

LUMBER FIRMS SEEK REDUCTION

Testimony Taken in Wallowa County In Suit for Lower Taxes by Three Companies.

ENTERPRISE, Mar. 12.—Testimony was taken yesterday before Edward G. Brown as referee in the suit brought by the George Palmer Lumber company, the Grande Ronde Lumber company, and the Nibley-Minnisbach Lumber company against the county seeking a reduction in 1922 taxes. The case is in the circuit court and the testimony taken by Mr. Brown will be submitted to Judge J. W. Knowles.

In 1920 the assessed valuation on timber lands in the county was \$7,500,000. The three companies appealed to the circuit court from the finding of the board of equalization, alleging that the 1920 assessment was too high.

W. S. Burleigh represented the county at the hearing and presented evidence that timber lands were bought and sold at prices much higher than \$10 an acre in 1920. D. W. Shahan and C. H. Finn are counsel for the lumber companies.

NEW OPERATOR IS ON DUTY

(Special to The Observer)
COVE, Mar. 12.—The schools closed this morning to remain closed until the 20th, due to a few cases of diphtheria. Mrs. E. F. Roberts is ill with the disease, also Archer Antles, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Antles. The cases are quarantined.

Miss Helen Cowgill of O. A. C. was here yesterday looking into the school club work.

Mrs. Cora Bloom has moved into the telephone office and now has full charge of the work. Mrs. Nellie Marten, who has been the efficient central for several years, has moved into her own residence but will assist Mrs. Bloom in the work of the office.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY PASSES ON

COVE, Mar. 12.—Robert Orin Baker, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baker, passed away at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baker, at 5 o'clock March 7th, 1922, from pneumonia. He was born near Cove, January 27, 1918, and was 4 years, one month and 11 days old. His mother, Mrs. R. J. Baker, was laid to rest on March 4th, and he leaves his father, a brother and sister, besides other relatives. The remains were laid to rest beside his mother in Cove cemetery at 11:59 Wednesday morning.

They are not dead, they have but passed beyond the mists that blind us here, into the new and larger life of that serene sphere.

The funeral service for Mrs. Nathaniel Horton was held from the Baptist church at 2 o'clock Wednesday. The burial was made in Cove cemetery. Mrs. Horton was 75 years old and passed away at Hot Lake Sunday evening.

Several members of the R. I. Baker family are seriously ill with the prevailing malady.

Mrs. E. F. Roberts is ill at her home with Dr. Gilmore of Union in attendance.

Archer Antles is on the sick list. A. L. Hartley attended the public sale near Island City on Wednesday.

Ray Barker returned to his home in Salem after visiting with relatives a few days.

The Bookworm

Sherwood Anderson, author of the "Poor White" and "Triumph of the Egg" is the American prize writer for 1921. The Dial is offering an annual award of \$2,000 in recognition of the service to letters rendered by some young American writer. The Nation in an editorial comment on this first award says: "He is original, powerful, experimental. At times his ideas have outrun his style, and at other times his style has outrun his ideas. He has broadened so cooperatively over his matter that he has made it now possible to read his work with a new interest. In his latest book, however, 'Triumph of the Egg,' he has brought beauty and passion and reflection together and given them masterful form and our line of the Dial's award each year.

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Mr. Anderson was born in Ohio in 1876. The family was extremely poor. The father, a harness maker, was a feeble, improvident fellow, inclined to stretch the truth in statements, loving to swagger before his fellow townsmen, but averse to losing an occasional battle with the demon rum. In "Men Who Make our Novels," he goes on to tell how in his boyhood he became known as Jobby Anderson, because of his homeliness for any job that presented itself. When sixteen years old he went to Chicago and worked four or five years as a common laborer. The Spanish war saved him from this rut, for on his return he got into the advertising business and has been a writer of advertising ever since, with the exception of a few years when he attempted manufacturing and failed at it. The impulse to write novels came during this business failure as a form of relaxation from business worries. To his amazement his writing proved good.

