

OREGON CITY COURIER

36th Year

OREGON CITY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1919

Number 45

COLTON SUICIDE LEAVES \$10,000

LOUIS BLOMBERG WAS OWNER
OF 80-ACRE FARM AND
HELD MANY BONDS

ENDS ALL WITH PARIS GREEN

Cause of Action Not Known; Property
Left Largely to Dead Man's
Brother and Sister

Property of the value of more than \$10,000, consisting of a farm of 80 acres in the Colton district, together with Chicago Improvement bonds, and Swedish government bonds, was left by Louis Blomberg, single, a prosperous farmer of Colton, who committed suicide at his home last Friday by drinking Paris green. Coroner Johnson was called to Colton Sunday to investigate the death of Blomberg, whose body was discovered by neighbors, and it was while searching the premises that the coroner discovered in a trunk the bonds, a mortgage and other papers showing the value of the estate, as well as a will executed on March 2, 1917, in which the bulk of the estate is left to a brother, John Blomberg, Cloquet, Minn., and a sister, Mrs. E. Olson, Quincy, Grant county, Wash., to share alike, the sister being named as executrix. The will is witnessed by John E. Erickson and Alnea Erickson, neighbors. The deceased was 54 years of age. By other provisions of the will, three step-brothers in Sweden are left \$100 each, another brother, Noah Adolph Blomberg, Spokane, is left \$400. An autopsy was conducted by Dr. W. E. Harris of Colton. The inquest did not reveal any cause for the man's act. Blomberg, who was a stationary engineer by profession, had been a resident of the Colton district for more than 10 years. The remains are at the Everhart undertaking parlors in Molalla, awaiting the arrival of the sister, when funeral arrangements will be made.

CHARLES W. NELSON DIES FOLLOWING OPERATION

Charles W. Nelson died at the St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Thursday morning at 5 o'clock following an operation. Mr. Nelson had been ill for some time, and this was the second operation he had undergone within the last month. One son, Kenneth, is in the Oregon City hospital at the present time recovering from a recent fall, in which he broke both legs. Mr. Nelson was born in Illinois. He was 34 years of age on May 11 of last year. He had been employed by the Brunswick Collender company in the Oregon and Washington territory of that company. He is survived by his wife, three children, William Lucas, 11 years of age, Kenneth Charles, 9, and Lucile Evelyn, 3; a mother and sister at Grand Forks, N. D.; one brother at Oshkosh, Wis.; one at Devil's Lake, N. D., and two at Arbutle, Cal. The remains are at the funeral parlors of Holman & Pace, arrangements not having been completed as yet.

HEAVY RAINS THIS WEEK CAUSE SOME DAMAGE

The heavy rains here Friday caused the closing down for the day of the public schools of this city, owing to the damp clothing of the students, who were caught in the showers just about school time, and arrived in the class rooms with their clothing soaked. Owing to the present "flu" epidemic in this city and county, it was decided by Superintendent Kirk to take no chances in the schools, and therefore ordered the suspension of studies for the day. The Willamette river at this place is very high, resulting from the heavy rains, and the Abernathy creek at some points near this city has broken its bounds and covered large areas of land with water.

HAWLEYS ASK APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

The Hawley Pulp & Paper company of this city has filed papers for the appointment of W. L. Mulvey as administrator in the estate of John Schram, deceased. There are several heirs to the estate, and they have sold their claims to the paper company. The estate is valued at \$3,750. Paul Navalinski has filed for administration of the estate of his late wife, Ona Navalinski. There are several heirs to the estate, which consists of \$500 in the United States Postal Savings bank at the local postoffice.

Married
Byron Jones, aged 49, and Miss Annie Bernard, legal, both of Oregon City, were granted a marriage license in Vancouver, Wash., Monday.

