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THE VICTORIOUS COLONEL.

The Roosevelt-Barnes libel suit terminated in a complete victory for the Colonel and apparently if the jury had had the power they would have pinned a bouquet of white carnations on the Colonel's lapel.

Barnes got what was coming to him, for it was very apparent that he started that suit with the expectations of putting an end to Roosevelt. And behind Barnes there was doubtless quite a number of the old machine crowd of politicians whose burning desire was to tangle Roosevelt up in litigation in order to discredit him with the people and remove him from public life.

How well they have accomplished their purpose is shown by the unanimous expression of the jury in acquitting him of the charge.

During this trial Colonel Roosevelt has gained more friends, if such a thing is possible, than he had before. His leadership has been enhanced and those who were so anxious to discredit him, thus making it impossible for him to ever again run for the presidency, have given him a great boost in that direction.

SPLENDID ADVISE.

Rev. Clarke, of the Presbyterian church, delivered a splendid baccala-

reate sermon yesterday to the graduating class and an auditorium filled with citizens. His remarks were of remarkable merit and he spared nothing, but went straight to the center of the important questions that affect the young people. His talk will long be remembered by the older people as well as the thirty-five graduates.

Editor Chapman jitneyized his Voter last week and gave a very good exposition of the way the new method of transportation is being received in many of the cities. It was noticeable that some of the cities that have passed stringent laws against the jitney buss are boss-ridden cities, and the presumption can easily be formed from reading some of the regulations imposed that street car companies have something to do with city politics.

The Portland Journal complains that some of the counties in Oregon have been overcharged by newspapers publishing the delinquent tax list. If such is true, steps should be taken by the courts to correct any such irregularity. However, Col. Jackson, of the Journal, might possibly be indignant because the Journal did not get the Multnomah contract for publishing the tax list. Such might be the case. We do not claim that it is the case.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has come out squarely in favor of block pavement. If such a pavement should be adopted in Multnomah, watch the enthusiasm and patriotism of some of the good roads boosters dwindle. Cement and asphalt are made outside of Oregon, hence there is a chance of big profits in handling these commodities. Wood blocks are made in Oregon by Oregon sawmills and Oregon labor, and everyone will know about what they should cost.

The enthusiasm of the "Speed 'Em Up" boys is not faltering. On the other hand it seems to be increasing.

LOST—Crochet gown yoke, between Chas. Gore residence on Second street and the railroad tracks. 5-24-2t.

LEGAL NEWS.

Conveyances.

Chris Lund et ux to Mat Coalwell \$550. Warranty deed conveys tract beg at SW cor of lot 1 blk 4 in Helson add to La Grande run then N 56 ft then E 102 ft then S 56 ft then W 102 ft to beg.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

M. L. Gibbs to Chris Lund et ux Release mtg dated 10th July 1913 recorded bk 454 of mtg pag 347 and covering lots 1 and 2 in blk 4 in Helson add to La Grande Ore.

Probate Proceedings.

In the matter of the guardianship of Hattie Myers et al James A Jones appointed guardian upon filing bond in sum of \$200.

In the matter of the estate of Chas Myers. James A Jones appointed administrator bond fixed at \$750.

In the matter of the adoption of Tom Maurer. Petition for adoption granted.

In the matter of the guardianship of Royal Speirman James Ainsworth appointed guardian. Bond approved in sum of \$1000.

In the matter of the guardianship of John R Little et al. Sammie Small appointed guardian upon filing bond in sum of \$2500.

Conveyances.

May 20, 1915—Franklin Truax to Alice L. Signs. \$500. Warranty Deed Conveys:—N. W. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 S. W. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 and W. 1-2 of S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 1, and N. 1-2 of N. E. 1-4 and S. 1-2 of N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 2, all in Tp. 2 S. R. 35, E.

J. F. Phy et ux to Dulcie F Kivette \$1. etc. Warranty Deed. Conveys:—N. 1-2 of lots 1 and 2 in Blk 90 Chaplin's Add. to La Grande, Oregon.

Wm. O. Parks, et ux and Thos. E. Parks to ux to L. J. Bibler \$400. Warranty Deed Conveys:—Thact Leg. 8 ft N. from S. E. cor. of Blk. 16 Stevenson's Add. to Elgin, on N. side of Main street, run them W. 65 1-2 ft. then N. 37 ft. then E. 65 1-2 ft. then S. 37 ft. to beg.

D. H. Layne, et ux to Leroy Lay. \$200 Warranty Deed Conveys:—5-8 of an acre, described by metes and bounds in N. E. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 21, Tp. 3S. R. 40, E.

James E. Stevens of Hill St. in Cove Ore. described by metes and bounds.

E. E. Ingram, et ux to Mildred F. Van Housen. \$30 Warranty Deed Conveys:—All right in and to party wall and lands included located upon Lot 16 and 5 1-2 ft. off of E. side of Lot 17 N. side of Main street in Elgin Oregon.

