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Items of Interest to Jackson County

Tax Payers

CIRCUIT COURT

W. I. Vawter as executor vs A. L. Hazelton. Satisfaction of judgment.

Lexington Realty Co. vs Patterson & Birmingham. Order dismissing cause.

F. B. Cremer vs George H. Stowell. Order dismissing cause.

George F. King vs Otto Breyman et al. Order for publication of summons.

Same vs Wm. L. Lindsley et al. Same order.

A. H. Miller et al vs Harriet Scholz. Judgment.

Joseph Schoonover vs Lewis Sivers. Order overruling demurrer.

Henry W. Heizenreter vs George G. Graham et al. Order for publication of summons.

Delia J. Faulk vs Clarence E. Faulk. Order for suit money.

F. L. TouVelle vs Sooy-Smith. Order of default. Decree.

Almira Wilson vs Geo. C. Wilson. Decree.

James MacClintock vs F. H. Cobb et al. Affidavit and order for dismissal.

COUNTY COURT

In the matter of the estate and guardianship of Nancy Clearwater, an incapable person. Order appointing appraisers.

In the matter of the estate of William C. Bartlett deceased. Inventory and appraisal filed.

In the matter of the estate of John A. Norling deceased. Inventory and appraisal filed.

In the matter of the estate of Fenton M. Bagley, deceased. Inventory and appraisal filed.

In the matter of the estate of Wm. S. Stett deceased. Inventory and appraisal filed.

In the matter of the estate of William M. Garrett, deceased. Inventory and appraisal filed.

In the matter of the estate of Harry A. Walker, a minor. Order for hearing on final account.

In the matter of the estate of Albert Coffman deceased. Order settling final account.

W. H. Edmonds vs Nuera Mining & Milling Co. Claim of lien filed.

In the matter of the estate of James Cook deceased. Order fixing time and place for final hearing.

Corrupt Practice Act

For the information of our readers we publish the following extract from the law defining corrupt practices in nominations and elections:

Lords Oregon Laws, Section 3517.— "No publisher of a newspaper or other periodical shall insert, either in its advertising or reading columns, any paid matter which is designed to aid, injure or defeat any candidate or political party or organization, or measure before the people, unless it is stated therein that it is a paid advertisement, the name of the chairman or secretary, or the names of the other officers of the political or other organization inserting the same, or the name of some voter who is responsible therefor, with his residence and the street and number thereof, if any appear in such advertisement in the nature of a signature."

"Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be punished as for a corrupt practice."

Industrial Fairs

Office of County School Supt. Jacksonville, Ore., Feb. 16, 1914

To Teachers: It has been arranged to have Mr. L. P. Harrington, Field Worker for Industrial Fairs for the State Department of Education, in Jackson county for the two weeks following Feb. 23, for the purpose of organizing Boys and Girls Industrial Clubs. Mr. Harrington will visit as many schools as possible while in the county, and will also hold a number of evening meetings. The following program will be carried out, though it may be possible that some of the places cannot be reached just on schedule time. However, we will do the best we can to be at the schools at the time designated.

Monday Feb. 23rd.

Sams Valley School No. 20, 9:00 a. m.; Chaparral School No. 52, 11:30 a. m.

THE MAN WITH THE WOODEN LEG

By M. QUAD

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Of the six passengers who alighted from the stagecoach at the Acorn inn, in Blissfield, one April evening, one was a man with a wooden leg. The stranger registered as John Gordon of Chicago, and when he gave out that he might remain in Blissfield for several weeks, everybody wondered what business could have brought him there. After three or four days it leaked out that the man was a government agent, who had come to watch the men who had been stealing timber off certain lands. That gave him increased respect, and yet even I, a schoolboy, noticing the man's steel gray eyes, firm set jaw and thin lips, could have told that he was cruel, if not bad hearted.

He had lost his left leg at the knee, and the substitute was not a cork leg, but a crotch and a stick—the plainest and cheapest sort of an affair. His dress was also very plain, his speech that of the common order.

"The man with the wooden leg," as he came to be generally spoken of, had been in town about a week when one of the leading merchants was robbed of about a thousand dollars in cash. The local constable did a great deal of talking, but struck no clew, and in his desperation he asked Gordon to assist him, believing no doubt that a government officer of any sort ought to be more or less posted in detective work. Gordon seemed to think the matter over for awhile and then replied:

"The case is as plain as the nose on your face. The merchant's son took the money, and after this thing quiets down he will go off to St. Louis to have a good time. I'd stake my life he's got every dollar of the missing cash securely hidden away somewhere."

