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TIMBER LAND TAX HELD TO BE JUST

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WINS NOT-ABLE VICTORY THROUGH SUPREME COURT

WILBUR WILL APPEAL CASE

Law Violator Defeated and Timber Barons Held to Pay Full Assessment

Two decisions decidedly encouraging to Clackamas county officials, and one of them especially interesting in Salem on Wednesday by the state supreme court. The first has to do with the noted "Wilbur" case, appealed from Judge Campbell's court.

Julius Wilbur was formerly the proprietor of the iniquitous Friars' club on the bank of the Willamette at Milwaukie, where he is said to have trafficked in liquor against the state prohibition laws and the laws of decency in the county. Wilbur was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and spend approximately six months in jail when a jury in Judge Campbell's court found him guilty of violating the prohibition laws.

Represented by Charles W. Fulton, ex-United States senator from Oregon, Wilbur appealed the conviction after the trial here on December 18, 1916. The supreme court was asked to grant a hearing and it was through the court's refusal yesterday to grant such a motion that victory came to the county. Wilbur's attorney's intimate that the case is not yet ended, but in the county seat their attitude was taken as a bluff. By their action the members of the supreme court yesterday sustained Judge Campbell.

But the case that is perhaps the most important to the taxpayers was that settled when the supreme court denied a rehearing in the case of the Weyerhaeuser Land company against Clackamas county. This company, paying taxes on some 5000 acres of timber in the forests back of Molalla, has had the present case on the docket since October 20, 1915, when it sued the county for a reduction of more than \$300,000 in its tax assessment. In that notable case, conducted throughout by District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges, with the assistance of Deputy Thomas A. Burke, the circuit court here ordered the county to reduce the assessment to a certain extent, although not as much as the company had asked. Not satisfied, the Weyerhaeuser interests appealed to the supreme court and the case was tried there.

The supreme court decision reversed the circuit court in that it held the Weyerhaeuser company to pay the full amount of the assessment made by the county. Its hopes blasted, the company appealed to the supreme court for a rehearing, but after considering the evidence presented by the company and by District Attorney Hedges for the county such a rehearing was denied yesterday by the supreme court. This leaves the matter where it was in the beginning and the timber barons will be forced to pay the full and just amount of the tax assessments against their heavy timber holdings.

In the meantime attorneys for the Weyerhaeuser company yesterday filed complaints against the county for the reduction of the last tax assessments totaling close to \$650,000 reduced to slightly more than \$250,000, or a total reduction of approximately \$400,000. The reduction asked, the complaints say, are based upon the actual value of the timber land involved.

PRESIDENT ASKS AID OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

RED CROSS HAS PREPARED FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP WITH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S SHOW IS REAL WONDER

LITTLE LAD WEAVES THINGS OF BEAUTY WHILE CONFINED TO HIS BED

HORSE RACING A FEATURE

Some Departments Lack Quantity But Old Time Quality is There Strong

The outstanding feature of the best collection of juvenile workmanship ever gathered together in Clackamas county is a display made at the county fair, in progress at Canby this week, by Clyde Lorenz, who formerly was a pupil at the Lone Elder school near Canby. This little crippled chap, bedridden from the effects of a childhood injury, has plied his needle with such wonderful skill that his efforts have astounded his elders of the other sex and made them wonder at the deftness of the lad.

Clyde, who is only 14 years old and unable to attend school, lies on his bed and weaves most beautiful patterns with his needle. He has on display in the juvenile department at the county fair a collection including pillow tops, six table mats, two handkerchiefs and a collar and cuff set for feminine adornment. The pillow tops are great examples of the little fellow's skill. One of them bears the American flag crocheted in the three colors and done so carefully that the width of the lines are nearly perfect and the size and placing of the stars on their blue field is exact.