TWO MEN HELD UP IN ONE EVENING

NEW ERA CITIZEN ROBBED AT
HOME AND OREGON CITY
MAN SLUGGED

Two masked robbers entered the house of Peter Colan Tuesday night, near New Era and, at the point of a gun, compelled Colan to give them \$55, all the money he had in the house. As soon as the robbers here, who are on the lookout for the highwaymen. The robbers apparently knew the lay of the land and about how much Mr. Colan had in the house, as they had no trouble in getting away. Mr. Colan said one man was tall and slim, while the other one was heavy set. Later Tuesday evening Enrich C. F. Boeche, who rooms at the Willamette hotel in the city, reported that he had been held up by two masked robbers near Oregon City on the South End road. Boeche was accompanying a young woman friend to her home at the time, when one of the robbers flashed a light into his face and told him to throw up his hands. Boeche refused, and the highwayman struck him over the head with some blunt instrument, knocking him unconscious.

RECORDER J. G. NOE IS MARRIED; WOODBURN GIRL

County Recorder J. G. Noe was married to Miss Edythe M. Norton Saturday evening at Woodburn, at the home of the bride's parents. The couple was married by Rev. C. L. Clark of the Methodist church at that place. The announcement came as a complete surprise to the many friends of Mr. Noe in this city, as Mr. Noe had kept the secret for almost a week before making the announcement of his marriage. Only the immediate friends of the couple were present, and the wedding was a quiet affair. The bride is a popular young lady of Woodburn, where for the past few years she has been assistant postmaster at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Noe will make their future home in Gladstone, where the groom has furnished a modern bungalow. Mr. Noe was appointed deputy recorder under the administration of D. C. Boyles, and upon the resignation of Boyles from the office, Mr. Noe was appointed by the county court to fill the unexpired term. At the last election he became a candidate for the office, being elected by a big majority against a field of several candidates, including three women candidates for the office. Up to the time Mr. Noe accepted the deputy recordership, he taught school in this county for 15 years.

WHITEMAN DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED AT MILL

A. L. Whiteman, employe of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, who was terribly injured Thursday morning when a cable at the mills broke and threw a heavy hook, striking him on the head, died at the Oregon City hospital Friday morning at 3:30 o'clock.

Whiteman, who had gone off duty at the mills at the time of the accident, and who was lacing his shoes when the cable broke, received the full swing of the cable with the hook attached, the hook striking him in the face and head, tearing eye from its socket, breaking his nose and fracturing his skull. He was rushed to the hospital here, and for awhile the physician thought that he would be able to save the man's life, but early Friday morning Whiteman died from his injuries. Deceased was a widower with four children, who have been making their home with their aunt, Mrs. Spear, of this city. He is survived by, besides his four children, his father, at Sidney, Oregon; three sisters and one brother. He was 48 years old at the time of his death, and came here from Salem about two months ago. The body was shipped to Salem Friday afternoon, where funeral services were held Saturday.

"SAFETY FIRST" COMMITTEE IS FORMED AT C-W. MILL

Foremen and representatives of the Crown-Willamette Paper company here, held a meeting at the mills Friday and organized what will be known as "The Workman's Committee on Safety." This organization consists of foremen and representatives of the plant at West Linn, and the object of the organization will be the prevention of accidents and better safeguarding the workmen at the mill. J. H. Cary was elected chairman, and F. W. Burdon, secretary. Each member of the organization was named as a committee of one to see that all machinery, pipes, rigging and runways were properly safeguarded and to report all defects to the organization.

License to Wed
The county clerk granted a marriage license Tuesday to Pearl Dunham, 32, and J. R. Delvan, 33, both of Portland.

View of "Crawfish" House and Part of Booze Taken



Part of Liquor Supply, Captured at "Crawfish" Inn by Officials Early Sunday Morning. Sheriff W. J. Wilson (left), Deputy Joyner (Center), and Deputy Meades.

STATE PURCHASE OF LAND IS PROTESTED

ALFRED CRIDGE FEARS PLAN
WILL BOOST LAND PRICE
AND BRING TROUBLE

(By Alfred D. Cridge)

If the United States or the state of Oregon comes into Clackamas county to buy 'steep thousand acres of logged off lands the main effect will be to boost the price of such lands in every part of the state, and to keep out of use many times more land than the state buys. A few will be benefited; the many will be injured. The reason the state is asked to buy land for soldiers is that it is all monopolized now, and held at such high prices that private individuals cannot pay the prices asked and make interest and wages. To buy land enough for 6000 homes in the state will start a land boom and make it all the more difficult for others to secure land.

