Company, and he is entitled to the thanks of the people.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

It is hard to understand the contention of the Oregon authorities that they have the right to arrest citizens of Washington who are complying with the laws of that State regulating the salmon industry. Numerous arrests have been made and fish has been siezed by the Oregon officers on the claim that Oregon has "concurrent" jurisdiction with Washington over the Columbia River from shore to shore. No doubt of that, but what is "concurrent" jurisdiction? Webster's definition of concurrent is "joint and equal, exercising together, operating on the same object. The courts of the United States, and those of the States have, in some cases, current jurisdiction." The claim of the Oregon authorities seems to be that they have absolute and exclusive jurisdiction of the river and that they can compel the people of our neighbor state to obey Oregon laws, even when they conflict with the laws of Washington. The contention seems absurd and it is astonishing that Governor Chamberlain should attempt to sustain it. The outcome will doubtless be a victory for Washington and a big expense bill for Oregon.

TAFT'S FITNESS

President Roosevelt, on being informed of the nomination of Mr. Taft for the presidency, said

I feel that the country is indeed to be congratulated upon the nomination of Mr Taft. I have known him intimately for many for years and I have a peculiar feeling for him, because throughout that time we worked for the same object with the same purposes and ideals.

I do not believe there could be found in all the country a man so well fitted to be President.

He is not only absolutely fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nation's needs, without and within, and the broadest sympathies with all our citizens.

He would be as emphatically a President of the plain people as Lincoln, yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from from the taint of demagogy, the least tendency to arouse or appeal to class hatred of any kind.

He has a peculiar and intimate knowledge of and sympathy with the needs of all our people—of the farmer, of the wage worker, of the business man, of the property owner.

No matter what a man's occupation or social position, no matte what his creed, his color, or the section of the country from which he comes, if he is an honest, hard working man who tries to do his duty toward his neighbor and toward the country, he can rest assured that he will have in Mr. Taft the most upright of representatives and the most fearless of champions.

Mr. Taft stands against privileges and he stands pre-eminently for the broad principles of American citizenship which lie at the foundation of our national well being.

This is the opinion of a friend and partisan, who desires to see his own policies perpetuated by the next President of the United States. Standing by itself it has great weight. Because President Roosevelt's administration has the hearty indorsement of the great majority of the people. They believe him to be the greatest friend of the common people, who has occupied the White House since the days of Lincoln, and this is the belief of very many who do not find it necessary to indorse his every action. No man could have been either nominated or elected on the Republican ticket who did not agree with the President's policies in every vital respect.

But Mr. Taft's complete fitness for the Presidency is not only conceded by all Republicans, but it is distinctly admitted by the greatest of his opponents, Bourke Cochran, one of Democracy's greatest exponents, having stated in a recent interview that Taft is the best fitted for the position of any man the Republicans could possibly have named. In fact, no Republican could have claimed more for the ability and personal fitness of the candidate than did Democracy's spokesman.

Let it be admitted, then, that the candidates of the great parties are both sincere, honest, and able exponents of certain principles, and that their election means the carrying out of those principles. The contest, then, is between Republicanism and Democracy, and the result should not be doubtful. The only great reverse this country has suffered for many years came with the election of a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress, and there is every reason to believe the same result would follow Democratic success in November. Bryan heartily indorsed the Wilson bill and favored the unlimited free coinage of silver at a fixed ratio of 16 to 1, without regard to its bullion value. He may have changed his views upon these matters, but at no time has he admitted his error, merely claiming that the production of gold has supplied the necessary increase in the currency and that therefore the financial issue is not in the campaign. It is fair to infer, however, that if the production of gold decreases the silver question will again come to the front, and as Jefferson closed the mints to silver, so Bryan, if elected, may have the will and the power to cause free coinage by executive order, and would certainly, should a Democratic Congress be elected, urge the enactment of a free coinage law. The tariff would, of course, be revised, and the protective principle eliminated.

A vote for Bryan means a vote for free lumber, and, as lumber is the chief product of this county, if it is admitted that a reduction of the tariff means a reduction of prices, Democracy asks the people of Columbia County to vote themselves out of pocket several million dollars. Few deny that the present tariff laws need revising and reducing. There is an element in the Republican party that stands for the selfish interests of a certain class, but the same element exists and possibly will control the Democratic Congress, should one be elected, as it did control in the enactment of the infamous Wilson bill which President Cleveland refused to sign. Taken as a whole the policies of the Republican party are more acceptable to the people than those of its opponents, and the only hope of Democracy lies in the action of those who vote upon single issues, ignoring all else in the pursuit of their pet hobby.