The juvenile department of the fair this year is certainly the most interesting part of the exposition. It outdistances any previous attempts on the part of the school children of the county to collect their workmanship for display and, according to such an authority as Eremont Voder, county school supervisor, who is in charge of the department, it is bigger and better than any other juvenile exhibition yet made. The children have baked, canned and sewed a collection that in many cases puts their elders to shame. Their jellies, their cakes and their canned goods look delightfully palatable and their needle work is a revelation in what young hands can do when properly trained. Most of the exhibits in this department are eligible for entrance in the state fair contests and the school displays to Salem at the opening of the fair there.

Aside from the juvenile department the fair probably can claim no outward superiority to the exposition of last year. The exhibits are not nearly so extensive, either in the farm crops department or the livestock pens, but every article displayed is of a quality that the exhibits of last year or any other year could not beat, for they are near perfection. The livestock pens contain some of the county's finest animals and fowls.

Of course, the part of the fair that draws interest one year the same as another, is the race program, and this year there has been a collection of fast animals at Canby that have thrilled daily the large audiences in the grandstand. An innovation on the racing program were the automobile races of the opening day. Because the contests were limited to stock cars, and that calls for amateur drivers, there was not that degree of speed that might be expected upon a more noted speedway, and the entries were limited to a few brave souls who risked their lives on the course. But the events were interesting nevertheless. Ed Fortune has been successful this year in getting a good entry list of race horses and the program each day has been fast and snappy owing to the speedy starts and the quality of the horses.

The carnival company on the grounds is furnishing amusement to a great many with its merry-go-rounds, ferris wheel and side shows. The concession space is well taken up and there are some popular booths about the grounds. As is usual, the camping grounds are occupied by a large number of exhibitors and others who are making of fair week the occasion for a delightful outing.

This evening the band at the fair grounds will render one of its popular concerts and the customary dance will be held at the band auditorium to attract many to remain over during the evening hours. Tomorrow has been set aside as all-county day, and marks the closing of the annual harvest exposition. A feature of the program for the day will be the livestock parade that has characterized other fairs. An interesting race card has been prepared and will start, if prompt, at one o'clock.

COUNCIL STARTS ON CITY'S NEW CHARTER

EVASDE CONFLICT IN BOUNDARIES OF PRECINCTS AND CITY WARDS

LUMBERMEN SEEK RATE ADJUSTING

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION WILL HEAR GATEWAY CASE

VALLEY MILLS COMPLAINING

Discrimination Charged to Railroad Companies. Gate Only Swings One Way

The case of Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association against the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, and other railroads serving the states of Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska, which was brought to obtain lumber rates from valley points to destinations in those states on the same basis as the rates in effect from other producing points in the coast group to the same destinations will be heard before Examiner Marshall, of the Interstate Commerce commission, in Portland today.

For a long time the valley lumbermen have sought to obtain this relief through friendly negotiations with the interested carriers, which were unable, however, to agree between themselves upon the divisions of the rates to be established. The only remedy remaining to the valley lumbermen was a resort to the commission.

Special interest attaches to this case because the Willamette valley is said to be the only lumber producing section west of the Cascade mountains between the Canadian and California boundaries that is shut out of the northern destination territory, which is served by the rails of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

For years the mills in Washington on the lines of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern west of the Cascade mountains have had joint through rates on the coast group basis to local points on the Union Pacific system lines precisely on the same basis as the rates contemporaneously in effect from points in the Willamette valley or from Portland to these same destinations in local Union Pacific territory commencing in southeastern Idaho and going east thereof to the Missouri river.

"These rates from the northern mills apply via Portland through which, as a gateway, the lumber traffic from the Washington mills in the coast group passes on its way to Union Pacific local territory," says William C. McCulloch, a Portland attorney who is to appear at today's hearing as the representative of the complainants.

"This same gateway at Portland is not open, however, to the lumber traffic of the Willamette valley that seeks to reach the markets served by the northern lines in the states of Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska. The gate at Portland opens to the south, but not to the north."

