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BODIES OF WRECK VICTIMS TAKEN OUT

The bodies of three of the victims of the Santa Clara wreck have passed through Florence on the way out for burial.

Saturday night the bodies of Mrs. B. Cullen, of Portland, and Mrs. M. Duin, of Butte, Montana, arrived by stage from Marshfield and were taken to Cushman Sunday morning. Tuesday the body of Mrs. B. J. Calbeck, of Salem arrived and was taken to Cushman the same day.

NATURALIZED CITIZENS MUST PROVE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE

All naturalized citizens of Lane county will have to prove, to the satisfaction of the county clerk, that they have been naturalized, or their names will be stricken from the register books.

This is compliance with the state law passed at the last session of the legislature. It demands that all citizens naturalized, either by marriage or by declaration, exhibit proof of such naturalization to the county clerk. In compliance with this law notices are being sent out by Stacy M. Russell, county clerk, notifying all naturalized citizens in the county of their duty.

Following is a copy of the suggestions being sent to naturalized citizens by Mr. Russell:

"Not desiring to strike the names of those persons from the registration records who have exhibited final citizenship papers

at this office heretofore, the following suggestions are made with a view of helping those interested to assist us in adjusting this matter with the least possible trouble to all concerned: "For those holding final citizenship papers all that is necessary to do is to present the same for the inspection of the county clerk, either in person or by mail, when he will take the necessary record from them and return to you.

"For those persons who have become naturalized through marriage or by virtue of parents' naturalization, it will be necessary to bring or send the husband's or parent's papers.

"For those persons who obtained their final naturalization papers in any court of Lane county, a reference to this fact is all that will be necessary, giving the date as near as possible.

"For those who have lost their papers it will be necessary to obtain certified copies of the same from the court in which they were naturalized.

"Inasmuch as the old registration law did not recognize any difference between declaration of intentions and final papers the records of this office do not show any distinction. It is necessary therefore to send notices to all who appear on the books as foreign born."

AGATS MAKE NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Nearly any one will appreciate a beautiful agate as a Christmas present. I grind them. Bring in your work now. Also have some fine ones that I will sell. J. A. Peterson, the Agate Grinder.

DEEDS TO THE COAST GUARDS

Last Thursday the heirs of the late W. A. Cox deeded a tract of land near the jetty, of a little over four acres, to the Coast Guard Service. This is the tract of land that has been selected as the site for the Life Saving station.

DOINGS OF THE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, bids were opened for the purchase of bonds to improve the North Fork road and the Security Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Toledo, Ohio was the best bid, they offering par value plus \$3.00. The bid was accepted. O. C. Stanwood resigned as councilman on account of going to leave the city and C. C. Behnke was appointed to fill the vacancy. The water committee and engineer was authorized to have the lot recently purchased from Mr. Miller, graded so that the water tank may be built.

STAPLE DRUGS PRICES GO UP

E. F. Surface, our local druggist has received from Langley & Michaels Co., wholesale druggists of San Francisco, a letter showing the tendency of drugs and medical chemicals to soar to prices heretofore unknown which in part reads as follows:

The scarcity in jobbing centers of many items of Drugs and medicinal Chemicals is daily becoming more acute, and in consequence prices of some staple articles are soaring to heretofore unheard of figures. Evidence of lack of these supplies, not only in this country but in Europe, is reflected in the difficulty of shipment, embargoes and restrictions that have been placed upon the exportation of certain Drugs from the nations now at war and also in great advances in prices at primary sources. In countries like Germany, where the growing of crude Drugs and the manufacture of medicinal Chemicals has reached the highest development, a scarcity that is keenly felt exists. Austria is virtually facing a Drug famine and the government has given official warning to chemists and doctors to observe the strictest economy in the use of Drugs. In Italy steps have been taken to conserve stocks, and in many instances prices have taken material advances. The London market, owing to the great demands made upon for the British and Allied armies, is facing many shortages and a steady advance is shown in prices, particularly for fine chemicals such as were formerly supplied by Germany. To meet possible contingencies the druggist should carefully conserve his supplies of such articles as are affected by existing conditions and exercise careful consideration in unnecessarily increasing his stock of scarce drugs or chemicals at spectacular prices. It may be said that even with the cessation of hostilities a return to conditions considered normal before the war, will be very slow in materializing.

ED HABERLAN SELLS RANCH

The papers were drawn last Monday wherein Ed. Haberman, who owns a fine ranch on Maple creek sold to J. A. Bester and C. B. Stokes the ranch and all the stock. The purchasers will take possession at once.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION LAW

Tuition of pupils attending the high school who are above the age of 21 years is not to be paid from the high school fund of the county.

