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NO END IN SIGHT. THE SENATORIAL STRUGGLE GOES MERRILY WITH NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Legislators are Working Hard and Some Good Laws are Being Enacted.

Salem Oregon, February 10, 1903,

During the last week there has been no material development in the Senatorial question. Fulton has continued to hold the lead and to occupy the center of the stage. In fact it begins to look at times like it will be Fulton or no one, Fulton or a dead lock with Oregon out of a Senator. Geer has shown no evidences of material gain or greater strength than he has manifested from the beginning. The other votes are scattering and to no purpose. The balloting has taken place day after day and week after week with no signs of breaking up or terminating the struggle. Only one ballot has been taken on each day and that has been merely perfunctory and with no real intention of electing any one. When the end will come or whether it will come at all or not is not known by the wisest political prophets on the ground. There are dozens of dark horses in grooming and dozens of men who have their lightning rods up; but they are all yet in the shadow. The curtain will certainly not raise upon the finish until near the end of the session.

The Legislature has appropriated \$165,000 for the construction of a portage road around the rapids at the Dalles Oregon. The idea is to cheapen the freight rate from the great Columbia and Snake river basins to the sea board, to bring competition against the Rail Roads which have this vast and rich section of Oregon, Washington and Eastern Oregon in their grasp. It is understood to be purpose of the government to build a canal around these falls which will make the Columbia river navigable the year around for large boats but this can not be done even if the work is begun at once.

House Bill No. 195, introduced by Speaker Harris, will be reported back to the House to-day by the House committee on assessment and taxation with the recommendation that the Governor be placed on the State Board of Appraisers instead of the State Treasurer, and also recommending some changes as to the dates as to the time of assessment, ect., and without any recommendation as to whether or not the bill shall become a law. The purpose of the bill is to discover the tangible property assessed by certain large corporations doing business in this state so that the same may be added to the assessed valuation of their tangible property to the end that these large corporations shall be required to bear their just share of the burdens of taxation.

It has been discovered that real property has to bear about 82 per cent of the running our state government under our present system of taxation, which is regarded as too much in proportion to the benefits received.

Quite a bunch of Oregon City citizens were in Salem on Wednesday looking on at the doings of the Legislature. They were all quite interested in the proceedings and enjoyed a very pleasant day of it. Water works superintendent W. H. Howell was around and about shaking hands with acquaintances and Judge Gordon E. Hayes was affable as usual to all he met. He had business before the court of appeals.

The bill looking to direct primary elections and doing away with political conventions was reconsidered in the Senate and passed by a very close vote. It will now likely become a law and will work a very radical change in the management of party machinery in this state.

The bill to create the new county of Stockman went down to defeat on Tuesday by a large vote and the new county will not be christened at this session of the legislative body. There is no intention to create new counties unless the matter is first submitted to the vote of the people who will be effected by the change.

The scalp bounty law was repealed by a very large vote. The members from Eastern Oregon made a game fight to save it but without effect. Under its provisions it is claimed that the coyotes have been increasing and not decreasing as it was anticipated they would. In fact it is claimed that there was a disposition to raise coyotes for the scalps alone.

The Minstrel Show at the Empire last night was very well attended. Harry Ward's Magnificent Minstrels is all that it claims to be—the best and cleanest troupe on the road, and during all the performance not an eye was taken off the stage because of uninteresting moments. The opening chorus was No. 1, and very prettily staged, the costumes and scenery being of the finest texture. The first number on the program was by George Wade, who was "there with the goods," and got three encores. The others came in for their share of applause also. Van Fosen and McCauley as rag-time specialists, were "disturbers" for fair and their dancing included the nigger fit was ace-high. Ward and Wade can hold their own with all the other end men put together and Mr. Ward's monologue was full of witty sayings. The equilibrist, Monroe, was an expert in his line and his stunts were well received. Fisk and Rogers in their musical comedy were artists. The Harmonic Four gave a satisfactory specimen of their singing and their imitation of the callopo was correct in every "toot." The entertainment closed with Hershah, the juggler, and if there is to be any medal given away he will certainly win it.—Indianapolis News. At Shively's opera house Feb. 14.

LICKED UP BY FLAMES

IS ONE OF GLADSTONE'S FINEST RESIDENCES.

Families Narrowly Escape With Their Lives.

About 3 o'clock Wednesday morning the fine residence of H. C. Stevens at Gladstone caught fire. The flames quickly spread and in less than an hour the building was reduced to ashes.

The house was occupied by W. E. and F. M. Wilson, proprietors of the depot saloon, of this city and their families. F. M. Wilson left Oregon City on the 12:20 electric car and probably reached his home twenty minutes later. Shortly before 3 o'clock he was awakened by a feeling of suffocation and sprang out of bed, feeling that something was wrong. He soon discovered that the house was on fire and made haste to arouse his family. The family had barely time to save their clothing from the past encroaching flames, and the entire contents of the house were consumed with the exception of a piano. What was the origin of the fire no one seems to know, but it is thought that either a defective fuse or stove was the cause.