A Buffalo book dealer tells of a customer who came rushing into the shop not long ago in apparent excitement. "I've been to the dentist," he cried, "and I want six copies of a book he has in his waiting room!" The book proved to be Hugh Lofting's "Story of Doctor Doolittle." This book has been in our public library for some time but appears to have been overlooked by the public. In a questionnaire sent to twelve leading children's librarians throughout the country as to the best children's book of the year, eleven out of the twelve placed the "Story of Dr. Doolittle" at the top of the list.

INDIANS STILL QUARRELING

(By Associated Press)
MUSKOGEE, Okla., Mar. 12.—Fourteen hundred members of the Choctaw Indian tribe residing in the state of Mississippi are in a deplorable condition, in the opinion of Peter J. Hudson of Muskogee, member of the Oklahoma Choctaw tribe, who has returned from a month's mission among the Mississippi Indians. Mr. Hudson and the late Monsignor W. H. Ketcham of Oklahoma City were delegated by Indian Commissioner Burke to make an investigation of the condition of the tribe in that state. Monsignor Ketcham died suddenly at Philadelphia, Miss., while engaged in the work.

The 1,400 Mississippi Choctaws are divided into ten clans and they are constantly quarreling, according to Mr. Hudson. Originally their ancestors were members of the Choctaw tribe that migrated to Indian Territory in the early 30's. They have made no progressive steps in the past 100 years, Mr. Hudson says, and he declares their greatest need is education. Their sole occupation is farming and as such they are tenant farmers of whites.

"I am firmly convinced that by education alone can the customs and habits of a hundred years' standing be broken," says Mr. Hudson.

FREE SEEDS RESTORED.
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—The house put back into the agricultural appropriation bill Thursday the \$900,000 item for free seed, which was cut out by the committee in framing the measure.

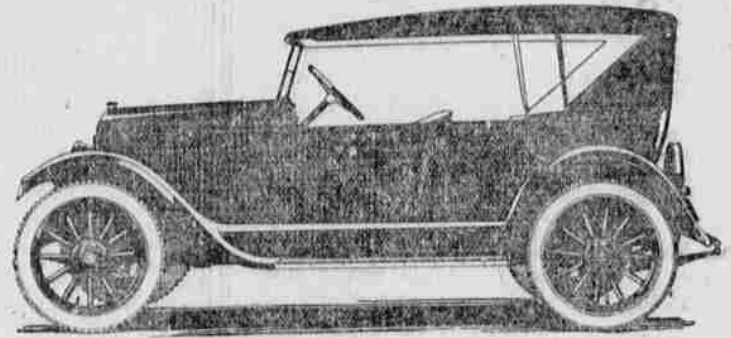
GANGSTER WINS.
(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 12.—The district court of appeals Thursday reversed and remanded the conviction of Thomas Brady on a charge of attacking Miss Jean Stanley during an orgy of a criminal gang here, November, 1920.

PROBE BEGINS.
(By Associated Press)
JACKSON, Miss., Mar. 12.—Investigation of Governor Russell's charge that fire insurance interests maintained a pernicious lobby at the legislature and were responsible for the \$100,000 damage suit alleging seduction against him, began Thursday.

BLAST KILLS FARMER.
(By Associated Press)
DAYTON, Ore., Mar. 12.—Frank Stephens, a farmer, 65 years of age, was killed by an explosion while blasting stumps. He has lived in this region since a young man.

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WATSON FUNERAL TO BE TUESDAY

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The funeral services will take

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place from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will be interred in the Masonic cemetery.

William Birton Watson was born at Fairfield, Iowa, April 2, 1876. He came to the Grande Ronde valley with his father and mother in 1872 and was one of the old timers of this valley. At one time he owned a store at Kamela but for the past two years he has been foreman Kamela. His health began to fail so he left for Amity, Oregon, where he owned land and was erecting a house when he was stricken with heart trouble and died suddenly, Friday night at 9 o'clock.

Claude Damerell left La Grande Saturday to bring his body home via service will be held Tuesday, March 14th, at 2 o'clock from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman parlors. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Watson leaves four sisters and one brother, Mrs. David Day, of Portland; Mrs. Mattie Cook, of La Grande, with whom he made his home while here; Mrs. Frankie DeBols, of Eagle; Mrs. Emma Banker, of Portland; and Lou Watson, of Lodi, California.

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