Building roads will be a temporary relief to the labor congestion, but temporary only. There is plenty of land close to good roads now in many parts of Oregon. Most of this land is unused. There is land enough in Multnomah county alone held idle and useless to supply the entire population of that area, over a third of the population of the state, with necessities and food of all kinds for which the climate is adapted. The building of good roads through the wildernesses and past the half cultivated areas will boost land prices, and the average citizen will find it as difficult to secure a home as ever. The lending of credit by the state to land users will help some, but in the end will merely boost the price of land, and crowd the population into the cities and towns.

We intend all right, and we try all right, but the indications are that while we are looking out to get the soldier a job and the soldier get a home, we will do little but kick one man out and another in to jobs, leaving an unemployed army of three millions milling about in the large cities, game for disease and violent destructive radicalism. The dangers of Bolsheviki coming up from our large cities are not so great as they were in Russia, for it takes defeat and famine to breed Bolsheviki; but our legislative and congressional statesmen seem as helpless as children in an open boat in a wild sea. They trust to luck, and they may get by. Let us hope they do. The average I. W. W. is merely rocking the boat and as ignorant as the average statesman.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS MEETING IN LIBERTY TEMPLE MONDAY

The local branch of the W. C. T. U. held their regular meeting Monday in their headquarters at the Liberty Temple. A Victory service in celebration of the ratification of the prohibition amendment occupied the devotional hour. The meetings are to be held hereafter on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, according to a new rule made Monday. The organization endorsed a resolution sent over the allied world asking that all women engaged in the countries invaded by the Germans or their allies, be declared not shamed, but wounded in war.

RICHES IS ILL WITH "FLU" IN THIS CITY

Lloyd Riches, business manager of the Morning Enterprise of this city, was taken ill Thursday with influenza and is now confined to his apartments here. Mr. Riches was recently married, and his wife is now with him at the Brightbill apartments.

BIG LIQUOR HAUL MADE AT TUALATIN

TWO MEN, WOMAN, MUCH BOOZE
AND OPIUM CAPTURED AT
"CRAWFISH" HOUSE

PARTY PUTS UP \$3,000 BAIL

Place Long Under Suspicion; Trio
To Face Federal Charge
as Opium Smugglers

One of the biggest hauls of bootlegging whiskey captured in this county by Sheriff Wilson and his deputies was made Sunday morning when W. B. Hutchinson, a woman, giving her name as Mrs. Davis, and Tom MacHale, all of Portland, were arrested in this city having the liquor in their possession.

About 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning, after the sheriff had been watching what is known as the "Tualatin Crawfish company," about four miles from Oregon City, two automobiles arrived, one a large Cole machine and the other a National, the occupants getting out of the autos and going into the cabin.

The Sheriff was accompanied by Deputies Meades, Joyner and Hughes, and as soon as the men in the machines were safely indoors at the cabin, the officers rushed the building. They caught the bootleggers in the act of "digging" up the whiskey, and arrested all of them, including the woman, who accompanied the bootleggers to the place.

Upon investigation, the officers found booze in every conceivable place—the cupboards and bureau drawers containing many bottles of the liquor. Not satisfied with this, Sheriff Wilson found several quarts under the sidewalk to the place, and a keg and two demijohns in the cellar. Hundreds of empty bottles were also found in the basement.

All three of the bootleggers were brought to Oregon City, where Hutchinson and Mrs. Davis were released on \$800 cash bail, while Tom MacHale put up cash bail of \$750—the largest sum recorded as bail money for some time in this county. A preliminary hearing was held before Judge Seivers Monday afternoon, and the woman and the two men pleaded not guilty. The trial was set for Wednesday, January 23.

