

High Compliment to Mr. Tongue.

The Indian War Veterans of Washington County, at a meeting held in Hillsboro on Saturday last, for the purpose of formulating plans for applying for pensions under the recent act of Congress, showed their appreciation of the efforts of Congressman Tongue by unanimously passing the following resolutions:

"We, the undersigned, constituting the Indian War Veterans of Washington County, Or., being fully cognizant of the untiring efforts of our congressman, Hon. T. H. Tongue, to secure for the Indian War Veterans those rights which are granted to soldiers of all wars, and being grateful for the efforts which have led to success in pensions being granted to them, do, irrespective of party, here resolve:

"That, inasmuch as Mr. Tongue is found all the qualifications necessary for a successful representative of a state of the great Northwest, we do hereby give him a vote of confidence and ask the Washington County legislative delegation to support him for the high office of United States senator, and to that end we pledge our influence and our support for his elevation to that honorable position, which, in our opinion, he has earned by his indefatigable efforts."

The resolution was introduced by W. H. H. Myers, of Forest Grove, a staunch Democrat, and supported by everyone present regardless of politics. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Tongue, who was present, said:

"I am not a candidate for the United States senate in any manner. There are gentlemen who are candidates for that position who are personal and political friends of mine, and whose aspirations I could not and shall not antagonize. It would be ungrateful on my part to do so. They have assisted in securing my election, and I certainly cannot antagonize their political aspirations. Besides, the people of this district have been very kind to me. It would be ungrateful to them to indicate in any way that I am not content with the position to which they have elected me with such a handsome majority. Fidelity to my friends and gratitude to the voters of the First Congressional District both preclude me from being a candidate for the United States senate. As an expression of your good feeling it would not be objectionable, rather gratifying, but I hope you will not take this resolution for more than this."

The above expression is what might have been expected from Thomas H. Tongue. Loyalty to his friends and his party has been characteristic in his career, both public and private. Mr. Tongue would receive strong support all over the state should he allow his name to be used as a candidate for senator, as there are more people than his neighbors of Washington County who regard him as peculiarly fitted for the duties of that office; but he feels that in justice to himself and those who aided in his election that he could not aspire to the senatorship now as he is right as he usually is.



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The MAIL has the news.

That Assessment.

The Enquirer has discovered a mare's nest in the assessment of the county. In the issue of June 28th it makes a number of fearful and wonderful (mis) statements. The first is that "if reports are to be relied on Assessor Pendleton is making from 30 to 40 per cent reduction in valuation." Well, reports are not to be relied on in this case. Assessor Pendleton tells us that when his assessment roll is completed it will probably show an average reduction of from 12 to 15 per cent. He is making this reduction in an endeavor to more nearly equalize valuations in property throughout the county, not in an attempt "to square himself" as the Enquirer states. Mr. Pendleton has done nothing during his term of office that needs "squaring." He is "square" in his dealing, both public and private.

Horace threatens that the people of Jackson County will raise a disturbance if there is any reduction in railroad valuation. There is no special necessity of anyone donning war paint on this account, as there is no likelihood of any such action or the part of the assessor. Jackson County has nothing to kick about on the railroad taxes. The county has the highest railroad valuation of any county in the state and really ought to be satisfied with that. In speaking of the assessment of last year Horace says Mr. Pendleton "never stopped to think when making the assessment last year of the seven mill and extra levy." Now, in that little sentence, Mann does one of three things. He either gives Mr. Pendleton credit for more than usual foresight; presumes on the ignorance of his readers, or himself is ignorant of the fact that the levy was made by the county court in January, 1902, while Mr. Pendleton had finished his assessment of the county in September, 1901.