This was the decision Attorney General Brown handed down yesterday in Salem, when the matter was brought to his attention by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools.

Nor is the tuition to be paid from the county high school tuition fund by those high schools where the tuition law is operative.

E. J. Moore, county school superintendent, said that as yet he had not received official notice from the state superintendent, but he thought that he would be notified tomorrow.

Prior to the decision of Attorney-General Brown the high schools received from the county high school fund \$12.50 per year for each pupil attending. This will continue in force except to students who are over the age of 21 years.

WM. KIBBLER, JR. RECEIVES STATE AWARD

Wm. Kibbler, Jr. son of Wm. Kibbler, who lives just below Point Terrace has received a letter from the State Superintendents office inclosing checks, in payment of the prizes that he took at the State Fair in September. Young Kibbler who is fourteen years old took first prize at the Lane County Fair on potatoes. He then placed exhibits of corn and potatoes at the State Fair where he won prizes on both exhibits. He also has an exhibit of corn and potatoes at the Land and Produce show at Portland.

From the Oregon Agricultural College he has received a bronze pin because of his showing in produce.

We are glad to mention the work of this young agriculturist because it shows that not only potatoes but corn can be raised here that will compare favorably with produce from all over the state. When a young person, or any body for that matter takes interest enough in raising produce and sending samples in competition with that of other places, they are doing commendable work in advertising their own community.

More interest on this line of work will be the best possible advertisement for the Siuslaw country.

TAX DISTRICTS ANNOUNCED

A detailed form of the valuation of the various taxing districts in Lane county for 1915 is being prepared for the various districts by B. F. Keeney, county assessor.

The districts which have the power to make levies are as follows: 187 school districts, eighty-five road districts, eight incorporated cities, nine union high school districts, port of Siuslaw and forest fire patrol district.

To determine the amount of taxes the district may raise it is necessary to know the valuation of the taxing district before the levy is made. This detailed form is almost completed. When the district makes a levy the

assessor's office extends the levy against all property, and personal, within the taxing district.

In preparing the tax roll for the tax collector, the assessor handles total valuation of the property amounting approximately to \$40,000,000, five and a half times each. At the present time there are over 2000 pages of tax roll in the county with about twenty assessments to the page. Each one of these assessments has an average extension of four levies against it for various purposes.

In 1913 the duty of extending the tax levies was transferred from the county clerk to the county assessor and each year the majority of the 292 taxing districts have made special levies all of which require extension summaries and each must be proven both as to valuation and amount of tax. Since the extending of the role has been transferred to the assessor it has added greatly to the volume of detail and required the continual assistance of several clerks to enable him to complete the roll in the time required by law which is not later than forty-five days prior to April 5.

This year the assessment roll for Lane county as finally equalized by the county board of equalization amounted to \$35,358,640. This amount does not include property of the public service corporations assessable by the state tax commission. This amounted to \$4,088,561 for 1914 and it is estimated that it will be approximately the same for 1915. Last year the total value of assessable property in the county including public service corporation property assessed by the state tax commission amounted to \$39,877,856. For this year the amount will be practically the same, it is estimated.—Eugene Guard.

FRED CASSIDY GETS CONTRACT

Bids were opened at the office of J. W. Ford, city engineer, at 10 o'clock Wednesday for the grading of the lot on which to build the water tower and tank. There were nine bids offered, John O'Lavery \$44.50; Fred Cassidy \$46.50; J. S. Woodard \$69.99; C. S. Carlson \$69.00; C. H. Young \$57.50; Dave M. Crutcher \$69.75; E. S. Dyer \$63.00; Pendergraft and Arhardt \$84.00; Eli Kompala \$87.50. The contract was let to Fred Cassidy, his being the lowest bid of those who pay taxes in Florence.

BIRD KILLED STRIKING WIRE

Tuesday morning as a Kingfisher was making a dive toward the river, it struck a wire in front of the Nadeau building on front street and dropped to the sidewalk below.

A person who saw the bird fall picked it up and upon examination found that its neck had been broken when it struck the wire.

MARRIED

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Conn, of Albany, October 30, 1915, Miss Orah Edith Conn and Mr. William Hamilton Crutcher, of Mabel, Oregon, Rev. Mar pastor of the M. E. church officiating. They will make their home at Mabel.

Mr. and Mrs. Crutcher are well known here having spent the summer in this place.

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