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GETS BUSY AT SALEM

Bills Recently Introduced by Jackson County's Delegation.

House Bill No. 109, introduced by Carlin, providing for a uniform acknowledgment of deeds, was passed by the House recently after a dissenting vote. The acknowledgment provided in the bill, is one that has been adopted in a great many of the States and is advocated by the American Bar Association and will tend to repeal a number of dead sections of the code and provide a uniform acknowledgment.

The bill of John Carlin to allow County funds to be deposited and draw interest was passed at second reading recently by the House and referred to the Committee on Banking. This measure is expected to receive favorable consideration as there is a recognized need for some method by which county funds may be made to draw interest and must save the tax payer large amounts and also to keep county officials from mingling the county money with their own funds. These objects are accomplished by the bill which is modeled on that of a number of the middle central States where it has worked out to good advantage. It is understood that the smaller counties over the state are advocating Mr. Carlin's plan.

The County Bonding Act introduced in the House by Reames of Jackson has been put aside by the Committee on Roads and Highways, in favor of the Grange County Bonding Act, for the present, being the one that was up in the last session of the Legislature. The Grange is very strong and decided in road matters and it is hard to tell what the outcome will be. It is hoped by those interested in the Pacific Highway, and other trunk lines, to be able to get some sort of a State Highway Commission and either a millage tax, or a small bond issue, to start the good roads movement; but a great many of the farming districts, not understanding, are opposing State aid of any kind while an equally large number, who have been unfortunate in the expenditure of money by their county authorities, favor State aid and will oppose all efforts for a County Bonding Act.

Mr. Westerlund has introduced a bill that is much needed, allowing precincts to vote, upon the question of stock running at large, at special elections if so desired. This makes the present act, which allows the voting upon such questions only at the general elections, more elastic, and

will be of great benefit to the Republican people of Jackson County.

Mr. Westerlund has also introduced a measure providing for the inspection of fresh meat in incorporated towns and cities.

A similar measure to the last has also been introduced into the Senate.

Appeal Murder Cases.

A writ of probable cause has been granted the attorneys for Mike Spanos and Frank Sevmour, now under sentence of death for the murder of George Dedaskalous, by Judge F. M. Calkins, which will automatically postpone the date of execution, February 14 for 60 days in order to give the attorneys time in which to perfect their appeal to the supreme court. As the supreme court will probably delay some time in passing on the appeal the two will probably not be executed until late in the summer even if a new trial be denied.

A transcript of each case is now being prepared. The appeal will probably be perfected some time late in February or early in March.—Tribune.

Fruit Men Plan Warehouse.

The Rogue River Valley Co-operative Fruit association met Saturday afternoon in the basement of the library building for the purpose of discussing their future plans and adopting by-laws. Forty-five members were present, consisting of the board of directors, who are as follows: J. A. Perry, S. A. Nye, E. W. Stone, W. H. Brown, D. E. Phipps, J. G. Gore, H. A. Grey and Mr. Allison.

The directors contemplate building a new warehouse, where they may store their apples in the winter, and in addition to this, a packing house will be built. The board of directors will meet next week and will discuss the matter as to how they are to raise funds for their new building and where they can secure the best location.

Several matters of interest were discussed yesterday at the meeting, one of them being the fact that fruit boxes can be secured at a much less cost by the various orders being combined into one order.

Mr. Perry stated that the future outlook for the sale of pears was good and that he could almost assure the growers of the valley that before a great while he could market their pears at from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per box.

With prospects for a future irrigation system and the interurban railroad Mr. Perry and other prominent men of the valley look forward to a prosperous year.—Sun.

BAKERY CHANGES HANDS

T. L. DeVore Purchases Local Bakery from R. C. Jorgensen.

R. C. Jorgensen of Medford this week sold his branch bakery in this city to T. L. DeVore, who will conduct the business at the old stand. Mr. DeVore has made arrangements to obtain his supply of bread, cakes, pies, etc., for the present, at least, from Mr. Jorgensen's bakery at Medford. He will also carry a line of canned goods and delicatessen and hopes to enjoy a continuation of the patronage heretofore accorded the store.

Mr. DeVore formerly conducted a furniture business here and is well known to our people. The Post wishes him success in his new venture.

WAR IN BALKANS

Fighting Resumed. Greeks Blow up Turkish Fortress.

London, Jan. 29.—Definitely breaking negotiations with Turkey Premier Venizelos of Greece will leave London Friday and will report to King George at Athens. The royal command came to Venizelos today. The other Greek envoys, were also ordered to leave.

Athens, Jan. 29.—Anticipating a rupture of the Balkan-Turkish armistice the Greek army, Crown Prince Constantine commanding, attacked the Bisani fortifications, near Janina, yesterday, blowing up a powder magazine and killing many Turks. The fighting lasted from early morning until midnight.

Constantinople, Jan. 29.—War in the Balkans will be resumed if peace hinges on the ceding of Adrianople and the Aegean islands to the Balkan states.