The accusation that Mr. Pendleton, by the valuation placed on property by him, is responsible in any way for an increase in taxes throughout the county is absurd. Probably instances might be found where one man's taxes had been increased proportionately more than another's, but the very few changes made by the county board of equalization shows that these cases were not so numerous as they might have been. The duties of an assessor consist of placing a valuation on property within the county for purposes of taxation. Whether his valuation be high or low, it will make no difference in the amount the taxpayer will be compelled to pay, if the assessment is equitable, and no one claims that this one was not. The county court settles that part of it, the assessor has nothing whatever to do with it. At the January term of county commissioners court an estimate is made of the amount of money necessary to meet expenses for the year and a sufficient levy is made to raise that amount from the taxable property in the county, as shown by the assessment roll. If the valuation is large the levy will be low, if valuation is small the levy will be high, but whether high or low each taxpayer must pay an amount in proportion to the amount of property he owns. Last year Mr. Pendleton started in to raise valuations on property in the county with the assurance that the levy made by the county commissioners court would be lowered in proportion. The levy was made one mill lower and would have been still more so, but for various conditions, an increase in state taxes being one of them, something beyond the control of county officials, and the consequence was the taxes were more than they had been. If Mr. Pendleton had placed the same valuation on property as he did the year before the levy would have been still higher, but the amount of taxes paid by each taxpayer would have been about the same. When the Enquirer says that "some have expressed the opinion that the levy he (Pendleton) is now making will not next year meet the county's expenses," he surely knows that the man who makes a remark like that doesn't know what he is talking about. Mr. Pendleton does not make a levy, he makes an assessment—places a valuation on the property—and it lies with the county commissioners court to make a levy on that valuation sufficient to raise money for the county's needs. Besides, Horace didn't have to rely on reports about this thing. He sees Mr. Pendleton every few days, and could have gotten his information first hand, instead of relying on street-corner gossip.

"Ham" Wolters Is Dead.

The following two items are taken from a San Francisco paper: INJURED IN RUNAWAY.

"H. H. Wolters, a sand teamster, of 9 Folsom street, was driving yesterday morning when his team ran away. He was thrown violently to the corner of Webster and Chestnut streets and removed to the Central Emergency hospital, suffering from a fracture of the left leg and bruises on the head, face and scalp."

"Died—Wolters—In this city, June 24, Herman H. Wolters, a native of New York City, aged 46 years and 11 months."

The deceased was formerly a resident of Medford, where he was at one time engaged in business. He was among the very first business men to open shop in the city. He was a brother of Merchant C. W. Wolters, of Talent.

A Model East Side Home.

On the invitation of Jas. G. Smith and W. R. Phillips, a representative of THE MAIL took a stroll last Friday over their fine places at Knob Hill, in East Medford. These gentlemen are retired miners and while not claiming to be agricultural experts, they are putting into effect ideas that are making their places that any up-to-date farmer could pattern after. One noticeable thing that is wanting in so many farms is the perfect order in which all implements and things about the farm are kept, for everything has its place and is there when not in use, and being properly cared for and housed there is not that improvident waste practiced by so many farmers. And another thing that is noticeable is the thoroughness in which all work is done for there is no evidence of slipshod methods and put-up-for-tomorrow style of work about their places. The buildings which they have put up are models of convenience and good appearance. One of the things that they have done that is especially appreciated by residents of East Medford is the filling up of a swamp near the county road, which was a breeding place for mosquitoes and frogs. To make this fill they hauled in 1033 loads of earth, which they got by stripping the dirt from above the rock of a quarry of fine sand stone, which Mr. Smith has on his place. Another work of a public nature that they have done was to put in an eighth of a mile of sidewalk along a wet section of the public road. The material used was crushed sandstone and it has made a smooth, durable walk. Mr. Smith has a fine orchard on his place, which consists of forty acres, some of which is planted to pears, prunes, peaches and cherries and the fine condition that his trees are in would be a credit to a professional orchardist.

An Up-To-Date Gallery.

THE MEDFORD MAIL, newsman, in his search for the ever elusive news item, visited the photographic gallery, recently built by R. Vinton Beall, on his father's (R. V. Beall) place three miles north of Medford. The building is 16x24 feet, with 12 feet walls, and no ceiling to interfere with his light arrangements, which are absolutely perfect, having sky and side lights in plenty which, with curtains and backgrounds, enable him to control the light and this prevents his pictures from being rendered unrightly by one side being too dark and the other too light. His largest camera cost \$95 and the lens for it cost \$135 in New York City, and it is of the best make on the market. He has his studio well supplied with all the accessories that add to the unique effects, desired by many persons in their photos.