Governor Chamberlain is billed to preside at a great Democratic rally in Portland today. We hope nothing will occur to prevent or mar his appearance.

PITTSBURG

Everyone is preparing for the big dance at Vernonia Friday.

Mrs. Albert Parker left Thursday for Portland where she will visit for a week or two.

Mrs. E. F. Nickerson of Vernonia was visiting with friends at Pittsburg Monday.

Mr. E. Mills and family returned Saturday after spending a week in Portland.

Mr. Frank King and crew are camped at Pittsburg this week.

Virgil Powell made a business trip to Clatskanie Thursday.

Miss Reina Armstrong returned to her home at Lents by way of Clatskanie Thursday.

Elliot & Pringle have almost completed their road contracts. This will make an almost unbroken stretch of graveled road for several miles.

Mrs. M. J. Powell was visiting with friends at Natal Wednesday.

Ray Mills has been running his brother's dairy ranch for the past week.

James Elliott and Virgil Powell made a flying trip to Vernonia Sunday.

Walter Parker has gone to Buxton to work on the railroad.

Miss Dottie Pringle is visiting with Mrs. Elliott this week.

Jack Ray is hauling hay from Cedar Nook Farm this week.

Dave Kay of Natal was in Pittsburg Sunday.

Miss Amanda Cheldelin of Vernonia passed through this burg Friday.

M. Hall of Vernonia made a trip to Clatskanie Wednesday.

Jack Ray of Oak Ranch purchased two fine Jersey calves at Cedar Nook Farm. Mr. Hall also invested in a Jersey cow.

OBSERVANT.

Young Thaw stands at the head of the brain-storm artists. He causes just as much trouble inside the asylum as he caused outside.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as trustee of and for W. D. Case, a bankrupt, will on and after October 10, 1908, sell at private sale all the right, title and interest of the said bankrupt, W. D. Case aforesaid, in and to the following described real property, situated in the county of Columbia, State of Oregon, subject to the confirmation of the United States District Court for Oregon, to wit: The Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter, the southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter and the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Twenty-three, in township one North Range four West of the Willamette Meridian. The said property has a mortgage of $600.00 in favor of the State Land Board, and the said bankrupt owns an undivided two-thirds interest of and in the whole of said property.

Bids in writing must be submitted to the undersigned at St. Helens, Oregon, accompanied by 10 per cent cash of the bid, in compliance with the order made at a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt.

WM. M. ROSS,
Trustee of W. D. Case in Bankruptcy.

Summons, and Notice of Registration Of Land Title

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

In the matter of the application of Sarah J. Gibson to have registered the title to the following described lots and tracts of land in the city of St. Helens, Columbia County, State of Oregon, to wit:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, of block 6; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, of block 76; Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, of block 79; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (being all) of block 80; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (being all) of block 81; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, of block 96; Lots 1, 2, 21, 22, of block 98; Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, of block 105; Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, of block 107; Lots 1, 2, 20, 21, 22, of block 108; Lots 1, 22, of block 111; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 (being all) of block 112; Lots 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, of block 122; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, (being all) of block 123; Lots 1, 22, of block 124; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, of block 126; Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, of block 129; Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of block 130, and all of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, of block 139 of said city.

Applicant

vs

E. A. Gray, Geo. H. Spring, The Ainsworth Company, Hannah Tryskiewicz and G. E. Freeman, Columbia County; J. B. Nicholas and Kate Nicholas, the City of St. Helens, Frank Wilkins, W. Frank, M. H. Bailey, The Oregon Wood Company, Samuel Kelley, and all others whom it may concern,

Defendants

To the above named defendants and all others whom it may concern

In the name of the State of Oregon:

You will take notice that on the 11th day of August, 1908, an application was filed by said Sarah J. Gibson in the circuit court of Columbia County, for initial registration of the title of the land above described.

Now unless you appear on or before the 20th day of September 1908 and answer or otherwise show cause why such application shall not be granted, the applicant will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the application, and such application will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered quieting the applicant's title and enjoining the same according to the prayer of the application and you will be forever barred from disputing the same and so much other and further relief as may seem equitable and proper.

This notice and summons is published in the Oregon Mist, a newspaper published in St. Helens in Columbia County, Oregon, once a week for six consecutive weeks by order of the Hon. James Dart, county judge of said county dated August 11, 1908, the first publication being August 14, 1908.

Witness my hand and seal of said court this 11th day of August, 1908.

W. A. HARRIS, Clerk.
H. B. NICHOLAS, Attorney for Applicant.

SUMMONS.

