

At the County Court House Pert Paragraphs About Public People

County Court

The county court with Judge Gardner and Commissioners Owens and Bursell present met in regular monthly session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Routine business was transacted and bills paid.

The county court has issued an order requiring Sheriff Terrill to continue the sale of real property foreclosed on by the county for taxes, for 30 days. This sale was to have been made on September 10th but has been unavoidably postponed. About 1000 parcels of land in various parts of the county are affected.

Improvement work on the Dead Indian road between Ashland and Lake of the Woods, including 4½ mile cut off which reduces the grade from 24 per cent to a maximum of 10 per cent, has been completed and the road thrown open for traffic.

Jasten Hartman and sons recently completed the construction of three substantial wooden bridges on the Green Springs Mountain Highway between Ashland and Klamath Falls.

Work on that section of the Ashland Klamath Falls highway between the summit of Green Springs mountain and Jamie creek is rapidly nearing completion and that section of the highway will shortly be thrown open.

School Supt's Office

The school superintendent's office is sending the following letter to club members:

Dear Club Leader or Club Member: The Jackson County Educational Exhibits and Industrial Club contests are to be held in Medford on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 20-21.

This means that your reports need to be finished immediately and sent to Corvallis so they may be returned to us and registered before the dates given above. Do not stop short of the finish. Awards can go only to those with complete reports. "Come in on the home run" and meet us at the fair with your exhibit on that Tuesday.

Every Club and every individual at work on the various projects, corn growing, potato growing, gardening, poultry raising, pork production, canning, calf raising, sheep raising, home making, sewing, cookery, should claim space for the exhibit they have. Plan to have your exhibit on hand and in place Tuesday morning, Sept. 20.

Watch the paper for the announcement of the building in Medford which will be used for the exhibits. Let your club leader arrange about details.

Experienced judges will make the awards on the last day. From the exhibits which receive awards selections will be made to go with the car of Jackson county exhibits to the State Fair.

If you have poultry, rabbits, or live stock, please send feed for the two

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days and we shall see that the animals are properly fed and cared for. If you have no way of getting your exhibit to the fair, please notify us and we may be able to help you.

Admission is free to school children. We are asking that the school children having a creditable exhibit shall not be counted absent if at the fair one day.

As a club member you have a chance for the free trip to the Oregon State Fair and admission to the State Fair Camp for boys and girls. It is worth aiming for.

Assessors Office

Assessor J. B. Coleman states that all unsecured personal property taxes unpaid by the 15th inst. will be certified to the sheriff for collection. Personal property taxes collected by Mr. Coleman amount to about \$15000 approximately half of the amount due and collectable.

Assessor J. B. Coleman county Treasurer A. C. Walker and attorney F. J. Newman of Medford returned Monday from a two days hunting trip in the vicinity of prospect, minus venison. It is said that the county officials took Attorney Newman along with the hope of smiting the frolicsome buck with a death dealing weight of legal lore but the aforesaid animals refused to stay in one piece long enough to serve a summons upon them.

County Clerk

Miss Alice Poor who was taken suddenly ill while engaged in her duties as deputy in the county Clerk's office Thursday, is convalescing at her home in Ashland and it is expected, will resume her position in a few days.

Miss McIntosh, one of the deputy clerk's is absent on a weeks vacation. She expects to return Monday.

Behind the Bars

Peter F. Strauff, known as "Dutch Pete" and Frank Kodat convicted at the May term of court of attempting to rob the Gold Hill bank on the night of April 13th last, have withdrawn their appeal to the supreme court for a new trial and will shortly begin serving sentences of five years each at the state penitentiary. Strauff and Kodat, who have been confined in the county jail since their arrest, a day or two after the attempted burglary, stoutly maintain that they are not guilty of the crime and offered testimony that they were in a Medford lodging house at the time of its commission. It is said that the two men pin more or less faith on possible action of the pardon board and that a number of influential Medford and Portland people have requested Governor Olcott to investigate the case.

Because he indulged in an auto ride at Ashland without the car owners consent, Anthony Reardon will be Sheriff Terrill's guest for 30 days. Reardon has been incarcerated in the county hoosgow for a couple of months past, waiting trial for the offense.

James Burke, convicted of forgery committed at Medford, was sentenced this week to two years imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Salem.

I. L. Coffman, at present spending an enforced and unenjoyable vacation at Hotel de Terail objects, kicks, strenuously and justifiably at being termed a "bootlegger." An indulgence in the gentle art of "moonshining" not "bootlegging," is the cause of his incarceration. Our mistake, Ike.