Mr. Beall is a graduate of the Illinois College of Photography, taking the full two years' course.

At the close of his school work he was instructor in carbons for several months, after which he went to Asheville, N. C., and then returned to Oregon, for he was not content except in old Jackson County. At the college he learned photography as an art, for in addition to being an expert in all the mechanical details, he thoroughly understands posing, a feature little understood by many photographers, as is proven by the awkward figures made by many persons who have been posed by them. Mr. Beall does all the latest in photography, including carbons, platinotypes, platinos, veloxes, opals and transparencies.

Mr. Beall is also a practical chemist and has quite a laboratory in his dark room, which is one of the most complete in Oregon. Mr. Beall's work speaks for itself, for it is equal to the best that is done in any of the galleries in this state.

Out For Pleasure and Business.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Murphy, of Medford, and their sons, Will, Thomas and Omer, and Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, of Monmouth, and their daughters, Lennie, Inez and Mary, and son, Charles, left Medford Saturday for a trip to Crater Lake and Fort Klamath. The party goes first to Crater Lake, where a stop of a few days will be made, then they go to Fort Klamath, from which place John Murphy and his family will return to Medford, and then to their home at Monmouth, which place they expect to reach the last of August, their haste being made necessary by the fact that Miss Lennie Murphy has a position in the Spokane school, requiring her presence in that city early in September. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Murphy and their sons will remain at Fort Klamath and put in a couple of months haying, they having a big contract for a cattle ranch.

The University of Oregon.

The University of Oregon will open its twenty-seventh session at Eugene, Wednesday, September 17th. The outlook for the year seems at present very promising. A number of new men have been added to the faculty, all thoroughly fitted both by preparation and by experience for their work. The University buildings are being repaired and improved during the summer, the dormitory, gymnasium and Deady hall receiving special attention.

Students intending to enter this fall are invited to correspond with the president relative to their work. Catalogues will cheerfully be sent on application.

Dates to Remember.

- July 26—Indian War Veterans, of Southern Oregon, meet at Wilson's Opera House, Medford, at 1 o'clock p. m.
July 31—Grand opening ball, Wilson's new opera house.
September 4th—Southern Oregon Pioneers Association meets at Jacksonville.
September - -Southern Oregon Native Sons and Daughters Association meet at Jacksonville.
September 15-20—Southern Oregon Old Soldiers and Sailors' Association meet in annual encampment at Gold Hill.
September - -Annual convention of School directors and clerks of Jackson County, to be held at Medford by Supt. P. H. Daily.
October - -Annual Teachers Institute for Jackson County, to be held by Supt. P. H. Daily at Medford.

The Work of a Mad Bull.

Early Friday morning Dr Shearer was called to Antelope to attend Henry Holst, who had been severely injured by a bull on the previous evening. That evening (Thursday) Mr. Holst had gone to the corral to milk the cows, taking the place of his wife, who usually milked, but who was then in bed suffering from injuries received from the same bull, on the previous evening when the bull had butted her through a fence and down the creek bank and into the water, she making her escape by keeping to the creek and crawling out through the brush unobserved by the ferocious bull, and he had no sooner entered the cow yard when the bull made a lunge at him and knocked him down. His wife heard his cries and getting out of bed set the dog on the bull, which then left the man to fight the dog, otherwise Mr. Holst would have been killed. The bull had been dehorned, so not being able to horn him, he viciously butted him, smashing him to the ground and rolling him over and over in his frantic efforts to kill. The bull going to the other part of the lot after the dog, Mr. Holst was able to crawl away and to the house.

Last Saturday the bull was killed, for he had been a danger for months previous, he being a high grade Jersey and naturally cross.