"The valley mills in this case assert that the gateway at Portland should be open to traffic going in either direction, and that the gate should swing both ways, instead of one only, and it is from this circumstance that the case has come to be referred to commonly as the 'Portland Gateway Case.'"

"Primarily the Willamette valley lumbermen are directly concerned in the outcome of this case and yet if the relief asked for is granted there can be no doubt that the beneficial effect upon the valley as a whole and upon the city of Portland as well and its business interests will be very marked. Unquestionably the opening of the Portland gateway would permit the valley mills to sell in these northern markets a very substantial part of their production. The relief asked for by the valley mills, however, is refused and contested by the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Spokane, Portland & Seattle and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

"These latter roads all serve mills located on their lines in the state of Washington, which enjoy coast group rates in this case, and these roads have for many years pursued a traffic policy of confining their distribution of lumber to the territory served by them or their connections to the mills located on their own roads, and the desire to continue this traffic policy leads them to fight against the granting of any relief to the valley mills in this case."

OREGON GIVES MUCH MONEY FOR LIBERTY

STATE LOYAL IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT. CONTRIBUTES \$15,000,000 TO WAR

YUKON COUNTRY LAND OF SILENCE

CREATION'S UNSETTLED WASTE WHERE BRAVE MEN TOIL FOR GOLDEN GLITTER

COUNTRY OF FEW PLEASURES

Alaska's Coast Line, More Than Distance Around World, Has but Two Doorways

Right here I want to square you away on some misinformation and wrong impressions that so many people have of Alaska.

Thousands of people know very little about the geography of the country and they scramble it with the Canadian northwest and make them one and the same.

You will hear a man on the outside say he is going to "White Horse Alaska," and over the pass. White Horse is in Canada.

The world-famous Klondike gold country is invariably located and spoken of as being in Alaska. It is not. It is in the Yukon Territory and a part of Canada.

Dawson, famous Dawson, once the greatest gold camp on earth, is always spoken of as in Alaska, but it is many miles from Uncle Sam's territory. It is British.

On a steamer from Seattle you enter Alaska near Prince Rupert and for four or five hundred miles you travel in Alaska until you reach Skagway. This is through the tail of Alaska—the coast end. Then you cross into the Yukon Territory and hike down the Yukon four or five hundred miles more to the front door of Alaska—the coast end. Then you cross into the Yukon Territory and hike down the Yukon four or five hundred miles more to the front door of Alaska, and by that time it seems to one he must have been through the territory and come out again. While he has only reached the front gate.

It's one whole of a territory.

If you would follow the entire boundary lines of Alaska—take its coast lines and stay with them around the entire territory—you would have traveled farther than around the world—more than 27,000 miles. This is a literal truth, but remember that there are more than 11,000 islands included in the purchase from Russia.

But take my word for these figures. Don't you try to make the circuit.

I seldom give a figure or statistic in travel letters. To most people they are tedious and dry in such a place. But to drive it in, to make you comprehend what a moose of a country it is, let me state it embraces nearly 600,000 square miles, one-fifth as large as the whole United States. It is as big as Germany, France and Spain put together. It is thirteen times the size of New York state.

Now have you some idea of what a bunch of land (not real estate) Uncle Sam has up in the great North Land—the dominion of silence and vastness?

A year before the writer was born, 1867, Czar Peter got hard up for ready cash and he offered to job lot the whole tumbled waste of unpeopled creation east of the Bering strait, to Uncle Sam for something like \$7,000,000.

Secretary Seward figured the deal out and concluded land was worth two cents an acre just to look at, if it wasn't good for anything else, so he told his czarship it was a go and the purchase was made.

And history tells us this act of Congress was bitterly criticized by the press and people—that we had paid \$7,200,000 for polar bears and icebergs. The deal was called "Seward's folly." And I am almost tempted to give you a line of figures of the enormous wealth that has been taken out of this country in the past 20 years, from the mines and fisheries. But I won't.