Ten or twelve days passed, and then came a terrible tragedy.

The richest man in Blissfield was Squire Hightus. He owned the woolen mill, a store and several houses and had money to lend. He was a widower, but lived with his son and wife. His room was on the ground floor, while all others slept upstairs. He had no safe, but kept his money in a tin box on a shelf in a closet. He had a bank account over at Medina, ten miles away, but often had \$1,000 or more in the house. One evening when the others were ready to go to bed he announced that he had some business to attend to and was seated at his desk in the sitting room when the others retired. About midnight the daughter-in-law heard a fall and a groan downstairs, and when her husband went down to investigate the squire was found dead on the floor, having been stabbed no less than five times in the body.

House and grounds were searched, but the murderer had escaped, and he had also taken with him the cash box, which contained about \$700.

Gordon seemed to take a lively interest in the murder. No outside help would have been called in and the murderer might have gone his way but for the arrival of another stranger. He was, as it happened, a first class detective, who was just then employed in tracing a missing man. The crime was a day old when he reached Blissfield. He heard all the particulars from the homagers at the inn and then volunteered to look the ground over.

This was a courtesy on his part which the sheriff could not refuse, and after supper he was taken to the house.

The tracks in the garden were still fresh when the detective took hold of the work, and in three minutes he had made up his mind to something. He had little to say to any of the men, explaining that he had not yet completed his investigations, but as he left the house to return to the inn, while I followed at a respectful distance, he turned down a quiet lane, beckoned me to follow, and when we were alone he lighted his pipe and asked:

"Boy, do you know any man in town who is lame in the left leg?"

I answered in the negative, but added that there was a man with a wooden leg at the inn. He at once began to question me about this man, not yet having seen him himself, and I told him all I knew and all I had heard of course he told me nothing in return. Though I heard him chuckling to himself, and his face betrayed the fact that he was pleased about something, I acted as his guide to the jail, and when in the presence of the sheriff he said:

"I want you to go with me to over-haul the man with the wooden leg at the tavern."

The sheriff, detective and constable, with two or three other citizens, proceeded to the inn and to Gordon's room. He was cool and quiet and offered cigars all around, but those who were watching him saw him grow pale as the sheriff began by begging his pardon and hoped no offense would be taken, but would let them look at his wooden leg.

Gordon favored and bluffed and wrenched for his pistol under his pillow when the detective seized him. When they had him securely bound they unstrapped his wooden leg, and lo, his left foot was there as right as any man's.

Yes, he was the man who had robbed the merchant and the postmaster, and he was also the murderer of Squire Hightus. On the evidence worked up by the detective in a couple of hours' time Gordon was tried, convicted and hanged, and every dollar of the stolen money went back to the rightful owners.

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2 Bars at \$1500 Each

Clatskanie, Or., Feb. 19—At the last meeting of the Council an ordinance was framed with an emergency clause, causing it to go into immediate effect, raising the license fee, selling liquor from \$800 to \$1500 a year and limiting the number of licenses to two. At the city election held last April, the city was voted dry by a large majority and the Circuit Court rendered a favorable decision in the matter but before the County Court made declaration there was an adverse decision rendered by the Supreme Court in the Sellwood case, which set aside the County Court's decision and no declaration has ever been made. The Council has maintained a wet majority throughout the year.

Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of January, Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

DATE	MAX. MIN.	MIN. MAX.	PRECIP.	CHARACTER OF DAY
1	48	38	.07	clear
2	48	37	.93	clear
3	53	36		clear
4	63	42		clear
5	62	45		clear
6	56	36		clear
7	67	42	.24	clear
8	44	32	.05	clear
9	37	23		partly cloudy
10	48	30		partly cloudy
11	51	31		partly cloudy
12	51	37		partly cloudy
13	46	34	.48	clear
14	46	37	.30	clear
15	42	30		clear
16	47	36	1.09	clear
17	46	33	1.17	clear
18	42	21	.62	clear
19	44	20		clear
20	40	38	.39	clear
21	46	38	.72	partly cloudy
22	41	38	.97	partly cloudy
23	47	47	.32	partly cloudy
24	35	36		clear
25	40	35		clear
26	39	33		clear
27	37	26		clear
28	40	31		clear
29	40	31		clear
30	47	35	.13	clear
31	48	31		clear

Temperature—mean max. 47.22; mean min. 34.12; mean 40.67. Max. 63 on 4. Minimum, 23, on 9th. Greatest daily range, 21. Total precipitation 8.21 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, 1.17 in. on 21. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 16, clear, 2; partly cloudy, 7; cloudy, 22.

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