This is made plain in the answer the Porte is drafting today to the powers' note which suggested that Turkey comply with the principles outlined by the Balkan plenipotentiaries at the London peace conferences. Semi-official announcement to this effect was made here this afternoon.

The young Turk leaders are anxiously awaiting the predicted coming to Constantinople of the fourth army corps, reported en route from the Tshatalja forts, to restore the recent ministry, headed by Kiamil Pasha, to power. Although Enver Bey and other young Turk leaders scouted the report it is generally credited in foreign circles.

PLAN NEW SYSTEM

Of Collecting Taxes. Will Mean Great Saving to County in Time and Labor.

Deputy Sheriff E. M. Wilson, who handles all business pertaining to tax collections is preparing to introduce a new system at the sheriff's office, whereby he expects to perform the work this year at a great saving to the county in time, money and labor. This speaks well for Mr. Wilson's resourcefulness, considering the fact that the amount paid in for taxes gains heavily in volume each year, as the following figures will show:

Taxes collected in 1910, \$374,615.25
Taxes collected in 1911, \$482,624.39
Taxes collected in 1912, \$729,549.56
The amount paid in as taxes in 1912 being an increase of more than 95 per cent over the sum paid in 1910.

On account of the magnitude of tax business handled last year and also because of the adoption of the block system of making up tax rolls which, although the safer and surer system, is in some respects, cumbersome, it was found necessary to employ an extra force of deputies in the sheriff's office. Under the new system, by doing away with a great deal of clerical work, Mr. Wilson expects to handle the work this year with very little extra help.

If present plans materialize, by the first of March tax receipts covering every piece of taxable property in the county will be written. These receipts will be undated, unnumbered and unsigned and will virtually be statements. Upon payment of the amount of tax called for on the face of these statements, they will be dated, numbered and signed and will become receipts. In this instance alone the clerical work is cut down one-half, as heretofore statements were first issued and upon a property holder paying his taxes a description of his property was also written on his receipt.

Under the new system no copies of the tax rolls will be furnished the different banks. This does not mean that property owners residing at a distance will be obliged to travel to the county seat to pay their taxes. Any such property holder upon applying to the sheriff's office will be furnished a statement-receipt, containing a description of his property and the amount of taxes due, this he can take to his bank and upon payment of the amount called for, the bank will forward the receipt, together with a deposit slip to the sheriff's office. There the receipt will be dated, numbered and signed and returned to the tax payer.

Last year a force of six deputies was kept busy for two weeks preparing copies of the tax rolls for different banks of the county. This year there will be no such copies prepared.

Work of extending the tax rolls is progressing rapidly and the rolls will probably be in the sheriff's hands by the 15th of this month.

RAILROAD RUMOR

Says Contract Let for Hill Road From Bend.

Dr. J. L. Helms returned Thursday night from San Francisco, where he has been on business for the last week, and reports that rumors of railroad activity in Southern Oregon the coming spring and summer are thick around the employment offices of the Bay City. According to Dr. Helms, a friend of his—an employment agent—told him that another firm was trying to secure men for the Utah Construction company of Salt Lake City, to build a railroad from Bend to Medford. Bend is the central Oregon terminus of the Hill line, and a recent press dispatch from there confirms this report, and that the contract has been let for the work.

This work would likely mean that the Hill lines would build their line from Bend to Butte Falls and come into Medford over the Pacific & Eastern, and proceed westward over the survey of the Medford and Crescent City road to the coast. The last named road is now engaged in making a survey down the Applegate. Another party is working on the west side of the Siskiyou mountains, with the Cook and Green Pass as the objective point. This pass is the lowest elevation of any practical cut through the mountains.

Colonel Mundy of the Minney Realty company at Oakland, holders of a franchise for an electric line in the Rogue River valley, and Attorney W. V. Lower are in San Francisco arranging

ing the preliminary details for the beginning of construction work.

It is the consensus of opinion that much of this development work hinges upon the success of the irrigation project, and that the Hill interests are waiting to see if they will receive any aid in offering inducements to colonists before making any announcement regarding their plans.

Other Medford people returning from the California metropolis said last night that the opinion was strong in labor circles and around employment agencies that work would be plentiful in the Rogue River valley this year.—Sun.

BETS GLASS OF SODA WATER

Portland Detective in Trouble at Grants Pass.

Grants Pass, Jan. 28.—The case against E. Gardner, the Portland detective charged with having contributed to the delinquency of a minor in having bet a drink of soda water with Willard Crawford aged 17 years, was called in Judge Jewell's court at 10:30 Monday morning. Prosecuting Attorney Kelly is appearing for the state while the defense is in the hands of Attorney Oliver S. Brown and Robert G. Smith. At the morning session the defense attorneys demurred to the complaint, holding that the betting of a glass of soda water was too trivial to constitute an offense, and that the act could not contribute to the delinquency of a seventeen-year-old boy. The demurrer was promptly overruled by Judge Jewell. The defense then asked for a change of venue, alleging that the court was prejudiced and could not give the defendant a fair trial, producing the letter which Judge Jewell had published in the Courier following the convictions in the police court for gambling, as indicating his condition of mind. The request for change of venue was denied, the judge stating that he felt that he could give Gardner a fair and impartial trial, and that he could rise above personal feelings in the matter.