After the hearing Monday, MacHale, Hutchinson and the woman got into their machine and starting out of town, crossing the suspension bridge, taking the west side road toward Portland. The Sheriff, becoming suspicious of the three again, followed, accompanied by a federal official. When the party arrived opposite the place where the booze was captured, the bootleggers stopped their machine and entered the house, later coming out and putting something under the hood of the automobile. Sheriff Wilson, Deputies Meades and Joyner, and the federal officer, again apprehended the party and brought them back to Oregon City to search the machine again.

Under the hood of the car, in a small compartment near the engine, the officials found about \$250 worth of opium and a complete opium outfit. The party was again held, this time on a federal charge. Later, being taken to Portland, they were released on an additional \$1500 bail to appear for trial on the charge of smuggling opium.

Sheriff Wilson and deputies had been watching the "Crawfish house" near here for the past two weeks, as

(Continued on Page 6)

JITNEY BOND STAYS AT \$5,000--COUNCIL

LIVE WIRES FAVOR MEMORIAL
ARCH FOR NEW BRIDGE
TO HONOR HEROES

\$5000 will still be the required bond for jitney drivers to operate between this city and Portland according to the report of the committee appointed by the Live Wires. At the regular meeting of the organization Tuesday noon, the committee reporting that in an interview with several members of the city council, the councilmen were in favor of letting the present jitney law alone. Jack Albright, formerly on the council, has been trying to reopen the jitney subject during the past two weeks, but according to the members of the council, the law will stand as it is.

At the meeting of the Wires Tuesday, Ed. Olds, of Oak Grove, addressed the organization, pleading for some kind of a monument in this country in memory of Clackamas county heroes who have lost their lives in the service of their country. A committee had already been appointed by the organization for this purpose, about two weeks ago, but the committee was waiting for some concerted action in the matter of funds.

A. R. Jacobs, president of the Oregon City Wool Mills here, addressed the Wires on the subject, and claimed that in his opinion the suitable place for the monument would be in the form of an arch across the proposed new bridge over the Willamette river at this point. Mr. Jacobs pointed out that thousands of people would pass over this bridge when completed, as it would be part of the Pacific highway, and therefore heavily traveled. His suggestion met with approval with most of those present, and the committee was instructed to get action on the matter before the next meeting of the organization.

SUFFERED ACCIDENT, RECOVERED; TAKES "FLU" AND DIES

Leon Edmiston, who suffered a fractured skull three weeks ago at the Hoff Brothers' sawmill at Beaver Creek, died Sunday morning at 8:15 o'clock at the family home at Beaver Creek. Mr. Edmiston had partially recovered from the injury, which was caused by a broken pulley, when he became ill with influenza. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edmiston, of Beaver Creek, and well known in that vicinity, where he had lived for the past six years. He was born in Oregon City, July 28, 1898, and lived here until the family moved to Beaver Creek. Besides his parents, he is survived by four sisters, Miss Lizzie Meagher, of Beaver Creek; Mrs. Oscar Minor, of Oregon City; Mrs. Robert Peterson, of Haver Montana; and Mrs. Mary Becker, of Seattle, Wash.; and two brothers, George and Charles Meagher, of Seattle. Funeral services were held from the Holman & Pace funeral parlors Wednesday.

DETAINED FOR NOT HAVING AUTO LICENSE

A McLaren was arrested late Saturday evening by Motorcycle Officer Meads for not having a license number on the rear of his machine, which he was driving at the time near Clackamas. When the officer first noticed the machine was without a license he called for the driver to stop, but instead of halting, the driver speeded up, causing Officer Meads to jump on the running board of the auto and compel the driver to halt. When the officer demanded bail for his appearance in court Monday, McLaren refused, and after being brought to Oregon City to be placed in jail, McLaren changed his mind in the matter of bail money, and deposited \$10 for appearance Monday in Justice Sievers' court.

Monday morning the father of McLaren appeared in court and asked to have the case transferred to the Juvenile court, claiming that his son was under age. The case will come up Saturday before Judge Anderson.

Miss Grace Married

Mary Ellen Grace, of this city, was married to DeLoyal J. Davis, of Portland Sunday morning by Rector C. H. L. Chandler, of the St. Paul's church. The bride is well known here, and was formerly teacher in the Clark school. The groom has just recently been honorably discharged from the U. S. army. Miss Grace is the sister of W. J. Wilson, of the W. J. Wilson machinery company of this city.