"500" Company Oil Prospects Promising

Local members of the "500" Co-Operative Oil & Refining Co., which has 5000 acres of oil lands in Siskiyou County, Cal. under lease, will be pleased to learn that there is good prospects of striking the fluid that made John D. famous on their holdings.

Mr. Hughes the driller in charge reports that the company's first well is now down over 500 feet and is showing every indication of the presence of oil. The drillers are working night and day shifts and are sinking from 10 feet to 12 feet every 24 hours.

An expert who made a preliminary survey of the company's holdings predicted that oil would be struck in that locality at a depth of about 700 feet.

FOR SALE—One two horse spring wagon, cheap SEE—W. R. Spisk

The River Fight

By B. F. Lindas

There is living in Jacksonville today an old pioneer who engaged in one of the strangest Indian fights that, perhaps, ever occurred in the wild and woolly west. He had been one of the earliest settlers in the Valley and saw the town when it was at the very height of its glory. He knew all the unique characters that made the Oregon gold-fields so distinctive in its romance and story, and he stayed, with many of the others, until the lure of more distant fields drew them from the hills and valleys of the Rogue.

It was in the sixties when he, with a number of companions, left Jacksonville to try their luck in the new fields of Idaho and Montana. They left in early spring and rode and walked for several weeks without any adventure befalling them. The Indians in Oregon were on their good behavior and in fact they had an Indian guide who led them through the mountain passes and across the desert land of Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

But it was not long before they began to hear tales of depredations that the red-skins in Montana had been guilty of. They began to hear of isolated settlers being attacked and murdered; they heard of prospectors being way-laid and pioneers massacred, and of the outrages that usually occurred when bands of Indian started on the war path. But they forged ahead, keeping a close watch for any hostile savages until finally they reached the banks of the Missouri, that wound its way through the foothills, and the forests that here and there lined its shores.

And there it was they heard definite news of the roving bands that were causing so much trouble. They had a large camp on the banks of the river not many miles below; they lined both banks and woe betide the hapless adventurer who tried to paddle his way down the murky waters of the Big Muddy. Many men had already died but none had come back. They had been killed by the Indians as they passed the dense thicket where the encampment was hidden.

But this old Oregon pioneer and his companions were not dismayed by the tales they had heard. They

would run the gamut. It would save them hundreds of miles and they were not going to be turned back by fear of the red-skin. That night they held a counsel of war and finally a plan was suggested that was put into immediate execution. They built a huge raft from the trees about them. On the raft they erected a substantial cabin, or box, built of solid logs with only a loophole for hole for the guns. Into this box crept the dozen men with instructions not to fire until they were so close that they were sure of their man. The raft was cut loose and slowly they drifted down the stream. All went well with them until that afternoon when they noticed straight ahead of them some strange objects in the river. They appeared in the distance to be huge tubs, but as they got closer they discovered them to be peculiar, circular boats loaded with Indians. They stretched almost across the river.

There was no stopping now. The men loaded their guns and quietly waited until they were so close to the Indians as to almost touch them, when a volley blazed forth from the raft. It took the red-skins completely by surprise. Some of the Indians tumbled headlong into the water unsetting their frail craft as they fell. Coolly and carefully the white men kept up a steady fire until nearly every Indian craft had capsized and at least a hundred Indians were struggling in the water. Some tried to board the raft but the men beat them off with their oars. Only a few of them ever reached the shore alive and after the raft had reached a safe landing around the bend of the river, it was found that not one man in this improvised gunboat had been slain.

The party from Jacksonville was gone for over a year, and they say that upon their return they were told that the Indians never molested another traveler on the river.

The survivor of this sensational encounter is still hale and hearty, and he will tell you confidentially that of all the places in these early days, there were none with the charm, the good-fellowship and the hearty spirit of the pioneer as old Jacksonville.

Mankins Mine Bonded \$30,000

Messrs Mankins & Bell bonded their mine, situated in the Poorman's district about three miles from Jacksonville, to Clark & Childers of Medford for the sum of \$30,000 this week, contracts covering the deal having been made Tuesday.

Considerable development work, consisting of two shafts and between 250 and 300 feet of tunnel have been done on the mine and a large body of ore estimated to average \$50 per ton in gold uncovered.

Henry Mankins, one of the former owners of the property, expressed the conviction that the mine is destined to become one of the big producers of the district. Mankins & Bell valued the property at a much higher figure but owing to illness of members of the firm and the fact that they have other prospects which they desired to develop Clark & Childers offer was closed with.