Frank Parker et ux to E. C. Ryder and Turner Oliver \$100 Warranty Deed. Conveys:—All interest in and to Lots 5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-15-16-17-18 and E. 1-2 of 20, (also all of Lot 19), all in block 138 Chaplin's Add. to La Grande.

N. J. McDonald and Charlie McDonald her husb. to Franklin Truax \$300 Warranty Deed Conveys:—W. 1-2 of N. W. 1-4 and W. 1-2 of S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 1, and N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 2, in Tp. 2S. R. 35, E.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

Portland Cattle Loan Company to T. N. Proffitt and F. E. Stilwell Releases mtg dated 18th Nov. 1914, recorded Bk. 10 page 456 and covering some 300 hd. of cows.

La Grande Printing Co. to Bruce Dennis, 1 Model 10 Mergenthaler Linotype Machine, with motor and accessories.

Bills For Sale

Karl A. Haag to L. B. Hyatt, \$1.00 etc. 1 Russell Traction Engine 16 h.p. 1 advance Separator and other equipment. Bk. C. P. 78

Hilgard Resident Here.

W. J. Salling, a resident of the Hilgard district, is a business visitor in the city today.

Notice of Proposed Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that the Committee on Estimates, appointed by the commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, to make an examination of the property, upon which assessments are to be levied to pay the costs and expenses of the street improvement hereinafter described, as to the valuation and extent, if any of the benefits to be derived by said property by reason of said improvement, have made their report in writing to said Commission, which report has been received by said Commission, and is on file in the office of the Recorder of said city, and is open for your inspection. That it is the intention of the said Commission to levy a special assessment against all the property hereinafter described for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of improving the alley in block 107, of Chaplin's Addition to the City of La Grande, Oregon, between Washington Avenue and Adams Avenue, said improvement extending from the southeasterly property line of Elm Street to the northwest property line of Fir Street, by grading said alley in said block 107, in said Chaplin's Addition, to the proper sub-grade and constructing thereon a concrete pavement, twenty feet in width between the property lines in said alley and constructing the proper catch basins and pipes for drainage purposes, according to the plans and specifications therefor heretofore adopted by said Commission and on file in the office of the Recorder of said city.

That the real property included in and the boundaries of the district benefited and affected by said proposed improvement are as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of block 107 of Chaplin's Addition to the Town of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, and running thence southerly along the west line of Fir Street to the southeast corner of said block; thence northwesterly along the north line of Washington Avenue to the southwest corner of said block; thence northeasterly along the east line of Elm street to the northwest corner of said block and thence southeasterly along the south line of Adams Avenue to the place of beginning, all in

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the City of La Grande, Oregon, and the estimated cost of said proposed improvement is \$850.00.

You will further take notice that said City Commission will meet at the Commission Chamber in the City Building of said city on the 26th day of May, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. of said day to consider making said proposed levy and will then and there grant a hearing to any and all persons feeling aggrieved against, or on account of, said proposed assessment.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 13th day of May, 1915.

CITY COMMISSION OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.
 By LEE WARNICK,

(Signed)
 Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.
 5-14-10t.

BATH TUB MURDERS TRIED.

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Thornhill Smith, the only woman of the six who is entitled to bear the sinister name of George Joseph Smith, is now here from Canada, and will testify in the trial. Ten years later Smith met Edith Mabel Begler at Bristol. He made a whirlwind courtship. Women always, it seems, gave in to him; their wills were as nothing, in his hands. The trial will show that he was always able to make them say his words and even to think his thoughts.

The murders were always very similar. The following story of how the Revall murder is indicative of all, the murders always taking place in a lodging house or hotel:

It was on Sept. 17, 1914, that the Revall wedding took place, but three months later, to a day, he was married to Margaret Elizabeth Lofly, at Bath. They went to Helson's on their wedding trip. Arriving there that night and taking a house in which there was a bathtub. In the morning after breakfast, the new "wife" went to a lawyer and made out a will, giving all she had, \$3,500, to Smith, in the event of her death. That afternoon the "bride" and her "husband" went for a walk. When they returned the girl told the landlady she wished for a bath. The landlady drew the water and then went downstairs. Smith entered the kitchen, after the landlady had heard the front door slam.

This time Smith fooled the landlady with tomatoes, as he had fooled another landlady, on a similar occasion, with eggs.

"I've just been down to the market to get some tomatoes for my wife. Now I'm going to run upstairs to see how she is getting along."

Half way up the stairs, the landlady heard him shout his wife's name. Then she heard him cry, "My God! She doesn't answer."

Again the unlocked bathroom door. Smith's women never turned the key in the bathroom. A boarder rushed up. There was Smith, holding the head of the nude, dead woman.



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