For the four days following the attack Mr. Holst was in a very critical condition and Dr. Shearer despaired of saving his life, but yesterday (Thursday) the doctor found his patient very much improved with fair prospects for his recovery.

A Handsome and Unique Bungalow.

C. H. Lewis, who is one of Portland's leading merchants, and who last year bought the splendid orchard south of Medford, known as the Weeks & Orr orchard, has let the contract to G. L. Schermerhorn to erect for him at his orchard a cottage, or rather a bungalow, for in style it will be entirely different from any residence about Medford, being more like a bungalow of India. It will be 31x32 1/2 feet, one story, but with 12 foot walls. There will be a board porch along two sides of the building and on the side facing Medford will be a balcony of a design both unique and handsome, differing from anything in that line in Oregon. A fireplace 3x8 feet will add comfort and good cheer to this model home.

The bungalow will sit on an eminence in the center of the big orchard and from the balcony, a magnificent view can be had of the Rogue river valley, dotted with towns and orchards, with historic old Table Rock in the distance, and the Cascade and Umpqua mountains to the east and the north, while to the south Wagner butte and the foothills of the Siskiyou can plainly be seen.

Mr. Lewis had an eye to value when he purchased that big orchard and he certainly had an eye to the beautiful view he selected the site and the design for his dwelling house upon it.

Hotel Nash Improvements.

It is about settled that the Nash hotel is to be rebuilt and made into a modern hotel. Architect I. A. Palmer is now making preliminary drawings so as to ascertain the approximate cost of the improvements, after which Capt. J. T. C. Nash will decide whether he will rebuild or not, but it is almost certain that the improvements will be made. Mr. Palmer's plans call for an entire rearrangement of the building. The hotel office will be in the middle of the Seventh street front, with the saloon on the corner and the barber shop to be between the office and the meat market which will remain where it is. The dining room will front on D street and it and the kitchen will occupy the entire south side of the building. The ladies' parlor will be enlarged and made more convenient. A third story will be added to the building and the unsightly balcony to the second story will be removed. It is Mr. Palmer's plan in so far as it can be carried out to make Hotel Nash into a well arranged convenient hotel and to be a building, the appearance of which will be a credit to Medford.

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League Party. The M. E. Church needs a new carpet and the Leagueers need a good time, and in view of this fact there will be a ten cent party at the home of Mrs. J. Owens this, Friday evening, July 25th, to which the public is cordially invited. A most interesting program has been arranged and a good time is promised. Bring an extra nickel for lemonade. Nothing little but the price.

Property to Exchange. Ten acres of fine California fruit land, valued at \$2000; beautiful, well improved city property in San Diego, valued at \$1500; also 500 acres unimproved land in Kentucky, valued at \$10 per acre. Will exchange all or any part for Southern Oregon improved or unimproved ranch property of equal value. W. C. PURDIN, Jacksonville, Oregon

GOOD MEN WANTED. Good laborers and teamsters can secure employment at any time at Fish Lake ditch camp, three miles above Brownsboro. Wages \$1.75 per day; board \$3.25 per week. D. E. MORRIS, Superintendent of Construction.

Resolution of Condolence. The following resolutions were adopted by Reames Chapter, No. 66, O. E. S.:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from the active duties of life to the spiritual realm of love, our beloved sister, Jessie I. Hammond, and

WHEREAS, In her death our chapter has sustained the loss of a good member and her family a devoted mother; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to the bereaved family our deep sympathy and mourn with them in their great loss. ETTA M. VAWTER, NELLIE WHITMAN, NELLIE MCGOWAN.

A Trainload of Artillerymen. A special train passed north last Friday having on board the 63d and 71st U. S. Artillery, there being 215 men in the two companies. These batteries returned from the Philippines eight months ago and since then they have been doing guard duty at the Alcatraz military prison, San Francisco. Their present destination is Fort Casey, on the Sound, above Seattle, where they will do garrison duty, and incidentally do some manual labor by way of mounting some heavy seacoast guns of the most modern type.

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