Uncle Sam could give every man, woman and child in Alaska—and mind you this includes every Indian and Eskimo—nine square miles of land and yet have some left over.

I said he could give. Wrong—he couldn't. I should have said he could apportion. Nobody would take the land—only in the mining camps and near a few favored sections. Nobody wants it—it is absolutely without value. It would be impossible to live on it. A native would starve to death on nine square miles.

I can go to one place in Alaska—and I expect to at the close of the trip—where I will be as near St. Petersburg as Cleveland and much closer to China than New York. And yet I will be in the United States. The place is Prince Cape of Wales—a little north and west of Nome.

And just stop a minute and consider there are but two entrances to this great north land, only two roads through which it is possible to enter the interior of Alaska—the White Pass and Yukon railroad from Skagway over to White Horse, and the

FEDERAL LOCKS CLOSE FOR DELAYED REPAIRS

The Oregon City locks were closed Wednesday by government engineers in charge of the work that has been going on or contemplated there for some time.

COUNTIES ARE PEEVED

Decision of the state highway commission to postpone construction of the west side route of the Pacific highway until the completion of the east side road has evoked wide indignation.

GIRLS TAG SOLDIERS

Honor Guard Buys Labels County Cannot Afford to Get

SUES FOR \$5000

Damages in the sum of \$5000 are asked in a complaint filed here Saturday by Lee Stanley Jacobs, of Stanford, against M. C. Baker, of Brown, with the circulation of false rumors about the former's family affairs, involving the name of Mrs. Baker and Mr. Jacobs.

RECEPTION READY

Recruits for National Army Will Be Commercial Club Guests

AUTO HITS "SAMMIES"

Local Guardsmen Fall Before Oncoming Machine. No Injury

SOLDIER MARRIES

County Clerk Iva Harrington Tuesday issued a marriage license to Max A. Hollmann of Hoff, Ore., and Miss Anna Rothenberg of Mackburg.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license was issued here yesterday by County Clerk Harrington to Phillip F. Putz and Elsie Louise Dahlstrom, both of Colton.

WHISKEY BRINGS FINES TO DAYTON MOTORISTS

Justice of the Peace John N. Sievers Tuesday assessed fines totaling \$125 against three Dayton, Or., citizens who were found guilty of transporting liquor in violation of the state law, by a jury in the justice court Tuesday.

YOUNGSTER RUNS AWAY

Eleven-Year-Old Boy Has Not Been Seen Since Wednesday

Everett Pendleton, 11-year-old son of Louis Pendleton has disappeared from his home and nothing has been heard of the lad since late Saturday night, when the father heard he was in the vicinity of Maple Lane. Everett has been gone from home since last Wednesday night, when he learned that his father was looking for him in the woods where the boy and an older brother had gone to hunt in violation of the will of the father. The boy came home late in the evening and was told the father had gone to look for him. He left immediately. The lad formerly lived with a family at Corbett, but was sent back to his home because he ran away repeatedly. He wears a brown coat, blue overalls and a gray cap and is about the average size for his age.

MOOSE HOME READY

Lodges Will Dedicate New Hall With Much Ceremony

The new Moose lodge building at Twelfth and Main streets is to be dedicated by the lodge on October 2, and the members are making elaborate plans for the occasion. Other lodges which hold their meetings in the Moose hall will take part in the dedication of the new building, including the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Artisans, Fraternal Brotherhood, and Knights and Ladies of Security. Moose lodges from Portland, Molalla, St. Johns and Salem will send delegations to the city for the dedication. Special cars probably will come from Portland and Molalla. The new Moose band of this city will take a prominent part in the affair.

LAD INJURED

Losing control of his bicycle at the top of the New Era hill Tuesday Kenneth Hutchinson of Oregon City suffered painful injuries and bruises when he hit an obstruction at the bottom of the hill and was thrown from the vehicle. The flesh was torn from an arm and he was badly bruised. The lad is 16 years old and a son of Mrs. Ida Hutchinson of this city.

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