Asks for Guardianship

A petition has been filed in the county court by Dora Whiteman, asking to be appointed guardian of her minor children, the children of the late A. L. Whiteman, who was fatally injured in the east side sawmill plant of the Crown-Willamette Paper company a few days ago. The father left an estate of the value of several hundred dollars.

George E. Thomas has filed a petition with the county court to be appointed administrator of the estate of his sister, Edith C. Clay, deceased.

1919 INCOME TAX DRIVE UNDER WAY

COLLECTOR, MILTON A. MILLEK,
READY FOR LARGEST TOLL
IN HISTORY

STATEMENT MUST BE FILED

Advice on How to Estimate Income,
What to Exempt, Etc., Given
By Revenue Collector

(By Milton A. Miller)
"The big income tax drive of 1919 is now under way and every preparation is being made to handle the largest collection in the history of income tax. I am not waiting for the final passage of the new revenue bill by Congress," said Collector Milton A. Miller today, "nor for the new regulations and blank forms to be issued. To get this big tax in and get it accurate and complete, I urge that we all begin now."

"The Income Tax obligations imposed by the old laws as well as the measure now in Congress, consist of two distinct operations. One is, to file return or statement of all items of income and items of deductions allowable by law and to do this within the period named in the law. The other is, to pay the tax if any is due.

"Neither of these obligations can be met without a careful review of income and expenditures for the tax year. That is the big job right now, and that is why I say the Income Tax Drive is already under way. Everywhere the pencil is busy. The old year is done; all its fruits are gleaned, and every person who fared well, or earned a good competence, must analyze his own case in cold figures.

"When the new bill is enacted into law, I will have the proper return forms distributed throughout the district and everybody will be informed of the date when the sworn statement or return must be filed. It is my plan to send my men out to central locations, and to have them travel through the district aiding taxpayers in the preparation of the returns and to deciding doubtful points. We will go right to the people with the Income Tax, and with the cooperation which the public can give the government men, the returns will be filed by everybody who comes under the law's provisions, the right taxes will be paid, and the district will have done its full patriotic duty toward the government's support.

"Meanwhile, let me say again, there is no need delaying the preparation of figures. Anything that Congress does now will not affect the amount of a person's earnings for 1918. Let us avoid the belated throwing together of figures that may hit or miss. Guesses cannot be accepted as the basis of taxation. It is clearly the duty of every person to compile correct figures and ascertain whether his income for 1918 was sufficient to make necessary a sworn statement.

"The year 1918 was a banner year for salaries and wages, and the high war prices brought unusual profits to the average small tradesman and to the farmer. The opinion in Washington is that a million citizens and residents will make this year their first income tax returns. "All signs indicate that the income tax this year will reach nearly every man and woman, and nearly every merchant, shop keeper and farmer. Not all will have to pay

(Continued on Page 6)

LE CLAIRE EVANS DIES AT CANEMAH FROM "FLU"

Le Claire Evans, son of the late Charles W. and Clara B. Evans, formerly a resident of this city, died Thursday morning from influenza at Keokuk, Iowa, November 24, 1885, and moved to Oregon City with his parents in 1902. In 1907 he was married to Miss Lottie Lovell, of this city. Since his marriage he had made his home in Eugene, Medford, and lately in Portland. He was an inspector for the Columbia River shipyard company at the time of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans had come to Oregon City to visit the Spencers during the Christmas holidays, and a few days after their arrival here Mrs. Evans became ill with influenza. Mr. Evans was stricken a few days later. He leaves his wife, a daughter, Maxine, a sister, Lucile, who is a student at the University of Oregon; and a brother, Irwin, of Portland. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Holman & Pace funeral parlors. Rev. C. H. L. Chandler, of the Episcopal church, officiated. The remains were taken to the Sellwood crematorium for incineration. Pallbearers were P. A. Wickes, James Holden, J. Reddaway, M. Van Wren, H. Roose, and Charles Ackerson, of Portland.