A jury was demanded, and six men will be chosen from the regular circuit court panel.

Death Calls Pioneer's Daughter.

Mrs. J. M. Bridges of Medford suddenly dropped dead at 10 o'clock Monday morning while visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Laughlin, on south Oakdale. Death was caused by a hemorrhage. Mrs. Bridges has been ill for some time, but seemed as well as usual Monday morning.

It was recently arranged to take her to California for her health and she was planning on going in a few days. She was formerly Miss Mildred Mattney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mattney of Applegate. She was well known in Grants Pass and had many friends in the valley. Mrs. Bridges leaves a husband and two small children. At the time of her death Mr. Bridges was at Roseburg, but arrived in Medford on the late train Monday night. Interment was made in the Logtown cemetery Tuesday.

War on Digger Squirrels.

Willow Springs Grange has inaugurated a campaign against the digger squirrels in the Willow Springs region. Plans are being developed which, if carried out, will result in the extermination of practically all the squirrels in the 5000 acres, more or less, lying between Bear creek and the western foothills and extending from Central Point to Toio. To accomplish this a wagon load of poisoned grain will be necessary.

The bureau of biological survey, Washington, D. C., has issued a formula for squirrel poison that has proved extremely effective in California, and this poison the grange will prepare and sell it to members and others at a very low figure.

The idea is meeting with general approval, and the co-operation of every ranchman in the territory indicated is expected. Messrs. R. W. Eiken, E. T. Neal and D. W. Stone are the committee in charge of the campaign.—Sun.

Fire Destroys Roseburg Mills.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 28.—The plant of the Roseburg Flouring mills is today a complete loss as a result of a fire which started from a defective flue. Damage \$10,000. The mills were a landmark, having been built in 1853.

DENIES REQUEST FOR RISE

Recorder Calvig Declares Tribune Statement Without Foundation.

On the 28th an editorial in the Mail Tribune, entitled, "Trying to Get Their Salaries Raised," stated that the county recorder was attempting to "raid" the county treasury by trying to get his salary raised through the legislature.

I want to state right here that I can prove by every member of the legislature that the statement is absolutely without foundation.

It was stated in the same article that in 1912 the recorder's office cost the taxpayers \$694 for extra deputy hire. Before I go any further I will give you a statement of what the recorder's office did in 1912.

We filed and recorded 6767 instruments.

Collected and paid into the treasury \$6531.

Paid out for salaries and deputy hire \$3550.

Leaving a net balance of nearly \$3000 clear money, which we paid into the treasury. So you see the office is more than self-sustaining, and I can prove by any person who has any business with the office that it would be absolutely impossible to conduct the office and keep the business up to date, the way it has been kept, with a smaller force than we have at the present.

Benton Bowers Loses Again.

The supreme court Tuesday afternoon denied a rehearing in the case of Benton Bowers vs J. R. Neil, county judge, et al, in which Bowers endeavored to prevent the county from paying its share of the cost of the construction of a new bridge over Bear creek on East Main street in this city. Each party is to pay its own costs. This means that the suit costs the taxpayers of Jackson county about \$175.

The petition for a rehearing was made by Benton Bowers after a futile attempt to have the county pay all of the costs, threatening if they did not he would again hold up the payment for the bridge by the county until a petition for a rehearing was heard. County Judge Neil refused to pay the costs as demanded and a petition for a rehearing was filed which has just been denied.

By his action in presenting the petition Bowers hoped to save himself several hundred dollars but succeeded in saving about \$175 which will little more than pay his attorney fees for handling the petition for rehearing.—Tribune.

Lineman's Feet Frozen.

Howard Hicks, son of Ernest Hicks of Ashland, is at Yreka, Cal., suffering from a pair of frozen feet acquired in a strenuous experience in the Siskiyou. In company with W. J. Mooney of Medford, Howard was "shooting" trouble on the "high line" between this city and Fall Creek for the California-Oregon Power Company. In their work they took horses as far as possible from the place where they were putting up and then went to the line on snowshoes. One evening last week they reached their horses with their feet wet from contact with the snow. After a three-mile ride through the snow Mr. Hicks' feet were found to be badly frozen. It was thought that a part of one or both feet would have to be amputated, but later reports bring the good news that all of both feet will be saved.

The snow is so deep along the high line that it is possible in some places to step over the wires strung at the top of the 35-foot steel towers, the snow being 30 to 34 feet deep.—Tidings.

Escaped Lunatic Creates Scen.

Sheburn, Or., Jan. 27.—A patient who had escaped from the asylum at Salem created a scene here this morning. He claimed to have special instructions from Jesus Christ to stop at the hotel to receive a package sent to him by President Taft. He was held until the arrival of Deputies Wedde and Lindley, who took him in charge.

Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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