The residence, which was one of the finest in Gladstone, was erected by Hon. Harvey E. Cross, of Gladstone, at an expense of \$2,500, several years ago, and was occupied until within the past few years by the Oregon City Hospital, after which it was turned into a residence. It was a large ten-room affair and a beautiful structure, standing only a little way from the banks of the Clackamas and a few hundred feet from the electric railroad.

Gladstone has no fire company and it was almost impossible to render any assistance of any value, save in making the burned out families comfortable.

The residence was insured for \$1000 in the Queen Insurance Co., of which Mr. Cross is the agent. There was an insurance of \$1500 on the furniture, carried by Mr. Copper, of the Phoenix Insurance Company.

BIG TIMBER DEAL

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East from Molalla corners about two miles is as fine a bunch of piling timbers as can be found in the state of Oregon. There are about 1500 acres in the body. This timber has stood there and grown there for years and years and has not been considered very valuable until recently. Just now there is quite a demand for piling timbers and the parties who own this fine body of timber are selling it to a Portland company at a fine figure. This timber is owned by Oliver Robbins, H. S. Ramsby, Fred Schafer, Harry Restall, John Summer, Louis Staudinger and others. The price is \$15 per acre making a total of \$22,500. There is not a better tract of piling timber west of the Cascade mountains. The deal for this land has been closed and the money will be deposited in the Commercial Bank of Oregon City on Saturday of this week. The timber will be worked at once and will furnish work for a large number of hands and thus does, Clackamas county begun to boom.

Mr. J. S. Smith, of LaCemas, has been in Oregon City for some days on business. Mr. Smith formerly lived in Oregon City. He is now working in the Columbia paper mills at LaCemas and has a good job.

Mrs. Aza Holmes will open a branch Beauty Parlor at Huntley's Drug Store commencing next Saturday. She will give daily demonstrations in the art of Dermatology, Electrolysis, Massage and beautifying the face and complexion. All ladies are cordially invited to call. Private treatment given.

"Letting go of Divine Things" will be the theme at the Congregational church next Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor will speak on "Several Prominent Characteristics of Abraham Lincoln." Members of the Grand Army are especially invited.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Charles M. Oglesby entertained her Sunday school class of the Congregational church at her home on the Abernethy. The afternoon was spent in games, such as are dear to young hearts. Near the close a tasty lunch was served. Those present were Wanda Baxter, Bertha McIlwain, Lois Green, Bessie Albright, Florence Grace, Louise Walker, Florence White, Mary Burgess, Libby, Calif and Ella White.

Mr. Clark Deyereaux, of Park Rapids, Minn., recently arrived in this city on an extended visit to his aunt, Mrs. G. A. Nash, of Gladstone. He is at present in Eastern Oregon looking up some timber locations.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon, for Clackamas County. Plaintiff, vs. Benjamin F. Jones, defendant.

To Benjamin F. Jones, the above named defendant.

This summons is published in absence of Circuit Judge Thomas A. McBride by order of Thos. F. Ryan, Judge of the County Court of the state of Oregon for Clackamas county, dated February 11, 1903. Date of first publication February 15, 1903, last, March 27, 1903.

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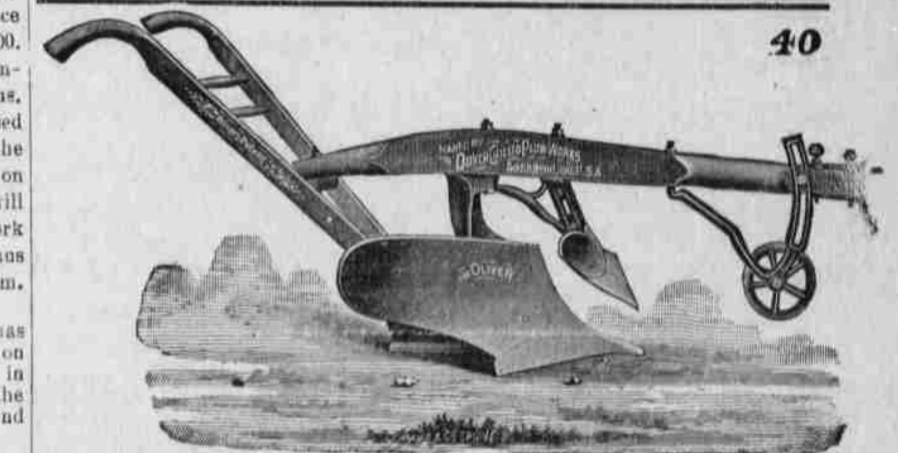
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