The signed agreement stipulates that the bonding parties must start work on the mine by the first of October and are likewise required to work a crew of men at least 20 shifts in each 30 days. It is reported that Clark & Childers are considering the feasibility of erecting a stamp mill on the property in the near future.

Result Of Home Brew

Sombody sent the editor of the Picketown Gazette a few bottles of home brew. The same day he received for publication a wedding announcement and a notice of an auction sale. Here are the results.

"Wm. Smith and Miss Lucy Anderson were disposed of at public auction at my farm one mile east of a beautiful cluster of roses on her breast and two white calves before a background of farm implements too numerous to mention in the presence of about seventy guests including two milk cows, six minks and one bob sled. Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot with 200 feet of bay rope and the bride couple left on one good John Deere Gang plow

Brief News Items of the State Doings in Neighboring Communities

ASHLAND, Or.—Members of the Soldiers' and Sailors' association of Southern Oregon and their wives were the guests of honor at a noon luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce at Ashland Tuesday. The dining room was crowded with more than 100 seated. Fifty-seven veterans of the G. A. R. and their wives also were guests.

PORTLAND, Or.—Portland will be Pacific Coast headquarters for the P. N. Gray Company, Inc., of New York, and the J. Rosenbaum Grain company, of Chicago, large wheat exporting concerns, under the firm name of Gray-Rosenbaum Grain Co., Inc., of Oregon, according to announcement of Charles W. Baum, a member of the firm.

It is the plan of the company to buy heavily of wheat for export in the Northwest and to ship it through Pacific Northwest ports to foreign countries. Announced plans are that 90 per cent of the wheat the firm exports will be routed through Portland, and that it will move in bulk through the 800,000-bushel grain elevator at municipal terminal No. 4. The remaining 10 per cent probably will be shipped through Puget sound ports.

EUGENE, Or.—The airplane forest observers Sunday reported 19 fires on the south patrol and five on the northern route, the most in a single day since the middle of the summer. Only one covering 20 acres southwest of Mehama, on the northern patrol, was said to be serious. Timber and underbrush are reported to be very dry now and many more fires are looked for during the next few days, unless there is a rain.

HUBBARD, Ore.—From three to four tons of blackberries are now being received daily at the local branch station of the Oregon Packing company. The blackberry crop, it is estimated has been bringing in the growers in the Hubbard vicinity a year and it is expected that it will \$3000.

PORTLAND, Or.—Having sold \$3.35 a year ago and a low price of fifty carloads of the 1921 crop of prunes at opening prices, the Oregon Grovers' Co-operative association has more than 2,500,000 pounds or nearly 3000 tons of prunes on the market. More than 2,500,000 pounds or nearly fifty carloads were sold at opening prices and no more orders for future delivery will be booked at present.

The association has developed forty carload markets during the last temporarily withdrawn its new crop have difficulty in meeting the demand for Mistland prunes this year on account of the light yield which is expected.

PORTLAND, Or.—Arrival in Portland harbor of the bark Berlin with the season's pack of 53,000 cases of salmon from Alaska brought announcement from the management of the Alaska-Portland Packer's association that at least half of the cargo will be reshipped immediately to Eastern markets. Salmon is now in brisk demand at current prices of \$2.35 a case, compared with a top price of \$2 after the slump. Production costs were lower this season and a fair profit will be realized from the season's operations. The remainder of the cargo is expected to be moved at higher prices than that part of it which is to be transhipped at once.

SALEM, Or.—The longest state highway in the United States completed on permanent lines and grades became open along its entire course Monday when the Oregon highway department removed the last obstacle in the Columbia River highway at the point known as Cape Horn, between The Dalles and the Deschutes river.

Portland, Or.—Airplane patrol of the national forests of Oregon and Washington will be discontinued September 10, according to an announcement made by Shirley Buck, head of the operations division of the United States forest service.

The patrol has maintained bases at Portland, Eugene and Medford in Oregon and at Camp Lewis in Washington. Daily flights were made during the fire season, with the exception of the time of the gasoline shortage in August, to locate fires. The record of the patrol, which was in its third year, was very good, according to service officials, as the efficiency of the observers had reached a point higher than at any other season.

The planes, operated by the army, will be sent back to Mather field, near Sacramento, as soon as the bases are broken up. From forecasts it is believed that this year will be the last of the air patrol, as congress failed to appropriate funds for such operation next year.

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