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

Eddie G. Brooks, plaintiff

vs

Loretta Brooks, defendant

To Loretta Brooks, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before saturday, oct. 17th, 1908, which is six weeks after Sept. 4th, 1908 the date ordered for the first publication of this notice, and if you fail to so appear and answer the plaintiff will apply for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to wit, for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between above named plaintiff and defendant and for such other and further relief as to the court seems meet and just.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable James Dart, judge of the County court made and entered on the 3rd day of September, 1908.

T. H. MCDEVITT, Jr.
Attorney for Plaintiff.

First publication Sept. 4th. Last publication Oct 16th 1908

Administrator's Notice of Sale

In the county court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia county.

In the matter of the estate of Margaret A. Wickersham, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of and by virtue of an order of the county court of the state of Oregon, for Columbia county, made on September 18, 1908, in the matter of the estate of Margaret A. Wickersham deceased, authorizing the administrator thereof to sell all the real property of said estate, hereinafter described, at private sale to the highest bidder, for cash in U. S. gold coin, and subject to confirmation by said county court, from and after saturday, the 26th day of October, 1908 continuing said sale until all of said real property, or so much thereof as is necessary to pay all charges, expenses, claims and liens against said estate have been paid, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Margaret A. Wickersham, deceased, at the time of her death and all the claim, title and interest that the said estate has since acquired by operation of law, or otherwise, in and to the following real property situate in Columbia County, Oregon:

Beginning at the southeast corner of the Donation Land Claim of David A. Cloninger and wife, being claim No. 44 in township 4 north range 1 west, and claim No. 37 in township 4 north, range 1 west, and claim No. 32 in township 4 north, range 1 west, and claim No. 33 in township 4 north range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian, and from thence running north 30 degrees east along the said Donation Land Claim line 80.10 chains to a post set for the initial point of this survey, and from thence running west 40.00 chains to the western limit of the Northern Pacific Railroad company's right of way to a fork, thence running north 18 degrees 15 min. east 3.30 chains along said western limit of said Northern Pacific Railroad Company's right of way thence running east 2.00 chains to the southeast corner of a tract of land known as the Bethard and Mary Balch tract formerly owned by Inman, thence running north 18 degrees 15 min. east 11.21 chains along the eastern line of said Balch tract to the partition line dividing said donation land claim of of David Cloninger and wife in two equal parts, thence running along said partition line east 40.00 chains to a post set on the eastern line of said claim, thence running south 30 degrees west 21.40 chains along the claim line to the place of beginning and containing 81.96 acres; excepting therefrom the right of way of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and also excepting therefrom the right of way of the county road leading from Portland to St. Helens, Oregon. Also

Beginning at a rock set at the northwest corner of the land deeded by Susan B. Shattuck to Letitia F. Stevens, said deed bearing date July 5, 1906, and being recorded at page 30 of deed book V, records of Columbia County, Oregon, and from said rock running east 7.00 chains to an ash tree to test in dispute of; thence south 19 degrees west 6.86 chains up the center of Scappoose Creek, thence south 25 degrees 15 minutes west 4 chains, thence south 3 degrees 30 minute east 2.14 chains, thence south 11 degrees 45 minutes west 2.76 chains to the center of the county road, thence north 68 degrees 30 minutes west 7.30 chains to the east boundary line of the Northern Pacific Railway Company's right of way, thence south 18 degrees 45 minutes east along said east boundary line of said right of way 7.61 chains to the place of beginning, and containing 7.34 acres, and being a part of the David A. Cloninger Donation Land Claim; also

Lot 2, in Block 3, in the town of Scappoose, as platted by W. W. West and wife.

Terms of sale: Cash in U. S. gold coin; ten per cent to accompany bid and balance on confirmation of sale, by said County Court. All bids to be directed to the undersigned, at Scappoose, Oregon, or at the office of Dillard & Day, St. Helens, Oregon.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, September 25, 1908.

ELGAR E. WICKERSHAM
Administrator of the estate of Margaret A. Wickersham, deceased.

First publication, Sept. 25, 1908.

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(Signed) FRANK
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the county court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.

In the matter of the estate of E. E. Quick, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of Columbia County, Oregon, administrator of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly vouched as required by law, at Meadows Dairy, Sauvies Island, Multnomah County, Oregon, within 6 months from the date hereof.

Dated at Sauvies Island, Columbia County, Oregon, this 24th day of July 1908.

L. P. BRANDT,
Administrator of the estate of E. E. Quick, deceased.